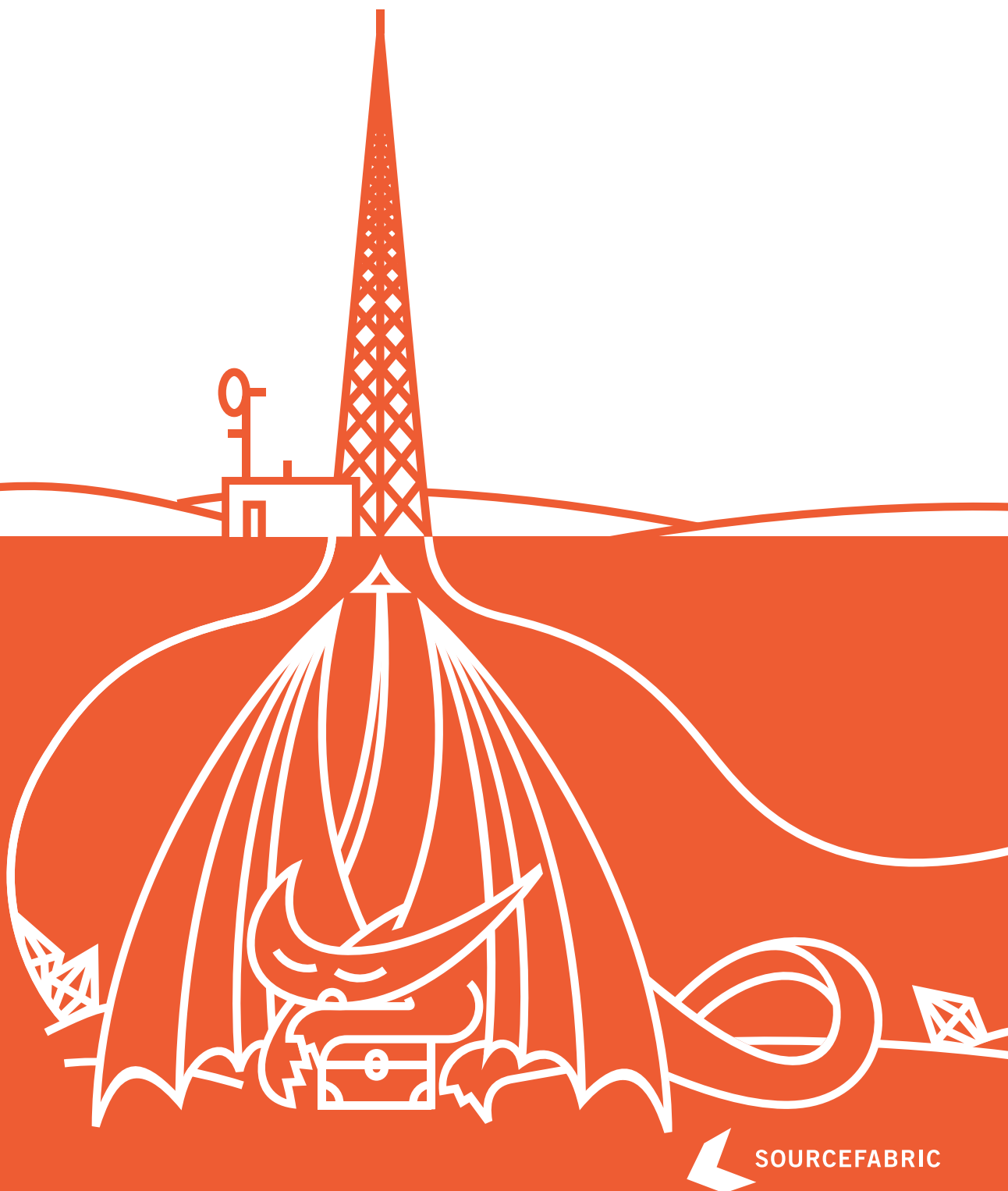


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USER GUIDE



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# **INTRODUCTION**

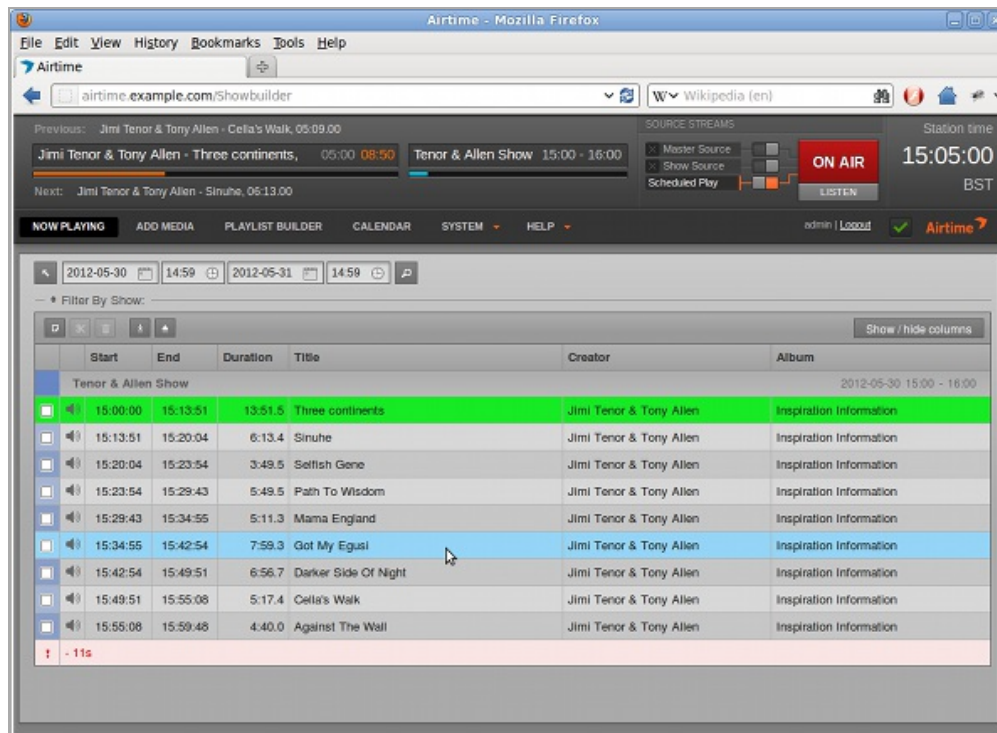
**1. WHAT IS AIRTIME?**

**2. RIGHTS AND ROYALTIES**

# 1. WHAT IS AIRTIME?

*Updated for Airtime 2.1.3*

Airtime is the open broadcast software for scheduling and remote station management. Web browser access to the station's media library, multi-file upload and automatic metadata verification features are coupled with a collaborative on-line scheduling calendar and playlist management. The scheduling calendar is managed through an easy-to-use interface and triggers playout with sub-second precision.



Airtime has been intended to provide a solution for a wide range of broadcast projects, from community to public and commercial stations. The scalability of Airtime allows implementation in a number of scenarios, ranging from an unmanned broadcast unit accessed remotely through the Internet, to a local network of machines accessing a central Airtime storage system. Airtime supports the playout of files in both the commonly used MP3 format and the open, royalty-free equivalent Ogg Vorbis.

Airtime manages the Liquidsoap stream generator, which is at the heart of the system. Liquidsoap generates streams from files in the Airtime media archive, which is indexed in a PostgreSQL database. Live shows are automatically recorded with Ecasound, using the soundcard line input. Editors and station controllers can use Airtime to build playlists and manage files (upload, add metadata, manage advertisements) inside the station or via the Internet, using a standard web browser such as Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome.

The scheduler in Airtime has a calendar view, organized by months, weeks and days. Here the program editors can schedule playlists and shows for their broadcast station. In some scenarios, the transmitter is situated outside the reach of the broadcaster and all program management has to be maintained through the web interface. Possible reasons for this scenario might be of a pragmatic nature (running many stations from one central office due to limited human resources) or an emergency (running a transmitter in a crisis area without putting staff at risk).

A fully managed Airtime Pro service is available from Sourcefabric. Airtime source code and packages for Debian and Ubuntu are also available for download, under the GNU General Public License version 3. If you're an Airtime Pro user, you can go straight to the *Getting started* chapter of this book and log in. If you wish to install Airtime on your own server, you should start at the *Preparing the server* chapter, and work your way through the installation steps.

## AIRTIME WORKFLOW

This typical workflow is intended to clarify the difference between the various components that make up a complete Airtime system.

1. There are media files on a server, which include metadata in their tags (title, creator, genre and so on).
2. There is a PostgreSQL database which contains the location of those media files and their metadata. This means you can search for and select a set of media files according to the specific metadata that you require.
3. There is a Liquidsoap stream generator on the server which can take individual media files and assemble them into a continuous stream. This stream can be sent to a soundcard (e.g. for a broadcast mixer, on the way to an FM or DAB transmitter) or to a streaming server for IP network distribution, such as LAN, local WiFi or the Internet. You can stream to a soundcard and to IP networks with the same server, if you wish.
4. Icecast (<http://www.icecast.org/>) is the default streaming server, and there is also support for SHOUTcast (<http://www.shoutcast.com>), but in theory you could stream from Liquidsoap to any online service. If a suitable software interface is not available for your streaming service of choice, you can send audio from Liquidsoap to a separate encoding or streaming machine via a soundcard.
5. Airtime manages all of these components, and provides an easy, multi-user web interface to the system. It enables your station staff to:
  - a) upload media files to the storage server
  - b) automatically import the file metadata into the PostgreSQL database
  - c) search for and download media files, and edit the metadata of individual files, if required
  - d) create and edit playlists of media files, and audition them (playlists are also saved in the database)
  - e) schedule broadcast shows (which can contain playlists, pre-recorded complete shows, or be live) for specific dates and times on a calendar
  - f) automatically record live shows at specific times and dates (in 256 kbps Ogg Vorbis format) from the soundcard input with Ecasound, upload them to the storage server and import them into the database
  - g) manage presenter and other staff access to the broadcast schedule calendar
  - h) see what is about to be played by Liquidsoap in a scrolling list view
  - i) upload media files from Airtime to a third-party hosting service, such as SoundCloud
  - j) audition live Internet streams from the server

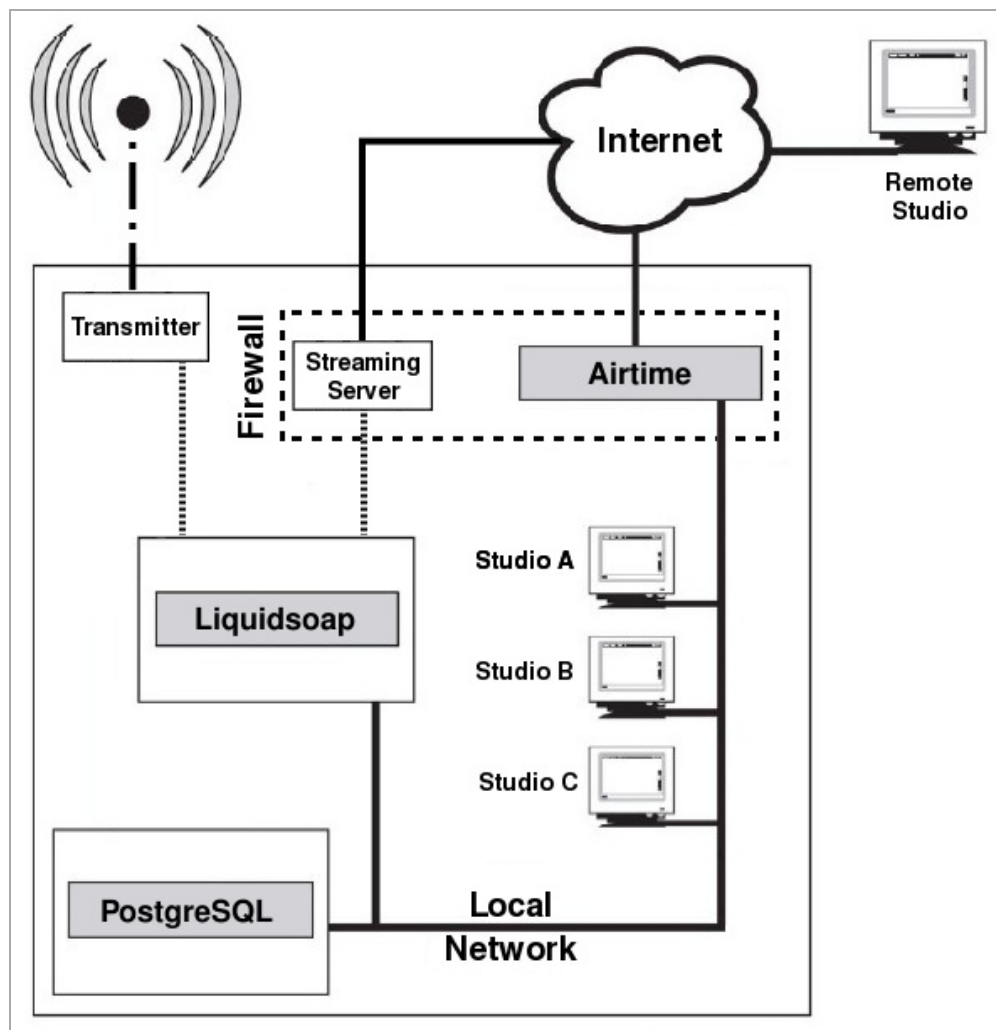


k) check the status and resource usage of system components.

## EXAMPLE SYSTEM

Combining Airtime, the Liquidsoap stream generator, the PostgreSQL database and file storage, you can supply a broadcast station with all the functionality needed for automation.

In the diagram below, the media files are stored on a server which also includes a PostgreSQL database, accessible through the local network. Liquidsoap outputs streams to both the transmitter and a streaming media server. The machine running Airtime is behind a firewall because it is connected both to the local network, and to the Internet for remote access. This enables Airtime to offer password-protected access to the media database and scheduling from both inside and outside the studio building.



## 2. RIGHTS AND ROYALTIES

If you're new to broadcasting, or have not streamed your station online before, reading the following brief explanation of compensation rules for songwriters, musicians and other copyright holders may save you a great deal of trouble later.

Independent music radio on the Internet is not what it might have been, due to royalty demands from SoundExchange in the USA, and similar organisations in other territories. These organisations are usually membership societies or government-sanctioned national authorities which are intended to collect money from broadcasters to compensate copyright holders. The royalty collection societies require payment before you can stream just about any music released commercially to the general public — whether you make any money out of streaming, or not. It's not so much the percentage of revenue demanded, but that there are usually annual minimum fees to pay, which hurts small stations disproportionately.

For example, in the UK, the MCPS-PRS Limited Online Music Licence covers non-commercial music streaming by groups and individuals, as long as their gross revenue is less than £12,500 per year. The cost is on a sliding scale, up to £1,120 plus 20% tax per year for delivering up to 450,000 individual streams or serving 25,000 files; after that, you have to apply for a full MCPS-PRS Online Music Licence. That doesn't sound too bad at first, but 25,000 files per year works out at less than four downloads per hour for a round-the-clock website. This particular licence only covers publishing (songwriter) rights, not recording (record label and musician's performance) rights, so you have to negotiate an additional licence from Phonographic Performance Limited (PPL) to play music online, including digital recordings converted from commercially released CDs, vinyl or tape.

Typically, you have to provide full statistical details to the royalty society of all music streamed or downloaded from your site, which can be onerous. Even if your radio station is mostly speech, there are many limitations in the small print of these music licences. For instance, you can't use music for promotional purposes, and you can't stream a whole opera, without negotiating separate licences. Weirdly, you are not allowed to play a piece of music in a 'derogatory context' to the writer or performers; no drummer jokes allowed, then.

However, the biggest pitfall is that these MCPS-PRS licences for publishing rights only cover listeners in the UK. For recording rights, PPL is a member of the IFPI reciprocal scheme for webcasters, which means its licenses cover listeners in some European countries, Australia, New Zealand and a few other countries, but not listeners in the USA or Canada. So if your Internet station picked up a significant number of listeners in countries not covered by the MCPS-PRS licences or the IFPI reciprocal scheme, you would have to pay for similar music licences in those countries as well. It's no wonder that many not-for-profit radio stations have disappeared from the virtual airwaves over the last few years, since not having the right licences could leave the operator liable to legal action.

If you want to go down the commercial music route, check out the <http://www.prsformusic.com> and <http://www.ppluk.com> websites for UK licence details. The <http://www.soundexchange.com> website currently quotes a 500 dollar minimum annual fee for non-commercial webcasters, plus a usage fee above a certain number of listener hours, for the right to stream music recordings to listeners in the USA. See the websites of ASCAP, BMI and SESAC for details of music publishing royalties payable by webcasters streaming to the USA.

Free content streaming offers the chance that DIY Internet radio could rise again. Since royalty collection societies like MCPS-PRS and SoundExchange can only represent the interests of their own members, it follows that if you are not a member, you can stream your own self-produced content without paying for their licences. If you state somewhere on your website that the stream is of your own copyrighted material, and is made available to the public under a specific licence, then no-one should misunderstand your intentions. You might be able to persuade other people to allow you to stream their content too, as long as they do not have a conflicting legal obligation, such as having previously joined one of the many royalty collection societies around the world. You can ask for permission to stream when website visitors upload their own music files to you via a HTML form, much as the likes of SoundCloud do. Or you can collect files licensed under an appropriate Creative Commons (<http://www.creativecommons.org>) or other free content licence.

Explicit permission to stream on your particular server is always going to be the ideal, so think about your own terms and conditions before you accept files from third parties for streaming. How, for example, would you know if someone uploaded a file to your online radio station that unknown to you, had been ripped from a commercially released CD? That's the kind of thing that could get you in trouble with the licensing authorities and copyright holders.

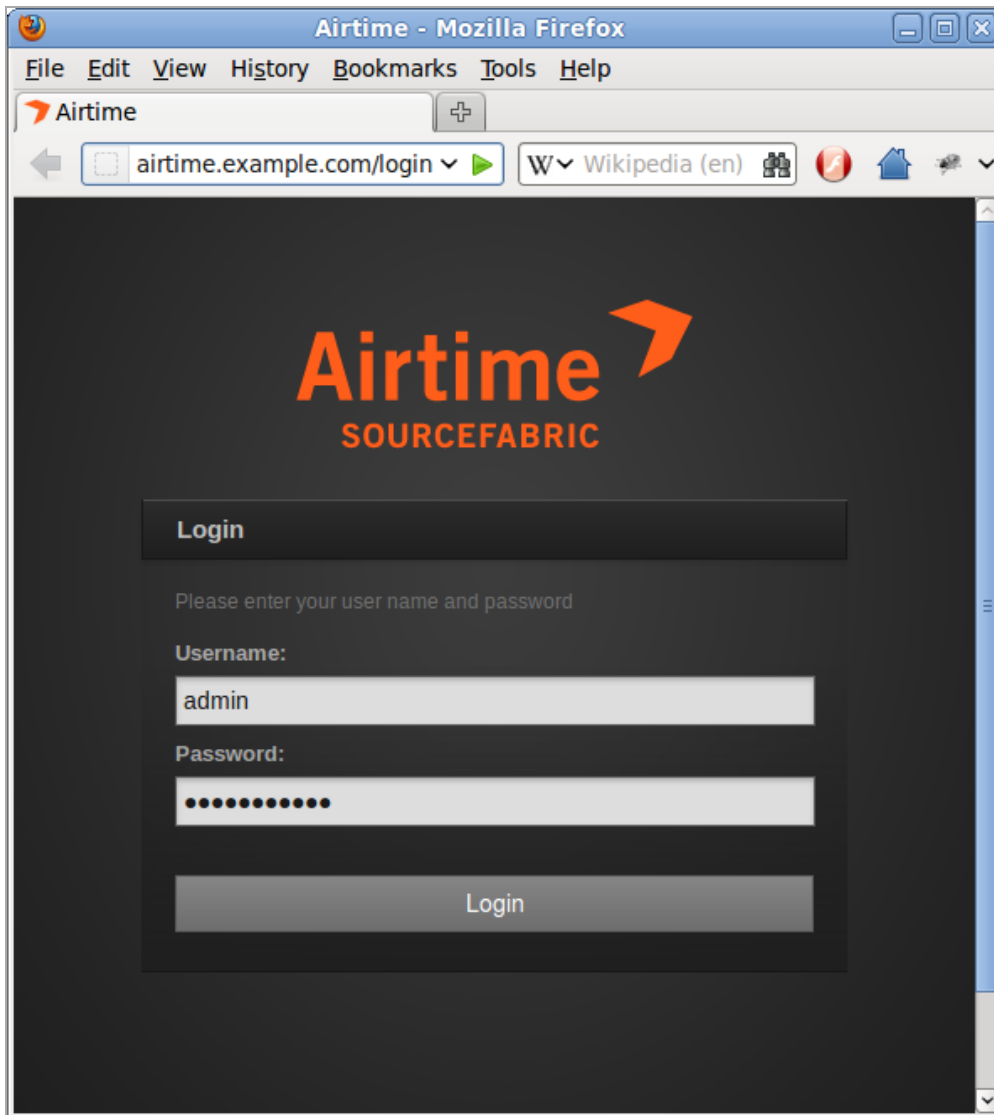
# **USING AIRTIME**

- 3. ON AIR IN 60 SECONDS!**
- 4. GETTING STARTED**

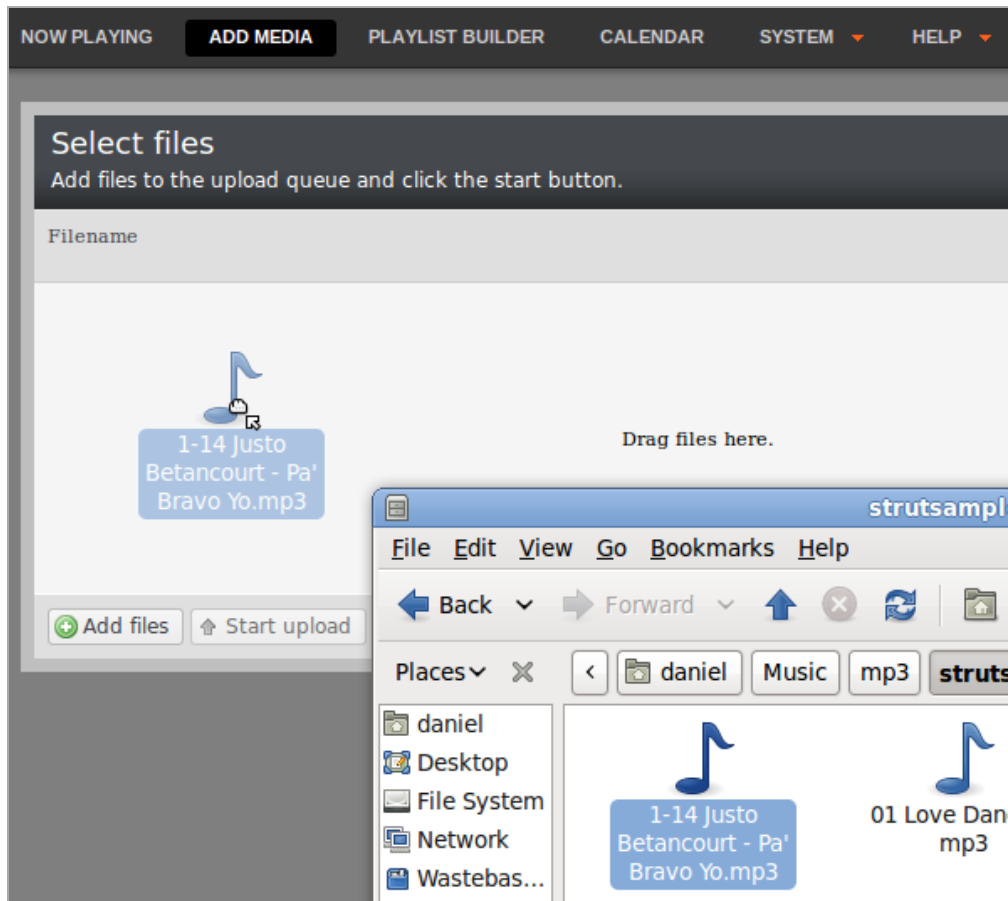
# 3. ON AIR IN 60 SECONDS!

Here's how you can use Airtime to automate your broadcasts. Chapter names in this book are shown in *italics*, to help you find the details of each step (if you need to read more).

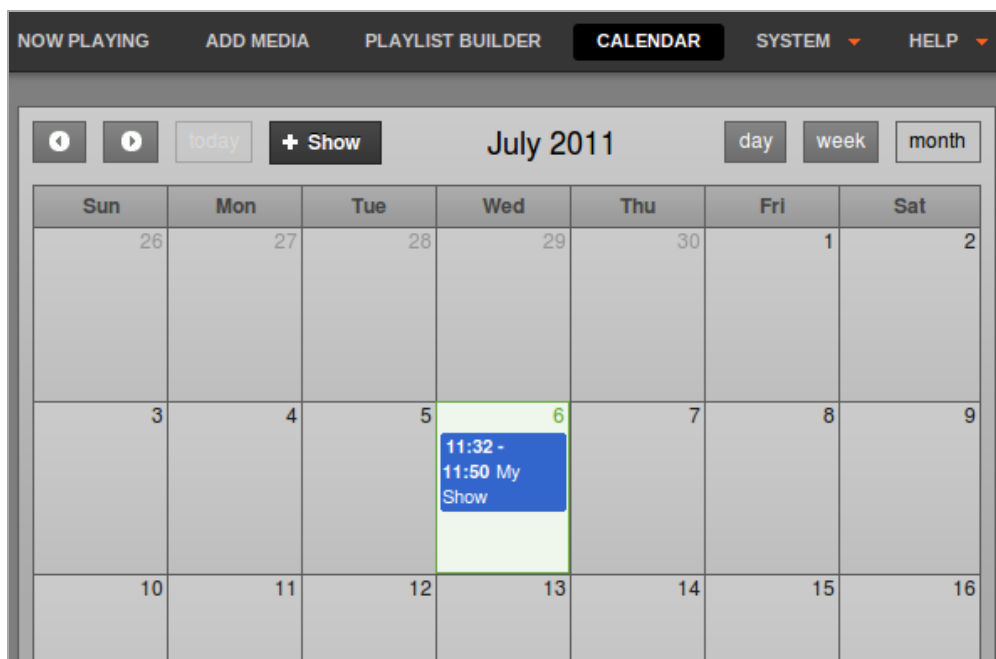
1. Log in to your Airtime server with your username and password (*Getting started*).



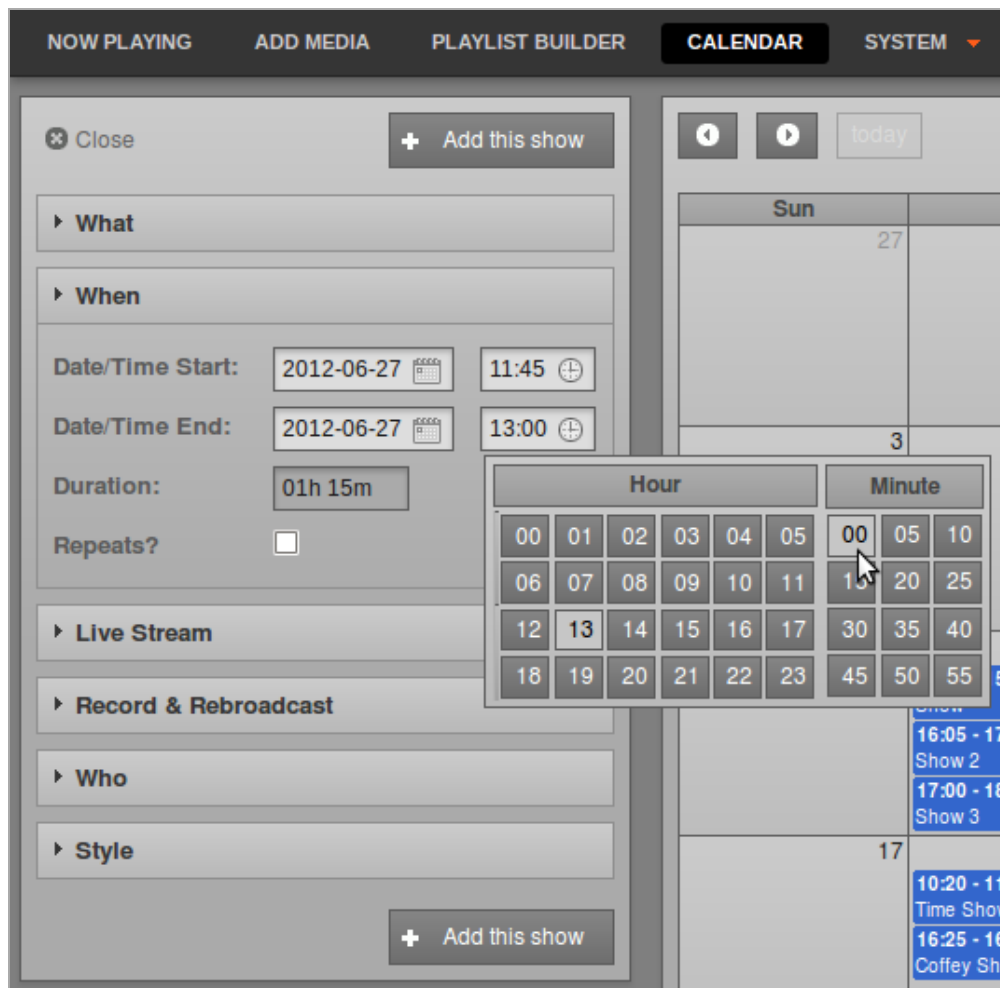
2. Add your files to the Airtime library by clicking **Add media** on the main menu, then using the **Add files** button. You can drag and drop your files into this window too (*Add media*).



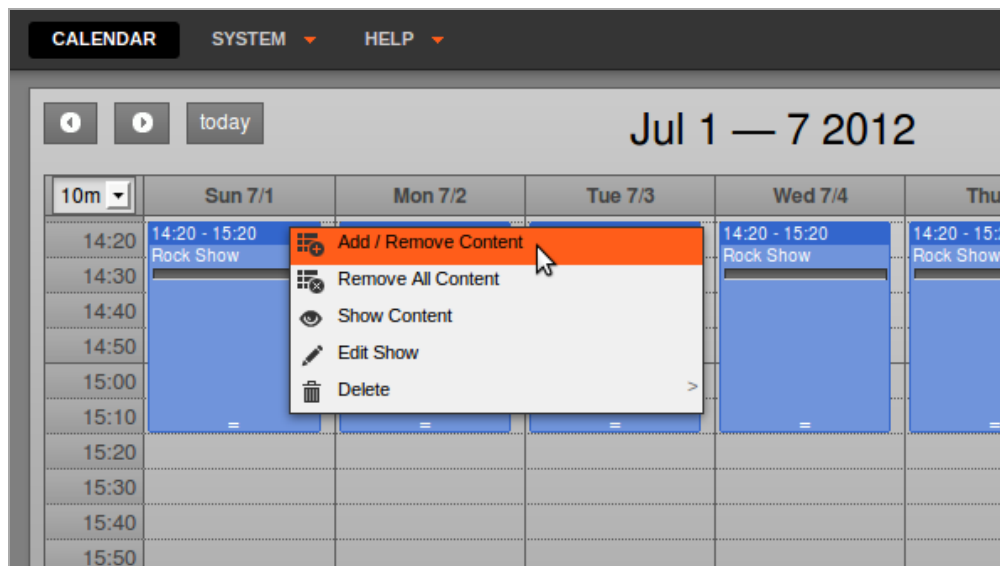
3. Create a show by clicking **Calendar** on the main menu, and then clicking the **+ Show** button (*Calendar*). Only admins and program managers can add shows (Users).



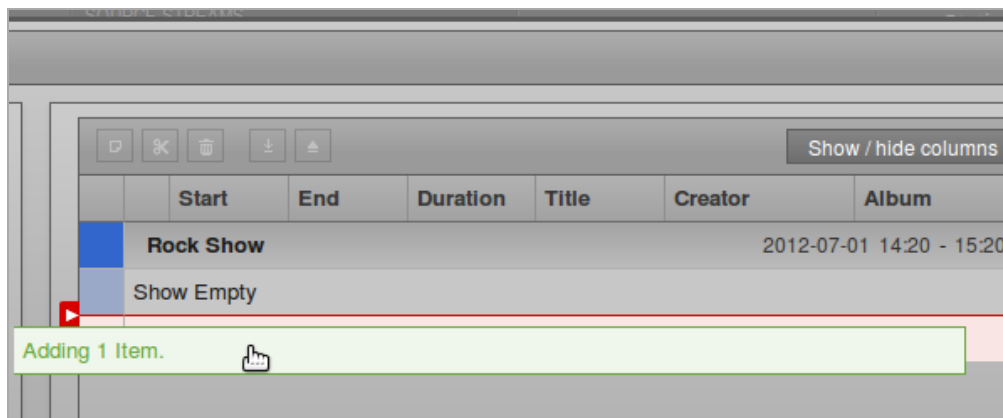
4. Set at least a date and time for your show in the **When** section of the box, then click the **+ Add this show** button (*Calendar*).



5. Add media to the show by clicking your show in the **Calendar** and selecting **Add / Remove Content** (*Calendar*).



6. Click media in the search results on the left side of the pop-up window, and drag it to your show on the right side (*Calendar*).



7. When show time arrives, you're on air!



# 4. GETTING STARTED

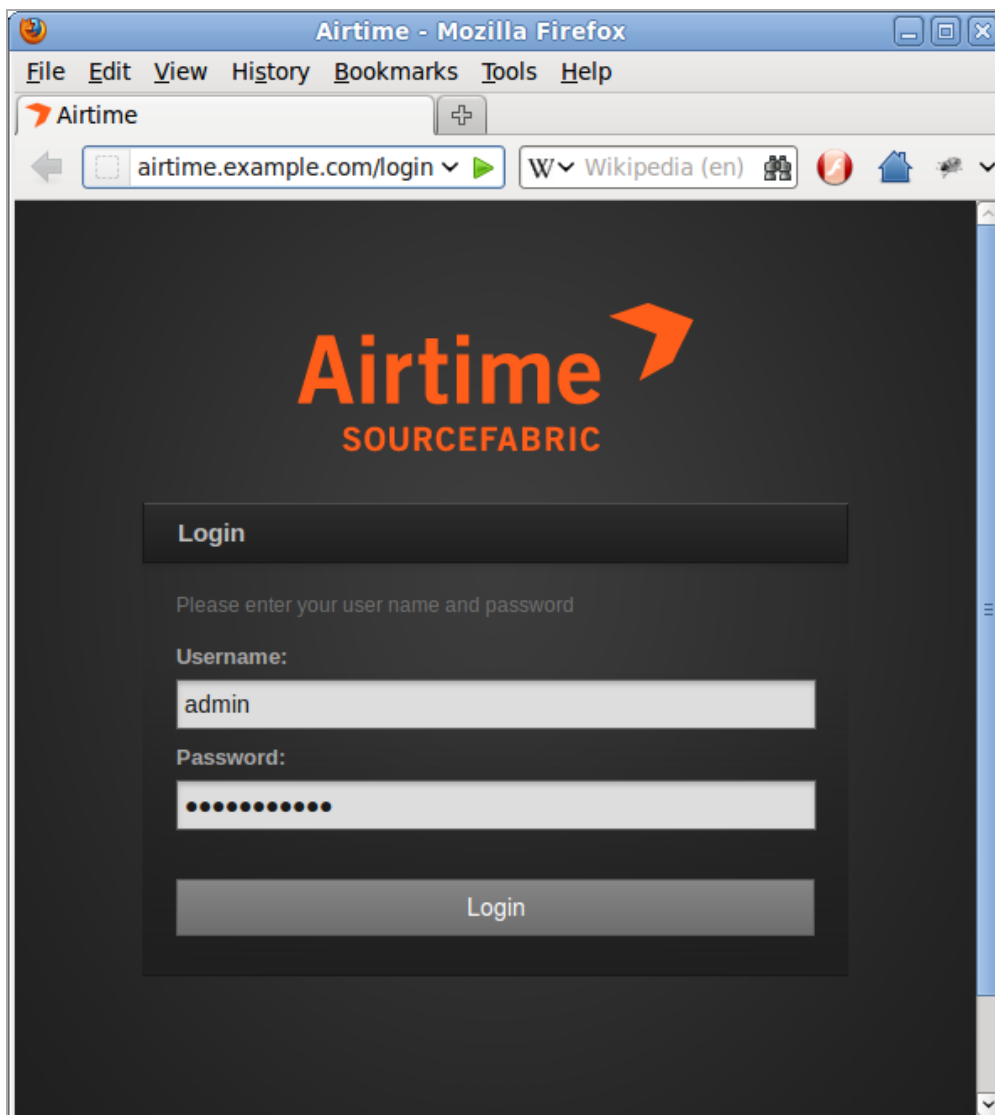
If the Airtime server has a web browser installed, you can access the administration interface by opening the address:

`http://localhost/`

If you have set up Airtime so that it can be accessed from other computers, you would use a domain name instead. For example:

`http://airtime.example.com/`

You can log in for the first time with the user name *admin* and the password set during installation. Your browser should automatically focus on the **Username** field.



If you enter the password incorrectly three times, you will be presented with a reCAPTCHA challenge to prove that you are a human, and not a password-guessing robot. This feature helps protect your Airtime installation against brute force attacks.

**Airtime**  
SOURCEFABRIC

Login

Wrong username or password provided. Please try again.

Username:

admin

Password:

.....

Type the characters you see in the picture below.

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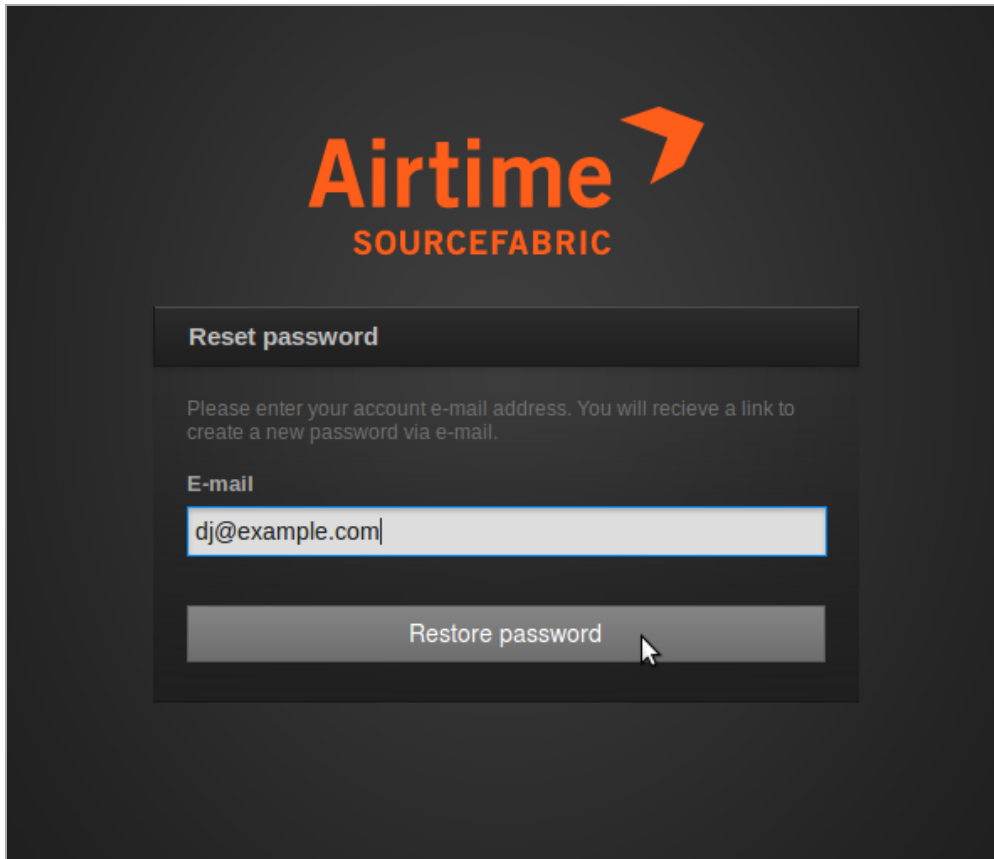
Type the two words:

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stop spam.  
read books.

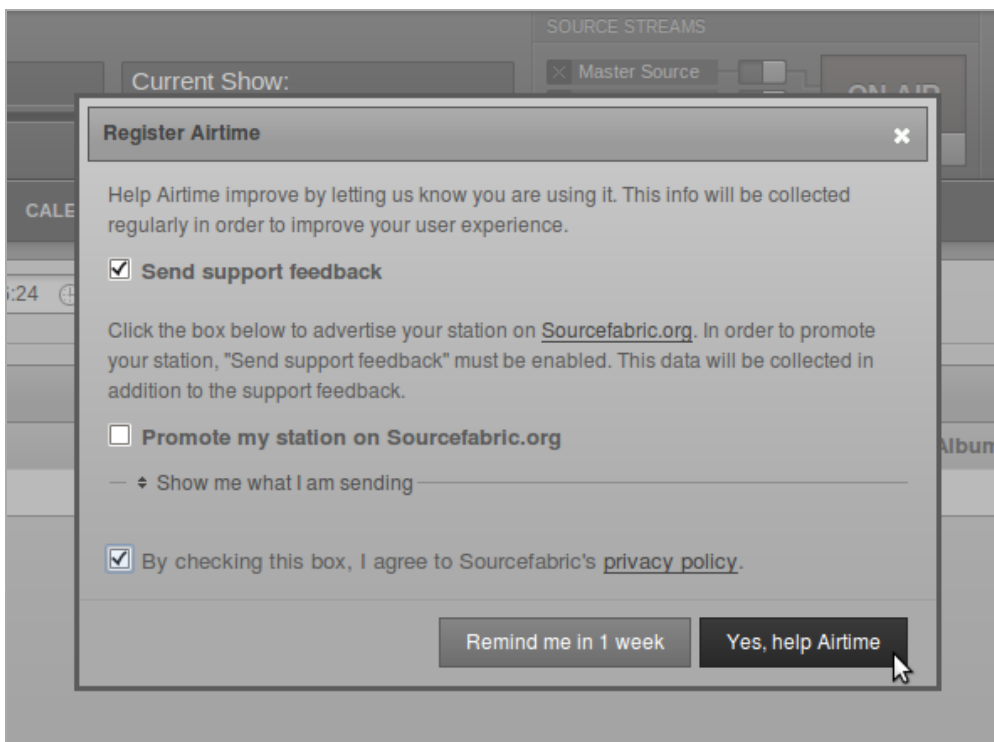
Login

If configured, you will see a link **Reset password** below the password field, which enables you to obtain a password reminder by email. See the chapter *Preferences* to configure this feature.



## REGISTER AIRTIME

After you have logged in as *admin* for the first time, a pop-up window will ask if you wish to send technical support data about your server to Sourcefabric.



These details can be viewed by clicking on the **Show me what I am sending** link, which expands a scrolling window. The data helps Sourcefabric engineers resolve any problems with your Airtime installation, as well as count the number of installations worldwide.

Show me what I am sending

AIRTIME\_VERSION : 2.1.0  
OS : Ubuntu 10.04.4 LTS x86\_64  
CPU : Dual Core AMD Opteron(tm) Processor 170  
WEB\_SERVER : Apache/2.2.14 (Ubuntu)  
PLAYOUT\_ENGINE\_CPU\_PERC : 0.0%  
LIVE\_DURATION : 0

☒ By checking this box, I agree to Sourcefabric's [privacy policy](#).

Remind me in 1 week
Yes, help Airtime

Sourcefabric has a privacy policy regarding data collection, which you can read by clicking the link to <http://www.sourcefabric.org/en/about/policy/> further down. After checking the **Send support feedback** and **privacy policy** boxes, you can submit the data by clicking the **Yes, help Airtime** button.

This window also offers the opportunity to **Promote my station on Sourcefabric.org** (on the page <http://www.sourcefabric.org/en/airtime/whosusing/>) by checking the box. Fill in the form which will appear with some details about your station. The contact details are only requested for verification purposes, and will not be made available to the public. Click the **Browse** button to select a **Station Logo** image from the file manager on your computer.

Click the box below to advertise your station on [Sourcefabric.org](#). In order to promote your station, "Send support feedback" must be enabled. This data will be collected in addition to the support feedback.

☒ **Promote my station on Sourcefabric.org**

Station Name (Required) :

Rock 'n Roll Radio

Phone:

555 123 456

(for verification purposes only, will not be published)

Email:

station\_manager@example.com

(for verification purposes only, will not be published)

Station Web Site:

<http://radio.example.com>

Country:

Canada

City:

Toronto

Station Description:

Canada's most rockin' radio!

Station Logo:

/home/Rock\_n\_roll\_radio.png

Browse...

Note: Anything larger than 600x600 will be resized.

Show me what I am sending

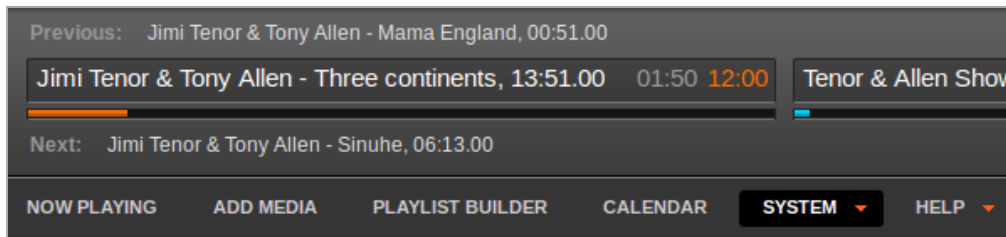
☒ By checking this box, I agree to Sourcefabric's [privacy policy](#).

Remind me in 1 week
Yes, help Airtime

## THE MASTER PANEL

After the pop-up window is closed, you should now see the **Master Panel**, which is present at the top of every page of the Airtime interface. On the left hand side, the Master Panel displays the details of the **Previous** file played out, the current file playing (with an orange progress bar and time elapsed/time remaining), and the details of the **Next** file due to play. It also displays the name and scheduled time of the current show, with a blue progress bar.

Beneath this side of the Master Panel is the main navigation menu, with sub-menus labelled **Now Playing**, **Add Media**, **Playlist Builder**, **Calendar**, **System** and **Help**. We'll be looking at the contents of these menus in the following chapters of this book.

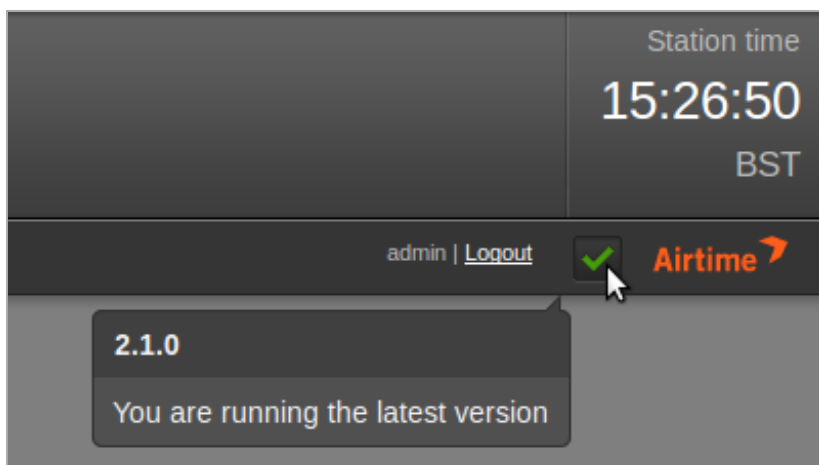


On the right hand side of the Master Panel are the switches for the **Source Streams**, which enable you to switch from scheduled play to remote live sources, and back. (See the chapter *Stream settings* for details of this feature). The **On Air** indicator turns from dark grey to red whenever audio is being played out. Underneath this indicator is a **Listen** button, which opens a pop-up player that can be used to audition the available playout streams.

There is also a clock indicating the **Station time** and time zone. Beneath the clock, the name of the user currently logged in is displayed, and there is the link to **Logout**.



On the right of the Logout link, clicking the green check mark opens a pop-up window with some information about the version of Airtime installed. If your Airtime installation is not the latest version available, the green check mark changes to a green upgrade arrow. Should your Airtime installation get too far out of date, this arrow will change to a red exclamation mark.



## CHECKING AN ICECAST SERVER

If you have enabled the Icast streaming option when you installed Airtime, you can check that the Icast server is running by opening port 8000 of the server in your web browser. For example, on the server itself, you can use:

`http://localhost:8000`

or from another machine, using the domain name of the Icast server:

`http://streaming.example.com:8000`

You should see the Icast status page, with details of the connection that Airtime has made to Icast. If you have only just installed Airtime, there won't be any media playing out yet.



The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window titled "Icecast Streaming Media Server - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar displays "streaming.example.com:8000". The page content features the "Icecast2 Status" header with a logo. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: "Administration", "Server Status", and "Version". The main content area is titled "Mount Point /airtime\_128" and contains a list of stream details:

Stream Title:	airtime_128
Stream Description:	Airtime Radio! Stream #1
Content Type:	application/ogg
Mount started:	Thu, 31 May 2012 15:04:51 +0100
Quality:	0.4
Current Listeners:	0
Peak Listeners:	1
Stream Genre:	genre
Stream URL:	<a href="http://airtime.sourcefabric.org">http://airtime.sourcefabric.org</a>
Current Song:	Tenor & Allen Show - Jimi Tenor & Tony Allen -

# THE SYSTEM MENU

**5. USERS**

**6. PREFERENCES**

**7. MEDIA FOLDERS**

**8. STREAM SETTINGS**

**9. SUPPORT FEEDBACK**

**10. STATUS**

**11. PLAYOUT HISTORY**

# 5. USERS

If your Airtime server is accessible from the public Internet, it will not be secure until you set your own, strong password for the all-powerful *admin* user. Should the password for the *admin* user still be set to *admin*, you should set a new password immediately, via the **Users** page on the System menu. Only users with the **User Type** of *Admin* can see the **System** menu when they log in.

## SETTING PASSWORDS AND CONTACT DETAILS

On the left side of the **Users** page, click on *admin* in the table. The details for this user will appear in the box on the right side. To begin with, on a freshly installed Airtime server, the *admin* user only has a **Username**, **Password** and **User Type** set.

Username	First Name	Last Name	User Type	
admin			Admin	✕

Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries

Username:  
Password:  
Firstname:  
Lastname:  
Email:  
Skype:  
Jabber:  
User Type:

Enter a secure password (as long and as varied as is practical) into the **Password** field. Keeping this password secret is essential for the smooth running of your station, because it enables access to all scheduling and management features. You can also enter other details for the *admin* user account on this page, including full name and contact details. Then click the **Save** button.



CALENDAR SYSTEM HELP

+ New User

Username: admin

Password: .....

Firstname: Station

Lastname: Manager

Email: manager@example.com

Skype: broadcaster1000

Jabber: manager@example.com

User Type: Admin

Save

## ADDING USER ACCOUNTS

To add further user accounts to the system, one for each of your station staff that need access to Airtime, click the **New User** button with the plus icon. Enter a user name, password and contact details, and then select the **User Type** from the drop down menu, which can be *Admin*, *Program Manager*, *DJ*, or *Guest*. The difference between these user types is:

- An *Admin* (station manager) has read and write access to all the features of Airtime. This role should be reserved for trusted staff members only. If you give the *Admin* role to too many people, there could be arguments at the station!
- A *Program Manager* has write access to the entire broadcast schedule, but cannot see the **System** menu and therefore cannot adjust Airtime preferences, manage user accounts, change media folder or stream settings, or view logs.
- A *DJ* (presenter) only has write access to features related to the specific shows assigned to them by an *Admin* or *Program Manager*. The *DJ* can read data for other shows in the **Calendar**, but not write to them. This read access to other shows helps staff plan their own shows, for instance avoiding the scenario where two *DJs* play the same music by coincidence. Like a *Program Manager*, a *DJ* cannot see or use the **System** menu when they log in.
- A *Guest* can log in to read the forthcoming schedule or playlists, but has no write permission for any feature. *Guest* users cannot see the **Add Media**, **Playlist Builder** or **System** menus when they log in. The group of guest users might include the station accountant, or the show assistants.

## EDITING OR DELETING USER ACCOUNTS

New user accounts that you add will be shown in the table on the left side of the **Users** page. If you have a large number of users on the system, you can use the search tool above the table (which has a magnifying glass icon) to identify specific user accounts. Click on the chevrons in the table headings to sort the search results by **Username**, **First Name**, **Last Name** or **User Type**.

To edit a user account, click on that user's row in the table, change the user's details in the box on the right side, and then click the **Save** button. To remove a user account, click the small **x** icon to the right side of its row in the table. You cannot delete your own user account.

## 6. PREFERENCES

On the System menu, click **Preferences** to set your **Station Name**. This text is shown in your web browser's title bar when your station staff are logged into Airtime, and optionally in stream metadata.

The **Default Fade** time for automated fades is initially set to half a second. Custom fade in and fade out times can be set for adjacent items in a playlist. See the chapter *Playlist builder* for details.

You can also enable live, read-only access to the Airtime schedule calendar for your station's public website with the **Allow Remote Websites to Access "Schedule" Info?** option, if you wish. (There is more about this feature in the *Exporting the schedule* chapter, in the *Advanced Configuration* section of this book).

Use the **Timezone** drop-down menu to set local time at your station. Airtime stores show times internally in UTC format (similar to *Greenwich Mean Time*), but can display local time for the convenience of your station staff. Also, you can set the day of the week that you wish to start your station's weekly schedule on, which defaults to Sunday. Then click the **Save** button.

□

The **Enable System Emails (Password Reset)** box is not checked by default, because although enabling staff users to retrieve their lost password for themselves may be convenient, this option does have security implications. If the email account of the staff user is compromised, an attacker could very easily gain access to your Airtime server by clicking the **Reset Password** link on the login page.

Should you wish to enable the password reset option, your Airtime server must have an SMTP mail program installed. (See the chapter *Preparing the server* for details). Also, you should enter a valid email address into the **Reset Password 'From' Email** field. Then click the **Save** button.

## SOUNDCLOUD SETTINGS

If your station has a SoundCloud account (on <http://soundcloud.com>), you may wish to upload files and show recordings to this service, in order to broaden distribution and balance the bandwidth load on your own servers. Click the small black triangle next to **SoundCloud Settings** to show the options available. Check the **Enable Soundcloud Upload** box, then optionally check the **Automatically Upload Recorded Shows** box. You will also need to enter your SoundCloud login email address and password, and the tag metadata that SoundCloud will use to categorize your show recordings.

Check the box **Automatically Mark Files "Downloadable" on SoundCloud** if you wish to enable this option. You can also set a default genre, track type and copyright license here, including public domain, all rights reserved, or one of the *Creative Commons* licenses (see <http://creativecommons.org>). Then click the **Save** button again.

▼ SoundCloud Settings

☒ Enable SoundCloud Upload

☒ Automatically Upload Recorded Shows

☒ Automatically Mark Files "Downloadable" on SoundCloud

SoundCloud Email *(Required)* :

soundcloud@example.com

SoundCloud Password *(Required)* :

.....

SoundCloud Tags: (separate tags with spaces)

rock rockabilly roots blues radio

Default Genre:

Rock

Default Track Type:

Recording

Default License:

Creative Commons Attribution Share Alike

Save

Please note that like most online distribution services, SoundCloud terms of service require you to have copyright in, or permission for Internet distribution from the copyright holder of, any media that you upload. Commercially released music files uploaded to SoundCloud are likely to be automatically removed from your station's SoundCloud page.

# 7. MEDIA FOLDERS

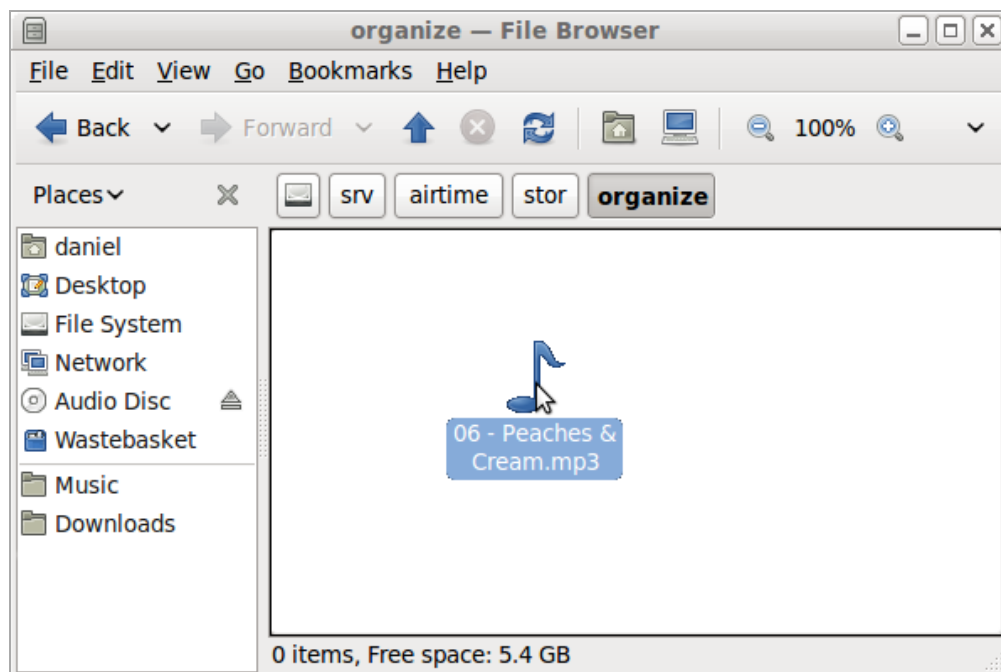
Airtime's media library is inside the `/srv/airtime/stor/` folder on your server, by default. In **Media folders** on the **System** menu, you can change this default location, or add extra folders to be watched by Airtime.

□

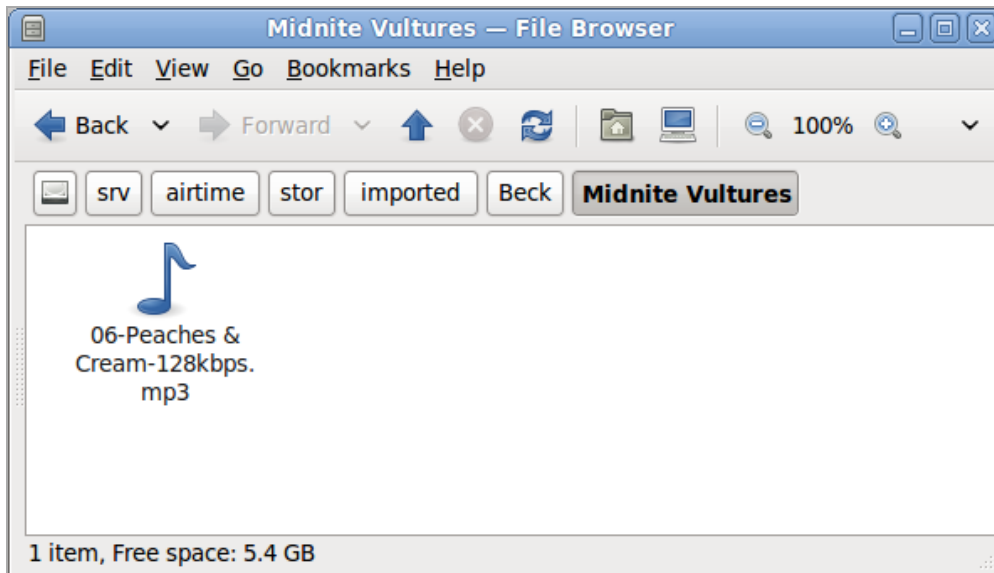
If you specify a network drive as a media folder and that network becomes disconnected for any reason, Airtime's **media monitor** will flag the files as 'missing' in its database until the drive is reconnected. If those files are still missing at the time of the show, the broadcast output could be silenced.

For the same reason, if a removable drive (such as a USB memory stick or MP3 player) is specified as a watched folder, that drive has to be present and powered on until the corresponding show time, so that the Airtime playout engine can download the files needed for the show. If your station staff use removable drives to store media files, it is safer to use the **Add media** page of the Airtime administration interface or the **airtime-import copy** command to copy the files to the main storage server. See the chapters *Add media* and *Using the airtime-import script* for more details.

The metadata for new media files you add to the *organize* folder or a watched folder will be automatically imported into the Airtime database. The *organize* or watched folders can be exported to computers on the local network. This would enable dragging and dropping of media uploads using the file managers on the desktop computers at your studio.



A file dropped into the *organize* folder will appear to vanish as the metadata is read, and the file is moved to the correct location under the *imported* directory, according to its creator and title. This means you can find files for download and editing using a file browser on your server, as well as in the **Search** table in the **Playlist Builder**. This location could be under a filesystem path such as `/srv/airtime/stor/imported/Beck/Midnite Vultures/` in the screenshot below.



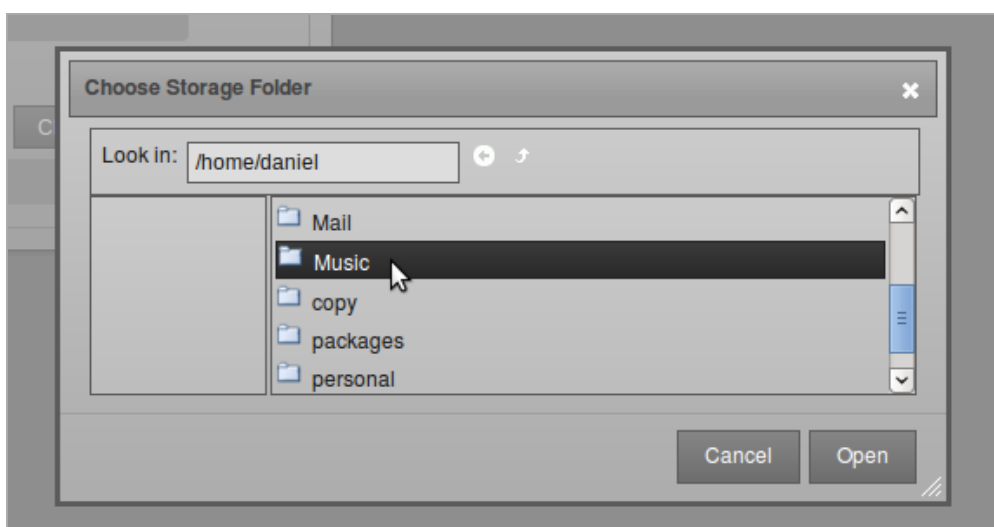
If a media file is corrupted and cannot be played by Liquidsoap, Airtime will move the file to the *problem\_files* folder in the storage archive, and its metadata will not be added to the database. This feature ensures that all files are tested for encoding errors before playout time.

Files in watched folders are not moved into the main Airtime storage folder. However, just like in the main storage, files deleted from a watched folder will be automatically flagged as missing in any playlist or show that they are part of.

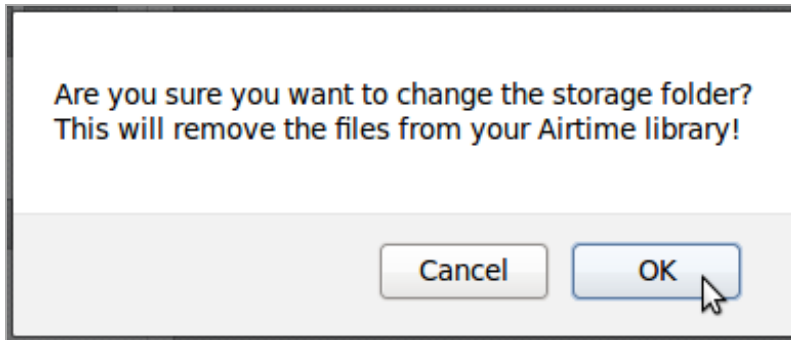
Edits to your stored and watched media files are noticed by Airtime. If you edit any file known to the database and change its duration, Airtime will automatically adjust the duration of playlists and shows that the file is included in.

## CHANGING THE STORAGE FOLDER

To change Airtime's storage folder, click the upper **choose folder** button. In the pop-up window that opens, double-click on the folder names to select the folder that you require. Then click the **Open** button to open that folder.



Back on the **Manage Media Folders** page, click the **Set** button to change the storage folder. Airtime will ask if you are sure about this action. Click the **OK** button to confirm your choice.



The **Manage Media Folders** page will now display the new storage location.

The screenshot shows the "Manage Media Folders" interface. Under the "Import Folder:" section, there is a text input field containing an empty space, followed by "Choose folder" and "Set" buttons. Below this is a grey bar displaying "Current Import Folder:/home/daniel/Music/". Under the "Watched Folders:" section, there is another text input field, followed by "Choose folder" and "Add" buttons. A grey bar below this section states "You are not watching any media folders."

The storage folder cannot be changed while a file import is in progress. If you attempt to do this, an error message will be displayed.

This screenshot shows the same "Manage Media Folders" interface as the previous one, but with an error message displayed. The "Import Folder:" text input field now contains "/home/daniel/Music". A red-bordered box with a light red background contains the text: "Airtime is currently importing files. Please wait until this is complete before changing the storage directory." The "Current Import Folder:" bar now shows "/srv/airtime/". The "Watched Folders:" section remains the same.

## WATCHING A FOLDER

Under **Watched Folders**, click the lower **choose folder** button, open the folder you require, and then click the **Add** button. You can add as many watched folders as you require.

### Manage Media Folders

**Import Folder:**

**Current Import Folder:** /srv/airtime/stor/

**Watched Folders:**

/home/daniel/Music/mp3/

To remove a watched folder, click the small **x** on the right side of its row in the list. Again, you will be asked to confirm if you are sure about the action.

Are you sure you want to remove the watched folder?



# 8. STREAM SETTINGS

You can configure direct Icecast and SHOUTcast streams and a sound card by clicking **Streams** on the **System** menu.

At the top left of the **Stream Settings** page are global options including **Hardware Audio Output**, which enables playout from the default sound card on the server, if one is fitted. The default **Output Type** of *ALSA* on the drop-down menu will be suitable for most servers with a sound card. If not, you have the option to choose from other Liquidsoap interfaces available, such as *OSS* or *PortAudio*. If you are only using the hardware audio output, and will not be streaming directly to Icecast or SHOUTcast, you can click the **Save** button on the right side of the page at this point.

The second checkbox under Global Settings enables the sending of **Icecast Vorbis Metadata** with direct streams. This setting is optional, because some media players have a bug which makes them disconnect from Ogg Vorbis streams when an Icecast server notifies the player that a new track is starting.

The **Stream Label** radio button allows you to set the metadata that will be sent with direct streams; *Artist and Title*, *Show, Artist and Title*, or *Station name and Show name*.

## INPUT STREAM SETTINGS

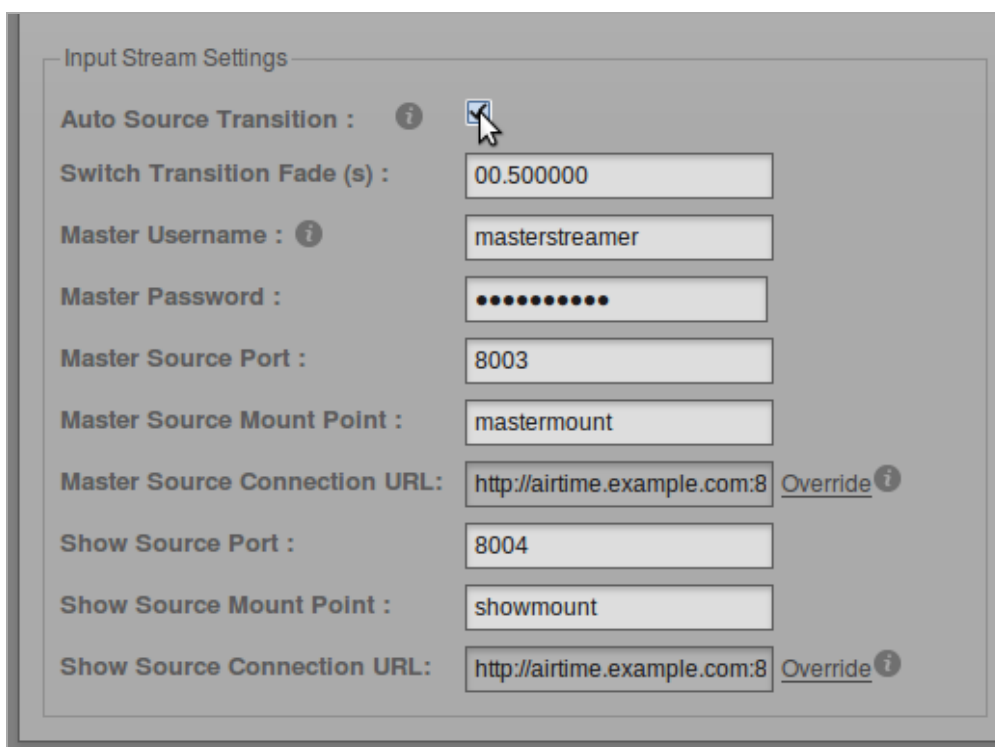
On the lower left side of the Stream Settings page you can configure remote live input streams from DJ programs such as **Mixxx** or **IDJC**, or smartphone applications used by broadcast journalists. Airtime supports two types of live input stream; the **Show Source**, which enables a specific person to stream in during their own show, and the **Master Source**, which can override the Show Source if necessary. If neither type of live input is available, Airtime will fall back to **Scheduled Play** (playlists and files scheduled in Airtime, in advance of a show).

The **Auto Source Transition** checkbox enables playout to be switched automatically to the highest priority source whenever an authenticated input source connects to or disconnects from Airtime. The field **Switch Transition Fade** sets the length of the audio fade as scheduled playout is switched to a remote input stream, and back. The default transition fade setting is half a second.

Each type of input stream requires a username and password before the remote broadcaster can connect to Airtime. The **Master Username** and **Master Password** can be set in the Input Stream Settings box, while the authentication for individual Show Sources is set up in Airtime's schedule calendar. See the *Calendar* chapter for details.

Input streams must have a **Port** for the remote broadcaster to connect to, which should be a number in the range from 1024 to 49151. If you have the Icecast or SHOUTcast streaming server running on the same machine as Airtime, you should avoid using port 8000 or 8001 for either type of Airtime input stream. This is because both Icecast and SHOUTcast use port 8000, and SHOUTcast also uses port 8001. If the usernames and passwords were similar, remote broadcasters might accidentally connect to the streaming server directly, bypassing Airtime.

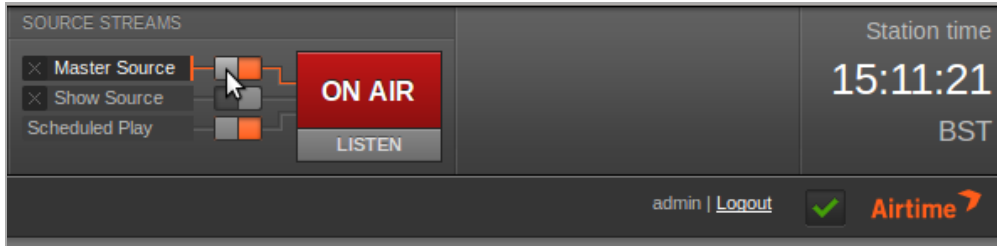
To avoid further confusion, it is also recommended that you set a different **Mount Point** (the specific filename for broadcasters and listeners to connect to) from that used on your public Icecast or SHOUTcast server.



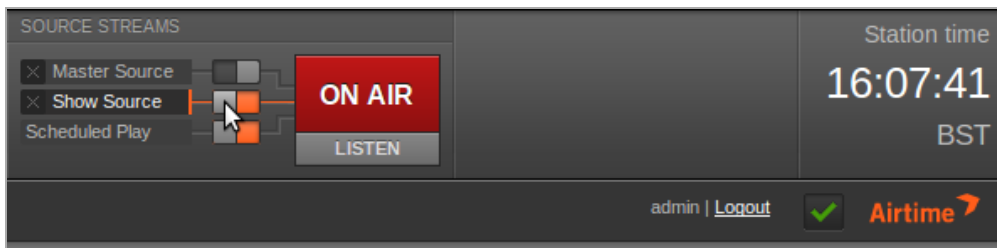
If your Airtime server is behind a firewall, and you wish remote broadcasters to connect input streams to it across the public Internet, you may need to click the **Override** link to set a **Connection URL** which is available from outside your local area network. This URL might be based on the domain name assigned to the router which forwards the appropriate port to your Airtime server. Then click **OK** to save the new connection URL.

## SWITCHING INPUT STREAMS

In the Master Panel, available input source streams are shown with an orange line connecting the source to the switch, which you could think of like a patch cable connecting a source to a broadcast mixer. When that switch is active, another orange line connects the switch to the On Air indicator, like a patch cable connecting a mixer to a transmitter.



If you have checked the **Auto Source Transition** box in the Stream Settings page, the **Master Source** switch will move automatically to the active position, on the left, when an authenticated master source connects to Airtime. Otherwise, you can activate the switches manually by clicking the left side of each switch, or deactivate them by clicking the right side. The switches do not have to be dragged with the mouse, in the way that a switch on a hardware mixer would be pushed sideways. **Show Source** live input streams and **Scheduled Play** can be manually activated or deactivated in the same way.



To force disconnection of a live remote source, for example when the remote input source has crashed and is no longer sending audio data, click the **X** icon to the left of the source name.

## OUTPUT STREAM SETTINGS

On the right side of the page, you can configure up to three independent output streams with different bit rates, and send these streams to different Icecast or SHOUTcast servers. By default, only Stream 1 is enabled, with this stream being sent to Icecast on the same server at the *localhost* IP address of 127.0.0.1.

To configure another stream, click the bar with the stream number to expand its box, and make sure **Enabled** is checked. Enter at least the streaming **Server** IP address or domain name, and **Port** details. The default port for Icecast and SHOUTcast servers is 8000.

Save

▼ Stream 1

✓ Connected to the streaming server

Enabled: ☒

Stream Type: OGG/VORBIS

Bit Rate: 128 Kbit/s

Server (Required): streaming.example.com

Port (Required): 8000

Service Type: Icecast

— ◆ Additional Options

Stream URL: http://streaming.example.com:8000/airtime\_128

▶ Stream 2

▶ Stream 3

Click **Additional Options** to expand a box in which you can enter the **Username**, **Password** and metadata to send to the streaming server. The default **Username** for Icecast servers is *source*, and if this is the name in use on your streaming server, you can leave this field empty. You can also set the specific **Mount Point** that listeners will connect to here. Then click one of the **Save** buttons in the upper or lower right corner to update the Airtime server's settings.



Stream 2

✓

Connected to the streaming server

Enabled:

☒

Stream Type:

MP3

Bit Rate:

128 Kbit/s

Server(Required) :

shoutcast.example.com

Port(Required) :

8000

Service Type:

SHOUTcast

Additional Options

Stream URL:

http://shoutcast.example.com:8000/

Any connection problems between Liquidsoap and Icecast or SHOUT cast are shown on the Stream Settings page. For example, if you enter the wrong password, you will see an *Authentication Required* error message. To fix this, enter the correct password in the **Additional Options** box, and click the **Save** button.

Stream 1

✗

Can not connect to the streaming server

401, Authentication Required (HTTP 1.0)

Enabled:

☒

Stream Type:

OGG/VORBIS

Bit Rate:

128 Kbit/s

Server(Required) :

streaming.example.com

Port(Required) :

8000

Service Type:

Icecast

Additional Options

Stream URL:

http://streaming.example.com:8000/airtime\_128

## 9. SUPPORT FEEDBACK

If you did not already register Airtime when you installed it, as shown in the *Getting Started* chapter, you can click **Support Feedback** on the System menu to display Airtime's automated feedback options. Check the **Send support feedback** box in order to post technical details about your Airtime installation to Sourcefabric, over the Internet. These details help Sourcefabric diagnose any problem that you might be having with your Airtime system.

You may also wish to send details of your station to Sourcefabric, so that your station has the opportunity to be promoted with other Airtime users on the <http://www.sourcefabric.org> website. This feature also helps Sourcefabric target its support services to the countries where they are needed most. Check the box **Promote my station on Sourcefabric.org** and fill in the details of your station. You can upload a station logo file (of up to 600 x 600 pixels) from your desktop computer by clicking the **Browse** button.

NOW PLAYING   ADD MEDIA   PLAYLIST BUILDER   CALENDAR   SYSTEM ▾

## Support Feedback

Help Airtime improve by letting us know you are using it. This info will be collected regularly in order to improve your user experience.

☒ **Send support feedback**

Click the box below to advertise your station on [Sourcefabric.org](http://Sourcefabric.org). In order to promote your station, "Send support feedback" must be enabled. This data will be collected in addition to the support feedback.

☒ **Promote my station on Sourcefabric.org**

Note: In order to promote your station, "Send support feedback" must be enabled

**Station Name** *(Required):*

Rock n' Roll Radio

**Phone:** *(for verification purposes only, will not be published)*

555 123 456

**Email:** *(for verification purposes only, will not be published)*

station\_manager@example.com

**Station Web Site:**

http://radio.example.com

**Country:**

Canada ▾

**City:**

Toronto

**Station Description:**

Canada's most rockin' radio!

**Station Logo:**

/home/Rock\_n\_roll\_radio.png

Note: Anything larger than 600x600 will be resized.

Click on the **Show me what I am sending** link to expand a box which displays the technical data being returned to Sourcefabric. The data is collected according to the Sourcefabric privacy policy (<http://www.sourcefabric.org/en/about/policy/>) which you are required to agree to before you can submit the information.



⚡ Show me what I am sending

TOTAL\_MEMORY\_MBYTES : 6128212

TOTAL\_SWAP\_MBYTES : UNKNOWN

AIRTIME\_VERSION : 2.1.0

OS : Ubuntu 10.04.4 LTS x86\_64

CPU : Dual Core AMD Opteron(tm) Processor 170


WEB\_SERVER : Apache/2.2.14 (Ubuntu)

☒ By checking this box, I agree to Sourcefabric's [privacy policy](#).

Save

# 10. STATUS

On the **System** menu, the **Status** page provides an overview of the health and resource usage of the various services that make up an Airtime system. If all is well, you will only see green check mark icons in the **Status** column. This page also shows how much **Disk Space** you have used on the disk partition containing the main Import Folder, as well as any disks or partitions with watched folders.

NOW PLAYING   ADD MEDIA   PLAYLIST BUILDER   CALENDAR <b>SYSTEM</b> HELP				
Service	Status	Uptime	CPU	Memory
airtime-playout	✓	0d 0h 2m 52s	0.0%	14.1MB (0.2%)
airtime-liquidsoap	✓	0d 0h 2m 52s	20.9%	22.2MB (0.3%)
airtime-media-monitor	✓	0d 0h 48m 54s	0.0%	12.8MB (0.2%)
rabbitmq-server	✓	0d 0h 1m 1s	0.0%	20.2MB (0.3%)
Disk Space				
Disk #1 /srv/airtime/stor/	13.0GB of 17.7GB	 73.1% in use		

If any of the check mark icons in the **Status** column have changed to a red warning sign, contact your system administrator for assistance. Airtime will do its best to restart any failing services, but sometimes manual intervention may be required; for example, in the case of hardware failure.

If you have run out of storage space, an Airtime user with *admin* privileges could log in and delete media files that are no longer required from the **Playlist Builder**. Alternatively, you could move some files to a watched folder on another disk, or ask your system administrator to install additional storage capacity.

# PLAYOUT HISTORY

On the System menu, the Playout History page enables you to view a list of files played within a specific date range, or matching a specified search term. This page is designed to help your station prepare reports for music royalty collection societies and regulatory agencies.

Select a date and time range by clicking the calendar and clock icons in the upper left corner of the page. Then click the search button, which has a magnifying glass icon, to the right. A list of files played during that date and time range will appear further down the page. The number of times each file was played and the length of the files are also shown.

NOW PLAYING ADD MEDIA PLAYLIST BUILDER CALENDAR SYSTEM ▾ HELP ▾

2012-06-04

0:00

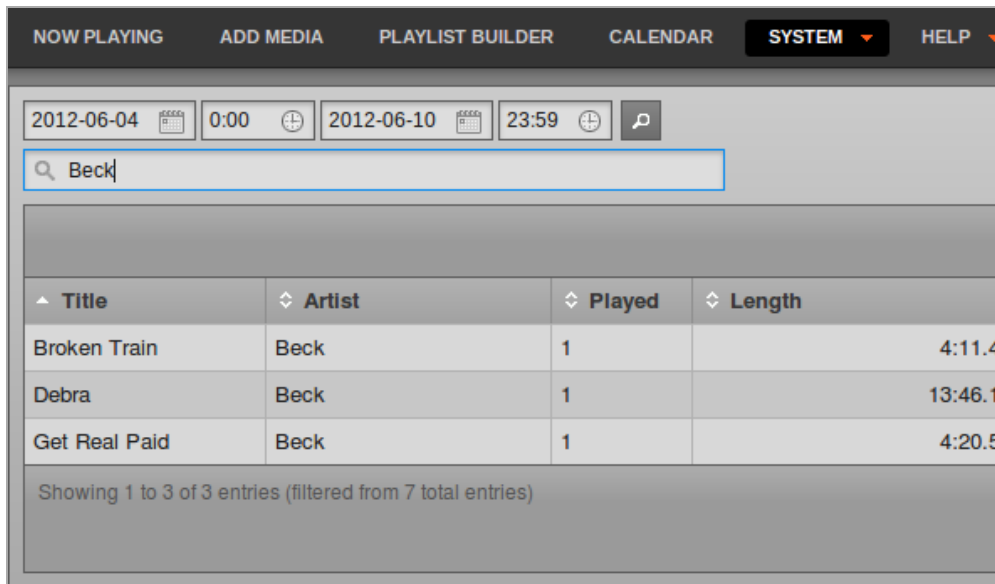
2012-06-10

23:59

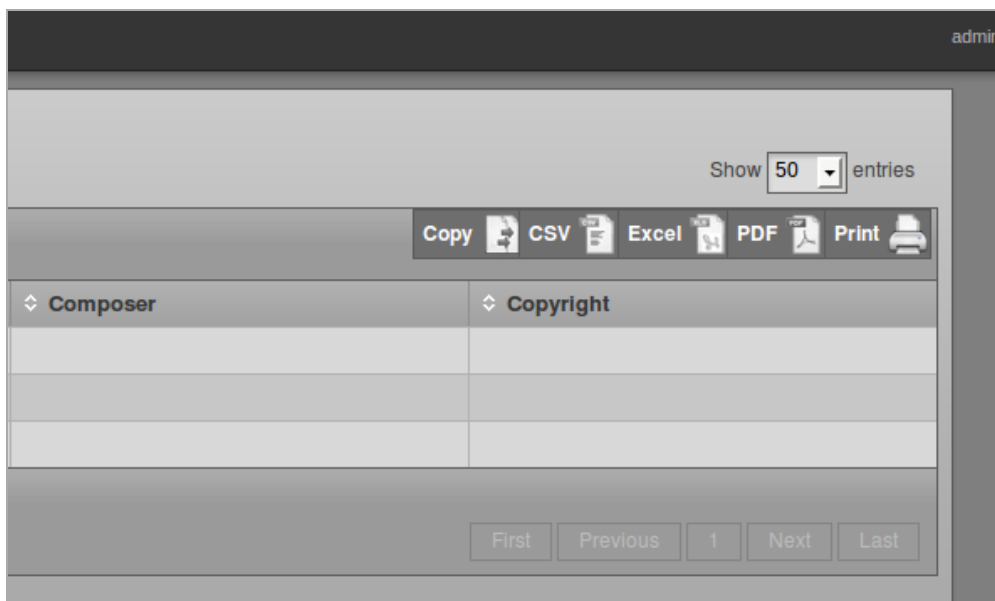
▲ Title	◇ Artist	◇ Played	◇ Length
Broken Train	Beck	1	4:11.4
Debra	Beck	1	13:46.1
Get Real Paid	Beck	1	4:20.5
I Bet You (Version) (DeepSeeSoundSystem mix)	Dennis Coffey	1	5:05.4
Imported From Detroit by Magestik Legend	Dennis Coffey	1	3:23.7
Miss Millie feat. Kings go Forth (Dabrye's Synthesized mix)	Dennis Coffey	1	3:18.8
Only Good For Ectomorph	Dennis Coffey	1	6:57.6

Showing 1 to 7 of 7 entries

You can refine the search results within the specified date and time range by entering a keyword in the field beneath the calendar and clock boxes, such as the name of a musician.



On the right side of the page are buttons which enable you to download the playout history in the specified date and time range. This history data is available in several formats, including **Copy** to your computer's clipboard (for pasting into a document), **CSV** (comma separated values), and **PDF** (Portable Document Format). There is also a **Print** option which opens a view that can be printed from your web browser. Press the **Esc** key to return to the Airtime interface once the print job is complete.



To make optimal use of this feature for royalty reporting purposes, your audio files must be tagged with Composer and Copyright metadata. The artist performing a piece of music may not be the original composer of the work, or the copyright holder of the sound recording.

# THE MAIN MENUS

**I2. NOW PLAYING**

**I3. ADD MEDIA**

**I4. PLAYLIST BUILDER**

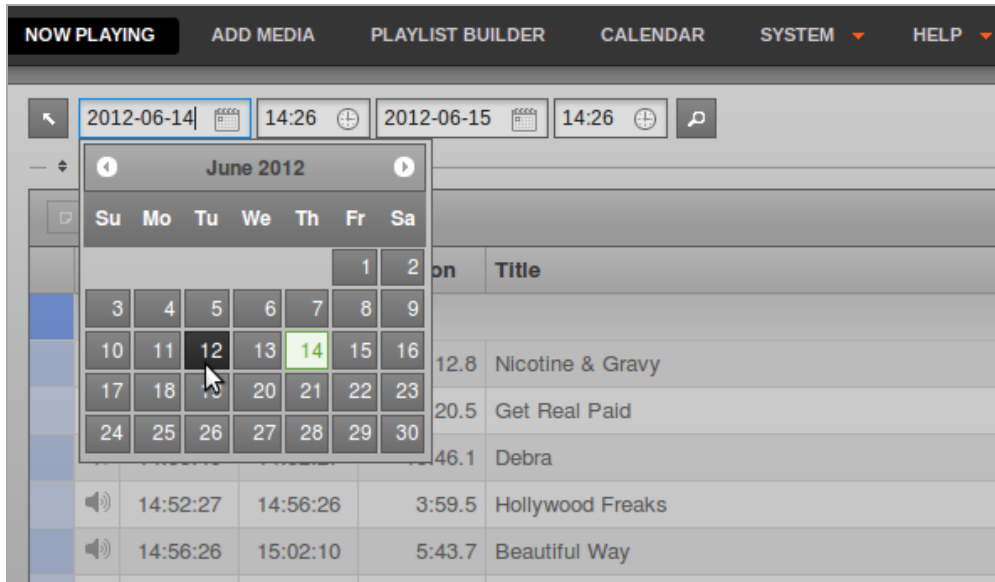
**I5. CALENDAR**

**I6. LISTEN**

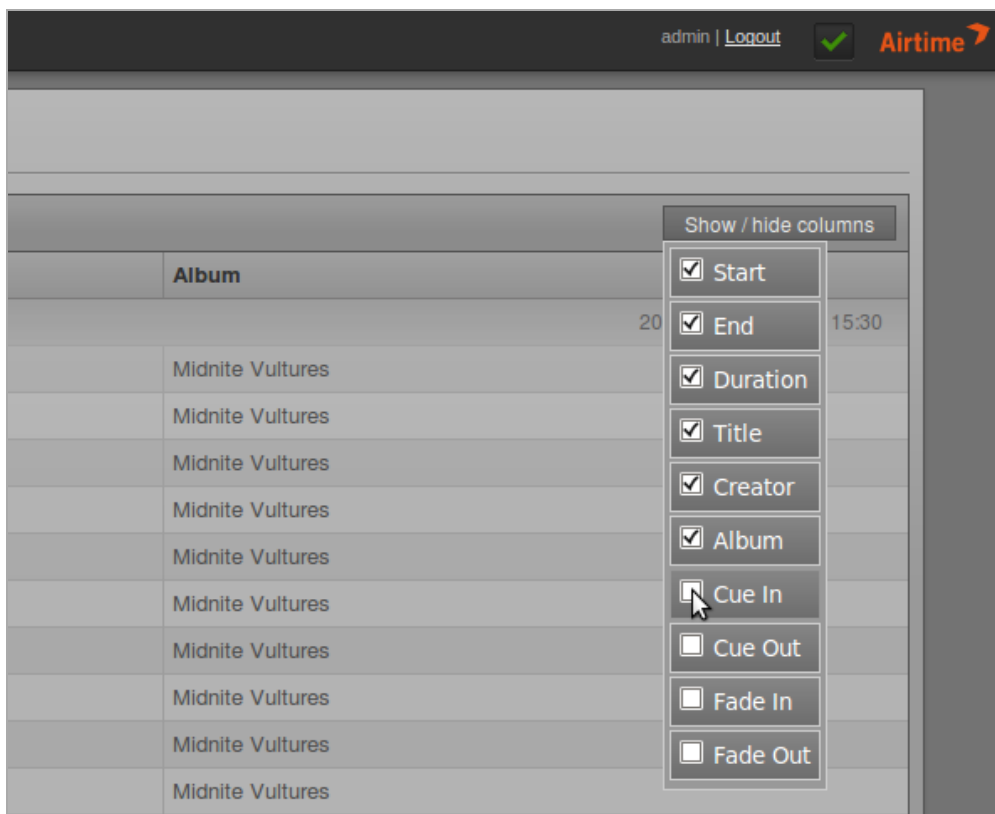
**I7. HELP**

# 12. NOW PLAYING

The Now Playing page provides a view of the files your station will play out, or has already played out, which defaults to showing the 24 hours ahead. If you've only just installed Airtime, there might not be any files shown yet. Click the calendar and clock icons above the table to change the date and time range, then click the magnifying glass icon to the right.



On the left side of the page, the **Start** and **End** times, **Duration** and **Title** of each file are shown. On the right, **Creator**, **Album**, and **Cue** or **Fade** times can also be shown. Click the **Show/hide columns** button on the right to configure the metadata displayed, by checking the boxes in the pop-up window.



The row for the currently playing file is displayed with a bright green background. Any underbooked shows (shows with insufficient content to fill the time allowed) are displayed with a row indicating the length of the underbooking in minutes and seconds. These rows contain a red exclamation mark and have a pink background.

		12:22:13	12:25:32	3:18.8	Miss Millie feat. Kings go Forth (Dabrye's Synthesizer)
		12:25:32	12:32:29	6:57.6	Only Good For Ectomorph
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		12:32:29	12:36:25	3:55.4	7th Galaxy feat. Jamall Bufford (14KT remix)
<input type="checkbox"/>		12:36:25	12:40:08	3:43.6	All Your Goodies Are Gone feat. Mayer Hawthorne (S)
<input type="checkbox"/>		12:40:08	12:45:14	5:05.4	I Bet You (Version) (DeepSeeSoundSystem mix)
! - 4m 46s					

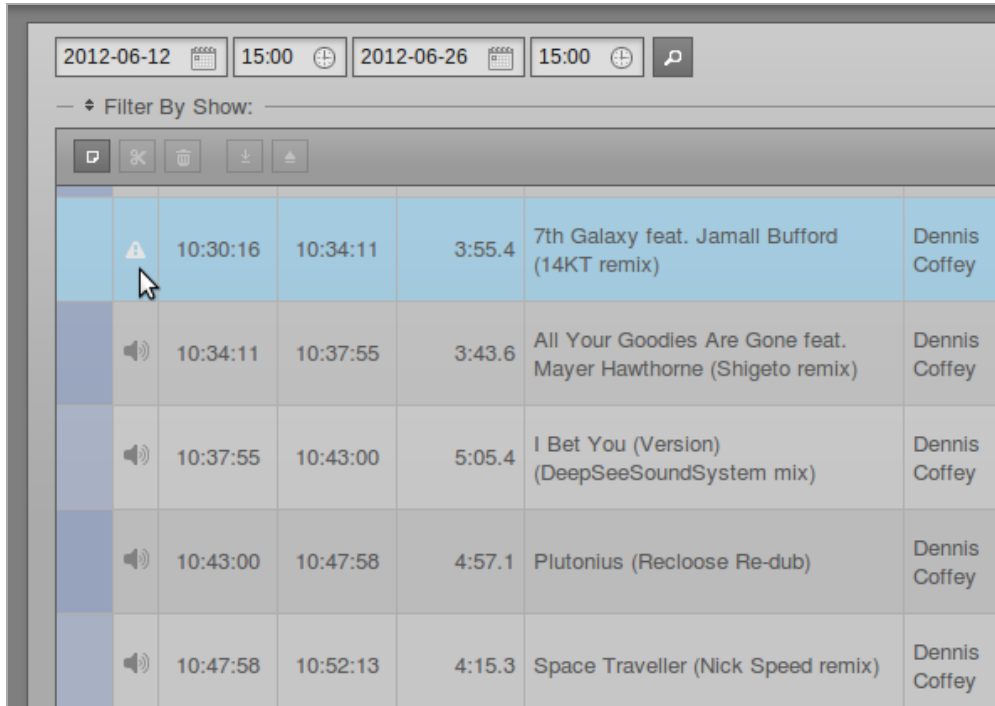
If a show is overbooked, which means the total playout length is longer than the time allowed for the show, a brown row indicates that the file will be faded out when the show ends. A red row indicates that the file will not be played at all. The length of the overbooking is shown in minutes and seconds in the last row of the show.

To remove the extra files from the end of an overbooked show, click the **Scissors** button at the top left of the table. Alternatively, check the boxes for files which have not yet played out, and click the **Trashcan** button, to the right of the Scissors, to remove them from the schedule.

NOW PLAYING   ADD MEDIA   PLAYLIST BUILDER   CALENDAR   SYSTEM   HELP					
<div> <span>2012-06-14</span> <span>11:50</span> <span>2012-06-15</span> <span>11:50</span> </div>					
Filter By Show:					
<div> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>					
		Start	End	Duration	Title
Coffey Time Show					
		11:50:00	11:53:18	3:18.8	Miss Millie feat. Kings go Forth (Dabrye's Synthesizer)
		11:53:18	12:00:16	6:57.6	Only Good For Ectomorph
		12:00:16	12:04:11	3:55.4	7th Galaxy feat. Jamall Bufford (14KT remix)
		12:04:11	12:07:55	3:43.6	All Your Goodies Are Gone feat. Mayer Hawthorne (S)
		12:07:55	12:13:00	5:05.4	I Bet You (Version) (DeepSeeSoundSystem mix)
		12:13:00	12:17:58	4:57.1	Plutonium (Recloose Re-dub)
		12:17:58	12:22:13	4:15.3	Space Traveller (Nick Speed remix)
		12:22:13	12:25:32	3:18.8	Miss Millie feat. Kings go Forth (Dabrye's Synthesizer)
		12:25:32	12:32:29	6:57.6	Only Good For Ectomorph
		12:32:29	12:36:25	3:55.4	7th Galaxy feat. Jamall Bufford (14KT remix)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		12:36:25	12:40:08	3:43.6	All Your Goodies Are Gone feat. Mayer Hawthorne (S)
<input type="checkbox"/>		12:40:08	12:45:14	5:05.4	I Bet You (Version) (DeepSeeSoundSystem mix)
<input type="checkbox"/>		12:45:14	12:50:33	5:19.3	Milk & Honey
<input type="checkbox"/>		12:50:33	12:54:44	4:10.9	Mixed Bizness
✓ + 4m 44s					

If you have a long schedule displayed, and you wish to skip to the currently playing item, click the button with the **Down arrow** icon, to the right of the **Trashcan**. To cancel the current show, click the **Eject** button, which is to the right again. A pop-up window will ask you to confirm the cancellation.

Files which are no longer available have an exclamation mark icon in the second column. This may happen for files which were part of previous shows, and were removed from Airtime's main storage or watched folders subsequently. Files which are included in forthcoming shows cannot be removed from the library through the Airtime administration interface.



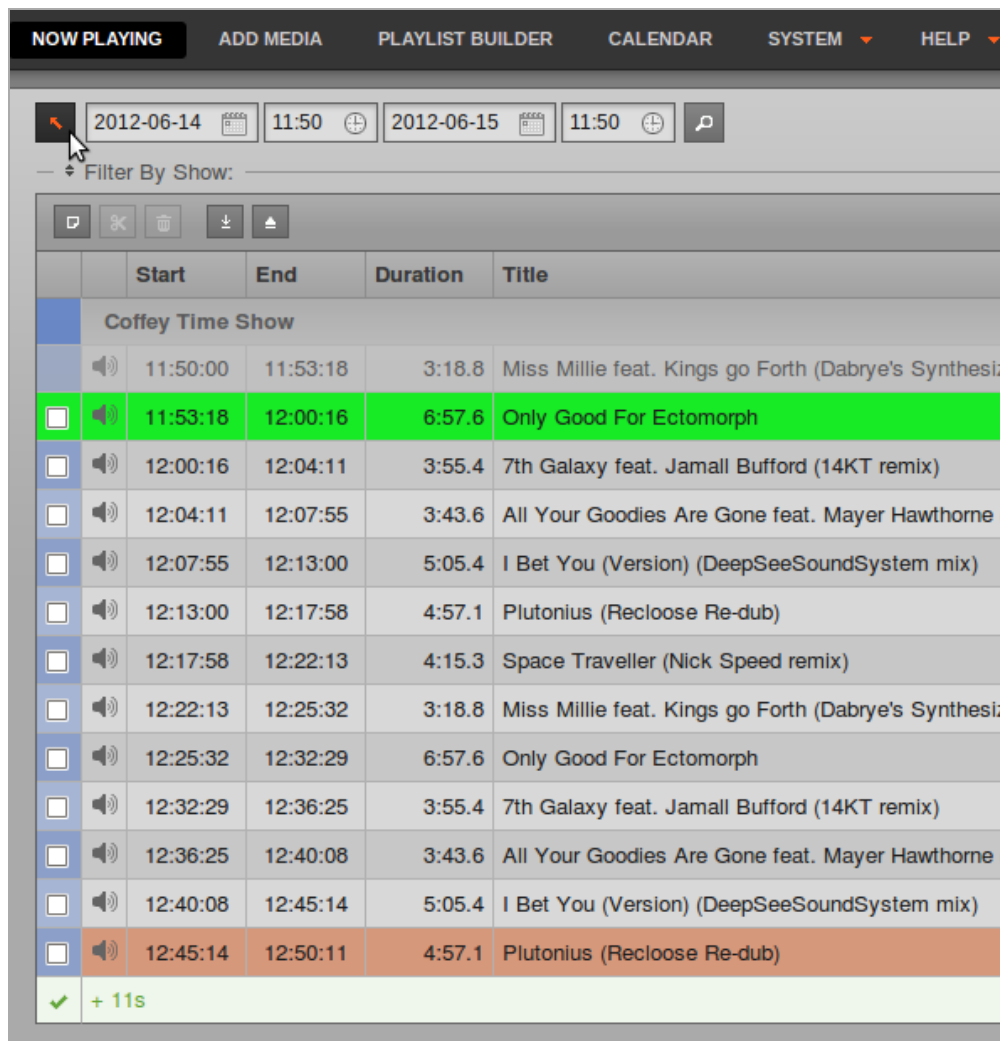
The screenshot shows the Airtime interface with a schedule table. At the top, there are date and time selectors for '2012-06-12' and '2012-06-26', both set to '15:00'. Below these is a 'Filter By Show:' dropdown. The table has several columns: a status column with icons (a warning triangle is highlighted), start and end times, duration, track name, and artist. The first row is highlighted in blue and shows a warning icon, start time 10:30:16, end time 10:34:11, duration 3:55.4, track '7th Galaxy feat. Jamall Bufford (14KT remix)', and artist 'Dennis Coffey'. The following rows show audio tracks with speaker icons, start and end times, durations, and track names, all by 'Dennis Coffey'.

⚠	10:30:16	10:34:11	3:55.4	7th Galaxy feat. Jamall Bufford (14KT remix)	Dennis Coffey	
🔊	10:34:11	10:37:55	3:43.6	All Your Goodies Are Gone feat. Mayer Hawthorne (Shigeto remix)	Dennis Coffey	
🔊	10:37:55	10:43:00	5:05.4	I Bet You (Version) (DeepSeeSoundSystem mix)	Dennis Coffey	
🔊	10:43:00	10:47:58	4:57.1	Plutonium (Recloose Re-dub)	Dennis Coffey	
🔊	10:47:58	10:52:13	4:15.3	Space Traveller (Nick Speed remix)	Dennis Coffey	

## CHANGING THE SCHEDULE

The Now Playing page enables you to make last-minute changes to running shows. In the top left corner of the page is an arrow icon which enables you to open Airtime's library of files and playlists.





In the library table which opens, use the drop-down menu at the top to choose from **Files**, **Playlists**, or **All** items. By default 10 items are listed, but you can click the **Show** drop-down menu to change the list length to between 5 and 100 items. The search field on the top left (with a magnifying glass icon) can be used to refine your selection. Like an Internet search engine, you do not have to type in the correct upper or lower case, press the **Enter** key, or even type the whole of the search term before matches from the Airtime library are displayed.

This search field enables the selection of items based on any tag metadata stored in the Airtime database, whether that metadata is displayed in the table or not. (Click the **Show/hide columns** button in this table to determine which metadata is displayed).



For example, if all of your jingles are tagged with the **Genre** of *Jingle*, you can very easily find your jingles, regardless of their **Title**, **Creator** or **Album**, by searching for *jingle*. The same technique can be used to find advertising and promo files. (See the chapter *Using the airtime-import script* for tips on batch tagging files with metadata).

Multiple words in a search term are matched using 'and' rather than 'or' logic, to narrow your search. Perhaps you have tagged some jazz-flavoured station idents intended for use in a particular show called 'Jazz Maverick' with the **Album** tag of *Jazz Maverick* and a **Genre** of *Ident*. You could then find exactly the idents you are searching for by typing *maverick ident* into the search field.

Clicking on a file or playlist in the library table opens a pop-up menu which enables you to audition the item, or remove it from the Airtime library. You can also download a file to your local computer using this menu, or edit its metadata.

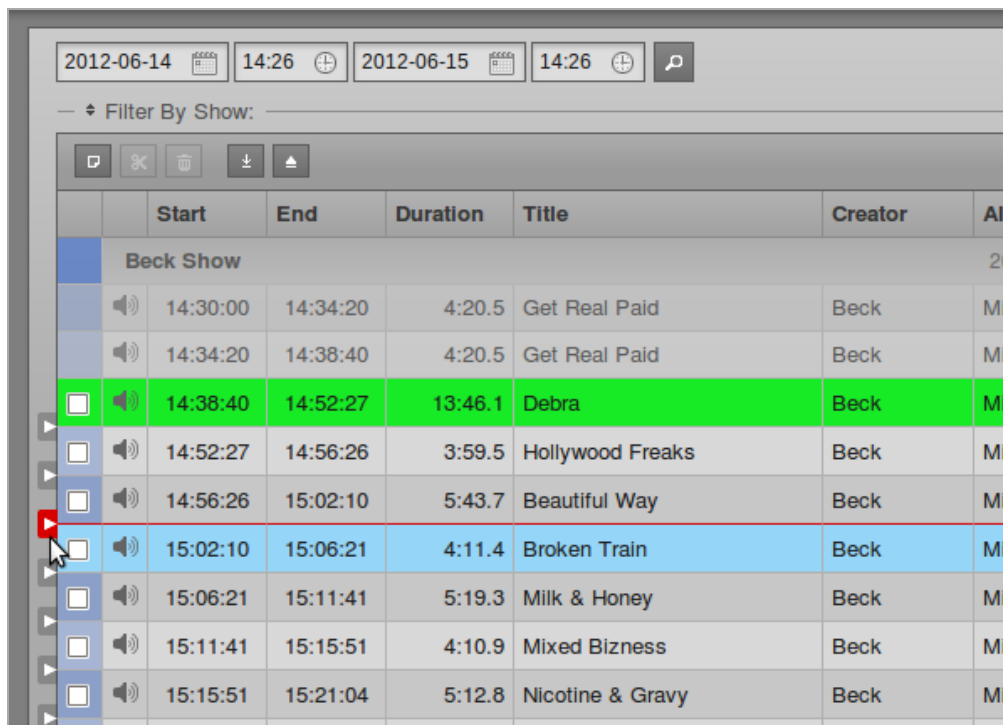
After you have found the items that you want, you can then drag and drop them from the library table on the left side of the interface into the running show schedule on the right side.

□

You can also select multiple items using the **Select** button, just beneath the search field, which has a square icon. Alternatively, use the checkboxes on the left side of the library table, then click the **Add** button, which has a plus icon. If you wish, you can also use the **Delete** button to permanently remove items from Airtime's storage server or watched folders. Only *admin* users have permission to delete all items.

To insert the items at a specific time in the show schedule, click one of the grey and white triangle icons on the left of the schedule table, which will change to red and white. A red horizontal line will be shown at the insertion point.

Another way to create an insertion point is to click a file in the schedule table, then click **Select cursor** on the small pop-up menu that will appear. This pop-up window also enables you to listen to the show in advance, or remove the file from the Airtime library.



	Start	End	Duration	Title	Creator	All
<b>Beck Show</b>						
	14:30:00	14:34:20	4:20.5	Get Real Paid	Beck	Mi
	14:34:20	14:38:40	4:20.5	Get Real Paid	Beck	Mi
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	14:38:40	14:52:27	13:46.1	Debra	Beck	Mi
<input type="checkbox"/>	14:52:27	14:56:26	3:59.5	Hollywood Freaks	Beck	Mi
<input type="checkbox"/>	14:56:26	15:02:10	5:43.7	Beautiful Way	Beck	Mi
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15:02:10	15:06:21	4:11.4	Broken Train	Beck	Mi
<input type="checkbox"/>	15:06:21	15:11:41	5:19.3	Milk & Honey	Beck	Mi
<input type="checkbox"/>	15:11:41	15:15:51	4:10.9	Mixed Bizness	Beck	Mi
<input type="checkbox"/>	15:15:51	15:21:04	5:12.8	Nicotine & Gravy	Beck	Mi

Multiple insertion points can be created, so that the same file is inserted into the schedule at different times. For example, you may wish to play a news report every hour, or a station ident after every five music files.

A live show that is set for recording is displayed with a red dot icon in the left column. It might not contain any files or playlists, depending on your configuration for live shows.





2012-06-25

14:42

2012-06-26

14:42

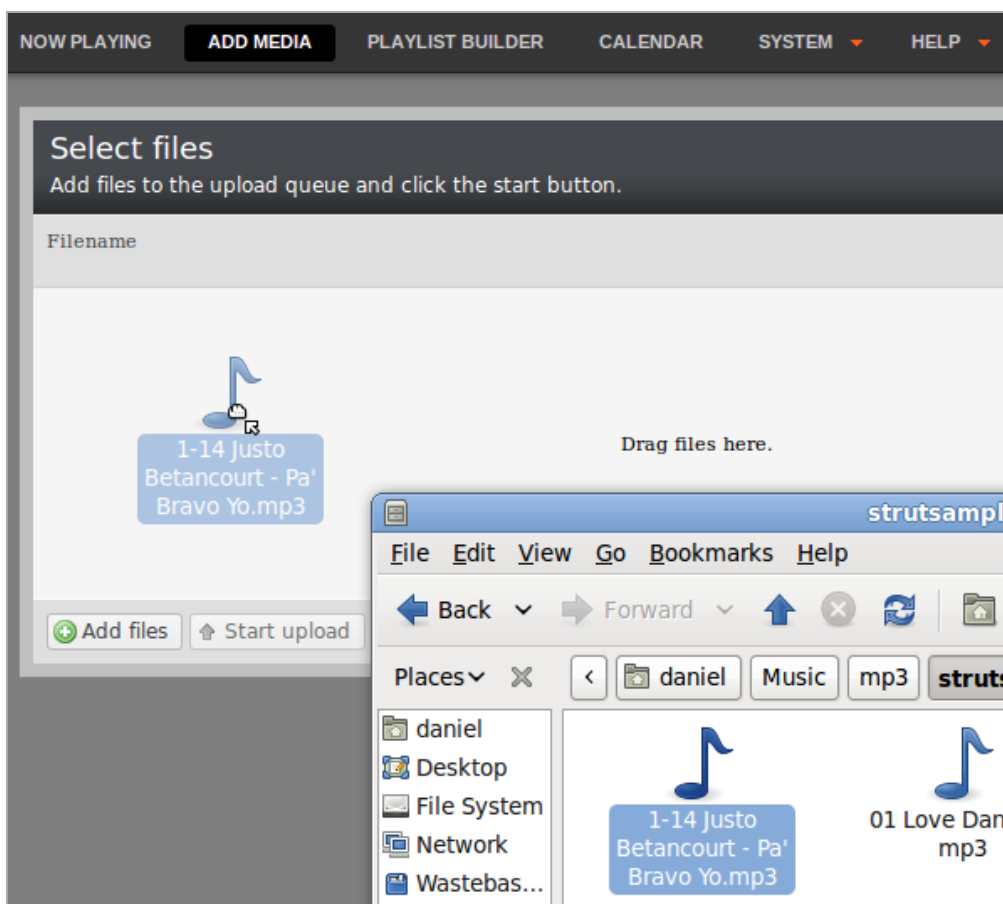
Filter By Show:

	Start	End	Duration	Title	Creator
 Recorded Show					20
Recording From Line In					
! - 1h					
 Playlisted Show					20
	16:00:00	16:03:18	3:18.8	Miss Millie feat. Kings go Forth (Dabrye's Synthesized mix)	Dennis Coffey
	16:03:18	16:10:16	6:57.6	Only Good For Ectomorph	Dennis Coffey

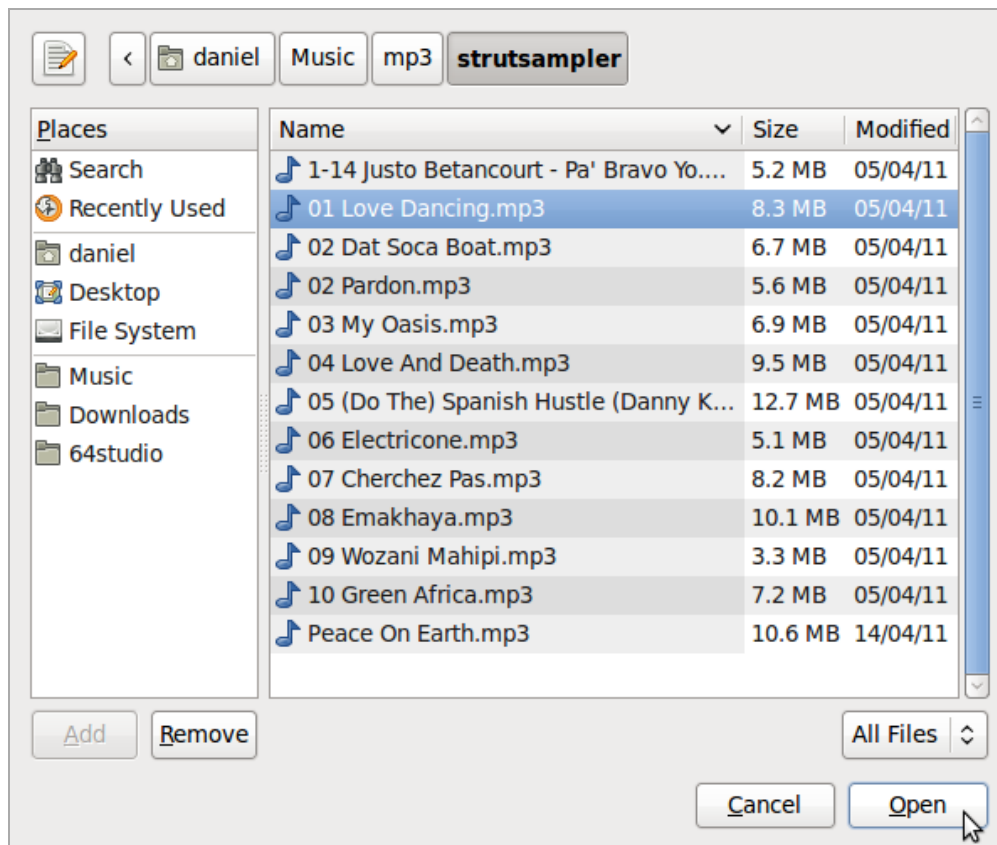
# 13. ADD MEDIA

If you do not have direct access to the Airtime server, you can add files to the Airtime library using the **Add Media** page of the administration interface. (The **Add Media** page is not visible to *Guest* users). This page includes an upload queue for media files, which supports drag and drop from your computer's file manager if you are using the **Mozilla Firefox 3.6** (or later) web browser.

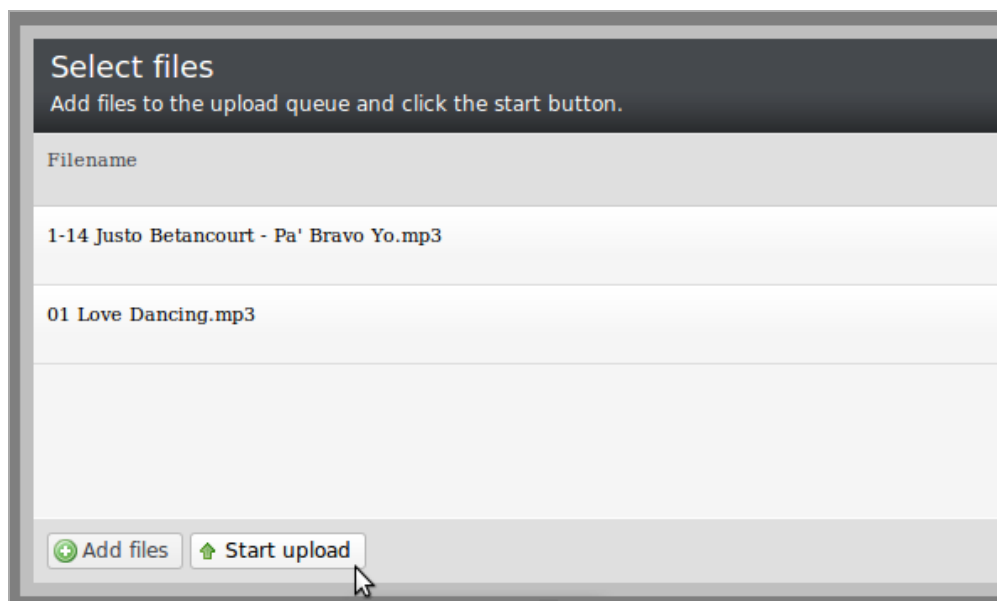
On an Ubuntu Lucid desktop machine, Firefox supports uploading files to Airtime of up to 200MB in size. Other browsers and platforms may set an upload limit at 2GB. If you need to upload files larger than 200MB to the Airtime server on a regular basis, you may find it more convenient to perform the upload using SFTP, rather than through the browser. See the chapter *Automated file import* for more details.



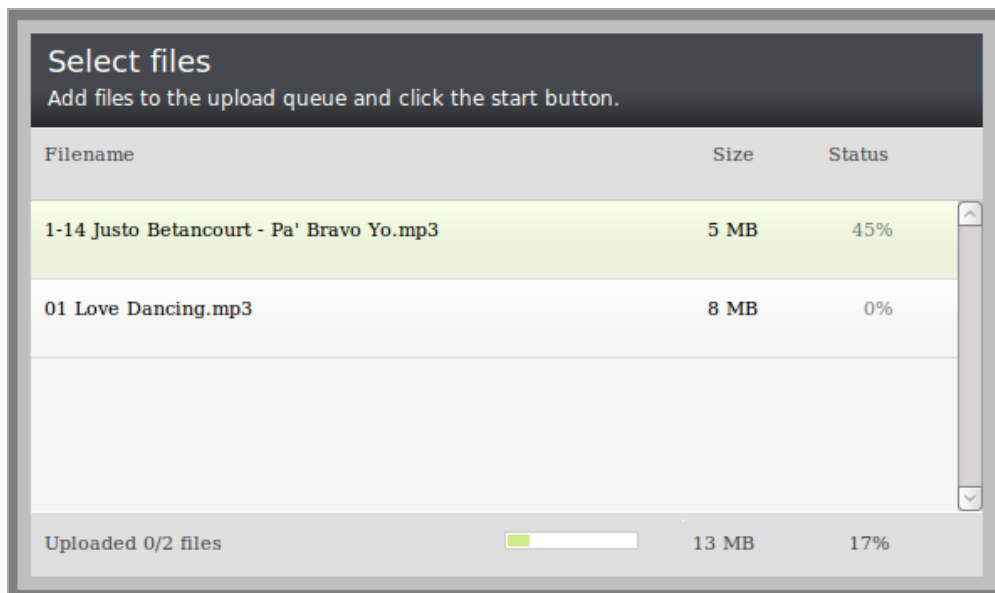
If your web browser does not support drag and drop, you can use the **Add files** button, which has a white plus sign in a green circle icon, to open a file selection window on your computer.



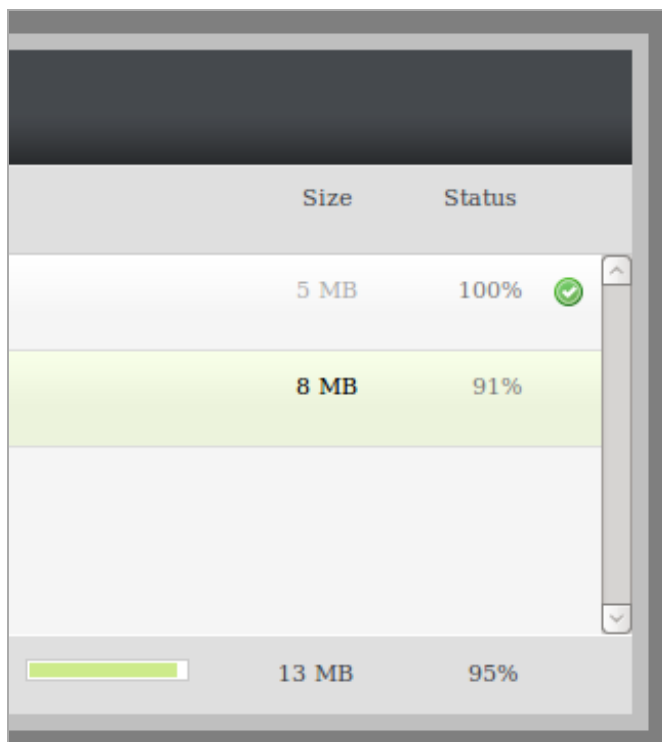
After you have added all the files that you require to the upload queue, click the **Start upload** button, which has a green arrow icon.



The row of the file currently being uploaded is highlighted in pale green. At the bottom of the upload queue, a progress bar and percentage indicates how much of the upload has taken place so far. The upload speed will depend on the network connection between your computer and the Airtime server.



Once it has been uploaded successfully, each file row displays a white check mark in a green circle icon.



Your files are now imported into the Airtime library, ready to be included in your broadcast playlists and shows.

# 14. PLAYLIST BUILDER

This page of the Airtime interface enables you to search the media library, sort and display the search results by the criteria that you choose, audition files and playlists, and drag and drop search results into an open playlist. You can also re-arrange the currently open playlist by dragging and dropping. The **Playlist Builder** page is not visible to *Guest* users.

## SEARCHING THE LIBRARY

On the left side of the Playlist Builder page, a table displays both the media files and the playlists in the Airtime library, with ten items shown per page by default. Use the drop-down menu at the top to choose from **Files**, **Playlists**, or **All** items. Click the **Show** drop-down menu in the top right corner to set the display of between 5 and 100 items per page, according to your preference. You can also click the **Show/hide columns** button to determine which metadata is displayed.

NOW PLAYINGADD MEDIA**PLAYLIST BUILDER**CALENDARSYSTEM▼HELP▼

All▼Show10▼

□

+

✕

Show / hide columns

	◇	◇ Title	◇ Creator	◇ Album	◇
<input type="checkbox"/>	🔊	Proof	I Am Kloot	Sky at Night	
<input type="checkbox"/>	🔊	It's Just the Night	I Am Kloot	Sky at Night	
<input type="checkbox"/>	🔊	I Still Do	I Am Kloot	Sky at Night	
<input type="checkbox"/>	🔊	Pressure Zone	Beck	Midnite Vultures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	🔊	Miss Millie feat. Kings go Forth (Dabrye's Synthesized mix)	Dennis Coffey	Outer Galaxies: Dennis Coffey Re-Worked	Funk / Electro
<input type="checkbox"/>	🔊	Same Shoes	I Am Kloot	Sky at Night	
<input type="checkbox"/>	🔊	Imported From Detroit by Magestik Legend	Dennis Coffey	Outer Galaxies: Dennis Coffey Re-Worked	Funk / Electro
<input type="checkbox"/>	🔊	All Your Goodies Are Gone feat. Mayer Hawthorne (Shigeto remix)	Dennis Coffey	Outer Galaxies: Dennis Coffey Re-Worked	Funk / Electro
<input type="checkbox"/>	🔊	Lately	I Am Kloot	Sky at Night	
<input type="checkbox"/>	🔊	Hollywood Freaks	Beck	Midnite Vultures	

Showing 1 to 10 of 29 entries

First

Previous

1

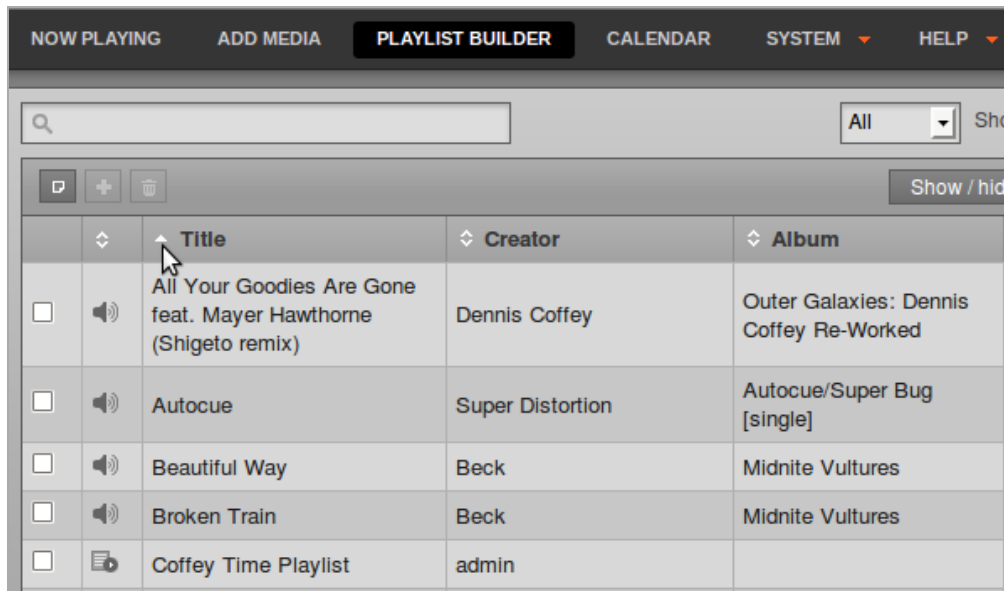
2

3

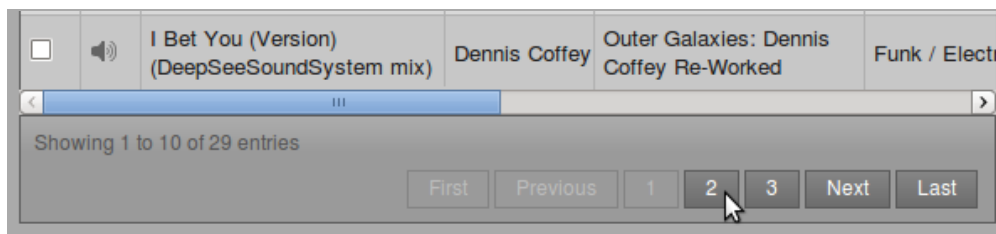
Next

Last

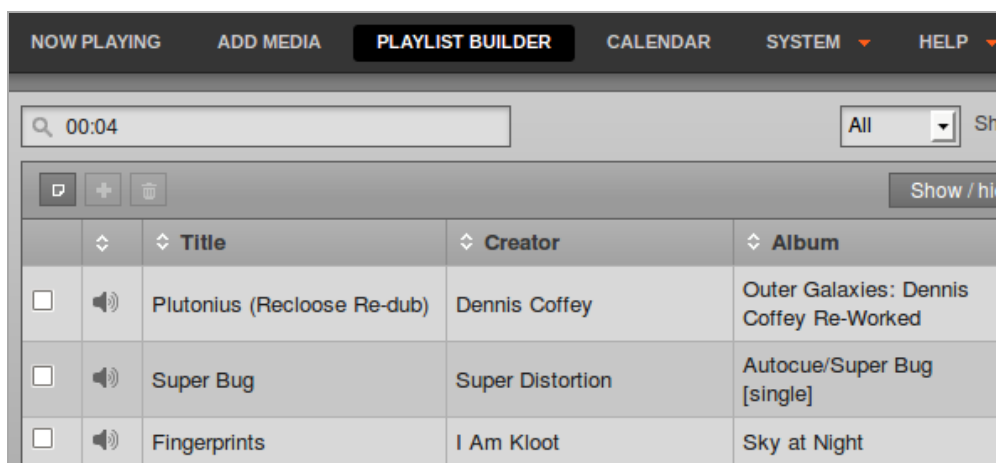
Click the metadata column headings such as **Title**, **Creator**, **Album**, or **Genre** to sort the entries in ascending or descending order. In the second column, audio files are represented by a loudspeaker icon, while playlists are represented by a document icon.



At the bottom of the window, click the **First**, **Previous**, **Next**, **Last** or individual page number buttons to browse the library.



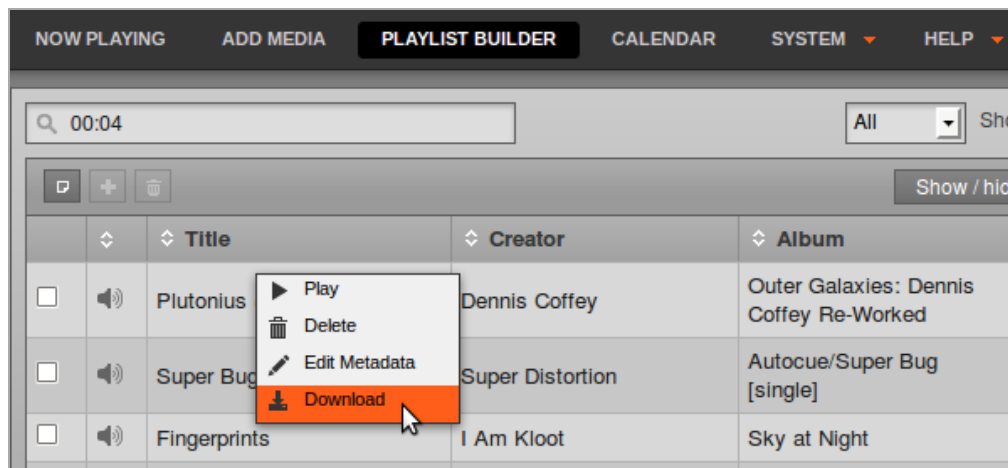
Type a search term into the box in the upper left corner, with the magnifying glass icon. You can search by any library metadata stored in Airtime's database, whether that data is currently displayed or not. For example, to search for all files and playlists between four and five minutes long, enter `00:04` into the search box (for hours and minutes). Like an Internet search engine, the filtered entries shown are refined as you type - there is no need to press the **Enter** key on your keyboard.



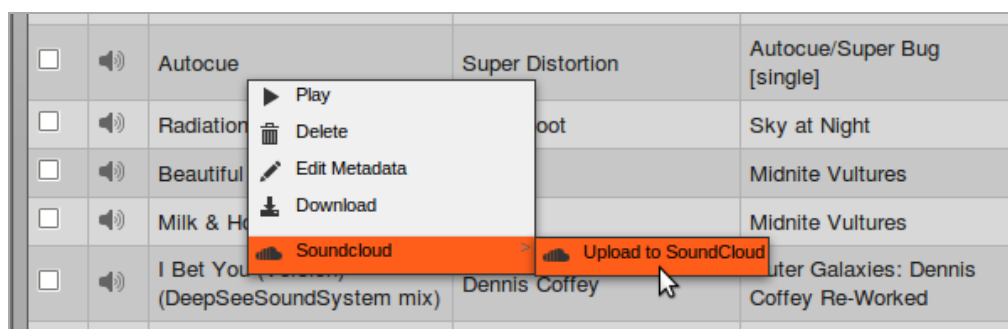
## AUDITIONING, DOWNLOADING AND UPLOADING FILES

Clicking a file row in the table opens a pop-up menu which enables you to **Play** the file for audition in a pop-up window, **Delete** it from the Airtime library, **Edit Metadata** for that file, or **Download** it to your local computer for editing. The **Delete** option should be used with caution, because this action cannot be undone.

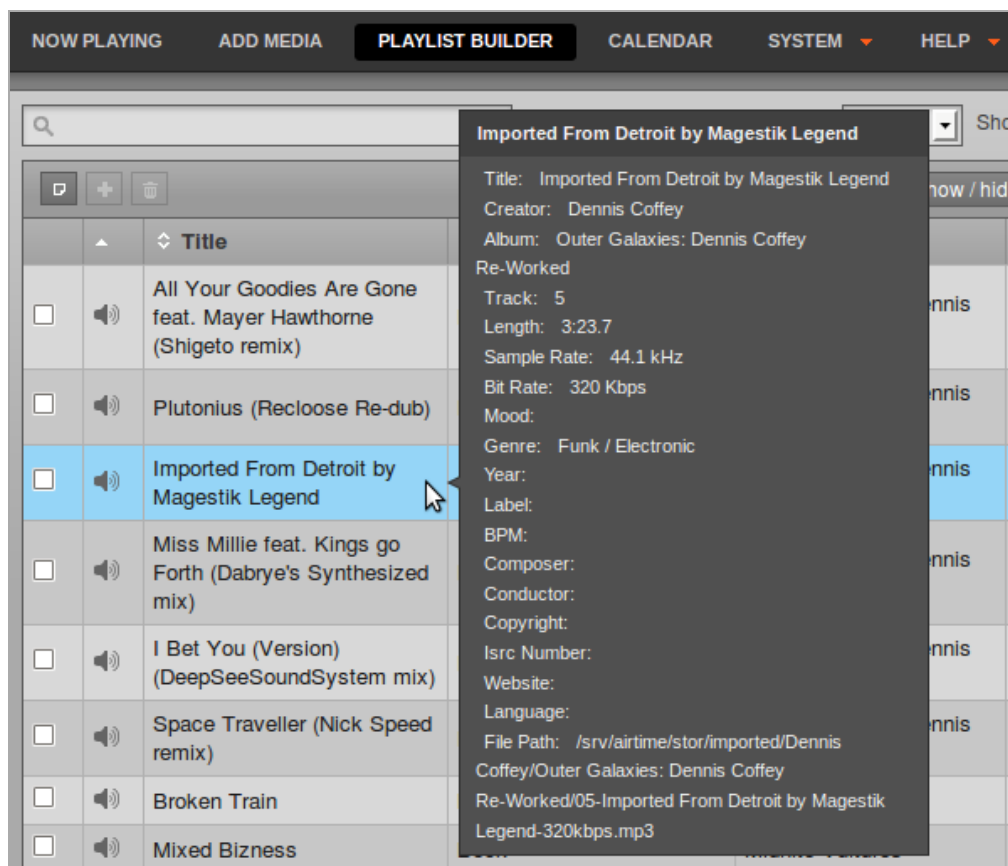




If you have checked the **Enable SoundCloud Upload** box on the Preferences page, there will be an additional option on the pop-up menu, **Upload to SoundCloud**. As mentioned previously, you should only upload audio files to SoundCloud with the permission of the copyright holder.

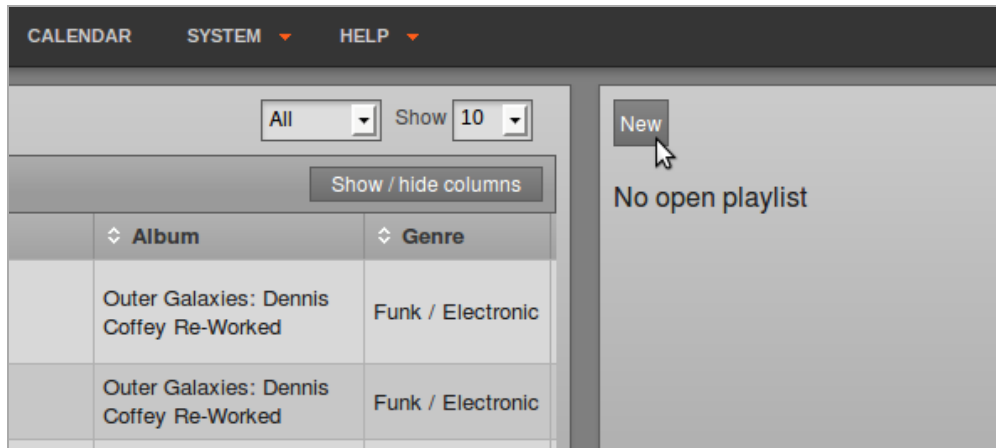


Right-clicking a file or playlist row in the search results will display all the available metadata for that item in a pop-up window.

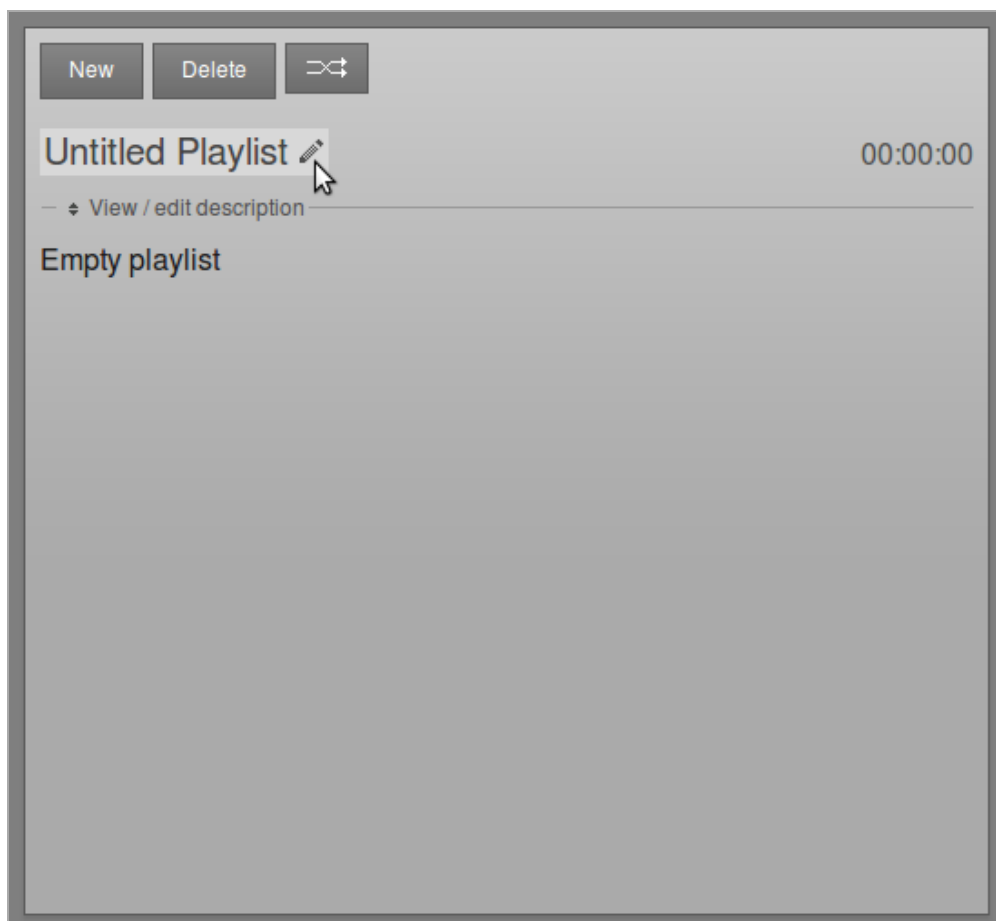


## CREATING A NEW PLAYLIST

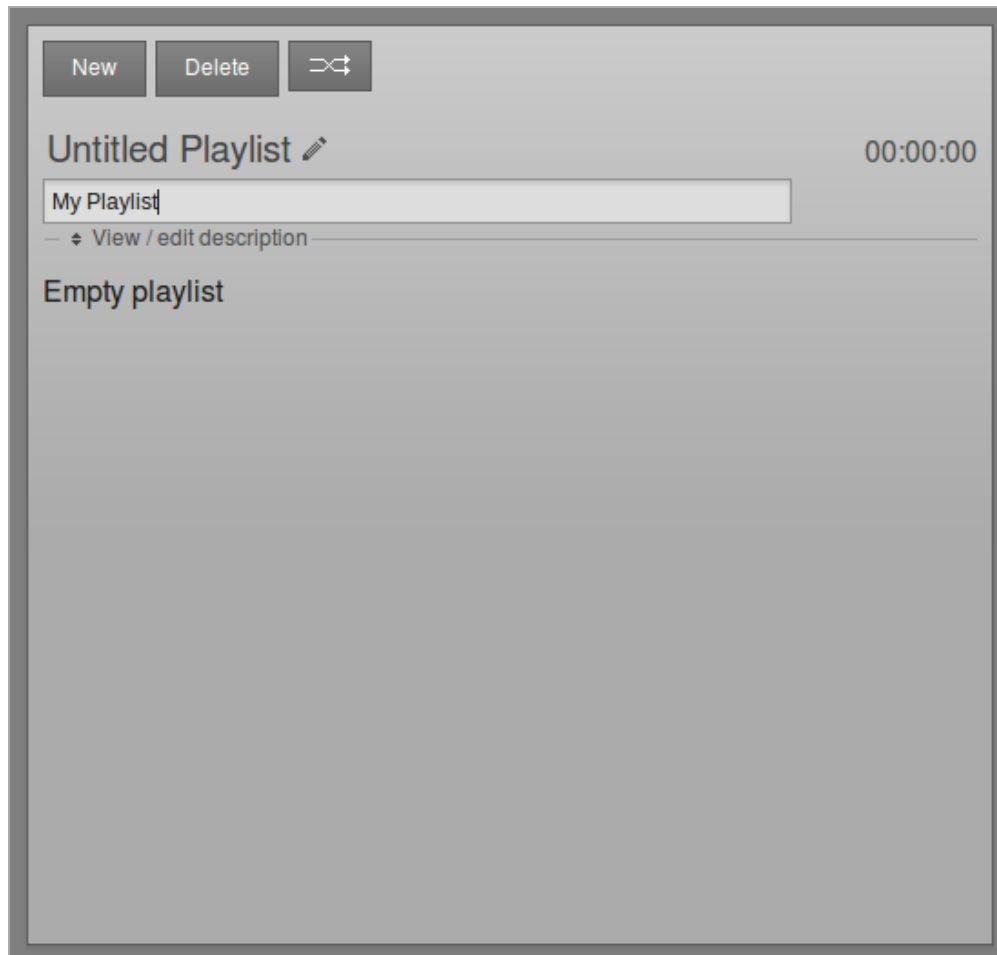
Once you have found the media that you require using the search box, you can create a new playlist on the right hand side of the **Playlist Builder** page. Click the **New** button to begin.



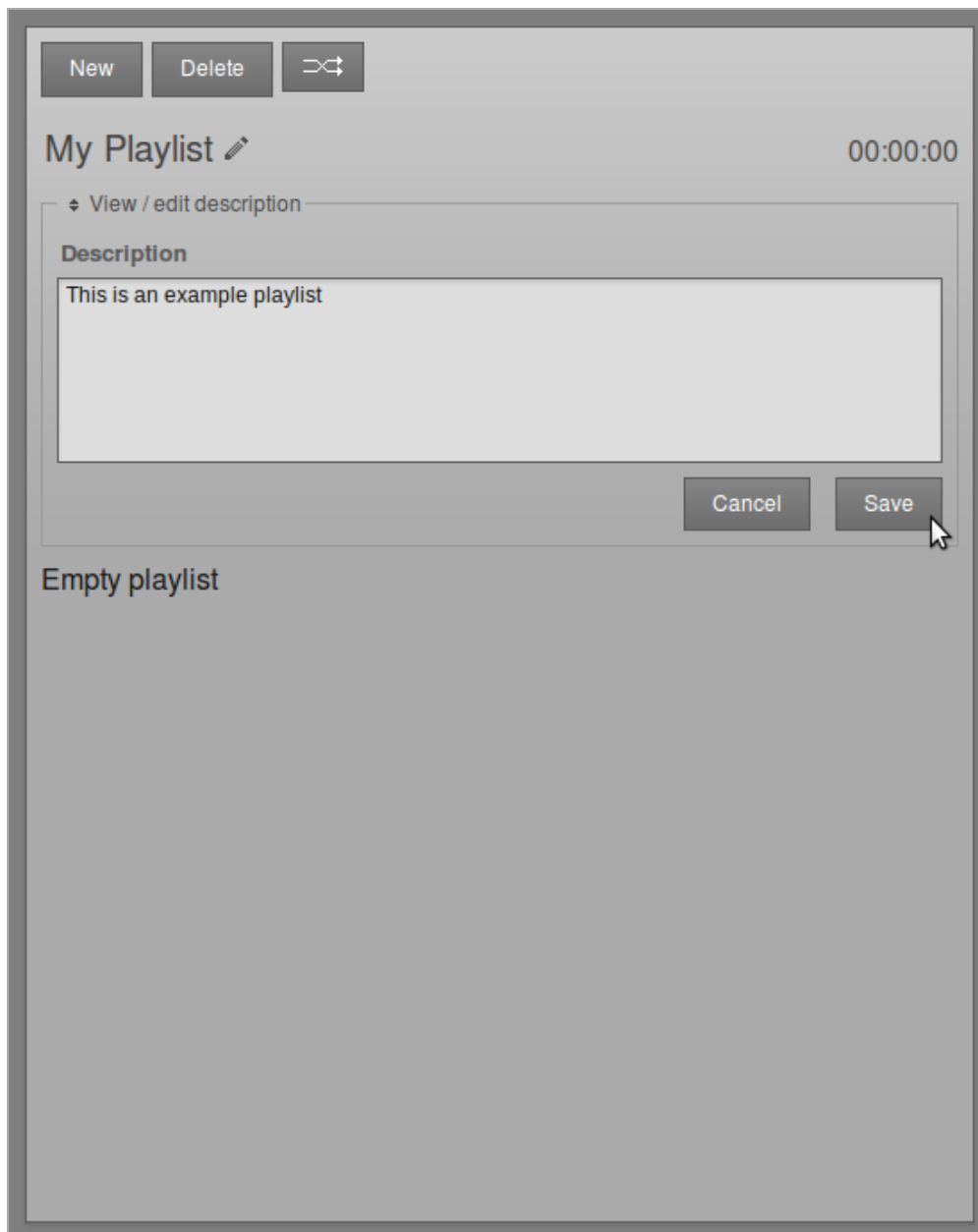
At first, the new playlist will be shown as *Untitled Playlist*. Click on the pencil icon to the right to give the playlist a name.



Enter the name you have chosen, then press the Return key on your keyboard to save the new name. You can edit the name of the playlist later by clicking on the pencil icon again.

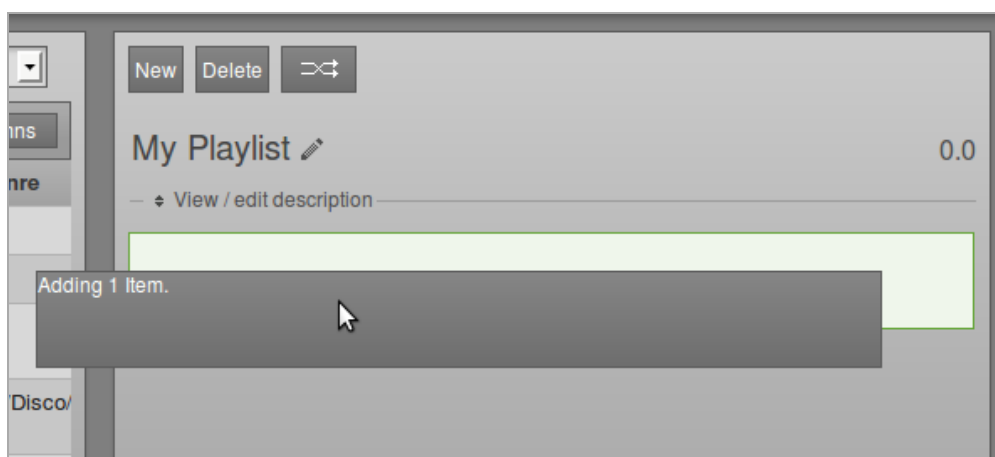


Click the link **View / edit description** to expand a box where you can enter a **Description** for the playlist, then click the **Save** button. Setting good quality metadata here will help you find the playlist using the search box later, so you should be as descriptive as possible.



## EDITING A PLAYLIST

With a playlist open, click on a file in the search results and then click **Add to Playlist** on the pop-up menu. Or drag and drop files from the search results on the left into the playlist on the right.



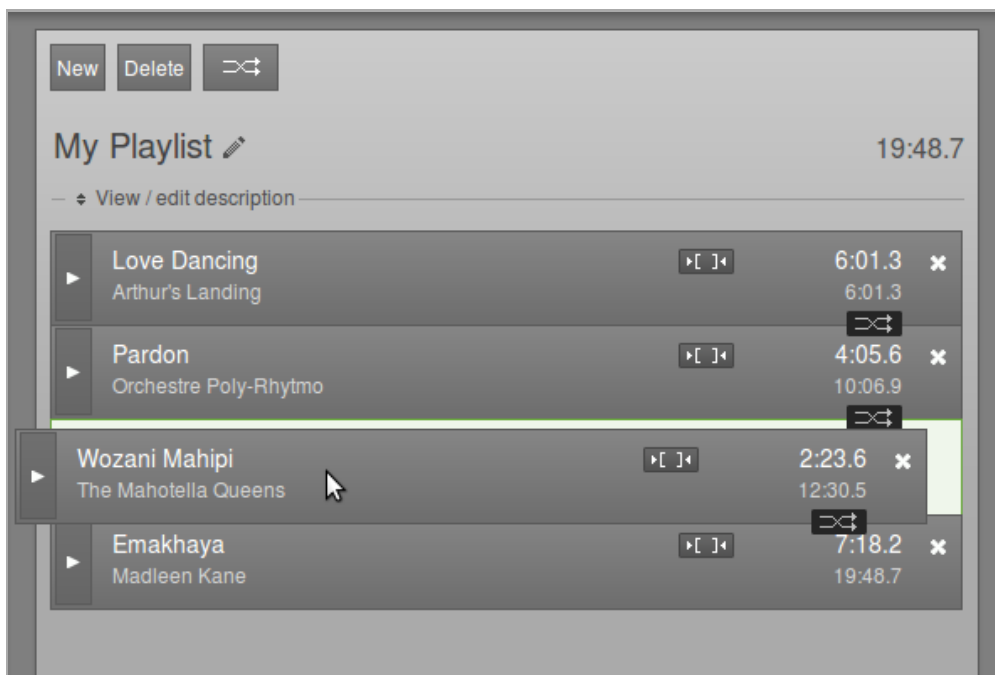
You can also select or deselect a whole page of search results using the button with the square icon, just below the search box. Alternatively, use the checkboxes in the first column of the table to select individual files. Then click the button with the plus icon to add your selection of files to the playlist. Files that you no longer require can be deleted from Airtime's library using the **Trashcan** button.



	◊	◊	◊	Title	Creator	Album
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	🔊			All Your Goodies Are Gone feat. Mayer Hawthorne (Shigeto remix)	Dennis Coffey	Outer Galaxies: Dennis Coffey Re-Worked
<input type="checkbox"/>	🔊			Autocue	Super Distortion	Autocue/Super Bug [single]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	🔊			Beautiful Way	Beck	Midnite Vultures
<input type="checkbox"/>	🔊			Broken Train	Beck	Midnite Vultures
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	🔊			Cherchez Pas	The Heshoo Beshoo Group	Strut Sampler 2011
<input type="checkbox"/>	🔊			Dat Soca Boat	Mighty Shadow	Strut Sampler 2011

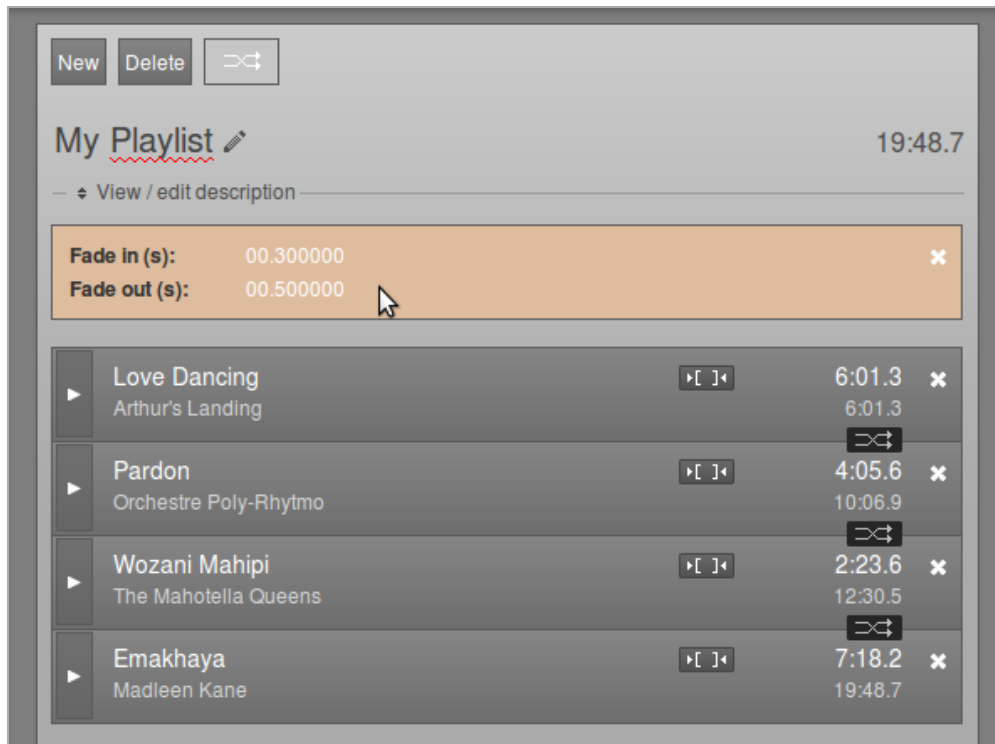
After adding files to the playlist, the total playlist time is displayed in the top right corner. The duration of an individual file is shown in each row of the playlist in a white font, and beneath this figure the time since the beginning of the playlist is displayed in a smaller light grey font.

To audition a playlist file in your web browser, click the white triangle **play** button on the left side of its row. A pop-up audition window will open, with the playlist starting at the file you clicked. Click the small white **x** icon on the right hand side of each row to remove a file from the playlist. You can also drag and drop files to re-order them.

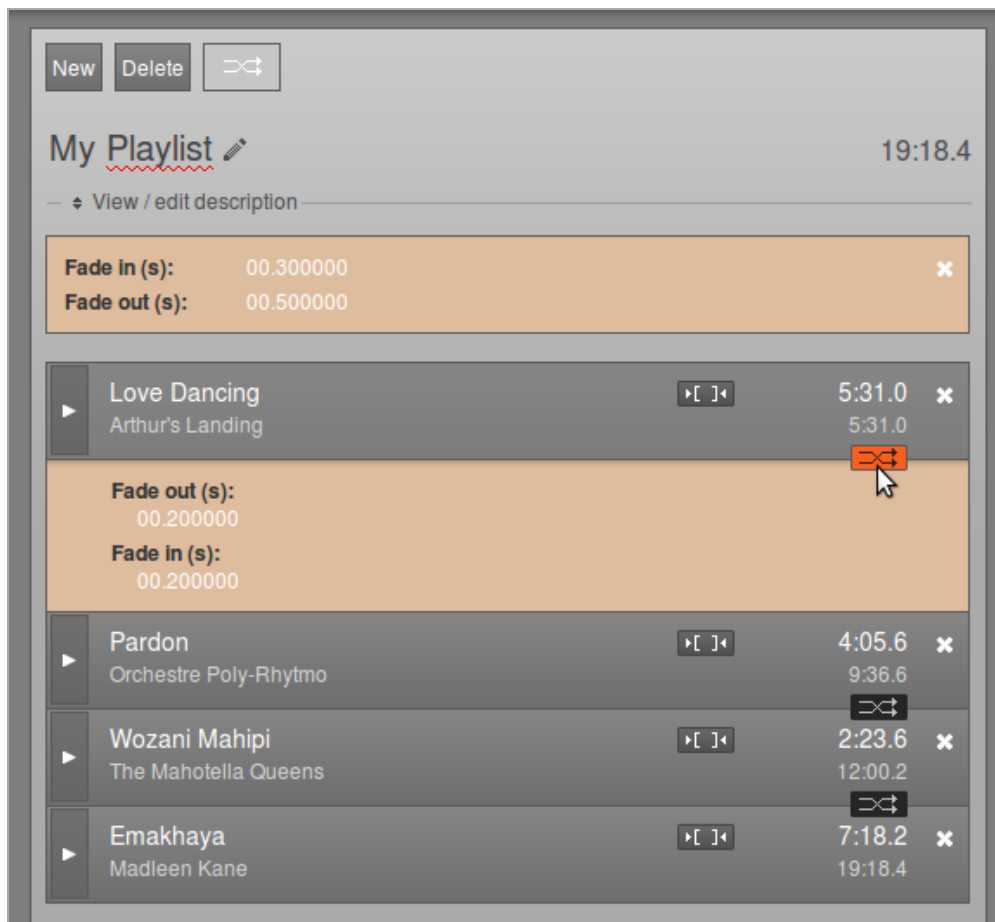


New Delete ⇄			My Playlist 19:48.7	
View / edit description				
▶	Love Dancing Arthur's Landing	⏮ ⏭	6:01.3 6:01.3	×
▶	Pardon Orchestre Poly-Rhythmo	⏮ ⏭	4:05.6 10:06.9	×
▶	Wozani Mahipi The Mahotella Queens	⏮ ⏭	2:23.6 12:30.5	×
▶	Emakhaya Madleen Kane	⏮ ⏭	7:18.2 19:48.7	×

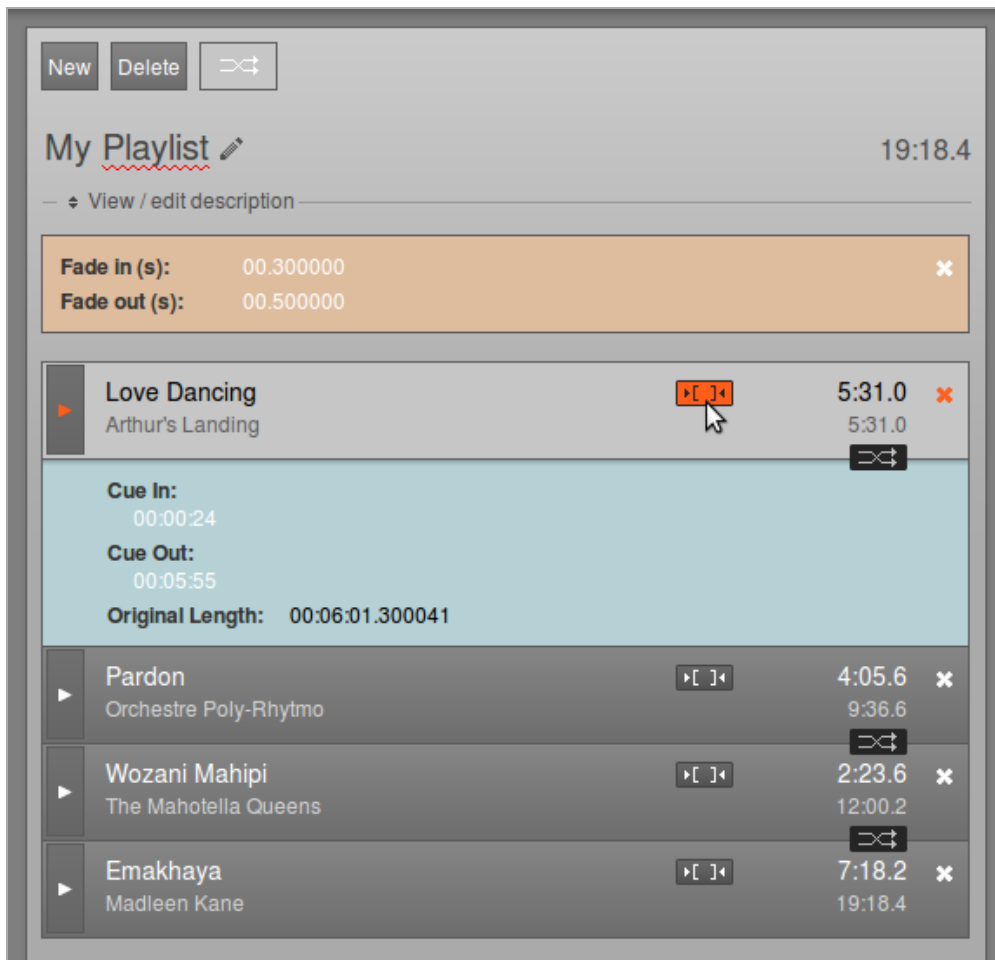
Click the playlist **Fade** button (two horizontal white arrows crossing in a grey rectangle), to the right of the **New** and **Delete** buttons, to open a beige bar in which you can set the **Fade in** and **Fade out** times for this playlist. The default fade time is set in the **Preferences** page on the **System** menu.



Click any one of the smaller **Fade** buttons between file rows to open another beige bar, which enables you to set fade in and fade out times between two adjacent files in the playlist. The fade buttons for adjacent files change to an orange background when you click them.

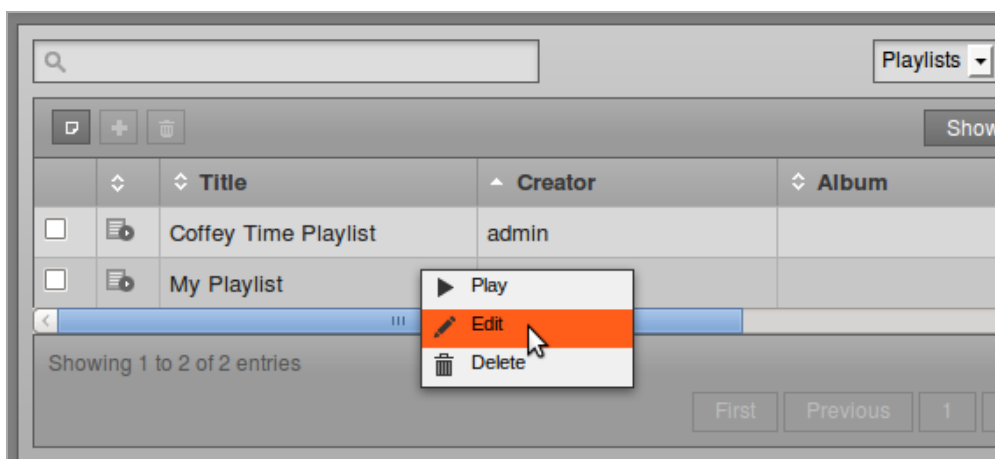


Each file in the playlist also has a button with two square brackets, which enables you to set cue in and cue out times for that particular file. Like the fade button, it changes to an orange background when you click it. The length of the file in the playlist is updated automatically, but the **Original Length** of the file is also displayed for your reference.



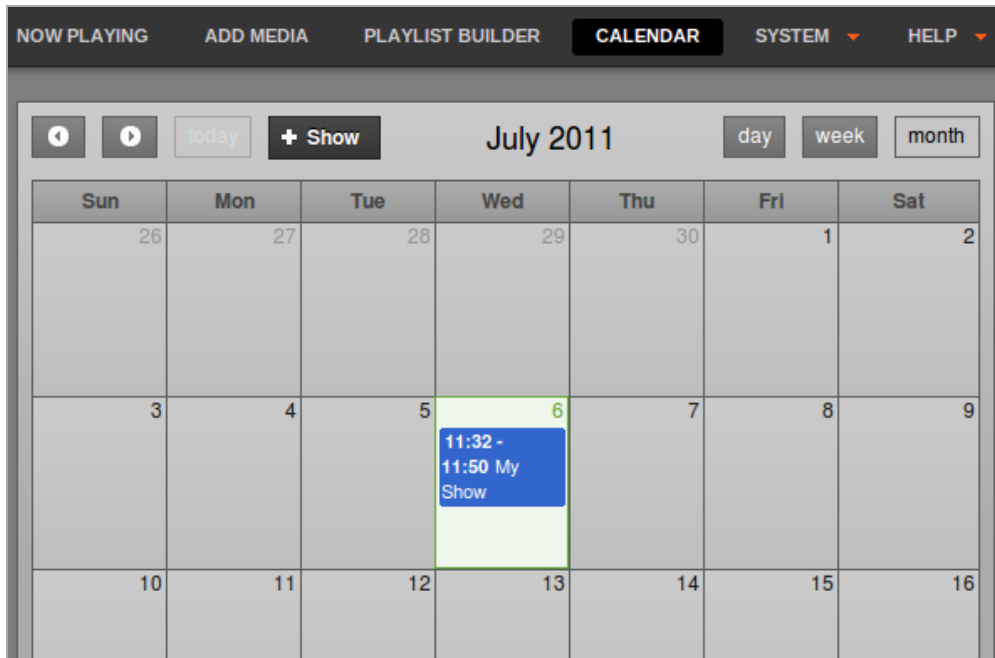
When your playlist is complete, click the **New** button in the top left corner to create another playlist, or browse to another page of the Airtime interface.

If you want to edit the playlist content or metadata later, you can find it by **Title**, **Creator**, **Length** or **Uploaded Date** using the search box on the **Playlist Builder** page. Click the playlist in the search results list, and then click **Edit** from the pop-up menu. You can also **Play** the entire playlist in a pop-up audition window, or **Delete** a playlist from this menu.

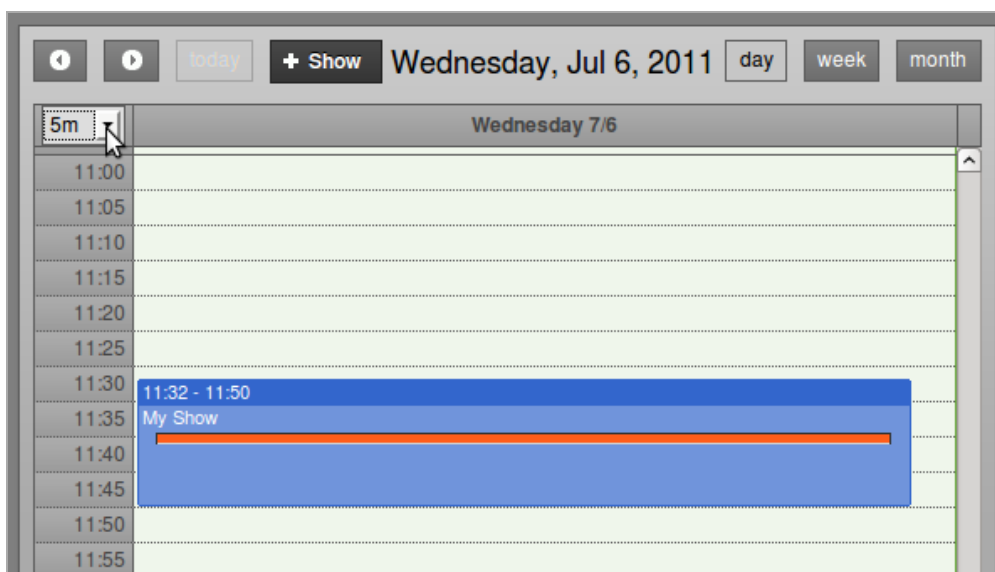


# 15. CALENDAR

The Calendar page of the Airtime administration interface has three views: **day**, **week** and **month**, which can be switched using the grey buttons in the top right corner. By default, the **month** view is shown, with today's date highlighted by a pale green background.



In the top left corner of the page, you can go back or forward through the **Calendar** by clicking on the buttons which have a small grey triangle in a white circle. Click the **today** button to jump to today's date in the current view. (The **today** button will be greyed out if you are already viewing that date). In the **day** or **week** views, there is also a drop-down menu which allows you to set the resolution displayed for the calendar, ranging from one minute per row to sixty minutes per row.





## ADDING A SHOW

Only *Admins* and *Program Managers* can use this feature. To add a new show to the Calendar, click the **+ Show** button in the top left corner of the page, or click on any future row or box in the Calendar which is empty. Either of these actions opens the **Add this show** box, which has six sections, arranged vertically: **What**, **When**, **Live Stream**, **Record & Rebroadcast**, **Who**, and **Style**. Click the small black triangle to the left of the section name if you wish to minimize or maximize it.

### WHAT

In the **What** box, enter the **Name**, public website **URL**, **Genre** and **Description** for the show that you are creating.

NOW PLAYING

ADD MEDIA

PLAYLIST BUILDER

✕ Close

+ Add this show

▸ What

Name:

Funk Show

URL:

http://funky.example.com

Genre:

Funk

Description:

This is an example of a funk show.

▸ When

▸ Live Stream

▸ Record & Rebroadcast

▸ Who

▸ Style

+ Add this show

## WHEN

Next, in the **When** section, if you clicked on a date in the **Calendar** this should already be entered in the **Date/Time Start** field. To set another date for the show, click on the date in the **Date/Time Start** field and select the date that you require from the small pop-up calendar which will appear. Click on the adjacent time field to set the start time for the show, with the pop-up **Hour** and **Minute** box. The Minute values in the pop-up time boxes are rounded to the nearest five minutes. You can also adjust the times manually by clicking into the fields and typing. Repeat the process to set the **Date/Time End** fields. The **Duration** of the show will be displayed automatically, based on the start and end times you have set.

The screenshot shows the 'Calendar' tab in the Airtime software. The interface includes a top navigation bar with 'NOW PLAYING', 'ADD MEDIA', 'PLAYLIST BUILDER', 'CALENDAR', and 'SYSTEM'. The 'When' section is active, displaying fields for 'Date/Time Start', 'Date/Time End', 'Duration', and 'Repeats?'. A pop-up time selection box is open, showing a grid for hours (00-23) and minutes (00, 05, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55). The 'Date/Time Start' field is set to '2012-06-27' and '11:45'. The 'Date/Time End' field is set to '2012-06-27' and '13:00'. The 'Duration' field shows '01h 15m'. The 'Repeats?' checkbox is unchecked. The 'Calendar' view on the right shows a grid for the month of June, with the 27th selected. A list of shows is visible on the right side of the calendar, including 'Show 2' (16:05 - 17:00), 'Show 3' (17:00 - 18:00), 'Time Show' (10:20 - 11:00), and 'Coffey Show' (16:25 - 16:55).

Airtime will only allow you to enter valid times for shows. If you attempt to schedule show times which would be impossible, Airtime will display a warning message.

✕ Close

+ Add this show

▸ What

▸ When

Date/Time Start:

2012-06-27

11:45

Date/Time End:

2012-06-27

11:40

Duration:

-00h 05m

Cannot have duration < 0m

Repeats?

☐

To schedule a regular show, check the **Repeats?** box and select either **weekly**, **bi-weekly** or **monthly** from the **Repeat Type** drop-down menu that will appear. Then check the boxes for the days of the week that you want to schedule the regular show on. Uncheck the **No End?** box and set the **Date End** for the regular show to finish, or leave the **No End?** box checked to schedule the show indefinitely.

▶ **When**

Date/Time Start: 2012-06-27 12:00

Date/Time End: 2012-06-27 13:00

Duration: 01h 00m

Repeats? ☒

Repeat Type: weekly

Select Days:

☐ Sun ☒ Mon ☒ Tue ☒ Wed ☒ Thu ☒ Fri ☐ Sat

Date End: 2012-08-27

No End?

▶ **Live Stream**

▶ **Record & Rebroadcast**

▶ **Who**

▶ **Style**

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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

 Today Close

## LIVE STREAM

The **Live Stream** section can be used to enable live input streams during the show, and also to configure authentication for them. If you check the **Use Airtime Authentication** box, the DJs (presenters) of the show will be able to connect a live stream to Airtime's **Show Source Mount Point** using their login name and password. See the chapter *Stream Settings* for details.

If you check the **Use Custom Authentication** box instead, you can set a one-time username and password pair for live stream input to the show. For example, you may wish to create an authenticated live stream input for a particular remote news reporter, without providing any further access to your Airtime server for that person.

Close + Add this show

▸ What

▸ When

▸ Live Stream

Use Airtime Authentication: *i* ☐

Use Custom Authentication: *i* ☒

Custom Username : *i*

onetime-user

Custom Password :

.....

Connection URL:

http://airtime.example.com:8004/showmount

A reminder of the **Connection URL** for the live input stream to use is shown at the end of the **Live Stream** section.

## RECORD & REBROADCAST

In the **Record & Rebroadcast** section, checking the **Record from Line In?** box enables automatic recording of the soundcard line input, if your Airtime server has one, at the time of the show. Shows set for live recording should not also contain files or playlists. The audio format for live recordings is 256kbps Ogg Vorbis, and the files are saved in the *recorded* folder, under the **Import Folder** path set in the **Media Folders** page on the **System** menu.

If you wish the recording to be played out at a later time, check the **Rebroadcast?** box, and then select up to ten date and time slots in the **Choose Days** box.

✕ Close
+ Add this show

▸ What

▸ When

▸ Live Stream

▸ Record & Rebroadcast

Record from Line In? ☒

Rebroadcast? ☒

Choose Days:

2012-07-04

@

16:00

2012-07-11

@

17:00

✕

2012-07-18

@

15:30

✕

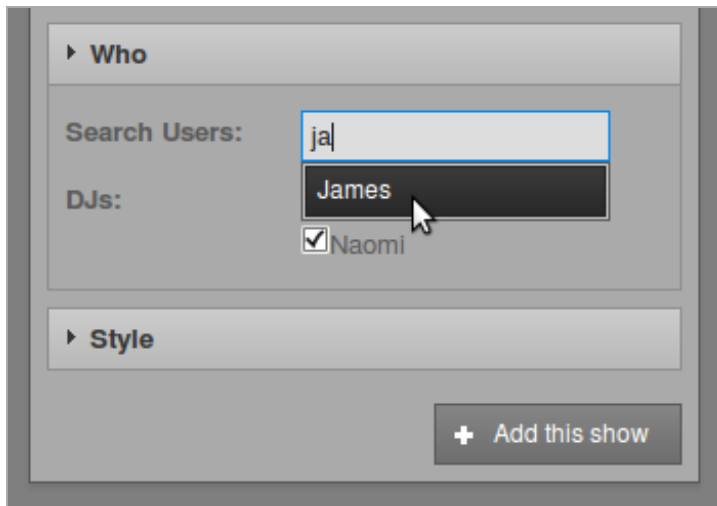
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Shows set for recording have a small red dot icon in the calendar, while rebroadcast shows have a white loop icon.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10 18:00 - 19:00 Funk Show	11	12
15	16	17 18:00 - 19:00 Funk Show	18	19
22	23	24 18:00 - 19:00 Funk Show	25	26
29	30	31	1	2

## WHO

In the **Who** section, type the first few letters of the name of the show's DJ (presenter) in the **Search Users** field to select a name from the Airtime database, or check one of the **DJs** boxes in the vertical list below. This association of a DJ name with a particular show enables that presenter to add playout media to the show, and also to connect a live input stream (if that has been enabled), so it is important to get the DJ's name right.



Who

Search Users: ja

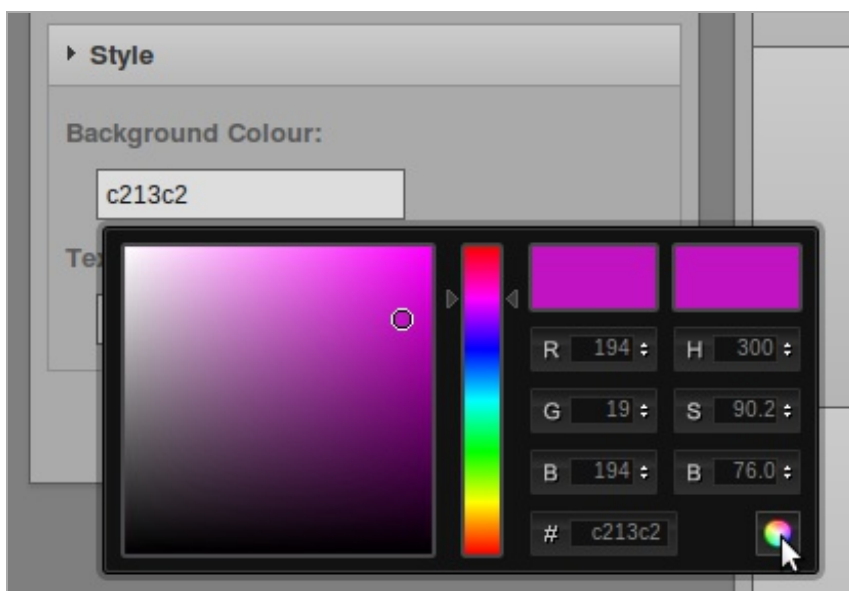
DJs: James  
☒ Naomi

Style

+ Add this show

## STYLE

Finally, select a **Background Colour** and **Text Colour** by clicking the boxes in the **Style** section, so that the new show can be easily identified in the **Calendar**. Click the coloured circle icon in the lower right corner to close this pop-up window.



Style

Background Colour: c213c2

Text

Color Picker Dialog:

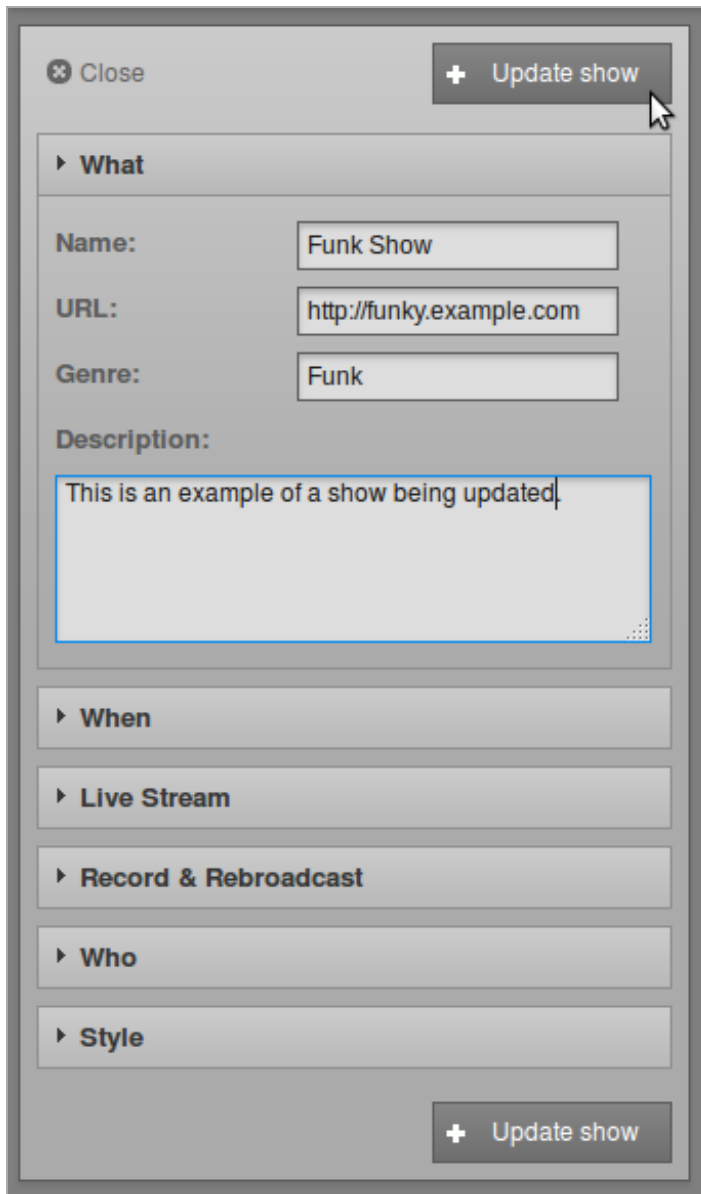
R	194	H	300
G	19	S	90.2
B	194	B	76.0
#	c213c2		

Close icon (colored circle)

Click the **Add this show** button at the top or bottom of the box. The new show will now be displayed in the **Calendar**, with a regular slot if you have chosen to schedule one.

## EDITING A SHOW

Show configuration and metadata can be changed at any time until broadcast of that show commences. Click the show in the Calendar, and select **Edit Show** from the pop-up context menu. This opens the **Update Show** box, which is almost exactly the same as the **Add this Show** box. Click the **+ Update show** button at the top or bottom of the box when you are done.



✕ Close **+ Update show**

▸ **What**

Name:

URL:

Genre:

Description:

▸ **When**

▸ **Live Stream**

▸ **Record & Rebroadcast**

▸ **Who**

▸ **Style**

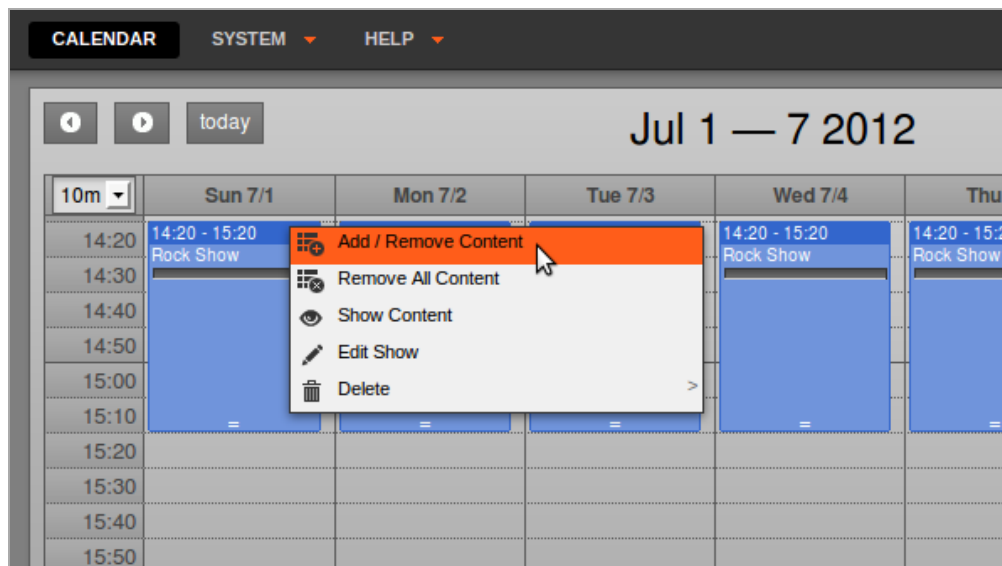
**+ Update show**

Alternatively, individual shows can be clicked on and dragged to new days and times in the calendar. However, Airtime will not allow you to drag a future show into the past, or drag and drop instances of a repeated show. In the **Day** and **Week** views, show length can be adjusted by clicking on the lower edge of the show box, and dragging the edge of the box upwards or downwards. The new show length is calculated automatically.

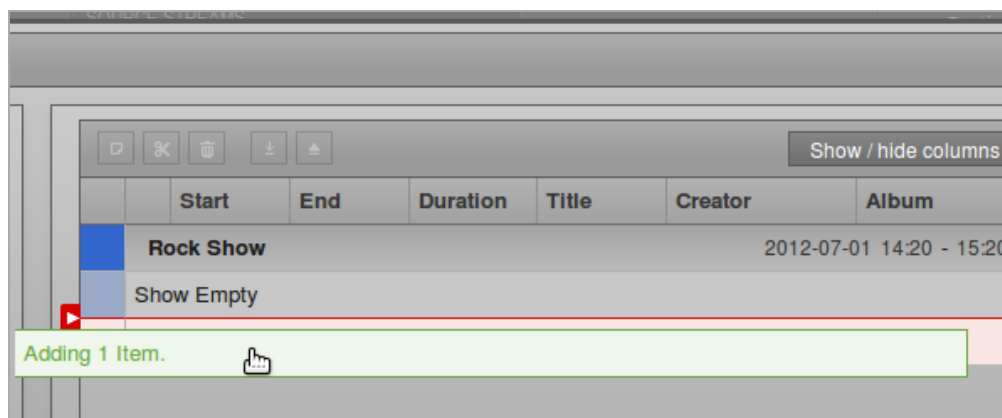
## ADDING CONTENT TO A SHOW

To add content to a show, click the show in any view on the Calendar, and select **Add/Remove Content** from the pop-up menu.

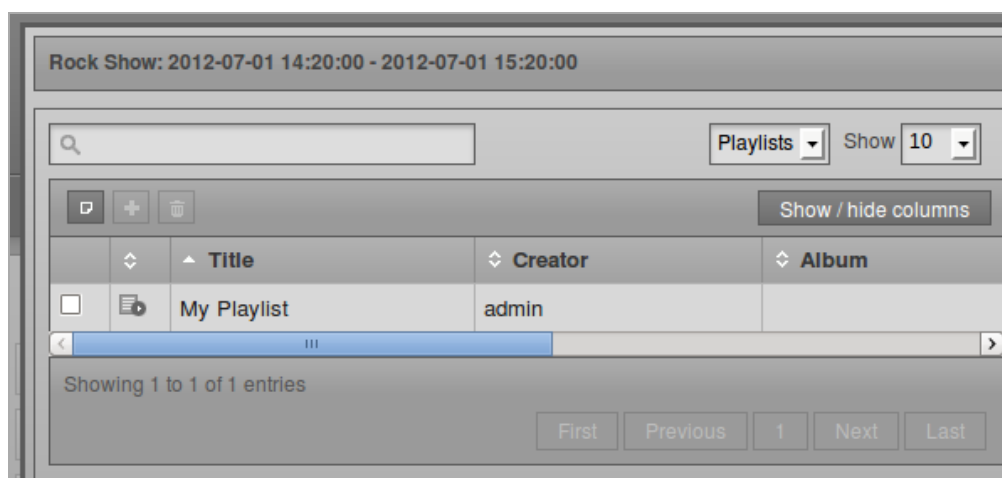








This action opens a window with the name of the show. Like when using the **Playlist Builder** to find files, you can search for files or playlists and drag them into the show schedule on the right side of the page.



Alternatively, use the selection button (with the square icon) or the checkboxes in the first column of the search results to add items to the show, by selecting the items you require, then clicking the plus icon button.



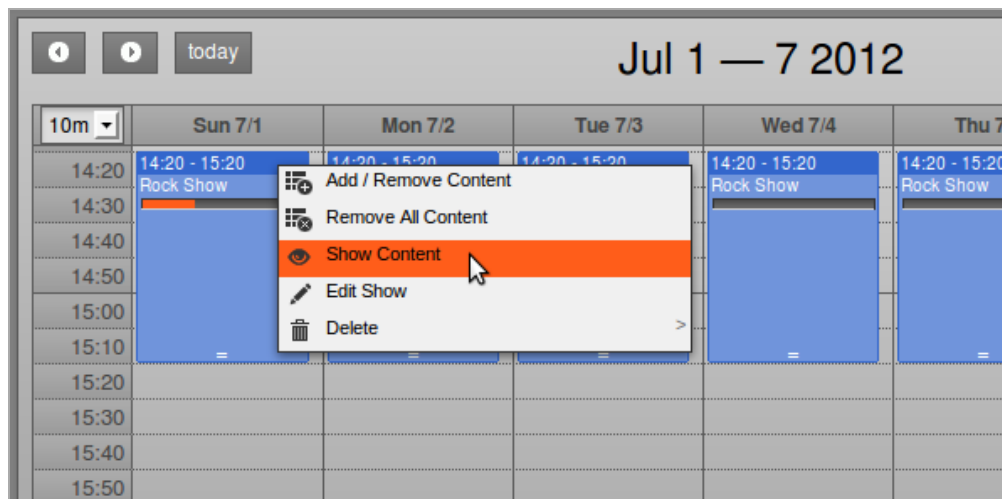
The pink row at the end of the show items table updates automatically to display how much time remains of the allocated show duration, in a red font. Also, a red exclamation mark indicates if the show is not yet complete. This changes to a green check mark when the show duration is reached.

<div> <div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> </div> <div>Show / hide columns</div> </div>						
	Start	End	Duration	Title	Creator	Album
<div> <div>Funk Show</div> <div>2012-06-30 10:45 - 13:10</div> </div>						
<input type="checkbox"/>	 10:45:00	10:50:31	6:01.3	Love Dancing	Arthur's Landing	Strut Sampler 2011
<input type="checkbox"/>	 10:50:31	10:54:36	4:05.6	Pardon	Orchestre Poly-Rhythmo	Cotonou Club
<input type="checkbox"/>	 10:54:36	10:57:00	2:23.6	Wozani Mahipi	The Mahotella Queens	Strut Sampler 2011
<input type="checkbox"/>	 10:57:00	11:04:18	7:18.2	Emakhaya	Madleen Kane	Strut Sampler 2011
<div> <div>!</div> <div>- 2h 5m 42s</div> </div>						

If you add too much media for the duration of the show, Airtime will display the extra minutes and seconds in the last row, in a green font, and payout will be faded when the show ends. Click any item you wish to remove from the show, then click **Delete** on the pop-up menu, or check the box in the item's row then click the **Trashcan** icon at the top of the table.

<input type="checkbox"/>	 12:53:29	13:02:11	8:41.8	(Do The) Spanish Hustle (Danny Krivit Edit)	Fatback Band	Strut Sampler 2011
<input type="checkbox"/>	 13:02:11	13:05:50	3:39.0	Electricone	Lloyd Miller & The Heliocentrics	Strut Sampler 2011
<input type="checkbox"/>	 13:05:50	13:13:08	7:18.2	Emakhaya	Madleen Kane	Strut Sampler 2011
<input type="checkbox"/>	 13:13:08	13:19:03	5:55.3	Cherchez Pas	The Heshoo Beshoo Group	Strut Sampler 2011
<div> <div>✓</div> <div>+ 9m 4s</div> </div>						

When your show has all the required content, click the **OK** button in the bottom right corner to close the window. Back in the **Calendar**, click the show and select **Show content** from the pop-up menu to view a list of content now included in the show.



The **Contents of Show** window is a read-only interface featuring an orange bar which indicates how much media has been added to the show. Click the **OK** button in the bottom right corner, or the white **x** icon in the top right corner, to close the window.

Contents of Show "Rock Show"			
Start	Title	Creator	Alb
2012-07-01 14:20:00	Love Dancing	Arthur's Landing	Str
2012-07-01 14:25:31	Pardon	Orchestre Poly-Rhythmo	Cot
2012-07-01 14:29:36	Wozani Mahipi	The Mahotella Queens	Str
2012-07-01 14:32:00	Emakhaya	Madleen Kane	Str

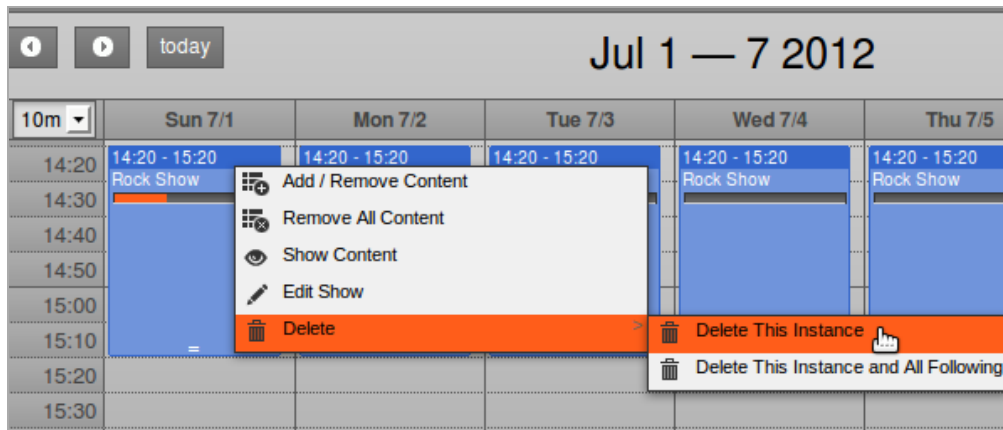
00:19:18.43  01:10:00.00

## REMOVING CONTENT FROM A SHOW

To remove an individual file or playlist from a show, click on the show in the **Calendar**, and select **Add/Remove Content** from the pop-up menu. In the window which opens, click any item you wish to remove from the show, then click **Delete** on the pop-up menu, or check the box in the item's row then click the **Trashcan** icon at the top of the table. To remove all files and playlists from a show, click on the show in the **Calendar**, and select **Remove All Content** from the pop-up menu.

## DELETING A FORTHCOMING SHOW

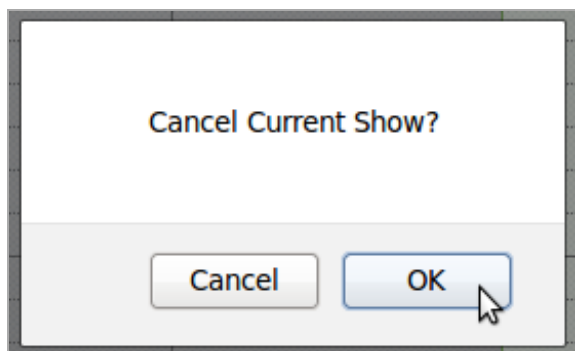
To delete one instance of a forthcoming show, click on the show in the **Calendar**, and select **Delete**, then **Delete This Instance** from the pop-up menu. If you wish to delete all future instances of this particular show, select **Delete This Instance and All Following** from the pop-up menu.



You cannot delete or remove content from shows that have already played out. These shows have only one option on the pop-up menu, which is **Show Content**.

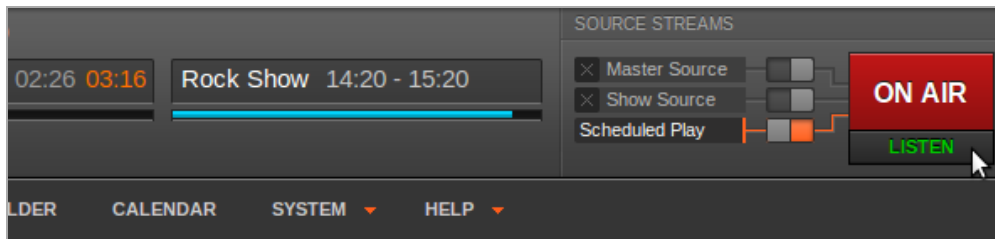
## CANCELING PLAYOUT

If you wish to cancel playout of a playlist-based or pre-recorded show while it is running, click on the show in the **Calendar** and select **Cancel Current Show** from the pop-up menu. Airtime will ask you if you are sure about this action in a dialog box, as it cannot be undone.

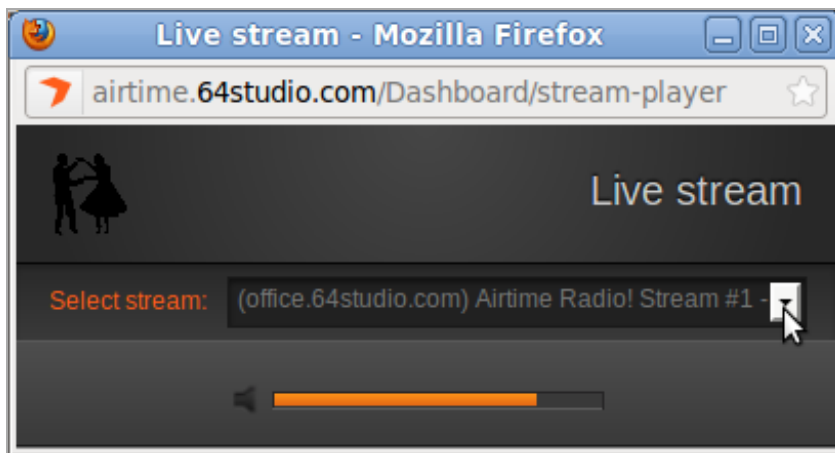


# 16. LISTEN

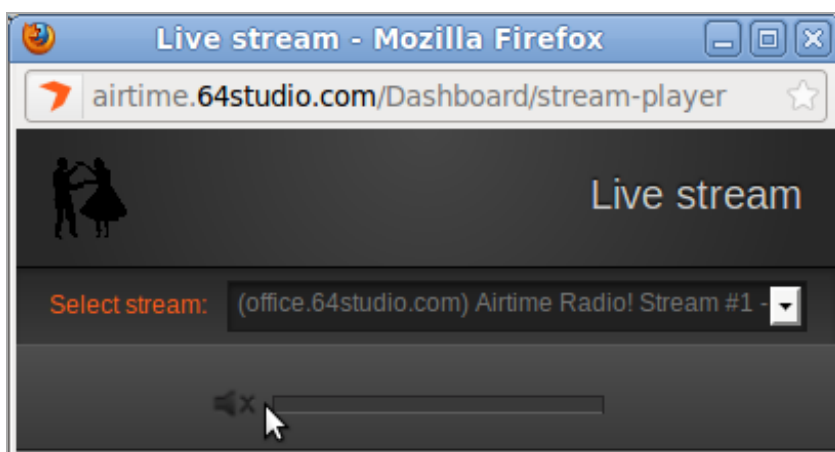
In the Master Panel, beneath the **ON AIR** indicator, you will find the **LISTEN** button.



This button opens a pop-up **Live stream** window, which enables you to monitor the streams that have been configured previously in the **Streams** page on the **System** menu. In the **Live stream** window, a drop-down menu enables you to switch between the streams which are currently available. Both the streaming server and name of the stream are shown. Your station logo is shown in the top left corner of the window, if you have uploaded one via the **Support Feedback** page on the **System** menu.



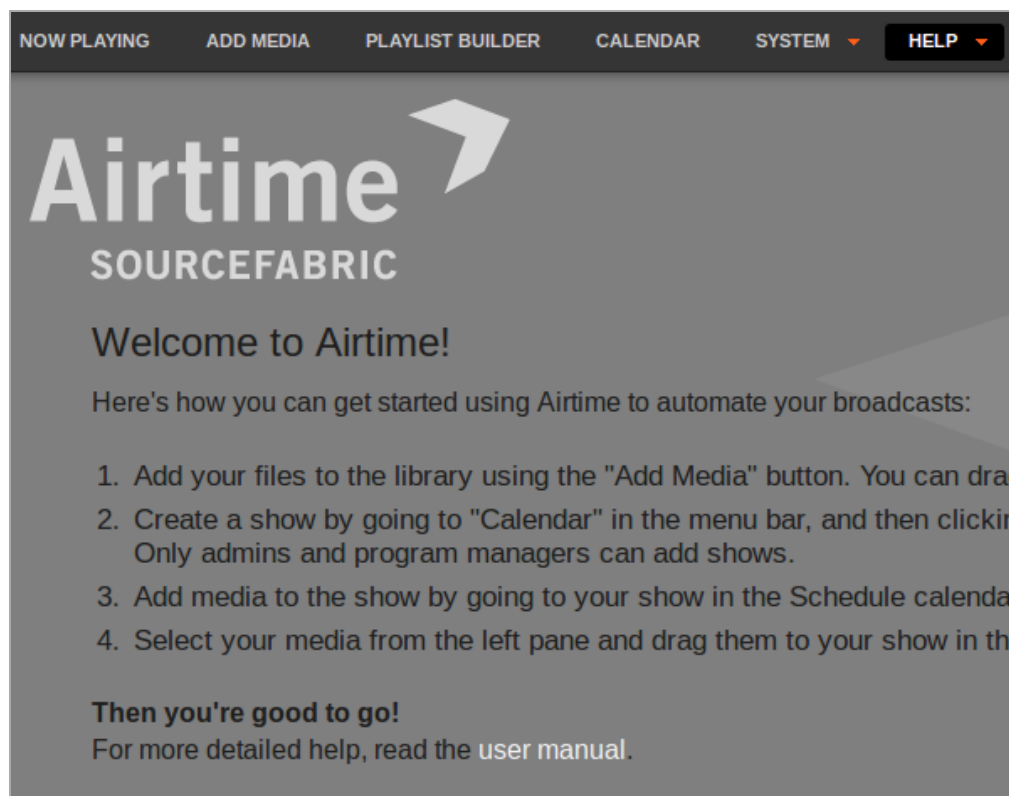
Beneath the drop-down menu for stream selection is an orange volume control bar. This volume control only adjusts the output level of the pop-up **Live Stream** window, not the output level of the Airtime server itself. To adjust output level between muted and maximum, click on the corresponding place in the orange bar, with maximum level on the right side. Click on the left side speaker icon to mute the output.



When you have finished monitoring the streams, you can close the pop-up window in the normal way, depending on the browser you are using. In Firefox, you can close the window by clicking the **X** button in the top right corner. This action will not shut down the output from the Airtime server, only the stream monitoring on your desktop computer.

# 17. HELP

The first entry on Airtime's **Help** menu offers a **Getting Started** guide for new users. Further down, there is also a link to the online version of this **User Manual** and an **About** page, which displays version and licensing information.



You can visit the Airtime online support forum, and sign up for the mailing list, at <http://forum.sourcefabric.org/categories/airtime-support>

This forum is mirrored by the mailing list, so posts on the forum appear on the mailing list and vice versa. You can therefore also post a message there by emailing [airtime-support@lists.sourcefabric.org](mailto:airtime-support@lists.sourcefabric.org)

To subscribe to forum updates via mail, please register or login to the forum by clicking the appropriate link. Then click the 'Subscribe' button at the top of each forum page.

## BUG REPORTING

Airtime needs your input to improve. If you think you've found a bug, please visit <http://dev.sourcefabric.org/> and sign in, using the same login and password that you registered for the Airtime forum. Create a bug report by selecting **Create Issue**, then **Airtime**, and then **Bug**. That way, the Airtime team can keep track of your problem and notify you when it has been fixed. You can also suggest improvements and new features for Airtime on that site.

## CONTACT

Finally, when all other avenues have been exhausted, email us directly at [contact@sourcefabric.org](mailto:contact@sourcefabric.org) and we'll try to help!

## OTHER HELP

The UNESCO publication *Community Radio - A user's guide to the technology*:

[http://en.flossmanuals.net/airtime-en-2-0/help/\\_booki/airtime-en-2-](http://en.flossmanuals.net/airtime-en-2-0/help/_booki/airtime-en-2-0/static/CommunityRadioUserGuide.pdf)

[0/static/CommunityRadioUserGuide.pdf](http://en.flossmanuals.net/airtime-en-2-0/help/_booki/airtime-en-2-0/static/CommunityRadioUserGuide.pdf) features a very comprehensive guide to setting up a community radio station. This guide is aimed at people thinking about setting up a radio station in India, but includes lots of practical advice that would be useful in any country.



# **AIRTIME IN THE STUDIO**

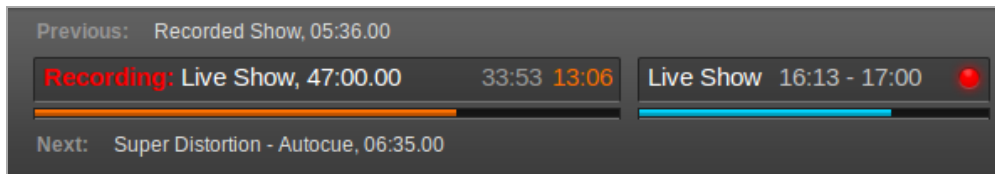
**18. RECORDING SHOWS**

**19. LIVE SHOWS WITH MIXXX**

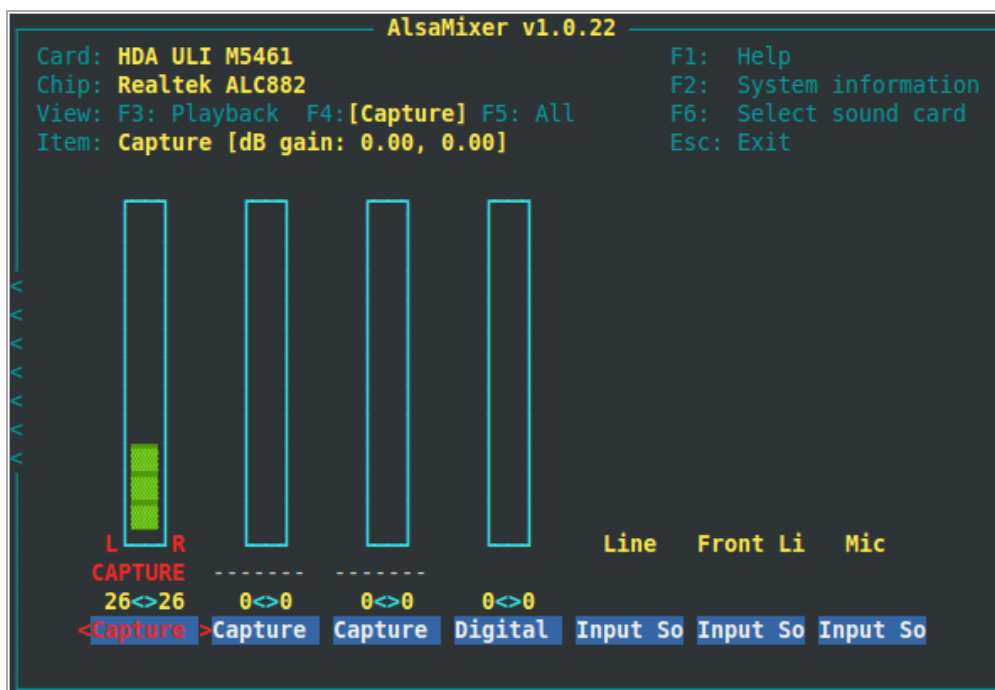
**20. ICECAST AND SHOUTCAST**

# 8. RECORDING SHOWS

Live show recording from the input of the server's sound card, if one is fitted, can be enabled in the **Add Show** box of Airtime's **Calendar** (see the *Calendar* chapter for details). During a recording, a red light is shown in the Master Panel, and the word **Recording** appears in a red font to the left of the show name.



Before the first broadcast show scheduled for recording begins, you should check that the level of recording is sufficient to ensure a good signal to noise ratio, but not so high a level that clipping (distortion) occurs in the recorded file. You can perform this check using the command **alsamixer** on the Airtime server. This command opens a soundcard mixer application in the server console.

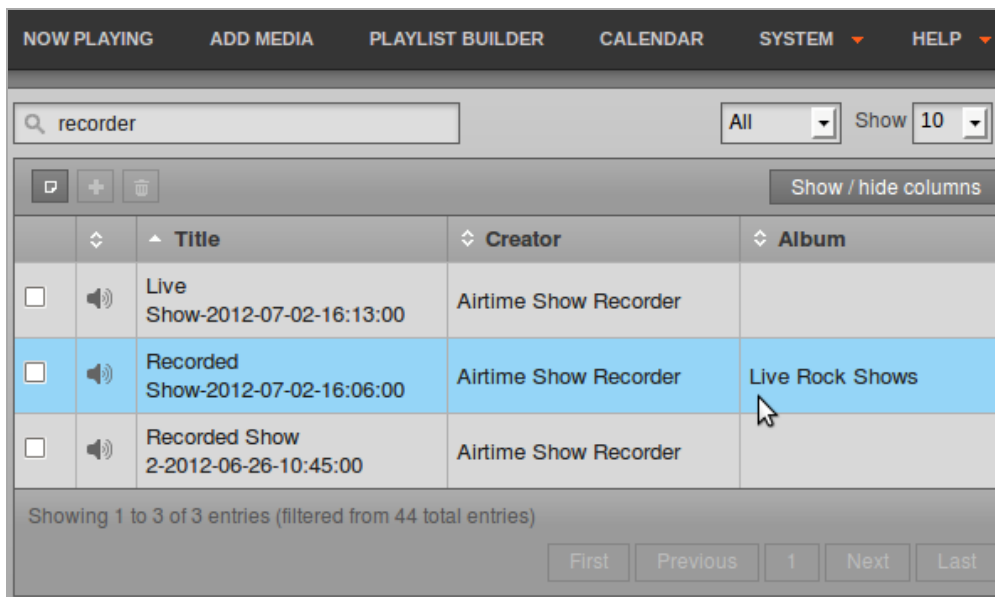


Press the **F4** key on your keyboard to set capture levels. Some experimentation may be required to find the correct control on the mixer, using the **Left** and **Right** arrow keys on your keyboard. Levels are set with the **Up** and **Down** arrows, and *Capture* is toggled with the **Space** bar. *Capture dB gain* should be set to 0.00, 0.00 initially.

If you hear nothing at all in the recording, you may need to set the value of *Input Source* to *Line*, using the **Up** or **Down** arrows. Depending on the particular sound card and sockets you are using, you may have to enable other inputs, such as *Digital* or *S/PDIF*. If a test recording is too quiet, try raising the line output level of your broadcast mixer towards 0dB before increasing gain above 0dB on the sound card, in order to achieve the optimal gain structure.

## USING RECORDINGS

After the recording has finished, you can find the recorded file in the **Playlist Builder**, by searching for *recorder*. The file will be labelled with a **Title** containing a date and time stamp, as well as the name of the show.



The screenshot shows the 'PLAYLIST BUILDER' tab in a software interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'NOW PLAYING', 'ADD MEDIA', 'PLAYLIST BUILDER', 'CALENDAR', 'SYSTEM', and 'HELP'. Below these is a search bar containing the text 'recorder'. To the right of the search bar are two dropdown menus: 'All' and 'Show 10'. Below the search bar is a toolbar with icons for a folder, a plus sign, and a trash can, along with a 'Show / hide columns' button. The main area is a table with three columns: 'Title', 'Creator', and 'Album'. The table contains three entries. The second entry is highlighted in blue. At the bottom of the table, there is a status bar that says 'Showing 1 to 3 of 3 entries (filtered from 44 total entries)'. Below the status bar are navigation buttons: 'First', 'Previous', '1', 'Next', and 'Last'.

	◇	▲ Title	◇ Creator	◇ Album
<input type="checkbox"/>	🔊	Live Show-2012-07-02-16:13:00	Airtime Show Recorder	
<input type="checkbox"/>	🔊	Recorded Show-2012-07-02-16:06:00	Airtime Show Recorder	Live Rock Shows
<input type="checkbox"/>	🔊	Recorded Show 2-2012-06-26-10:45:00	Airtime Show Recorder	

Showing 1 to 3 of 3 entries (filtered from 44 total entries)

First Previous 1 Next Last

Click a file and select **Edit Metadata** from the pop-up menu to enter additional details of the recording which will help you find it in searches later, such as **Album** or **Language**. Then click the **Save** button.

NOW PLAYING
ADD MEDIA
PLAYLIST BUILDER
CAL

## Edit Metadata

**Title:** Recorded Show-2012-07-02-16:06:0

**Creator:** Airtime Show Recorder

**Album:** Live Rock Shows

**Track:** 35

**Genre:** Funk

**Year:** 2012

**Label:**

**Composer:**

**Conductor:**

**Mood:**

**BPM:**

**Copyright:** Rock n' Roll Radio

**ISRC Number:**

**Website:** http://radio.example.com

**Language:** Canadian

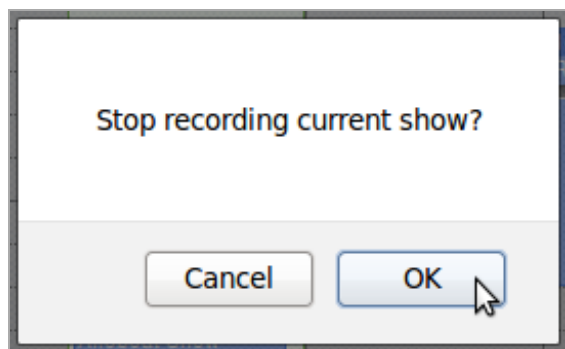
Save
Cancel

## CANCELLING A RECORDING

If you wish to cancel the recording of a live show, click on the show in the **Calendar** and select **Cancel Current Show** from the pop-up menu.

16:10		16:13 - 17:00				
16:20		Live Show				
16:30						
16:40						
16:50						
17:00		17:00 - 18:30				
17:10		Playlisted Show				
17:20						
17:30						
17:40						
17:50						

Airtime will ask you if you are sure about this action, as it cannot be undone. The recorded show file in the Airtime storage server will be truncated if you click the **OK** button.



# 19. LIVE SHOWS WITH MIXXX

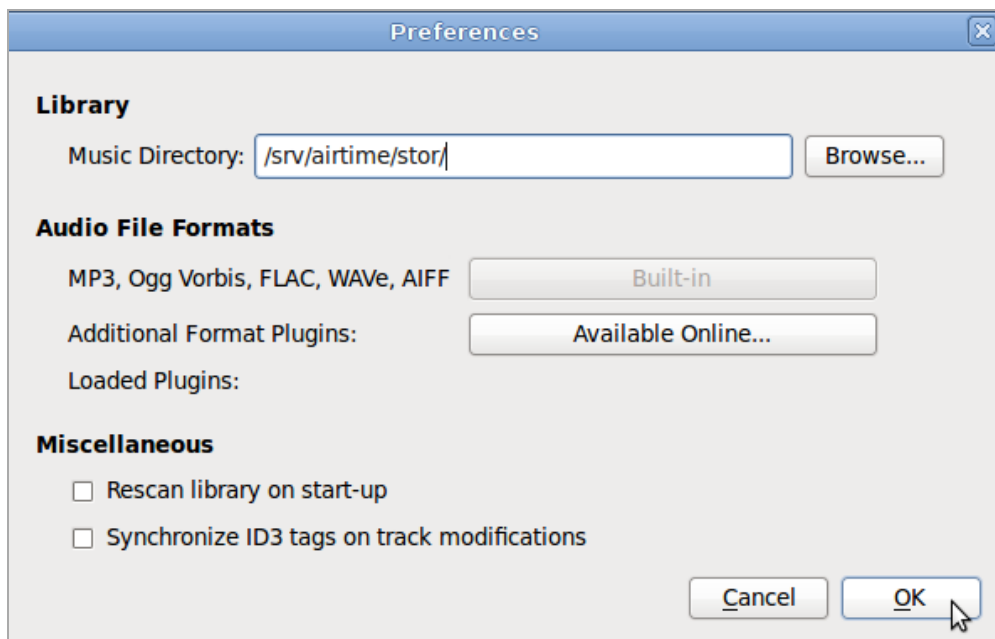
Mixxx is a cross-platform Open Source application for DJs, available from <http://www.mixxx.org/>

Installed on a desktop or laptop computer, Mixxx complements your Airtime server to provide a complete system for both live and scheduled broadcasting. Although Mixxx has many features designed for dance music DJs that require beat matching and pitch independent time stretching, the program can be used for any kind of manually triggered broadcast playout, including live speech shows such as news or current affairs.

Mixxx supports a wide variety of popular hardware control surfaces, which can be connected to your computer using a USB cable. A control surface might replace or augment an analogue mixer in your studio, depending on your live mixing and playout requirements.

## SHARING STORAGE

If you make the Airtime server's storage directory `/srv/airtime/stor/` accessible to a desktop machine as a read-only location, Mixxx will accept that location as its default music library when starting up for the first time. (This location can also be configured after installation by clicking Options, then Preferences, then Library in the main Mixxx menu).



You may need to adjust file and directory permissions so that the storage directory has read access from the desktop user account. Enabling write access directly to the storage server is not recommended, as this would allow desktop users to delete files which might be needed for playout later.

If the filesystem path has been configured correctly, the metadata for the files in the Airtime storage server will be displayed in the main window of the Mixxx interface. Individual files from the Airtime storage server can then be added to either of Mixxx's live players with a right-click on the filename, or by using the appropriate hardware buttons on a control surface. Therefore it is possible to manage the station's storage archive remotely and collaboratively through Airtime, while using Mixxx as the live playout client in multiple, remote studios.

Search...	Artist	Title	Duration	
Library	Orchestre Poly-Rythmo	Pardon	4:06	/srv/airtime/
Auto DJ	The Heshoo Beshoo Group	Cherchez Pas	5:55	/srv/airtime/
Playlists	Ebo Taylor	Love And Death	6:55	/srv/airtime/
Crates	Lloyd Miller & The Heliocentrics	Electricone	3:39	/srv/airtime/
Browse	Ebo Taylor	Peace On Earth	7:44	/srv/airtime/
Analyze	Madleen Kane	Emakhaya	7:18	/srv/airtime/
Rhythmbox	Arthur's Landing	Love Dancing	6:01	/srv/airtime/
	The Countach	My Oasis	5:00	/srv/airtime/
	Mighty Shadow	Dat Soca Boat	4:50	/srv/airtime/
	Mulatu Astatke	Green Africa	5:14	/srv/airtime/
	The Mahotella Queens	Wozani Mahipi	2:24	/srv/airtime/

The Airtime storage archive can be exported like any other file server share. The method that you implement would depend on the operating system of your desktop client machines, and whether they were on the same local network as the Airtime server, or remote.

For performance and redundancy reasons it is advisable to cache files required for a particular show on the client machine where Mixxx is installed. For example, for a GNU/Linux client machine, a nightly **rsync** download of new media in the archive would guard against network problems at playout time potentially disrupting a broadcast at a remote studio.

Mixxx users can also record a show, and then upload it through the Airtime web interface on a local or remote server for collaborative or user-generated broadcasts.

## STREAMING FROM MIXXX INTO AIRTIME

Mixxx 1.9.0 or later includes a live streaming client which, like Airtime, is compatible with the **Icecast** and **SHOUTcast** media servers. This feature can also be used to stream from Mixxx directly into a show in the Airtime schedule.

☒ **Enable live broadcasting**

*Please note that for technical reasons changing any shoutcast settings will cause an established connection to disconnect and reconnect.*

**Server connection**

Type	<input type="text" value="Icecast 2"/>	Mount	<input type="text" value="showmount"/>
Host	<input type="text" value="airtime.example.com"/>	Port	<input type="text" value="8004"/>
Login	<input type="text" value="source"/>	Password	<input type="text" value="*****"/>

**Stream settings**

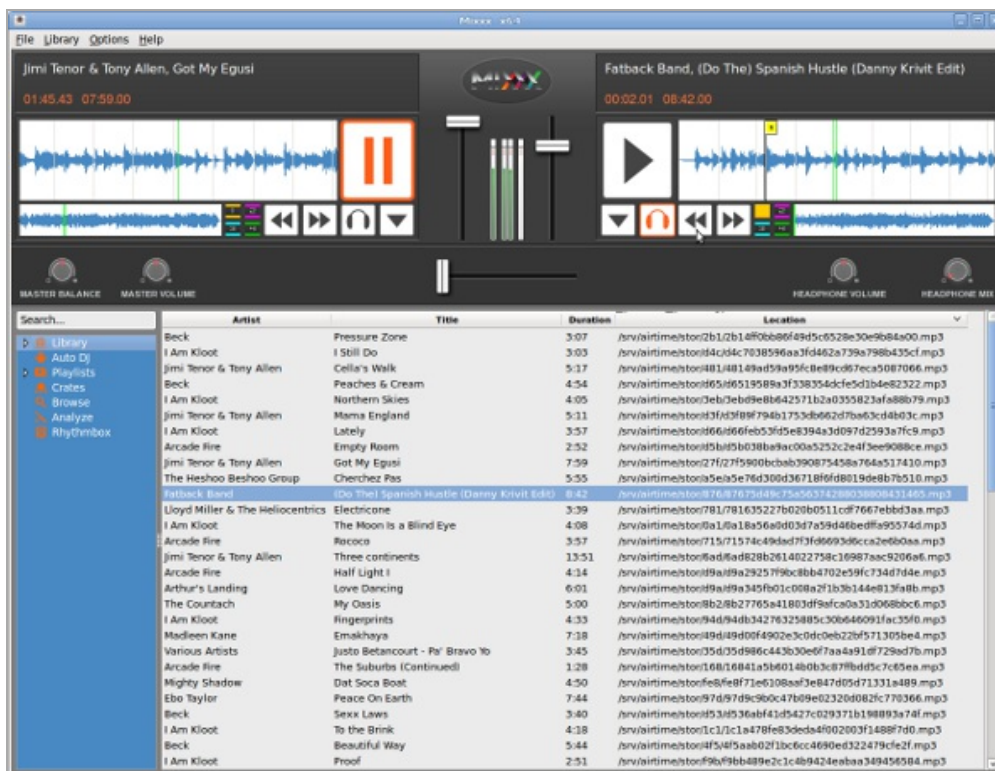
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public stream	Bitrate	Format
Stream name <input type="text" value="Mixxx Stream"/>	<input type="text" value="192 kbps"/>	<input type="text" value="Ogg Vorbis"/>
Website <input type="text" value="http://www.mixxx.org"/>	<b>Custom metadata</b>	
Description <input type="text" value="Streaming to an Airtime server"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Enable custom metadata	
Genre <input type="text" value="Live Mix"/>	Artist <input type="text"/>	Title <input type="text"/>

To configure **Mixxx** for streaming into **Airtime**, click *Options, Preferences*, then *Live Broadcasting*. For server *Type*, select the default of *Icecast 2*. For **Host**, **Mount**, **Port**, **Login** and **Password**, use the settings configured in the **Airtime Preferences** page, on the **System** menu. See the chapter *Stream settings* for remote input connection details.

## AIRTIME SKINS FOR MIXXX

Airtime-themed skins for Mixxx, designed with broadcast users in mind, are available for download from <https://sourceforge.net/projects/airtime/files/>

These skins provide a simplified interface for live broadcasting which do away with EQ, flange effect, looping and other features required by dance music DJs. Instead, the emphasis is on a clear and uncluttered interface which does not require large mouse movements to operate the most important controls. There are versions available both with and without pitch/tempo controls for beat matching.



After downloading one of the skins, extract the zip file and copy it to the *skins* directory on the computer where Mixxx is installed. For example, on Debian or Ubuntu:

```
unzip Airtime1280x1024_skin_for_Mixxx.zip
sudo cp -r Airtime1280x1024 /usr/share/mixxx/skins/
```

Then, start Mixxx and select the Airtime skin by clicking *Options, Preferences*, then *Interface* in the Mixxx main menu.



Preferences

Airtime1280x1024

This skin does not support schemes

On

Position

On

10%

Up increases speed

On

Simple

**Buttons**

0.50%

0.05%

**Temporary Pitch/Rate Buttons**

Left click 4.00%

Right click 2.00%

100

Cancel OK

# 20. ICECAST AND SHOUTCAST

Airtime supports direct connection to two popular streaming media servers, the open source **Icecast** (<http://www.icecast.org>) and the proprietary **SHOUTcast** (<http://www.shoutcast.com>). Apart from the software license, the main difference between these two servers is that Icecast supports simultaneous MP3 and Ogg Vorbis streaming from Airtime, whereas SHOUTcast supports MP3 but not Ogg Vorbis. The royalty-free Ogg Vorbis format has the advantage of better sound quality at lower bitrates, which has a direct impact on the amount of bandwidth that your station will require to serve the same number of listeners.

Ogg Vorbis playback is supported in **Mozilla Firefox**, **Google Chrome** and **Opera** browsers, via **jPlayer** (<http://jplayer.org/>), and is also supported in several popular media players, including VideoLAN Client, also known as VLC (<http://www.videolan.org/vlc/>). (See the chapter *Stream player for your website* on how to deliver **jPlayer** to your audience).

Streaming MP3 below a bitrate of 128kbps is not recommended for music, because of a perceptible loss of high audio frequencies in the broadcast playout. A 96kbps or 64kbps MP3 stream may be acceptable for voice broadcasts if there is a requirement for compatibility with legacy hardware playback devices which do not support Ogg Vorbis streams.

Because Airtime supports simultaneous streaming in both formats, it is possible to offer one stream via your website, and another independent stream for direct connection from hardware players. You can test whether Ogg Vorbis streams sound better at low bitrates for yourself, by using the **LISTEN** button in Airtime's **Master Panel** to switch between streaming formats.

Conversely, you may have a music station which wants to stream at 160kbps or 192kbps to offer a quality advantage over stations streaming at 128kbps or less. Since both Ogg Vorbis and MP3 formats use lossy compression, listeners will only hear the benefit of higher streaming bitrates if the media files in the Airtime storage server are encoded at an equivalent bitrate, or higher.

## UTF-8 METADATA IN ICECAST MP3 STREAMS

When sending metadata about your stream to an Icecast server in non-Latin alphabets, you may find that Icecast does not display the characters correctly for an MP3 stream, even though they are displayed correctly for an Ogg Vorbis stream. In the following screenshot, Russian characters are being displayed incorrectly in the *Current Song* field for the MP3 stream:

### Mount Point /airtime.mp3

Stream Title: airtime.mp3  
Stream Description: Airtime Radio!  
Content Type: audio/mpeg  
Mount started: Sun, 18 Sep 2011 18:59:23 -0400  
Bitrate: 128  
Current Listeners: 0  
Peak Listeners: 0  
Stream Genre: genre  
Stream URL: <http://airtime.sourcefabric.org>  
Current Song: Ð ÐµÐ°Ð»ÑÐ½ÑÐ¹ ÑÐ°Ð·Ð³Ð¾Ð²Ð¾Ñ - Anthrax - I'm

### Mount Point /airtime.ogg

Stream Title: airtime.ogg  
Stream Description: Airtime Radio!  
Content Type: application/ogg  
Mount started: Sun, 18 Sep 2011 18:59:23 -0400  
Quality: 0.3  
Current Listeners: 0  
Peak Listeners: 0  
Stream Genre: genre  
Stream URL: <http://airtime.sourcefabric.org>  
Current Song: Реальный разговор - Anthrax - I'm The Man

The solution is to specify that the metadata for the MP3 mount point you are using should be interpreted using UTF-8 encoding. You can do this by adding the following stanza to the `/etc/icecast2/icecast.xml` file, where `airtime.mp3` is the name of your mount point:

```
<mount>
  <mount-name>/airtime.mp3</mount-name>
  <charset>UTF-8</charset>
</mount>
```

After saving the `/etc/icecast2/icecast.xml` file, you should restart the Icecast server:

```
sudo invoke-rc.d icecast2 restart
Restarting icecast2: Starting icecast2
Detaching from the console
icecast2.
```

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# 21. PREPARING THE SERVER

The following instructions assume that you have root access (**sudo** on Ubuntu) to a GNU/Linux server, and are familiar with basic command line tasks. Experienced system administrators may prefer to skip to the *Expert install* chapter in the appendix of this book after preparing the server as shown in the steps below.

The recommended Airtime server platform is Ubuntu 10.04 'Lucid Lynx' LTS. Ubuntu 12.04 'Precise Pangolin' and Debian 6.0 'squeeze' are also supported options. Users of other GNU/Linux distributions may be able to adapt these instructions to suit their needs.

The server should have at least a 1GHz processor and 512MB of RAM, preferably 1GB RAM or more. If you are using a desktop environment and web browser directly on the server you should install at least 2GB RAM, to avoid swapping to disk.

The Airtime installation does not use much disk space, but you should allow plenty of storage capacity for the Airtime library. A hot-swap RAID array is recommended for media storage, in case of disk failure. You should also consider a UPS or other battery-powered system to offer some protection against short-term power failures.

The Airtime web administration interface is intended to work with any browser, on any desktop or mobile platform with a minimum display size of 1024x768 pixels. Airtime looks its best on a high definition display of 1920x1080 pixels. The recommended web browser is **Mozilla Firefox 13** (or a later version). **Google Chrome 20** (or later) and **Apple Safari 5** (or later) are also supported.

## SOUND CARDS

If your Airtime machine will only be used to stream directly to an **Icecast** or **SHOUTcast** streaming media server, you do not require a sound card to be installed on the Airtime server side. This option is suitable for Airtime installations at your ISP's data centre, remote from any transmitter. However, you will not be able to take advantage of Airtime's live show recording feature (yet).

If you intend that your Airtime server will have a direct audio output to a broadcast transmitter or a separate stream encoder, your server machine must have a sound card supported by an **ALSA** driver. Almost all standard sound cards have ALSA drivers built into the Linux kernel, which do not need to be installed separately. If in doubt about driver support for your sound card, check the ALSA support matrix at: <http://www.alsa-project.org/main/index.php/Matrix:Main>

## USB AUDIO DEVICE INDEX

Some server motherboards do not have a default ALSA device (index number zero), and a USB sound card is often prevented from getting index zero by the GNU/Linux distribution's configuration. This setting may be in a file such as `/etc/modprobe.d/alsa-base.conf` in Ubuntu, which can be edited with **nano**:

```
sudo nano /etc/modprobe.d/alsa-base.conf
```

Comment out the lines beginning *options snd-usb* to fix the problem:

```
# Prevent abnormal drivers from grabbing index 0
```

```
# options snd-usb-audio index=-2
# options snd-usb-us122l index=-2
# options snd-usb-usx2y index=-2
# options snd-usb-caiaq index=-2
```

Save the file with **Ctrl+O** and close **nano** with **Ctrl+X**. Then remove and re-insert the cable connecting the USB sound card to the server (making sure any mixer or amplifier connected is faded down, to avoid a 'thump' on the output). The command **aplay -l** should now confirm that the *USB Audio* device has index 0:

```
aplay -l
**** List of PLAYBACK Hardware Devices ****
card 0: MobilePre [MobilePre], device 0: USB Audio [USB Audio]
  Subdevices: 1/1
  Subdevice #0: subdevice #0
```

When using a USB sound card with ALSA, some how-to documents advocate setting the `nrpacks=1` option, but this is not recommended for Airtime because it can increase CPU load significantly.

## INTEL HDA MIXER LABELS

If you have an **Intel HDA** sound card, as built in to many contemporary motherboards, you may discover that the recording controls in **alsamixer** have incorrect labels. This problem can make it difficult to adjust mixer levels except by trial and error. To fix these labels, you can pass a specific `model=` parameter to the `snd-hda-intel` module of the Linux kernel. On Debian or Ubuntu GNU/Linux, you can do this by first identifying the model you have, with the command:

```
cat /proc/asound/card0/codec* | grep Codec
```

The server should respond with a line such as:

```
Codec: Realtek ALC882
```

Referring to the appendix *HD Audio Models* in this book, find the matching codec and model. In this example, the codec is *ALC882* and the motherboard has six analogue jacks and two S/PDIF sockets, so the model is *6stack-dig*.

```
ALC882/883/885/888/889
=====
3stack-dig 3-jack with SPDIF I/O
6stack-dig 6-jack digital with SPDIF I/O
```

Edit the file `/etc/modprobe.d/alsa-base.conf` with **nano** as follows:

```
sudo nano /etc/modprobe.d/alsa-base.conf
```

Add an appropriate line for your soundcard model to the end of the file, such as:

```
# Realtek ALC882
options snd-hda-intel model=6stack-dig
```

Save the file with **Ctrl+O** and close **nano** with **Ctrl+X**. Then reboot the server. After the reboot, you should now see that the mixer controls are correctly labelled.

## DISABLE DESKTOP AND OTHER SOUNDS

If you are installing Airtime on a desktop computer, make sure you disable or remove any programs that could send unintended audio to a sound card you are using for broadcast output. This includes alert sounds which play when the computer is ready for use, or when a user logs in. On Ubuntu, these sounds are configured using *System > Preferences > Sound* on the main desktop menu. (This configuration dialogue only works when the PulseAudio sound server is installed).

You may prefer to remove all system sound files from the computer, in case they could be played unintentionally via the sound card. For example, on Ubuntu you may wish to remove the **ubuntu-sounds** package, with the following command:

```
sudo apt-get purge ubuntu-sounds
```

## PULSEAUDIO

The PulseAudio sound server is not recommended for Airtime sound card output, but is installed by default on Ubuntu. To remove PulseAudio from an Ubuntu machine, type the following command:

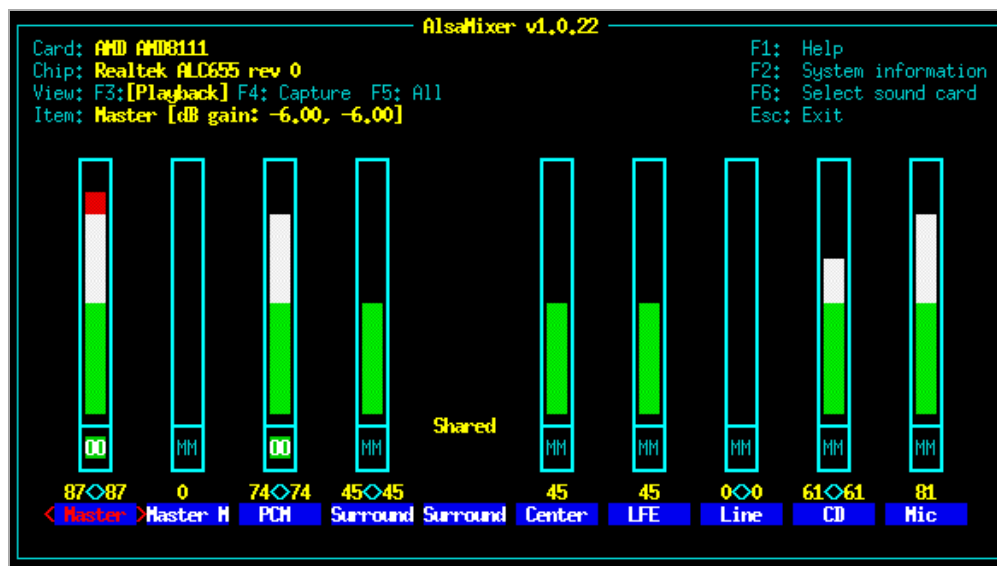
```
sudo apt-get purge pulseaudio
```

Removing the **pulseaudio** package on a desktop Ubuntu machine may force the removal of the **ubuntu-desktop** metapackage. However, this metapackage is only installed on the system for managing upgrades; removing it does not remove the GNOME desktop.

After removing PulseAudio, if your Airtime machine has a desktop, you can install a mixer applet which can control the ALSA soundcard driver directly, such as **gnome-alsamixer**:

```
sudo apt-get install gnome-alsamixer
```

On a server with a sound card but without a desktop, you can control sound input and output levels using the command line program **alsamixer**:



This program should already be installed on an Ubuntu or Debian machine with a sound card. If not, you can install it with the command:

```
sudo apt-get install alsa-utils
```

## REMOVE WEBMIN, IF INSTALLED

The **webmin** control panel (<http://www.webmin.com>) has been known to remove Apache and PHP packages on Debian and Ubuntu systems, which can cause the Airtime package to be removed in turn. This problem is easily reversed by re-installation of the affected packages, but it has the potential to disrupt your broadcast playout from Airtime. Webmin is not likely to be installed on your server unless your system administrator has installed it manually. This is because webmin was removed from official Debian and Ubuntu package repositories some years ago.

## RABBITMQ HOSTNAME

**RabbitMQ** requires a fixed and resolvable hostname (see <http://www.rabbitmq.com/ec2.html#issues-hostname>), which is normal for a server. For a desktop or laptop machine where the hostname changes frequently or is not resolvable, this issue may prevent RabbitMQ from starting. When using a desktop or laptop computer with a dynamic IP address, such as an address obtained from a wireless network, the **rabbitmq-server** daemon must not start up before the **NetworkManager** service.

## RABBITMQ ON DEBIAN

In Debian 6.0 (Squeeze) the **rabbitmq-server** daemon does not start automatically after a reboot. This should be fixed before installing Airtime, to prevent problems at playout time. If the rabbitmq-server package was installed before the last reboot, you will need to run:

```
invoke-rc.d rabbitmq-server start
```

as the root user before the installation of Airtime. If it is not already installed, run the following command as root:

```
apt-get install rabbitmq-server
```

After a fresh installation, rabbitmq-server will start automatically, so there is no need to run the **invoke-rc.d** command mentioned above.

In either case, you should then edit lines 13 and 14 of the file `/etc/init.d/rabbitmq-server` (as root) to show:

```
# Default-Start:      2 3 4 5
# Default-Stop:       0 1 6
```

and then run the command (as root):

```
update-rc.d rabbitmq-server defaults
```

This should make sure that **rabbitmq-server** starts after the next reboot.

## MAIL SERVER

If you wish Airtime to be able to send password reminder emails to your staff users, the server must have a working SMTP program installed, such as the **postfix** package in Debian or Ubuntu. For configuration options, refer to the documentation for your mail server of choice.



## PROCEED TO INSTALLATION

Now your server should be ready for Airtime to be installed. Depending on your requirements, you should now proceed to either the chapter *Easy setup*, the chapter *Automated installation*, the chapter *Manual installation* or the *Expert install* appendix.

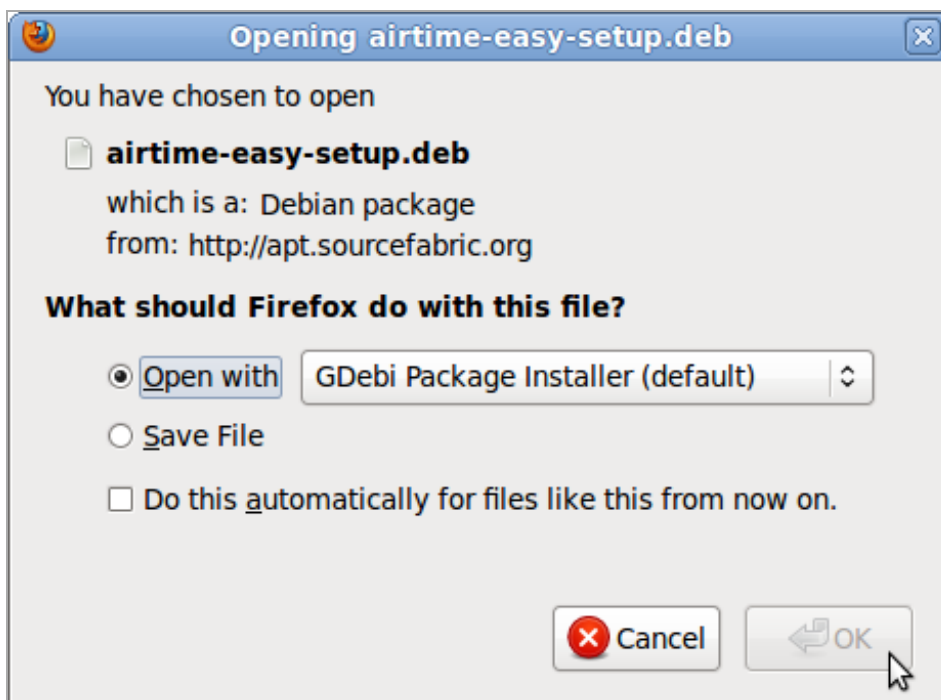
## 22. EASY SETUP

The **airtime-easy-setup** package sets up a typical Airtime configuration without prompting you for any settings. You can then install the latest Airtime package from the Sourcefabric repository with a few clicks.

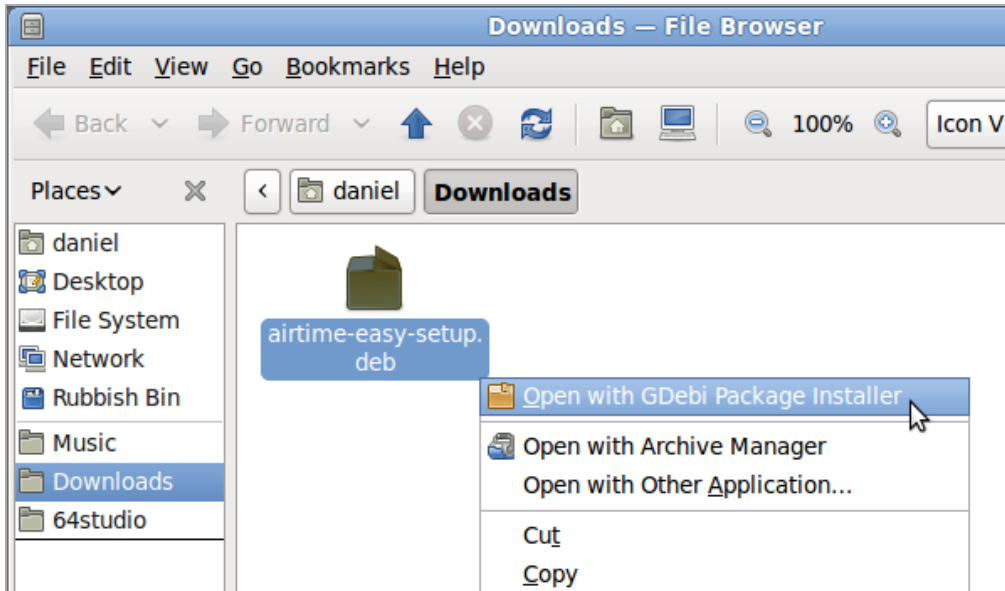
After that, the Airtime administration interface can be accessed at the default domain name of the computer (such as *http://airtime.example.com*). If you have not yet set a fully qualified domain name for the computer, you can use a URL such as *http://ubuntu/* on the localhost for testing purposes. Whichever domain name you use, the Icecast administration interface will be at port 8000 of the same URL (such as *http://airtime.example.com:8000*).

You can download the **airtime-easy-setup** package from <http://apt.sourcefabric.org/misc/airtime-easy-setup.deb> which is a link to the latest version of the package. You should stay connected to the Internet throughout the installation, as a number of dependency packages have to be installed from online repositories.

On Ubuntu 10.04 'lucid' or Debian 6.0 'squeeze', you can run the **airtime-easy-setup** package from your browser using the program **GDebi**.



If you have chosen to save the package to your computer instead, in the desktop file manager, right-click on the **airtime-easy-setup** package and select **Open with GDebi Package Installer**:



Or for an Ubuntu lucid or Debian squeeze server without a desktop, you can use gdebi on the command line:

```
sudo apt-get update
sudo gdebi airtime-easy-setup.deb
```

If gdebi is not installed, you can run this command first:

```
sudo apt-get install gdebi
```

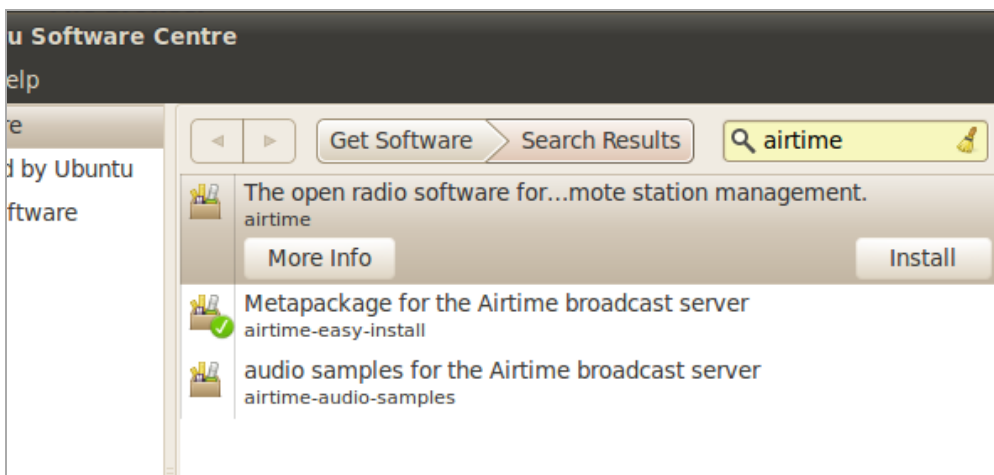
Later versions of Ubuntu have replaced GDebi with the program **software-center**. On a desktop installation, right-click on the package and select **Open with Ubuntu Software Center**. This desktop program can also be run from the command line, for example:

```
software-center airtime-easy-setup.deb
```

Any of the methods above should resolve package dependencies automatically.

## INSTALL AIRTIME

Once the installation of **airtime-easy-setup** has completed, you can install the latest Airtime package on a desktop system using your usual package manager, such as **Ubuntu Software Center**, or **Synaptic** on Debian.



On a server, you can use the commands:

```
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install airtime
```

## CONFIGURE FOR PRODUCTION

To convert a test installation into a production installation, you can run the command:

```
sudo dpkg-reconfigure airtime
```

The **dpkg-reconfigure** command will run through the configuration steps shown in the *Automated installation* chapter, so that you can set the correct hostnames and passwords for your production Airtime server.

# 23. AUTOMATED INSTALLATION

This installation method is intended for computers running Ubuntu or Debian GNU/Linux, and is the recommended method for production Airtime systems. If you have previously performed a manual installation of Airtime on the server, you should run the *airtime-uninstall* script to remove it before setting up the server for automated installation.

## SET UP REPOSITORIES FOR UBUNTU

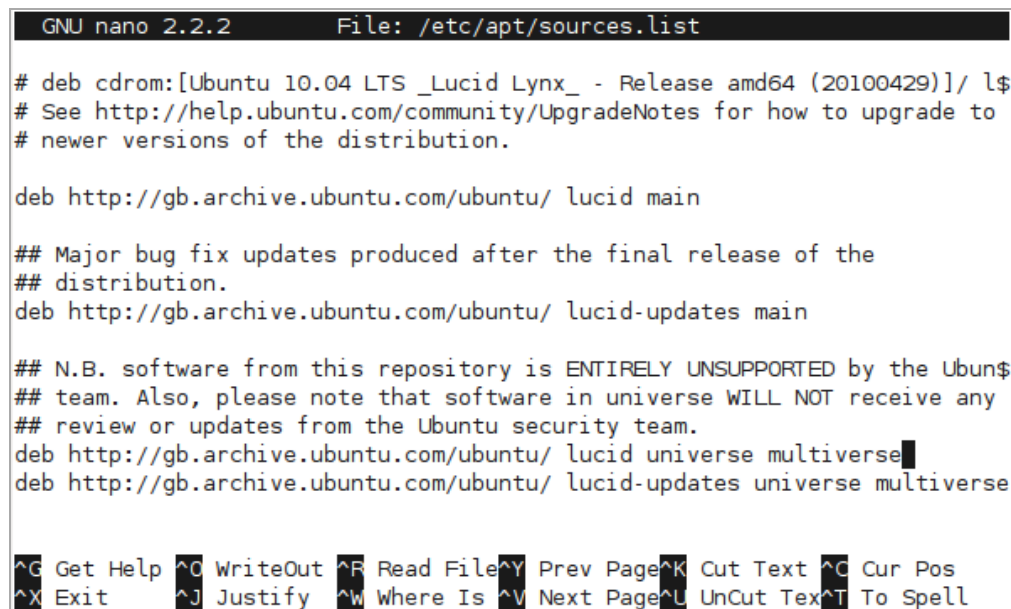
When installing on an Ubuntu server, a few of the packages that Airtime relies on are in the Ubuntu *universe* or *multiverse* repositories. If either of these repositories is disabled, you can enable them in the */etc/apt/sources.list* file, by opening the *nano* editor in your server's console. The *nano* editor should be installed by default, but if not, you can install it with the command:

```
sudo apt-get install nano
```

Then open the *sources.list* file with the command:

```
sudo nano /etc/apt/sources.list
```

For an Ubuntu 10.04 Lucid server, find the lines which begin *deb* and end with *lucid universe* or *lucid-updates universe*, adding *multiverse* to the end of these lines, if it is not there already. Other versions of Ubuntu will have similar lines. The *multiverse* repository is required for the *libmp3lameo* library, which is an MP3 encoder.



```
GNU nano 2.2.2      File: /etc/apt/sources.list

# deb cdrom:[Ubuntu 10.04 LTS _Lucid Lynx_ - Release amd64 (20100429)]/ l$
# See http://help.ubuntu.com/community/UpgradeNotes for how to upgrade to
# newer versions of the distribution.

deb http://gb.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ lucid main

## Major bug fix updates produced after the final release of the
## distribution.
deb http://gb.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ lucid-updates main

## N.B. software from this repository is ENTIRELY UNSUPPORTED by the Ubuntu$
## team. Also, please note that software in universe WILL NOT receive any
## review or updates from the Ubuntu security team.
deb http://gb.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ lucid universe multiverse
deb http://gb.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ lucid-updates universe multiverse

^G Get Help ^O WriteOut ^R Read File ^Y Prev Page ^K Cut Text ^C Cur Pos
^X Exit     ^J Justify  ^W Where Is ^V Next Page ^U UnCut Tex ^T To Spell
```

The exact repository mirror URLs in your *sources.list* file will differ from the above screenshot, depending on your location.

The Sourcefabric repository contains packages for Airtime, and any other packages which Airtime requires. To add the Sourcefabric repository to an Ubuntu Lucid server, scroll to the end of the *sources.list* file and add the following line:

```
deb http://apt.sourcefabric.org/ lucid main
```

For Ubuntu 10.10 Maverick, 11.04 Natty, 11.10 Oneiric or 12.04 Precise substitute *maverick*, *natty*, *oneiric* or *precise* in place of *lucid* in the line above.

```
GNU nano 2.2.2      File: /etc/apt/sources.list

## Also, please note that software in backports WILL NOT receive any revisions
## or updates from the Ubuntu security team.
# deb http://gb.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ lucid-backports main restricted
# deb-src http://gb.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ lucid-backports main restricted

## Uncomment the following two lines to add software from Canonical's
## 'partner' repository.
## This software is not part of Ubuntu, but is offered by Canonical and to
## respective vendors as a service to Ubuntu users.
# deb http://archive.canonical.com/ubuntu lucid partner
# deb-src http://archive.canonical.com/ubuntu lucid partner

deb http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu lucid-security main
deb http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu lucid-security universe

deb http://apt.sourcefabric.org/ lucid main

^G Get Help ^O WriteOut ^R Read File ^Y Prev Page ^K Cut Text ^C Cur Pos
^X Exit ^J Justify ^W Where Is ^V Next Page ^U UnCut Text ^T To Spell
```

Press Ctrl+O (the Ctrl key and the letter O together) to save the file, then Ctrl+X to exit the nano editor.

## SET UP REPOSITORIES FOR DEBIAN

On a Debian squeeze server, you can edit the `/etc/apt/sources.list` file as root with the command:

```
nano /etc/apt/sources.list
```

Packages for MP3 encoding are not included in the Debian squeeze repositories. You can obtain the necessary *libmp3lameo* package by adding the following repository to the end of the file:

```
deb http://backports.debian.org/debian-backports squeeze-backports main
```

To add the Sourcefabric repository to a Debian squeeze server, add the following line to the end of the file:

```
deb http://apt.sourcefabric.org/ squeeze main
```

Press Ctrl+O (the Ctrl key and the letter O together) to save the file, then Ctrl+X to exit the nano editor.

## INSTALL THE SOURCEFABRIC SIGNING KEY

Reload the system's package list with:

```
sudo apt-get update
```

You will see an error message about a missing public key.

```

Hit http://gb.archive.ubuntu.com lucid Release
Hit http://gb.archive.ubuntu.com lucid-updates Release
Hit http://gb.archive.ubuntu.com lucid/main Packages
Hit http://gb.archive.ubuntu.com lucid/universe Packages
Hit http://gb.archive.ubuntu.com lucid/multiverse Packages
Hit http://gb.archive.ubuntu.com lucid-updates/main Packages
Hit http://gb.archive.ubuntu.com lucid-updates/universe Packages
Hit http://gb.archive.ubuntu.com lucid-updates/multiverse Packages
Fetched 491B in 2s (218B/s)
Reading package lists... Done
W: GPG error: http://apt.sourcefabric.org lucid Release: The following si
gnatures couldn't be verified because the public key is not available: NO
_PUBKEY 0888FE5B174C1854
daniel@office:~$ █

```

To fix this system error, you need to install the *sourcefabric-keyring* package, which contains the package signing key. This encryption key is a security measure which helps ensure that the Airtime packages you will be downloading in future have not been tampered with by a third party. You can install the key with the command:

```
sudo apt-get install sourcefabric-keyring
```

When prompted, press the *y* key on your keyboard to install the *sourcefabric-keyring* package without verification. If you wish to verify the authenticity of the package signing key, please contact Sourcefabric for assistance.

```

daniel@office:~$ sudo apt-get install sourcefabric-keyring
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following NEW packages will be installed
  sourcefabric-keyring
0 upgraded, 1 newly installed, 0 to remove and 7 not upgraded.
Need to get 3,610B of archives.
After this operation, 49.2kB of additional disk space will be used.
WARNING: The following packages cannot be authenticated!
  sourcefabric-keyring
Install these packages without verification [y/N]? y
Get: 1 http://apt.sourcefabric.org/ lucid/main sourcefabric-keyring 0.1 [3
,610B]
Fetched 3,610B in 0s (12.3kB/s)
Selecting previously deselected package sourcefabric-keyring.
(Reading database ... 348822 files and directories currently installed.)
Unpacking sourcefabric-keyring (from .../sourcefabric-keyring_0.1_all.deb)
...
Setting up sourcefabric-keyring (0.1) ...
daniel@office:~$ █

```

Update your computer's software sources again, to confirm that you are now using a trusted software repository:

```
sudo apt-get update
```

You should no longer see the error message about the missing public key.

## INSTALL THE DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Airtime uses a PostgreSQL database to keep track of media assets and associated metadata in its storage server. Depending on the scale of your Airtime installation and the hardware available, you may wish to install PostgreSQL on a separate server. If you only have one server, you can install the *postgresql* package on the same machine as Airtime with the command:

```
sudo apt-get install postgresql
```

## INSTALL A STREAMING SERVER

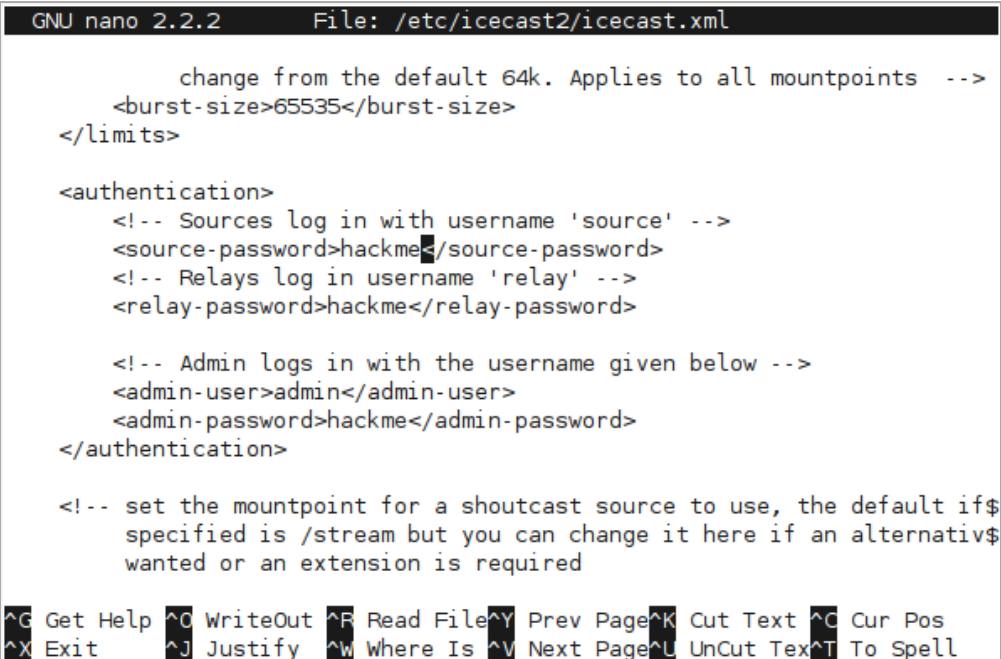
Optionally, you may wish to stream directly from Airtime to an **Icecast** media distribution server, without requiring a soundcard or mixer in the broadcast chain. This option is particularly suitable for fully automated stations, in which all shows are played out using Airtime. You can install the **icecast2** package on your server with the command:

```
sudo apt-get install icecast2
```

In some scenarios, you may wish to stream from Airtime to a remote Icecast server, for example when Icecast is installed on a server in a data center with greater bandwidth available than an Airtime server located at your broadcast studio has. This separation may become necessary if your stream becomes popular, because each additional listener which connects to the Icecast stream uses additional bandwidth. In this case, you do not need to install the **icecast2** package on the same server as Airtime.

Before running Icecast for the first time, you should edit the file `/etc/icecast2/icecast.xml` to change the default `<source-password>`, `<relay-password>` and `<admin-password>` values from `hackme` to something more secure. On more recent GNU/Linux distributions, such as Ubuntu 12.04 'Precise Pangolin', you may be prompted for these settings during the installation of Icecast.

```
sudo nano /etc/icecast2/icecast.xml
```



```
GNU nano 2.2.2      File: /etc/icecast2/icecast.xml

    change from the default 64k. Applies to all mountpoints -->
    <burst-size>65535</burst-size>
</limits>

<authentication>
  <!-- Sources log in with username 'source' -->
  <source-password>hackme</source-password>
  <!-- Relays log in username 'relay' -->
  <relay-password>hackme</relay-password>

  <!-- Admin logs in with the username given below -->
  <admin-user>admin</admin-user>
  <admin-password>hackme</admin-password>
</authentication>

<!-- set the mountpoint for a shoutcast source to use, the default if$
    specified is /stream but you can change it here if an alternativ$
    wanted or an extension is required

^G Get Help ^O WriteOut ^R Read File ^Y Prev Page ^K Cut Text ^C Cur Pos
^X Exit     ^J Justify  ^W Where Is ^V Next Page ^U UnCut Tex ^T To Spell
```

You should also set the value of `<hostname>` to the domain name of the Icecast server, for example:

```
<hostname>icecast.example.com</hostname>
```

This step ensures that stream URLs are generated correctly by the Icecast server.

Save and close the `icecast.xml` file with `Ctrl+O` and `Ctrl+X`. Then set the Icecast server to start automatically when the server boots in the `/etc/default/icecast2` file:

```
sudo nano /etc/default/icecast2
```

by setting the value of `ENABLE` to `true` on the last line of that file:



```
ENABLE=true
```

Save and close this file with **Ctrl+O** and **Ctrl+X**, then start Icecast:

```
sudo service icecast2 start
```

The server should respond:

```
Starting icecast2: Starting icecast2
Detaching from the console
icecast2.
```

## INSTALL AIRTIME

You can now install the Airtime package with:

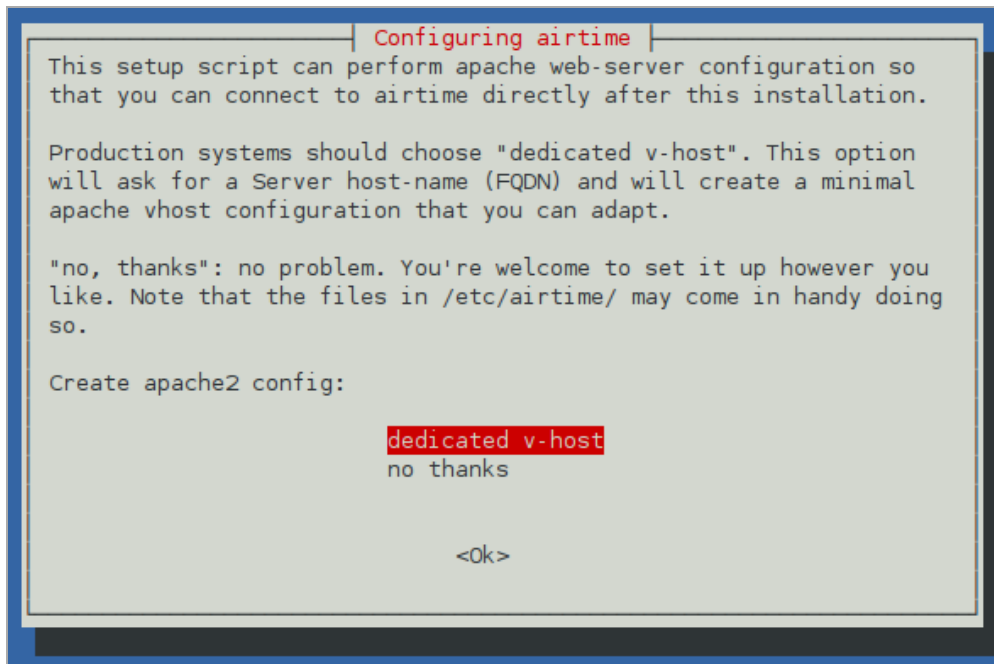
```
sudo apt-get install airtime
```

This command will install all of the Airtime components, plus any other packages that Airtime requires in order to run.

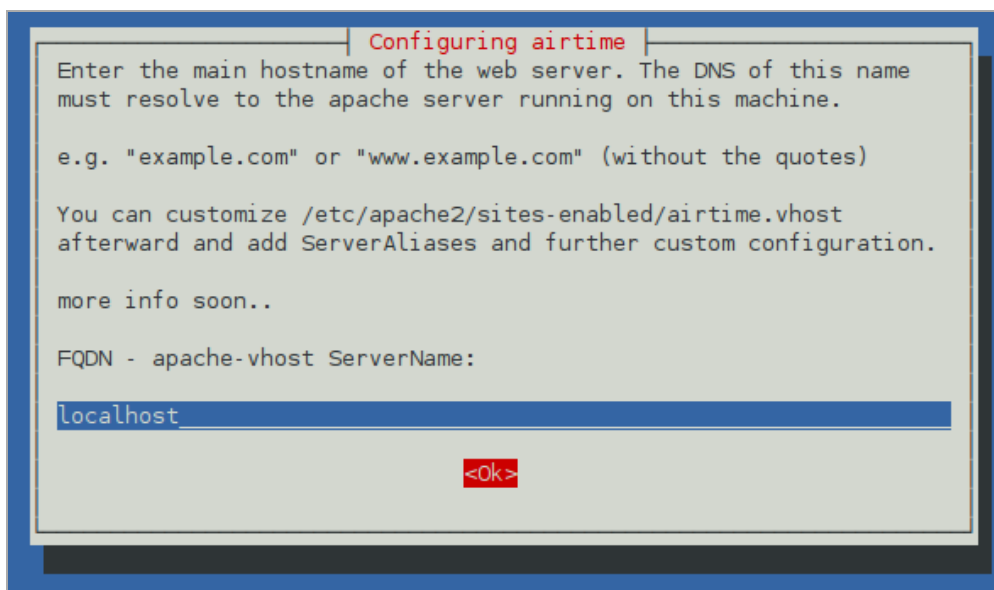
```
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following extra packages will be installed:
  liquidsoap
Suggested packages:
  airtime-audio-samples
The following NEW packages will be installed
  airtime liquidsoap
0 upgraded, 2 newly installed, 0 to remove and 0 not upgraded.
Need to get 8,631kB/10.1MB of archives.
After this operation, 41.5MB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue [Y/n]? Y
Get: 1 http://apt.sourcefabric.org/ lucid/main airtime 2.1.3-1 [8,631kB]
Fetched 8,631kB in 8s (989kB/s)
Preconfiguring packages ...
Selecting previously deselected package liquidsoap.
(Reading database ... 598365 files and directories currently installed.)
Unpacking liquidsoap (from .../liquidsoap_1.0.0~lucid~sfo-7_amd64.deb) ...
Selecting previously deselected package airtime.
Unpacking airtime (from .../airtime_2.1.3-1_all.deb) ...
```

Once all the packages have been downloaded and installed, you will be asked a few questions about the configuration of the Airtime system. You can accept the default settings by pressing the **Enter** key, or use the **Tab** key to change your selection.

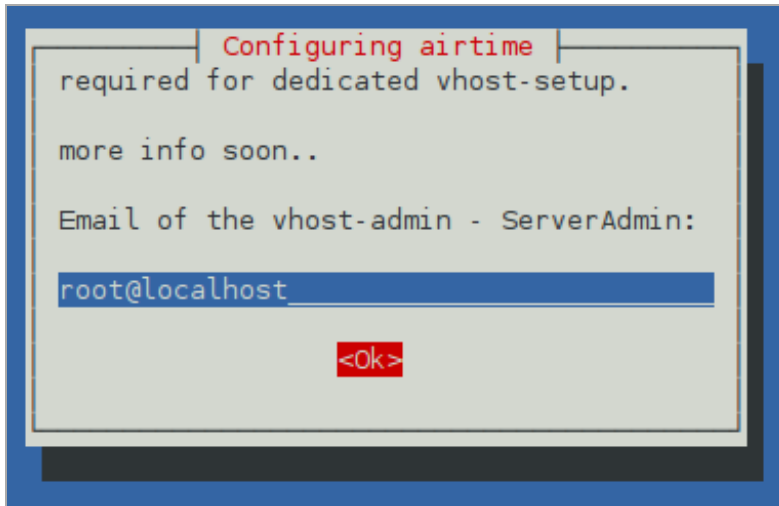
Firstly, you will be asked if you wish to create an **Apache** virtual host web server configuration automatically.



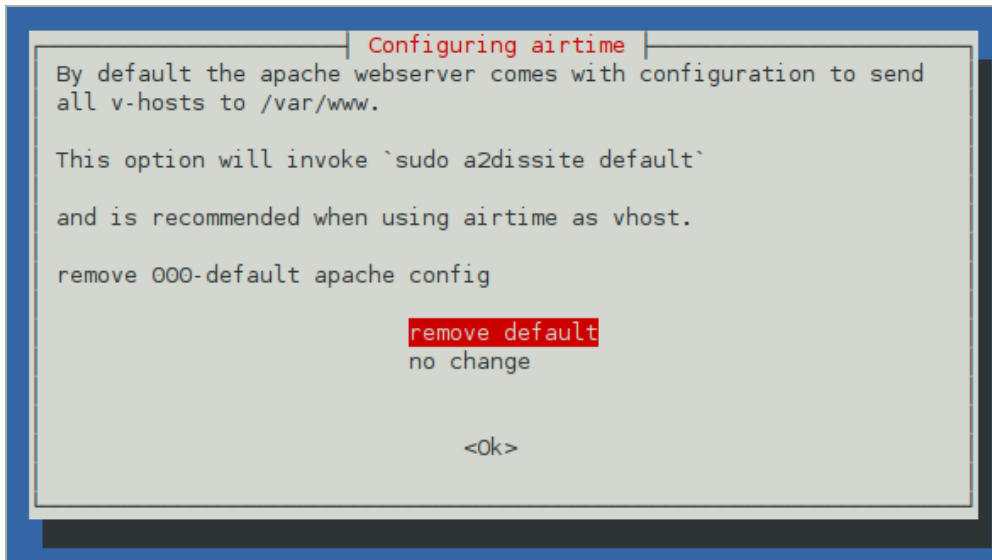
If so, you will need to enter the domain name that your station staff will use to access Airtime. For a test server that will only be accessed directly from the same machine, you can use the default setting of *localhost* here.



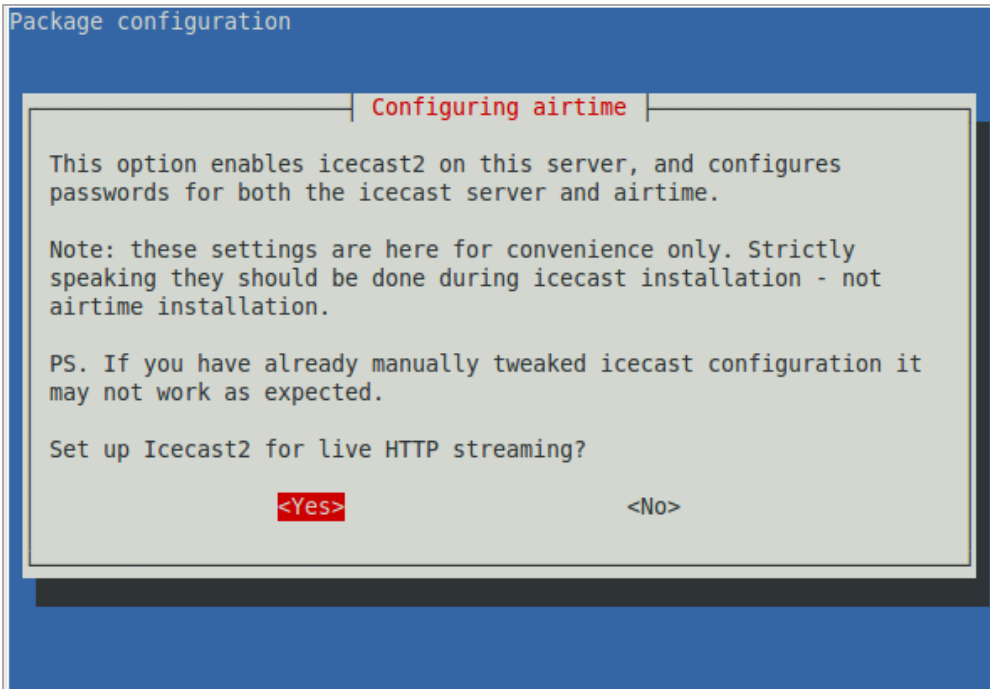
Next, set the contact email address of the server administrator, which is good practice in case of any server problems. For a test server, using an address at the *localhost* is acceptable.



Debian and Ubuntu servers are set up with a default Apache configuration, which might block station staff from accessing Airtime. If you wish, this default configuration can be removed automatically for you.



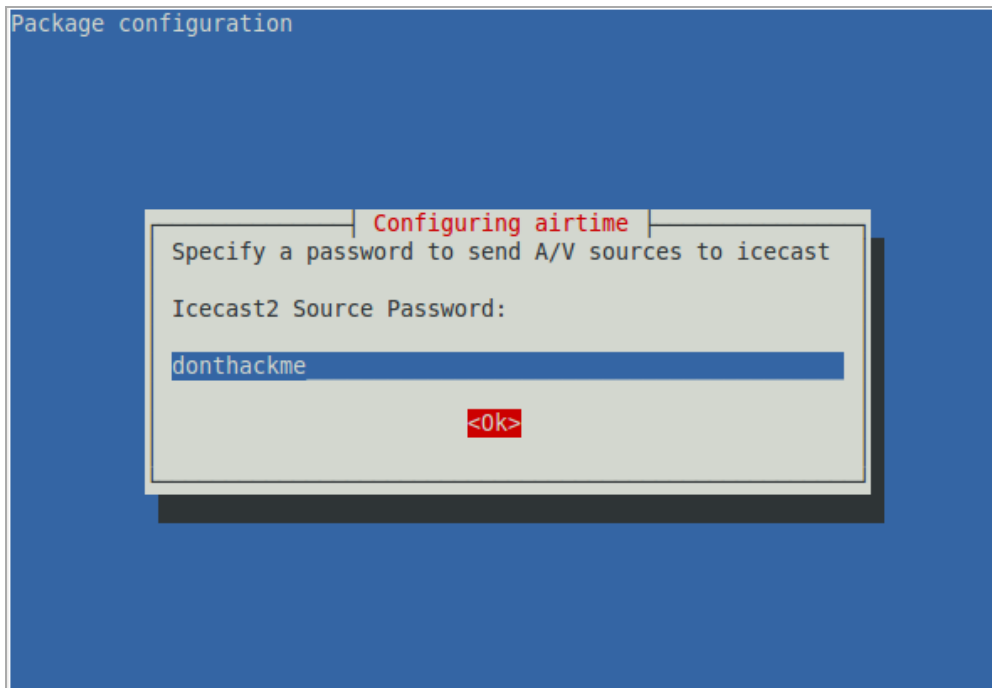
If you are setting up Airtime to stream directly to Icecast without using a soundcard in between, you can set the hostname and passwords for the Icecast server during the Airtime installation.



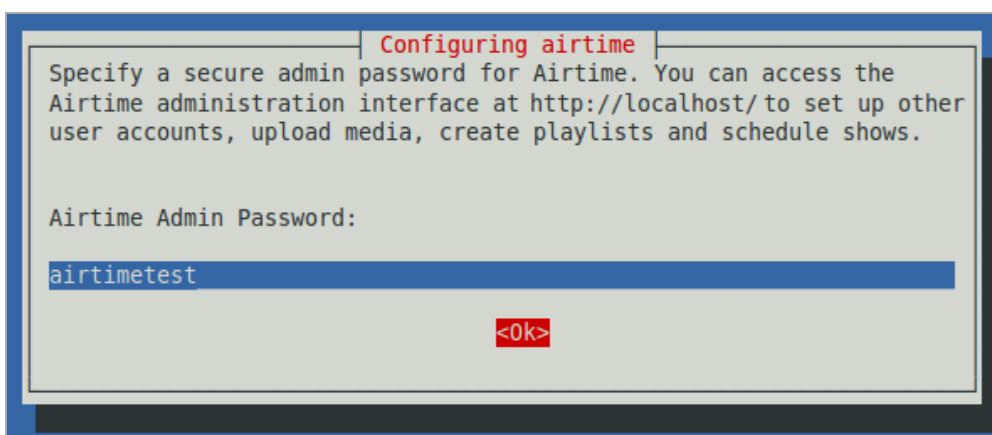
First, set the hostname of the Icecast server. If you have Icecast installed on the same machine as Airtime, you can use *localhost* here.



The security of your streaming server depends on the strength of the passwords that you choose. You should set strong passwords for *source*, *relay* and *admin* access.



Finally, you have the option to set a more secure password for Airtime's *admin* user than the default of *admin*. You could change the password for the *admin* user later, in the Airtime administration interface, but this means that your installation will be insecure until you carry out that task.



On some GNU/Linux distributions, you may be warned about upgrading the **rabbitmq-server** package, even if you have never installed this package before. If RabbitMQ is only being used by Airtime on your server, it is safe to press the **Enter** key to continue.



The Airtime installer will then run a script to check that your server environment is set up correctly.

```
*** Verifying your system environment, running airtime-check-system ***
AIRTIME_STATUS_URL      = http://localhost:80/api/status/format/json/api_key/%%api_key%%
AIRTIME_SERVER_RESPONDING = OK
KERNEL_VERSION          = 2.6.32-41-generic
MACHINE_ARCHITECTURE    = x86_64
TOTAL_MEMORY_MBYTES     = 6128212
TOTAL_SWAP_MBYTES       = UNKNOWN
AIRTIME_VERSION         = 2.1.3
OS                      = Ubuntu 10.04.4 LTS x86_64
CPU                     = Dual Core AMD Opteron(tm) Processor 170
WEB_SERVER              = Apache/2.2.14 (Ubuntu)
PLAYOUT_ENGINE_PROCESS_ID = 13552
PLAYOUT_ENGINE_RUNNING_SECONDS = 11
PLAYOUT_ENGINE_MEM_PERC  = 0.2%
PLAYOUT_ENGINE_CPU_PERC  = 0.4%
LIQUIDSOAP_PROCESS_ID   = 13557
LIQUIDSOAP_RUNNING_SECONDS = 11
LIQUIDSOAP_MEM_PERC     = 0.2%
LIQUIDSOAP_CPU_PERC     = 9.9%
MEDIA_MONITOR_PROCESS_ID = 13502
MEDIA_MONITOR_RUNNING_SECONDS = 12
MEDIA_MONITOR_MEM_PERC   = 0.4%
MEDIA_MONITOR_CPU_PERC   = 4.4%
RABBITMQ_PROCESS_ID     = 1774
RABBITMQ_RUNNING_SECONDS = 10
RABBITMQ_MEM_PERC       = 0.3%
RABBITMQ_CPU_PERC       = 0.4%

-- Your installation of Airtime looks OK!

***** Install Complete *****
```

You should now be able to log in to the Airtime administration interface, as shown in the *Getting started* chapter. See the *Configuration* chapter for advanced settings.

## ENHANCED LIQUIDSOAP PACKAGE FOR UBUNTU PRECISE

The Ubuntu 12.04 'Precise Pangolin' distribution includes an official Liquidsoap 1.0.0 package that will work with Airtime, but Sourcefabric's own package of Liquidsoap includes a patch which enables smoother stream transitions.

After setting up the [apt.sourcefabric.org](http://apt.sourcefabric.org) repository as shown above, you can search for other versions of the Liquidsoap package available to your server with the following command:

```
apt-cache show liquidsoap
```

This command will list the versions available, with short descriptions. You can then specify the version that you require using an equals sign after the package name, for example:

```
sudo apt-get install liquidsoap=1.0.0~precise~sfo-7
```

where '1.0.0~precise~sfo-7' is the version reported by the `apt-cache show liquidsoap` command. The system may warn that this package installation represents a downgrade, but this is not actually the case. This warning is caused by the numbering system used for non-official Ubuntu packages.

# 24. MANUAL INSTALLATION

You do not normally need to install Airtime manually, unless you are testing a development version of the software. Versions of Airtime recommended for production use are available for download and upgrade via *secure apt*, as shown in the *Automated installation* chapter.

## UPDATING PYTHON-VIRTUALENV

Airtime requires a version of **python-virtualenv** later than 1.4.8, but Ubuntu Lucid includes the older version 1.4.5 of this package. Before performing a manual installation on Lucid, you should update

**python-virtualenv** using the backported package available from the <http://apt.sourcefabric.org/> repository. This step is not necessary when performing an automated installation, in which dependencies are resolved automatically.

## FULL INSTALL

The **airtime-full-install** script has been tested on Ubuntu GNU/Linux servers and is designed to configure your server for you, using typical default settings.

1. In the server terminal or console, download Airtime from <https://sourceforge.net/projects/airtime/files/> with **wget**. For example, to download version 2.1.3, you could use the command:

```
wget http://downloads.sourceforge.net/project/airtime/2.1.3/airtime-2.1.3.tar.gz
```

2. Unzip the downloaded file in your home directory. This action will create a subdirectory called *airtime-2.1.3*:

```
sudo tar -xvzf airtime-2.1.3.tar.gz -C ~/
```

3. Run the **airtime-full-install** script:

```
sudo ~/airtime-2.1.3/install_full/ubuntu/airtime-full-install
```

The installation script will indicate which files are being installed on your system, and the directories they are being unpacked into. Finally, it will run the **airtime-check-system** script to confirm that your server environment is set up correctly.

```
*** Verifying your system environment, running airtime-check-system ***
```

```

AIRTIME_STATUS_URL           = http://localhost:80/api/status/format/json/api_key/%%api_key%%
AIRTIME_SERVER_RESPONDING    = OK
KERNEL_VERSION               = 2.6.32-41-generic
MACHINE_ARCHITECTURE         = x86_64
TOTAL_MEMORY_MBYTES          = 6128212
TOTAL_SWAP_MBYTES            = UNKNOWN
AIRTIME_VERSION              = 2.1.3
OS                            = Ubuntu 10.04.4 LTS x86_64
CPU                           = Dual Core AMD Opteron(tm) Processor 170
WEB_SERVER                   = Apache/2.2.14 (Ubuntu)
PLAYOUT_ENGINE_PROCESS_ID    = 13552
PLAYOUT_ENGINE_RUNNING_SECONDS = 11
PLAYOUT_ENGINE_MEM_PERC      = 0.2%
PLAYOUT_ENGINE_CPU_PERC      = 0.4%
LIQUIDSOAP_PROCESS_ID        = 13557
LIQUIDSOAP_RUNNING_SECONDS   = 11
LIQUIDSOAP_MEM_PERC          = 0.2%
LIQUIDSOAP_CPU_PERC          = 9.9%
MEDIA_MONITOR_PROCESS_ID     = 13502
MEDIA_MONITOR_RUNNING_SECONDS = 12
MEDIA_MONITOR_MEM_PERC       = 0.4%
MEDIA_MONITOR_CPU_PERC       = 4.4%
RABBITMQ_PROCESS_ID          = 1774
RABBITMQ_RUNNING_SECONDS     = 10
RABBITMQ_MEM_PERC            = 0.3%
RABBITMQ_CPU_PERC            = 0.4%

```

-- Your installation of Airtime looks OK!

\*\*\*\*\* Install Complete \*\*\*\*\*

You are now ready to proceed to the *Configuration* chapter.

## MINIMAL INSTALL

The alternative **airtime-install** script does not attempt to configure your server, an option which you may find more suitable if you have special requirements.

1. In the server terminal or console, install the list of dependencies. For example, on Ubuntu 10.04 (Lucid Lynx) LTS you could enter the command:

```

sudo apt-get install apache2 curl ecasound gzip icecast2 lame \
libao-ocaml libapache2-mod-php5 libcamomile-ocaml-data libesd0 \
libmad-ocaml libmp3lame-dev libportaudio2 libpulse0 libsamplerate0 \
libsoundtouch-ocaml libtaglib-ocaml libvorbis-ocaml lsb-release \
monit mpg123 multitail odbcc-postgresql patch php-pear php5-curl php5-gd \
php5-pgsql postgresql python2.6 python-virtualenv rabbitmq-server sudo \
tar vorbis-tools

```

2. Check that the Apache web server modules that Airtime requires are enabled:

```
sudo a2enmod php5 rewrite
```

The server should respond:

```

Module php5 already enabled
Module rewrite already enabled

```

3. Create a directory to contain the Airtime web interface:

```
sudo mkdir -p /usr/share/airtime/public
```

4. Next, create the Airtime virtual host configuration file for Apache:

```
sudo nano /etc/apache2/sites-available/airtime
```



and enter the information below, substituting your server's hostname for *airtime.example.com* and your system administrator's email address for *admin@example.com*. Make sure you set the *DocumentRoot* and *Directory* paths correctly. This should match the *public* directory that the installer will unpack the web interface into, which by default is the */usr/share/airtime/public/* directory.

```
<VirtualHost *:80>
  ServerName airtime.example.com
  ServerAdmin admin@example.com
  DocumentRoot /usr/share/airtime/public
  php_admin_value upload_tmp_dir /tmp

  <Directory /usr/share/airtime/public>
    DirectoryIndex index.php
    AllowOverride all
    Order allow,deny
    Allow from all
  </Directory>
</VirtualHost>
```

Press **Ctrl+O** to save the file, then **Ctrl+X** to exit the **nano** editor.

5. Create the PHP configuration file */etc/airtime/airtime.ini* in nano:

```
sudo nano /etc/airtime/airtime.ini
```

with the following contents:

```
[PHP]
memory_limit = 512M
magic_quotes_gpc = Off
file_uploads = On
upload_tmp_dir = /tmp
```

Save and exit nano, then link this file to the system's PHP configuration with the command:

```
sudo ln -s /etc/airtime/airtime.ini /etc/php5/conf.d/airtime.ini
```

6. Enable the new configuration by entering the command:

```
sudo a2ensite airtime
```

The server should respond:

```
Enabling site airtime.
Run '/etc/init.d/apache2 reload' to activate new configuration!
```

You may also need to disable the default site configuration, which may otherwise interfere with your Airtime installation:

```
sudo a2dissite default
```

As suggested by the output of the command above, reload the web server configuration.

```
sudo /etc/init.d/apache2 reload
```

The server should respond:

```
* Reloading web server config apache2
```

7. Download Airtime from <https://sourceforge.net/projects/airtime/files/> with **wget**. For example, to download version 2.1.3, you could use the command:

```
wget http://downloads.sourceforge.net/project/airtime/2.1.3/airtime-2.1.3.tar.gz
```

8. Unzip the downloaded file in your home directory. This action will create a subdirectory called *airtime-2.1.3*:

```
sudo tar -xvzf airtime-2.1.3.tar.gz -C ~/
```

9. Monit is a utility which Airtime uses to make sure that the system runs smoothly. Enable it by opening the */etc/default/monit* file in the **nano** editor:

```
sudo nano /etc/default/monit
```

Find the line that begins with *startup* and change the value to **1**:

```
startup=1
```

Save the file with **Ctrl+O** and close nano with **Ctrl+X**. Now copy the Monit configuration from the Airtime install directory to the */etc/monit/conf.d/* directory:

```
sudo cp ~/airtime-2.1.3/python_apps/monit/airtime-monit.cfg /etc/monit/conf.d/
```

Open the */etc/monit/monitrc* file in **nano**:

```
sudo nano /etc/monit/monitrc
```

At the end of the file, add the line:

```
include /etc/monit/conf.d/*
```

Save the file with **Ctrl+O** and close nano with **Ctrl+X**. Then start Monit with:

```
sudo invoke-rc.d monit start
```

More information about monit is available in the chapter *Using Monit*.

10. On Debian squeeze, make sure the rabbitmq-server daemon has started:

```
sudo invoke-rc.d rabbitmq-server start
```

11. Finally, run the **airtime-install** script:

```
sudo ~/airtime-2.1.3/install_minimal/airtime-install
```

Once the **airtime-check-system** script confirms that the install has been successful, you should now be able to log in to the Airtime administration interface, as shown in the *Getting started* chapter, with the username *admin* and the password *admin*. See the *Configuration* chapter for advanced settings.

## INSTALL SCRIPT OPTIONS

By default, the **airtime-install** script preserves any existing configuration or installation that it finds on the server. However, it is also possible to dictate the behaviour of the script with a command line option, as follows:

<b>--help -h</b>	Displays usage information.
<b>--overwrite -o</b>	Overwrite any existing config files.
<b>--preserve -p</b>	Keep any existing config files.
<b>--no-db -n</b>	Turn off database install.
<b>--reinstall -r</b>	Force a fresh install of this Airtime version

## MANUAL UNINSTALL

To manually uninstall Airtime from the server, run the **airtime-uninstall** script from the original installation directory, for example:

```
sudo ~/airtime-2.1.3/install_minimal/airtime-uninstall
```

Optionally, you can also delete the Airtime storage and configuration folders, if you have backups and are not going to need the data on this particular server again. The **rm** command should be used with caution, because it has no undo feature.

```
sudo rm -r /srv/airtime  
sudo rm -r /etc/airtime
```

# 25. CONFIGURATION

The broadcast playout configuration for Airtime is shown in the file `/etc/airtime/liquidsoap.cfg` which is automatically generated by the **Streams** page, found on the **System** menu of the Airtime administration interface. For this reason, you would not normally edit the configuration manually, as any changes are likely to be overwritten by the administration interface.

## ADVANCED SETTINGS

Optionally, you may wish to edit the file `/etc/airtime/airtime.conf` to set the PostgreSQL database host, and the username and password to connect to the database with:

```
sudo nano /etc/airtime/airtime.conf
```

You can also set options for RabbitMQ messaging, the Airtime server and SoundCloud uploads in this file, although you should not normally need to adjust the defaults.

```
[database]
host = localhost
dbname = airtime
dbuser = airtime
dbpass = airtime

[rabbitmq]
host = 127.0.0.1
port = 5672
user = guest
password = guest
vhost = /

[general]
api_key = XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
web_server_user = www-data
airtime_dir = /usr/share/airtime
base_url = localhost
base_port = 80

;How many hours ahead of time should Airtime playout engine (PYPO)
;cache scheduled media files.
cache_ahead_hours = 1

[monit]
monit_user = guest
monit_password = airtime

[soundcloud]
connection_retries = 3
time_between_retries = 60
```

Save and close the file with **Ctrl+O** and **Ctrl+X**. If you have changed the database settings, you should now run the command:

```
sudo airtime-update-db-settings
```

to make sure all of Airtime's database configuration files are updated. This command should output the following text to the server console:

```
Airtime root folder found at /usr/share/airtime
Updating /usr/share/airtime/application/configs/application.ini
Updating /usr/share/airtime/build/build.properties
Updating /usr/share/airtime/build/runtime-conf.xml
Success!
```



# 26. SETTING THE SERVER TIME

Accurate time keeping on your server is vital for optimal Airtime performance. You can confirm that the date and time of your server are set correctly with the **date** command:

```
date
```

The server should respond with the date, time, time zone and year in a format similar to the following example:

```
Tue Jul 3 15:08:57 BST 2012
```

## CONFIGURING NTP

Although it is possible to set the date and time of the server manually, this is not recommended because the server clock can drift over time, compromising the accuracy of your broadcast schedule. If your Airtime server is permanently connected to the Internet, you can synchronize your server to a time server with the **ntp** program. If **ntp** is not yet installed, you can enter the following command on Debian or Ubuntu:

```
sudo apt-get install ntp
```

Optionally, open the **ntp** configuration file in the **nano** editor to add further time server names:

```
sudo nano /etc/ntp.conf
```

On Ubuntu GNU/Linux, the default time server is *ntp.ubuntu.com*, but there are many other time servers available on the public Internet, including the group of servers listed at <http://www.pool.ntp.org/> for each country. Using a variety of NTP servers located closely to your Airtime server should produce the most accurate results. For example, for a server in the United Kingdom you could use the following list:

```
# You do need to talk to an NTP server or two (or three).
server ntp.ubuntu.com
server 0.uk.pool.ntp.org
server 1.uk.pool.ntp.org
server 2.uk.pool.ntp.org
server 3.uk.pool.ntp.org
```

Enter the server names you require, press **Ctrl+O** to write out the */etc/ntp.conf* file, then **Ctrl+X** to exit **nano**. Restart the **ntp** service with:

```
sudo invoke-rc.d ntp restart
```

The server should respond:

```
* Stopping NTP server ntpd          [ OK ]
* Starting NTP server ntpd          [ OK ]
```

Then use the **ntpq -p** command to confirm that **ntp** is working. This command should produce output similar to the following:

```
ntpq -p
      remote               refid      st t when poll reach  delay  offset  jitter
=====
europium.canoni 193.79.237.14  2 u  28   64    3 39.571 12.600  3.590
norb.v4.colom. 46.227.200.72  3 u  28   64    3 47.856 -6.908 10.028
82.113.154.206 193.62.22.82  2 u  29   64    3 11.458 -0.513  2.629
ntppub.le.ac.uk 158.43.192.66  2 u  91   64    2 122.781 44.864  0.001
```

## ADJUSTING THE SERVER TIME ZONE

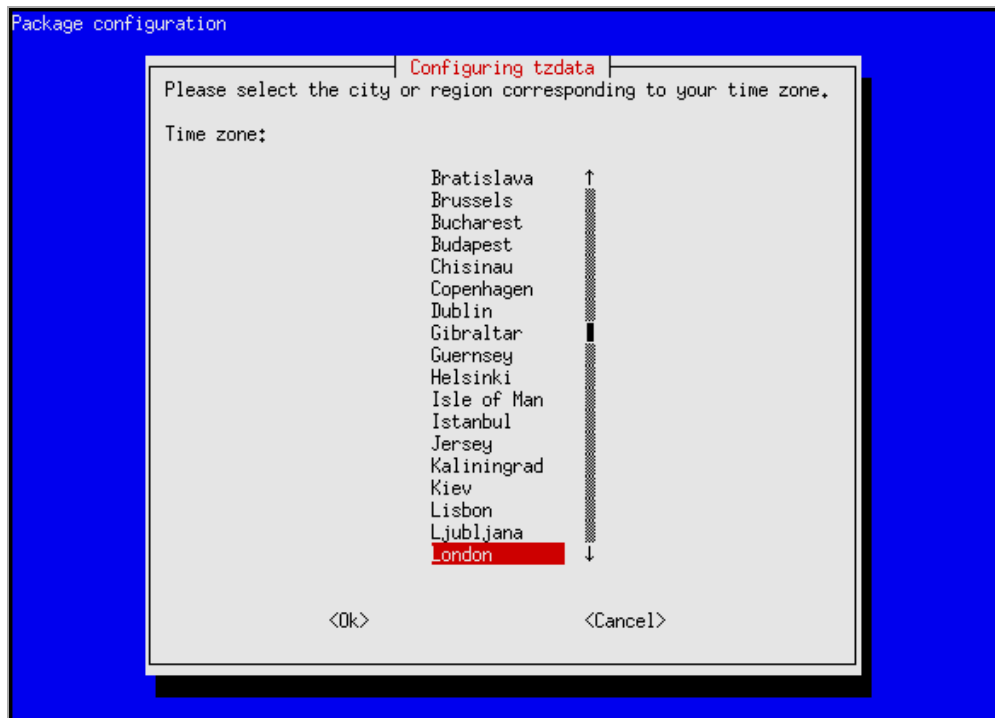
The data centre which hosts your Airtime server could be located anywhere in the world. Some servers are set to *Coordinated Universal Time* or UTC (similar to *Greenwich Mean Time* or GMT), regardless of their location. If this is not appropriate for your station, on a Debian or Ubuntu server you can reconfigure the **tzdata** (time zone data) package with the command:

```
sudo dpkg-reconfigure tzdata
```

This command opens a menu in which you can select the continent that you require, by pressing the Enter key.



The next step is to select your nearest city, again by pressing the Enter key. The appropriate time zone is selected according to the information that you have entered.



The console output from the **dpkg-reconfigure tzdata** command will confirm the new setting:

```
Current default time zone: 'Europe/London'
Local time is now:      Tue Jul  3 15:18:01 BST 2012.
Universal Time is now:  Tue Jul  3 14:18:01 UTC 2012.
```



# ADMINISTRATION

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# 27. USING THE IMPORT SCRIPT

If you have a large number of files in your media library, importing these files one at a time into a broadcast automation system would be time-consuming and tedious. That's why Airtime includes a script that can import an entire directory of files in one go. Before performing the import, there are a number of factors which should be considered.

## METADATA QUALITY

The **airtime-import** script automatically imports any metadata that is in the files' ID3 tags. If these tags are incorrect or are missing information, you will have to either edit the metadata manually, or suffer the consequences. For example, if the tags have creator or genre metadata missing, it will be impossible to search for, playlist or schedule the media according to these criteria.

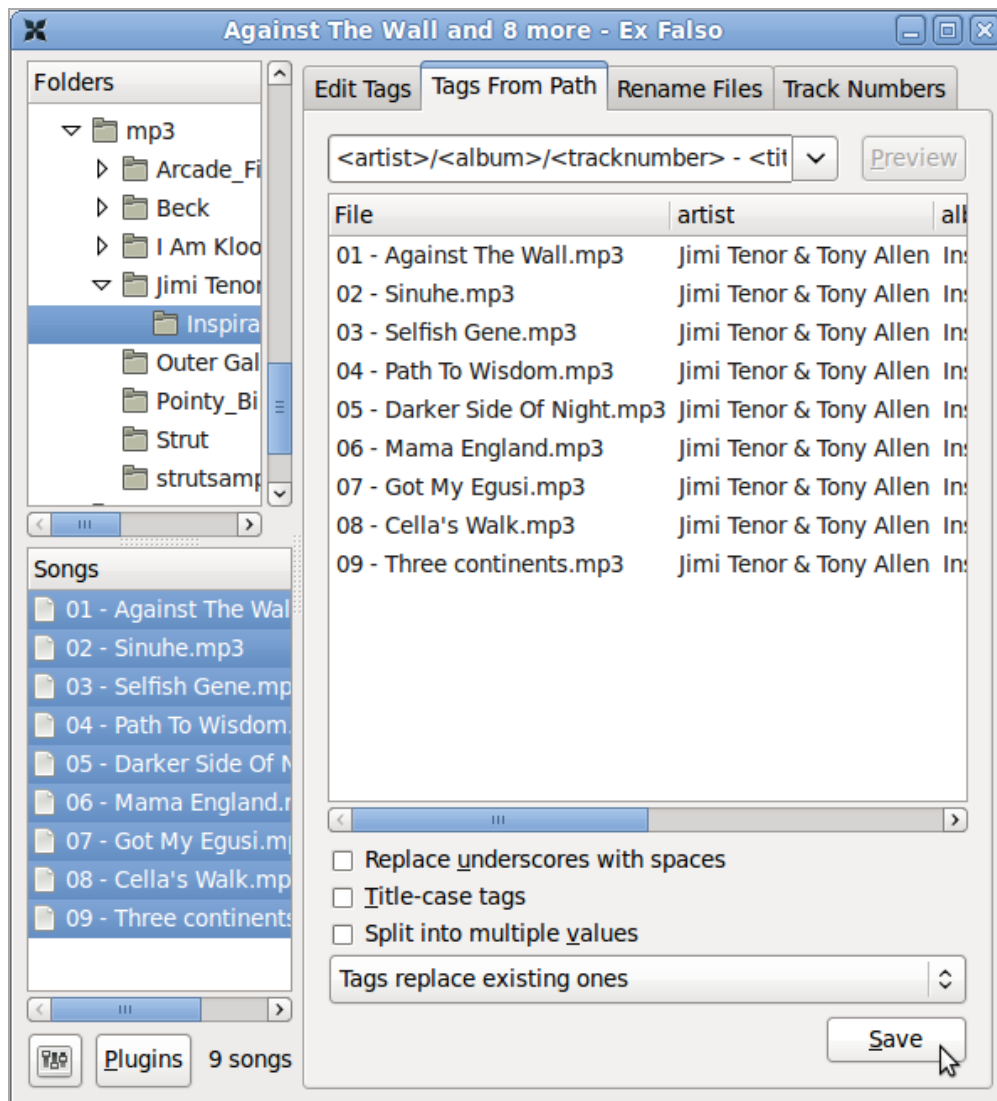
There are a number of programs available which can be used to correct mistakes or incomplete information in ID3 tags. On GNU/Linux, the program **Ex Falso** (<http://code.google.com/p/quodlibet/>) can be useful for batch setting and editing ID3 tags before importing files into your Airtime server. On an Ubuntu desktop machine, you can install this program with the command:

```
sudo apt-get install exfalso
```

After installation, you can run the program with the command:

```
exfalso
```

The *Tags From Path* feature of this program is a particularly useful time saver if you have a large archive of untagged files. Sometimes there is useful creator or title information in the file name or directory path structure, which can be converted into an ID3 tag automatically.



## METADATA IN LEGACY CHARACTER SETS

Airtime expects file tag metadata to be stored in the international *UTF-8* character set. Programs such as **Ex Falso** (described above) encode metadata in UTF-8 by default. If you have an archive of files encoded with metadata in a legacy character set, such as the Cyrillic encoding *Windows-1251*, you should convert these files before import.

The program **mid3iconv** (part of the **python-mutagen** package in Debian and Ubuntu) can be used to batch convert the metadata character set of files on the command line. You can install **python-mutagen** with the command:

```
sudo apt-get install python-mutagen
```

For example, to preview the conversion of tags from Windows-1251 (CP1251) character set to UTF-8 for a whole archive of MP3 files, you could use the command:

```
find . -name "*.mp3" -print0 | xargs -0 mid3iconv -e CP1251 -d -p
```

in the base directory of the archive. The **-d** option specifies that the new tag should be printed to the server console (debug mode), and the **-p** option specifies a preview run. This preview will enable you to confirm that the metadata is being read and converted correctly before writing the new tags.

To actually convert all of the tags and strip any legacy ID3v1 tag present from each file at the same time, you could use the command:

```
find . -name "*.mp3" -print0 | xargs -0 mid3iconv -e CP1251 --remove-v1
```

The name of the original character set follows the **-e** option. Other legacy character sets that mid3iconv can convert to UTF-8 include:

KOI8-R: Russian

KOI8-U: Ukrainian

GBK: Traditional Chinese

GB2312: Simplified Chinese

EUC-KR: Korean

EUC-JP: Japanese

CP1253: Greek

CP1254: Turkish

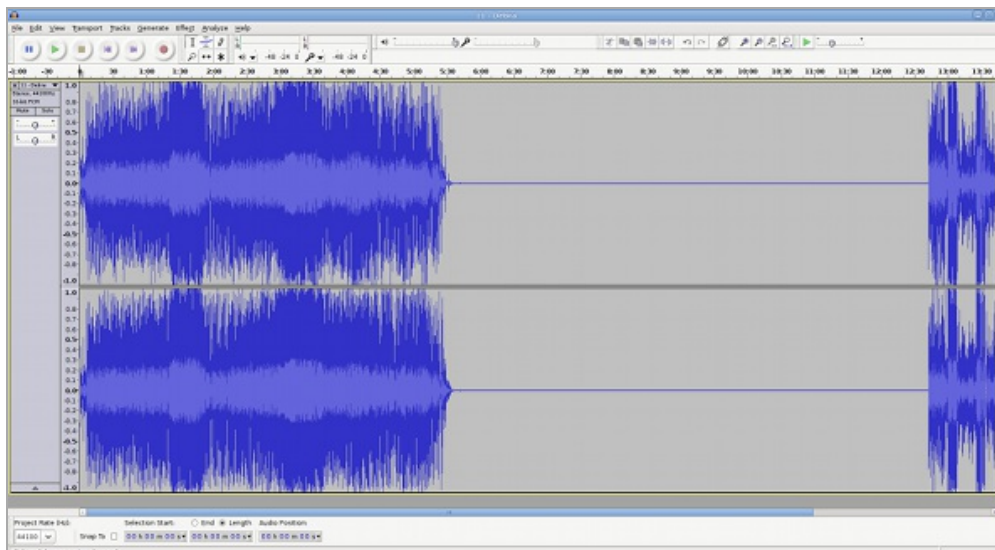
CP1255: Hebrew

CP1256: Arabic

## SILENCE IN MEDIA FILES

Before importing media, it is good practice to check for any silent sections in the media files. While Airtime can compensate for leading and trailing silence with the use of cue-in and cue-out points in the **Playlist Builder**, it is better to trim these files to the intended length before upload. This is because trimmed files do not require station staff to set cue points manually, as media in the Airtime library could potentially be re-used for many different shows. **Audacity** is a cross-platform editor suitable for the task of trimming audio files, available from <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>

Very quiet introductions or over-long fades can also lead to apparent gaps in your broadcast playout. Some audio CDs feature a 'hidden track' at the end, which in fact uses a long period of silence within the final track, rather than an actual separate track on the disc. This means that CD encoding programs will encode both the hidden material and the silence in the media file. For example, the track *Debra* from the CD *Midnite Vultures* by *Beck* includes hidden material preceded by seven minutes of silence, as shown in the screen shot from Audacity below.



## COPYING VERSUS WATCHING

There are three main options when using the **airtime-import** script: Either to **copy** or **move** files into Airtime's main storage folder, or to **watch** files elsewhere. Each option has advantages and disadvantages, so you will have to think about how the files will be used in your station in the long term.

- For files that are *copied* or *moved*, you may run into problems with hard disk space if you do not remove files from the storage server periodically.
- For files that are watched, you must make sure that the files are actually going to be there at playout time, otherwise they will be skipped. For this reason, it is not recommended to use the **watch** option for easily-removable storage (like MP3 players or USB memory sticks). There's a strong likelihood that the storage might be unplugged and taken away before playout time. It is also important to make sure that any external hard disk with watched files is powered on, and stays on.

The **airtime-import** script works from the command line, so you must first log into a console on the Airtime server. In recent versions of Airtime, you no longer need to specify the full file system path to the media files that you wish to import. Copying is specified with the **copy** sub-command:

```
airtime-import copy <directory>
```

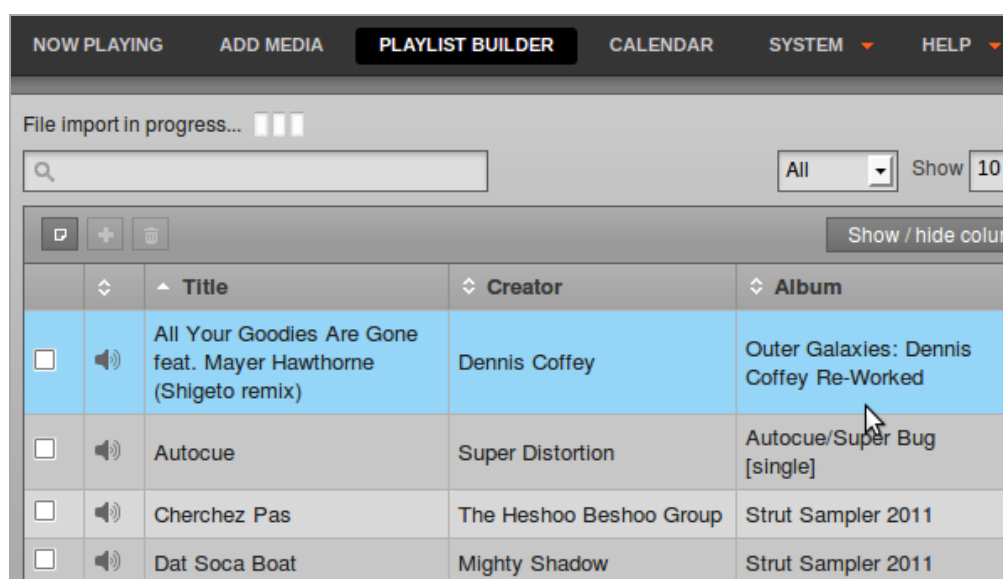
where *<directory>* is the base directory of the media files that you wish to import.

Alternatively, you may wish to delete the files from the original location after copying them to the storage archive, which is accomplished with the **move** sub-command:

```
airtime-import move <directory>
```

If the new files are exact duplicates of files that have already been imported, the **airtime-import** script will detect this.

Any users logged into the administration interface will be warned if a **File import is in progress...** Users assigned the *admin* privilege should not attempt to change Airtime's default storage directory while an import is taking place.



		Title	Creator	Album
<input type="checkbox"/>		All Your Goodies Are Gone feat. Mayer Hawthorne (Shigeto remix)	Dennis Coffey	Outer Galaxies: Dennis Coffey Re-Worked
<input type="checkbox"/>		Autocue	Super Distortion	Autocue/Super Bug [single]
<input type="checkbox"/>		Cherchez Pas	The Heshoo Beshoo Group	Strut Sampler 2011
<input type="checkbox"/>		Dat Soca Boat	Mighty Shadow	Strut Sampler 2011

Watching a new folder is specified by using the **watch add** sub-command:

```
airtime-import watch add <directory>
```

The script will report the name of the folder now being watched, for example:

```
airtime-import watch add /home/daniel/Music/mp3/Beck  
/home/daniel/Music/mp3/Beck/ added to watched folder list successfully
```

The watched folder will also be listed on the **Manage Media Folders** page in the Airtime administration interface. To obtain a list of currently watched folders in the server console, you can use the **watch list** sub-command:

```
airtime-import watch list  
/home/daniel/Music/mp3/Beck/
```

Any new files copied to a watched folder (for example, using your desktop computer's file manager) will automatically appear in the Airtime database, and are then ready for playout. In the same way, if you delete a media file using your file manager, it will be automatically removed from the Airtime database, and will no longer be available for playout.

If you wish to no longer watch a particular folder, use the **watch remove** sub-command:

```
airtime-import watch remove /home/daniel/Music/mp3/Beck  
/home/daniel/Music/mp3/Beck/ removed from watched folder list successfully
```

## GET OR SET THE STORAGE FOLDER PATH

The **airtime-import** script also enables you to read or write Airtime's storage path configuration. You can find out the current setting with the **storage-dir get** sub-command:

```
airtime-import storage-dir get  
/srv/airtime/stor
```

A new storage folder path can be configured using the **storage-dir set** sub-command:

```
airtime-import storage-dir set /home/daniel/Music/mp3/  
Successfully set storage folder to /home/daniel/Music/mp3/
```

The **storage-dir set** sub-command should be used with caution on a production server, because moving the storage folder during scheduled programming has the potential to disrupt your broadcast playout.

# 28. THE AIRTIME-LOG COMMAND

The `airtime-log` command provides convenient access to the logging output from the services which make up the Airtime system: *media-monitor*, *recorder*, *playout*, *liquidsoap* and *web*.

Using this command requires root privileges (**sudo** on Ubuntu). Entering the command without any options returns a list of options that you can specify:

```
sudo airtime-log

Usage: airtime-log [options]

--view|-v <string> Display log file
                    media-monitor|recorder|playout|liquidsoap|web

--dump|-d <string> Collect all log files and compress into a tarball
                    media-monitor|recorder|playout|liquidsoap|web (ALL by default)

--tail|-t <string> View any new entries appended to log files in real-time
                    media-monitor|recorder|playout|liquidsoap|web (ALL by default)
```

For example, to view the `media-monitor` log, you could use the command:

```
sudo airtime-log -v media-monitor
```

The server console will display something like the following output:

```
2011-11-29 09:32:45,750 INFO - [MainThread] [MediaMonitor.py : <module>()] : LINE 32 -
*** Media Monitor bootup ***

2011-11-29 09:32:45,864 INFO - [MainThread] [MediaMonitor.py : <module>()] : LINE 39 - Setting up
monitor
2011-11-29 09:32:46,058 INFO - [MainThread] [api_client.py : setup_media_monitor()] : LINE 405 - C
onnected to Airtime Server. Json Media Storage Dir: {u'watched_dirs': [], u'stor': u'/srv/airtime
/stor/'}
2011-11-29 09:32:51,061 INFO - [MainThread] [MediaMonitor.py : <module>()] : LINE 47 - Storage Di
rectory is: /srv/airtime/stor/
2011-11-29 09:32:51,066 INFO - [MainThread] [MediaMonitor.py : <module>()] : LINE 54 - Initializin
g event processor
2011-11-29 09:32:51,364 INFO - [MainThread] [airtimemediamonitorbootstrap.py : scan()] : LINE 29
- watched directories
found: {u'1': u'/srv/airtime/stor/'}
```

Use the **PageUp** and **PageDown** keys on your keyboard to navigate through the log file, or press the **q** key to quit the viewer.

To dump all log files and compress them into a tarball placed in the working directory, you could add the `-d` switch to the command:

```
sudo airtime-log -d

Creating Airtime logs tgz file at /root/logs/airtime-log-all-2011-11-29-12-43-20.tgz
```

To view just the `Liquidsoap` log output in real-time, you could enter the command:

```
sudo airtime-log -t liquidsoap

Tail liquidsoap log2011/11/29 11:44:41 [fallback_4892:3] Switch to src_4890 with forgetful transit
ion.
2011/11/29 11:44:41 [lang:3] /usr/lib/airtime/pypo/bin/liquidsoap_scripts/notify.sh --data='2' --m
edia-id=
2011/11/29 12:10:06 [server:3] New client: localhost.
2011/11/29 12:10:06 [server:3] Client localhost disconnected.
2011/11/29 12:10:06 [server:3] New client: localhost.
```

```
2011/11/29 12:10:06 [server:3] Client localhost disconnected.  
2011/11/29 12:10:29 [server:3] New client: localhost.  
2011/11/29 12:10:29 [server:3] Client localhost disconnected.  
2011/11/29 12:10:29 [server:3] New client: localhost.  
2011/11/29 12:10:29 [server:3] Client localhost disconnected.
```

Press the **Ctrl+C** keys to interrupt the real-time log output and return to the server console.



# 29. BACKING UP THE SERVER

The following shell commands can be used for database backup and restore on a running *PostgreSQL* server in an Airtime system.

You can dump the entire database to a zipped file with the combination of the **pg\_dumpall** command and **gzip**. The **pg\_dumpall** command is executed as the user *postgres*, by using the **sudo** command and the **-u** switch. It is separated from the **gzip** command with the pipe symbol.

```
sudo -u postgres pg_dumpall | gzip -c > airtime-backup.gz
```

This command can be automated to run on a regular basis using the standard **cron** tool on your server.

When restoring a production database on a cleanly installed Airtime system, it may be necessary to drop the empty database that was created during the new installation, by using the **dropdb** command. Again, this command is executed with **sudo** as the user *postgres*:

```
sudo -u postgres dropdb airtime
```

This **dropdb** command above is necessary to avoid 'already exists' errors on table creation when overwriting an empty Airtime database in the next step. These errors might prevent some data from being restored, such as user account data.

To restore, first unzip the backup file with **gunzip**, then use the **psql** command as the *postgres* user:

```
gunzip airtime-backup.gz  
sudo -u postgres psql -f airtime-backup postgres
```

You should now be able to log in to the Airtime web interface in the usual way.

For safety reasons, your regular database backups should be kept in a directory which is backed up by your storage backup tool of choice; for example, the */srv/airtime/database\_backups* directory. This should ensure that a storage restore can be made along with a matching and complete version of the Airtime database from the day that the storage backup was made.

## STORAGE BACKUP

Backing up the Airtime database with **pg\_dumpall** will not back up the Airtime media storage server, which is likely to need a great deal more backup space. Creating a compressed file from hundreds of gigabytes of storage server contents is likely to take a very long time, and may have little benefit for the amount of CPU power used, if the media files are already stored in a highly compressed format. It is also impractical to copy very large backup files across the network on a daily basis.

Instead, it is preferable to use an incremental backup technique to synchronize the production Airtime server storage with a backup server each day or night. If the backup server also contains an Airtime installation, it should be possible to switch playout to this second machine relatively quickly, in case of a hardware failure or other emergency on the production server.

A standard incremental backup tool on GNU/Linux servers is *rsync* (<http://rsync.samba.org/>) which can be installed using the package manager of your GNU/Linux distribution. However, incremental backup alone cannot help in the scenario where a file which later proves to be important has been deleted by an administrator. For backups that can be rolled back to restore from an earlier date than the current backup, the tool *rdiff-backup* (<http://www.nongnu.org/rdiff-backup/>) can be deployed.

# 30. UPGRADING

Airtime 2.1.x versions support upgrading from version 1.8.0 and above. If you are running a production server with a version of Airtime prior to 1.8.0, you should upgrade it to version 1.8.0 before continuing.

Before upgrading a production Airtime server, you should back up both the PostgreSQL database and the storage server used by Airtime. This is especially important if you have not already set up a regular back up routine. This extra back up is a safety measure in case of accidental data loss during the upgrade, for example due to the wrong command being entered when moving files. See the chapter *Backing up the server* in this book for details of how to perform these back ups.

If you have deployed Airtime using the method shown in the *Automated installation* chapter, you can upgrade in the same way. A new Airtime package available in the Sourcefabric repository can be installed with:

```
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get upgrade
```

If you have used the method shown in the *Manual installation* chapter, you should repeat the installation steps of downloading and unpacking the tarball to an installation directory, and running the **airtime-install** script. The installation script will detect an existing Airtime deployment and back up any configuration files that it finds.

After the upgrade has completed, you may need to clear your web browser's cache before logging into the new version of the Airtime administration interface. If the playout engine starts up and detects that a show should be playing at the current time, it will skip to the right point in the track and start playing.

In Airtime 1.9.0 onwards, the concept of *linked files* was replaced with the concept of *watched folders*. If you are upgrading from a version of Airtime earlier than 1.9.0 and you have previously linked files, the folders they are in will not be watched until you add them to your watched folder list. See the chapter *Manage Media Folders* for more details.

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If your Airtime server is not working as expected, individual components of the system can be started, stopped, restarted or checked in the server console using the **invoke-rc.d** command:

```
sudo invoke-rc.d airtime-playout      start|stop|restart|status
sudo invoke-rc.d airtime-media-monitor start|stop|restart|status
sudo invoke-rc.d apache2              start|stop|restart|status
sudo invoke-rc.d rabbitmq-server      start|stop|restart|status
```

For example, to restart the Airtime playout engine, you could enter the command:

```
sudo invoke-rc.d airtime-playout restart
```

The server should respond:

```
Restarting Airtime Playout: Done.
```

The **status** option for **airtime-playout** and **airtime-media-monitor** runs the **airtime-check-system** script to confirm that all of Airtime's dependencies are installed and running correctly.

## LOG FILES

Airtime stores log files under the directory path `/var/log/airtime/` which can be useful for diagnosing the cause of any problems. Copies of these log files may be requested by Sourcefabric engineers while they are providing technical support for your Airtime deployment. See the chapter *The `airtime-log` command* for more details.

## TEST TONES

Liquidsoap output can be tested using two commands provided by Airtime. The **airtime-test-soundcard** command enables you to send a test tone to the default sound card on the system, so you can check that your audio equipment is working. Press **Ctrl+C** on your keyboard to stop the tone.

```
airtime-test-soundcard [-v]
                        [-o alsa | ao | oss | portaudio | pulseaudio ]
                        [-h]
```

Where:

- v verbose mode
- o Linux Sound API (default: alsa)
- h show help menu

The **airtime-test-stream** command enables you to send a test tone to a local or remote streaming media server. Press **Ctrl+C** on your keyboard to stop the tone being streamed.

```
airtime-test-stream [-v]
                    [-o icecast | shoutcast ] [-H hostname] [-P port]
                    [-u username] [-p password] [-m mount]
                    [-h]
```

Where:

- v verbose mode
- o stream server type (default: icecast)
- H hostname (default: localhost)
- P port (default: 8000)
- u user (default: source)
- p password (default: hackme)
- m mount (default: test)
- h show help menu



# 32. USING MONIT

**Monit** is a utility which can be used to manage and monitor processes, files, directories and filesystems on your Airtime server. It is installed by default when you install Airtime.

To view the Monit web interface, open port 2812 of your server in a web browser. For example, on the localhost you can use:

`http://localhost:2812/`

You will have to log in to see the Monit web interface. The username to use is *guest* and the default password is *airtime*.

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File Edit View History Bookmarks Tools Help

monit: service manager

airtime.64studio.com:2812

Home> monit 5.0.3

### Monit Service Manager

Monit is running on office with *uptime, 32m* and monitoring:

System	Status	Load	CPU	Memory
<u>office</u>	running	[1.96] [1.60] [1.47]	29.6%us, 5.0%sy, 0.0%wa	24.3% [1494000 kB]

Process	Status	Uptime	CPU	Memory
<u>rabbitmq-server</u>	running	32m	0.0%	0.3% [18888 kB]
<u>airtime-playout</u>	running	28m	0.0%	0.2% [14092 kB]
<u>airtime-media-monitor</u>	running	32m	0.0%	0.2% [14516 kB]
<u>airtime-liquidsoap</u>	running	28m	22.4%	0.4% [24620 kB]

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Clicking on the name of a service in the Process column, such as *airtime-playout*, opens another page with details of that service.

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monit: service manager

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Home > [airtime-playout](#) monit 5.0.3

### Process status

Parameter	Value
Name	airtime-playout
Pid file	/var/run/airtime-playout.pid
Status	running
Monitoring mode	active
Monitoring status	monitored
Start program	'/etc/init.d/airtime-playout monit-restart' timeout 5 second(s)
Stop program	'/etc/init.d/airtime-playout stop' timeout 30 second(s)
Check service	every 1 cycle
Data collected	Wed Apr 4 12:07:36 2012
Process id	11235
Parent process id	1
Process uptime	40m
CPU usage	0.0%
Memory usage	0.2% [14092kB]
Children	0
Total CPU usage (incl. children)	0.0%
Total memory usage (incl. children)	0.2% [14092kB]
Pid	If changed 1 times within 1 cycle(s) then alert
Ppid	If changed 1 times within 1 cycle(s) then alert

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By default, the Monit *guest* login is configured for read-only access, which means you cannot restart services through its web interface. To log in as the *admin* user, you will need the randomly generated password set by Airtime in the `/etc/monit/conf.d/monit-airtime-generic.cfg` file. You can see this with the command:

```
sudo less /etc/monit/conf.d/monit-airtime-generic.cfg
```

The random password for the admin user should follow on the line *allow admin:* such as the this example of `LHR32YP7H1`:

```
set daemon 10 # Poll at 10 second intervals
set logfile /var/log/monit.log

set httpd port 2812
  allow admin:LHR32YP7H1
```

```
allow guest:airtime read-only
```

Logging in as the *admin* user, you will now see buttons for controlling a service at the end of each service page:

Pid	If changed 1 times within 1 cycle(s) then alert
Ppid	If changed 1 times within 1 cycle(s) then alert

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Monit does not have a logout button, so if you have already logged in as *guest*, you may have to clear the active login from your web browser before logging in as *admin*. In *Firefox* on Ubuntu, this is accomplished using *Clear Recent History* on the *Tools* menu.

## LOCKING DOWN REMOTE ACCESS

To make remote access more secure, you can edit the file `/etc/monit/conf.d/monit-airtime-generic.cfg` with **nano**:

```
sudo nano /etc/monit/conf.d/monit-airtime-generic.cfg
```

If you wish to enable access from the localhost only, append an *and use address* statement to the end of the line which sets the server port:

```
set httpd port 2812 and use address localhost
```

To enable access from other servers, comment out the part of the line *use address localhost* and then append an *'allow'* line with the IP address and netmask of the machine to connect to Monit from, such as a local network address of *10.0.1.2* and netmask of *255.255.255.0*:

```
allow 10.0.1.2/255.255.255.0
```

If you enable remote *admin* access, be sure to change the randomly generated password in the line beginning *allow admin:* on a regular basis, like you would for any important password. The password for the read-only *guest* access should remain as *airtime*, because Airtime uses this password to collect information for the **Status** page of the administration interface.

```
set httpd port 2812 and # use address localhost
allow localhost
allow 10.0.1.2/255.255.255.0
allow admin:LGW12WB9J7
allow guest:airtime read-only
```

Press **Ctrl+O** to save the file, then **Ctrl+X** to exit **nano**. Then restart Monit with:

```
sudo invoke-rc.d monit restart
```



## SENDING EMAIL ALERTS

To configure Monit to send email alerts, edit the file `/etc/monit/monitrc` to uncomment the `set mailserver` parameter. Change this line to show the name of the SMTP server on your Airtime server's network, as provided by your system administrator.

```
sudo nano /etc/monit/monitrc
```

```
GNU nano 2.2.2      File: /etc/monit/monitrc

#
# set statefile /var/.monit.state
#
## Set the list of mail servers for alert delivery. Multiple servers may be
## specified using comma separator. By default monit uses port 25 - this
## is possible to override with the PORT option.
#
# set mailserver mail.bar.baz,          # primary mailserver
#                backup.bar.baz port 10025, # backup mailserver on port 10025
#                localhost                # fallback relay
#
## By default monit will drop alert events if no mail servers are available
## If you want to keep the alerts for a later delivery retry, you can use
## EVENTQUEUE statement. The base directory where undelivered alerts will
## stored is specified by the BASEDIR option. You can limit the maximal queue
## size using the SLOTS option (if omitted, the queue is limited by space
## available in the back end filesystem).
#

^G Get Help  ^O WriteOut  ^R Read File ^Y Prev Page ^K Cut Text  ^C Cur Pos
^X Exit      ^J Justify   ^W Where Is  ^V Next Page ^U UnCut Text ^T To Space
```

Further down the configuration file, you can set the *From:* and *To:* addresses for the alert emails using the `set mail-format` and `set alert` parameters. Then uncomment these lines for the parameters to be read by Monit.

```
GNU nano 2.2.2      File: /etc/monit/monitrc

## are expanded at runtime. For example, to override the sender:
#
# set mail-format { from: monit@foo.bar }
#
## You can set alert recipients here whom will receive alerts if/when a
## service defined in this file has errors. Alerts may be restricted on
## events by using a filter as in the second example below.
#
# set alert sysadm@foo.bar                # receive all alerts
# set alert manager@foo.bar only on { timeout } # receive just service-
#                                           # timeout alert
#
## Monit has an embedded web server which can be used to view status of
## services monitored, the current configuration, actual services parameters
## and manage services from a web interface.
#
# set httpd port 2812 and
```

Press **Ctrl+O** to save the file, then **Ctrl+X** to exit **nano**. Then restart Monit with:

```
sudo invoke-rc.d monit restart
```

More information about using Monit is available at <http://mmonit.com/monit/documentation/>

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# 33. AUTOMATED FILE IMPORT

The *airtime-import* script can be combined with the standard *SFTP* (secure FTP) program and *cron* daemon on a GNU/Linux server to enable automated file import from multiple remote computers. This could save time for your station staff when using distributed production methods, or content syndication.

Traditional FTP servers use plain text passwords (without encryption) and are therefore not recommended for upload accounts on Airtime servers accessible from the public Internet. SFTP is a cross-platform protocol which works with many desktop programs including **gFTP** for GNU/Linux (<http://www.gftp.org/>). This program can be installed on Debian or Ubuntu desktop computers with the command:

```
sudo apt-get install gftp
```

Other popular SFTP clients include **FileZilla** for Windows (<http://filezilla-project.org/>) and **Cyberduck** for Mac and Windows (<http://cyberduck.ch/>).

To enable SFTP uploads, first invoke the **adduser** command to create the *uploads* account on the server. For security reasons this user account is restricted to using SFTP only; it cannot be used for executing other commands in a login shell.

```
sudo adduser --home /srv/airtime/uploads --shell /usr/lib/sftp-server uploads
```

The server will then invite you to type in the password for the new *uploads* user, and once again for confirmation. The security of your Airtime server depends on the strength of the password that you set, so be sure to use a long and complex password with upper case, lower case and numerical characters. It is not necessary to set a full name or other details for this account.

```
Adding user `uploads' ...
Adding new group `uploads' (1003) ...
Adding new user `uploads' (1002) with group `uploads' ...
Creating home directory `/srv/airtime/uploads' ...
Copying files from `/etc/skel' ...
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
Changing the user information for uploads
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default
  Full Name []:
   Room Number []:
    Work Phone []:
    Home Phone []:
      Other []:
Is the information correct? [Y/n] Y
```

Next, create a folder to contain the incoming files:

```
sudo mkdir /srv/airtime/uploads/incoming/
```

Then create a script to run once per hour:

```
sudo nano /etc/cron.hourly/airtime-upload
```

The script should import the newly uploaded files from the incoming folder specified, using the *copy* option, and then remove the original uploaded files. This step, rather than simply using the *watch* option on the `/srv/airtime/uploads/incoming/` folder, ensures that the *uploads* SFTP account does not have direct write access to the Airtime storage archive. That could be a security risk if the password was compromised.

```
#!/bin/sh

# Run the import script on fresh uploads

airtime-import copy /srv/airtime/uploads/incoming/

# Clean the incoming directory to save disk space

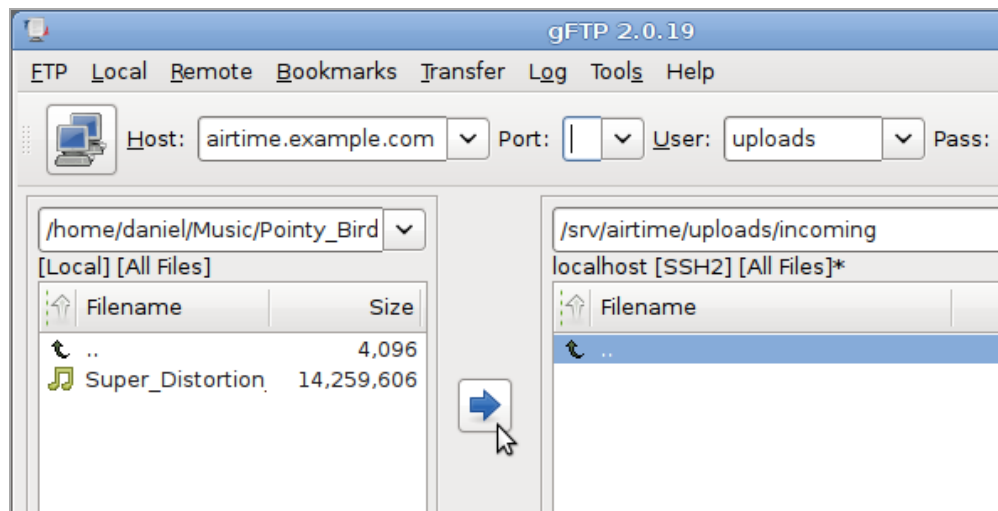
rm -r /srv/airtime/uploads/incoming/*.mp3
rm -r /srv/airtime/uploads/incoming/*.ogg
```

Finally, the script should be made executable so that the cron daemon can run it.

```
sudo chmod +x /etc/cron.hourly/airtime-upload
```

By default, Debian and Ubuntu GNU/Linux run *cron.hourly* tasks at 17 minutes past each hour. This value can be adjusted in the file `/etc/crontab` on the server, if required.

Remote users should connect to the Airtime server using their client software of choice, making sure that they specify an SFTP rather than FTP connection. The remote directory for the clients to use would be `/srv/airtime/uploads/incoming/` as configured above.



For additional security, you could configure your Airtime server to use an encryption key pair for the *uploads* account, instead of a password. See <https://help.ubuntu.com/community/SSH/OpenSSH/Keys> for details of how to do this on an Ubuntu server.

# 34. ICECAST HANDOVER

In a typical radio station configuration, the live output from the broadcast studio and the scheduled output from Airtime are mixed together before being sent further along the broadcast chain, to a transmitter or streaming media server on the Internet. (This may not be the case if your Airtime server is remote from the studio, and you are using the **Show Source Mount Point** or **Master Source Mount Point** to mix live and scheduled content. See the *Stream Settings* chapter for details).

If your **Icecast** server is hosted in a remote data centre, you may not have the option to handover the streaming media source manually, because you have no physical access to connect a broadcast mixer to the server. Disconnecting the stream and beginning another is less than ideal, because the audience's media players will also be disconnected when that happens.

The **Icecast** server has a *fallback-mount* feature which can be used to move clients (media players used by listeners or viewers) from one source to another, as new sources become available. This makes it possible to handover from Airtime output to a show from another source, and handover to Airtime again once the other show has ended.

To enable fallback mounts, edit the main Icecast configuration file to define the mount points you will use, and the relationship between them.

```
sudo nano /etc/icecast2/icecast.xml
```

The example `<mount>` section provided in the *icecast.xml* file is commented out by default. Before or after the commented section, add three mount point definitions. The default mount point used by Airtime is `/airtime_128` which is shown in the `/etc/airtime/liquidsoap.cfg` file. You must also define a mount point for the live source (called `/live.ogg` in this example) and a mount point for the public to connect to (called `/stream.ogg` in this example).

```
<mount>
  <mount-name>/airtime_128</mount-name>
  <hidden>0</hidden>
</mount>

<mount>
  <mount-name>/live.ogg</mount-name>
  <fallback-mount>/airtime_128</fallback-mount>
  <fallback-override>1</fallback-override>
  <hidden>0</hidden>
</mount>

<mount>
  <mount-name>/stream.ogg</mount-name>
  <fallback-mount>/live.ogg</fallback-mount>
  <fallback-override>1</fallback-override>
  <hidden>0</hidden>
</mount>
```

These mount point definitions mean that a client connecting to a URL such as `http://icecast.example.com:8000/stream.ogg` will first fall back to the `/live.ogg` mount point if it is available. If not, the client will fall back in turn to the `/airtime_128` mount point for Airtime payout.

Setting the value of `<fallback-override>` to 1 (enabled) means that when the `/live.ogg` mount point becomes available again, the client will be re-connected to it. If you wish to hide the `/airtime_I28` and `/live.ogg` mount points from the public Icecast web interface, set the value of `<hidden>` in each of these definitions to 1.

## SOURCE CONFIGURATION

Connect the other source to the Icecast server with the same parameters defined in the `/etc/airtime/liquidsoap.cfg` file, except for the mount point. This should be one of the mount points you have defined in the `/etc/icecast2/icecast.xml` file, such as `/live.ogg` in the example above.

To configure **Mixxx** for streaming to Icecast, click *Options*, *Preferences*, then *Live Broadcasting*. For server *Type*, select the default of *Icecast 2* when streaming to Debian or Ubuntu servers, as this is the current version of Icecast supplied with those GNU/Linux distributions.

The screenshot shows a 'Preferences' window with a 'Live Broadcasting' tab. At the top, it says 'For technical reasons changing any shoutcast settings will cause an established connect and reconnect.' Below this, there's a 'Server' section with a dropdown set to '2', a 'Mount' field with '/live.ogg', a 'Port' field with '8000', and a 'Password' field with '\*\*\*\*\*'. The 'Encoding' section has '128 kbps' for Bitrate, 'Ogg Vorbis' for Format, and 'Stereo' for Channels. The 'Custom metadata' section has a checked box for 'Enable custom metadata', an 'Artist' field with 'My Presenter Names', and a 'Title' field with 'My Show Name'. At the bottom are 'Cancel' and 'OK' buttons.

By default, Icecast streams are buffered to guard against network problems, which causes latency for remote listeners. When monitoring the stream from a remote location, you may have to begin the live stream a few seconds before the previous stream ends to enable a smooth transition.

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If you have an Icecast server, you can put a link to the Icecast status page at port 8000 on your station's homepage, to provide an overview of available streams. See the chapter *Interface customization* for tips on theming the Icecast status page. Alternatively you can use Now Playing widgets (see the chapter *Exporting the schedule*) or HTML5 stream players (see the chapter *Stream player for your website*) to grow your audience.

You can also uncomment the `<directory>` section in the `/etc/icecast2/icecast.xml` file to have your new station automatically listed on the Icecast directory website <http://dir.xiph.org> which could help you pick up more listeners.

```
<!-- Uncomment this if you want directory listings -->

<directory>
  <yp-url-timeout>15</yp-url-timeout>
  <yp-url>http://dir.xiph.org/cgi-bin/yp-cgi</yp-url>
</directory>
```

Another stream directory service is provided by the Liquidsoap Flows! site at <http://flows.liquidsoap.fm/>. The following section can be added to the file `/usr/lib/airtime/pypo/bin/liquidsoap_scripts/ls_script.liq` after `add_skip_command(s)` on line 174, for a stream named 'stream':

```
stream = register_flow(
  radio="Rock 'n Roll Radio",
  website="http://radio.example.com/",
  description="Canada's most rockin' radio!",
  genre="Rock",
  user="",
  password="",
  streams=[("ogg/128k", "http://streaming.example.com/airtime_128")],
  stream)
```

For now, a stream can be registered on the Liquidsoap Flows! site with any username and password.



# 36. STREAM PLAYER FOR YOUR WEBSITE

If you are using Airtime for web streaming, you can embed a player applet into your website. **jPlayer** is a player applet (available under the GNU GPL from <http://jplayer.org/>) which uses the `<audio>` tag feature of HTML5 to play your streams. If the listener's browser does not support HTML5, the applet falls back to using Adobe Flash instead.

Proprietary browsers, such as Internet Explorer on Windows or Safari on Apple OS X, may not support Ogg Vorbis streams. Listeners who do not wish to install a browser with Ogg Vorbis support (such as **Mozilla Firefox**, **Google Chrome** or **Opera**) can listen to these streams using a separate media player such as **VideoLAN Client**, also known as VLC (<http://www.videolan.org/vlc/>).

## EXAMPLE CODE

You can download the example code for this chapter from:

[http://en.flossmanuals.net/airtime-en-2-0/index/\\_booki/airtime-en-2-0/static/jPlayer\\_demo2.zip](http://en.flossmanuals.net/airtime-en-2-0/index/_booki/airtime-en-2-0/static/jPlayer_demo2.zip)

Unzip this file on your computer, and then open the file *jplayer-demo.html* in your editor:

```
nano jplayer-demo.html
```

We'll focus on the two areas that you need to concern yourself with. Firstly, in the `<head>` tag of the document, you'll see some code like this:

```
$(document).ready(function(){  
  
  $("#jquery_jplayer_1").jPlayer({  
  
    ready: function () {  
      $(this).jPlayer("setMedia", {  
        oga: "http://localhost:8000/airtime_128"  
      }).jPlayer("play");  
    },  
  
    ended: function (event) {  
      $(this).jPlayer("play");  
    },  
  
    swfPath: "js",  
    supplied: "oga"  
  
  });  
  
});
```

This code loads jPlayer, and specifies the source of the Airtime stream. The stream setting of `http://localhost:8000/airtime_128` will work if you are testing jPlayer directly on the Icecast server that Airtime is connecting to. When testing on a remote server, you should change this setting to the IP address or domain name, port number and mount point of the Icecast server you are using.

As soon as jPlayer has finished loading, it will automatically begin to play the stream. The parameters *ready*, *ended*, *swfPath* and *supplied* are arguments passed to jPlayer. A full list of constructor arguments is available in the *jPlayer Developer Guide* at <http://www.jplayer.org/latest/developer-guide/>

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Secondly, the `<body>` tag of the file `jplayer-demo.html` defines the controls displayed by jPlayer. These controls can be as simple as just one Play/Pause button, or a fully-fledged playback interface with a playlist, progress bar and volume control. This example code uses one of the simpler skins available for jPlayer, *Blue Monday*.

A stop button or progress bar is not useful when we are streaming continuously from Icecast, so we can remove these tags from the demo code, along with the tags specifying the playback time and file duration. The simplified HTML creates a play/pause button and a mute button, and looks as follows:

```
<div id="jquery_jplayer_1" class="jp-jplayer"></div>

<div class="jp-audio">
  <div class="jp-type-single">

    <div id="jp_interface_1" class="jp-interface">

      <div class="label">Airtime Radio! 99.9 FM</div>

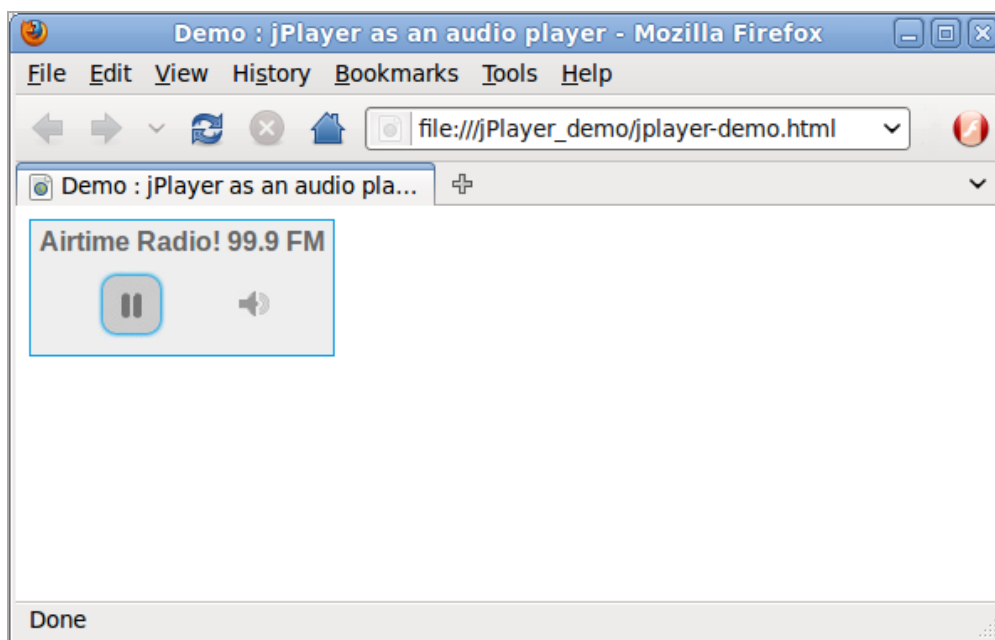
      <ul class="jp-controls">
        <li><a href="#" class="jp-play" tabindex="1">play</a></li>
        <li><a href="#" class="jp-pause" tabindex="1">pause</a></li>
        <li><a href="#" class="jp-mute" tabindex="1">mute</a></li>
        <li><a href="#" class="jp-unmute" tabindex="1">unmute</a></li>
      </ul>

    </div>

    <div id="jp_playlist_1" class="jp-playlist"></div>

  </div>
</div>
```

When you open the HTML file `jplayer-demo.html` in a web browser, your player should appear as follows:



The original version of this demo code and skin are available from <http://jplayer.org/download/> for further experimentation.

# 37. EXPORTING THE SCHEDULE

Airtime has a feature which enables your station's current show and schedule information to be displayed on remote websites. This feature is included in Airtime because you would not usually invite the general public to access your Airtime server directly. If you had very large numbers of people requesting data from the Airtime server at once, the burst of network traffic might overload the server, potentially disrupting your broadcasts. If carried out maliciously, this network overload is known as a *denial of service attack*.

Instead, your public-facing web server can retrieve the schedule information from Airtime. This information can then be displayed on your broadcast station or affiliate websites by a content management system, such as Sourcefabric's **Newscoop** (<http://newscoop.sourcefabric.org/>). It can be presented using Javascript widgets and styled with CSS, in any format that you require.

There are two kinds of information that can be retrieved remotely from Airtime; the metadata for the current show plus the following show (live-info), or the schedule for the current week (week-info). This metadata includes show names, times, descriptions and individual show URLs on your public website. That way, the audience for your station can click through from the schedule information to find out more about a particular show, or download a previous show recording that you might have made available.

If your Airtime server was accessible at <http://air1.example.com> the live show information could be retrieved by your web server using this URL:

<http://air1.example.com/api/live-info/?callback>

The comma-separated text metadata returned to your web server might be something like this:

```
{
  "env":"development",
  "schedulerTime":"2011-05-09 15:01:18",
  "currentShow":[{"start_timestamp":"2011-05-09 16:00:00",
    "end_timestamp":"2011-05-09 17:00:00",
    "name":"Funk Show",
    "id":"8",
    "instance_id":"8",
    "record":"0",
    "url":"http://funk.example.com/"}],
  "nextShow":[{"id":"9","starts":"2011-05-09 17:00:00",
    "ends":"2011-05-09 18:00:00",
    "show_id":"9",
    "record":"0",
    "rebroadcast":"0",
    "instance_id":null,
    "file_id":null,
    "soundcloud_id":null,
    "time_filled":null,
    "name":"Dance show",
    "url":"http://dance.example.com",
    "genre":"Dance",
    "description":"Techno, techno, techno, techno!",
    "color":"000000",
    "background_color":"ffea00",
    "start_timestamp":"2011-05-09 17:00:00",
    "end_timestamp":"2011-05-09 18:00:00"}],
  "timezone":"BST",
  "timezoneOffset":"3600"
}
```

The information for the current week's schedule could be retrieved using the URL:

http://air1.example.com/api/week-info/?callback

In this case, the metadata returned would be in a different format from the above example, something like the following. To keep the example short, this particular schedule export only contains four shows on a Monday. A full weekly schedule export would contain a great deal more text.

```
{
  "sunday":[],
  "monday":[
    {"show_starts":"2011-05-09 14:25:00",
     "show_ends":"2011-05-09 14:35:00",
     "show_name":"Elvis Show",
     "url":"http://elvis.example.com/"},
    {"show_starts":"2011-05-09 14:50:00",
     "show_ends":"2011-05-09 14:55:00",
     "show_name":"News",
     "url":"http://news.example.com/"},
    {"show_starts":"2011-05-09 16:00:00",
     "show_ends":"2011-05-09 17:00:00",
     "show_name":"Funk Show",
     "url":"http://funk.example.com/"},
    {"show_starts":"2011-05-09 17:00:00",
     "show_ends":"2011-05-09 18:00:00",
     "show_name":"Dance show",
     "url":"http://dance.example.com"}
  ],
  "tuesday":[],
  "wednesday":[],
  "thursday":[],
  "friday":[],
  "saturday":[]
}
```

If you see the message *You are not allowed to access this resource* when attempting to display schedule information in your web browser, log in to the Airtime administration interface, click *System* in the main menu, then *Preferences*. Set **Allow Remote Websites To Access "Schedule Info?" to Enabled**, click the **Submit** button, then refresh the browser window opened on the schedule export URL.

## CACHING SCHEDULE INFORMATION

If the Airtime server is behind a firewall, or you want to protect the Airtime server from large numbers of schedule requests, you may wish to cache the schedule information on a public-facing or intermediate server. You can then create a firewall rule that only allows the schedule server to connect to the Airtime server, in addition to any remote users of the Airtime web interface.

Your system administrator can set up schedule caching on a standard Apache and PHP enabled web server with the *curl* program installed, using the following steps:

1. Create a bash script on the schedule server (*schedule.example.com*) that polls the remote Airtime server (*air1.example.com*), and writes the metadata returned into a pair of local temporary files:

```
sudo nano /usr/local/bin/airtime-schedule.sh
```

The content of this file should be like the following script, replacing *air1.example.com* with the name of your Airtime server:

```
#!/bin/sh
```

```
curl -s "http://air1.example.com/api/live-info/?callback=***" > /tmp/live-info
```

```
curl -s "http://air1.example.com/api/week-info/?callback=***" > /tmp/week-info
```

2. Make the bash script executable:

```
sudo chmod +x /usr/local/bin/airtime-schedule.sh
```

### 3. Create an Apache VirtualHost configuration for the schedule server:

```
sudo nano /etc/apache2/sites-available/schedule
```

containing a definition like the following, replacing *schedule.example.com* with the name of your schedule server:

```
<VirtualHost *:80>
    ServerName schedule.example.com
    DocumentRoot /var/www/schedule/
</VirtualHost>
```

### 4. In the schedule server's DocumentRoot folder, create the folders *api/live-info/* and *api/week-info/*

```
sudo mkdir -p /var/www/schedule/api/live-info/
sudo mkdir -p /var/www/schedule/api/week-info/
```

### 5. Create an index.php file in the *api/live-info/* folder:

```
sudo nano /var/www/schedule/api/live-info/index.php
```

containing the following code:

```
<?php
$filename = '/tmp/live-info'; // define here the path and name of uploaded live-info file

header('Content-Type: text/javascript');
header("Expires: Thu, 01 Jan 1970 00:00:00 GMT");
header("Cache-Control: no-store, no-cache, must-revalidate");

$callback = empty($_GET['callback']) ? null : $_GET['callback'];
$content = file_get_contents($filename);
$content = str_replace('***', $callback, $content);
echo $content;
?>
```

### 6. Create an index.php file in the *api/week-info/* folder:

```
sudo nano /var/www/schedule/api/week-info/index.php
```

containing the following code:

```
<?php
$filename = '/tmp/week-info'; // define here the path and name of uploaded week-info file

header('Content-Type: text/javascript');
header("Expires: Thu, 01 Jan 1970 00:00:00 GMT");
header("Cache-Control: no-store, no-cache, must-revalidate");

$callback = empty($_GET['callback']) ? null : $_GET['callback'];
$content = file_get_contents($filename);
$content = str_replace('***', $callback, $content);
echo $content;
?>
```

### 7. Enable the new configuration and reload the Apache web server:

```
sudo a2ensite schedule
sudo /etc/init.d/apache2 reload
```

### 8. Create a cron job to run the bash script each minute:

```
sudo nano /etc/cron.d/airtime-schedule
```

containing the line:

```
* * * * * www-data /usr/local/bin/airtime-schedule.sh
```

The schedule server will now be serving the same show information as the Airtime server, with a cache lifetime of one minute. You can adjust the cache lifetime by altering the frequency of the cron job that polls the Airtime server.

## WEBSITE WIDGETS

Example HTML, Javascript and CSS code for your public website are provided in the *widgets* folder of the Airtime installation tarball. If you have performed an automated installation on Debian or Ubuntu, the widgets can be found in the */usr/share/doc/airtime/examples/* directory.

For the widgets to work on a typical web server, links to the Javascript and CSS code have to be included in the HTML page `<head>` element, like the following example:

```
<head>
<meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=utf-8" />
<title>Airtime widgets</title>
<script src="js/jquery-1.6.1.min.js" type="text/javascript">
</script>
<script src="js/jquery-ui-1.8.10.custom.min.js" type="text/javascript">
</script>
<script src="js/jquery.showinfo.js" type="text/javascript">
</script>
<link href="css/airtime-widgets.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" />
</head>
```

A full example is shown in the *widgets/sample\_page.html* file in the Airtime installation tarball, or */usr/share/doc/airtime/examples/* directory if you have installed the Debian/Ubuntu package of Airtime.

The following code is for a small *airtimeLiveInfo* widget that displays information about the current show (show time elapsed, and show time remaining), as well as some information about the next show (start time and end time). In this example, the label text for *onAirNow* is translated into French for local language support:

```
<script>
$(document).ready(function() {
    $("#headerLiveHolder").airtimeLiveInfo({
        sourceDomain: "http://schedule.example.com/",
        text: {onAirNow:"Sur Les Antennes", offline:"Offline", current:"Current", next:"Next"},
        updatePeriod: 20 //seconds
    });
});
</script>
```

On the public website, this widget can be made to look like the following screenshot:



```
SUR LES ANTENNES >>
Current: Newslink
Next: Pages of History (EN)
e.04:51 r.25:08
16:30 - 17:00
```

The CSS properties *color:* and *text-transform:uppercase* have been used to style the *onAirNow* label. There is a full example CSS file *widgets/css/airtime-widgets.css* in the Airtime installation tarball or */usr/share/doc/airtime/examples/* directory.

The next widget *airtimeShowSchedule* is medium sized, and displays the upcoming show schedule for that day.

```
<script>
```

```

$(document).ready(function() {
    $("#onAirToday").airtimeShowSchedule({
        sourceDomain: "http://schedule.example.com/",
        text: {onAirToday:"On air today"},
        updatePeriod: 5 //seconds
    });
});
</script>

```

The widget code above can be styled to look like this screen shot:

On air today	
16:00 - 16:30	Newslink
16:30 - 17:00	Pages of History (EN)
17:00 - 17:30	L'Info Chez-Vous
17:30 - 04:00	Pages d'histoire
18:30 - 19:00	Choices (EN)
19:00 - 19:30	L'Info chez vous (FR)

Finally, the following code creates a large widget *airtimeWeekSchedule* that enables site visitors to browse through the show schedule for that week. In this example, all widget labels have been translated into French:

```

<script>
$(document).ready(function() {
    $("#scheduleTabs").airtimeWeekSchedule({
        sourceDomain:"http://schedule.example.com/",
        dowText:{monday:"Lundi", tuesday:"Mardi", wednesday:"Mercredi", thursday:"Jeudi", friday:"Vendredi", saturday:"Samedi", sunday:"Dimanche"},
        miscText:{time:"Temps", programName:"Nom du Programme", details:"Détails", readMore:"Lire La Suite"},
        updatePeriod: 600 //seconds
    });
});
</script>

```

Using the code above and CSS, the first six hours of the schedule each day can be styled to look like this:



Lundi	Mardi	Mercredi	Jeudi	Vendredi	Samedi	Dimanche	
TEMPS		NOM DU PROGRAMME				DÉTAILS	
00:00 - 00:30		Newslink (EN)				LIRE LA SUITE	
00:30 - 00:45		The Citizen (EN)				LIRE LA SUITE	
01:00 - 01:30		L'Info chez-vous				LIRE LA SUITE	
02:00 - 02:30		Music From Countries - Promo				LIRE LA SUITE	
02:30 - 03:00		Music From Countries - Promo				LIRE LA SUITE	
03:00 - 03:30		Newslink					
04:00 - 04:30		L'Info chez-vous (FR)				LIRE LA SUITE	
04:30 - 05:00		Fifty Fifty (FR)				LIRE LA SUITE	
05:00 - 05:30		Music From Countries - Promo				LIRE LA SUITE	
05:30 - 06:00		Music From Countries - Promo				LIRE LA SUITE	

The value of **sourceDomain** in the code examples above should match the URL that you wish to serve schedule information to the public from. If you have used the *Caching schedule information* method detailed above, this would be the URL of your schedule server, not the Airtime server directly.

# 38. INTERFACE CUSTOMIZATION

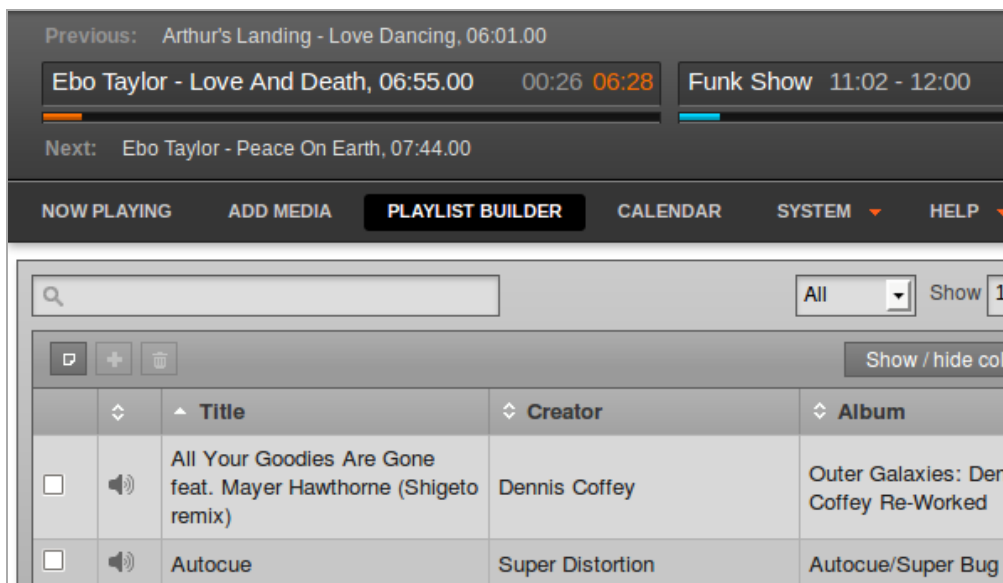
The Airtime administration interface, as a web application, is fully customizable using the same methods that you might use to modify a website. For instance, you may wish to increase certain font sizes or change the colours in the Airtime interface to better suit staff users with impaired vision. To do this, open one of the CSS files in the `/public/css/` directory under the Airtime *DocumentRoot* directory in an editor such as **nano**:

```
sudo nano /usr/share/airtime/public/css/styles.css
```

To change the background colour of the administration interface from dark gray to white, the *background*: property of the body tag could be changed to `#ffffff` as follows:

```
body {  
    font-size: 62.5%;  
    font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;  
    background: #ffffff;  
    margin: 0;  
    padding: 0;  
}
```

Save the file with **Ctrl+O**, then refresh your browser to see the change to the interface background colour.



Any custom changes that you make to the administration interface should be backed up before upgrading Airtime to a newer version, otherwise they could be overwritten. If you have made improvements that you think might be useful to other Airtime users, please contact Sourcefabric and tell us about them.

## MODIFYING THE ICECAST INTERFACE

If you have installed Icecast, in the directory `/etc/icecast2/web/` you will find several XSLT and other files which are used to generate the Icecast web interface. If you are familiar with HTML you should be able to modify these pages, as they are well commented. You do have to be careful with syntax, because something as simple as a missing bracket can cause the Icecast web interface to break down.

For example, you could change the *status.xml* page:

```
sudo nano /etc/icecast2/web/status.xml
```

Modifying the *status.xml* page is a good place to start, because this is the default page that site visitors see when they browse port 8000 on your Icecast server. The most obvious change to make in the XSLT pages is the content of the `<title>` and `<h2>` tags, to announce the name of your station. You can also modify the *style.css* file in this directory to change colour and layout options.

After saving the file with Ctrl+O, refresh your web browser, and the new look should now be visible.



# **APPENDIX**

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# 39. EXPERT INSTALL

These quick install steps are suitable for experienced GNU/Linux system administrators who have already followed the steps shown in the chapter *Preparing the server* earlier in this book. For a more detailed explanation of the steps below, please read the chapter *Automated installation*.

1. Edit the repositories file for your server:

```
sudo nano /etc/apt/sources.list
```

For Ubuntu Lucid [or Maverick, Natty, Oneiric, Precise] servers, use the Sourcefabric repository:

```
deb http://apt.sourcefabric.org/ lucid main
```

and make sure you have enabled the multiverse repository for MP3 encoding support:

```
deb http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ lucid multiverse
```

For Debian Squeeze servers, use the Sourcefabric repository:

```
deb http://apt.sourcefabric.org/ squeeze main
```

and enable the backports repository for MP3 encoding support:

```
deb http://backports.debian.org/debian-backports squeeze-backports main
```

2. Install the Sourcefabric package signing key:

```
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install sourcefabric-keyring
```

3. Install the database management system:

```
sudo apt-get install postgresql
```

4. Install the streaming media server (optional):

```
sudo apt-get install icecast2
```

5. Remove PulseAudio, if installed:

```
sudo apt-get purge pulseaudio
```

6. Install Airtime:

```
sudo apt-get install airtime
```

Refer to the *Configuration* chapter for configuration options. Now you should be able to log in to the Airtime administration interface, as shown in the *Getting started* chapter.

# 40. HD AUDIO MODELS

This listing is provided to help ensure that the correct model parameter is passed to the ALSA kernel module for an Intel HDA soundcard, if one is fitted to your Airtime server. See the chapter *Preparing the server* in this book for more details.

```
Model name Description
-----
ALC880
=====
3stack 3-jack in back and a headphone out
3stack-digout 3-jack in back, a HP out and a SPDIF out
5stack 5-jack in back, 2-jack in front
5stack-digout 5-jack in back, 2-jack in front, a SPDIF out
6stack 6-jack in back, 2-jack in front
6stack-digout 6-jack with a SPDIF out
w810 3-jack
z71v 3-jack (HP shared SPDIF)
asus 3-jack (ASUS Mobo)
asus-w1v ASUS W1V
asus-dig ASUS with SPDIF out
asus-dig2 ASUS with SPDIF out (using GPIO2)
uniwill 3-jack
fujitsu Fujitsu Laptops (Pi1536)
F1734 2-jack
lg LG laptop (m1 express dual)
lg-lw LG LW20/LW25 laptop
tcl TCL S700
clevo Clevo laptops (m520G, m665n)
medion Medion Rim 2150
test for testing/debugging purpose, almost all controls can be
adjusted. Appearing only when compiled with
$CONFIG_SND_DEBUG=y
auto auto-config reading BIOS (default)

ALC260
=====
hp HP machines
hp-3013 HP machines (3013-variant)
hp-dc7600 HP DC7600
fujitsu Fujitsu S7020
acer Acer TravelMate
will Will laptops (PB V7900)
replacer Replacer 672V
favorit100 Maxdata Favorit 100XS
basic fixed pin assignment (old default model)
test for testing/debugging purpose, almost all controls can
adjusted. Appearing only when compiled with
$CONFIG_SND_DEBUG=y
auto auto-config reading BIOS (default)

ALC262
=====
fujitsu Fujitsu Laptop
hp-bpc HP xw4400/6400/8400/9400 laptops
hp-bpc-d7000 HP BPC D7000
hp-tc-t5735 HP Thin Client T5735
hp-rp5700 HP RP5700
benq Benq ED8
benq-t31 Benq T31
hippo Hippo (ATI) with jack detection, Sony UX-90s
hippo_1 Hippo (Benq) with jack detection
sony-assamd Sony ASSAMD
toshiba-s06 Toshiba S06
toshiba-rx1 Toshiba RX1
tyan Tyan Thunder n6650W (S2915-E)
ultra Samsung Q1 Ultra Vista model
lenovo-3000 Lenovo 3000 y410
```

```

nec NEC Versa S9100
basic fixed pin assignment w/o SPDIF
auto auto-config reading BIOS (default)

ALC267/268
=====
quanta-il1 Quanta IL1 mini-notebook
3stack 3-stack model
toshiba Toshiba A205
acer Acer laptops
acer-dmic Acer laptops with digital-mic
acer-aspire Acer Aspire One
dell Dell OEM laptops (Vostro 1200)
zepto Zepto laptops
test for testing/debugging purpose, almost all controls can
adjusted. Appearing only when compiled with
$CONFIG_SND_DEBUG=y
auto auto-config reading BIOS (default)

ALC269
=====
basic Basic preset
quanta Quanta FL1
laptop-amic Laptops with analog-mic input
laptop-dmic Laptops with digital-mic input
fujitsu FSC Amilo
lifebook Fujitsu Lifebook S6420
auto auto-config reading BIOS (default)

ALC662/663/272
=====
3stack-dig 3-stack (2-channel) with SPDIF
3stack-6ch 3-stack (6-channel)
3stack-6ch-dig 3-stack (6-channel) with SPDIF
5stack-dig 5-stack with SPDIF
lenovo-101e Lenovo laptop
eeepc-p701 ASUS EeePC P701
eeepc-ep20 ASUS EeePC EP20
ecs ECS/Foxconn mobo
m51va ASUS M51VA
g71v ASUS G71V
h13 ASUS H13
g50v ASUS G50V
asus-mode1 ASUS
asus-mode2 ASUS
asus-mode3 ASUS
asus-mode4 ASUS
asus-mode5 ASUS
asus-mode6 ASUS
asus-mode7 ASUS
asus-mode8 ASUS
dell Dell with ALC272
dell-zm1 Dell ZM1 with ALC272
samsung-nc10 Samsung NC10 mini notebook
auto auto-config reading BIOS (default)

ALC680
=====
base Base model (ASUS NX90)
auto auto-config reading BIOS (default)

ALC882/883/885/888/889
=====
3stack-dig 3-jack with SPDIF I/O
6stack-dig 6-jack digital with SPDIF I/O
arima Arima W820Di1
targa Targa T8, MSI-1049 T8
asus-a7j ASUS A7J
asus-a7m ASUS A7M
macpro MacPro support
mb5 Macbook 5,1
macmini3 Macmini 3,1
mba21 Macbook Air 2,1
mbp3 Macbook Pro rev3
imac24 iMac 24'' with jack detection

```

```

imac91 iMac 9,1
w2jc ASUS W2JC
3stack-2ch-dig 3-jack with SPDIF I/O (ALC883)
alc883-6stack-dig 6-jack digital with SPDIF I/O (ALC883)
3stack-6ch 3-jack 6-channel
3stack-6ch-dig 3-jack 6-channel with SPDIF I/O
6stack-dig-demo 6-jack digital for Intel demo board
acer Acer laptops (Travelmate 3012WTMi, Aspire 5600, etc)
acer-aspire Acer Aspire 9810
acer-aspire-4930g Acer Aspire 4930G
acer-aspire-6530g Acer Aspire 6530G
acer-aspire-7730g Acer Aspire 7730G
acer-aspire-8930g Acer Aspire 8930G
medion Medion Laptops
targa-dig Targa/MSI
targa-2ch-dig Targa/MSI with 2-channel
targa-8ch-dig Targa/MSI with 8-channel (MSI GX620)
laptop-eapd 3-jack with SPDIF I/O and EAPD (Clevo M540JE, M550JE)
lenovo-101e Lenovo 101E
lenovo-nb0763 Lenovo NB0763
lenovo-ms7195-dig Lenovo MS7195
lenovo-sky Lenovo Sky
haier-w66 Haier W66
3stack-hp HP machines with 3stack (Lucknow, Samba boards)
6stack-dell Dell machines with 6stack (Inspiron 530)
mitac Mitac 8252D
clevo-m540r Clevo M540R (6ch + digital)
clevo-m720 Clevo M720 laptop series
fujitsu-pi2515 Fujitsu AMILO Pi2515
fujitsu-xa3530 Fujitsu AMILO XA3530
3stack-6ch-intel Intel DG33* boards
intel-alc889a Intel IbexPeak with ALC889A
intel-x58 Intel DX58 with ALC889
asus-p5q ASUS P5Q-EM boards
mb31 MacBook 3,1
sony-vaio-tt Sony VAI0 TT
auto auto-config reading BIOS (default)

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#### ALC861/660

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3stack 3-jack
3stack-dig 3-jack with SPDIF I/O
6stack-dig 6-jack with SPDIF I/O
3stack-660 3-jack (for ALC660)
uniwill-m31 Uniwill M31 laptop
toshiba Toshiba laptop support
asus Asus laptop support
asus-laptop ASUS F2/F3 laptops
auto auto-config reading BIOS (default)

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#### ALC861VD/660VD

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3stack 3-jack
3stack-dig 3-jack with SPDIF OUT
6stack-dig 6-jack with SPDIF OUT
3stack-660 3-jack (for ALC660VD)
3stack-660-digout 3-jack with SPDIF OUT (for ALC660VD)
lenovo Lenovo 3000 C200
dallas Dallas laptops
hp HP TX1000
asus-v1s ASUS V1Sn
auto auto-config reading BIOS (default)

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#### CMI9880

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minimal 3-jack in back
min_fp 3-jack in back, 2-jack in front
full 6-jack in back, 2-jack in front
full_dig 6-jack in back, 2-jack in front, SPDIF I/O
allout 5-jack in back, 2-jack in front, SPDIF out
auto auto-config reading BIOS (default)

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#### AD1882 / AD1882A

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3stack 3-stack mode (default)

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6stack 6-stack mode

AD1884A / AD1883 / AD1984A / AD1984B
=====
desktop 3-stack desktop (default)
laptop laptop with HP jack sensing
mobile mobile devices with HP jack sensing
thinkpad Lenovo Thinkpad X300
touchsmart HP Touchsmart

AD1884
=====
N/A

AD1981
=====
basic 3-jack (default)
hp HP nx6320
thinkpad Lenovo Thinkpad T60/X60/Z60
toshiba Toshiba U205

AD1983
=====
N/A

AD1984
=====
basic default configuration
thinkpad Lenovo Thinkpad T61/X61
dell_desktop Dell T3400

AD1986A
=====
6stack 6-jack, separate surrounds (default)
3stack 3-stack, shared surrounds
laptop 2-channel only (FSC V2060, Samsung M50)
laptop-eapd 2-channel with EAPD (ASUS A6J)
laptop-automute 2-channel with EAPD and HP-automute (Lenovo N100)
ultra 2-channel with EAPD (Samsung Ultra tablet PC)
samsung 2-channel with EAPD (Samsung R65)
samsung-p50 2-channel with HP-automute (Samsung P50)

AD1988/AD1988B/AD1989A/AD1989B
=====
6stack 6-jack
6stack-dig ditto with SPDIF
3stack 3-jack
3stack-dig ditto with SPDIF
laptop 3-jack with hp-jack automute
laptop-dig ditto with SPDIF
auto auto-config reading BIOS (default)

Conexant 5045
=====
laptop-hpsense Laptop with HP sense (old model laptop)
laptop-micsense Laptop with Mic sense (old model fujitsu)
laptop-hpmicsense Laptop with HP and Mic senses
benq Benq R55E
laptop-hp530 HP 530 laptop
test for testing/debugging purpose, almost all controls
can be adjusted. Appearing only when compiled with
$CONFIG_SND_DEBUG=y

Conexant 5047
=====
laptop Basic Laptop config
laptop-hp Laptop config for some HP models (subdevice 30A5)
laptop-eapd Laptop config with EAPD support
test for testing/debugging purpose, almost all controls
can be adjusted. Appearing only when compiled with
$CONFIG_SND_DEBUG=y

Conexant 5051
=====
laptop Basic Laptop config (default)

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hp HP Spartan laptop  
hp-dv6736 HP dv6736  
hp-f700 HP Compaq Presario F700  
ideapad Lenovo IdeaPad laptop  
lenovo-x200 Lenovo X200 laptop  
toshiba Toshiba Satellite M300

#### Conexant 5066

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laptop Basic Laptop config (default)  
hp-laptop HP laptops, e g G60  
asus Asus K52JU, Lenovo G560  
dell-laptop Dell laptops  
dell-vostro Dell Vostro  
olpc-xo-1.5 OLPC XO 1.5  
ideapad Lenovo IdeaPad U150  
thinkpad Lenovo Thinkpad

#### STAC9200

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ref Reference board  
oqo OQO Model 2  
dell-d21 Dell (unknown)  
dell-d22 Dell (unknown)  
dell-d23 Dell (unknown)  
dell-m21 Dell Inspiron 630m, Dell Inspiron 640m  
dell-m22 Dell Latitude D620, Dell Latitude D820  
dell-m23 Dell XPS M1710, Dell Precision M90  
dell-m24 Dell Latitude 120L  
dell-m25 Dell Inspiron E1505n  
dell-m26 Dell Inspiron 1501  
dell-m27 Dell Inspiron E1705/9400  
gateway-m4 Gateway laptops with EAPD control  
gateway-m4-2 Gateway laptops with EAPD control  
panasonic Panasonic CF-74  
auto BIOS setup (default)

#### STAC9205/9254

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ref Reference board  
dell-m42 Dell (unknown)  
dell-m43 Dell Precision  
dell-m44 Dell Inspiron  
eapd Keep EAPD on (e.g. Gateway T1616)  
auto BIOS setup (default)

#### STAC9220/9221

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ref Reference board  
3stack D945 3stack  
5stack D945 5stack + SPDIF  
intel-mac-v1 Intel Mac Type 1  
intel-mac-v2 Intel Mac Type 2  
intel-mac-v3 Intel Mac Type 3  
intel-mac-v4 Intel Mac Type 4  
intel-mac-v5 Intel Mac Type 5  
intel-mac-auto Intel Mac (detect type according to subsystem id)  
macmini Intel Mac Mini (equivalent with type 3)  
macbook Intel Mac Book (eq. type 5)  
macbook-pro-v1 Intel Mac Book Pro 1st generation (eq. type 3)  
macbook-pro Intel Mac Book Pro 2nd generation (eq. type 3)  
imac-intel Intel iMac (eq. type 2)  
imac-intel-20 Intel iMac (newer version) (eq. type 3)  
ecs202 ECS/PC chips  
dell-d81 Dell (unknown)  
dell-d82 Dell (unknown)  
dell-m81 Dell (unknown)  
dell-m82 Dell XPS M1210  
auto BIOS setup (default)

#### STAC9202/9250/9251

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ref Reference board, base config  
m1 Some Gateway MX series laptops (NX560XL)  
m1-2 Some Gateway MX series laptops (MX6453)

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m2 Some Gateway MX series laptops (M255)
m2-2 Some Gateway MX series laptops
m3 Some Gateway MX series laptops
m5 Some Gateway MX series laptops (MP6954)
m6 Some Gateway NX series laptops
auto BIOS setup (default)

STAC9227/9228/9229/927x
=====
ref Reference board
ref-no-jd Reference board without HP/Mic jack detection
3stack D965 3stack
5stack D965 5stack + SPDIF
5stack-no-fp D965 5stack without front panel
dell-3stack Dell Dimension E520
dell-bios Fixes with Dell BIOS setup
volknob Fixes with volume-knob widget 0x24
auto BIOS setup (default)

STAC92HD71B*
=====
ref Reference board
dell-m4-1 Dell desktops
dell-m4-2 Dell desktops
dell-m4-3 Dell desktops
hp-m4 HP mini 1000
hp-dv5 HP dv series
hp-hdx HP HDX series
hp-dv4-1222nr HP dv4-1222nr (with LED support)
auto BIOS setup (default)

STAC92HD73*
=====
ref Reference board
no-jd BIOS setup but without jack-detection
intel Intel DG45* mobos
dell-m6-amic Dell desktops/laptops with analog mics
dell-m6-dmic Dell desktops/laptops with digital mics
dell-m6 Dell desktops/laptops with both type of mics
dell-eq Dell desktops/laptops
alienware Alienware M17x
auto BIOS setup (default)

STAC92HD83*
=====
ref Reference board
mic-ref Reference board with power management for ports
dell-s14 Dell laptop
hp HP laptops with (inverted) mute-LED
hp-dv7-4000 HP dv-7 4000
auto BIOS setup (default)

STAC9872
=====
vaio VAIO laptop without SPDIF
auto BIOS setup (default)

Cirrus Logic CS4206/4207
=====
mbp55 MacBook Pro 5,5
imac27 iMac 27 Inch
auto BIOS setup (default)

VIA VT17xx/VT18xx/VT20xx
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auto BIOS setup (default)

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