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Smart Edit 4

As technology improves and ongoing development continues to present new opportunities for features, MacroSystem periodically releases a new version of the Casablanca Smart Edit system software. Once again, multiple improvements and new features completely redefine the video editing with Casablanca Avio, Prestige, Kron and Solitaire.

New Features of SmartEdit 4

- Smart Rendering

With the release of SmartEdit 4 this acclaimed new feature of the top model Solitaire will now also be available for all other models. All effects are now automatically rendered in the background while you are working on your project.

If more effects are added while other effects are already rendered, these new effects will be queued and then processed in succession. Waiting periods to finish the rendering are completely cancelled! The rendering is actually faster than normal batch rendering as no live preview screen is needed.

- Faster Effect Rendering

Due to the integration of the new codec software from MainConcept in combination with the existing hardware-codec, SmartEdit 4 significantly speeds up the effect rendering (dependent on the respective Casablanca model & processor).

- Ethernet Connectivity: Network integration of Casablanca

Several Casablanca models (Kron Plus, Prestige, Solitaire) are already equipped with an integrated Ethernet interface as standard. SmartEdit 4 now offers the possibility of connecting a Casablanca system to a PC Ethernet network (TCP/IP Protocol).

Video/Audio material can then be shared with a transfer rate of up to 100 Mbit/sec. (In comparison DV material only uses 25 Mbit/sec.), with other networked PCs or Casablanca systems.

Casablanca systems without an integrated Ethernet interface will soon be able to take advantage of this new feature, with a USB-to-Ethernet adapter. The network integration can be done for a "real" network consisting of a server and several clients, as well as for a single point-to-point connection (single PC with Windows XP Home Edition to a single Casablanca).

- FireWire support for data interchange

Most Casablanca systems are equipped with a FireWire port. Up to now, the FireWire port was only used for transferring data between a DV-camcorder or deck and a Casablanca system.

SmartEdit 4 now allows for connecting PCs via the FireWire interface. This allows the interchange of data in real-time without any loss.

- Advanced Titling System

The preview screen that serves as an orientation is now displayed in full size and resolution (similar to Arabesk). Text boxes can be directly selected, moved and resized.

The menu also offers the possibility to add graphics to a title, such as highlights, rays of light, and stars.

- Support for video projectors

Video projectors are constantly getting better, cheaper and therefore more and more popular. SmartEdit 4 now features an improved display of the screen border areas to guarantee a fantastic picture quality when used in combination with video projectors.

- Preview mode for effect rendering

The Full-screen Preview mode now allows for comparing the original scene + effect with a different scene in the scene bin. This is especially useful for multi-camera projects (e.g. white balance, color adjustment, etc.)

- Definable Anchored Audio Tracks

Up to now the commentary audio track as well as the effect audio tracks were directly tied to a specific video scene, whereas the remaining audio tracks offered the possibility to be arranged any way. With SmartEdit 4 this “anchored” setting can now be chosen for every single audio track if needed.

- Pre-listening of audio effects in real-time

When adding an audio effect, a portion of the audio sample is played back in a loop mode with the effect added. This allows you to preview the effect before rendering. - **The “audio envelope” now shows all audio tracks to improve orientation.**

- There is now a “replace” button in the audio mixing menu.

- CD Audio Import features

The “CD audio dialog” remains opened if single tracks should be imported from a CD. The menu also offers an “All”-button to read all tracks from a CD.

- Improved paint box

Five different and directly selectable colors (programmable) are now available. Also, colors can be directly sampled from a video scene.

- Image Pool

SmartEdit 4 allows for adding personal pictures to the ImagePool. These pictures can be used like the standard pictures (e.g. Arabesk, Columbus, etc.). The pictures in the pool (even color pictures) can be freely edited and altered (colorize, contrast, brightness, etc.). The ImagePool also offers a real-time preview.