User's Manual

VAST

Central Management Software

VIVOTEK

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Getting Started

Introducing VAST

VIVOTEK offers the most comprehensive central management software VAST V1.5, designed for managing all VIVOTEK IP surveillance products with intuitive functions and numerous features.

It supports an unlimited number of cameras and stations in a hierarchical structure of system for monitoring, recording, playback, and event trigger management with ease-of-use and efficient control.

Most particularly, the newest fully scalable feature VAST Matrix offers an unlimited number of live views for monitoring; with simultaneously 16-channel playback facilitating quick & easy browsing from multiple stations. It performs remote management with a large scale of the server & client structure and constitutes a robust system for stores, banking, and public space.

Special Features

- Powerful Video Wall Solution “VAST Matrix” for Unlimited Live Views*
- Intelligent PiP Function -- Digital Zoom In and Multi-touch Mode
- Integrated with VIVOTEK NVR for Extreme Applications
- Convenient Remote Access via Client/Server Architecture
- Powerful Hierarchical Management for Unlimited Stations*
- Effective & Reliable Event Trigger Management
- Real-time 64-channel Live Viewing and Simultaneous 16-channel Playback
- Multiple Simultaneous Streams for Different Media Platforms
- Activity Adaptive Streaming for Dramatically Reducing Bandwidth and Storage Space
- Synchronous/ Asynchronous Playback for Effortless Viewing
- Extremely Versatile Settings for Recording Storage and Recording Schedule Management
- Role-based User Management to Enhance Security Operations
- Efficient Data Backup, Search, and Export
- Intelligent PTZ/ E-PTZ Remote Camera Control
- Overall Device Management through Intuitive E-map Feature
- Instantly Playback Event Recording
- Supports Web Access via IE and FireFox
- Built-in Instant Player for Playback
- Supports Post-Video Enhancement and Defog
- Accessible through NAT Using the Public IP
- Supports Two Way Audio

* The number of linked devices will depend on the license on the key dongle.

* The ability to extend devices is also subject to the network bandwidth and computer performance.

VAST Server and Client Components

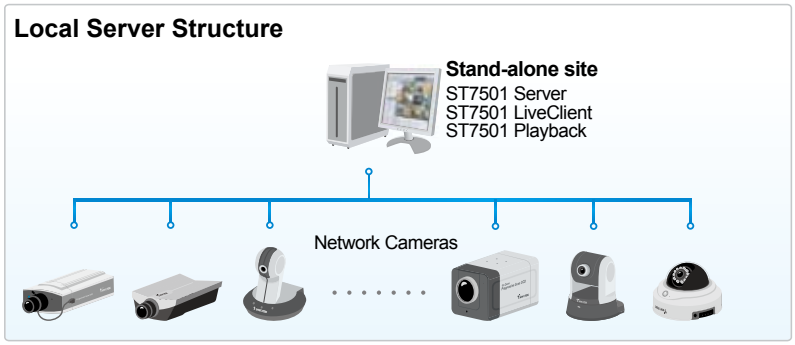
There are four components in VAST: one server component--VAST Server, three client components--**VAST LiveClient, VAST Playback**, and **VAST Matrix**.

VAST Server provides a centralized management site for video recording. **VAST LiveClient** is a client program for the user to login and modify the server's configuration, edit the server's recording storage, schedules and many other functions on the server; **VAST Playback** is another client program for the user to login and browse the recorded video database and video clips related to specific events on the server.

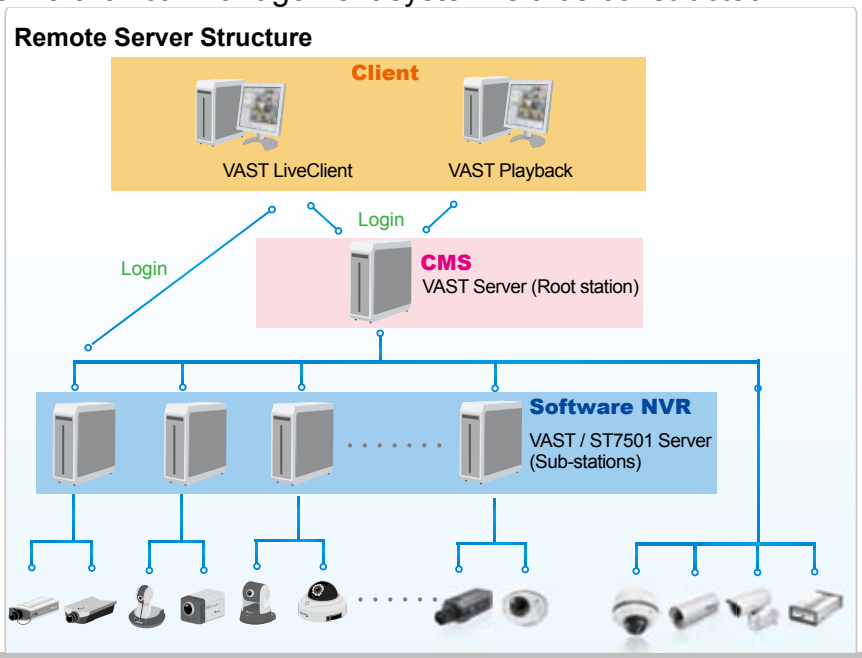
Usage Scenario

The powerful management scalability of VAST makes it suitable for managing from the small-scale to the large-scale structures.

For user that only manages a few cameras, we recommend installing the client and server components on the same computer. A host with all of the three components installed is recognized as a stand-alone site. All the functions can be simultaneously performed on one single site.



For user to manage large-scale surveillance systems, please plan the hierarchical structure first. Then you can start to add cameras to each station and connect these sub-stations to the root station. The whole hierarchical management system is thus constructed.



Technical Specifications

General

- Max channel: Unlimited
- Max channel per hard disk: 32 channels
- Max frame rates per second (per hard disk): 960 (32ch x 30 fps,VGA) ★
- OS:
  Windows 7 Professional
  Windows XP Professional
  Windows Server 2003
  Windows Vista Business
- Supported DBMS: SQL server, PostgreSQL

★ *Depend on H/W spec*

Codec

- Video compression: MPEG-4, MJPEG, H.264
- Audio compression: AAC, GAMR, G.7221, G.729A, G711, G711A

Recording

- Recording types: Manual, Scheduled, Event trigger
- Event trigger sources: Motion, Tampering, DI/O, PIR, IVA, and Temperature
- Multiple hard-disks: Yes (Each group can utilize several disks)
- NAS/SMB: Yes
- Media file format: ISO base media file format
- Cyclic recording: Day based, Spatial based

Security

- Authentication system: Private account with password
- Account role type: 5 levels of user roles

Exporting

- Exporting format: AVI, EXE, 3GP
- Snapshot format: BMP, JPEG
- Source: Live view and media files

Backup

- Backup types: Manual, Scheduled

Layout-live

- Layout types: 1x1, 2x2, 1+5, 3x3, 1+12, 4x4, 5x5, 1+31
- Drag & Drop: Yes
- Layout sets: Yes (Switch between different layout sets)
- Automatically add a newly-inserted device to the layout: Yes

Architecture

- System: Client/Server
- Remote client: Yes
- Web access: Windows IE6, IE7, IE8, FireFox 3.5
- Hierarchical: Yes
- Program: LiveClient, Playback

Protocol

- Client/Server communication protocol: HTTP tunnel with XML content
- Encryption between Client/Server: Encrypt with AES

Playback

- Max channel number: 16
- Type: Asynchronous, Synchronous
- Event search: Yes
- Mount local database

Video Enhancement

- Post-video adjustment: Brightness, Contrast, Saturation, Hue
- Video enhancement: Fog, Rain, Snow, Fire/Smoke

Event Management

- Live event awareness: Yes (Display in the event window)
- Trigger sources: Motion, Tampering, DI/O, PIR, IVA, and Temperature
- Actions: Email, Start to record, Move to preset location, Set DO, GSM short message, Send CGI command

Other

- Camera configuration: Web-based configuration page embedded in LiveClient for all functions
- Multi-lingual user interface: Nine preset languages, additional customized languages
  (English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese, Japanese, Portugal)
- PTZ control: Joystick support, Click on Image, PTZ panel, Keyboard shortcut
- Supports E-Map
- Supports all VIVOTEK Network Camera
- Supports two way audio

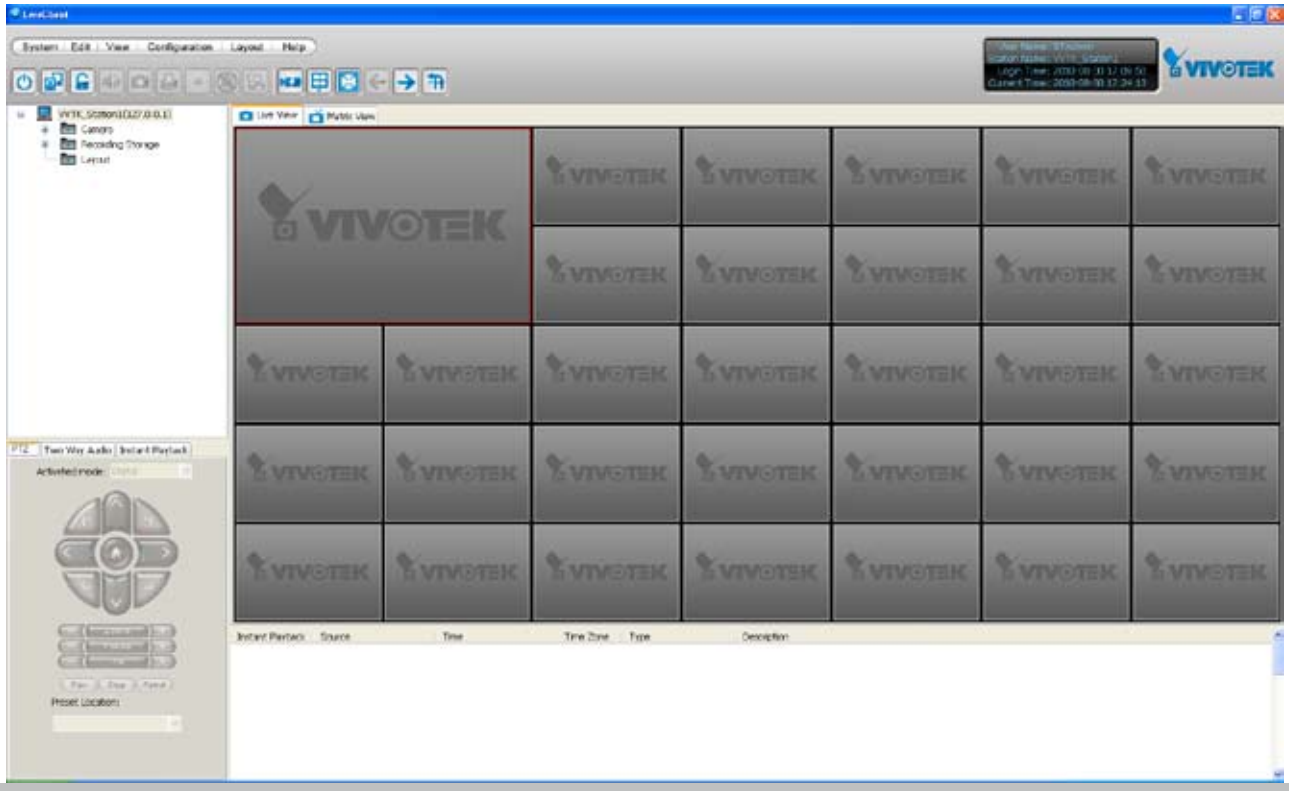
VAST Server Functionality

- Centralized management site for all the logged in clients
- Maintain the configuration of the hierarchical management list
- Unlimited video recording channels
- Store recorded data onto multiple hard/network disks
- Live video for the local/remote LiveClient users
- Recorded video for the local/remote Playback users
- Zero latency database recovery

To configure the server, you should use VAST LiveClient to log in. The convenient and intuitive user interface in VAST LiveClient will enable you to edit the settings of the target server.

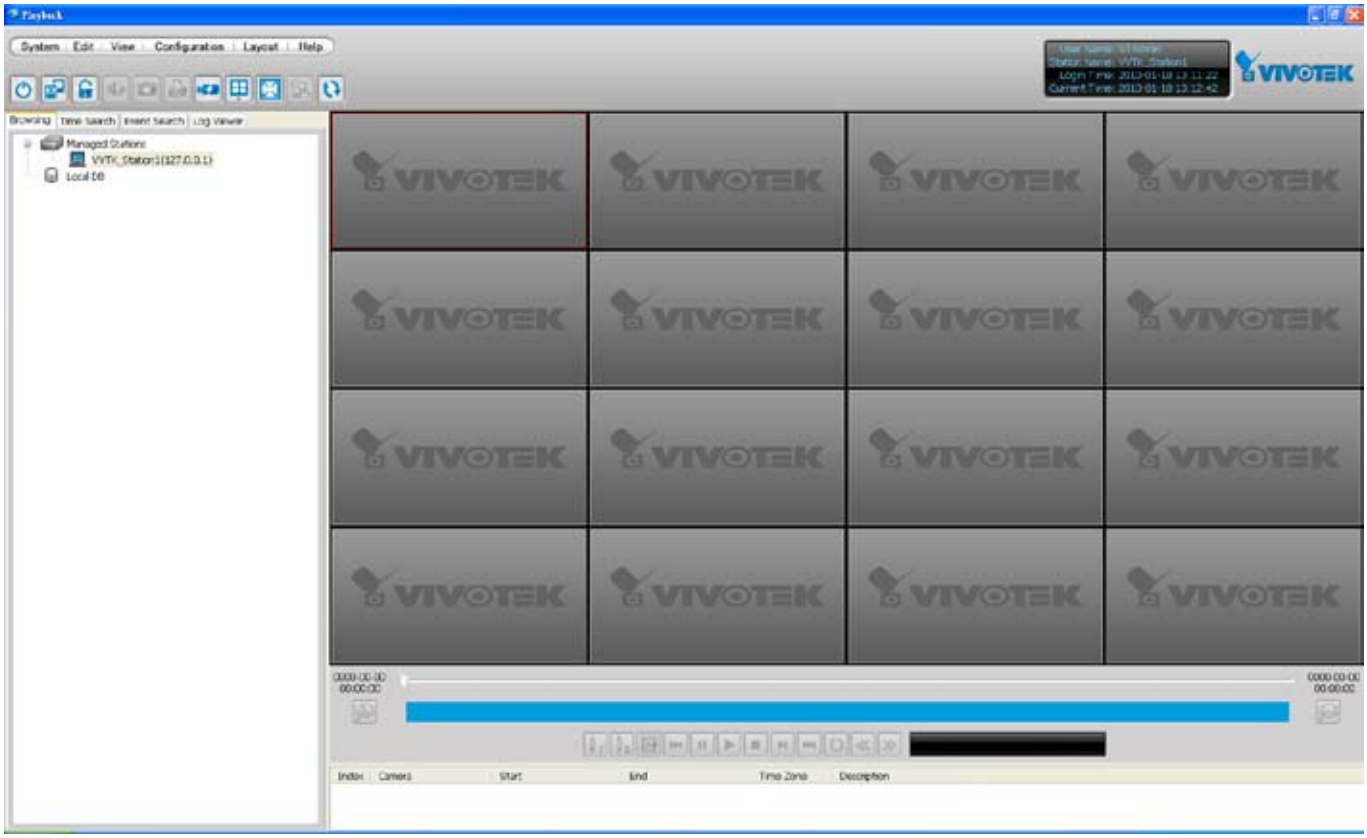
VAST LiveClient Functionality

- Server function control
  - Hierarchical station management
  - User account management
  - Recording storage management
  - Recording schedule management
  - Recorded data backup
  - Event trigger management
- Flexible video live view layout
  - Dual screens for maximum 32 channels simultaneous monitoring
  - 1x1, 2x2, 1+5, 3x3, 1+12, 4x4, 5x5, 1+31 monitoring layouts
  - Multiple video viewing pages
- Virtual Matrix for video wall display
- Intelligent PiP function
- E-map for overall management
- Network storage for recorded video
- Convenient switching among multiple monitors
- PTZ / E-PTZ operation panel for camera control
- Support two way audio
- Instant playback for event recording
- Support joystick control
- Remote configuration for network cameras



VAST Playback Functionality

- Browse the database of recorded video from the server
- Flexible video playback layout
  - Maximum 16 channels simultaneous playback
  - 1x1, 2x2, 1+5, 3x3, 1+12, 4x4 video playback layouts
- Support powerful playback functions
  - 1/8x, 1/4x, 1/2x slow-down playback
  - 2x, 4x, 8x, 16x, 32x, 64x video playback speed
- Intelligent PiP function
- Support convenient evidence and data exporting
  - Export media files of recorded video
  - Support snapshot and print out
- Support convenient switching among multiple monitors
- Search engine
  - Time search
  - Event search
  - Log search
- Playback while recording
- Support synchronous/ asynchronous playback



Minimum System Requirements

Before installing the VAST software, please make sure your system meets the following recommended minimum system requirements.
If you would like to install ST7501 Server only, please follow the requirements as below:

Server		
Operating System	Windows Server 2000, 2003, 2008 / Windows XP Professional (32 and 64 bit), Windows Vista Business (32 and 64 bit), Windows 7 (32 and 64 bit)	
Channels	Below 32 channels	Above 32 channels
CPU	Core 2 Duo E6400 2.13GHz or above	Core 2 Quad Q6600 2.4GHz or above
RAM	2 GB or above	3GB or above
Network Interface Card	Ethernet, 1 Gbit recommended	
Graphics Adapter	AGP or PCI-Express, minimum 1024×768, 16 bit colors	
Hard Disk Type	ATA-100, SATA, SCSI, SAS (7200 rpm or faster) in NTFS format	
Hard Disk Space	750 GB free *	

If you would like to install both the server and client programs, please follow the requirements as below:

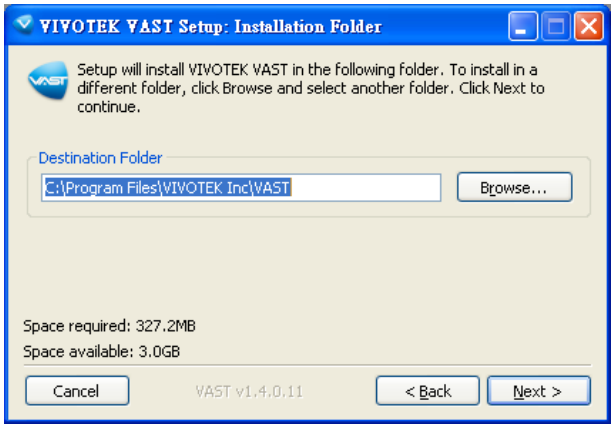
LiveClient and Playback				
Operating System	Windows Server 2000, 2003, 2008 / Windows XP Professional (32 and 64 bit), Windows Vista Business (32 and 64 bit), Windows 7 (32 and 64 bit)			
Channels	Below 16 channels	16 ~ 32 channels	32 ~ 40 channels	Above 40 channels
CPU	Core 2 Duo E6400 2.13GHz or above	Core 2 Duo E8600 3.33GHz or above	Core 2 Quad Q6600 2.4GHz or above	Core i7
RAM	2 GB or above		3GB or above	4GB or above
Network Interface Card	Ethernet, 1Gbit recommended			
Graphics Adapter	AGP or PCI-Express, minimum 1024×768, 16 bit colors Minimum 128MB Video RAM, 512MB recommended			
Hard Disk Type	ATA-100, SATA, SCSI, SAS (7200 rpm or faster) in NTFS format			
Hard Disk Space	750 GB free *			

- *Only users with Administrator privileges can install or use VAST on a Windows Vista system.*
- *The required hard disk space will depend on the video settings, the number of network cameras and recording group settings. Please add more hard disks if you want to extend the system.*
  **32-CH, VGA, about 1 week recording: 750 GB*
  64-CH, VGA, about 1 week recording: 1TB x 2
  32-CH, 2-megapixel, about 1 week recording: 2TB x 2
  64-CH, 2-megapixel, about 1 week recording: 2TB x 4

VAST Installation

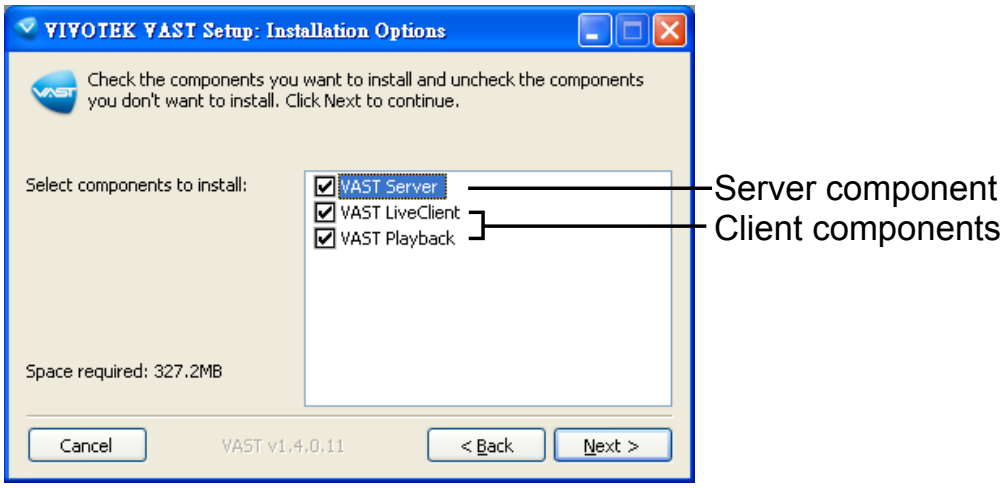
Installing the VAST Software

1. Run **VAST_Setup.exe** on your computer. Click **I ACCEPT** the License Agreement and specify a location to install the program.

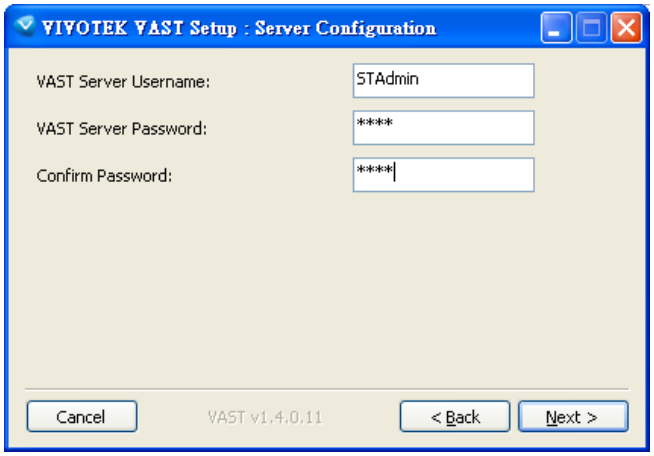


2. Select the items you want to install, then click **Next** to continue.

- If you want to install both VAST Server component and Client components, please follow the steps below to install the database.



3. Assign a **username** and **password** for the VAST Server and click **Next** to continue.



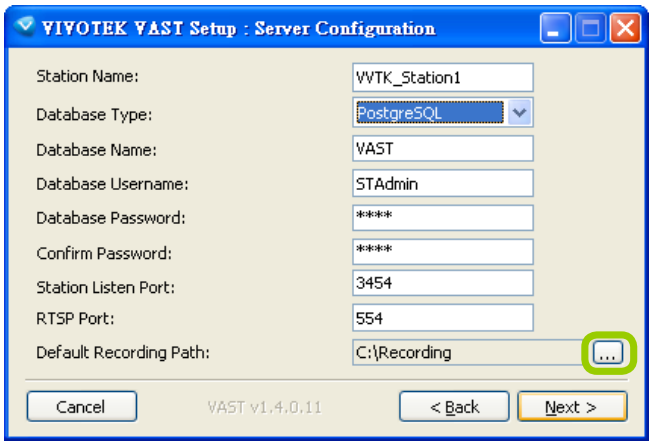
Please record the username and password for login later.

4. Install a database on your server. There are two options--**PostgreSQL** (8.2 version or above) or **SQL server** (2005 express version or above). In order to avoid conflicts among different databases, we suggest you remove the original database from your host. Then follow the instruction below to install PostgreSQL or SQL server.

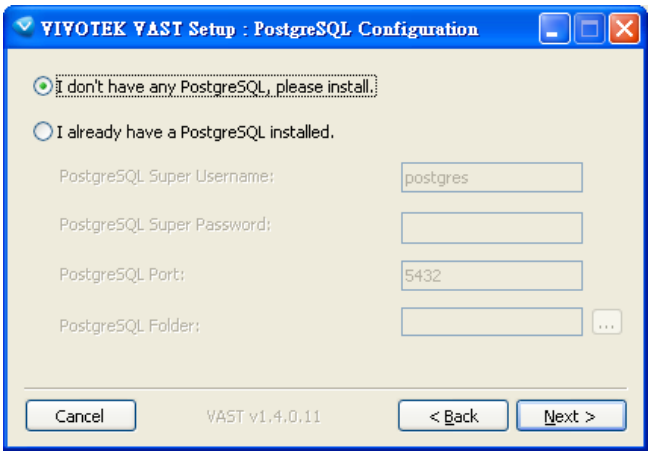
PostgreSQL

Please note that PostgreSQL may interrupt an antivirus program.
Follow the steps below to install PostgreSQL Server:

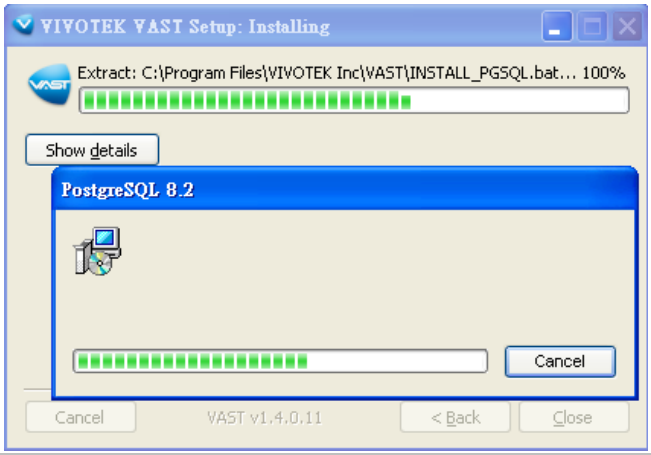
a. Select PostgreSQL from the drop-down list and assign a password. VAST server will by default store the recorded media file under c:\Recording. Click **Browse** ... to change the path if you plan to store the data under another path. Then click **Next** to continue.



b. If you do not have PostgreSQL, select the first option to begin the installation. If you already have PostgreSQL installed on your host, select the second option to enter the related information.



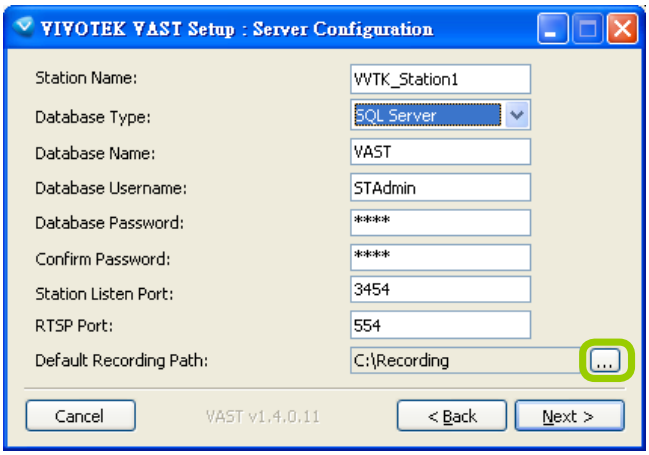
c. Wait for the installation process to complete, then click **Close** to exit the installation program.



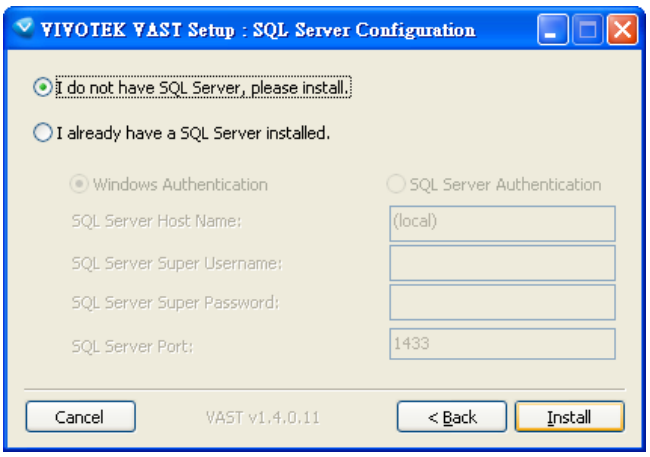
SQL Server

Follow the steps below to install SQL Server:

a. Select SQL Server from the drop-down list and assign a password. VAST server will by default store the recorded media file under c:\Recording. Click **Browse** ... to change the path if you plan to store the data under another path. Then click **Next** to continue.



b. If you do not have SQL server, select the first option to begin the installation. If you already have SQL server installed on your host, select Windows authentification or SQL Server authentification. (Username and Password may be necessary according to the settings when you install the SQL server.) Click **Install** to begin the installation.



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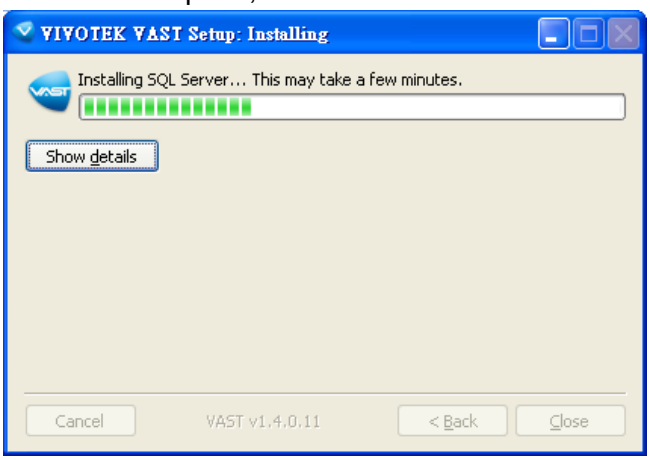


Once you have created a user account for a VAST station, you can login to VAST Server from any computer over the network through LiveClient and Playback.

VAST Server

Activating the VAST Server

VAST Server is a service program that will run automatically when the computer starts up. Or the user can unselect the option of Auto launch at windows startup on the VAST Service Control program tray icon in the tool bar.

How to Configure the Server

Please follow the steps below to configure the VAST Server:
1. Find a local/remote computer that has installed VAST LiveClient.
2. Activate VAST LiveClient and login to the target VAST Server.
3. Configure the server using the VAST LiveClient user interface.

How to Stop/Reboot the Server

Please follow the steps below to stop/reboot the server:
1. Click on the VAST Service Control program tray icon in the toolbar.
2. There are 3 options Start/Stop/Restart service for the user to choose. It's selectable by right-click on the Service Control program tray icon.

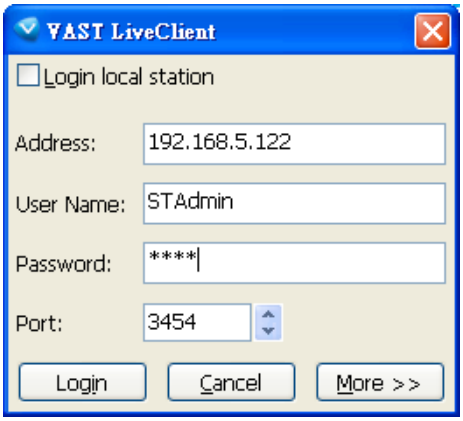
VAST LiveClient Configuration

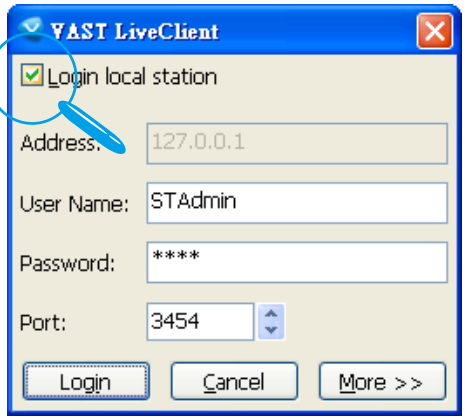
Activating the VAST LiveClient and Logging in to a VAST Server

VAST LiveClient allows you to monitor live video from cameras managed by the VAST Server; it is also the main user interface for server function control.

After installing the VAST LiveClient program, please follow the steps below to activate VAST LiveClient:

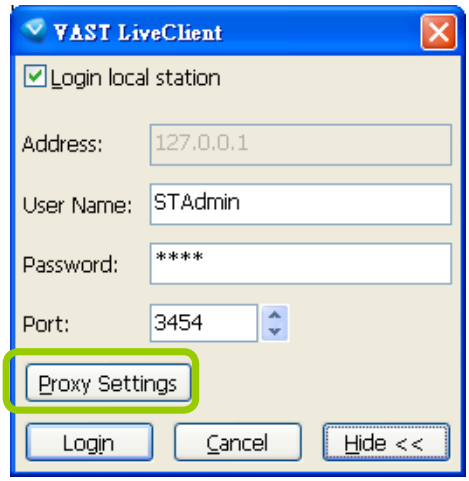
1. Run the **VAST LiveClient** program.
2. A **Login** window will pop up. Enter the information as shown below:
   - If you want to login to a remote VAST Server, enter the **IP Address**, **User Name**, **Password** and the **Communication Port** of the target server correctly. Click **Login** to log in to the target server.
   - If you want to login to a local host that is running VAST Server, check the **Login local station** check-box, then the local **IP Address** will be displayed automatically. Enter the **User Name**, **Password**, and **Communication Port** of the local server for login. Click **Login** to login to the target server.

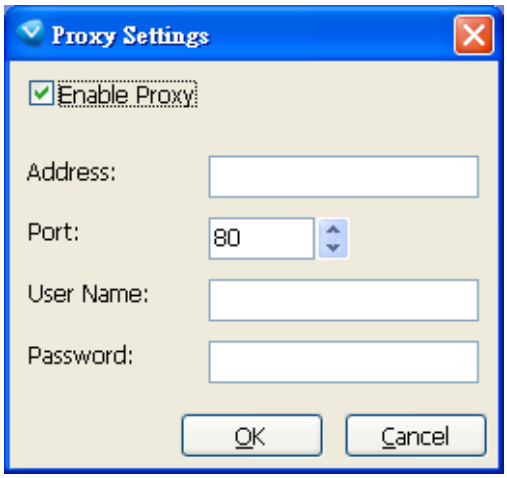




3. The VAST LiveClient monitoring window will pop up.

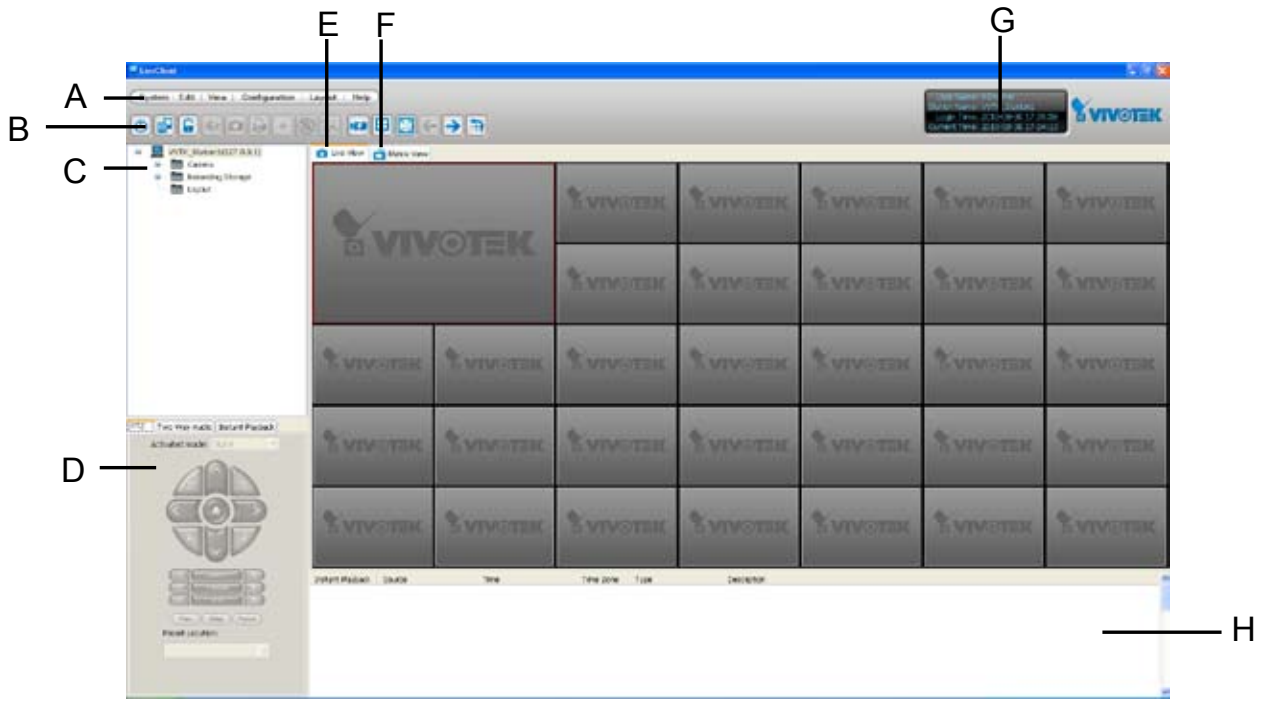
- *If your network environment need to set up proxy, click **More >>** to extend the login window, then click **Proxy Settings** to open the dialog. Then enter related information to link to your proxy server.*





- *Available functions of the VAST LiveClient program will be enabled according to the role of your login account. For more details about the privileges of the user account, please refer to **How to Manage User Accounts** on page 44.*

VAST LiveClient User Interface

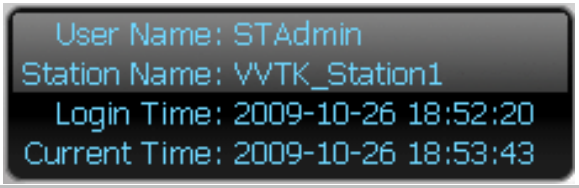


A. Menu bar B. Quick access bar C. Hierarchical management tree
D. Camera control panel (PTZ / Two way audio / Instant Playback control panel)
E. Live view window E. Matrix view window G. Status panel H. Event window

Menu Bar

Menu Item	Drop-down Options
System	Lock / Enable Click On Image (Disable Click On Image) / Language / Second View / E-map / Launch Playback / Logout / Exit
Edit	Manually Begin Recording (Stop Manual Recording) / Snapshot / Print / Record to EXE (3GP, AVI) / Snapshot Zoomed Image / Print Zoomed Image / Find
View	PTZ Panel / Two Way Audio Panel / Instant Playback Panel / Event Window / Full Screen / Minimize
Configuration	Camera Management (Insert Camera / Update Camera / Delete Cameras / Batch Insert Cameras) / Station Management / User Management / Association Management / Event Management / Virtual Matrix Management (Matrix Management / Matrix View Settings) / Station Settings (General Settings / Network Settings / Recording Storage Settings / Recording Schedule Settings / Scheduled Backup Settings / Server Settings / Relay Settings) / Client Settings (Snapshot Settings / Recording Settings / View Settings / General Settings / Joystick Settings / Proxy Settings / PiP Settings) / Video Enhancement (Basic Image Adjustment / Defog)
Layout	Start Rotation (Stop Rotating) / Edit / Choose
Help	About / License

Status Panel



User Name
Station Name (IP Address)
Login Time (yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss)
Current Time (yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss)

Quick Access Bar

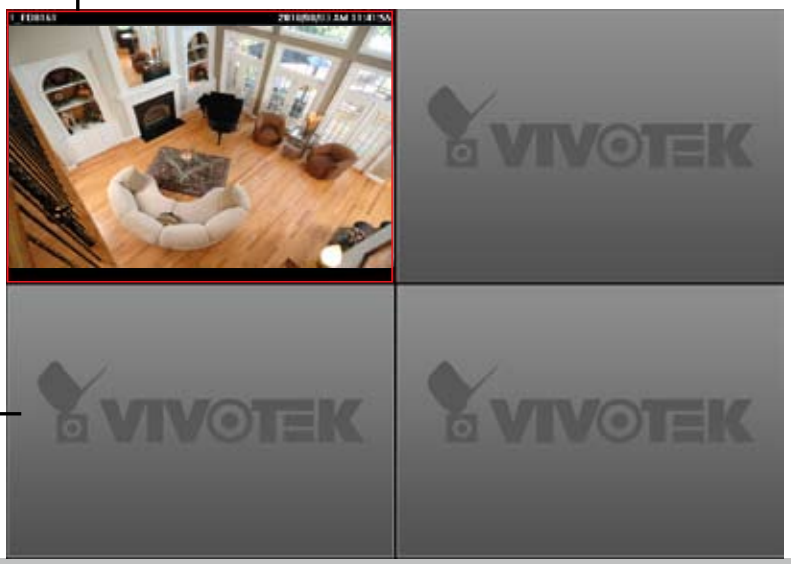
Icon	Function	Description
	Exit	Exit the system
	Logout	Log out from the current station
	Lock	Click to Lock the system for security concerns (Unlock the system)
	Volume	Adjust the audio volume of the current video (Mute)
	Snapshot	Capture pictures from the focus live video cell
	Print	Print out the pictures of focus live view window or all live video cells
	Record to Media	Record media in EXE/3GP/AVI format (Recording Media)
	Alert Sound	Play sound when an event triggers
	Switch Screen	Switch the current window to another screen
	Remove All Connections	Remove all live videos from the live view window
	Layout	Change the layout of the live view window
	Full Screen	Maximize the live video cell
	Page Up	Switch to the previous live view page
	Page Down	Switch to the next live view page
	Start / Stop Rotating	Start or stop live view layout rotating

Some buttons will be disabled if the selected devices do not support those functions.

Live Video Monitoring Window

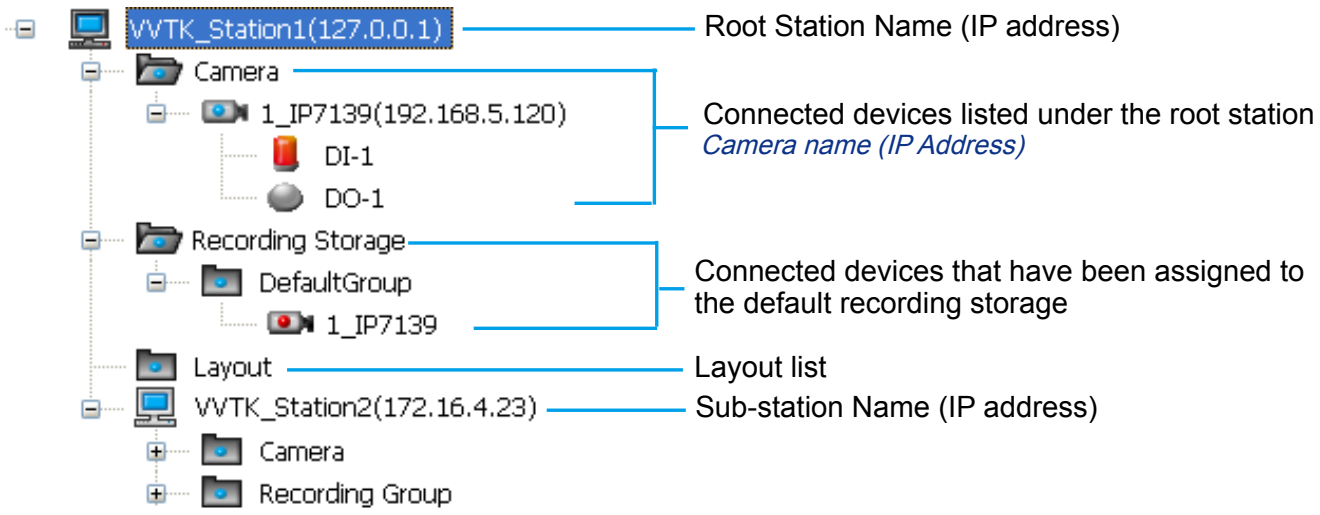
The "VIVOTEK" logo is displayed where no camera has been assigned to a video cell.

The red frame ( ) represents the current video cell.



Video Cell

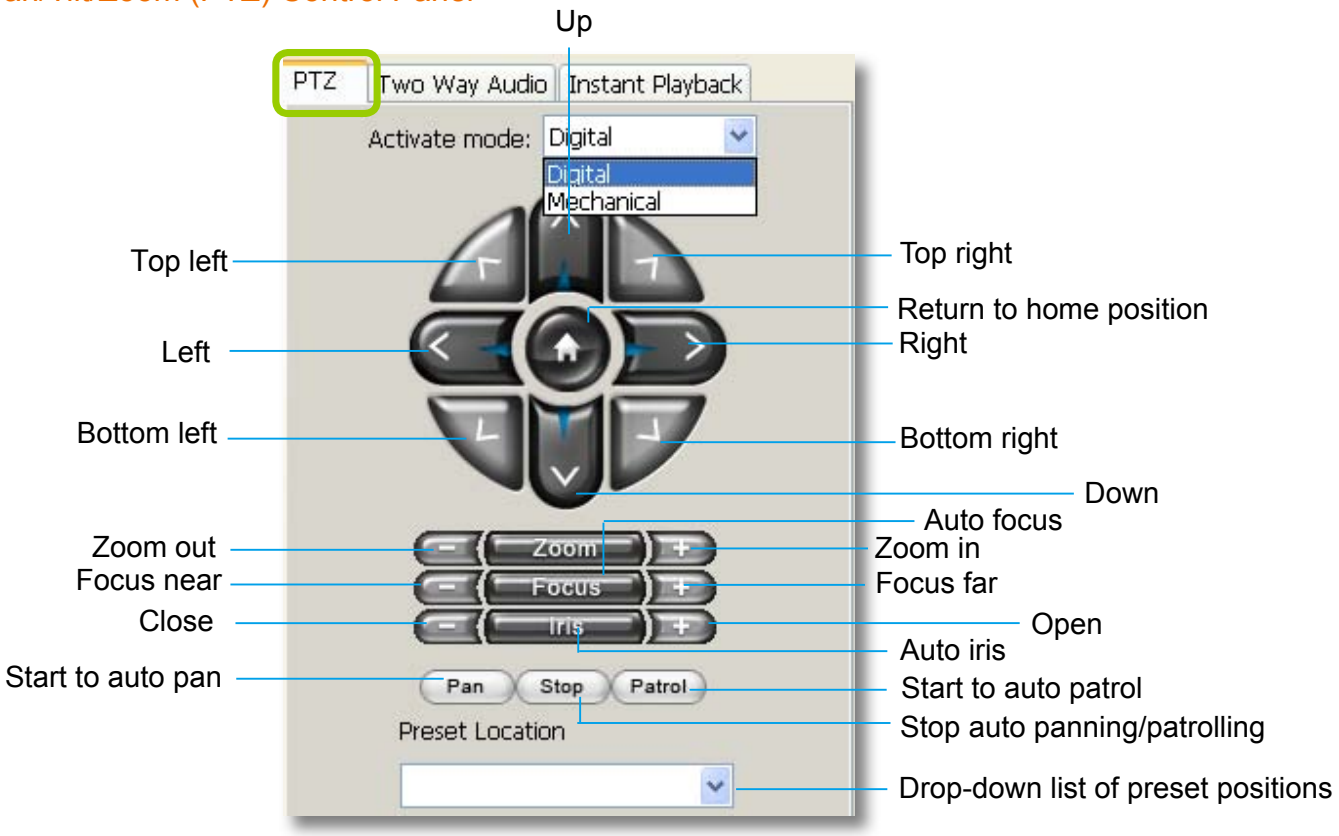
Hierarchical Management Tree



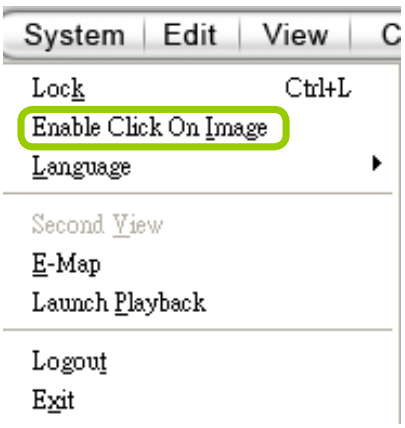
Icon	Description
	A station (The host that's installed with VAST Server)
	A station (The host that's installed with ST7501 Server)
	VIVOTEK fixed network camera Red dot signifies that the camera is recording.
	VIVOTEK PTZ network camera Red dot signifies that the camera is recording.
	VIVOTEK dome network camera Red dot signifies that the camera is recording.
	VIVOTEK video server Red dot signifies that the video server is recording.
	Digital input on / off
	Digital output on / off
	A layout of the live monitoring window
	A station that's not able to be connected currently.
	A device that's not able to be connected currently.

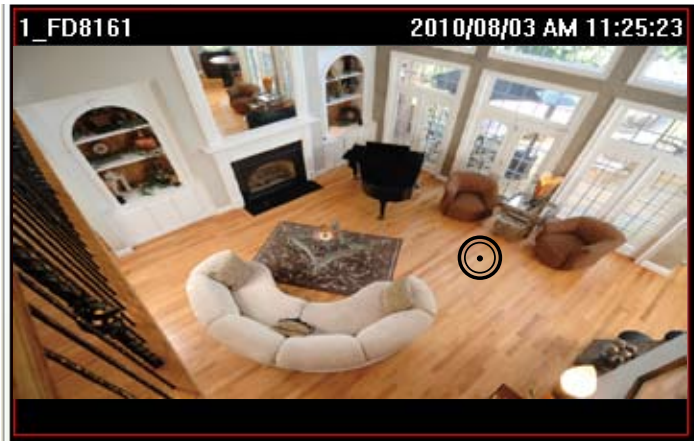
Camera Control Panel

Pan/Tilt/Zoom (PTZ) Control Panel



- *There are two types of PTZ control: Digital (E-PTZ for megapixel cameras) and Mechanical (PTZ cameras or fixed cameras with camera control via RS-485). If the linked network cameras support PTZ/E-PTZ function, the option(s) will appear on the drop-down list. For detailed camera control settings, please refer to the user's manual of VIVOTEK network camera .*
- *Click **System > Enable Click On Image** to use the mouse for the control of the PTZ and e-PTZ functions in the video cells for linked cameras. An icon will appear in the video cell as shown below.*

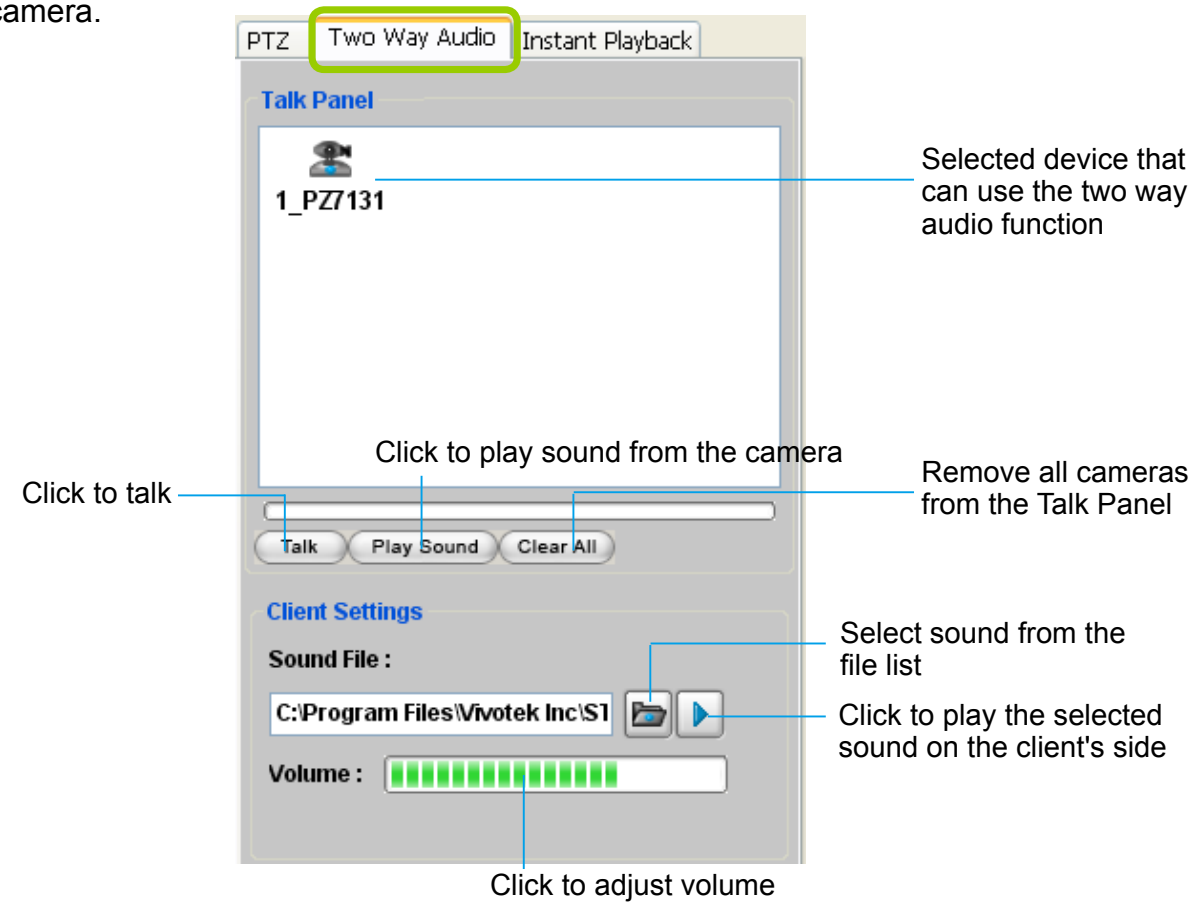




- *You can control the PTZ function through joystick as well. For more information regarding to the joystick configuration, please refer to instruction on page 118.*

Two Way Audio Control Panel

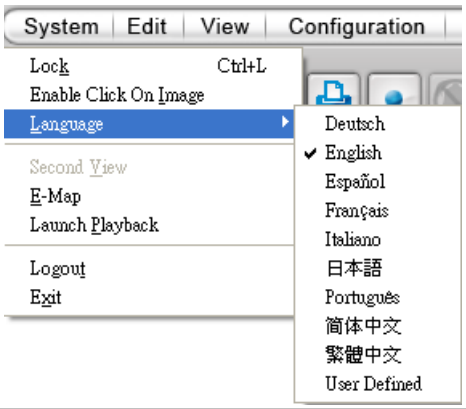
The two way audio function allows the user to remotely communicate with people nearby the network camera.



- *For detailed information about **How to Use the Talk Panel**, please refer to page 94.*
- *Only cameras with the two way audio function can be added to the Talk Panel.*

Language Selection

VAST currently supports multi-lingual user interfaces including: English, Deutsch, Español, Français, Italiano, 日本語, Português, 簡体中文, 繁體中文. If you want to select another language for the interface, please click **System > Language** on the menu bar to select the desired language. Please note that if you want to change the language option, a message will pop up to remind you to restart the system.

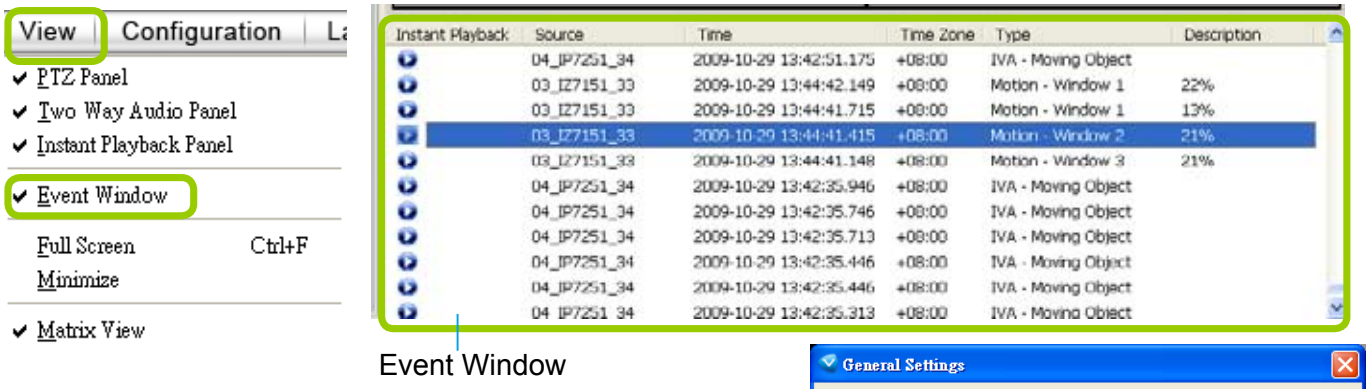


If you want to use "User Defined" language, please prepare images and language strings, and upload the files to the following folders:

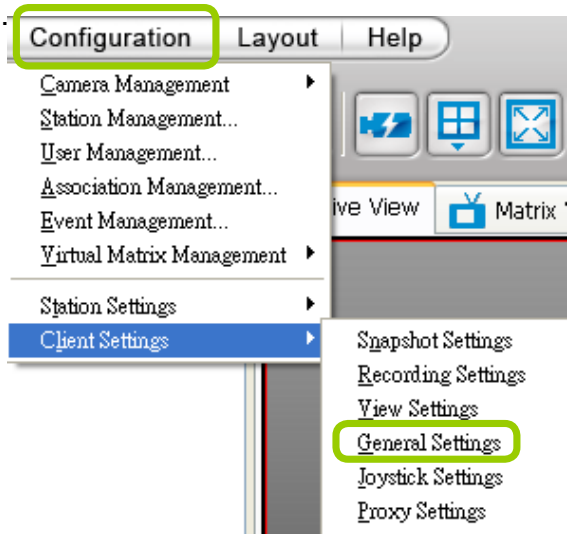
...\VAST\Client\LiveClient\language\zz_UD (language string)
...\VAST\Client\LiveClient\image (images)

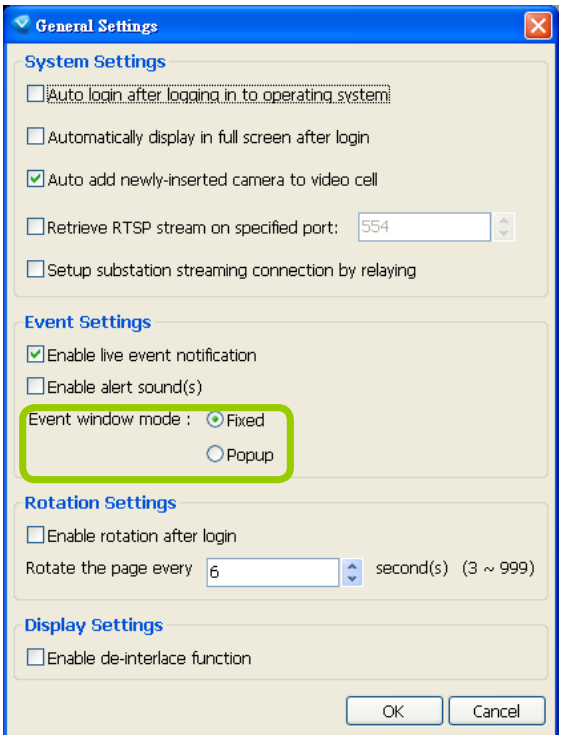
Event Window

Click **View > Event Window** to open a window showing the real-time information for event triggers. If you want to hide this window, uncheck this option on the menu bar.



The default event window is fixed on the bottom of the LiveClient. If you want to change the event window as a popup page, please click **Configuration > Client Settings > General Settings** to switch the modes.



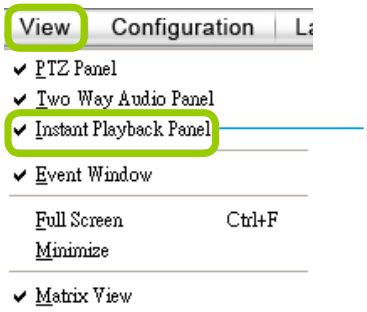


- The **Type** field in the event window shows the event category and another field **Description** displays the **percentage** of motion in the detection window. You can go to the Configuration setting page of the connected device to set the percentage.

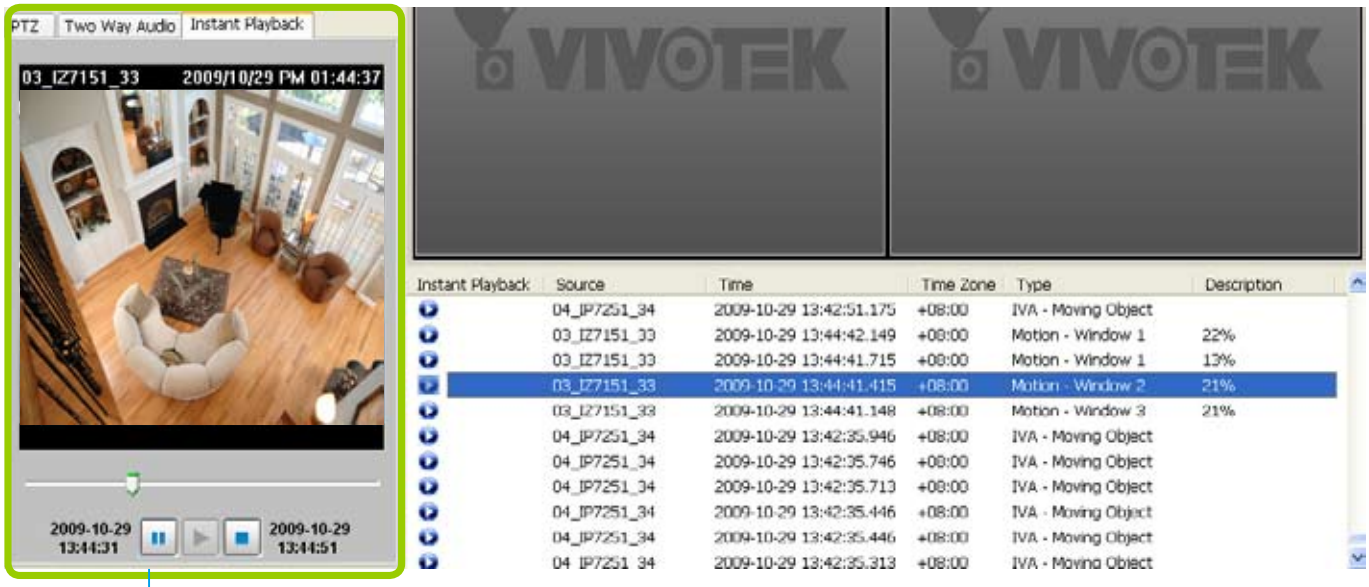
*For more information about DI/DO settings, please refer to **Association Management** on page 49.*

Instant Playback

Check **View > Instant Playback** to open the window on the panel.



Uncheck this item if you want to hide this window.



Instant Playback Window with slider bar, play, pause, and stop function

The event trigger with recorded data will be attached an icon .

You can **double-click** an event on the list to playback the recorded video. Each event contains about 20-seconds recorded video clip. (The default recording data of an event is 20 seconds. For more information about event recording, please refer to page 68.)

Audio Control

The audio function will be enabled if the device is equipped with an internal or external microphone. For detailed audio control settings, please refer to page 138.

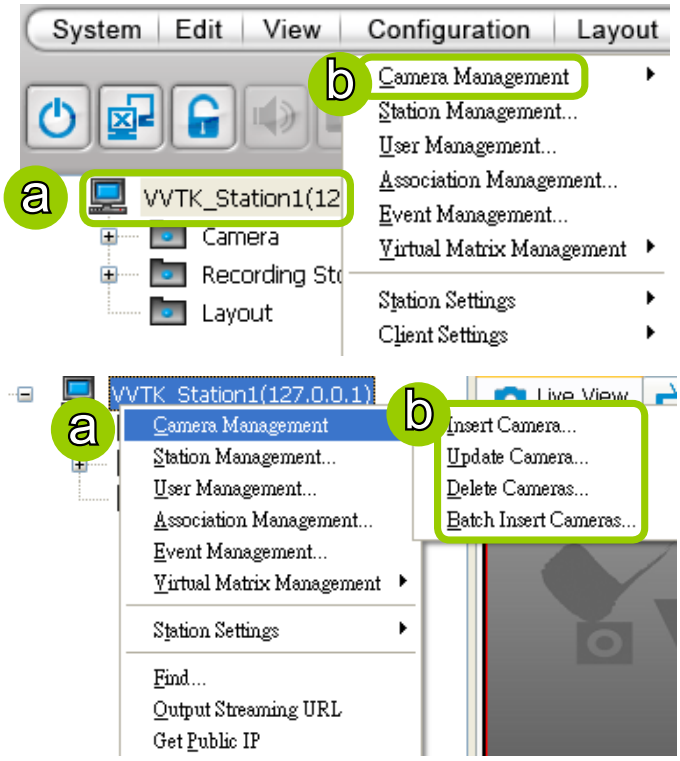
How to Manage Devices

Please follow the steps below to open the Camera Management window:

a. Select the station from the hierarchical management tree.

b. Click **Configuration > Camera Management** on the menu bar (or **right-click** the station, then select **Camera Management**).

c. Then you can choose to insert, update, delete, or batch insert cameras.



Insert Devices

Please follow the steps below to add devices to a station:

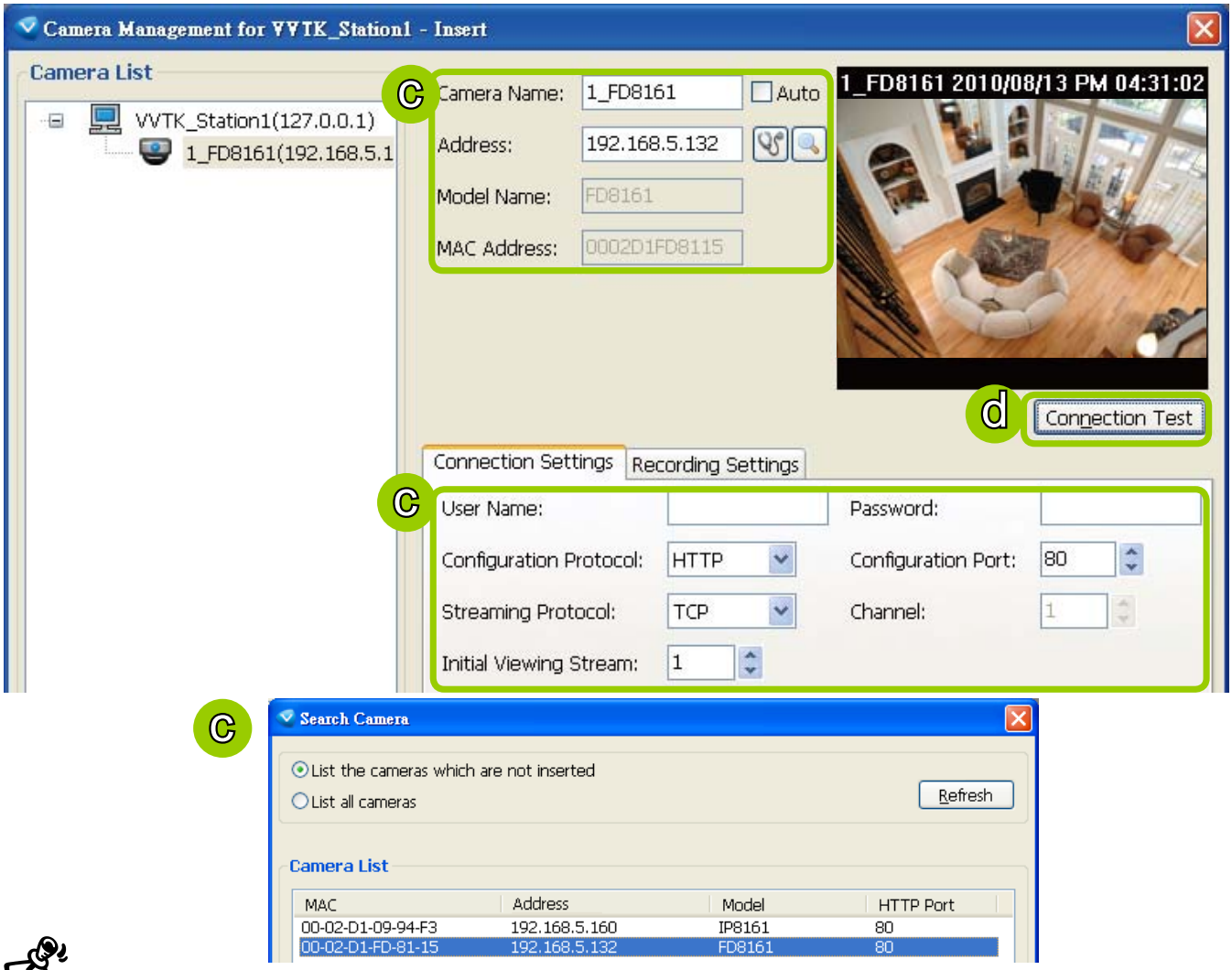
a. Click **Configuration > Camera Management > Insert Camera** on the menu bar (or **right-click** the device/station, then select **Camera Management > Insert Camera**).

b. The **Camera Management - Insert** window will pop up. The device tree managed by the station will be displayed in the left Camera List window.

c. Enter the **Camera Name**, **IP address** (or you can enter an **IP address** and check **Auto** to get a camera name automatically) and configure the **Connection Settings**.

- If the camera is on the LAN, you can click **Search Camera** to detect all VIVOTEK network cameras on the LAN. A **Camera List** window will pop up and show a list of detected cameras on the LAN. On the top of **Camera List** window, you can select "**List the cameras which are not inserted**" or "**List all cameras**". The items listed below will then change accordingly. You can click **Mac, IP Address, Model, HTTP port** to sort the items. Then select a camera from the list to insert to the station.
- The streaming protocol determines how the live video stream is sent from the camera to the local computer. Please refer to the note on the next page for a detailed description of each transmission protocol. Specify the recommended live monitoring stream for the device. If you want to change the live viewing stream, please refer to the next page to update the camera settings. Or you can **right-click** the desired cell, then select a desired stream. Please refer to Dual / Multiple Streams on page 29 for a detailed illustration.
- Click **Detect Model** to detect the device. The Model Name and MAC Address of the device will automatically be displayed in the respective fields if the connection is successful.

d. If you want to make sure you are connected to the target device, click **Connection Test** to preview the live video from the device.

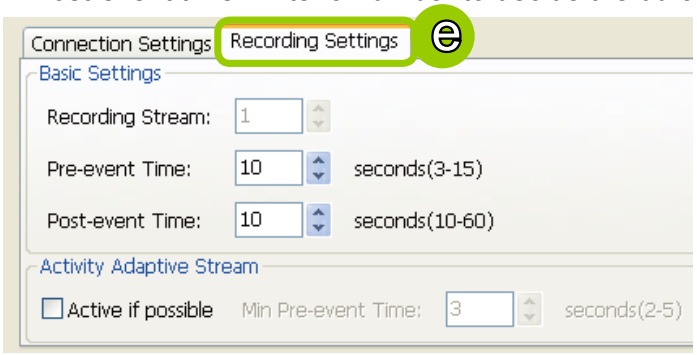


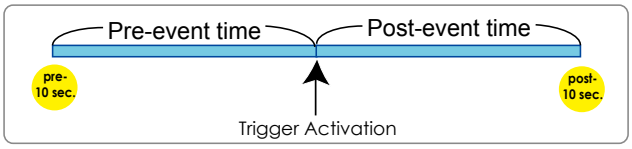
- *If you want to use "HTTPS Port", please enable the HTTPs settings on the configuration page of the Network Camera first.*
- *The characteristics of each protocol are shown in the following table:*

Protocol	Description
UDP	UDP uses a simple transmission model without implicit hand-shaking dialogues for guaranteeing reliability, ordering, or data integrity. Thus, UDP provides an unreliable service and data grams may arrive out of order, appear duplicated, or go missing without notice. This protocol allows for almost real-time audio and video streams. However, network packets may be lost due to network burst traffic and images may be obscured. Activate UDP connection when occasions require time-sensitive responses and video quality is less important.
TCP	TCP provides the service of exchanging data reliably directly between two network hosts, whereas IP handles addressing and routing message across one or more networks. In particular, TCP provides reliable, ordered delivery of a stream of bytes from a program on one computer to another program on another computer. This protocol guarantees the delivery of streaming data and thus provides better video quality. The downside with this protocol is that the real-time effect is worse than that with UDP for a narrower bandwidth.
HTTP	HTTP is a networking protocol for distributed, collaborative, hypermedia information systems. It's the foundation of data communication for the World Wide Web. This protocol allows for the same quality as TCP and the users need not open a specific port for streaming under some network environment. Users inside a firewall can utilize this protocol to allow streaming data through.
HTTPS	This protocol enables authentication and encrypted communication over SSL (Secure Socket Layer), which protects streaming data transmission over the Internet on higer security level.

e. Configure **Recording Settings**:

- Recording Stream: By default, the stream source of the recording stream is stream 1, if you want to change it later on, please refer to the last page to update the camera settings.
- Pre-event time: Enter a number to decide how much time to record before an event is triggered.
- Post-event time: Enter a number to decide the duration of recording after an event is triggered.

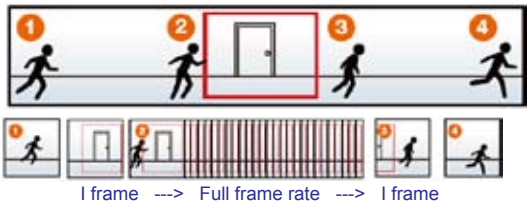


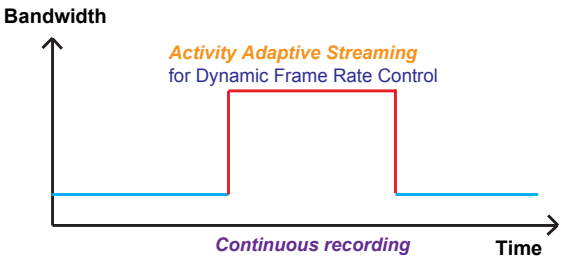


For example: If both the Pre-event time and Postevent time are set to 10 seconds, a total of 20 seconds video will be recorded if an event triggers. This function is supported by the buffer area of VAST server (time shift cache stream).

- Activity Adaptive Stream (active if possible): Check this item to enable activity adaptive stream recording and time shift recording. For cameras combined with time-shift cache stream and multiple streams features, user can make use of activity adaptive streaming for dynamic frame control.

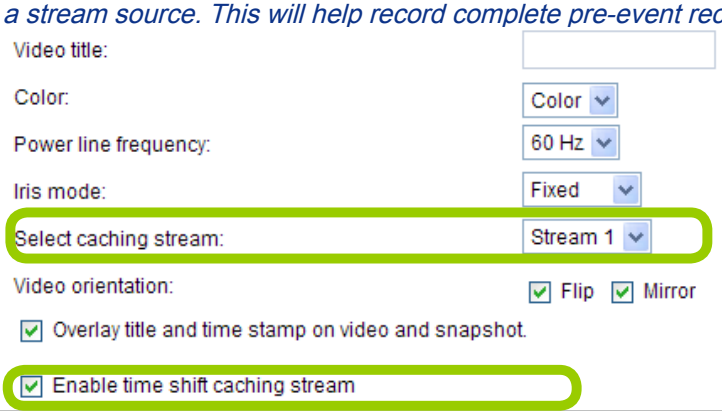
  If you check Activate Activity Adaptive Stream and enable time-shift cache stream on the camera, only when an event is triggered on the camera will ST7501 Server record the full frame rate streaming data; otherwise, it will only request the I frame data during normal monitoring, thus effectively save lots of bandwidths and storage.

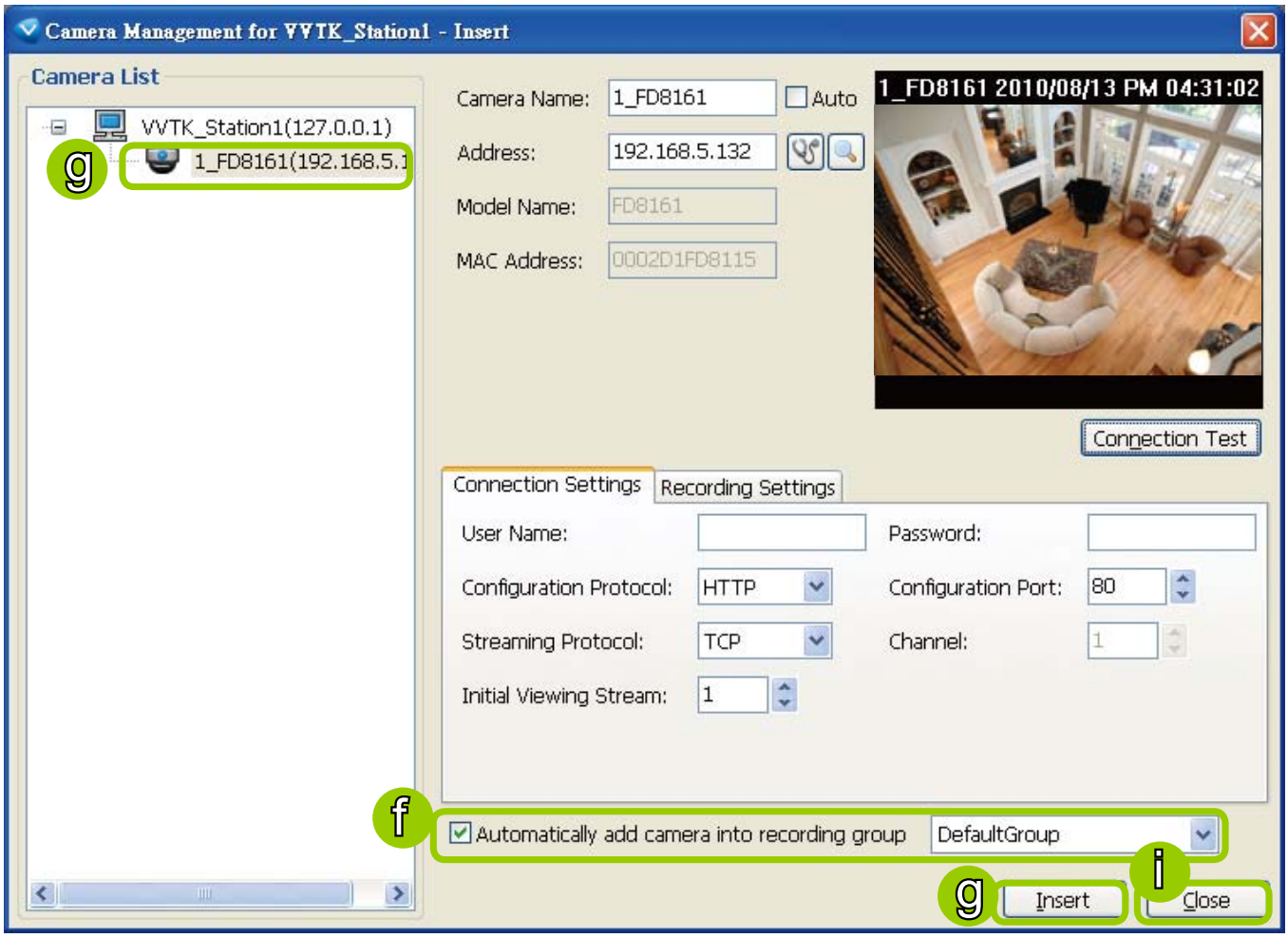




- Minimum pre-event time: Due to the limited cache memory of each network camera, the pre-event time of time shift cache stream on camera may be very short. Then you can choose to set pre-event recording on the VAST server. For example: To set up minimum 5 seconds. If the cache memory of the selected Network Camera can only support up to 3 seconds, the VAST Server will switch to enable pre-event recording for 5 seconds by itself, rather than request the time shift cache stream from the network camera server.

*Please note that if you want to enable activity adaptive stream, we suggest you **right-click** the camera on the heirarchical management tree **> Camera Settings > Audio and Video** to activate **"Time Shift Cache Stream"** on the camera and select a stream source. This will help record complete pre-event recording.*





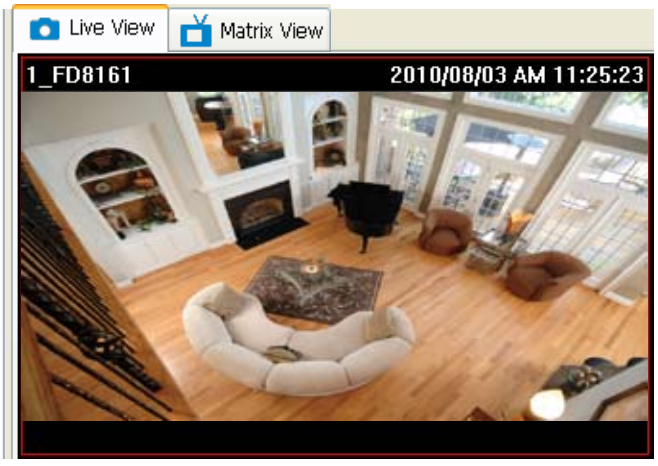
f. The device will automatically be assigned to the default recording group. Uncheck the item if you want to cancel this setting.

g. When all settings are completed, click **Insert** to add the device to the station. The device will be displayed under the left Camera List.

h. To insert additional devices to the station, repeat the above steps.

i. When completed, click **Close** to exit the camera management window.

j. Back to the main window, you will find the newly-inserted devices displayed under the station and the live video in the video cell.



Update Devices

Please follow the steps below to update a device via Camera Management window:

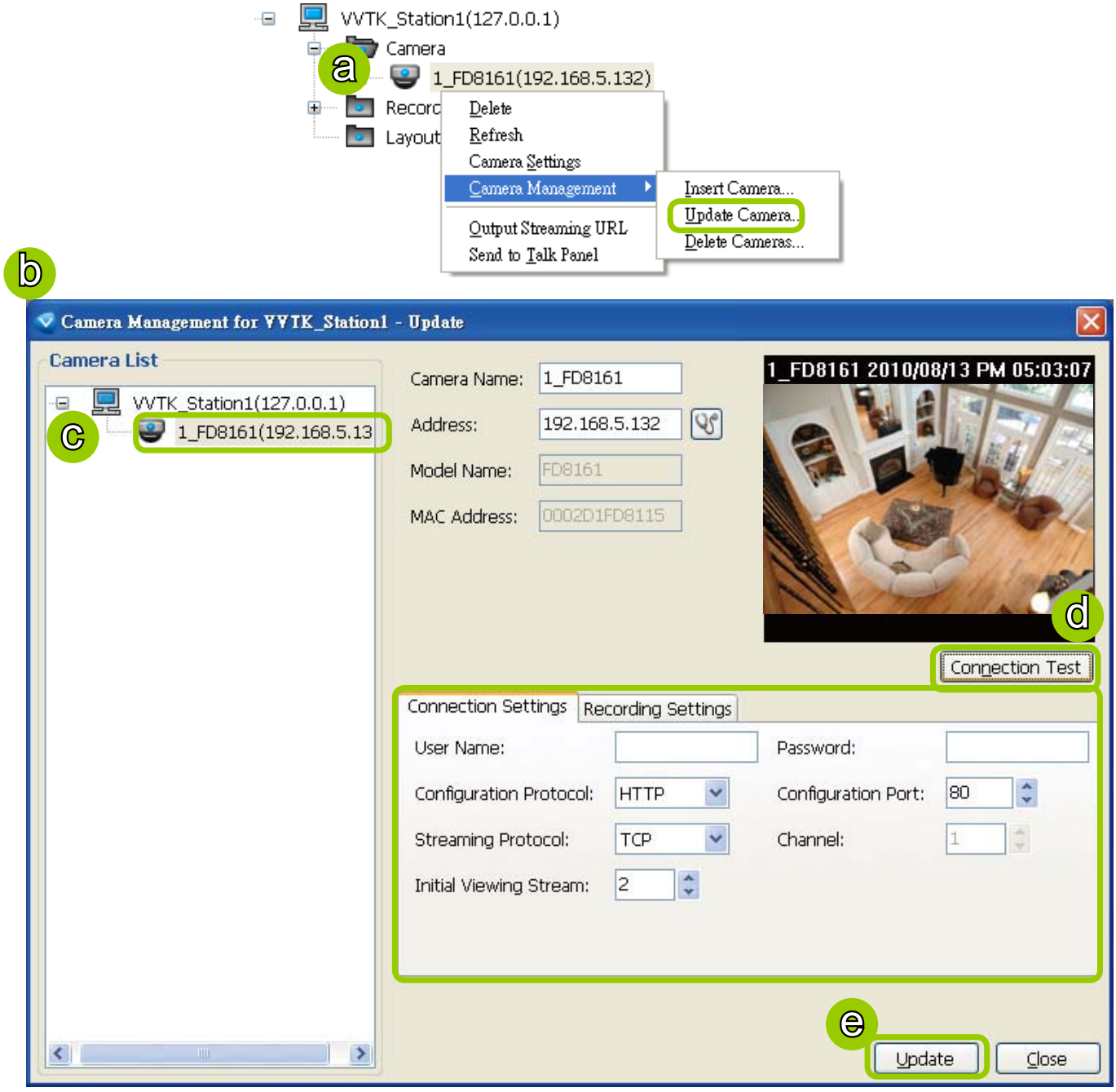
a. Click **Configuration > Camera Management > Update Camera** on the menu bar (or **right-click** the device/station, then select **Camera Management > Update Camera**).

b. The **Camera Management - Update** window will pop up. The device tree managed by the station will be displayed in the left Camera List window.

c. Select a device from the list you want to update. Its related information will automatically be displayed in the corresponding fields in the Camera Management window. Then you can modify **Connection Settings** and **Recording Settings** of the device.

d. After modifying the settings, you can click **Connection Test** to preview the live video from the device.

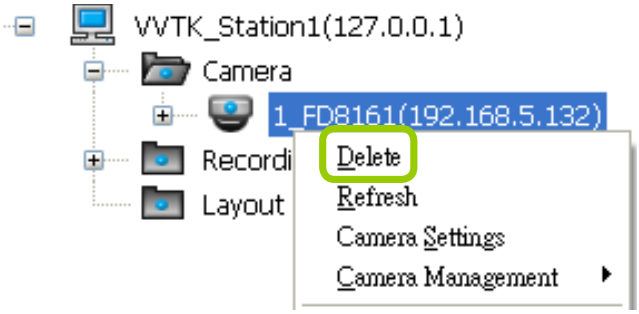
e. When all settings are completed, click **Update** to enable the settings.

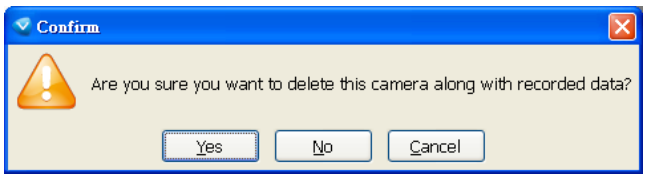


Delete Devices from the VAST Server

- Delete a device:

  Right-click the device on the device tree, then select **Delete.** A dialog box will pop up. Click **Yes** to delete the device along with the recorded data; click **No** to delete the device but retain the recorded data; click **Cancel** to cancel the delete action.





- Delete more than one device at a time:

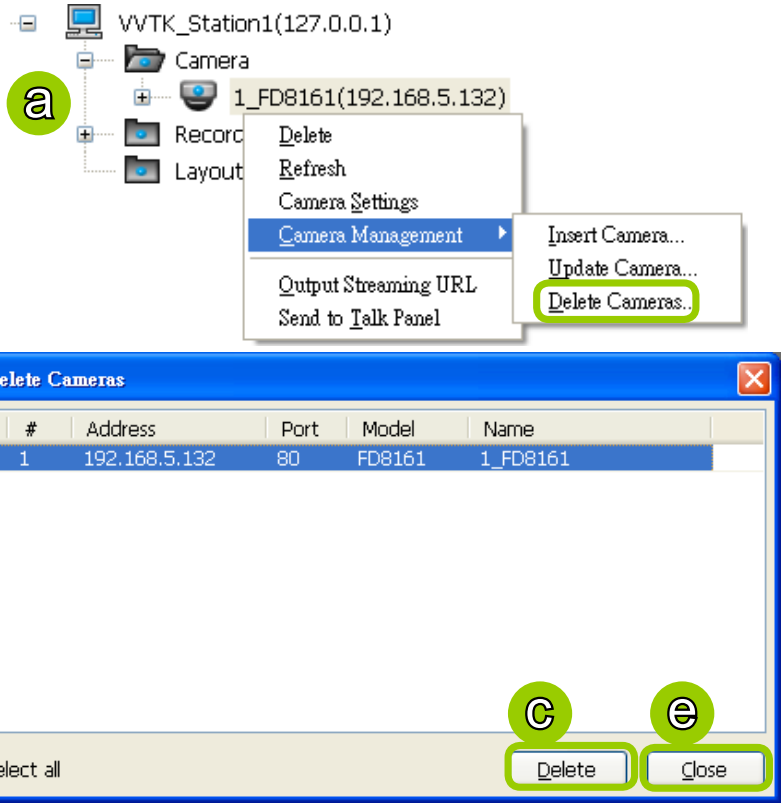
a. Click **Configuration > Camera Management > Delete Cameras** on the menu bar (or **right-click** the device/station, then select **Camera Management > Delete Cameras**).

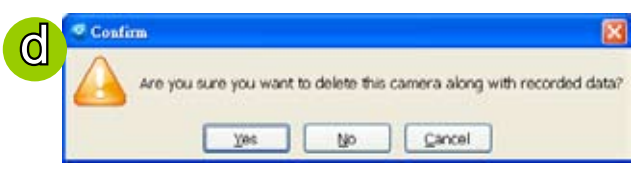
b. The **Delete Cameras** window will pop up.

c. Select the devices you want to delete from the list, then click **Delete**.

d. A dialog box will pop up. Click **Yes** to delete the device along with the recorded data; click **No** to delete the device but retain the recorded data; click **Cancel** to cancel the delete action.

e. When completed, click **Close** to exit the **Delete Cameras** window and return to the main window. The deleted device will disappear from the station.





Batch Insert Devices

Batch insert is a very useful function that allows user to search, filter, and import a row of devices to the station on the LAN at a time. The basic settings can also be applied to those inserted devices simultaneously.

Please follow the steps below to batch insert devices to a station:

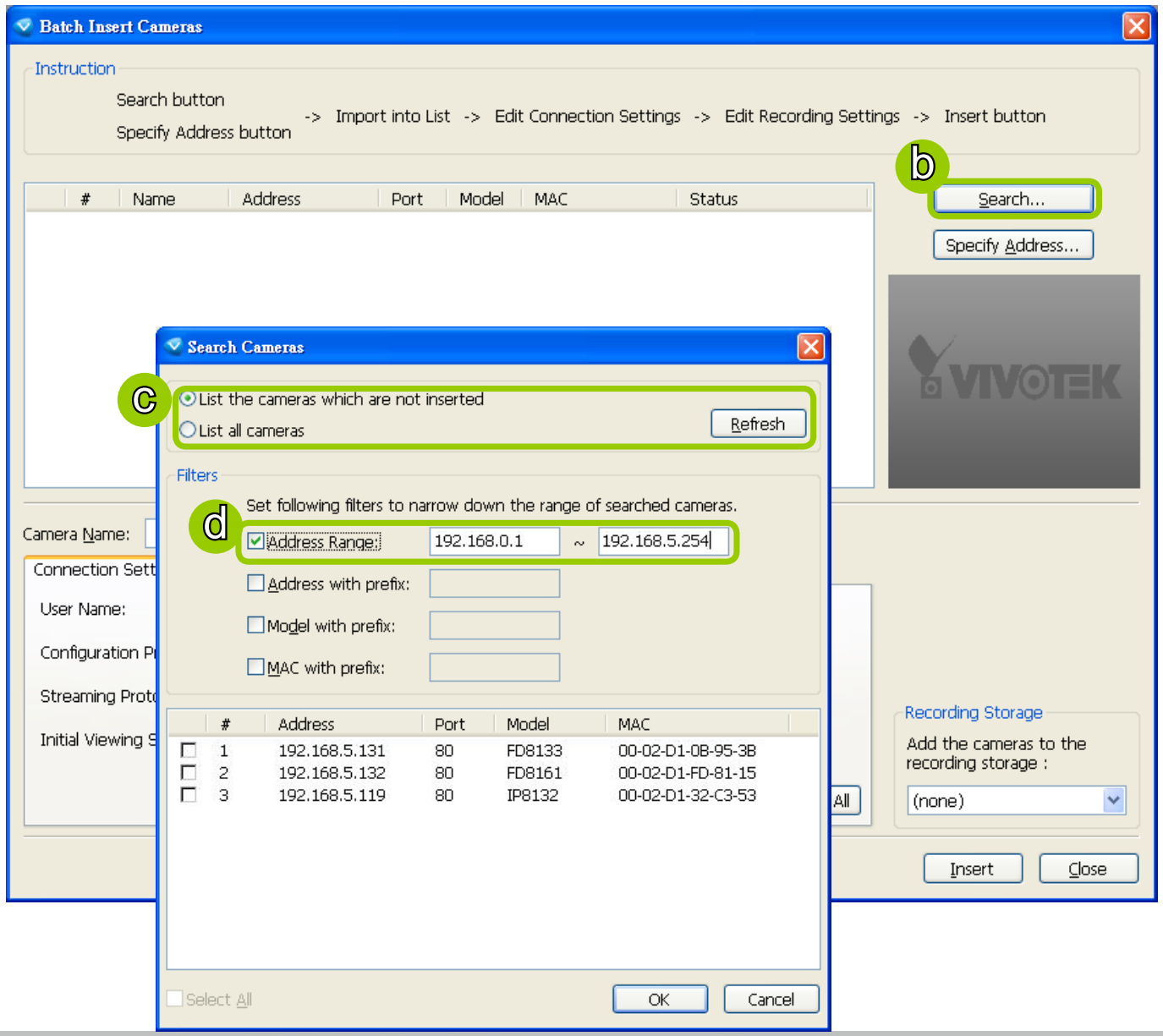
a. Click **Configuration > Camera Management > Batch Insert Cameras** on the menu bar (or **right-click** the station, then select **Camera Management > Batch Insert Camera**).

b. The **Batch Insert Cameras** window will pop up. Then click **Search** to open the Search Camera window.

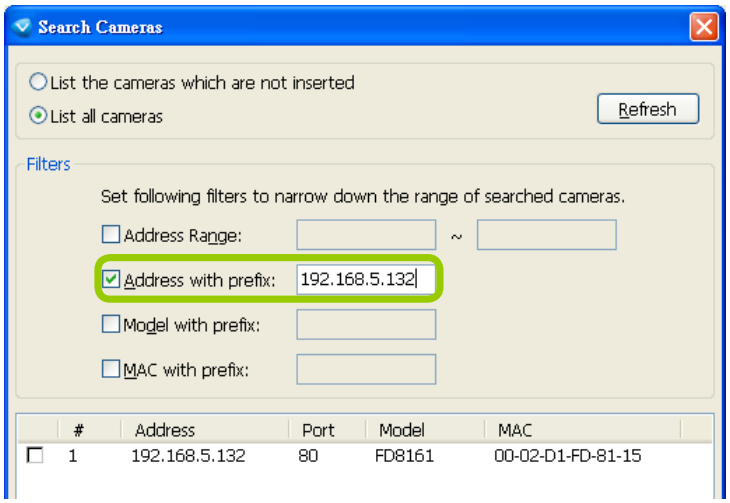
c. On top of the Camera List window, you can select "List the cameras which are not inserted" or "List all cameras". The items listed below will then change accordingly.

d. Use the 4 Filters to narrow down the range of the wanted cameras from the list.

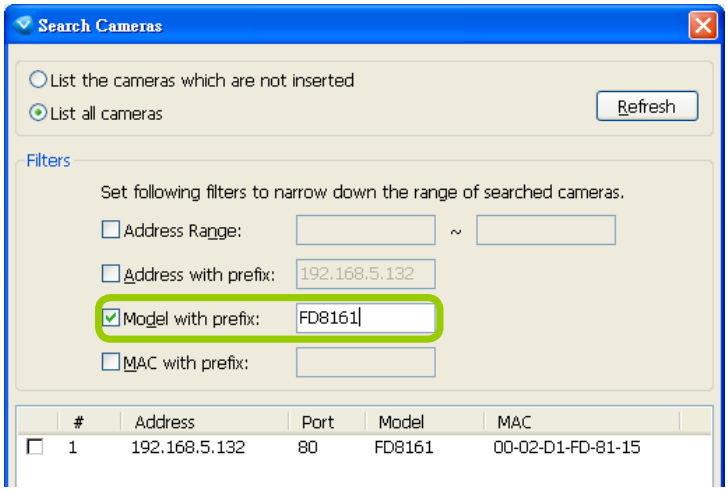
- IP Range: Type in a range of IP address to narrow down the list; the filter automatically filters after you fill in a correct IP range.



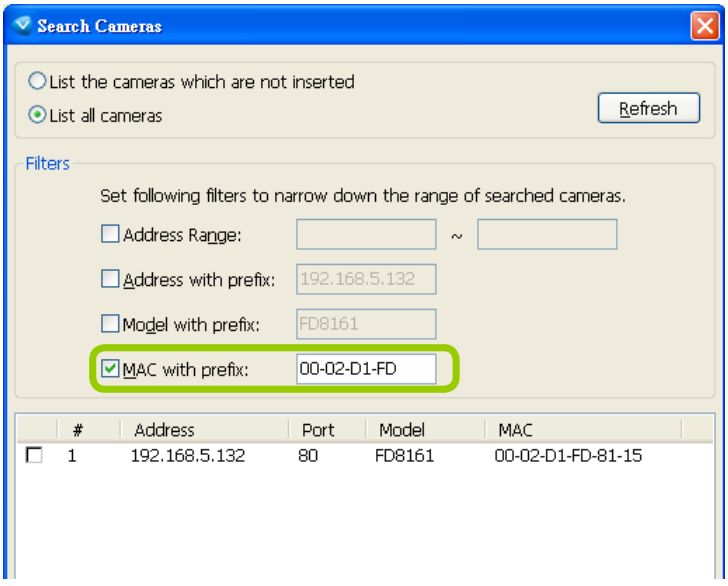
- IP with prefix: Type in the prefix of the IP address to narrow down the list.



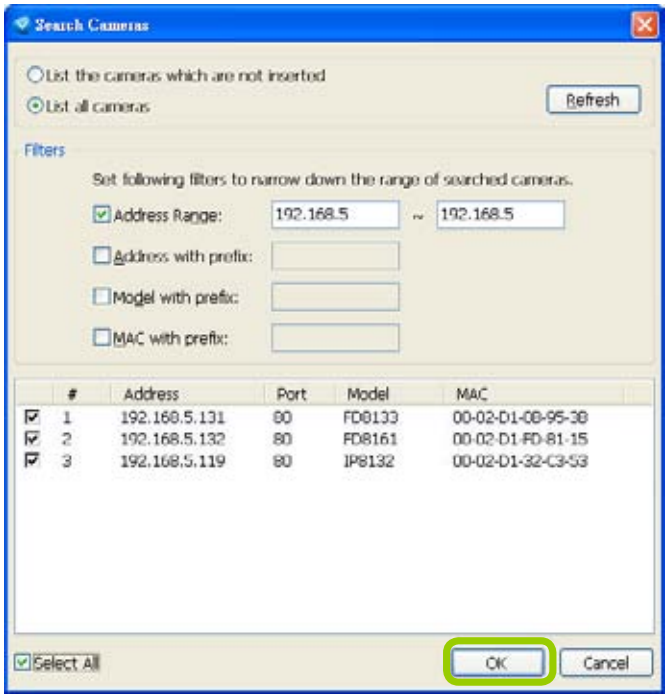
- Model with prefix: The user can type in the prefix of the model name or the complete model name of the cameras to narrow down the list.



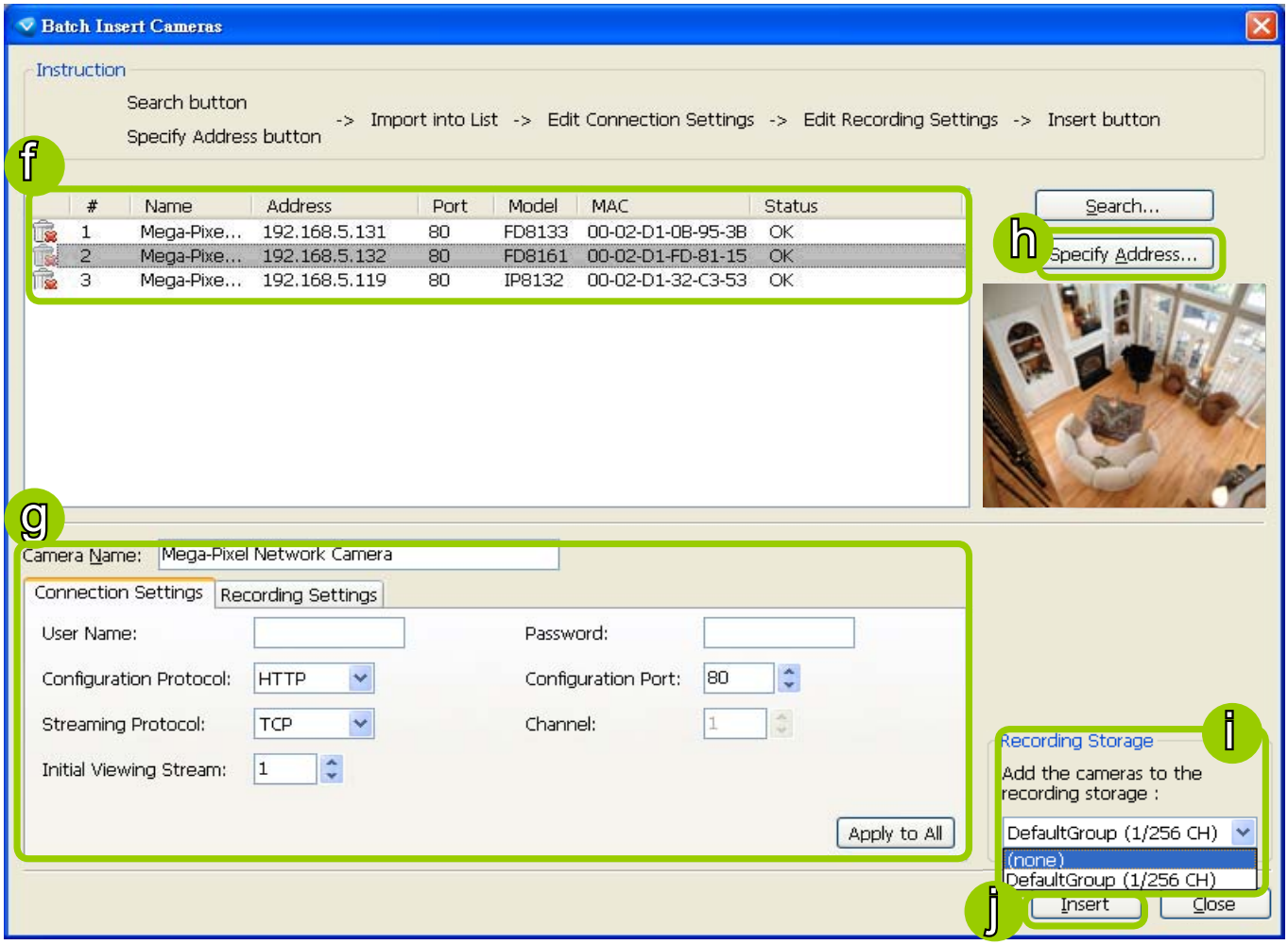
- MAC with prefix: You can type in the prefix of the MAC address of the cameras to narrow down the list.



e. When the list is filtered, you can select the cameras one by one or check **Select All** to add them to the batch insert list. Then click **OK** to finish searching.

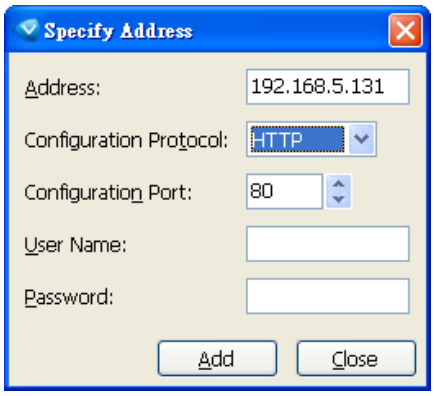


f. The selected cameras will be shown on the batch insert camera list with the camera information and the connection status. When you click on a camera, a live view will show up on the right side for you to identify the cameras on the list. If you want to remove a camera from the list, click the trash can icon to delete it.



g. On the bottom of the window, there is a field for you to alter the camera settings including Connection Settings and Recording Settings. You can apply the new settings to each camera on the list, or click **Apply to All** to apply the same configurations to all the cameras. For more information about Connection Settings and Recording Settings, please refer to Insert Device on page 19 for detailed information.

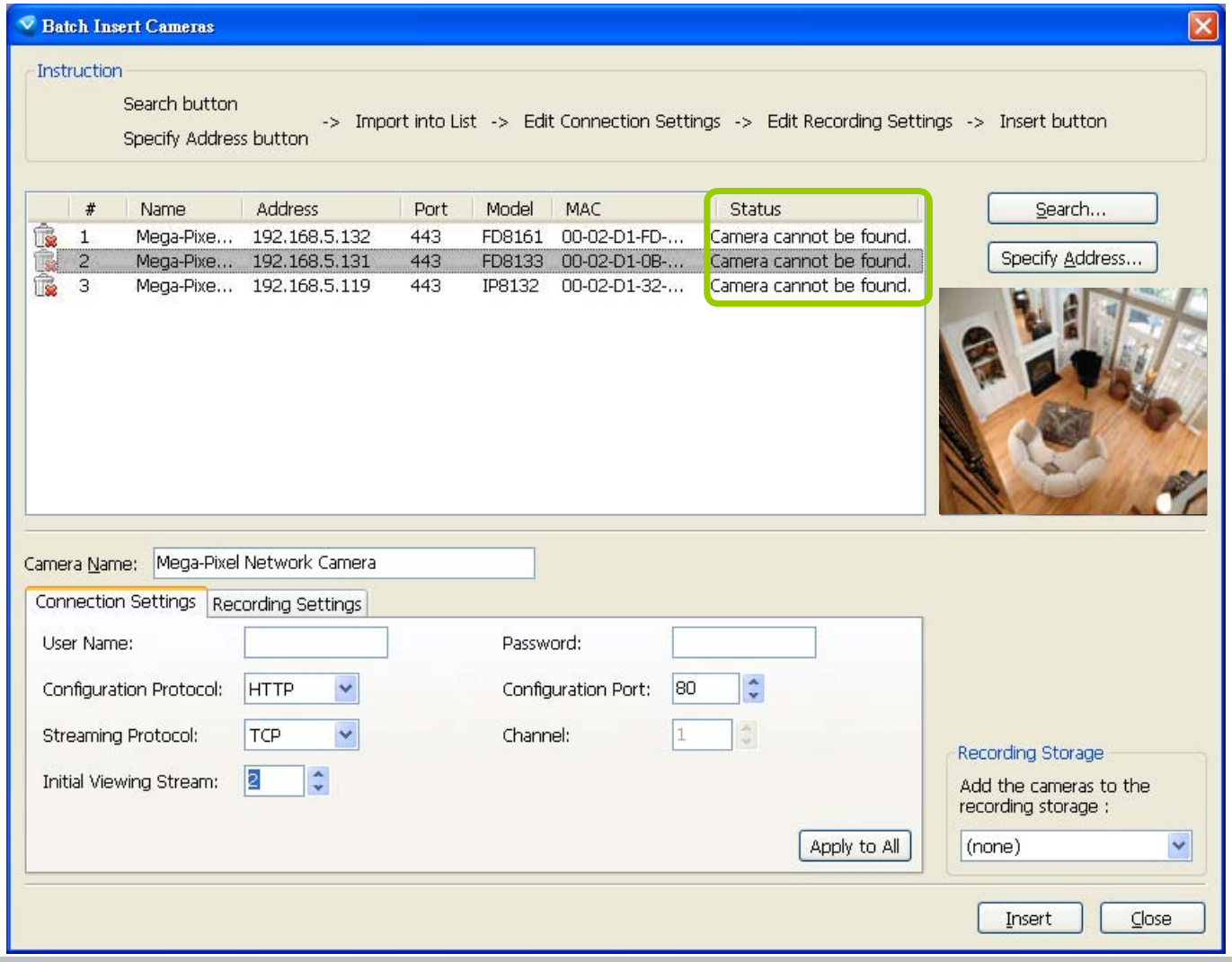
h. Specify host: If you want to add a camera to the list, click **Specify Host** to directly add a wanted camera. Click **Add** after filling in the correct information. The camera will be added to the list of the Batch Insert Camera window.



i. By default, all inserted devices will be applied to the default recording group. Uncheck **Add** to if you do not want to assign the selected devices to the default recording group.

j. Click **Insert** when all the settings are done. The settings will be applied.

When you modify the camera settings, once the connection information (User Name, Password, Configuration Protocol, Configuration Port, and Streaming Protocol) is not matched to the network environment, the camera will be disconnected and the status of the camera will become "Camera cannot be found" as shown below.

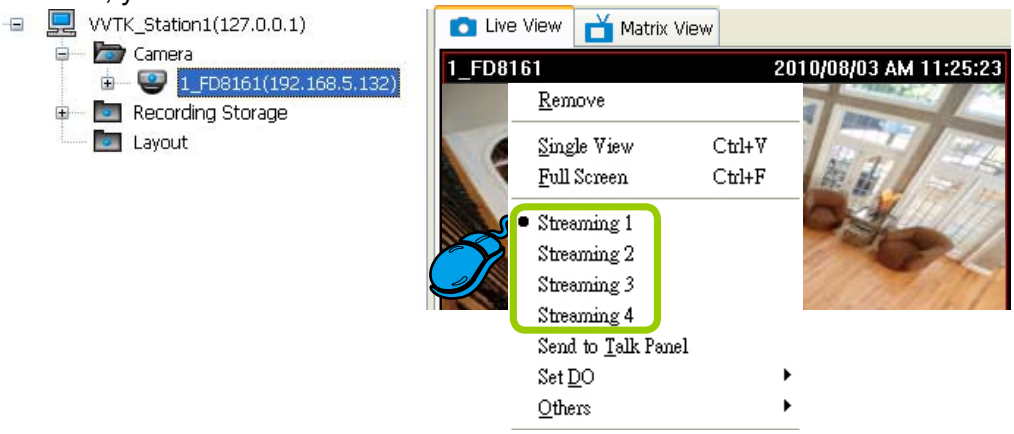


View Live Videos

The server will automatically add a newly-inserted device to the video cell for live viewing. You also can **double-click** the target device or **drag-and-drop** the target device from the hierarchical management tree window to the video cell.

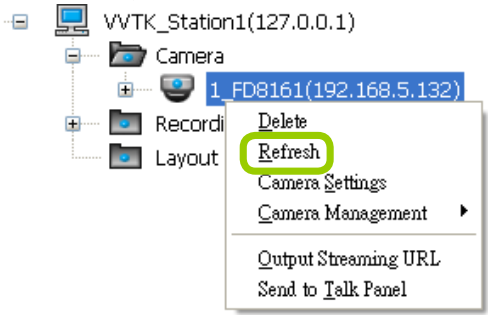
Dual / Multiple Streams

For dual-stream devices, you can **right-click** on the focused cell to select stream 1 or stream 2. For multiple-stream devices, you can select from stream 1 ~ stream 4.



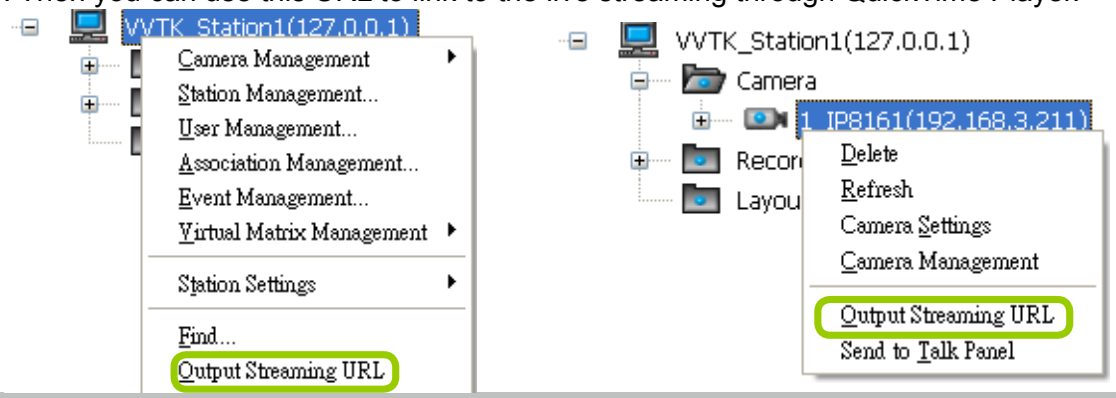
Refresh

Right-click the device, then click **Refresh**, the camera information will be refreshed from the server.



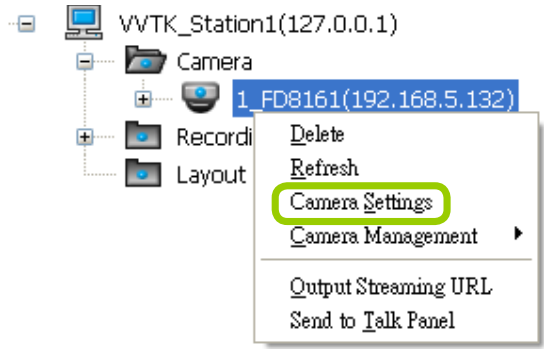
Streaming Server

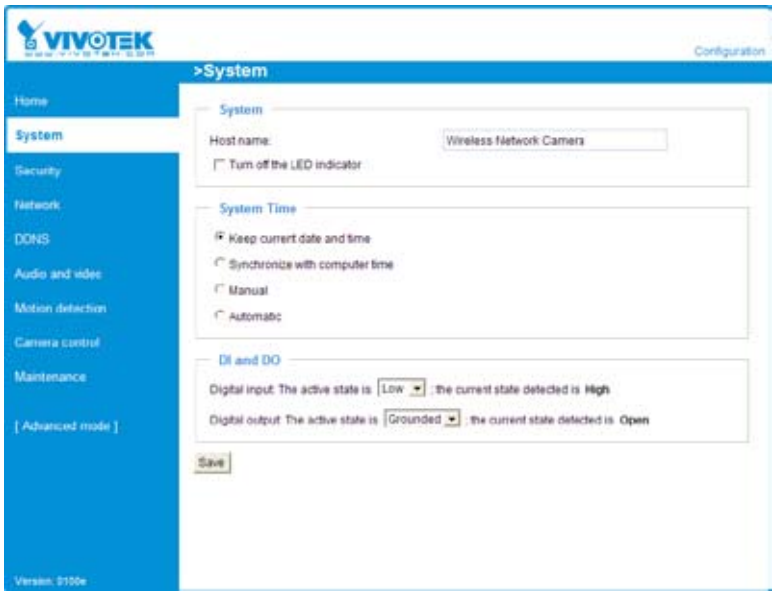
Right-click the station or the device and click **Output Streaming URL**. A .txt file with streaming URL will pop up. Then you can use this URL to link to the live streaming through QuickTime Player.



Camera Settings

Right-click the device, then click **Camera Settings** to open the LiveClient Browser to configure detailed information.



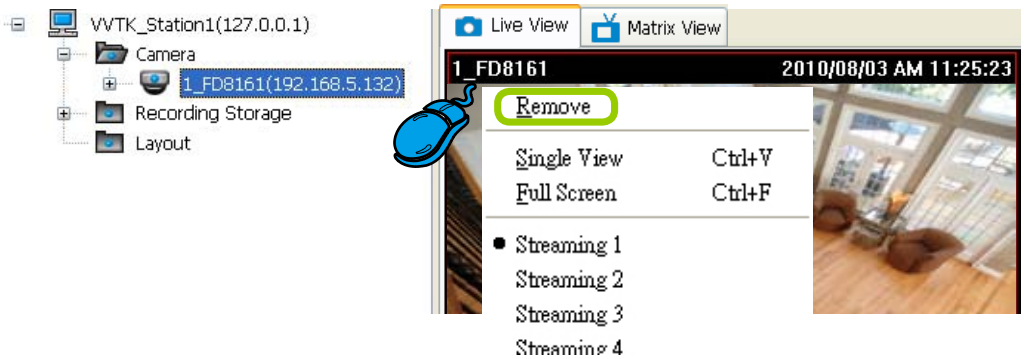


Some functions in the browsing window in the VAST software will be disabled due to limitations. If you need to change the settings, use your own browser to connect to the device directly.

Remove Live Video from the Video Monitoring Window

There are two ways to remove a live video from the video cell:

Method 1. **Right-click** the video cell and select **Remove**.



Method 2. **Drag-and-drop** the live view from the video cell to the hierarchical management tree window.

If you want to remove all live videos from the video cells, please click on the menu bar.

How to Change the VAST LiveClient Layout

Changing the Layout of the Live Video Monitoring Window

VIVOTEK VAST LiveClient supports up to 32-CH simultaneous video viewing on a single monitor and allows you to change the layout of the live video monitoring window based on the number of inserted devices.

Switch Video Channels

To move a video channel to another empty video cell, **drag-and-drop** the view to the target video cell.

To switch two different channels, **drag-and-drop** one view to the other, then the two different channels will be switched to the opposite.

Configure Layout Mode

Click the **Layout** button on the quick access bar. Select a desired layout mode, and the layout window will be changed accordingly. Below we illustrate 8 types of layout modes and the corresponding page numbers:

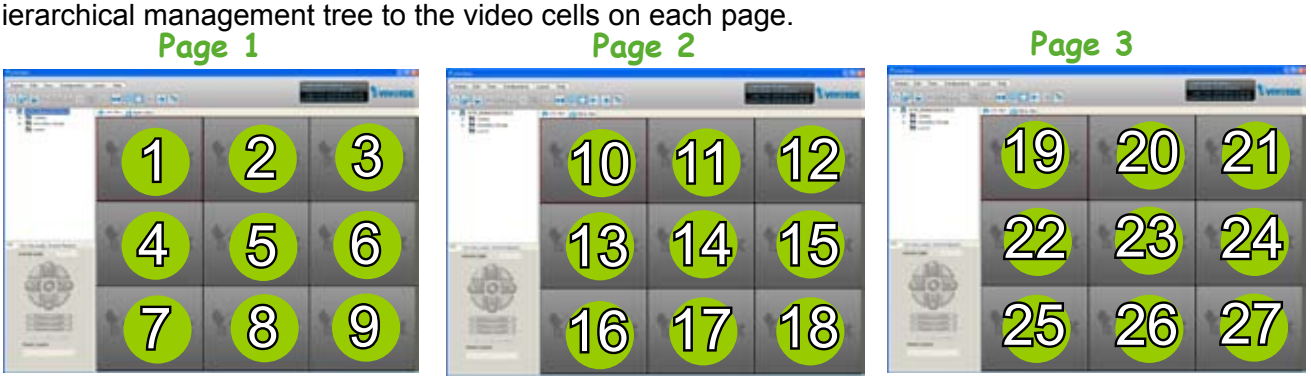
Layout mode	Description	Video page
1 x 1		32
2 x 2		8
1 + 5		4
3 x 3		3
1 + 12		2
4 x 4		2
5 x 5		1
1 + 31		1

More than 1 video page; rotation function is enabled

Only 1 video page; rotation function is disabled

Some layout modes (1 x 1, 2 x 2, 1 + 5, 3 x 3, 1 + 12, 4 x 4) will divide all video channels into several pages.

For example, under 3 x 3 layout mode, you can switch among the pages by clicking and on the quick access bar. To arrange the content of each page, manually **drag-and-drop** cameras from the hierarchical management tree to the video cells on each page.

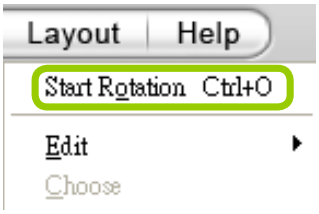


Rotating Video Pages

For layout modes that contain more than one page, ST7501 LiveClient offers the rotating function for displaying all video pages in turn.

- To enable this function, click on the Quick Access Bar, which will become **Stop Rotating**, and the video pages will start to rotate so that the user does not have to click to move to the next page.
- To disable this function, click **Stop Rotating**, which will become on the Quick Access Bar.

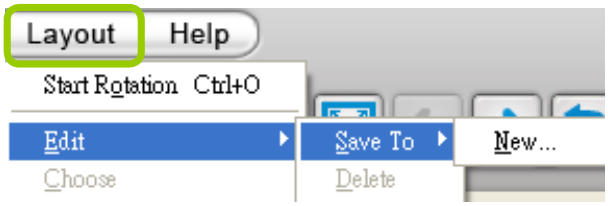
You can also click **Layout > Start to Rotate/Stop Rotating** to enable/disable this function.

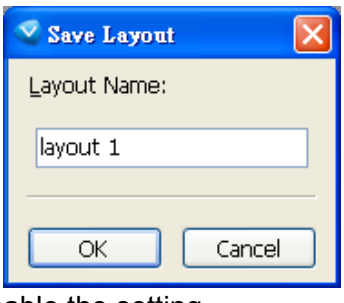


The default rotating time interval is 6 seconds. If you want to edit rotation settings, please refer to **Rotation Settings** on page 116.

Edit Layout

Please follow the steps below to save a layout:
a. Arrange a layout mode and drag devices to their desired video cells.
b. Click **Layout > Edit > Save to > New** on the menu bar. A **Layout Name** dialog box will pop up.

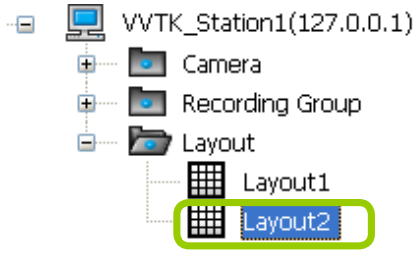




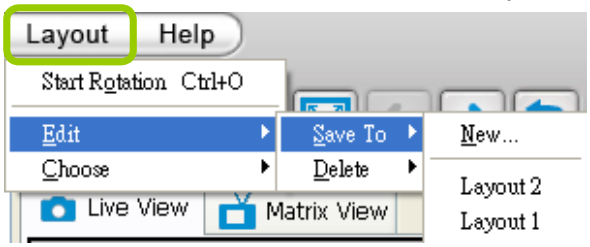
c. Enter a name for the the layout, then click **OK** to enable the setting.

d. Back to the monitoring window, the new layout will be displayed under the hierarchical management tree as shown below. You can save up to 10 layouts.

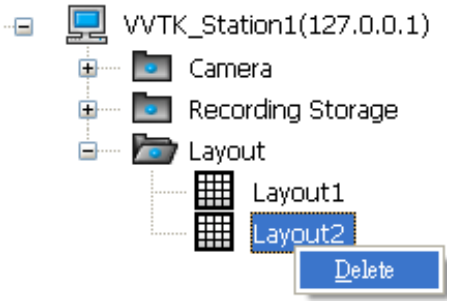
e. To change to another layout, **double-click** the layout options on the hierarchical management tree, or click **Layout > Choose** on the menu bar to select a desired layout.

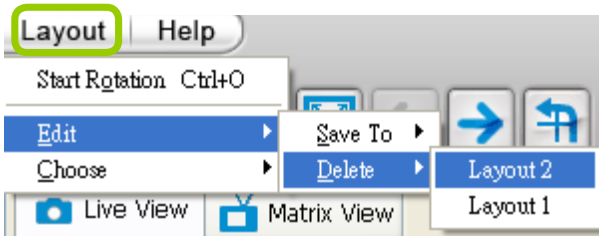


- If you want to edit an existing layout, arrange a layout mode and drag devices to the desired video cells, then click **Layout > Edit > Save to > New** to save as a new layout or an **existing layout** to replace with the new one.



- If you want to delete an existing layout, **right-click** the layout item on the hierarchical management tree or click **Layout > Edit > Delete** on the menu bar to delete it.

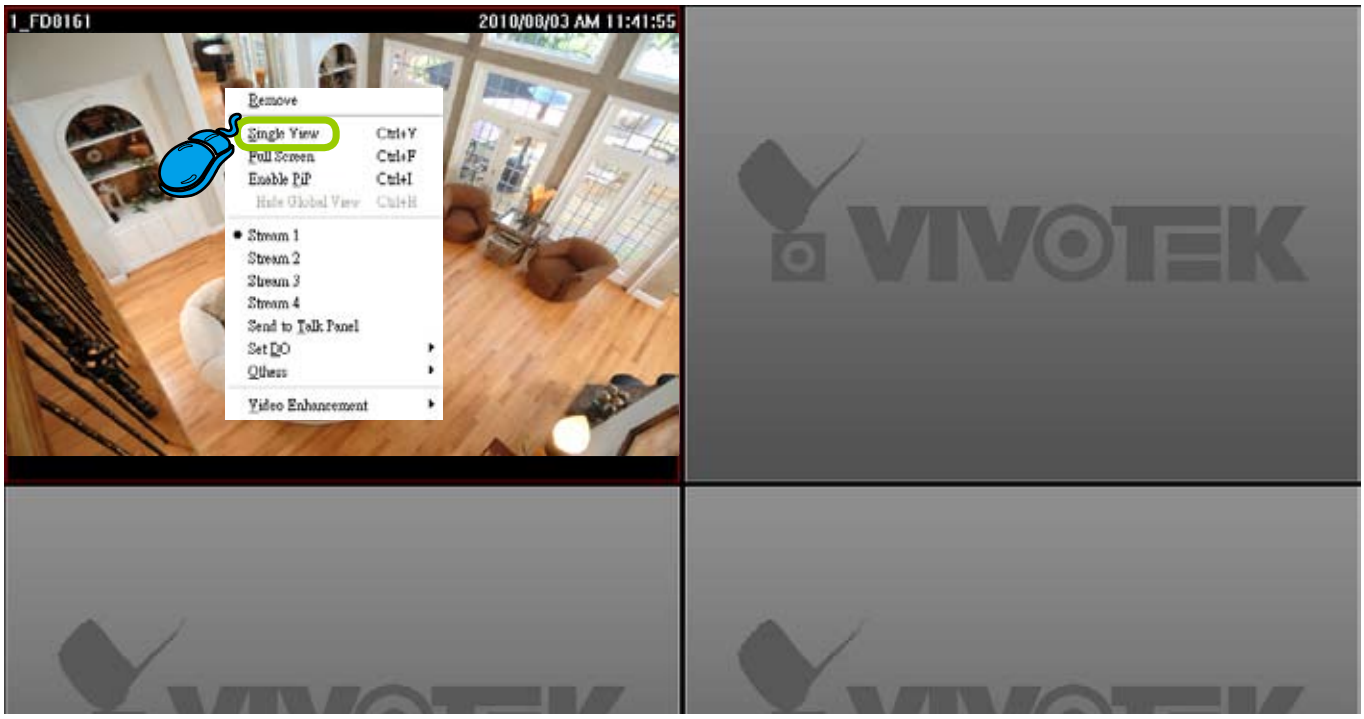


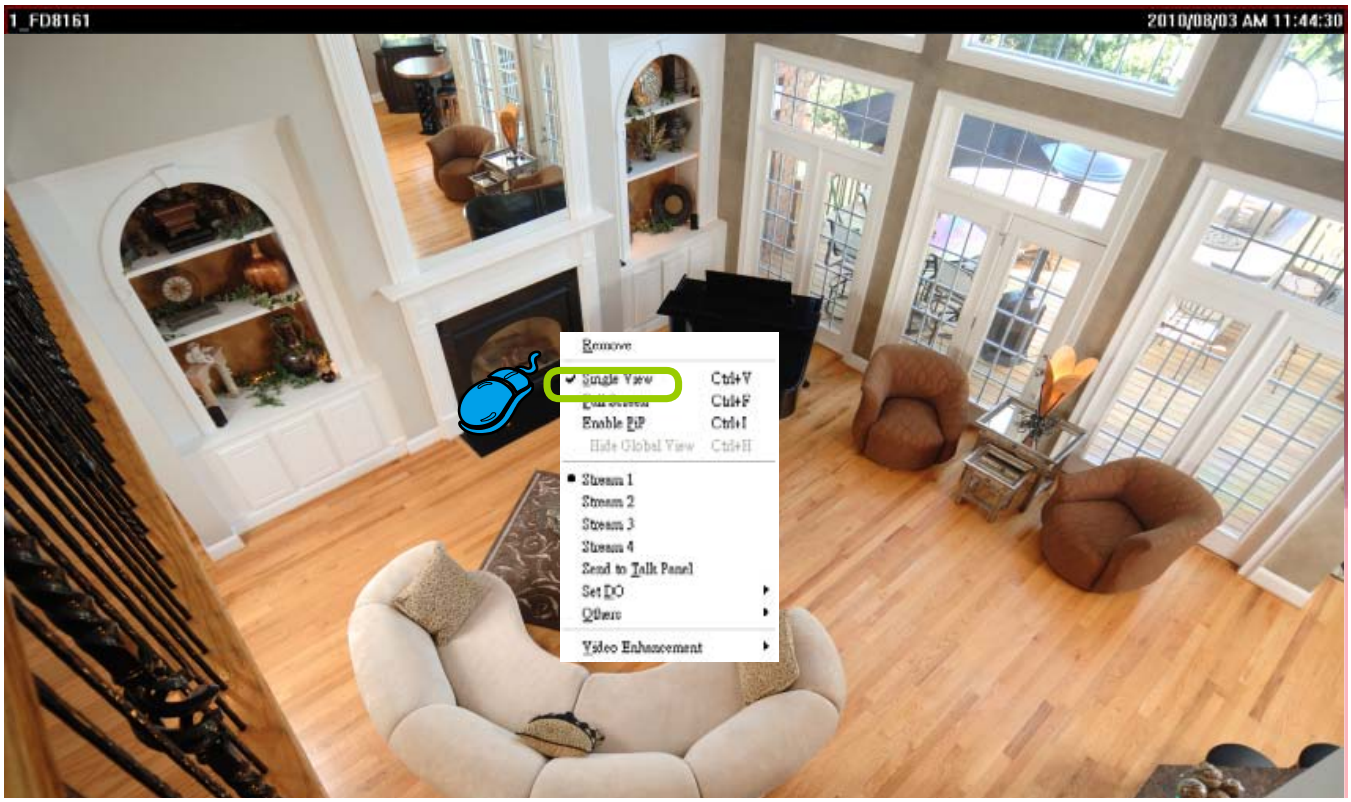


Maximize/Minimize the Live Video Monitoring Window

- Single View: to maxmize a video cell to the entire live video window

Double-click the video cell, or **right-click** the video cell and select **Single View**. The focused video will occupy the entire playback window as shown below.



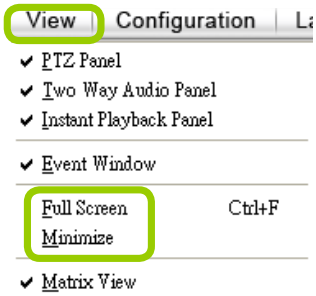


To restore to the original layout, **double-click** the video cell or **right-click** the video cell and uncheck **Single View.**

- Full Screen: Maximize the live video monitoring window to the entire screen

Click **Full Screen** on the quick access bar or **right-click** the video cell and select **Full Screen**. In addition, you can also click **View > Full Screen** on the menu bar to maximize the live video monitoring window.

To restore to the original layout, you can **right-click** a video cell and uncheck **Full Screen** or click the **Esc** button on the keyboard to exit full screen mode.



- Minimize: If you click **View > Minimize** on the menu bar, LiveClient will minimize to the Windows tool bar.

View Live Video on Dual Monitors

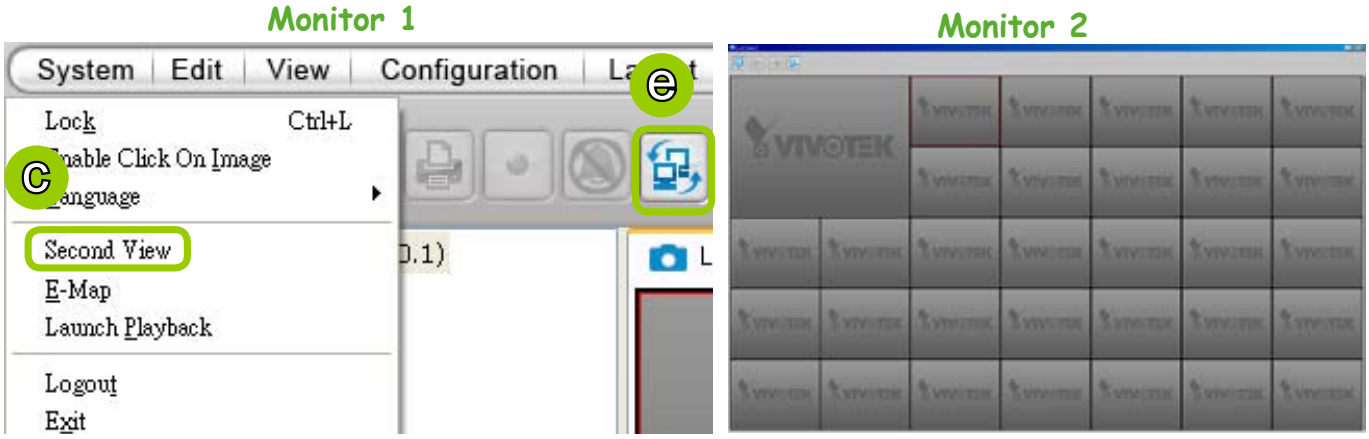
VAST also supports live video viewing on dual monitors, allowing you to manage maximum 64 channels on two screens concurrently. Moreover, the layout of the video monitoring window on different monitors can be set up individually.

Please follow the steps below to set up dual-screen mode:

a. Set up dual monitors for your local computer.

b. Launch VAST LiveClient on monitor 1.

c. Click **System > Second View** on monitor 1, then the live video monitoring window will be displayed in monitor 2 as shown below.



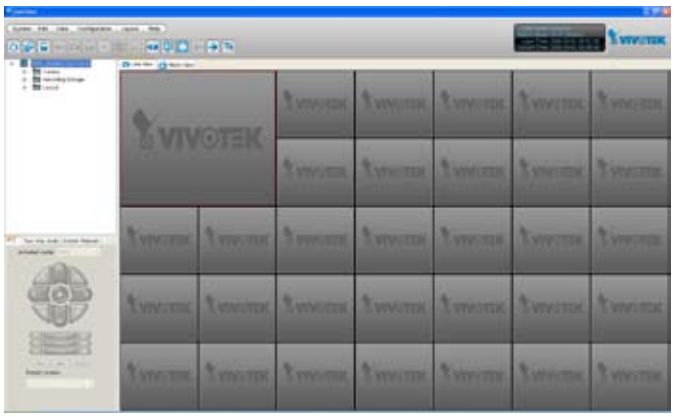
d. There are two ways to view live videos. One is to **drag-and-drop** the target device from the hierarchical management tree window to the video cells. The other is to click any video cell on monitor 1 or monitor 2, then **double-click** the target device; the live video will be displayed in monitor 1 or 2 in accordance with your selection.

e. If you click **Switch Screen** on the quick access bar, the live monitoring window on monitor 1 and monitor 2 will swap.

View up to 64 channels simultaneously

If you select 1+31 layout on dual screens, you can view a maximum of 64 channels live video simultaneously. In this case, each layout contains 32 channels on 1 video page.

Monitor 1 - 32 channel

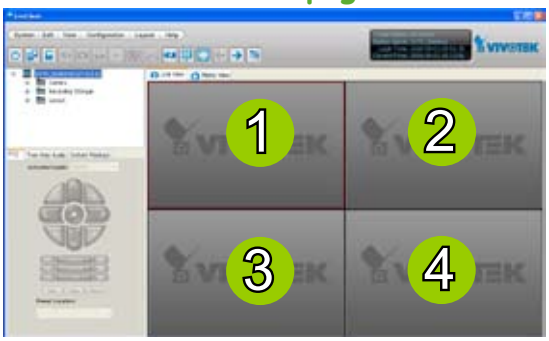


Monitor 2 - 32 channel

Using different layouts on each monitor

You also can select different layout for two monitors, simply click the **Layout** button on the quick access bar. Below is an example of the 2x2 layout with 8 video pages on monitor 1 and the 4x4 layout with 2 video pages on monitor 2. You can click and to switch among the video pages.

Monitor 1 - page 1



Monitor 2 - page 1

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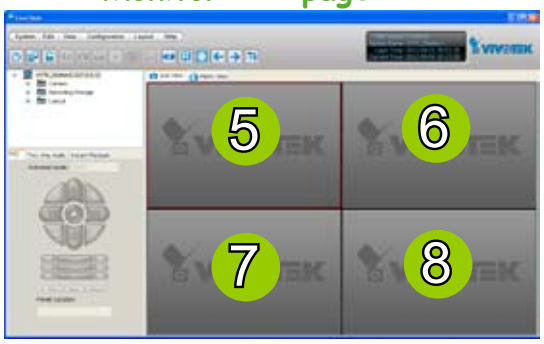
Monitor 1 - page 2



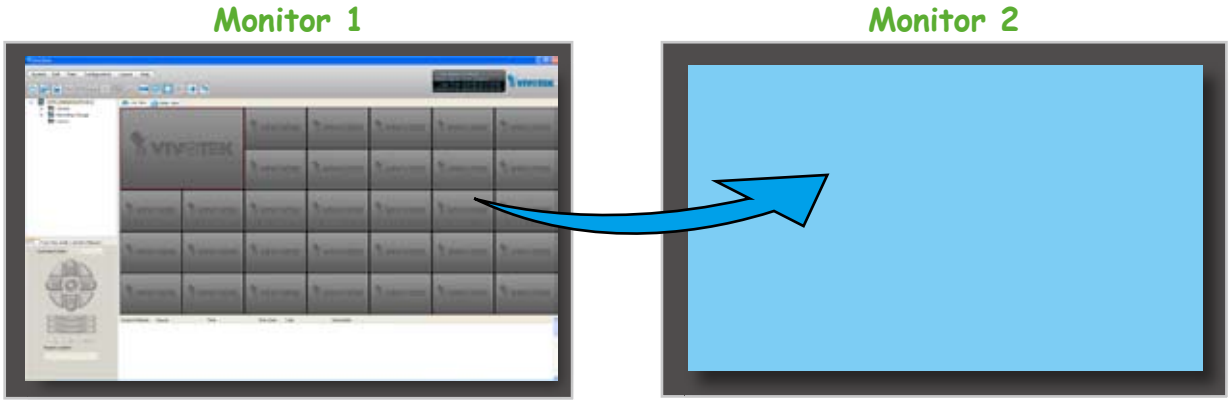
Monitor 2 - page 2

Monitor 1 - page 8

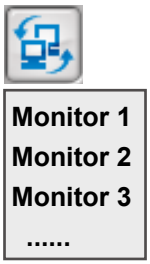
View Live Video with Multiple Monitors

If you have multiple screens in your monitoring center, you can switch the VAST LiveClient Window among these screens.

- If you have two monitors, click **Switch Screen** on the menu bar; the LiveClient window on monitor 1 will switch to monitor 2.



- If you have three or more monitors, a drop-down list will be displayed when you click **Switch Screen** on the menu bar. The number of items on this list depends on the number of your screens. Select a desired screen on the drop-down list and the LiveClient Window will switch to the specified screen.



How to Manage Station

The VAST Server allows you to construct a hierarchical management system by adding more sub-stations to the root station. Under each sub-station, it can also insert sub-stations and network cameras.

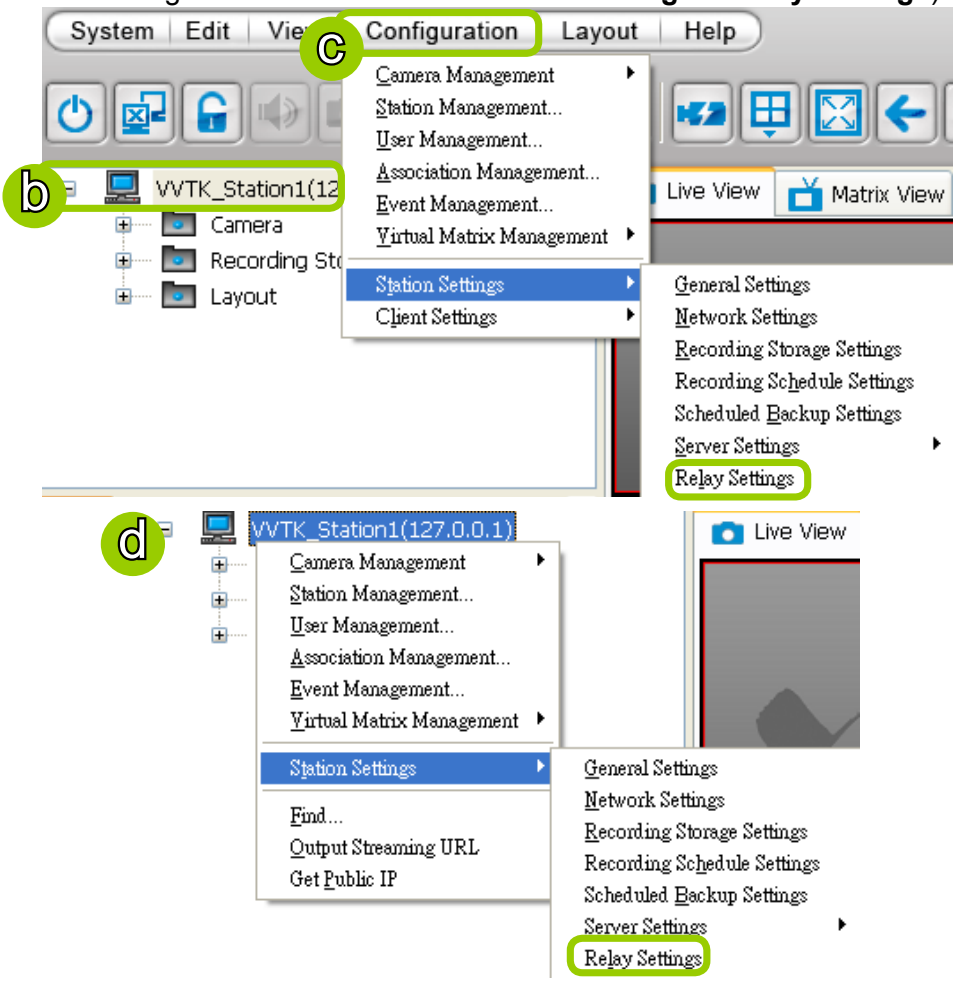
Relay Settings

Before adding a sub-station, please follow the instruction below to enable the sub-station's Relay Settings first.

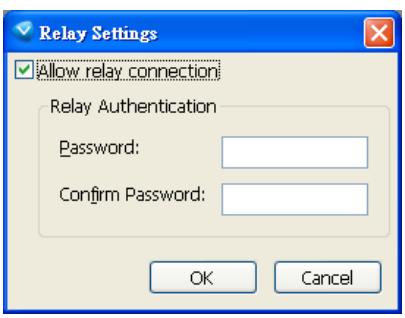
a. Login to the sub-station.

b. Select the station from the hierarchical management tree.

c. Click **Configuration > Station Settings > Relay Settings** on the menu bar (or **right-click** the station on the hierarchical management tree and select **Station Settings > Relay Settings**).



d. The **Relay Settings** window will pop up. Check **Allow Relay Connection** and enter a **Password**. Then click **OK** to enable the settings.



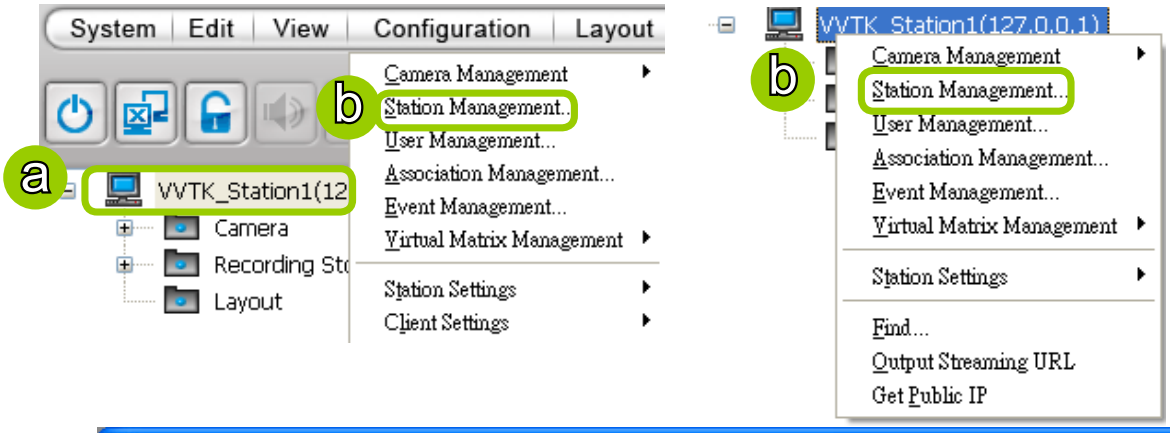
Insert Sub-stations

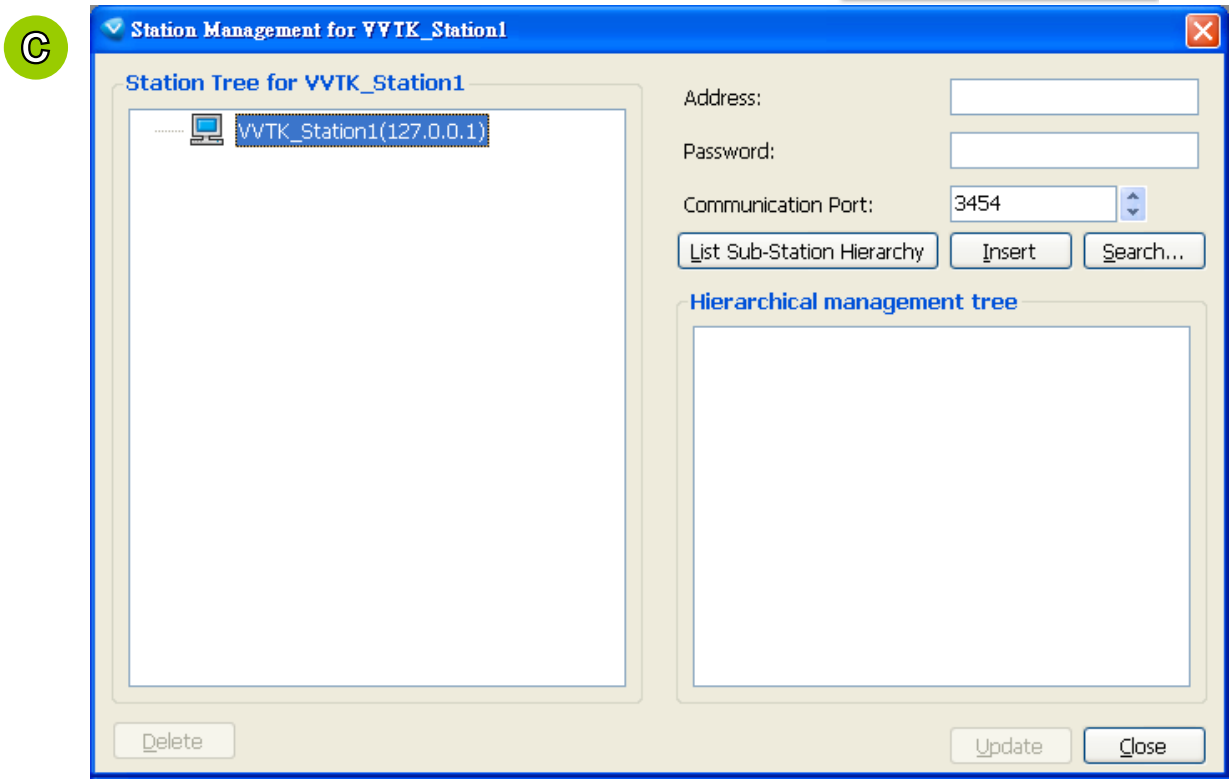
Please follow the steps below to add sub-stations:

a. Select a target station from the hierarchical management tree.

b. Click **Configuration > Station Management** on the menu bar (or **right-click** the target station, then select **Station Management**).

c. The **Station Management** window will pop up. The hierarchical management tree managed by the target station will be displayed in the left window.





d. Before inserting the sub-station, you can click **List Sub-station Hierarchy** button to know if there is any sub-station under it.

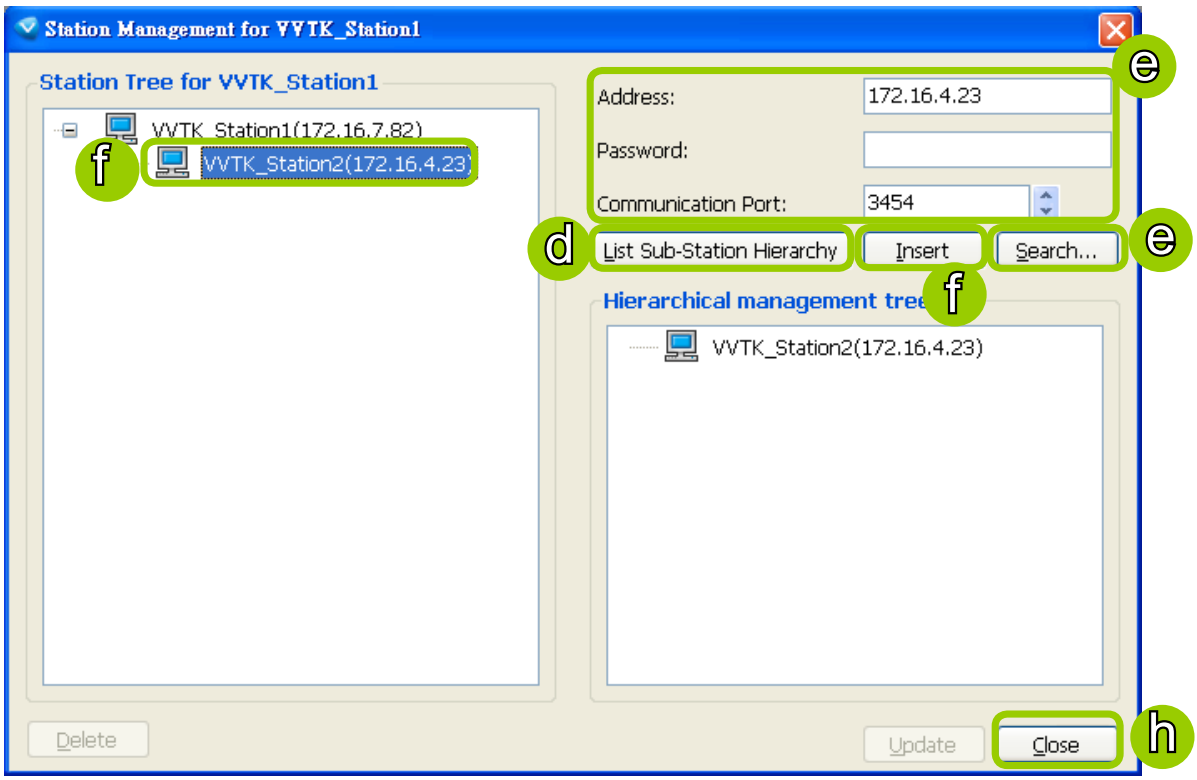
e. Enter the sub-station's **IP address** and **Password (defined in Relay Settings, not login password)**. The default communication port is 3454.

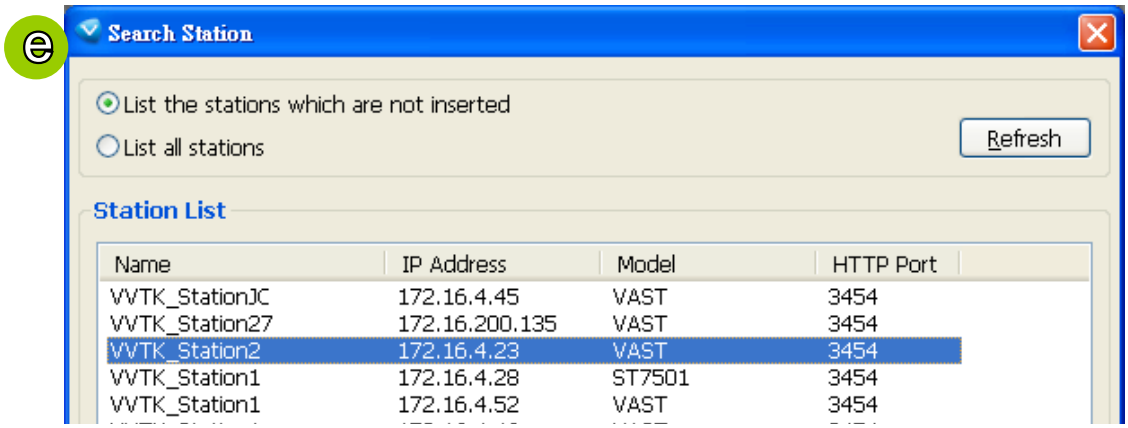
- If the sub-station is on the LAN, you can click the **Search Station** button to detect all ST7501 and VAST on the LAN. A **Station List** window will pop up and show a list of detected cameras on the LAN. On the top of **Camera List** window, you can select "**List the stations which are not inserted**" or "**List all stations**". The items listed below will then change accordingly. You can click **Name, IP Address, Model, Http port** to sort the items. Then select a device from the list to insert to the station.

f. When all settings are done, click **Insert** to add the sub-station to the target station. The sub-station will be displayed under the left station tree.

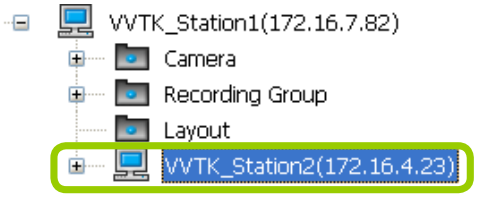
g. To insert additional sub-stations to the target station, repeat the above steps.

h. When completed, click **Close** to exit the Station Management window.

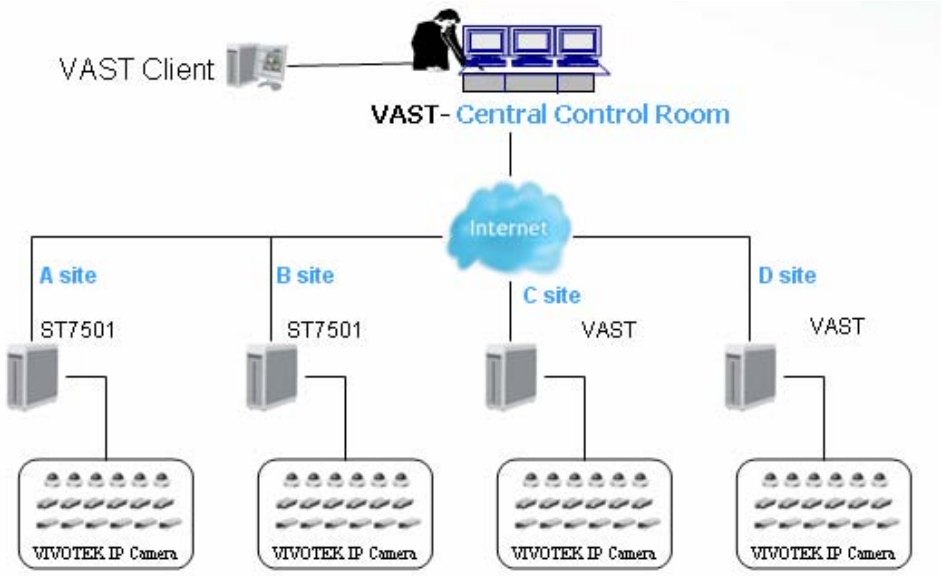




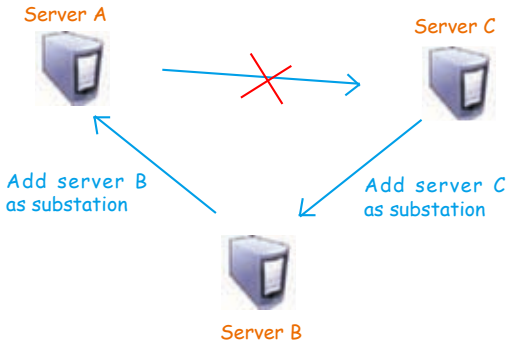
i. Back to the main window, you will find the newly-inserted stations displayed under the hierarchical management tree.



- *You can add VAST or free standard ST7501 as the sub-stations. The number of sub-stations can be added to the server depends on your key dongle. The VAST server will automatically detect the USB dongle installed on your host PC. Following is an illustration for two-level hierarchical architecture:*



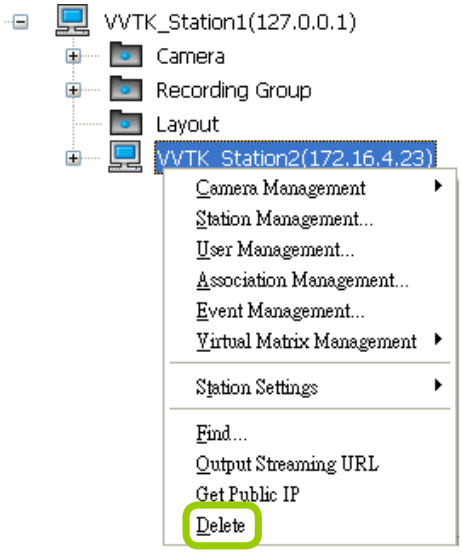
- *Please note that the following cyclic relay is not allowed.*



Delete Sub-stations

There are two ways to delete a sub-station:

Method 1. Select the sub-station on the hierarchical management tree, then **right-click** to delete.



Method 2. Delete the sub-station via the Station Management window:

a. Click the station on the hierarchical management tree, then click **Configuration > Station Management** on the menu bar (or **right-click** the station, then select **Station Management**).

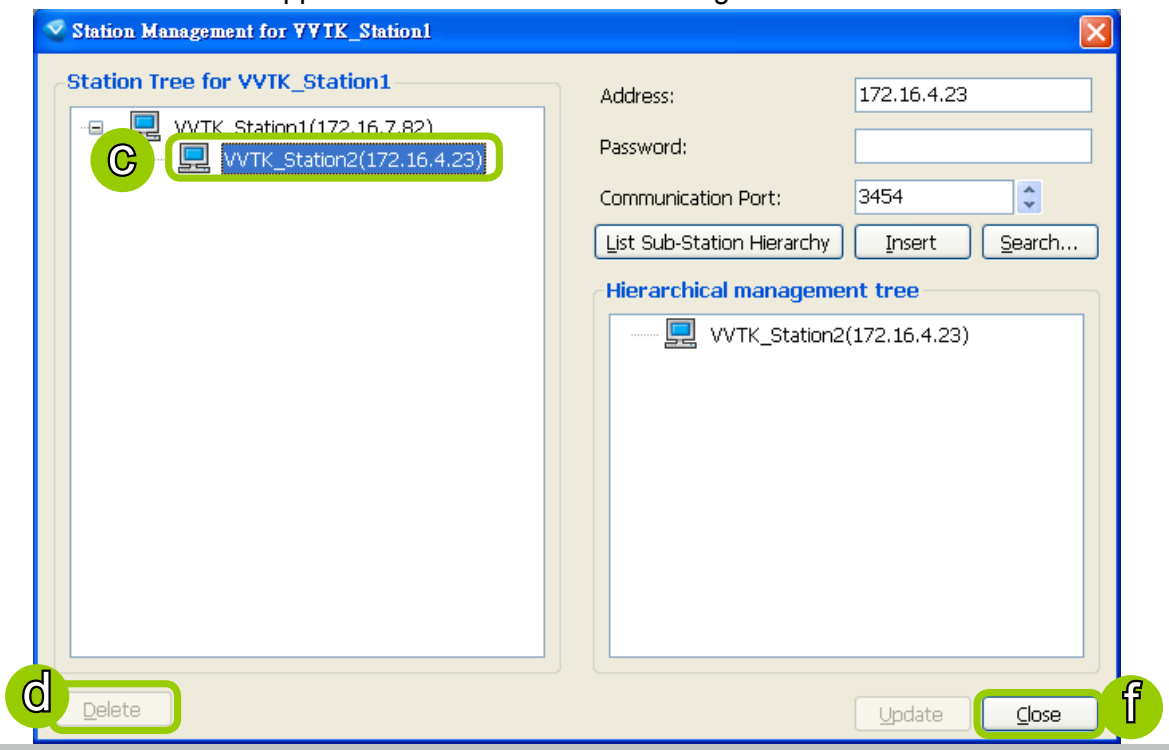
b. The **Station Management** window will pop up. The hierarchical management tree managed by the station will be displayed in the left Station List window.

c. Select a station from the list you want to delete. Its related information will automatically be displayed in the corresponding blanks in the Station Management window.

d. Click **Delete** to delete it.

e. To delete additional devices, repeat step c. and d.

f. When completed, click **Close** to exit the camera management window and return to the main window. The deleted device will disappear from the hierarchical management tree.



Update Stations

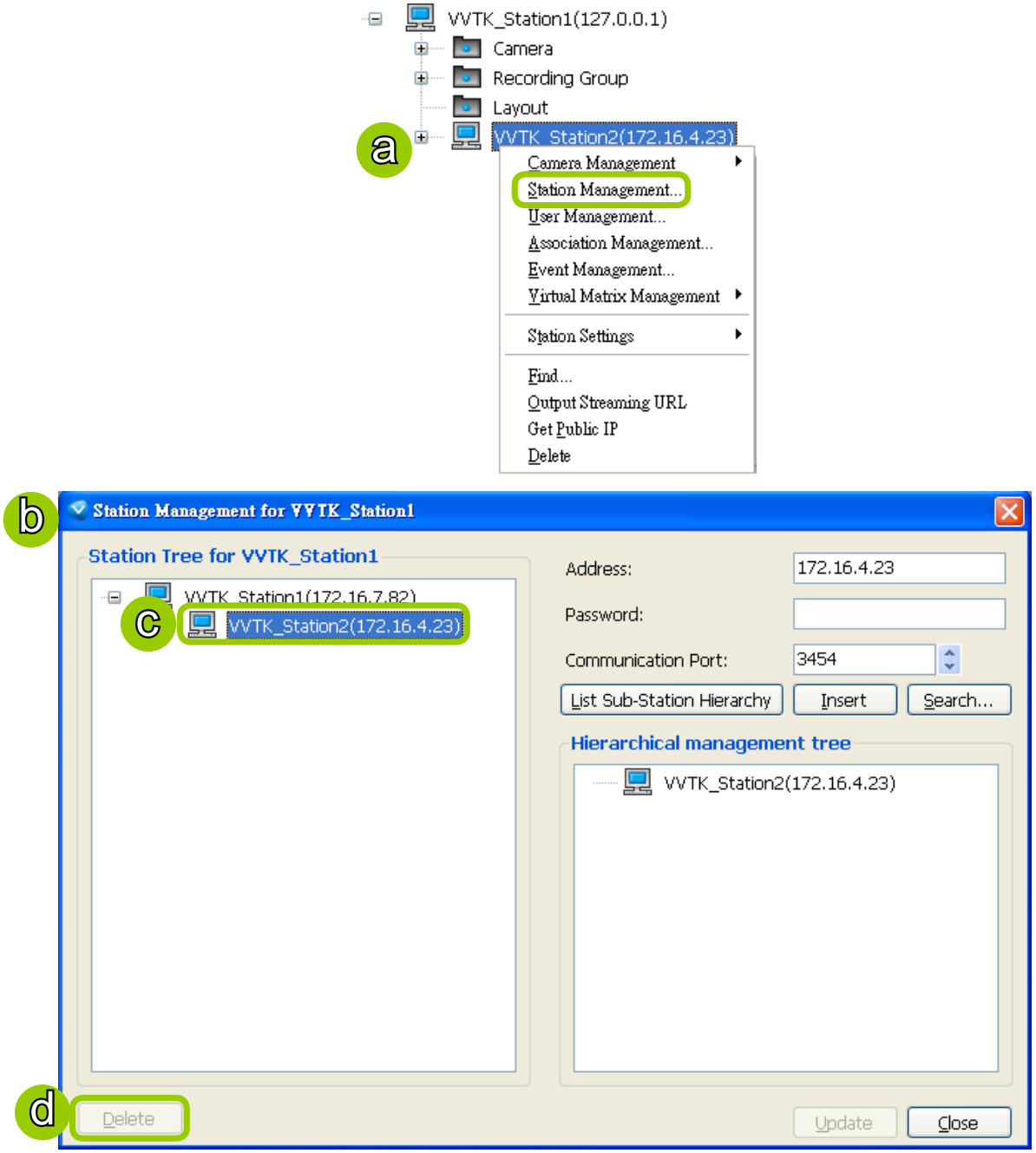
Please follow the steps below to update a station via Station Management window:

a. **Right-click** the target device on the hierarchical management tree and click **Station Management.**

b. The **Station Management** window will pop up. The hierarchical management tree managed by the station will be displayed in the Station List window on the left.

c. Select a station from the list you want to delete. Its related information will automatically be displayed in the corresponding blanks in the Station Management window.

d. When all settings are completed, click **Update** to enable the settings.



How to Manage User Accounts

VAST allows users to apply multiple user accounts to a station with five levels of user roles: Administrator > Power User > User > Operator > Guest. Each role has different permissions listed as shown below. Moreover, Administrators have the highest privileges, while Power Users can only add/edit users as Power Users, Users, Operators, and Guests.

The Default User Roles and Permissions of User Accounts

Functions \ User Roles	Administrator	Power User	User	Operator	Guest	Description
Station Management	V	V				Add sub-station under the existing station
User Management	V	V	V			Manage user accounts
Camera Management	V	V				Insert and configure the camera settings
Association Management	V	V	V			Access and modify the association settings
Access Event Management	V	V	V			Access event management
Modify Event Management	V	V	V			Modify event management
General Station Settings	V	V				Modify general station settings
Station Network Settings	V	V				Modify network settings
Access Recording Storage/ Recording Schedule Settings	V	V	V	V		Access the recording group and recording schedule
Modify Recording Storage/ Recording Schedule Settings	V	V	V			Configure the recording group and recording schedule
Manually Record	V	V	V	V		Enable the recording function manually
Scheduled Backup Settings	V	V	V			Configure backup schedule
Access Server Settings	V	V	V			Access server settings
Modify Server Settings	V	V	V			Modify server settings
License Management	V	V				Allow user to manage station licenses
Relay Management	V	V				Allow user to manage station relaying settings
Client Settings	V	V	V	V		Configure the client settings: snapshot, AVI, etc.
Video Enhancement Settings	V	V	V			Allow user to edit profile for video enhancement and assign profile to camera in LiveClient

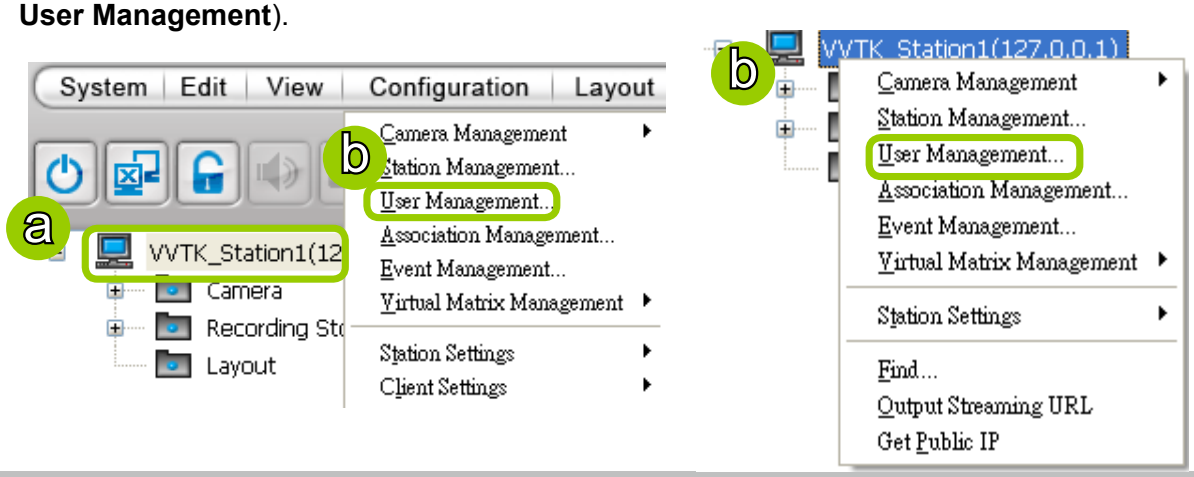
Privileges \ User Roles	Administrator	Power User	User	Operator	Guest	Description
Modify Directories	V	V	V			Add, remove and rename directories
Delete Station	V	V				Delete sub-station from a (parent) station
Delete Camera	V	V				Delete camera from the station
PTZ Control	V	V	V	V		PTZ control for PTZ cameras and speed domes in LiveClient
Device Control	V	V	V	V		Control the digital output or white light/IR illuminators of the cameras
Talk Control	V	V	V	V		Two way audio function for the cameras
Access Camera Configuration	V	V	V			Access the camera settings
Modify E-map	V	V	V	V		Allow user to modify the E-map
Event Search	V	V	V	V		Use built-in search engine to search specific events
Log Viewer	V	V	V	V		Use built-in search engine to search the log
Backup	V	V	V	V		Back up database manually
Record/Export Media	V	V	V	V		Record live stream or export playback stream to local files
Virtual Matrix Management	V	V				Allow user to manage virtual matrix
Virtual Matrix Control	V	V	V	V		Allow user to control virtual matrix

Manage a User Account

Add a New User Account

a. Select the station from the hierarchical management tree.

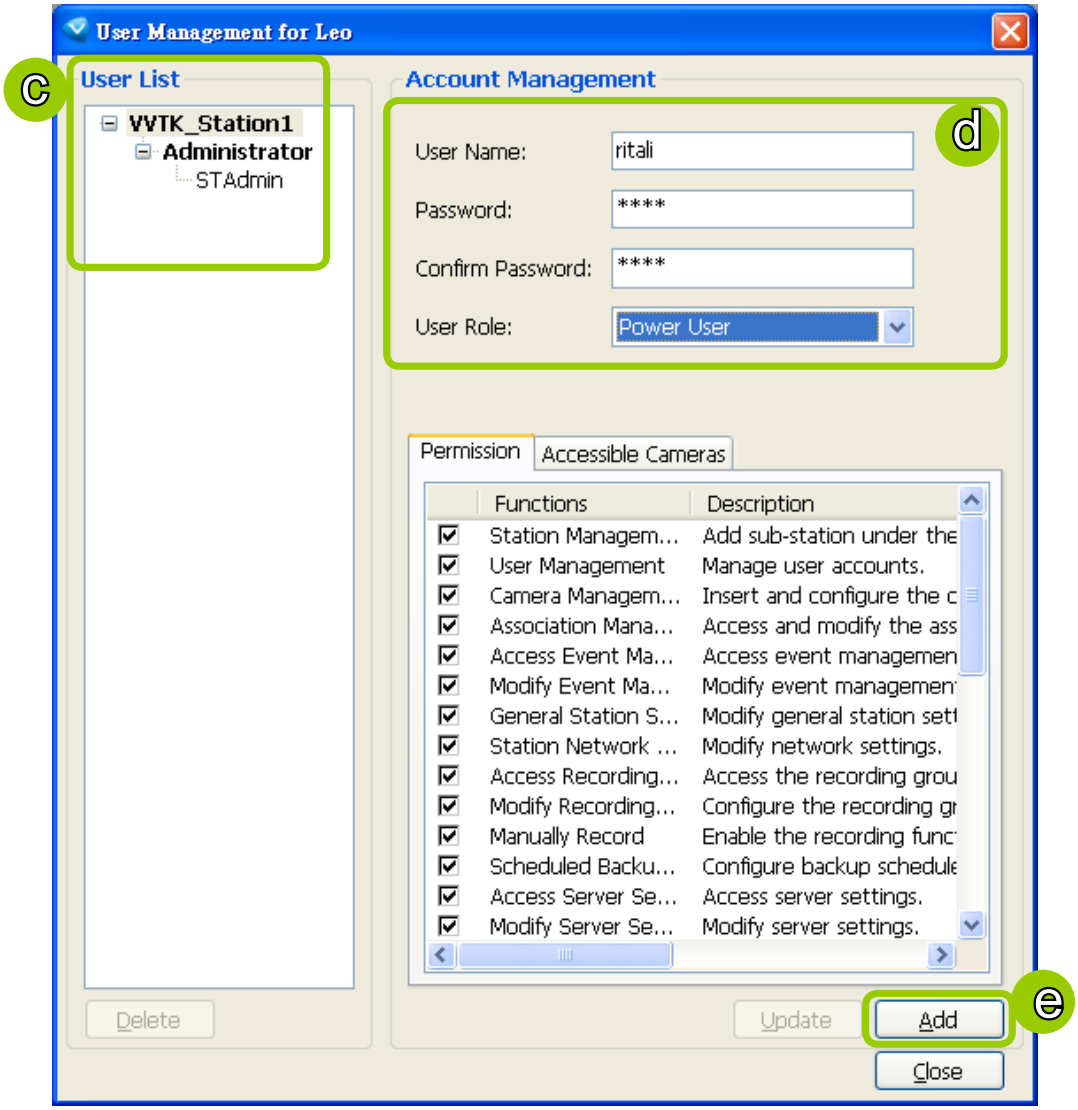
b. Click **Configuration > User Management** on the menu bar (or **right-click** the station, then select **User Management**).

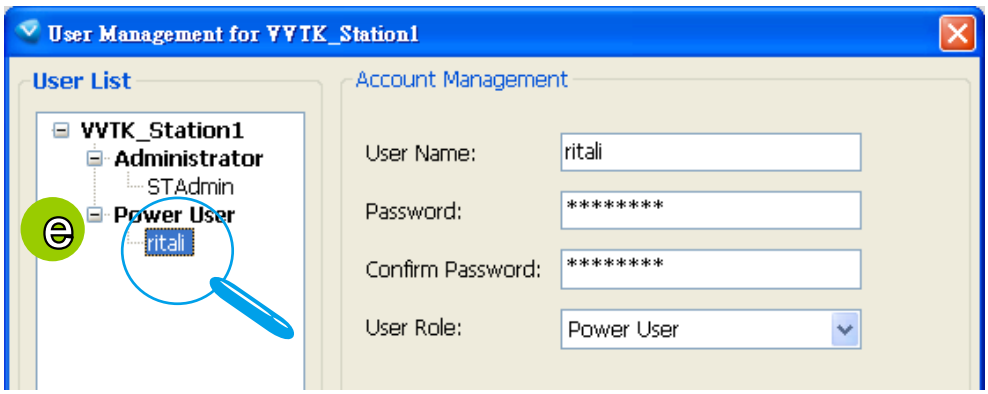


c. The **User Management** window will pop up. The user accounts under the station will be displayed under the left User List tree.

d. Enter the **User Name**, **Password,** and specify the **User Role** of this user.

e. Click **Add** to add the user account to the station. It will be displayed under the User List.



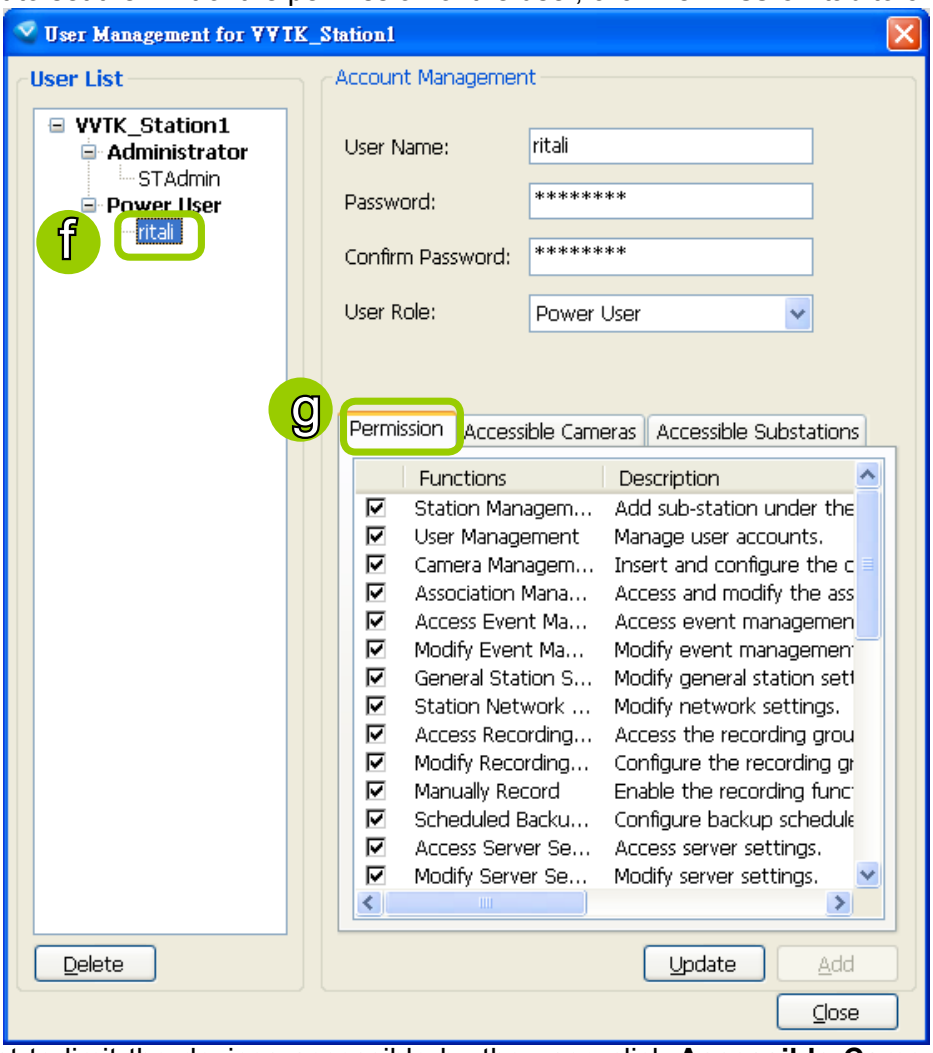


Permission of the User Account

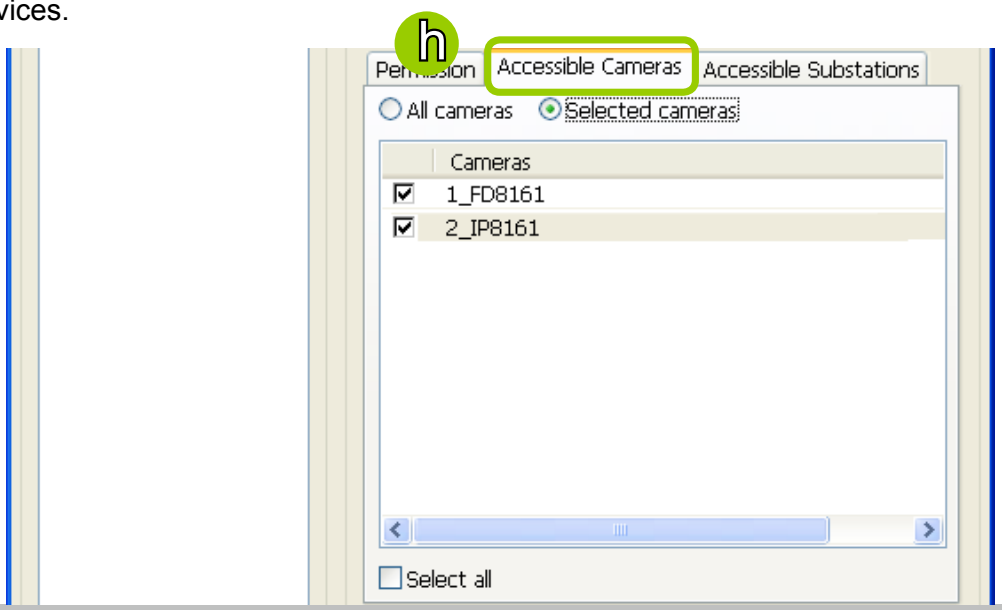
Administrator is granted with all access privileges, while other user roles' permission is limited. If you want to modify the permission, please login as the Administrator to configure the settings.

f. Select a User account from the User List tree.

g. If you want to set the limit of the permission of the user, click **Permission** tab to check or uncheck the items.



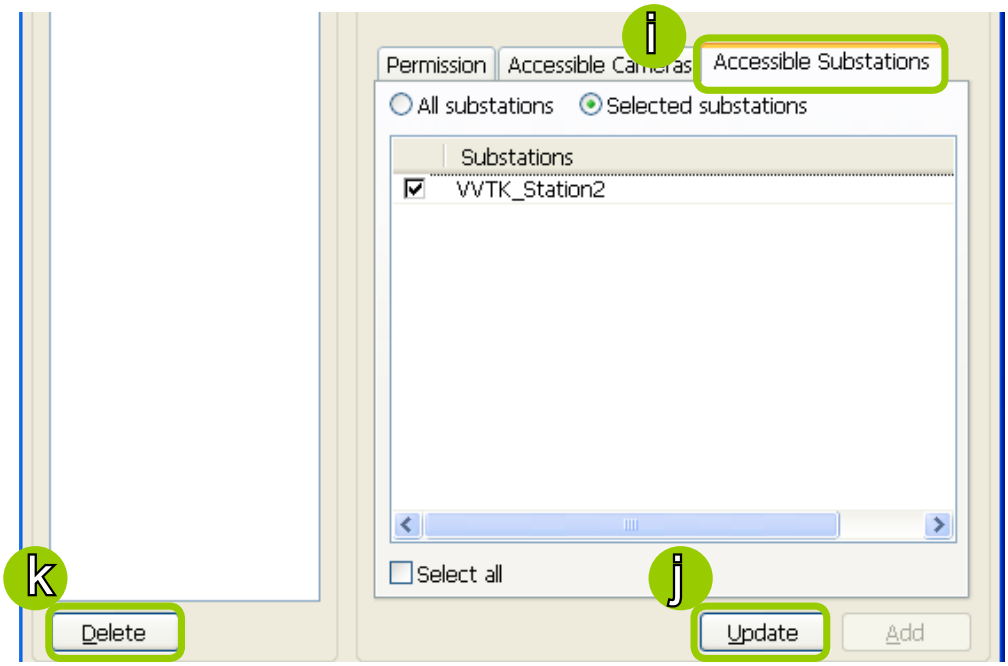
h. If you want to limit the devices accessible by the user, click **Accessible Cameras** tab to select the desired devices.



i. If you want to set the access limit of the sub-station accessible by the user, click **Accessible Substations** tab to select the desired devices.

If you want to remove access permission mentioned above from the account, the user will not able to operate some functions listed in the following warning dialog.

j. When completed, click **Update** to enable the new settings.



Delete the User Account

k. Click **Delete**, a delete user dialog will pop up. Click **OK** to delete the user account.

If the Administrator modifies or deletes the User Account, that modified user might be kicked off from the station.

How to Set up Association Management

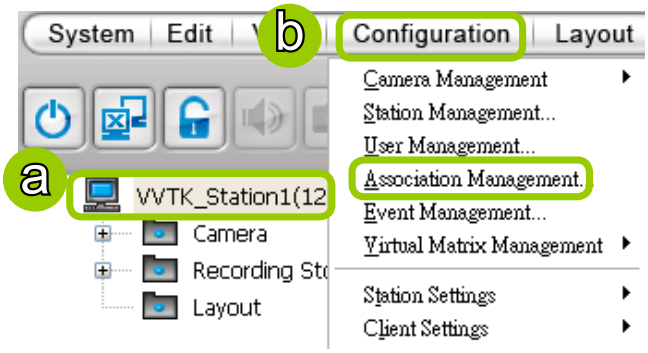
VAST LiveClient supports association management which allows the user to configure relative event trigger notifications of connected network devices. (Eg. DI/DO status on the hierarchical management tree, motion detection windows appear in the video cell, the event list in the event window)

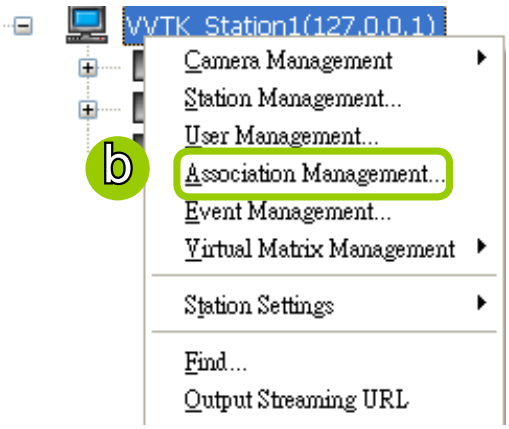
Association Management

Please follow the steps below to configure assocation settings:

a. Select the station from the hierarchical management tree.

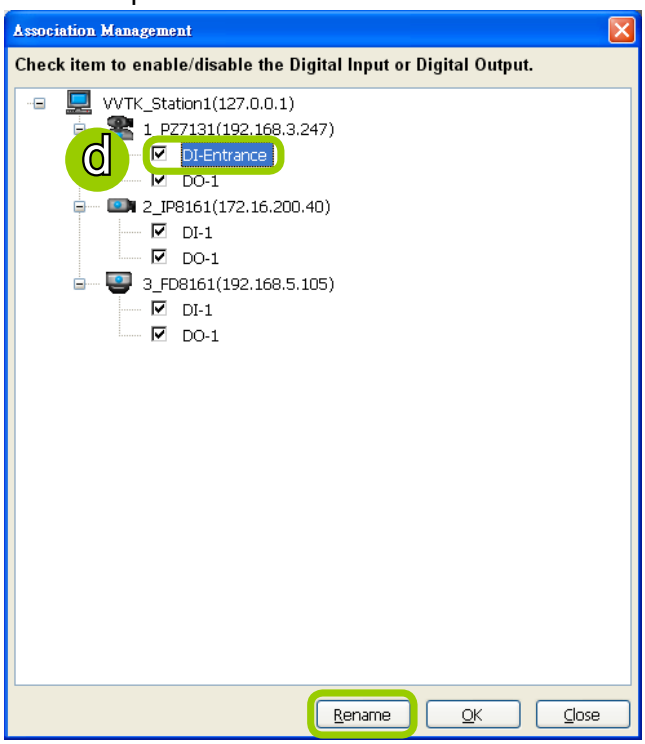
b. Click **Configuration > Association Management** on the menu bar (or **right-click** the station and select **Association Management**).

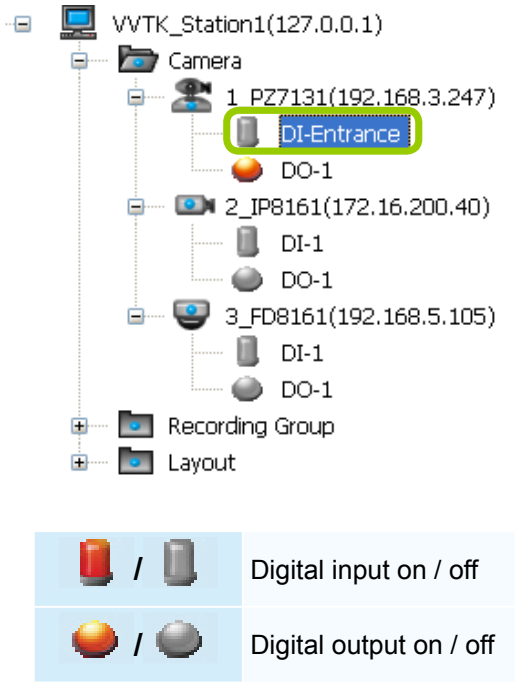




c. The **Association Management** window will pop up. Check or uncheck the items and click **Save** to enable the settings. The items you've selected will also be displayed under the hierarchical management tree.

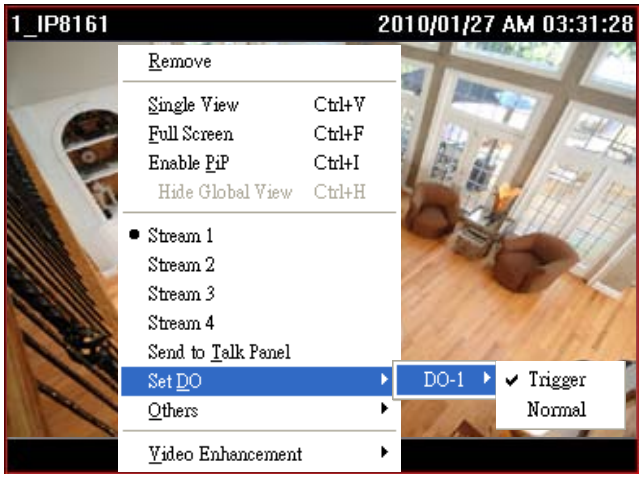
For example:

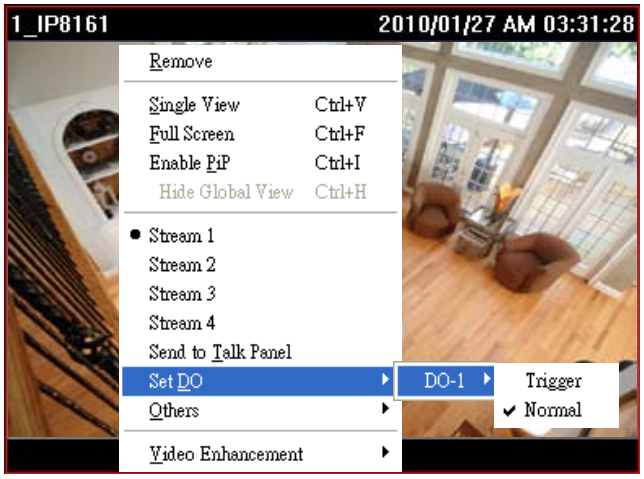




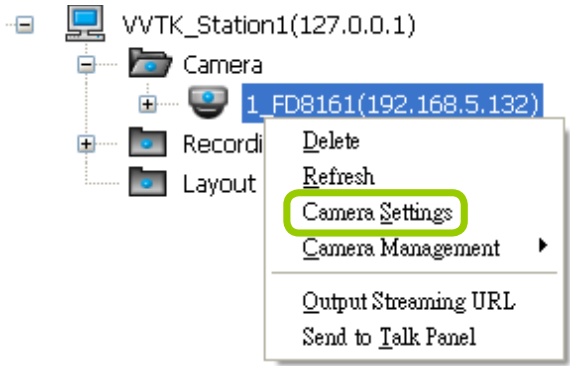
d. If you want to rename the DI device, select the DI item and click the **Rename** button. It will be very convenient for you to recognize the target DI device.

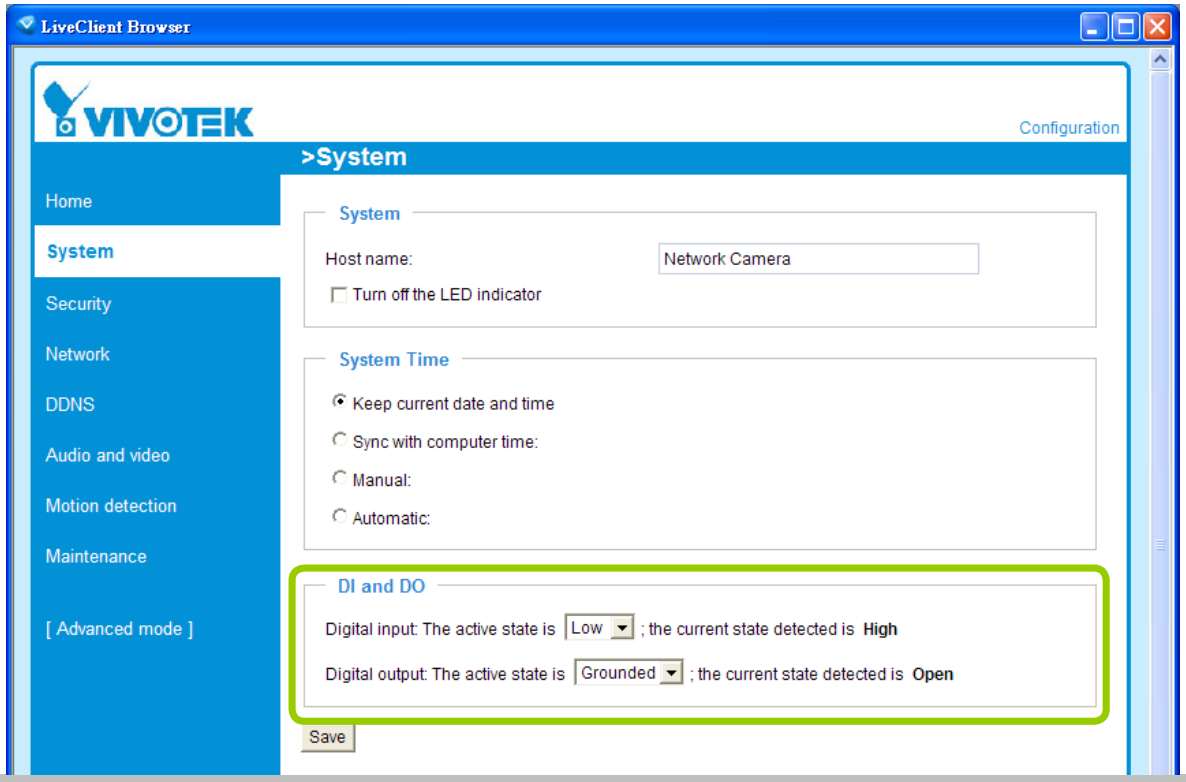
- *To manually enable DI/DO settings, please **right-click** the video cell and select **Set DO** to enable (**Trigger**) or disable (**Normal**) the digital output of the linked device.*





- *Before you configure the DI/DO Settings for VAST, please enable DI/DO settings on your network device and set up the camera correctly on the configuration page. You can **right-click** the device and click **Camera Settings** to open the configuration page.*





How to Set up Event Management

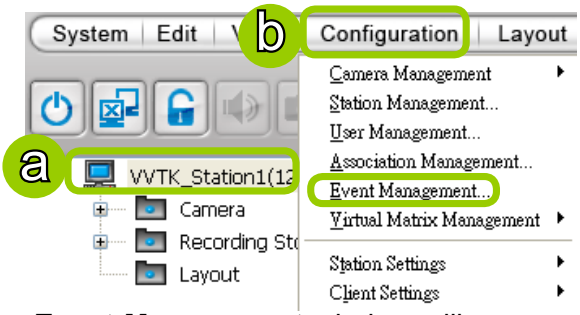
VAST LiveClient supports event management which allows the server to respond to particular situations (events).

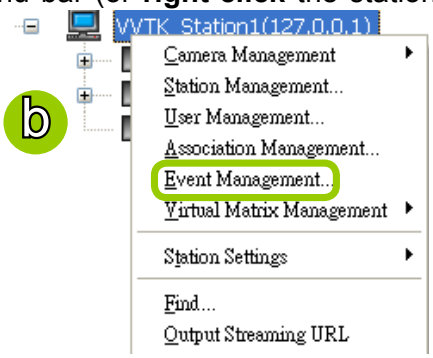
Event Management

Please follow the steps below to configure event management:

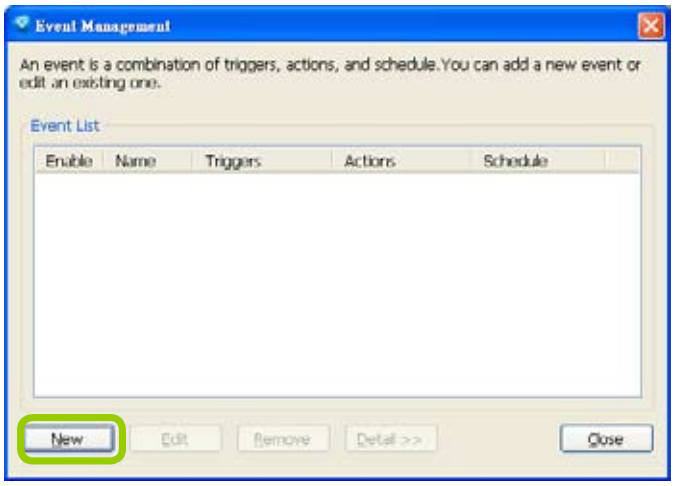
a. Select the station from the hierarchical management tree.

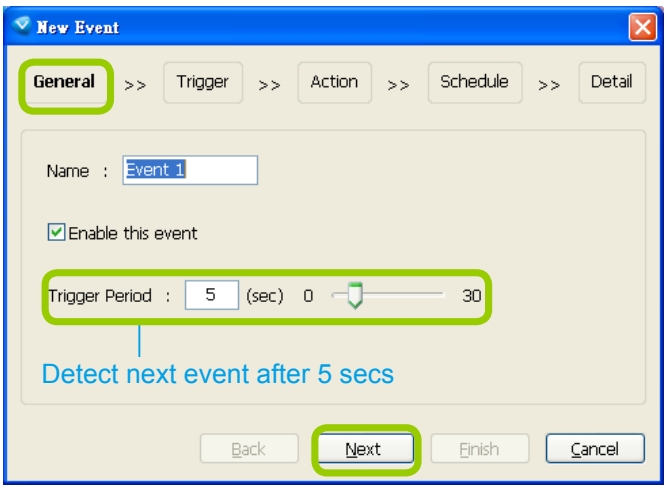
b. Click **Configuration > Event Management** on the menu bar (or **right-click** the station and select **Event Management**).



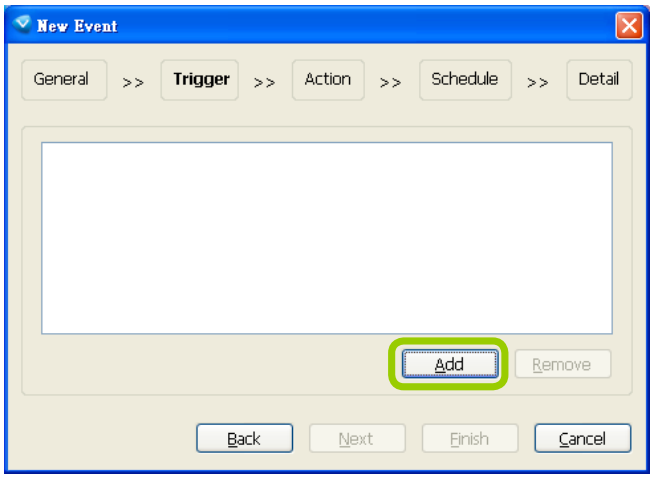


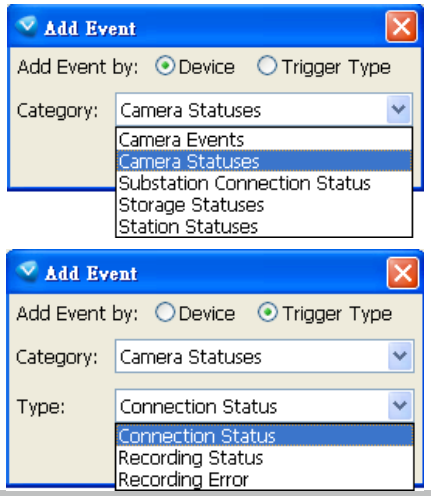
c. The **Event Management** window will pop up. Click **New** to set up a new event. When you finish the general settings, click **Next** to set up trigger source settings.



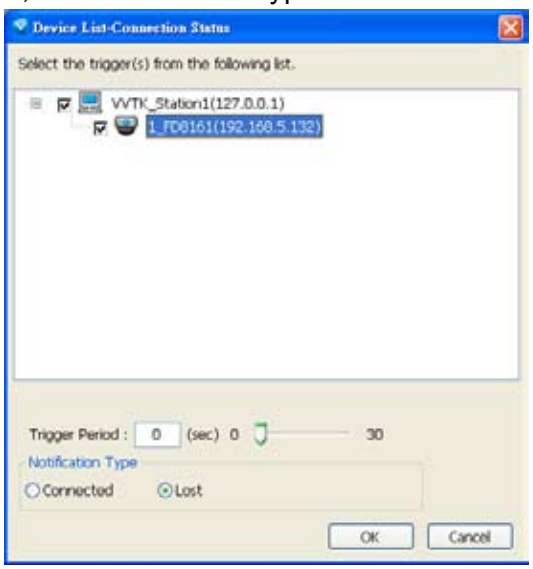


d. Click **Add** to select the trigger source by Device or Trigger Type.



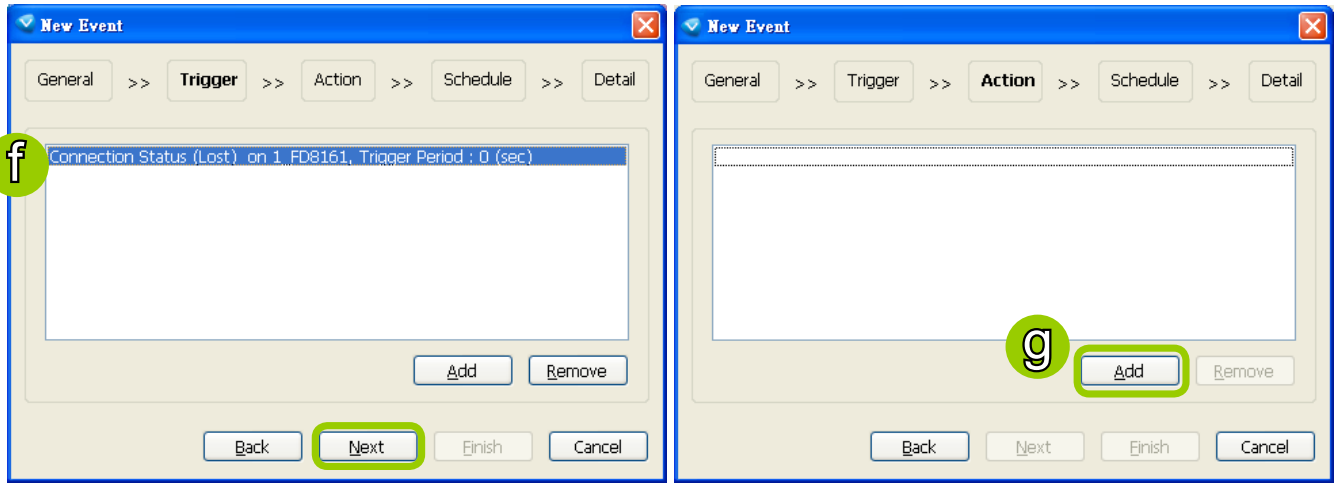


e. The Device List window will pop up. Select one or more devices and set the Notification Type. Depending on the trigger source, the Notification Type will be different. Then click **OK** to close the window.



f. The trigger source(s) will be listed on the window as shown below. If you want to add more Trigger sources, click **Add** and repeat d.~e. Then click **Next** to assign action(s) to the trigger source(s).

g. Click **Add** to open the **Action** Settings window.

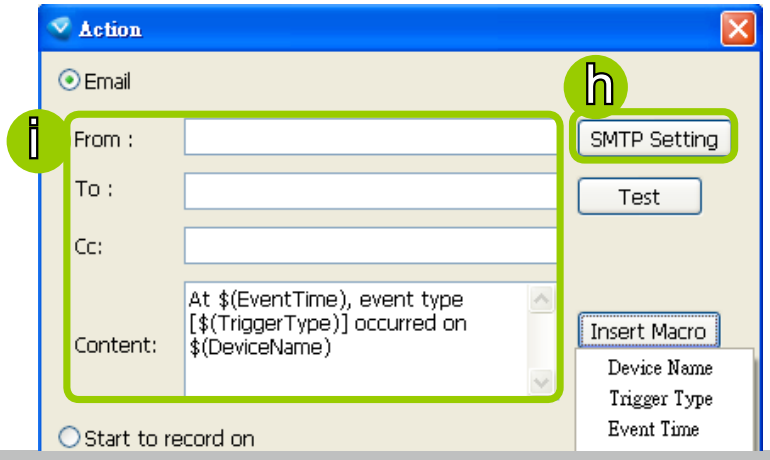


There are several types of Action Settings.

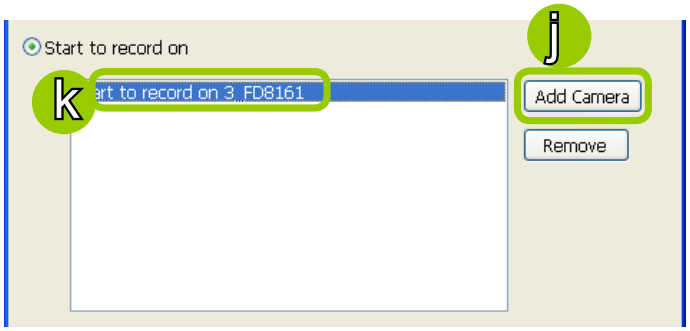
- Email: The sever will send a notification via e-mail when a trigger is activated.

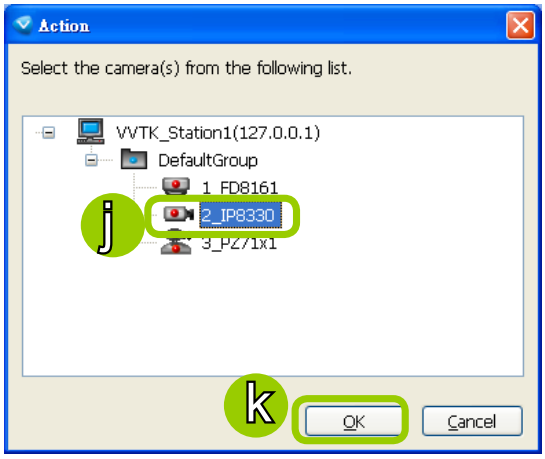
  h. To enable this function, please set up the SMTP server first. Click **SMTP Setting** to open the window and refer to page 93 for detailed information.

  i. Enter the related informtaion. You can modify the mail content in the blank. If you want to modify the content, click **Insert Macro** to select the parameter. When completed, click **OK** on the bottom to enable the setting.

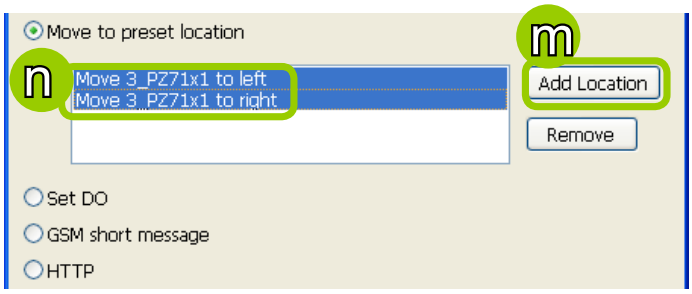


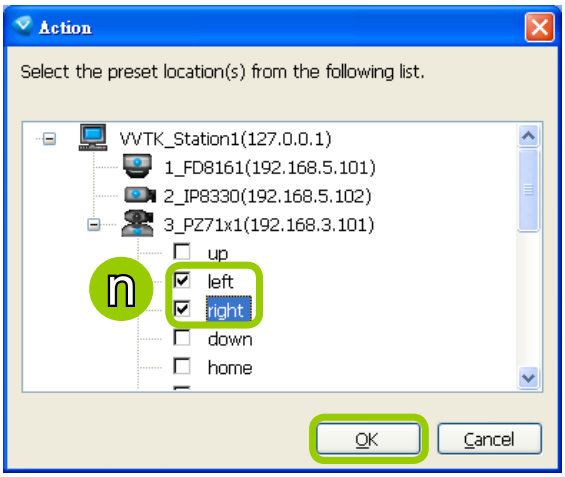
- Start to record on: The sever will start to record video from selected camera(s) when an event is triggered.
  j. Click **Add Camera** to select the target camera(s).
  k. The selected camera(s) will be listed on the left window below. When completed, click **OK** on the bottom to enable the setting.



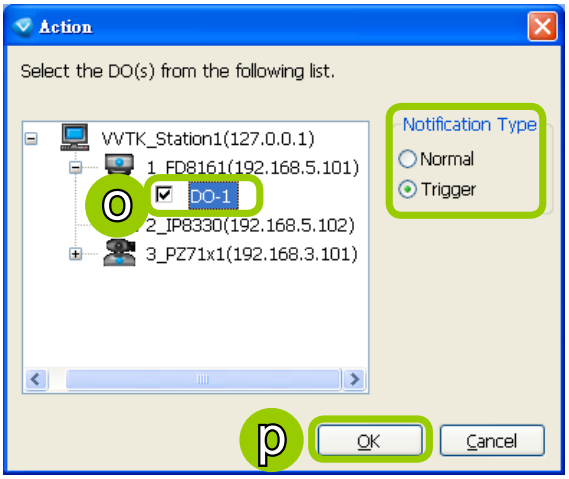


- Move to preset location: The target camera(s) will move the shooting area to the preset location(s) when an event is triggered.
  l. To enable this function, please set preset locations on the camera configuration page first.
  m. Click **Add Location** to select preset location(s).
  n. The selected preset location(s) will be listed on the left window below. When completed, click **OK** on the bottom to enable the setting.



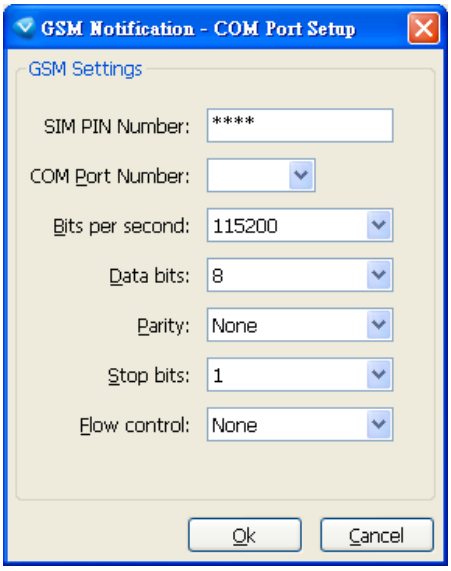


- Set DO: Select this option to turn on external digital output device(s) when an event is triggered. For more information about how to set DI/DO settings on the target camera, please refer to page 49.
  o. Click **Add DO** to select DO decive(s) and select a DO status (Normal or Trigger).
  p. The selected DO device(s) will be listed on the left window below. When completed, click **OK** to enable the setting.

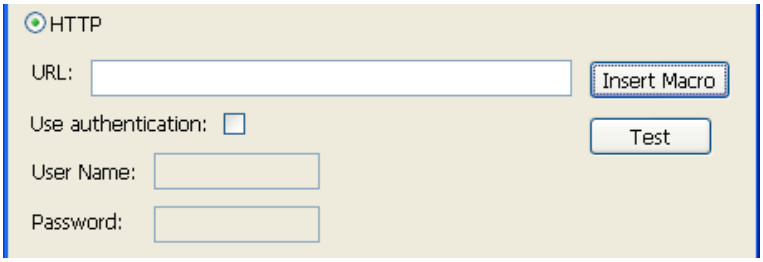


- GSM Short Message: The sever will send a short message to a GSM cell phone when an event is triggered.
  q. Please enter the Phone Number and open **GSM Settings** window to set related information if necessary. When completed, click **OK** to enable the setting.

Please enter the country code if you use overseas call.



- HTTP: This function allows user to send a CGI command to the linked network camera, such as pan/tilt/zoom function or enable DO devices.
  r. You can click **Insert Macro** to select the parameter. Please enter authentification information if necessary. For example: http://192.168.3.66/cgi-bin/admin/setparam.cgi?system_hostname=$(EventTime) $(CameraName)
  If you want to use special characters such as $-_.+!*'(),#%+$,@:;/?=&, please refer to the following table to transfer the Code (Hex).
  For example: http://192.168.3.66/cgi-bin/admin/setparam.cgi?system_hostname=123&456
  --> http://192.168.3.66/cgi-bin/admin/setparam.cgi?system_hostname=123%26456



Character	Code (Hex)	Character	Code (Hex)
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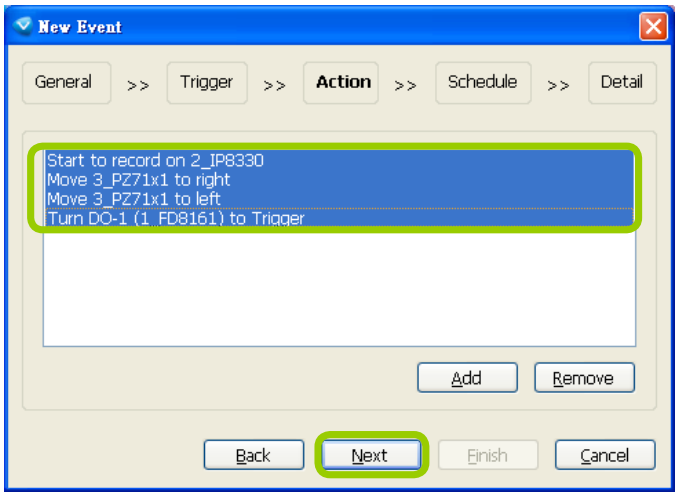
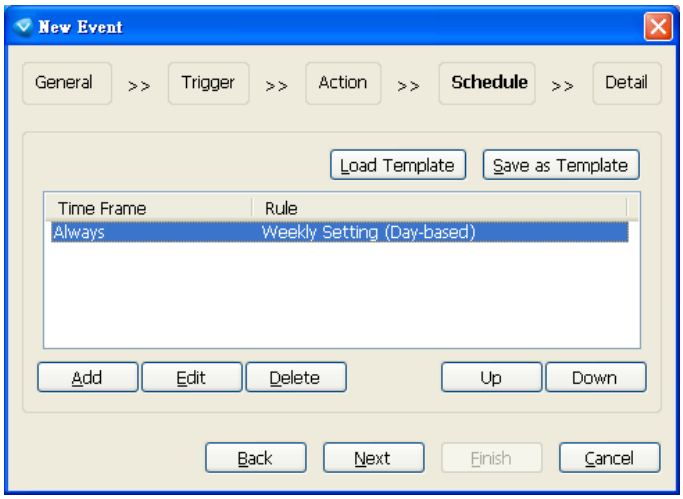
'	27	;	3B
(	28	=	3D
)	29	?	3F
*	2A	@	40
+	2B	_	5F
		~	7E

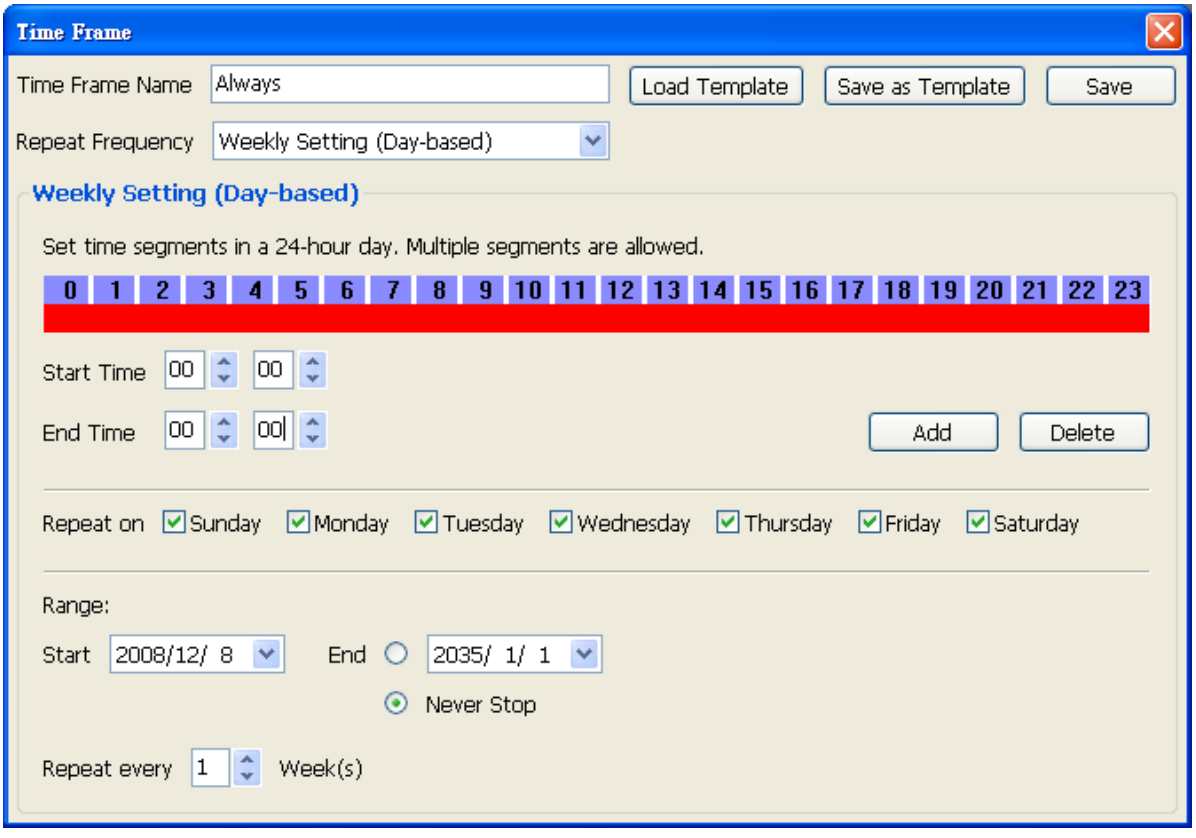
s. The action(s) will be listed in the window as shown below.

Then click **Next** to set up schedule(s) to the action(s).

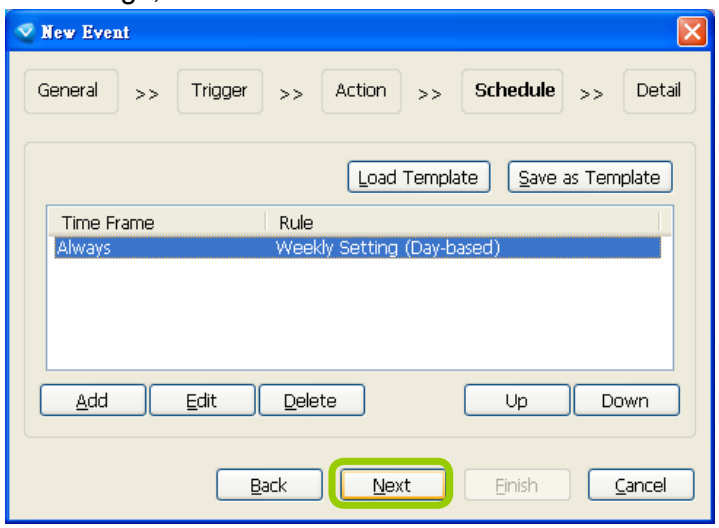
For more information about **Schedule Settings**, please refer to Recording Schedule Settings on page 70. You can assign more than one time frame to one action.



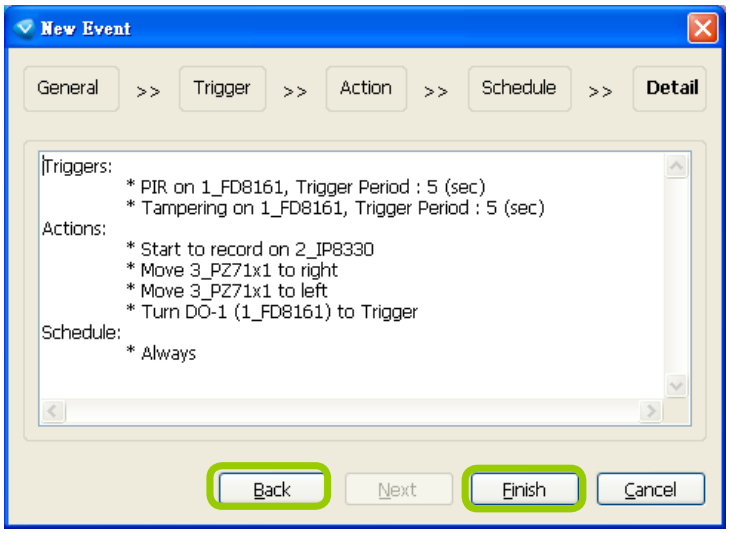




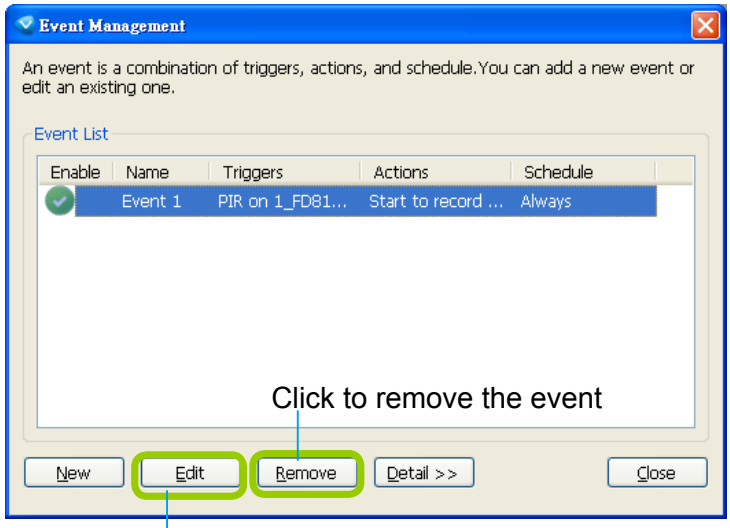
t. When you finish schedule settings, click **Next** to review the detailed information of the new event settings.



u. Following is the detailed information of the new event setting. You can click **Back** to modify the event setting or click **Finish** to close the window.



v. Following is an example of an enabled event. You can click **New** to set up more events or click **Close** to exit the window.



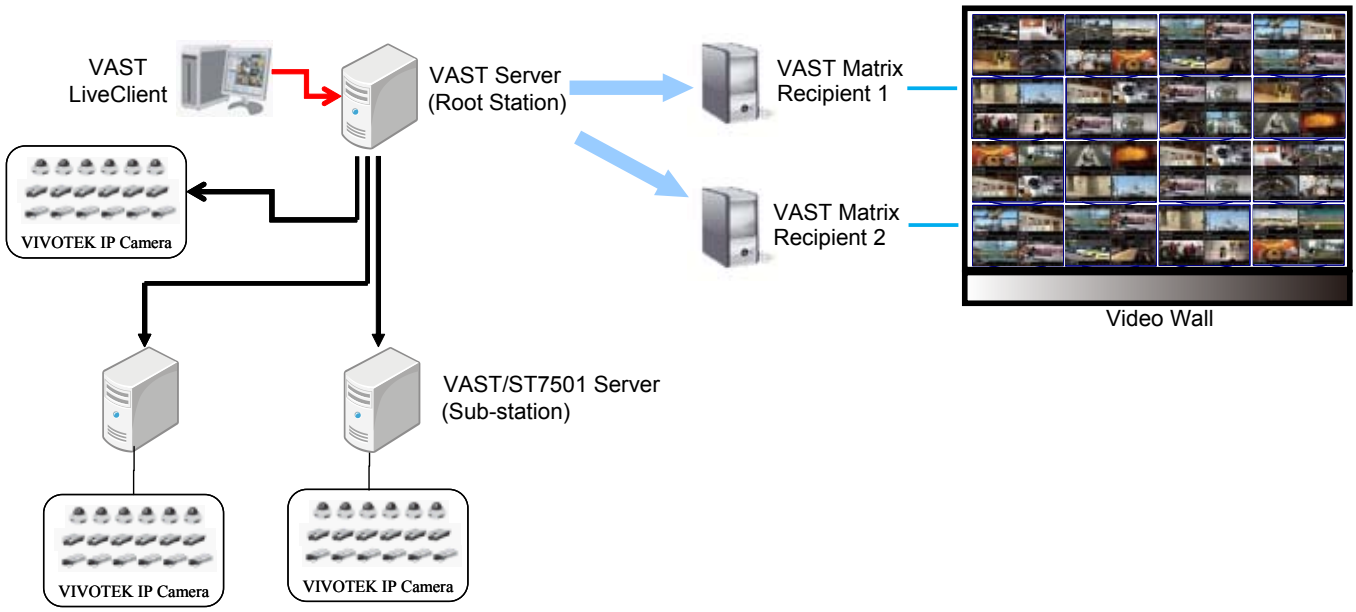
*If your target station has sub-station(s), the **trigger sources** can be selected from the device(s) under the sub-station(s); while the **actions** can only be performed on the device(s) under the target station.*

How to Manage the Virtual Matrix

Virtual Matrix is a very useful tool for multiple monitor display and management. Based on the whole surveillance system architecture, it efficiently helps user construct a real-time live video wall in the control center. Under a large-scale hierarchical system, through VAST LiveClient you can only simultaneously monitor up to 64-CH on dual monitors; while Virtual Matrix offers fully extension for numerous channels and screens, thus making VAST a very powerful central management system. Moreover, you can change the layout to 2x2 or 3x3 on each monitor to enlarge the video size, then display the video pages on saperate monitor for close-up monitoring.

The architecture of VAST Matrix

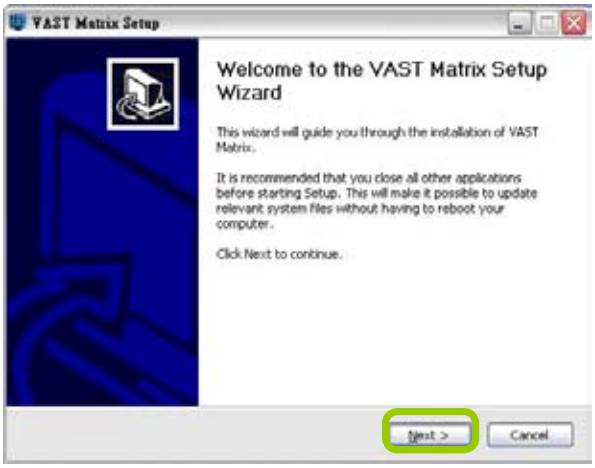
As the following picture shows, the surveillance system architecture is composed of VAST LiveClient, VAST Server with two sub-stations, and VAST Matrix separately on individual hosts. Before constructing the Virtual Matrix, please install and run VAST Matrix Program on Matrix Recipient connected with the video wall. Through the Virtual Matrix connection, you can use LiveClient to log in the root server to remotely manage and display all the live view onto the video wall by easily drag-and-drop.



Installing VAST Matrix Program

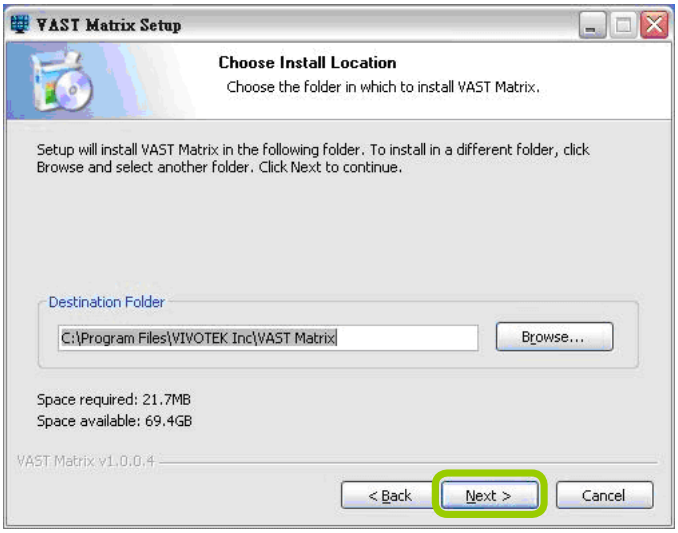
Please follow the steps below to install VAST Matrix Program:

a. Run **VASTMatrix_setup.exe** on another host (Matrix Recipient). Then click **Next** to start installation wizard.



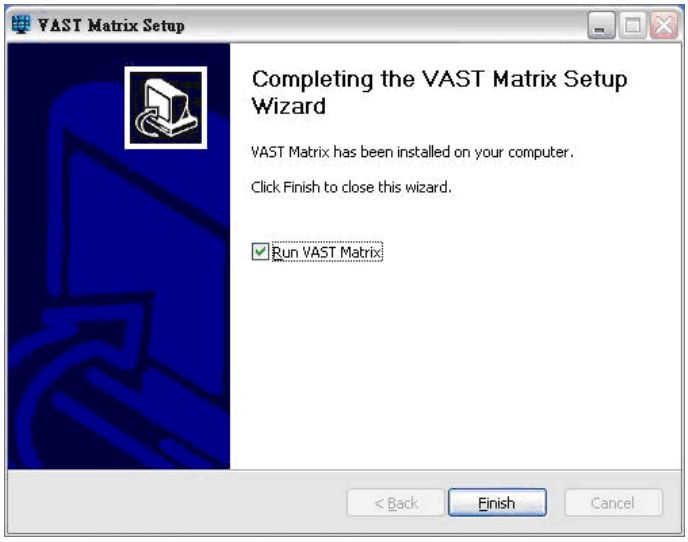
b. Carefully read to accept the End-User License Agreement for use. Click **I Agree** to the next step.

c. Choose the installing path as the destination folder, the required space and available space of the hard disk will be shown below for reference. Click **Next** to the next step.



d. Fill in the connection information with Port, Account & Password for VAST Server to connect to the Matrix Recipient.

e. Click **Finish** to close the installation wizard, and you might want to run VAST Matrix immediately after installation by selecting the option **Run VAST Matrix**.



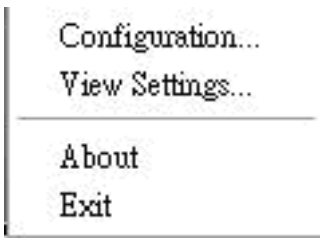
Launching VAST Matrix

Please follow the steps below to install VAST Matrix Program:

a. Click the desktop icon to start VAST Matrix. When it's begun running, there will be a VAST Matrix tray icon on the toolbar for the user to configure easily.

b. The VAST Matrix live view window with multiple types of layout will be displayed. The following shows 32-channels layout.

c. **Right-click** on the live view window, a function menu will pop up. You may also open the menu by right-click on the tray icon.



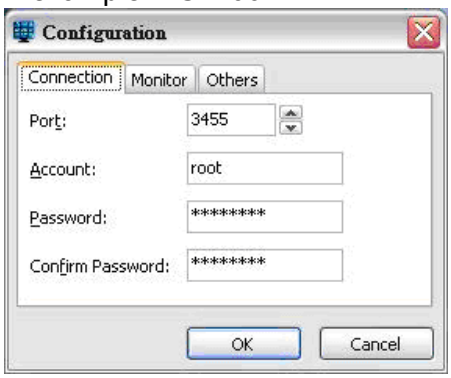
Configuration

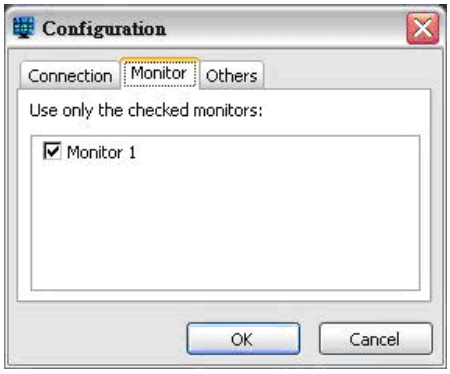
- Connection: Enter the account, password and port information for the VAST Recipient.
- Monitor: It shows the monitor(s) connected to your host. You can select the monitor(s) you wish to display as the video wall.
- Others

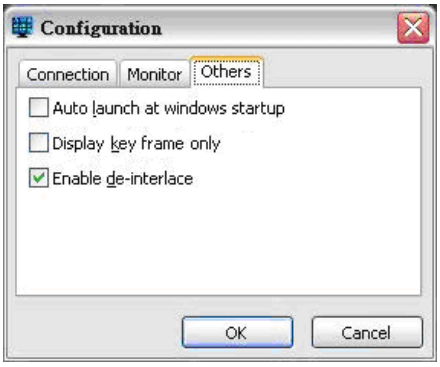
  Auto launch at windows startup: Select this option if you want VAST Matrix to launch when windows starts up in case to avoid the computer reboots by itself and accidentally shuts down VAST Matrix.

  Display key frame only: Select this option to display live video with the key frame only in order to save the bandwidth. It also lowers down the CPU loading and memory usage.

  Enable de-interlace: Select this option if your linked device does not support de-interlace function. For example: VS7100.





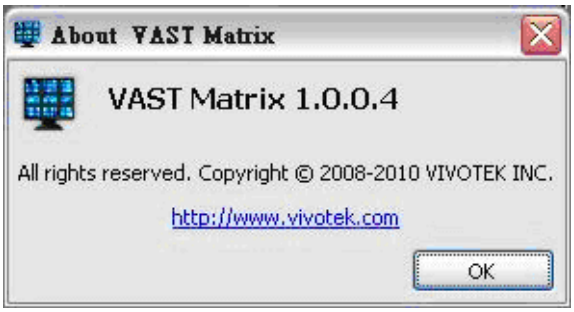


View Settings

Please refer to page 114 for detailed illustration.

About

This dialog that shows the version of VAST Matrix and the simple statement of the version copyright.

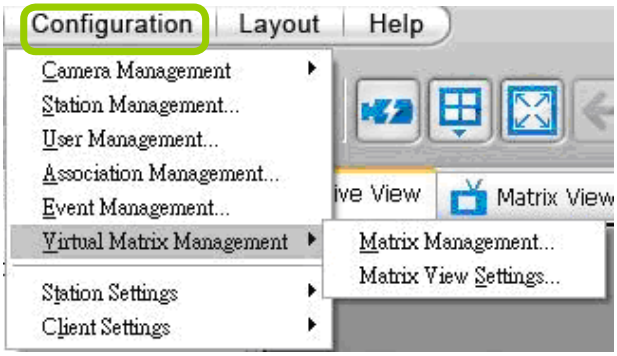


Exit

Click to close the VAST Matrix.

VAST Matrix Management

Once the VAST Matrix Program is setup completely, the next step is to connect the VAST Server with VAST Matrix Recipient(s). Use LiveClient to log in VAST Server, then click **Configuration** > **Virtual Matrix Management** to configure Matrix Management and Matrix View Settings.



Matrix Management Settings

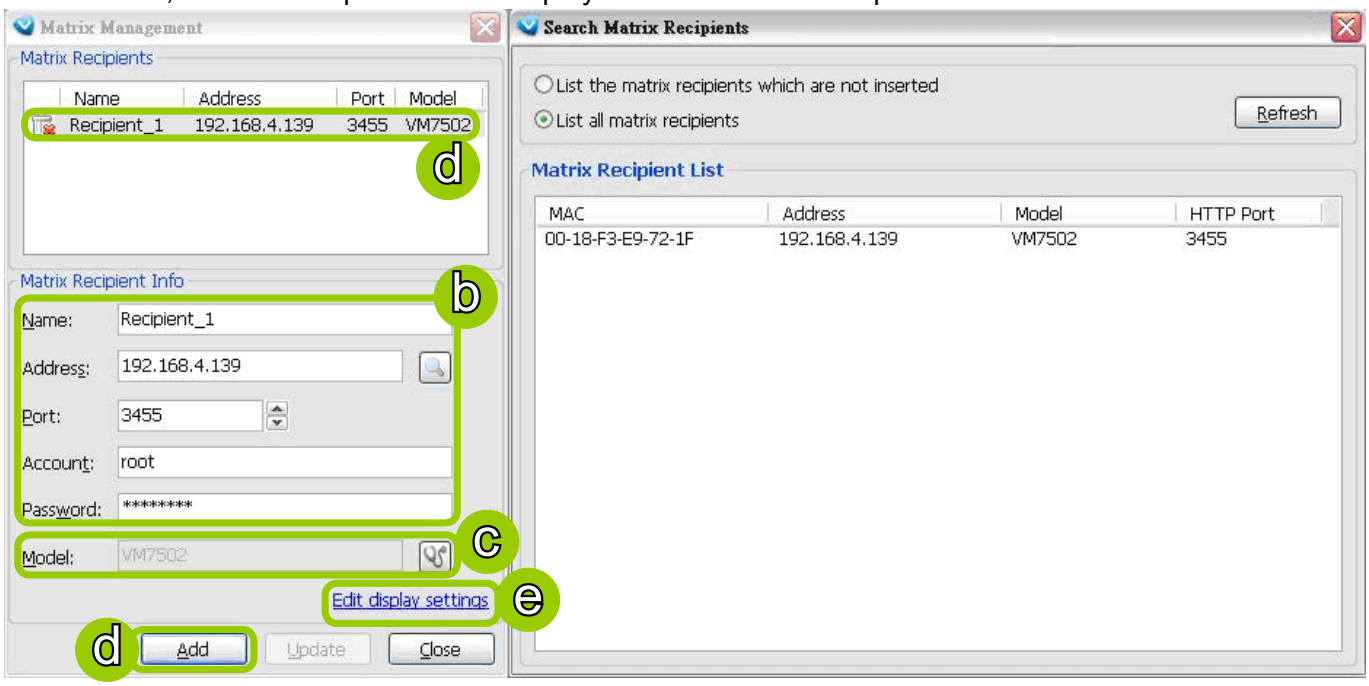
Please follow the steps to set up VAST Matrix Recipient(s):

a. Click **Configuration** > **Virtual Matrix Management > Matrix Management** to open the Matrix Management window.

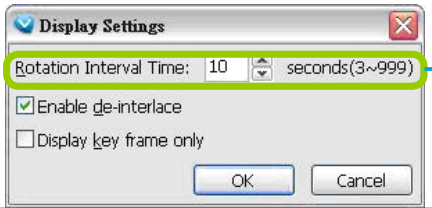
b. Manually enter the Matrix Recipient Info as previous settings, or you click the search button to search for the Matrix Recipient(s) on the LAN.

c. When the information of the target recipient is filled in, you can use the detect button to confirm if the filled information is correct.

d. Click **Add**, then the recipient will be displayed on the Matrix Recipients list window.



e. Click **Edit display settings** to set up the viewing interface for the monitors (video wall) connected to the Matrix Recipient host.



The Matrix View display is capable of executing rotation. The default interval time is set at 10 seconds.

f. If you want to set up more Martrix Recipients, repeat the above steps.

g. If you want to modify the Recipient Info, select it from the list to change settings, then click **Update** to enable the new settings.

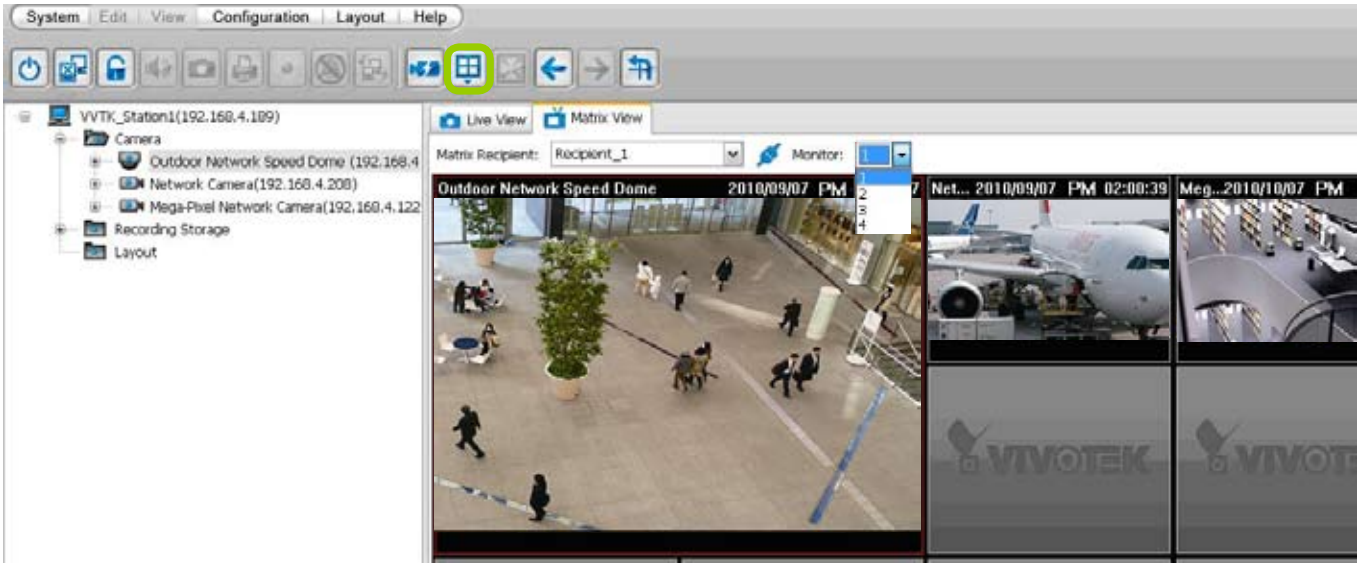
h. When all settings are done, click **Close** to exit the Matrix Management page.

Manage VAST Matrix through VAST LiveClient

Once the setup is complete in Virtual Matrix Management, you may go back to the main page of LiveClient, the connection between VAST Server and VAST Matrix will be working successfully. Then you can choose Matrix Recipient and the monitor from the drop-down list for the operation control. Some buttons on the quick access bar will be disabled when you switch from the Live View Panel to Matrix View Panel.

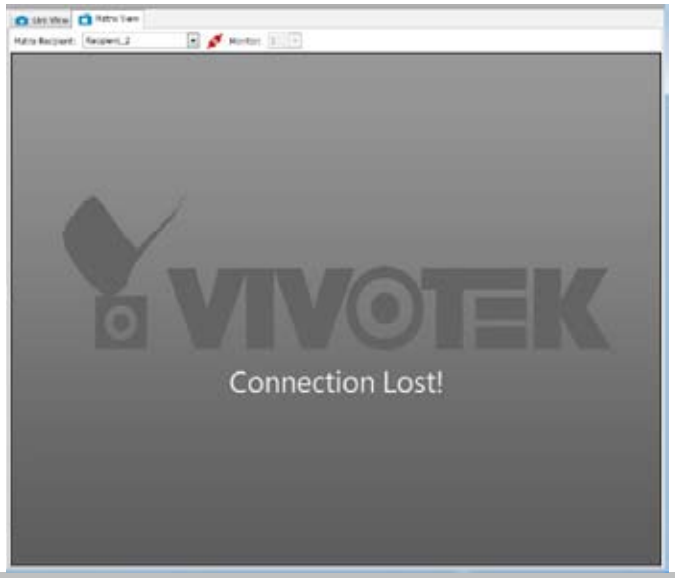
- Change the layout

As the following picture shows, you can click  to change the layout and set new layout group on the Matrix View Panel as easy as control of the LiveClient. The layout on the monitor (video wall) will also change synchronizely once you change the layout on Matrix View Panel.



- Connection status

If the VAST Server is not able to connect to the Matrix Recipient, the status icon will become and show the reason of disconnecting when you slide the mouse to the connection status icon. The "Connection Lost" string will be displayed on the Matrix View window as shown below.



- Rotation

  VAST Matrix is capable of executing rotation by clicking  . You can even select another layout group on the Matrix View window without stopping the rotation. If you want to adjust the rotation interval time, please refer to **Edit display settings** on page 61 for adjusting.

- PTZ

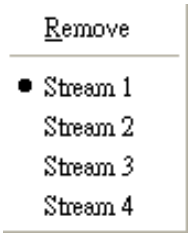
  VAST Matrix is capable of supporting PTZ control panel as on the LiveClient.

- Matrix View Menu

  Right-click on the window to open the menu.

  Remove: Remove the channel from VAST Matrix.

  Stream 1 ~ 4: Switch the camera stream between 1 ~ 4.



- Remove All Connections

  It's capable of removing all connections from VAST Matrix once by clicking on  button.

Matrix View Settings

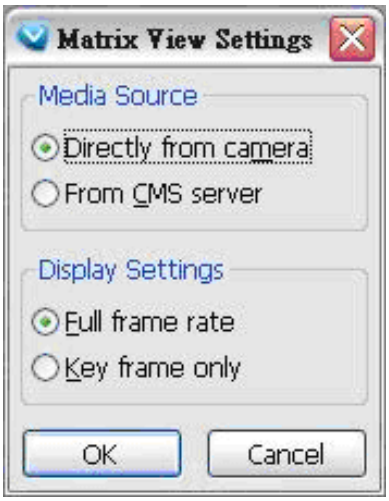
Click **Configuration** > **Virtual Matrix Management > Matrix View Settings** to open the window.

- Media Source

  You can choose the path of media source from camera directly or the CMS server to display on Matrix View.

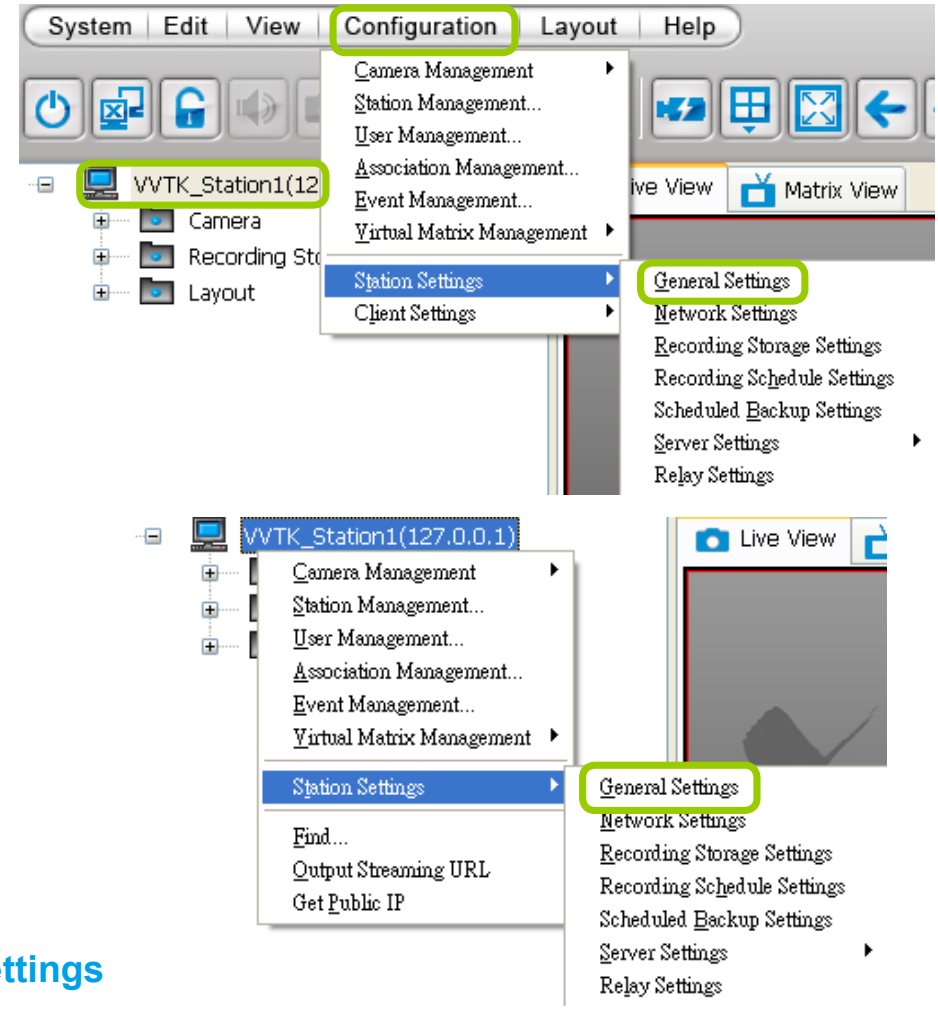
- Display Settings

  You can choose the display frame rate as full frame rate or key frame only.



How to Configure the Station General Settings

Select the target station from the hierarchical management tree, then click **Configuration > Station Settings > General Settings** on the menu bar (or **right-click** the station on the hierarchical management tree and select **Station Settings > General Settings**). The **Station General Settings** window will pop up.



Server Settings

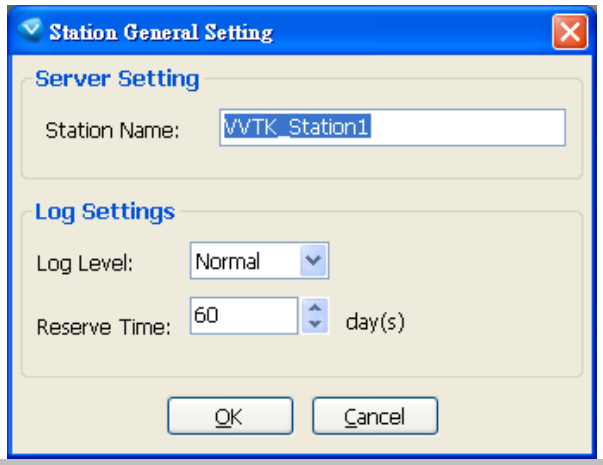
In this section, you can modify the Station Name.

Log Settings

In this section, you can set up **Log Settings** for the station.

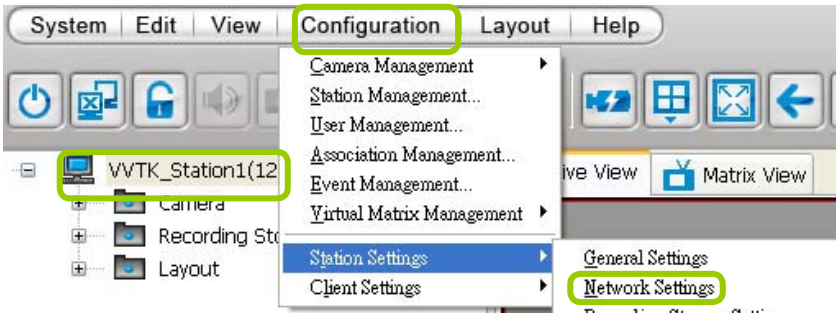
The VAST server allows user to search for the recorded log through VAST Playback. For more information, please refer to **How to Search Logs** on page 165.

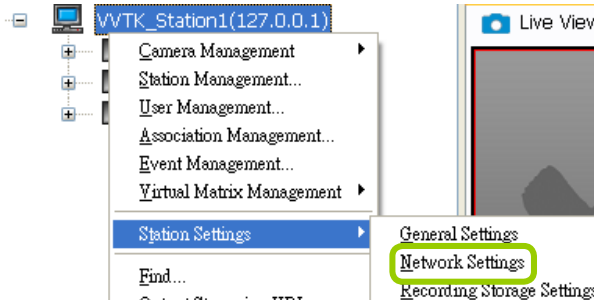
- Log level: Select **High** (only record high-level logs), **Normal** (record high-level and normal-level logs), **Low** (record all logs). For detailed information about log levels, please refer to page 166.
- Reserve Time: Enter the time interval that you want to reserve the log record. The maximum value is 365 days.

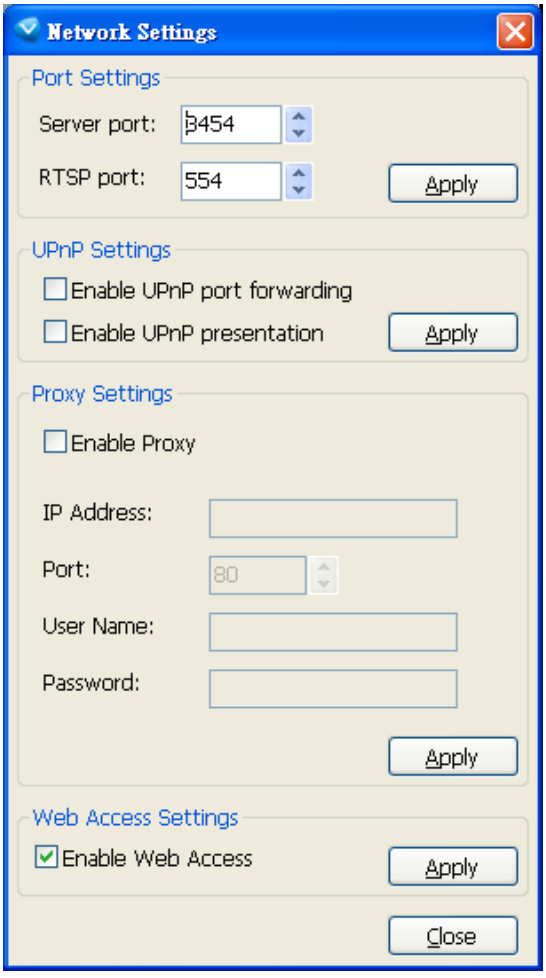


How to Configure Station Network Settings

Select the target station from the hierarchical management tree, then click **Configuration > Station Settings > Network Settings** on the menu bar (or **right-click** the station on the hierarchical management tree and select **Station Settings > Network Settings**). The **Network Settings** window will pop up.







Port Settings

- Server port: The default server port is set to 3454. If you change the server port, please enter the new value while logging the LiveClient next time.
- RTSP port: The RTSP (Real-Time Streaming Protocol) controls the delivery of streaming media. By default, the port number is set to 554.

UPnP Settings

- Enable UPnP port forwarding: For client to access the VAST Server from the Internet, select this option to allow the server to open ports on the router automatically so the video streams can be sent out from a LAN. To utilize of this feature, make sure that your router supports UPnP™ and it is activated.
- Enable UPnP presentation: If you select this option, shortcuts to VAST Server will be listed in My Network Places.

Proxy Settings

In this section, you can enable, modify, or cancel **Proxy Settings** for VAST Server if your network devices are set up under a proxy.

Web Access Settings

User can access VAST LiveClient and Playback via Internet web browser (*http://IP address:3454*).

For local host --> *http://127.0.0.1:3454.*

How to Edit Recording Groups

By default, all devices are assigned to the default recording group. You can manually remove a device from the default recording group. However, only those devices which belong to a recording group can produce recorded media files.

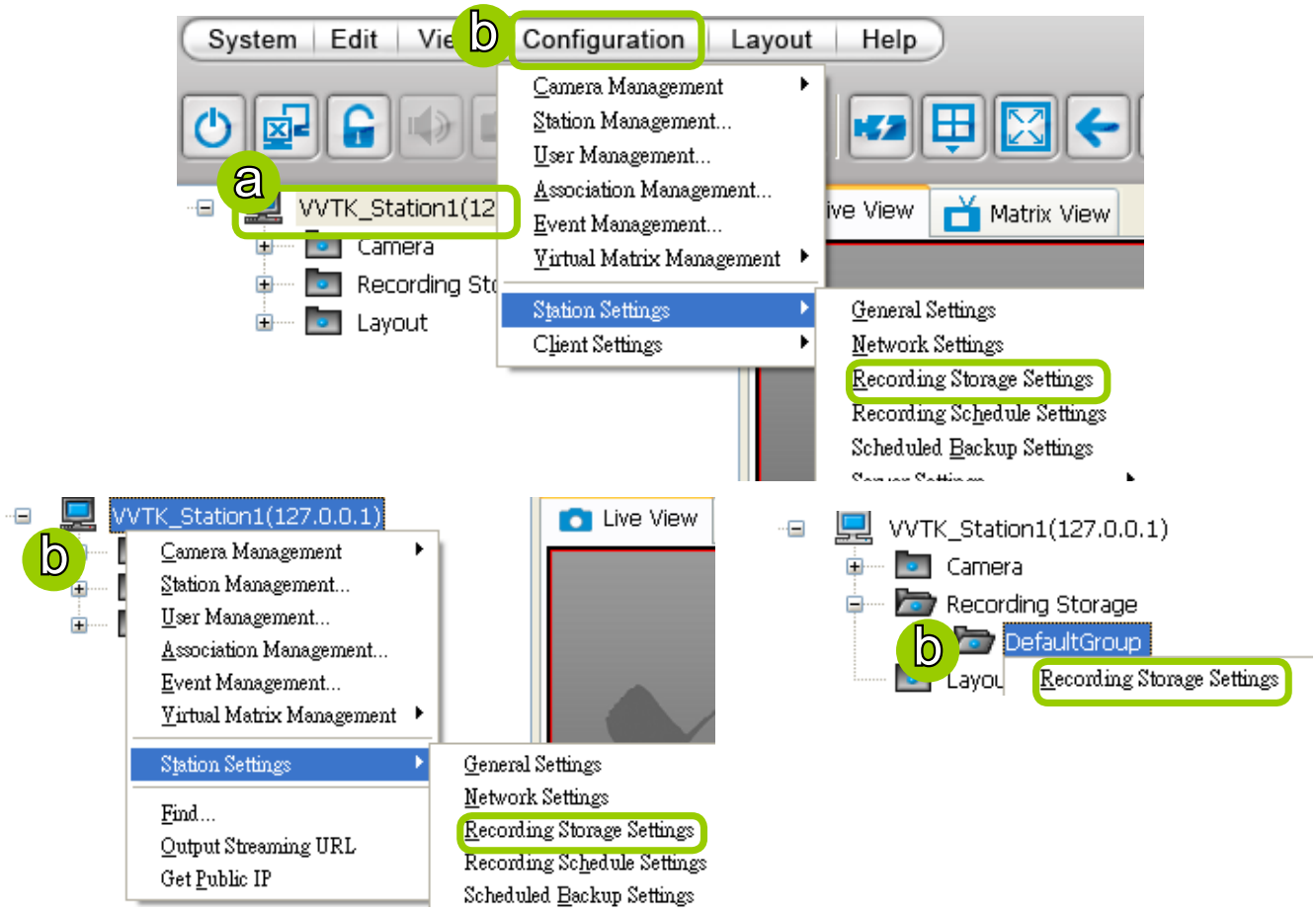
Another purpose of setting recording group is that you can divide all the managed devices into several recording groups, and for each recording group, you can assign several hard-disks (with recording paths) to store media data. The live media data will be stored in the first assigned hard-disk initially, and when the available space of the first hard disk reaches the preset reserved space limit, the media data will be stored in the second disk and so on. If the available space of the last disk reaches the reserved space limit, the recorded files in the first disk will be overwritten with the new media data. This procedure is called "Cyclic Recording".

Recording Storage Settings

Please follow the steps below to set up recording groups for a station:

a. Select the target station from the hierarchical management tree.

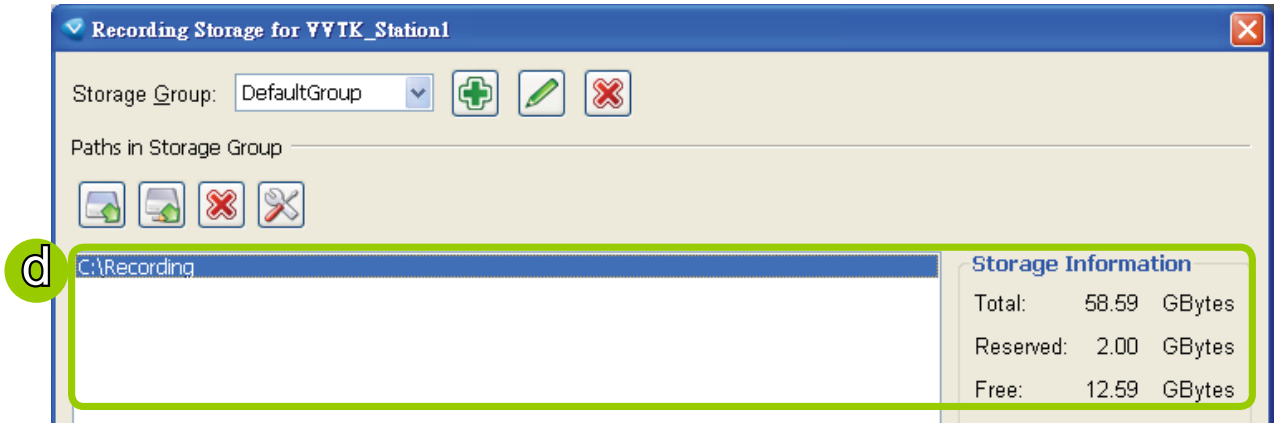
b. Click **Configuration > Station Settings > Recording Storage Settings** on the menu bar (or **right-click** the station on the hierarchical management tree and select **Station Settings > Recording Storage Settings**). You can also **right-click DefaultGroup** under the station **and** click **Recording Storage Settings** since all devices are assigned to the **Default Recording Group** by default settings.



c. The **Recording Storage Settings** window will pop up.

Defult Storage Group Settings

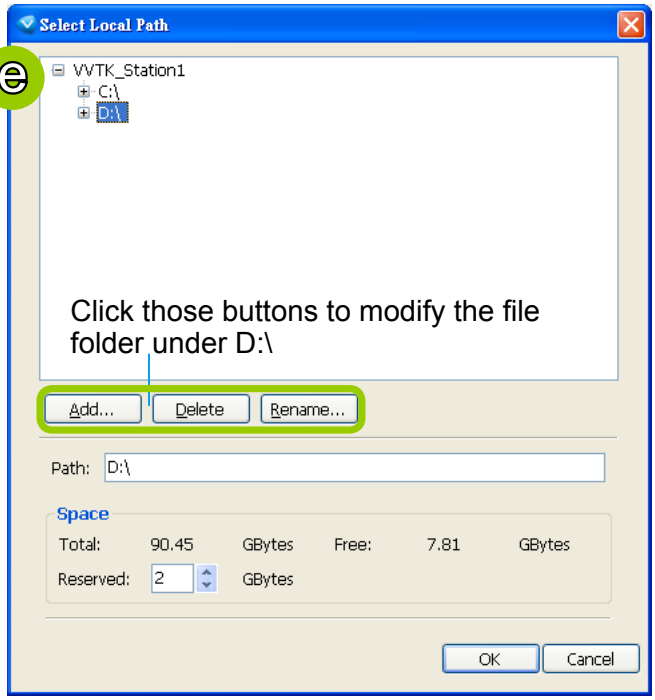
The following example shows the default storage group settings. You can click **Rename** to modify the group name or click **Delete** to remove the default settings.

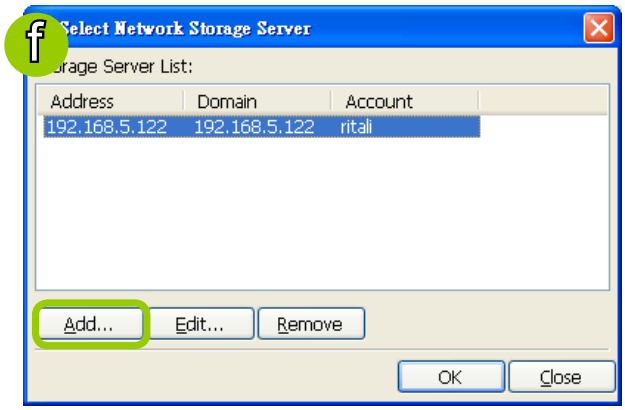


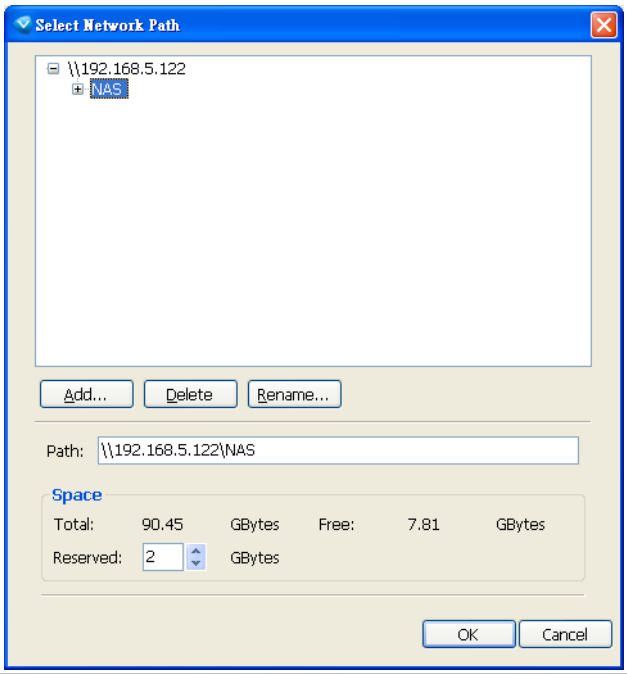
d. The default recording path is **C:\Recording**. The total space and free space of the disk is shown on the right for reference.

e. Add Local Path: Click to add another recording path on your local computer. A Select Path dialog will pop up as shown below. When all settings are complete, click **OK** to enable the settings, or click **Cancel** to discard the settings.

f. Add Network Path: Click to add a network storage for recorded data. Please refer to page 92 for detailed information about how to add a new network storage server. Then double-click the **Path** to assign a specific folder as a new recording path.

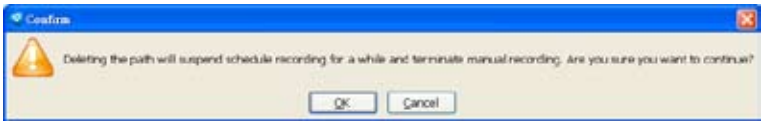






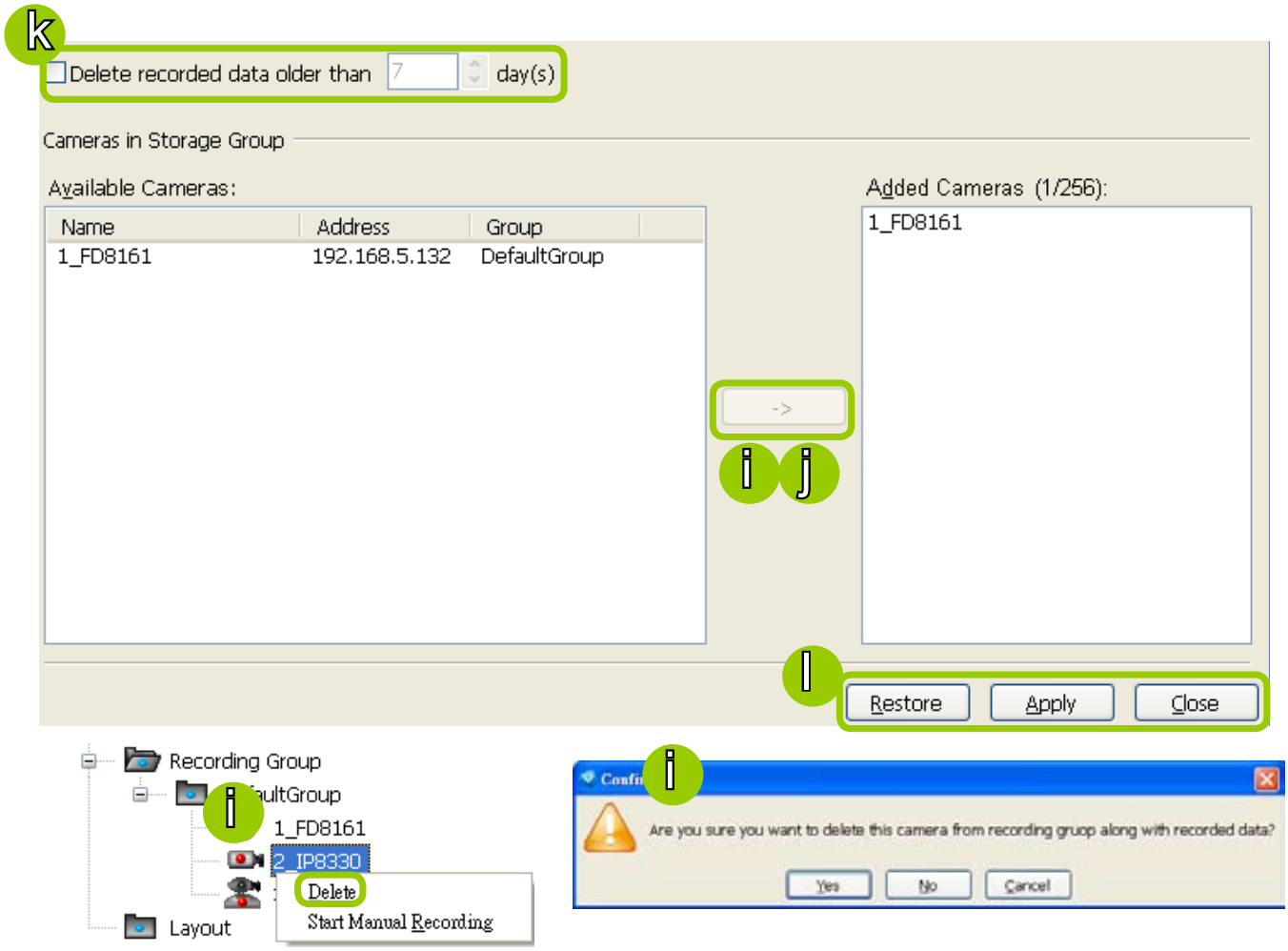
g. To modify the settings of a path, select the path from the list, then click **Change settings** to modify.

h. To delete a path, select the path from the list and click **Delete path**. A warning dialog box will pop up as shown below.



i. By default, all devices are assigned to the **Default Recording Group** in the window on the right. You can select device(s) from the list and click **<<** to delete device(s) (or **right-click** the device under DefaultGroup tree to delete it). Note that a **Delete Camera** dialog box will pop up. Click **Yes** to delete the device along with the recorded data; click **No** to delete the device but retain the recorded data; click **Cancel** to cancel the delete action. Please note that only those designated devices can record videos.

j. Click **>>** to add devices to the **DefaultGroup**.



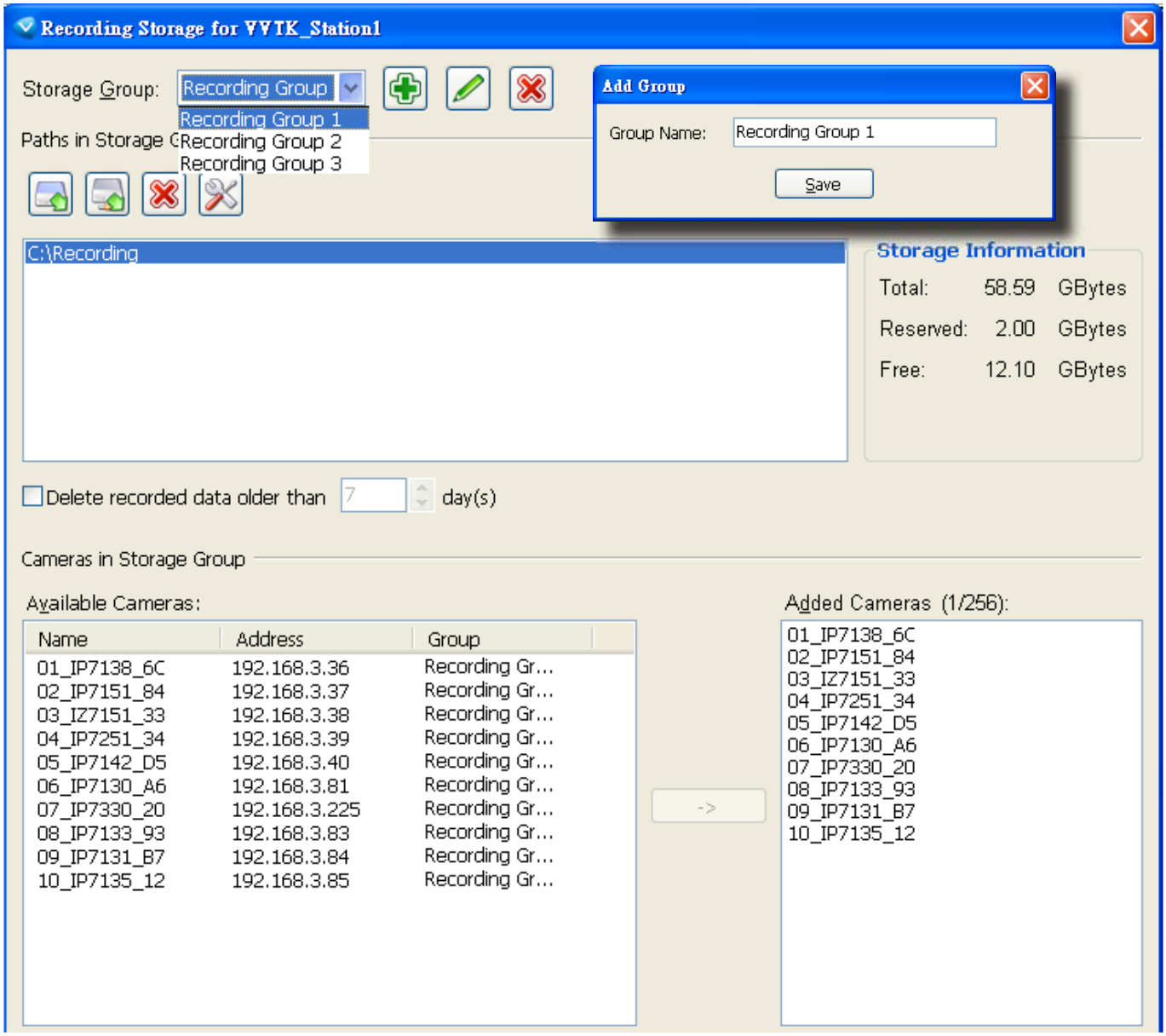
k. Delete recorded data older than the duration: If you only want to retain recorded data for a duration, check this item and enter a number of day(s). In addition, since VAST Server will do "cyclic recording" automatically, the oldest file will be overwritten by the latest one when the maximum capacity is reached.

l. When completed, click **Apply** to confirm and save your settings. If you want to cancel all of your editing, click **Restore** to return to the previous settings or click **close** to discard the settings.

Add New Recording Group(s)

If you want to add a new recording group, click **Add** to give a name to the new recording group, which will be displayed on the drop-down list.

The following is an example of recording group list.



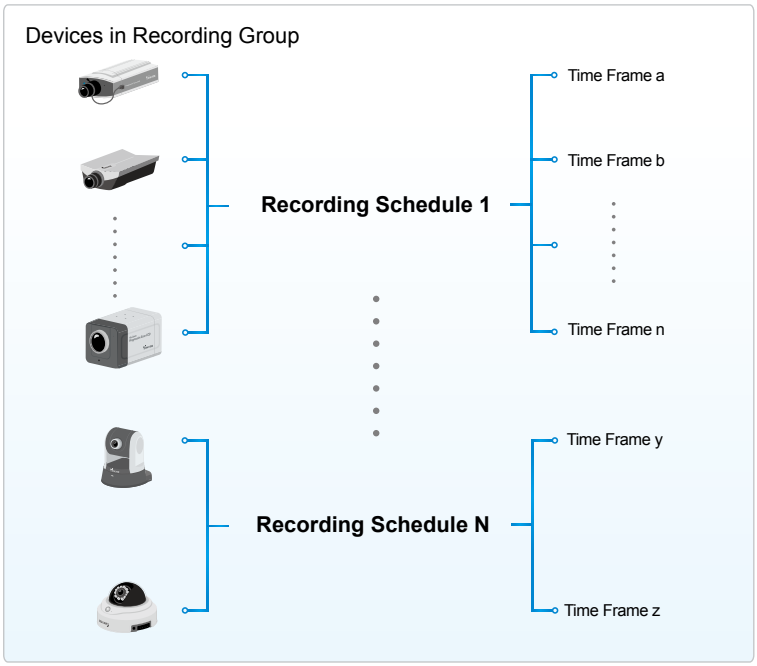
Please refer to the following limits when you set up recording group(s):

- *The maximum number of devices in a recording group is 32-CH.*
- *One recording group can be assigned with several recording paths and do cylic recording; while one recording path should only be assigned to one recording group.*

How to Edit Recording Schedules

After editing recording storage settings, you can begin to edit recording schedules for the devices in a recording group. By default, all devices are assigned to the default recording schedule (Please refer to the default time frame settings on page 74). Therefore, once you insert a device to the station, the VAST Server will begin to record live video according to the default recording schedule. You can also manually remove a device from the default recording schedule. Please note that **you cannot assign recording schedules to those devices which have been deleted from a recording group**.

The following is an illustration of a set of recording schedules, which are composed of several time frames. Each time frame has its own time segments, period of time, repeat interval, and recording mode. You can create different recording schedules with simple or complex time frames based on your needs.



In addition, you can arrange the priority of each time frame according to its importance. The recording schedule with the highest priority will be applied first. This capability is very useful because you can specify a new time frame with the highest priority temporarily without modifying the other time frames.

Features of the recording schedules:

- Each device can be assigned to only one recording schedule.
- Each recording schedule may contain many time frames.
- Each time frame has its own repeat frequency and recording mode.

To save time editing recording schedules and time-frames, we also provide a useful **template** function to save your time on schedules/time-frames settings. That is, you can save a specified schedule and download it as a template for future use or upload a well-arranged schedule template designed by others.

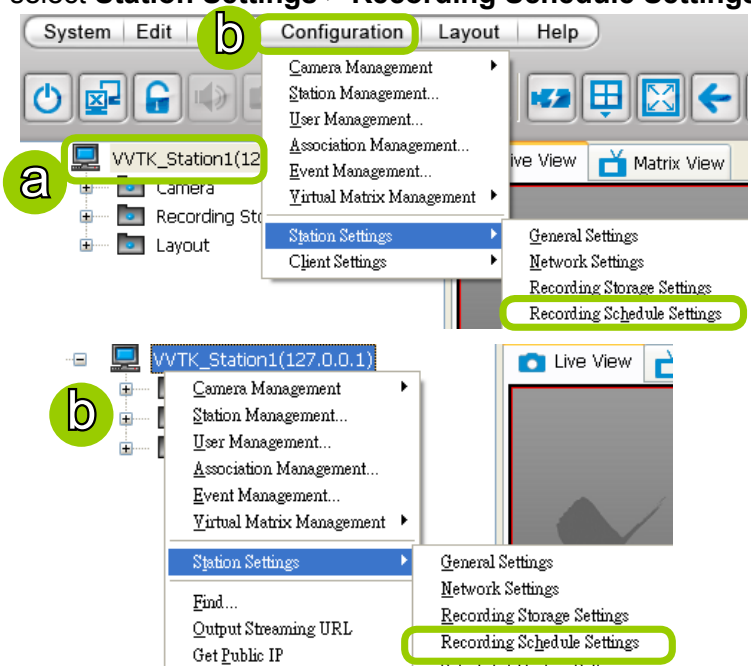
Please note that after you save the recording settings in the server, the recording schedule will begin automatically according to your settings.

Edit Schedule List

Please follow the steps below to set up the recording schedules:

a. Select the target station from the hierarchical management tree.

b. Click **Configuration > Station Settings > Recording Schedule Settings** on the menu bar (or **right-click** the station and select **Station Settings > Recording Schedule Settings**).



c. The **Recording Schedule Settings** window will pop up. By default, all cameras under the station are assigned to **Default Schedule**, **Default Time Frame**, and **Default Camera List**.

Add Schedules

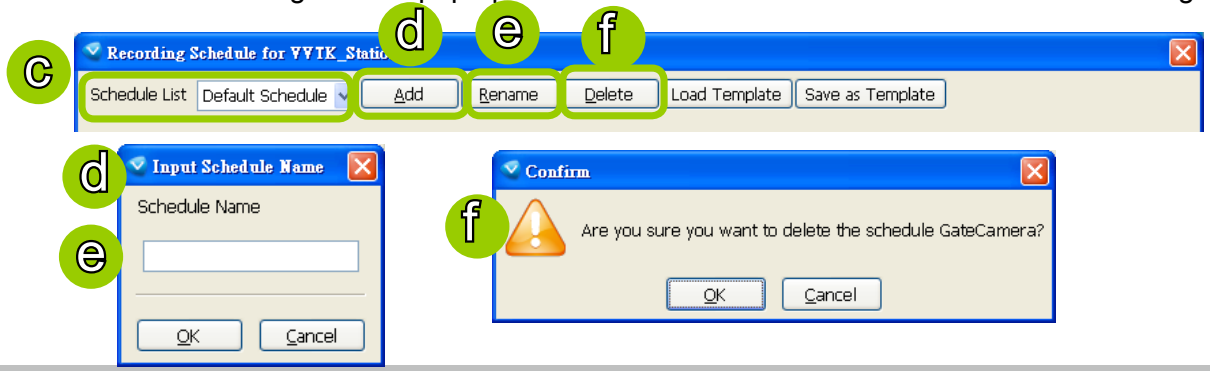
d. To add a new recording schedule, click **Add** to enter a name in the Schedule Name dialog box for the new schedule. Click **OK** to confirm the settings or **Cancel** to discard the settings. The new recording schedule will be displayed on the schedule drop-down list.

Rename Schedules

e. To rename an existing schedule, select the schedule from the schedule drop-down list and click **Rename**. A Schedule Name dialog will pop up for you to fill in a name for the new schedule. Click **OK** to confirm the settings or **Cancel** to discard the settings. The new recording schedule will be displayed on the schedule drop-down list.

Delete Schedules

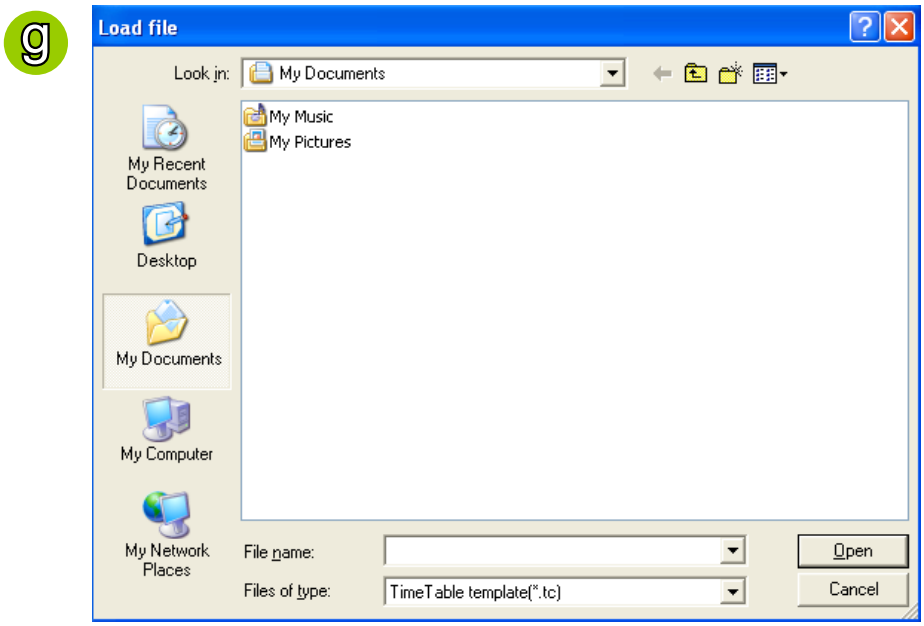
f. To delete an existing schedule, select the schedule from the schedule drop-down list and click **Delete**. A Remove Schedule dialog box will pop up. Click **OK** to confirm or **Cancel** to discard the settings.

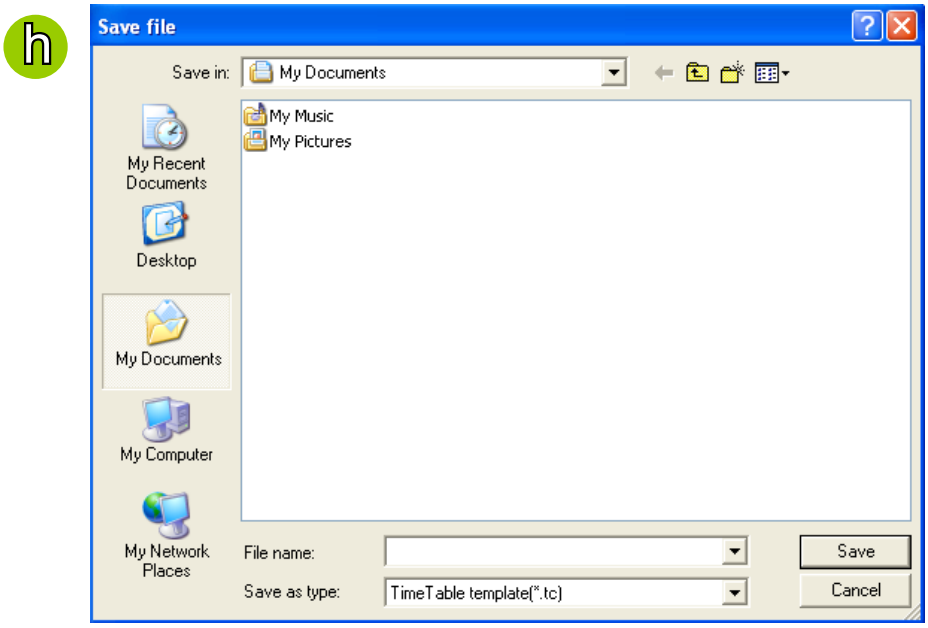


Load/Save Schedule Templates

g. If you have a schedule template with time frame settings, you can upload it to simplify the editing of the schedule. Click **Load Template**, and a **Load File** dialog box will pop up. Select the template file and click **Open** to load.

h. If you want to save a schedule as a template for future use, select the schedule from the schedule drop-down list and click **Save as Template**. A **Save File** dialog box will pop up for you to save the template file.





Edit Camera List

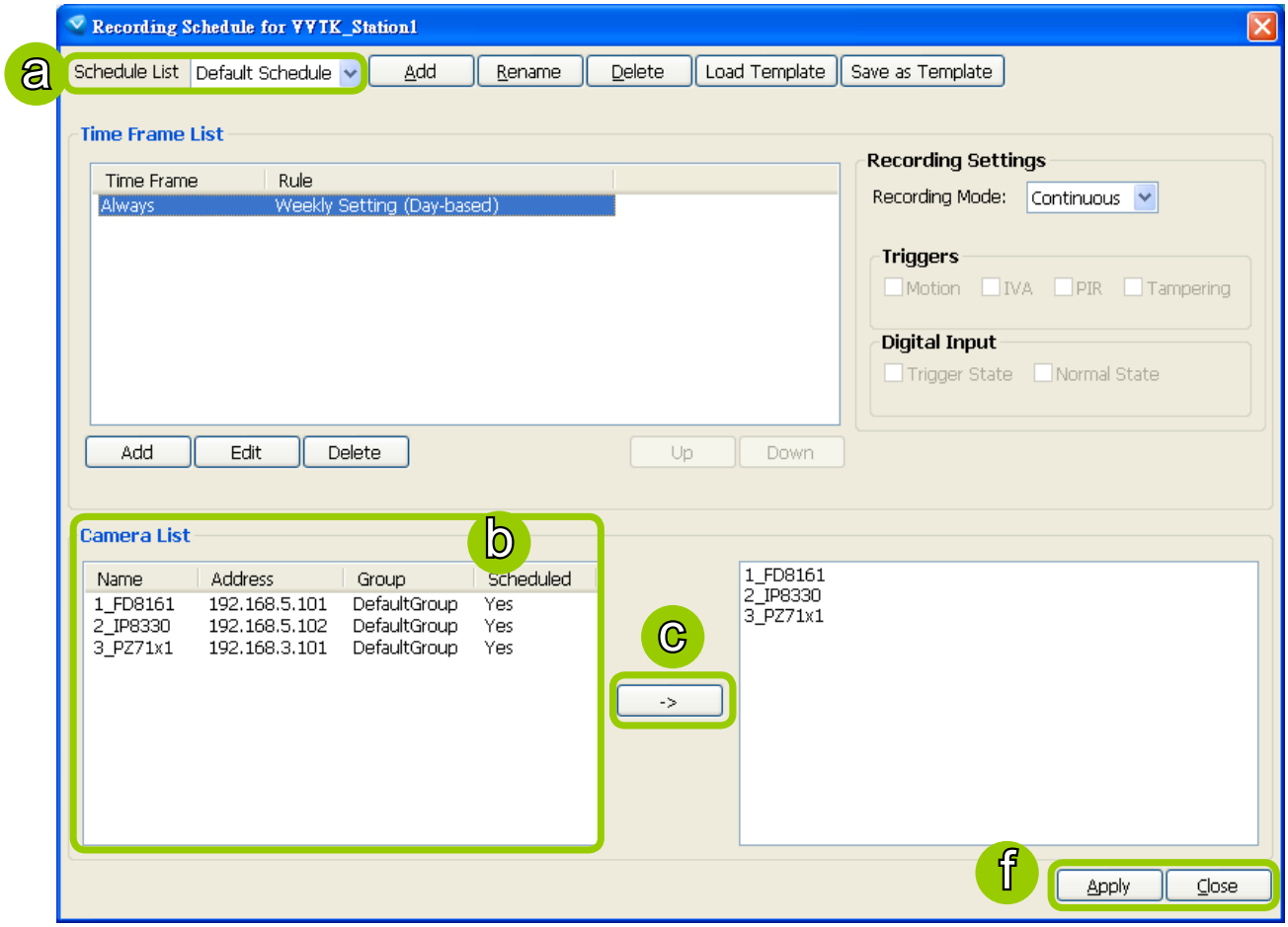
Please follow the steps below to assign a device to a recording schedule:

a. Select a recording schedule on the schedule drop-down list.

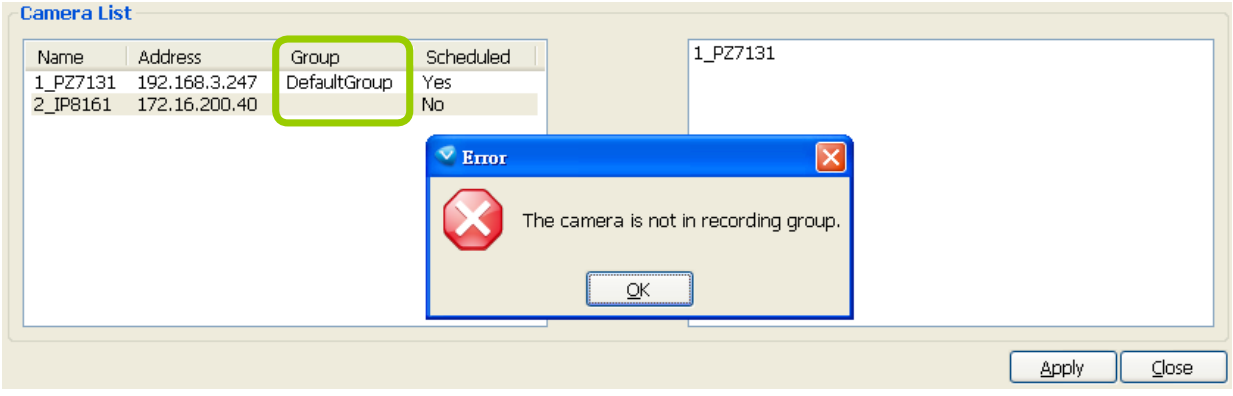
b. By default, all devices under the station are assigned to the **Default Schedule**.

c. Click **<<** to remove devices from the **Default Schedule**. Click **>>** to add devices to the **Default Schedule**.

d. Click **Apply** to confirm or **Close** to discard the settings.

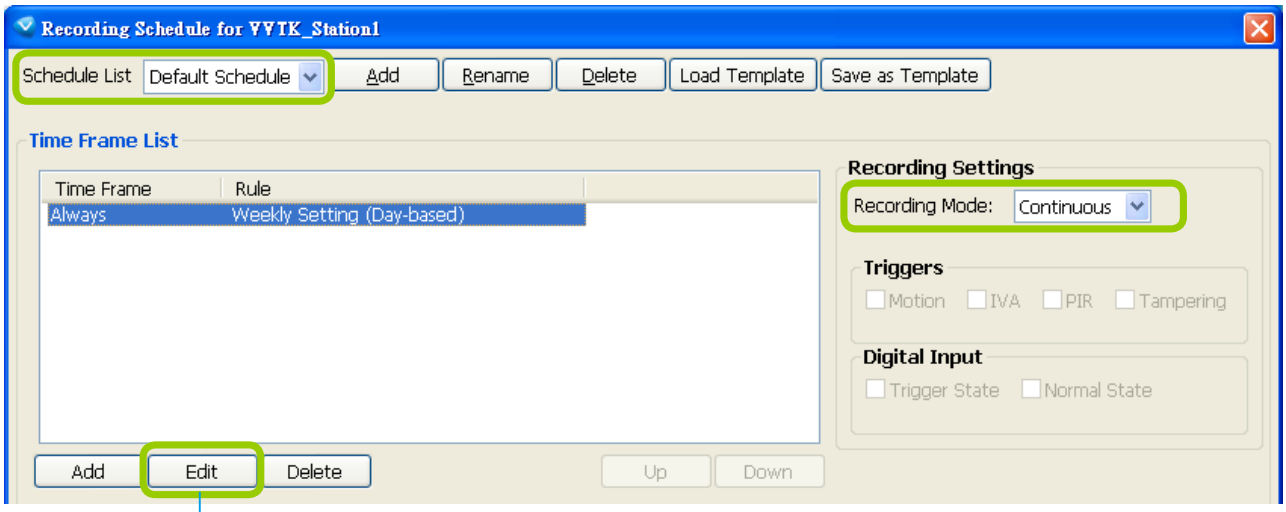


If you add a Network Device that does not belong to any Recording Group, a warning dialog will pop up as shown below. For more information about how to set up Recording Group(s), please refer to Recording Group Settings on page 66.

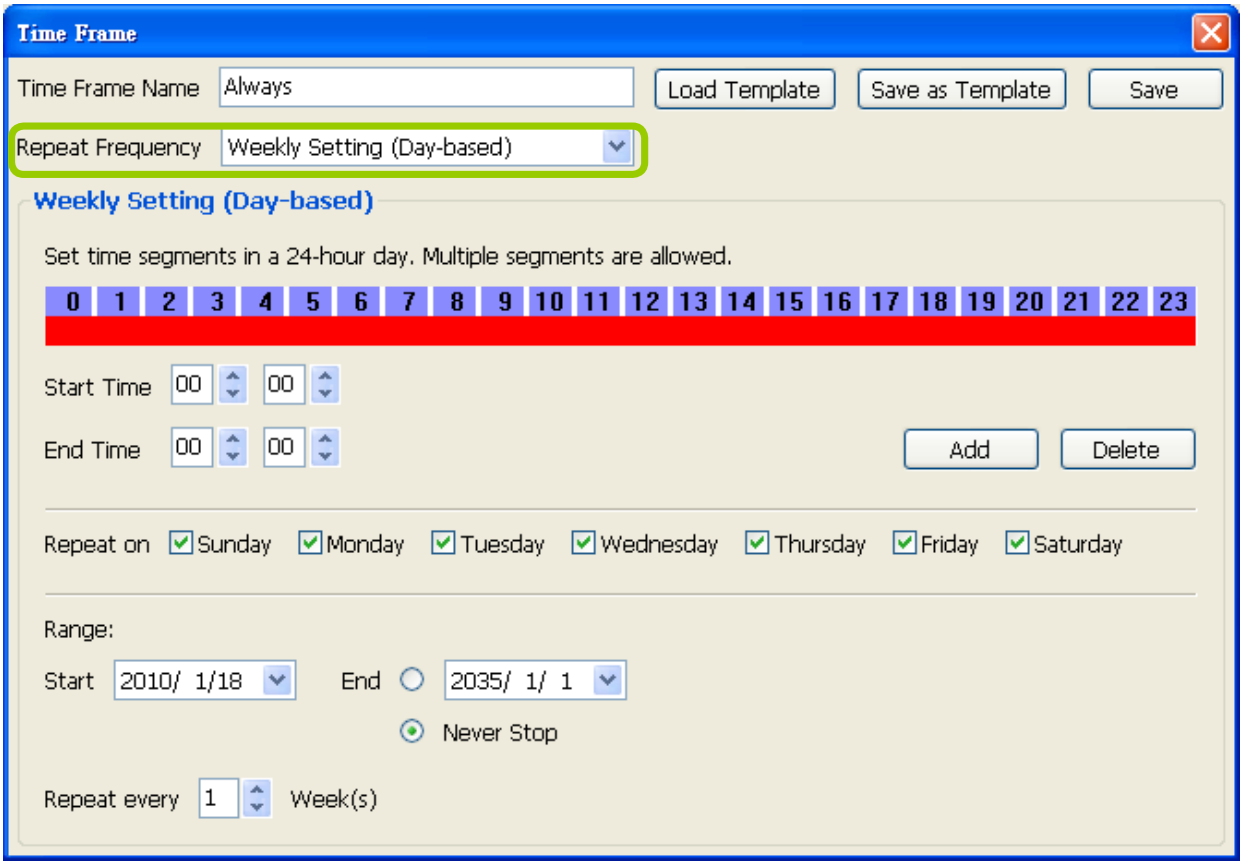


Edit Time Frame List

Default Time Frame: Weekly (Day-based), Mon.~Sun., 24-hour, continuous recording



Click **Edit** to open the Default Time Frame settings page as shown below.

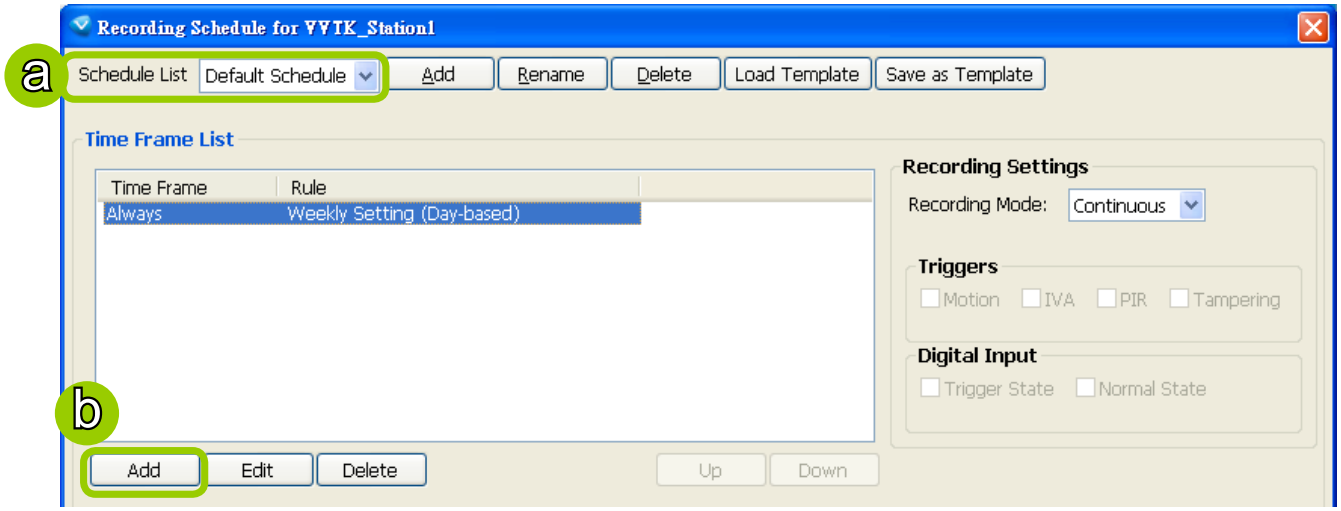


Add New Time Frames

Please follow the steps below to add new time frames to a schedule:

a. Select a recording schedule from the drop-down list.

b. Click **Add** to open the **Time Frame Settings** window.



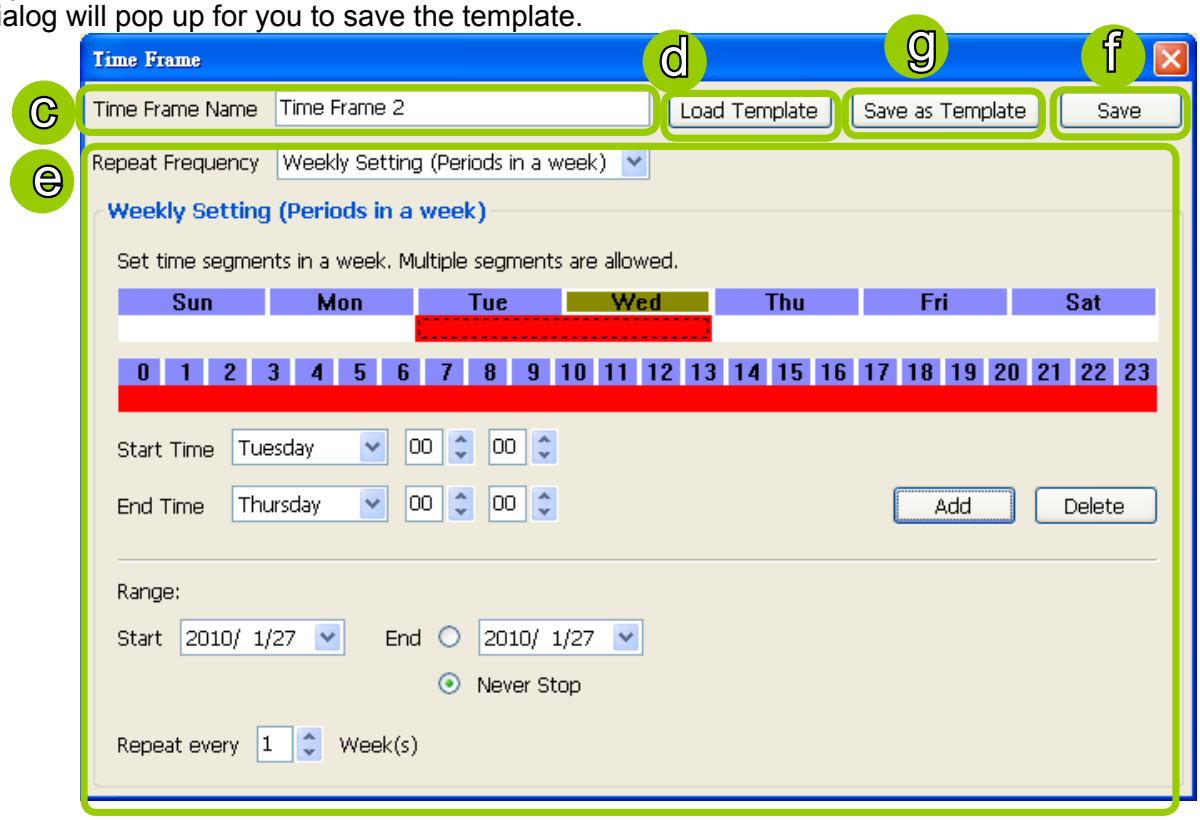
c. Enter a name for the new time frame.

d. If you have a time-frame template, you can upload it to simplify the editing of the schedule. Click **Load Template** and the **Load File** dialog box will pop up. Select the template file to load.

e. To edit the new time frame, select a **Repeat Frequency** from the drop-down list and edit the time segments, applicable days, applicable period of time, and repeat time interval. For the detailed settings of each repeat frequency, please refer to **The Concept of Repeat Frequency** on page 77.

f. When completed, click **Save** to enable the settings.

g. If you want to save this time frame as a template for future use, click **Save as Template**. A **Save file** dialog will pop up for you to save the template.



h. If you want to add additional time frames to the schedule, repeat the steps above.

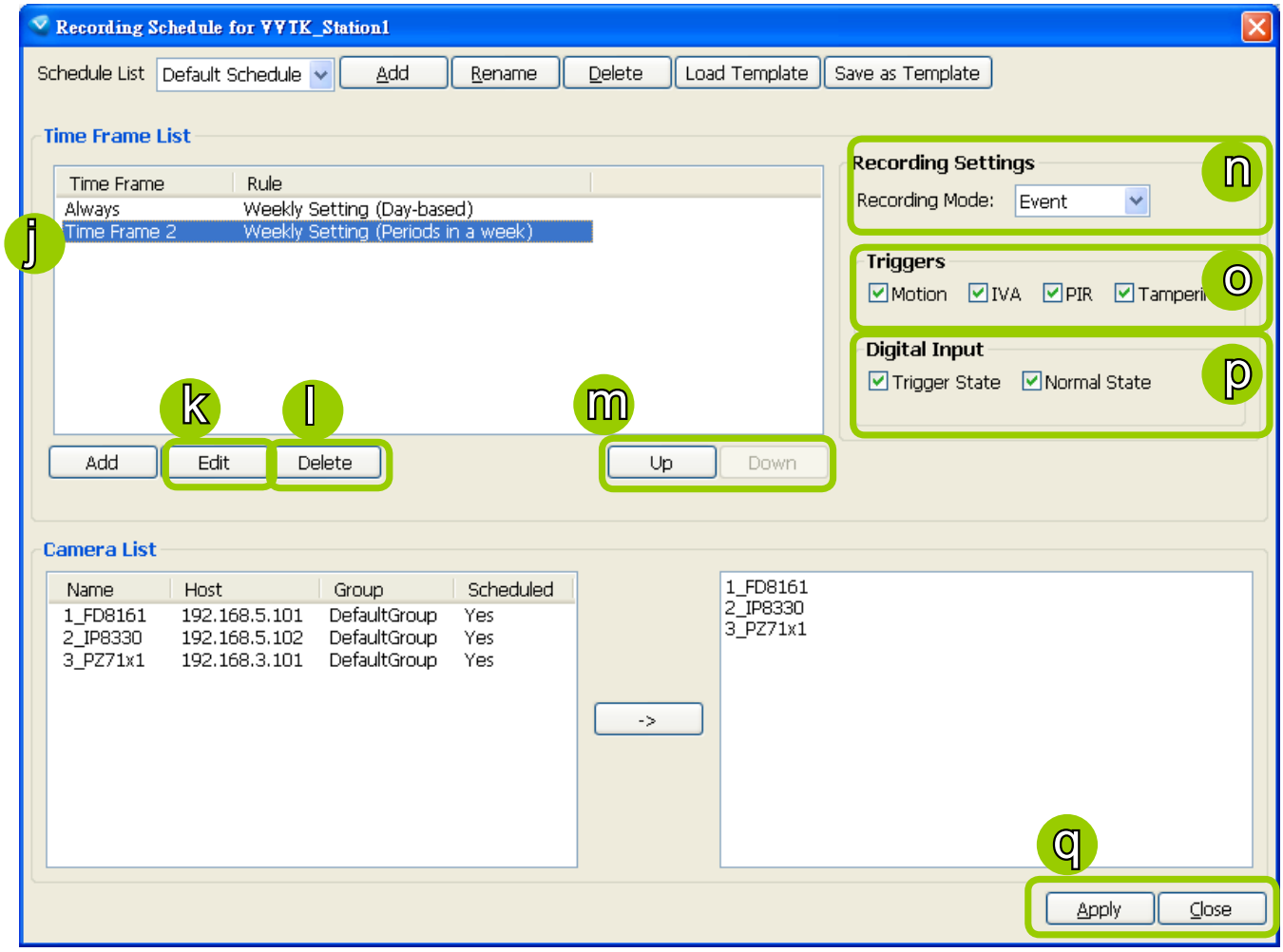
i. Close the window when you finish the time frame settings.

j. Back to the Recording Schedule Settings window, the new time frame will be displayed on the Time Frame List.

k. If you want to edit an existing time frame, select if from the Time Frame List and click **Edit** to set up.

l. If you want to delete an existing time frame, select if from the Time Frame List and click **Delete**.

m. If you want to change the priority of a time frame, select it from the Time Frame List and click **Up** or **Down** to shift its position. The time frame on the top of the list has the highest priority.



Recording Settings

n. Select one of the following Recording Modes for the time frame:

- **None**: No recording action.
- **Continuous**: 24-hours continuous recording. If you want to enable Activity Adaptive Streaming, please refer to page 69 for detailed illustration.
- **Event**: The server will start to record only when an event is triggered. The recording time length depends on the settings in Recording Storage Settings. The default time length is 20 seconds (10s pre-event time plus 10s post-event time). Please refer to page 68 for more information. For more information about event catagories, please refer to page 160 for detailed illustration.

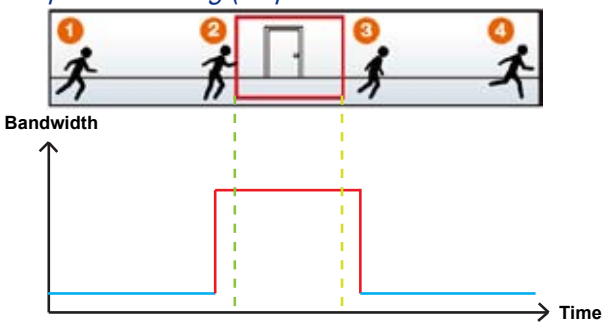
o. Select Trigger Source(s): Motion Detection, IVA (Intelligent Video Analysis), PIR, and Tamper Detection

p. Select the status of Digital Input(s): Trigger State or Normal State

q. Click **Apply** to confirm the settings. Then close the window when you finish the recording schedule settings.

The following diagrams show the frame rate variation of two recording modes:

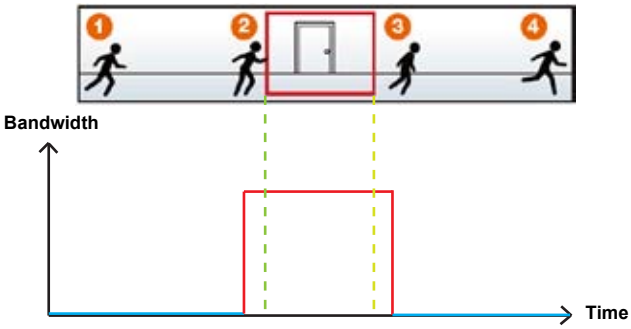
1. Continuous recording + Activity adaptive recording (helps save bandwidth and storage)



I frame ---> Full frame rate ---> I frame

Continuous Recording

2. Event recording



No recording data ---> Full frame rate ---> No recording data

Event Recording

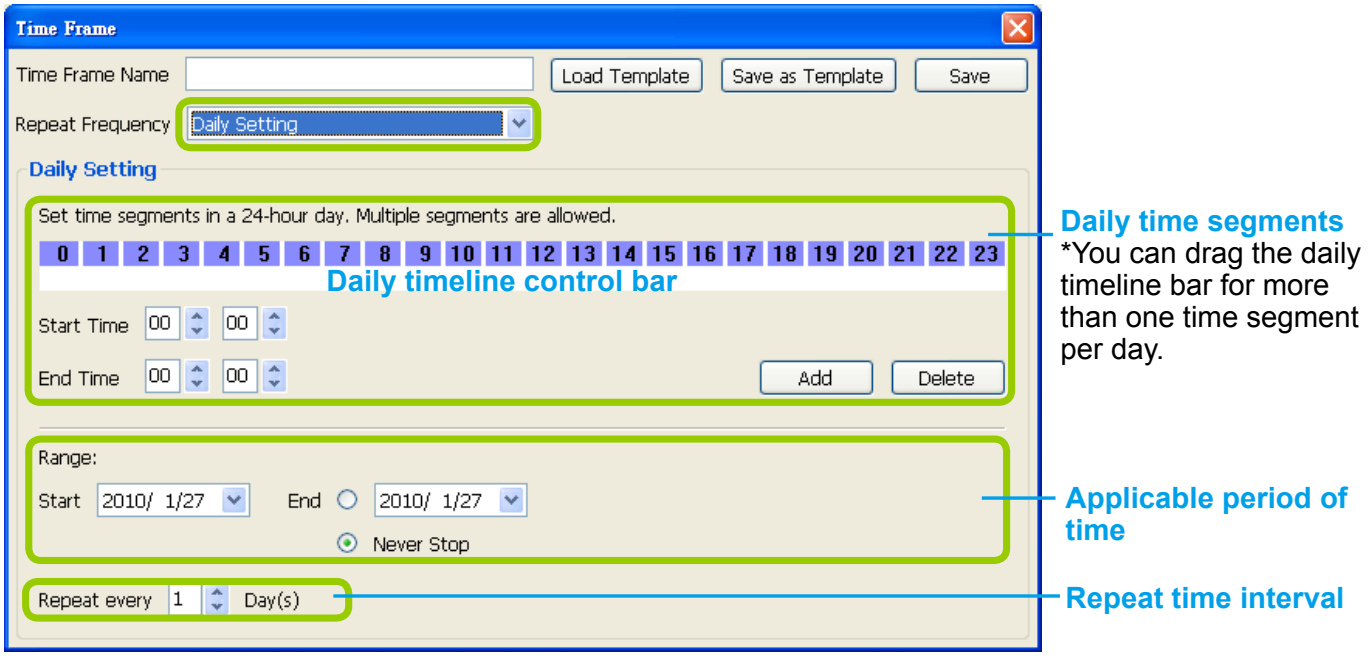
The Concept of Repeat Frequency

VAST offers the following types of repeat frequency. The definition of each type is listed in the following table:

Repeat Frequency	Discription
Daily Setting	■ Specify arbitrary time segments within a day, ■ Repeat the segments every N days in the specified period of time.
Weekly Setting (Day-based) (Default Time Frame)	■ Specify arbitrary time segments within a day, ■ Apply only on selected days of a week, ■ Repeat the segments every N weeks during the specified period of time.
Weekly Setting (Periods in a week)	■ Specify arbitrary time segments within a week, ■ Repeat the segments every N weeks during the specified period of time.
Monthly Setting (Day-based)	■ Specify arbitrary time segments within a day, ■ Apply only on selected days of a month, ■ Repeat the segments every N months during the specified period of time.
Yearly Setting (Day-based)	■ Specify arbitrary time segments within a day, ■ Apply only on selected days of a year, ■ Repeat the segments every N years during the specified period of time.

Repeat Frequency: Daily Setting

To set up daily repeat frequency, please configure the following items: Daily time segments, applicable period of time, and repeat time interval.



Set up daily time segments

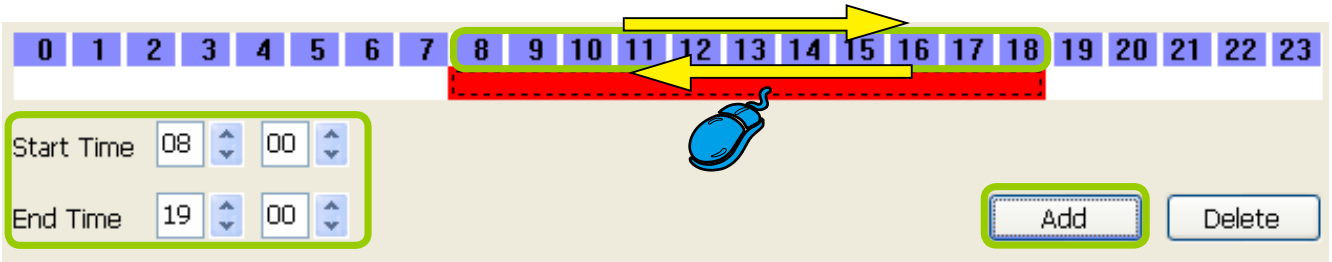
You can specify several time segments within a day. The numbers 0~23 on the **hourly timeline control bar** (the purple rectangles) represent the 24 hours in a day.

There are two ways to define time segments: one is to use the computer mouse to manipulate the timeline control bars; the other is to fill in the precise start and end time values in the corresponding fields.

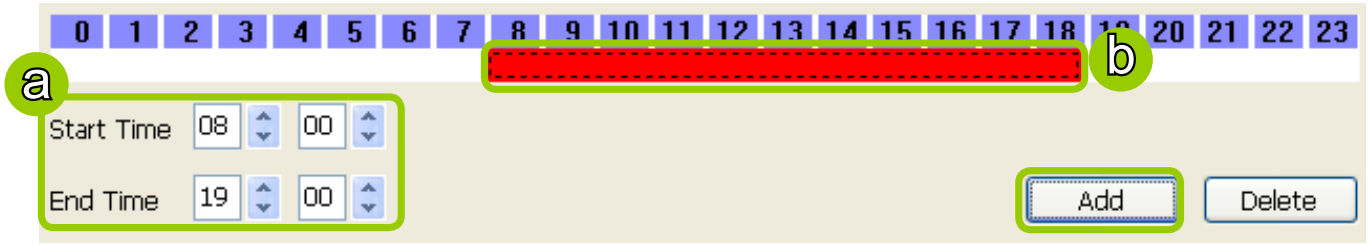
<u>Add time segments</u>: Choose either step 1 or step 2 to set up

1. Use the mouse to drag the timeline bars:
   a. **Left-click** the **daily timeline control bar** (the purple rectangles) and drag the mouse.
   b. The corresponding time segment will also appear in the Start Time and End Time fields. Click **Add**, then the red timeline bars representing new time segments will appear as shown below. You can drag multiple time segments within a day.

      In the following illustration, the yellow arrows show the dragging direction of the mouse. You can drag from left to right or the opposite.



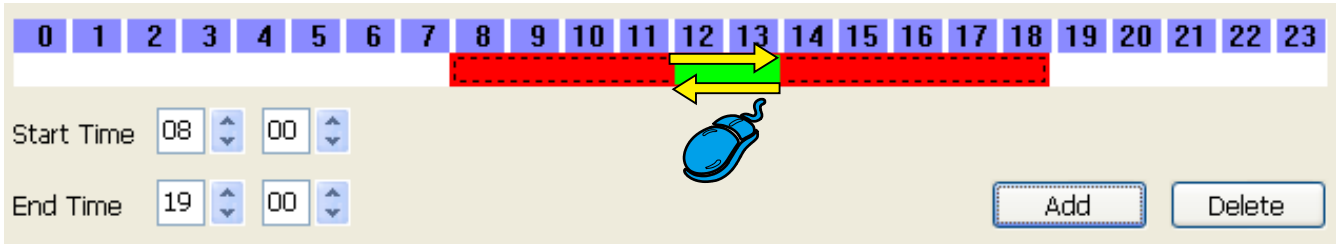
2. Fill in the precise Start Time and End Time:
   a. Directly enter the value in the Start Time and End Time fields, then click **Add**.
   b. The corresponding red timeline bar will automatically appear as shown below.

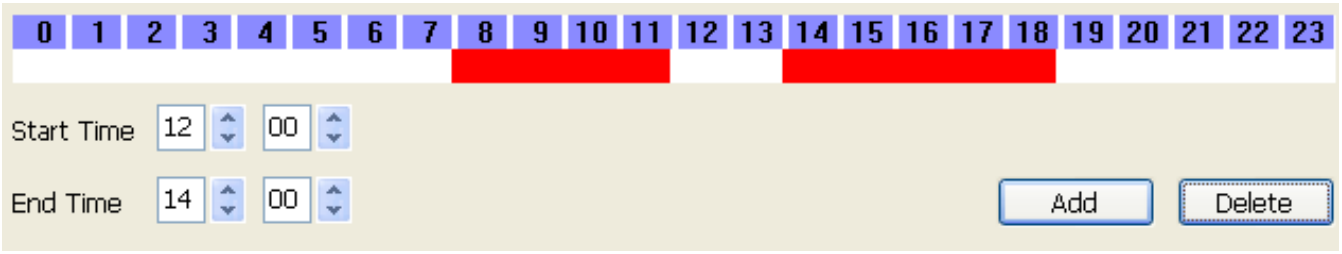


<u>Delete time segments</u>: Choose either step 1 or step 2 to set up

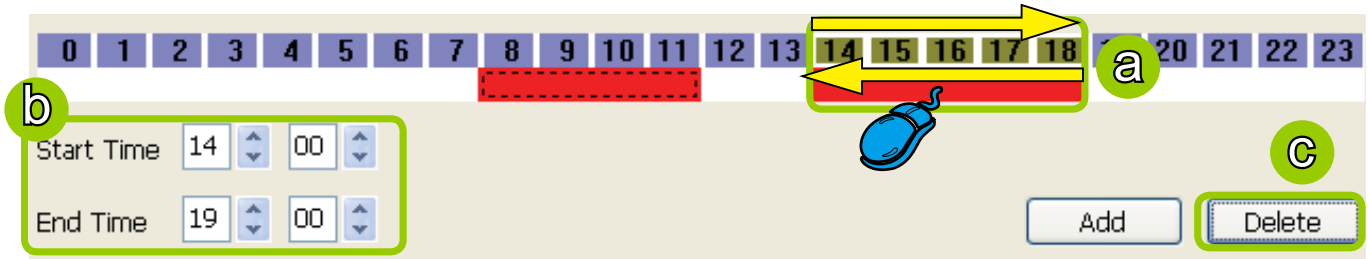
1. Use the mouse to erase the timeline bar: **Right-click** on an existing red timeline bar and drag the mouse. A green timeline bar representing the deleted part of the time segment will erase the red bar as shown below.

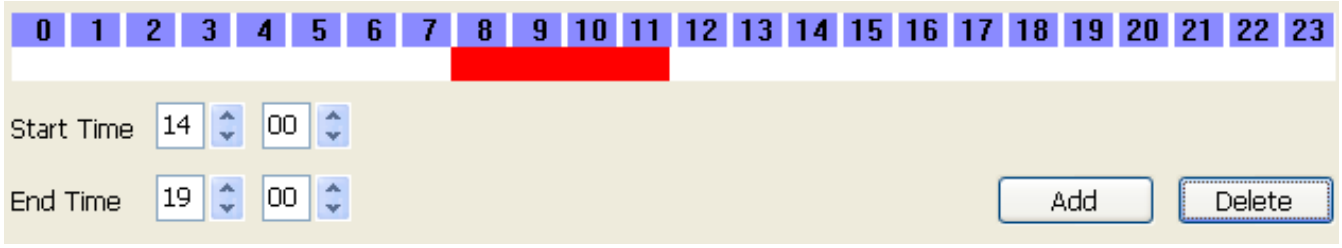
   In the following illustration, the green arrows show the dragging direction of the mouse. You can drag it from left to right or the opposite.





2. Use the delete button to remove the entire timeline bar:
   a. Click an existing red timeline bar or **left-click** the **daily timeline control bar** (the purple rectangles) and drag the mouse.
   b. The corresponding time segment will appear in the Start Time and End Time fields.
   c. Click **Delete**, and the selected timeline bar will disappear.



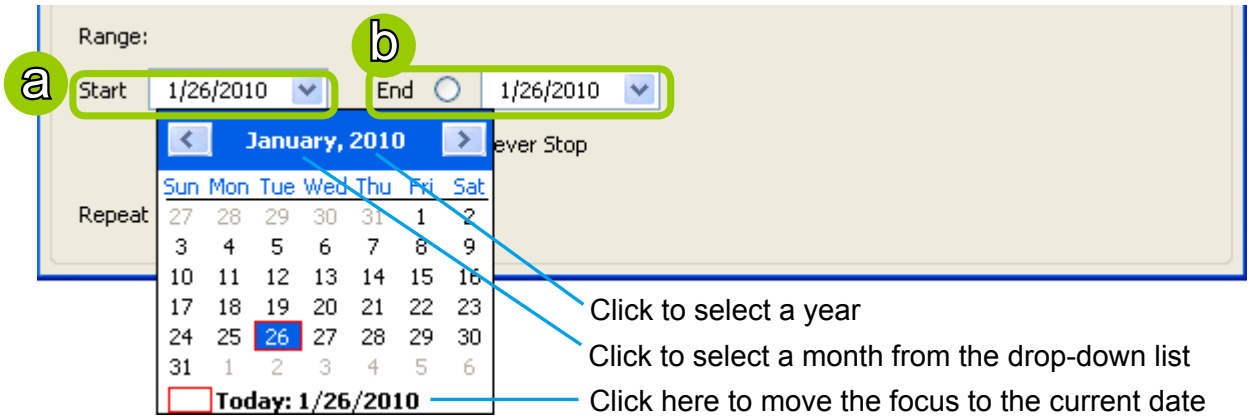


Set up applicable period of time

For repeat frequencies, you can set up the applicable date and period of time for the time frame.

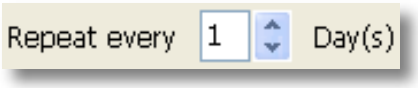
a. Specify the start date and time in the **Start** field. A calendar date selector will appear when you click on the drop-down list of **date**. Click < or > to select the month, then pick a desired day in the calendar.

b. Specify the end date and time in the **End** field if you have an end time for applying this time frame. If you do not have a terminating time for this time frame, select **Never Stop**.



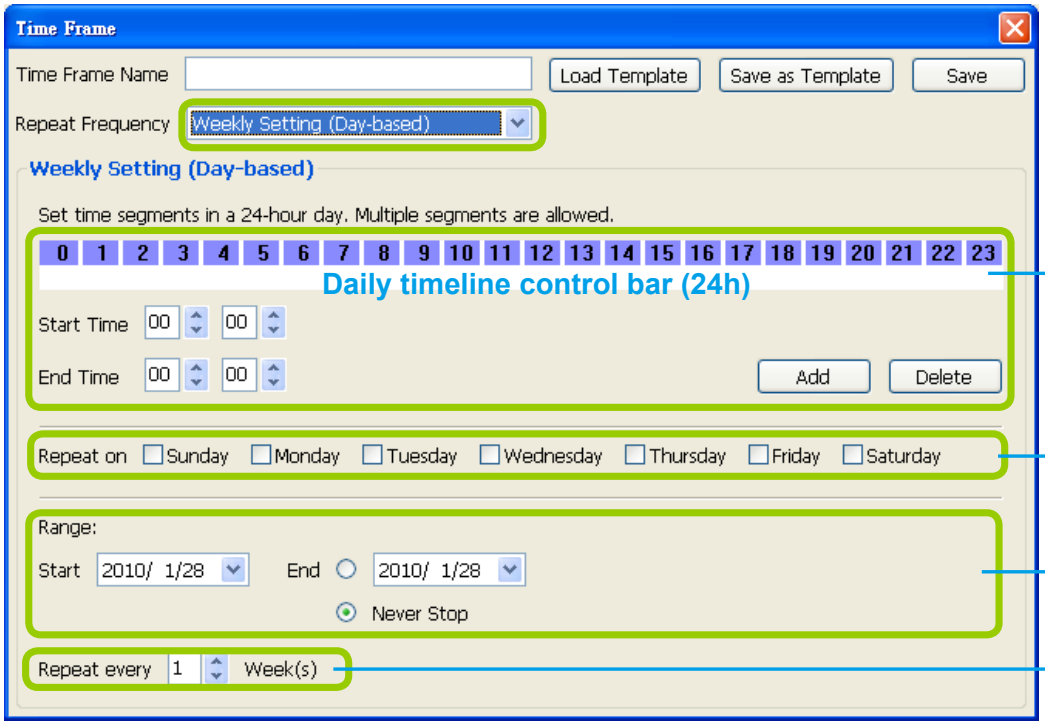
Set up repeat time interval

The repeat time intervals is "every N day(s)" as shown below. Repeat every 1 day means the time frame would apply for every day within the period of time.



Repeat Frequency: Weekly Setting (Day-based)

To set up Weekly (Day-based) repeat frequency, please configure the following items: Daily time segments, applicable days within a week, applicable period of time, and repeat time interval.



Set up daily time segments

Please refer to page 78 for detailed instructions.

Set up applicable days within a week

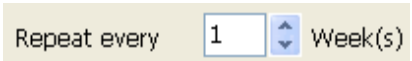
For repeat frequency--"Weekly (day based)", you can apply the time segments only on selected days of the week.

Set up applicable period of time

Please refer to page 80 for detailed instructions.

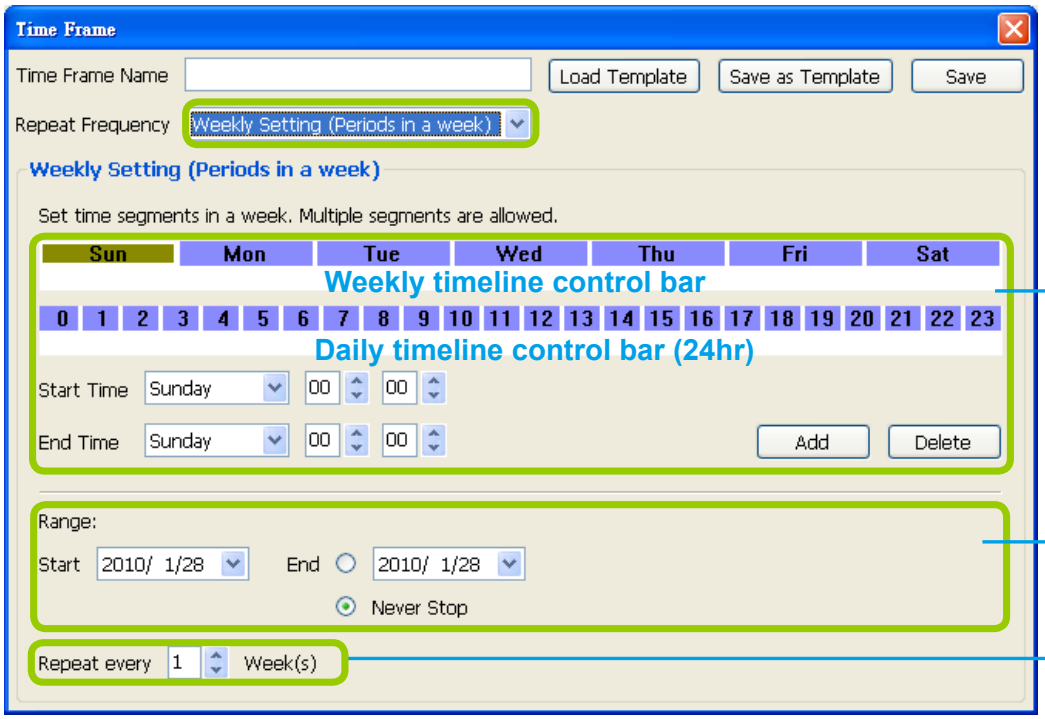
Set up repeat time interval

The repeat time intervals is "every N week(s)" as shown below. Repeat every 1 week means the time frame would apply for every week within the period of time.



Repeat Frequency: Weekly Setting (Periods in a week)

To set up Weekly (Periods in a week) repeat frequency, please configure the following items: Time segments within a week, applicable period of time, and repeat time interval.



Set up time segments within a week

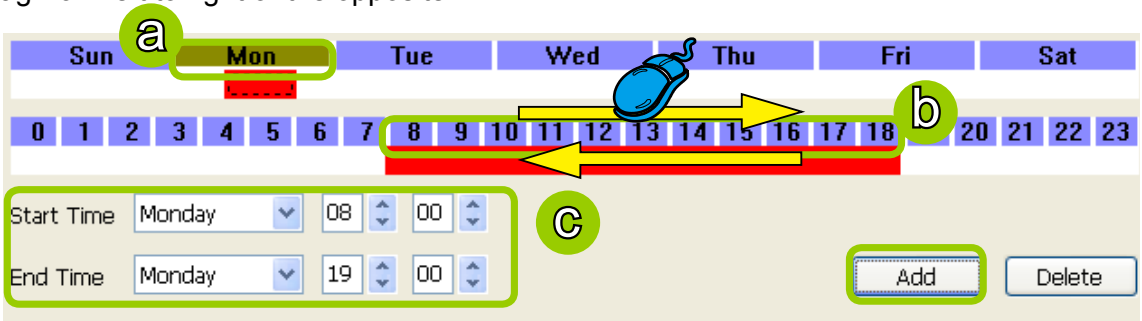
You can specify several time segments within a week. The **weekly timeline contol bar** represents the 7 days of a week, and the **daily timeline contol bar** represents the 24 hours in a day. The daily timeline control bar is only valid when one of the days on the weekly timeline control bar has been selected.

There are two ways to set up time segments: one is to use the computer mouse to draw the timeline control bars; the other is to fill in the precise start and end time value in the corresponding fields.

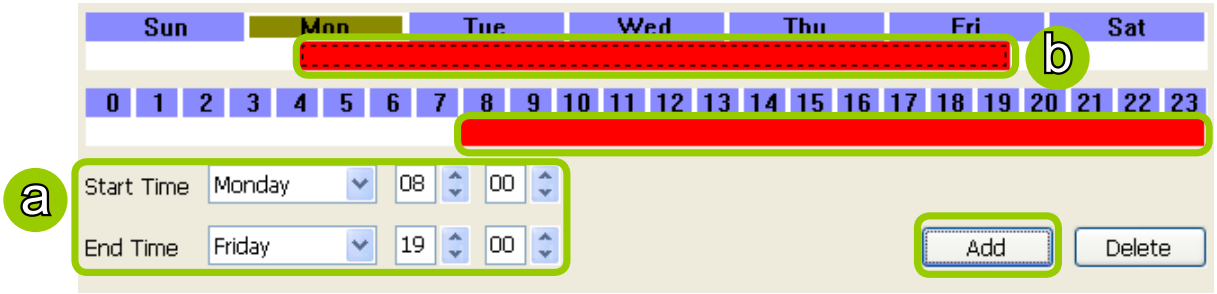
<u>Add time segments</u>: Choose either step 1 or step 2 to set up

1. Use the mouse to drag the timeline bars:
   a. Click on a day on the **weekly timeline control bar**. The selected bar will turn green.
   b. **Left-click** the **daily timeline control bar** and drag the mouse.
   c. The corresponding time segment will also appear in the Start Time and End Time fields. Click **Add**, then the red timeline bars representing new time segments will appear as shown below. You can drag multiple time segments within a day and a week.

      In the following illustration, the yellow arrows show the dragging direction of the mouse. You can drag from left to right or the opposite.



2. Fill in a precise Start Time and End Time:
   a. Directly select a day and enter the value in the Start Time and End Time fields, then click **Add**.
   b. The corresponding red timeline bars will automatically appear as shown below.
      The following is an example of an extended time segment from Mon. 8:00 to Fri. 19:00.



Delete time segments: Please refer to page 79 for detailed instructions.

Set up applicable period of time

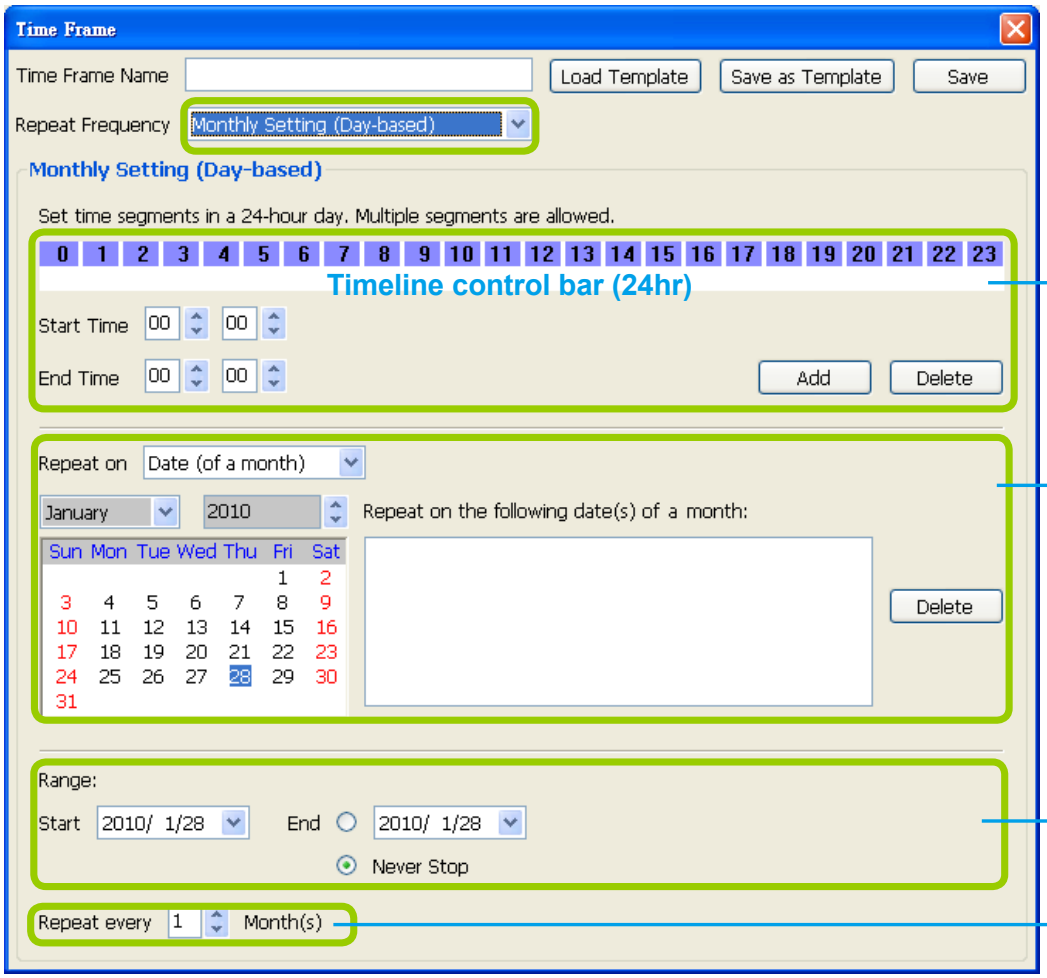
Please refer to page 80 for detailed instructions.

Set up repeat time interval

Please refer to page 81 for detailed instructions.

Repeat Frequency: Monthly Setting (Day-based)

To set up Monthly (Day-based) repeat frequency, please configure the following items: Daily time segments, applicable date(s) of a month/ day(s) of a week, applicable period of time, and repeat time interval.



Daily time segments
*You can drag more than one time segment per day.

Applicable date(s) of a month/ day(s) of a week

Applicable period of time

Repeat time interval

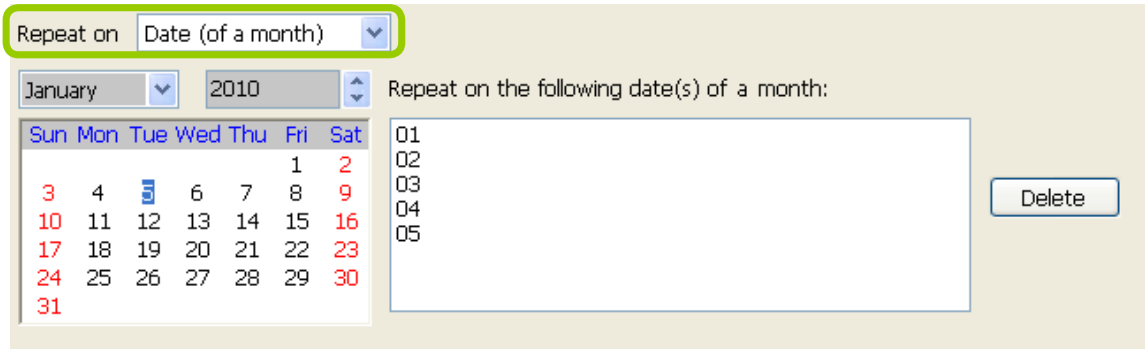
Set up daily time segments

Please refer to page 78 for detailed instructions.

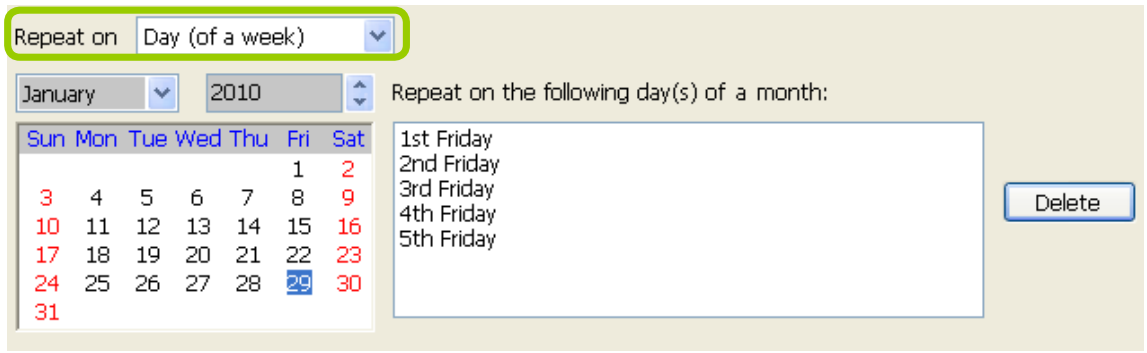
Set up applicable date(s) of a month/ day(s) of a week

For repeat frequency--"monthly (day-based)", you can apply the time segments only on selected days of a month. There are two types of repeat frequencies: Date(s) of a month and Day(s) of a week.

Repeat by date(s) of a month:
Select date(s) from the calendar, and it will be displayed on the right blank as shown below.
The following example refers to the 1st ~ 5th day of a month.



Repeat by day(s) of a week:
Select day(s) from the calendar, and it will be displayed on the right blank as shown below.
The following example refers to the 1st ~ 5th Friday of a month.

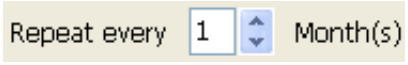


Set up applicable period of time

Please refer to page 80 for detailed instructions.

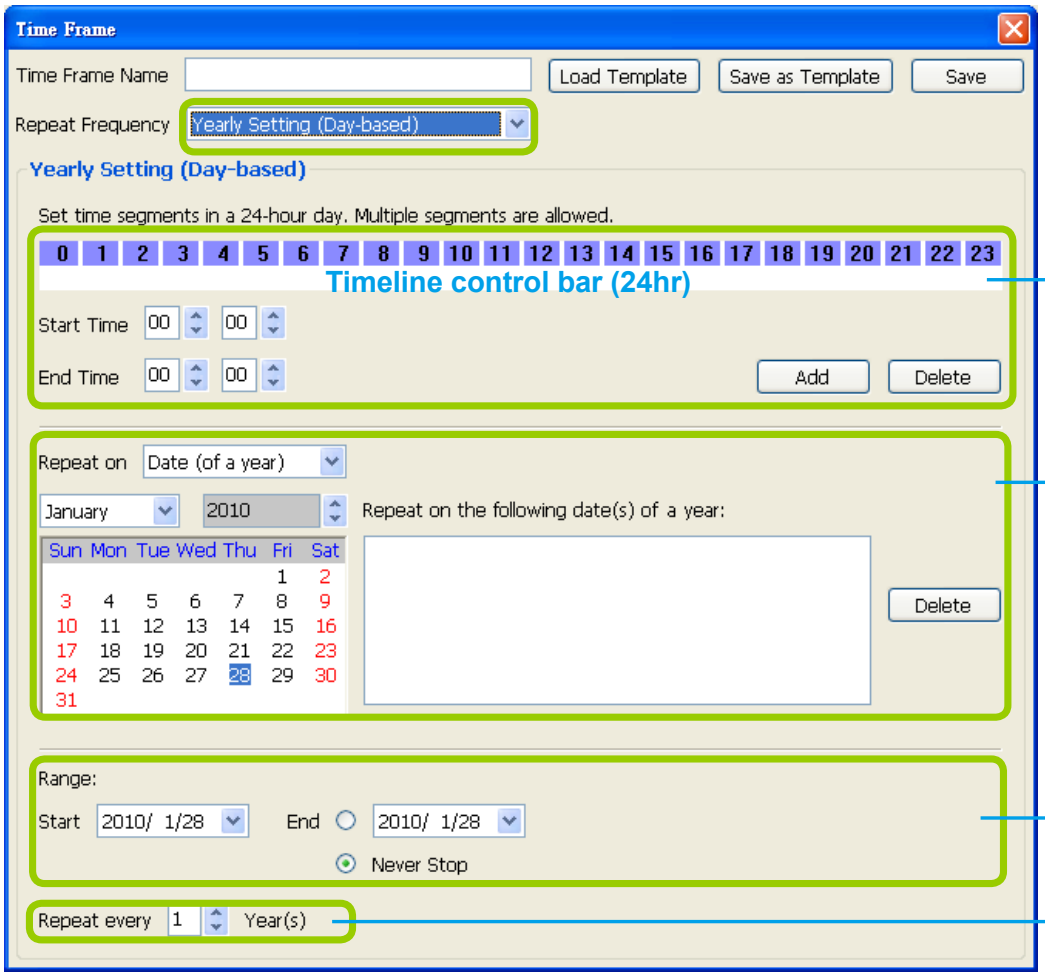
Set up repeat time interval

The repeat time intervals is "every N month(s)" as shown below. Repeat every 1 month means the time frame would apply for every month within the period of time.



Repeat Frequency: Yearly Setting (Day-based)

To set up Yearly (Day-based) repeat frequency, please configure the following items: Daily time segments, applicable date(s) of a year/ day(s) of a week, applicable period of time, and repeat time interval.



Daily time segments
*You can drag more than one time segment per day.

Applicable date(s) of a year/ day(s) of a week

Applicable period of time

Repeat time interval

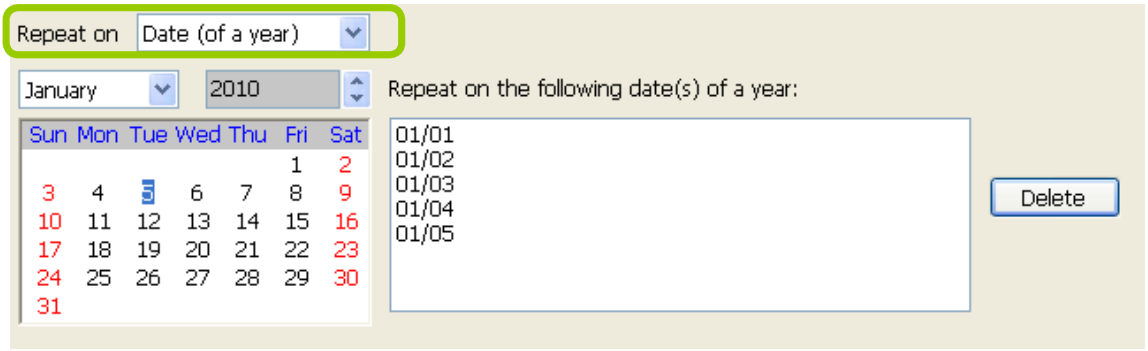
Set up daily time segments

Please refer to page 78 for detailed instructions.

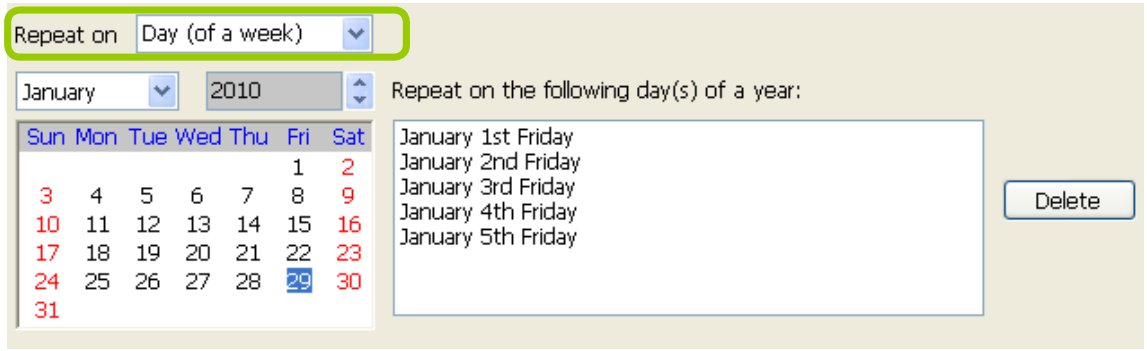
Set up applicable date(s) of a year/ day(s) of a week

For repeat frequency--"yearly (day-based)", you can apply the time segments only on selected days of a year. There are two types of repeat frequencies: Date(s) of a year and Day(s) of a week.

Repeat by date(s) of a year:
Select date(s) from the calendar, and it will be displayed on the right blank as shown below.
The following example refers to the 1st ~ 5th day of a year.



Repeat by day(s) of a week:
Select day(s) from the calendar, and it will be displayed on the right blank as shown below.
The following example refers to the January 1st ~ 5th Friday of a year.

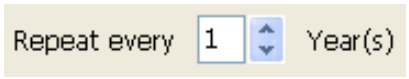


Set up applicable period of time

Please refer to page 80 for detailed instructions.

Set up repeat time interval

The repeat time intervals is "every N year(s)" as shown below. Repeat every 1 year means the time frame would apply for every year within the period of time.

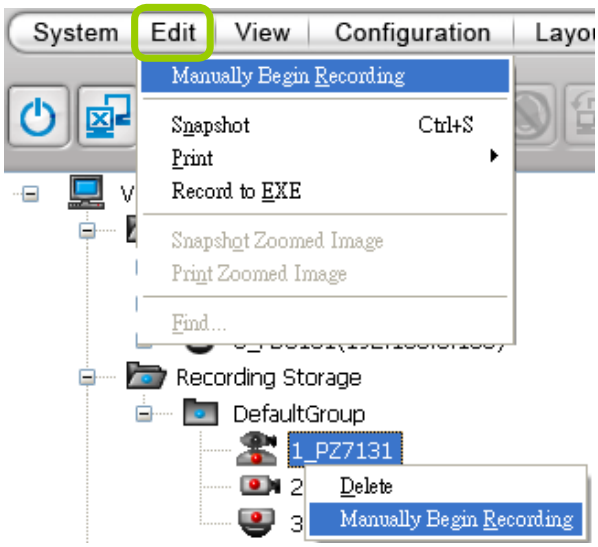


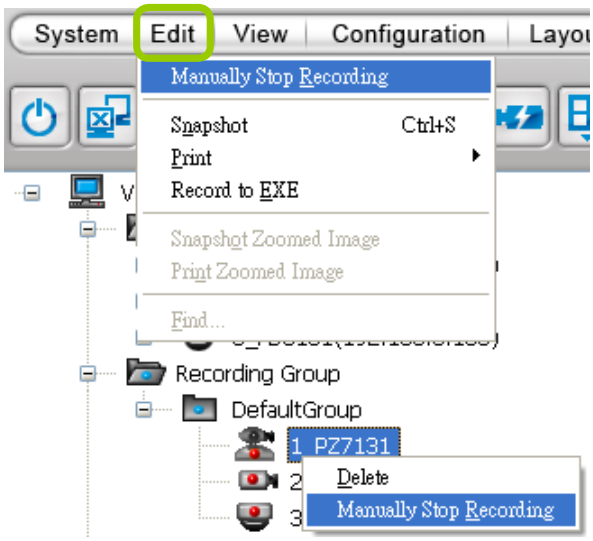
How to Manually Begin /Stop Recording

By default, all devices are assigned to the default recording storage and default recording schedule. Therefore, once you insert a device onto the station, the VAST Server will begin to record live video according to the default recording schedule. Please refer to **How to Edit Recording Schedules** on page 70.

However, if you have changed the default schedule, you can manually click **Manually Begin Recording** to enable a device without setting up a recording schedule. Please follow the instructions below to manually begin recording.

Select the device from the hierarchical management tree under Default Group, then click **Edit > Manually Begin Recording** on the menu bar (or **right-click** the device and select **Manually Begin Recording**). The string on the menu bar will turn into **Manually Stop Recording** as shown below and the VAST Server will start to record video from the target camera. Please note that its priority will be higher than the recording schedule, so it will continue unless you click **Manually Stop Recording.** After you click **Manually Stop Recording**, the device will then follow the preset recording schedule.



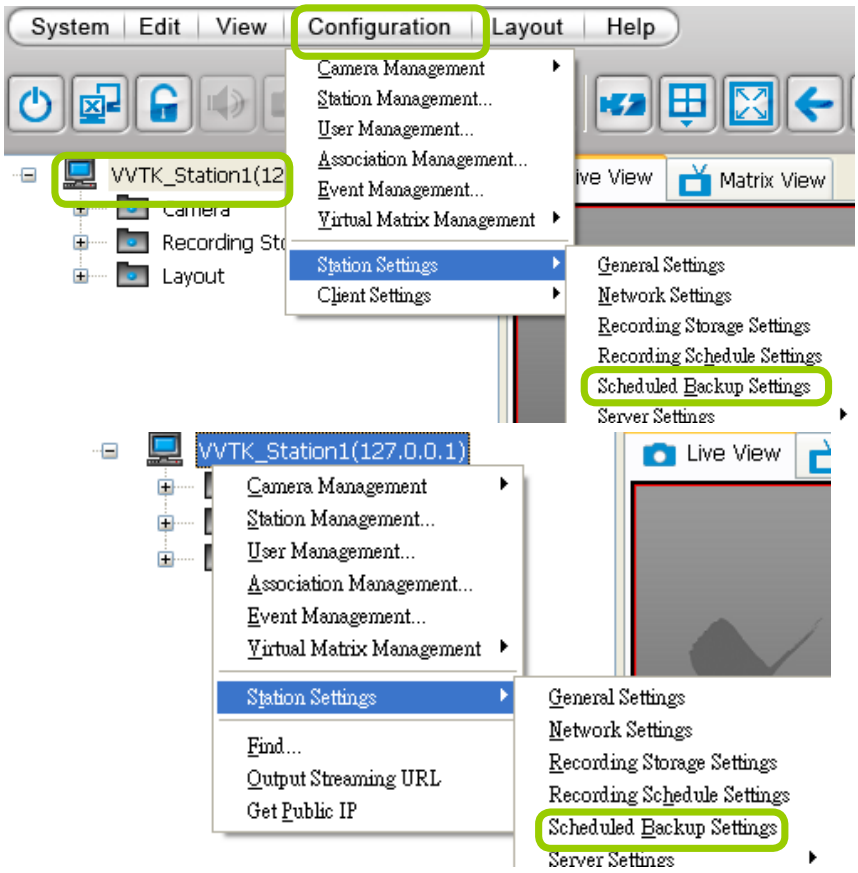


How to Edit Scheduled Backup Settings

VAST LiveClient supports scheduled backup which allows the user to back up the recorded data in another disk.
Please follow the steps below to enable scheduled backup settings:

a. Select the target station from the hierarchical management tree.

b. Click **Configuration > Station Settings > Scheduled Backup Settings** on the menu bar (or **right-click** the station and select **Station Settings > Scheduled Backup Settings**).

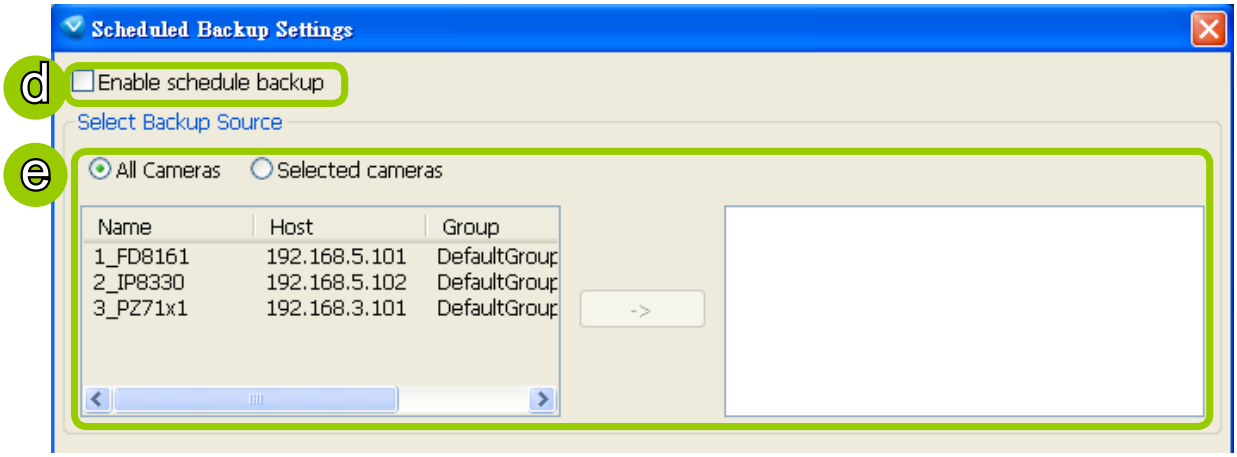


c. The **Scheduled backup settings** window will pop up.

Select Backup Source

d. Check Enable schedule backup.

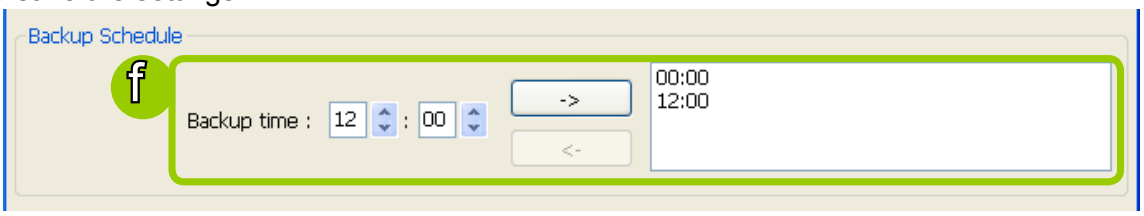
e. Select the data source you want to backup. If you check **Selected cameras**, you can click **>>** or **<<** to choose the data source that you want to backup.



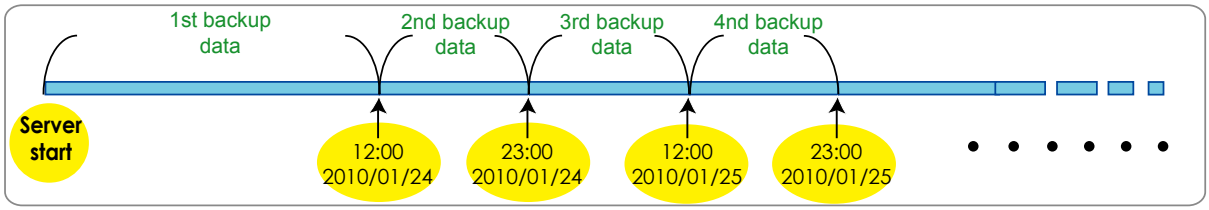
Setup Backup Schedule

f. Fill in a desired time and click **>>** to add the backup time. Please note that the backup time interval must not less than 1 hour. For example, 23:40 and 00:15 are not allowed to exist simultaneously.

In the following example, the server will backup the recorded data at 12:00 PM and 23:00 PM everyday once you save the settings.

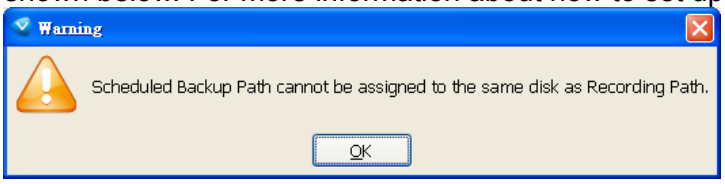


The following diagram shows the backup schedule and backup data:



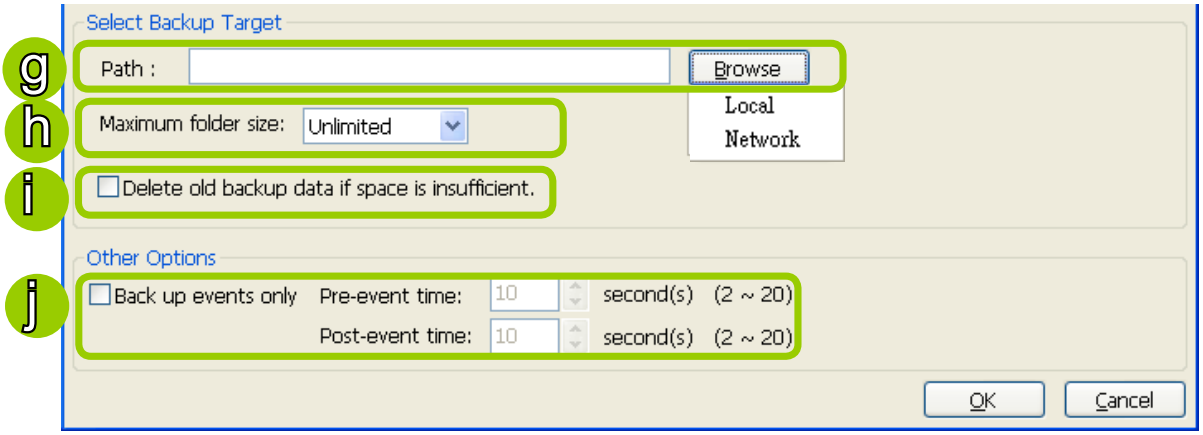
Select Backup Target

g. Click **Browse...** to select a path (local path or network storage) to store the backup data. Please note that the disk for backup data should be different from the original recording path, or a warning message will pop up as shown below. For more information about how to set up recording path, please refer to page 67.



h. Select a maximum size for backup folder. The server will divide backup data into the following size: VCD (650M), DVD (4.7G), Customize, or Unlimited size according to your choice.

i. Select **Delete old backups if space is insufficient** if you want to do cylic backup due to the limited size of the hard disk.



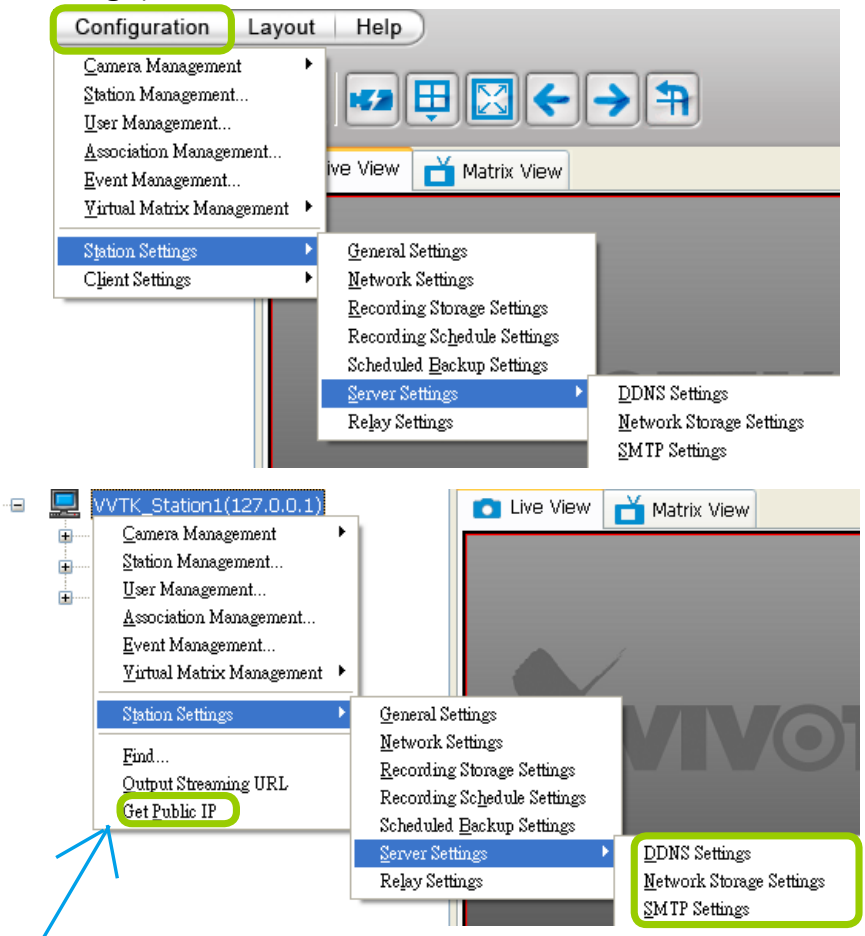
Other Options

j. If you only want to backup the recorded data of events, select **Backup only events** and fill in the pre- and post-event time.

How to Configure Station Server Settings

VAST LiveClient supports Server Settings including DDNS Settings, Network Storage Settings, and SMTP Settings.

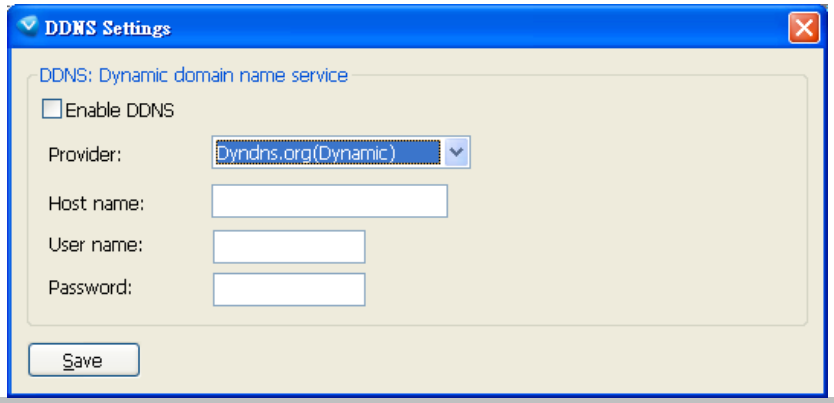
Select the station from the hierarchical management tree and click **Configuration > Station Settings > Server Settings** to open the page (or **right-click** the station and select **Station Settings > Server Settings**).



DDNS Settings

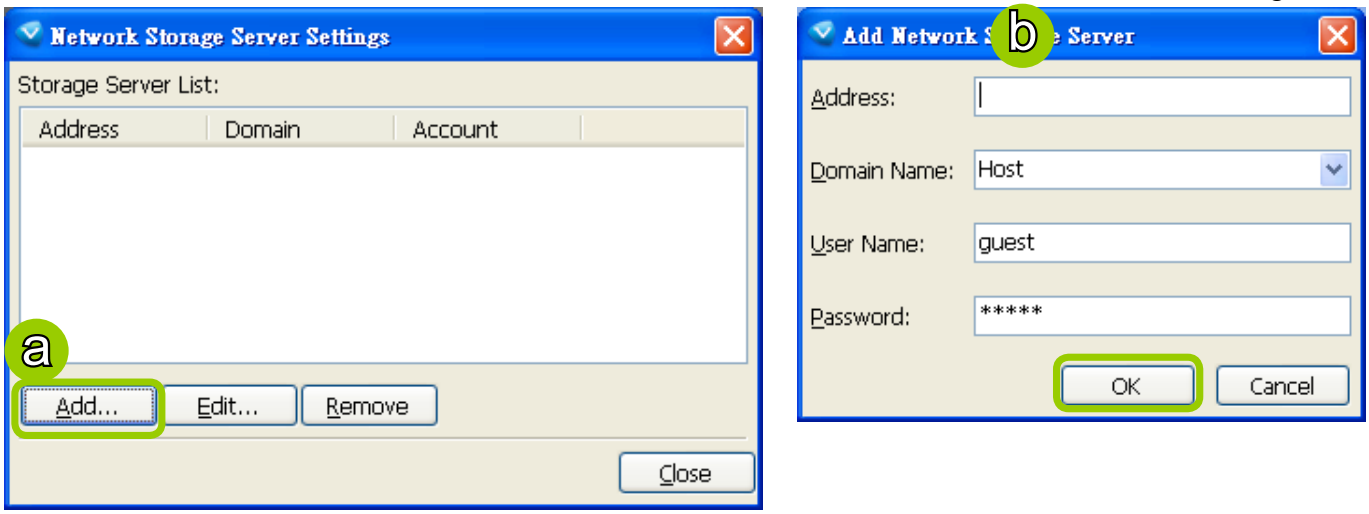
Since the public IP of VAST Server may be a dynamic IP address, DDNS service will give it a fixed domain name.

Select a DDNS provider from the provider drop-down list. VIVOTEK offers 2bthere.net (Safe100.net), a free dynamic domain name service, to VIVOTEK customers. Please refer to the user's manual of VIVOTEK's network camera for detailed DDNS settings.

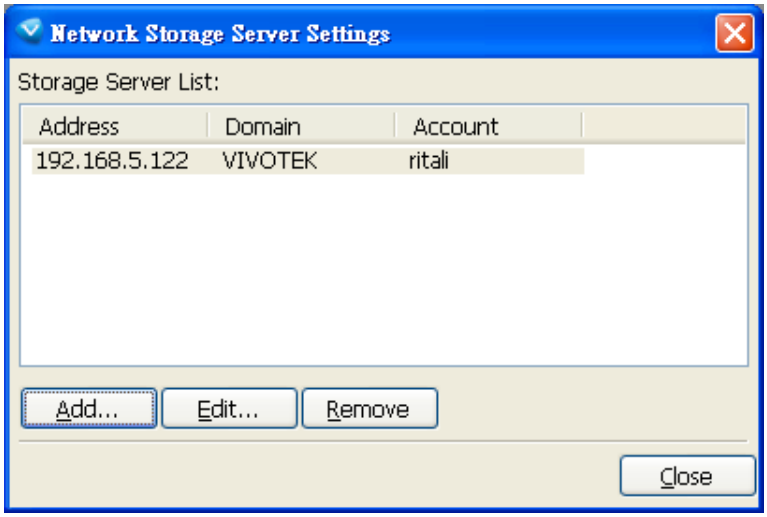


Network Storage Server Settings

The VAST Server allows user to set up network storage path(s) for recorded files. Please follow the steps below to add a new network storage path.
a. Click **Add** to open the Network Host Window.
b. Fill in the related information for the network host. Then click **OK** to save the new settings.



c. If you want to add more network host(s), please repeat step a. b.



SMTP Settings

VAST Server allows user to set up SMTP Server to send mail alert when event triggers. For more information about how to set up event management, please refer to page 51.

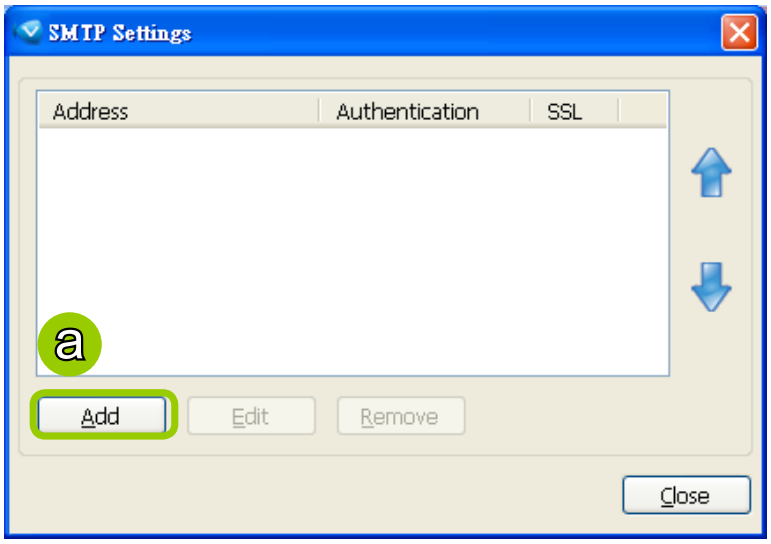
Please follow the steps below to configure the SMTP Server:

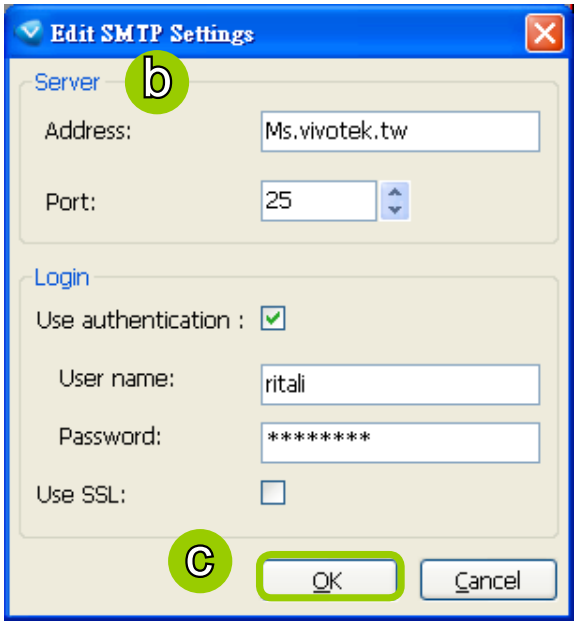
a. Click **Add** to open the SMTP Settings page.

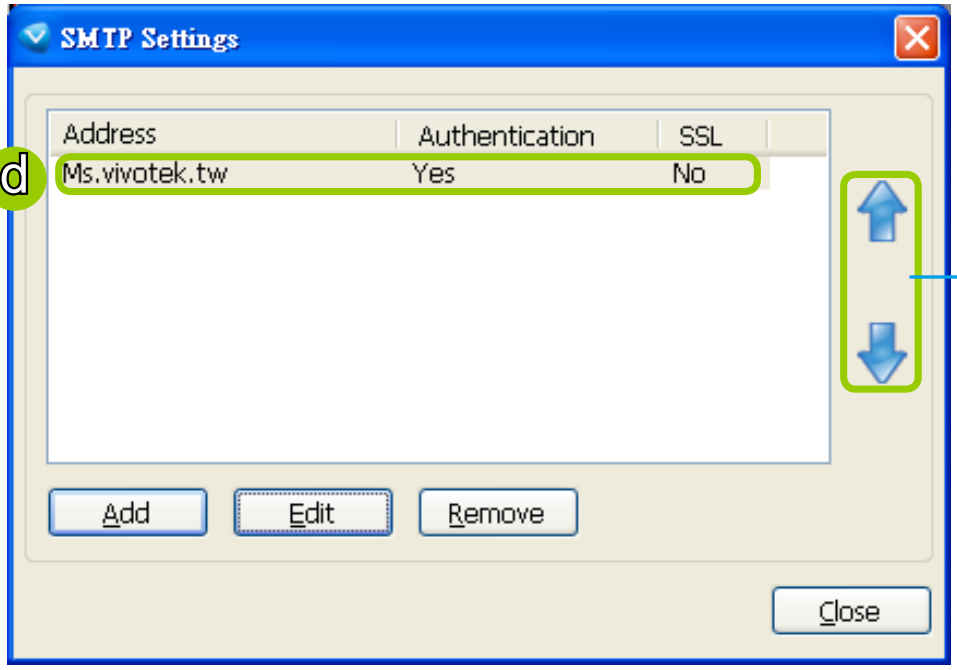
b. Enter the related information of your mail server. If your SMTP server requires a secure connection (SSL), check **Use SSL**.

c. Click **OK** to enable the settings.

d. Then the new information will appear on the SMTP Settings window as shown below.



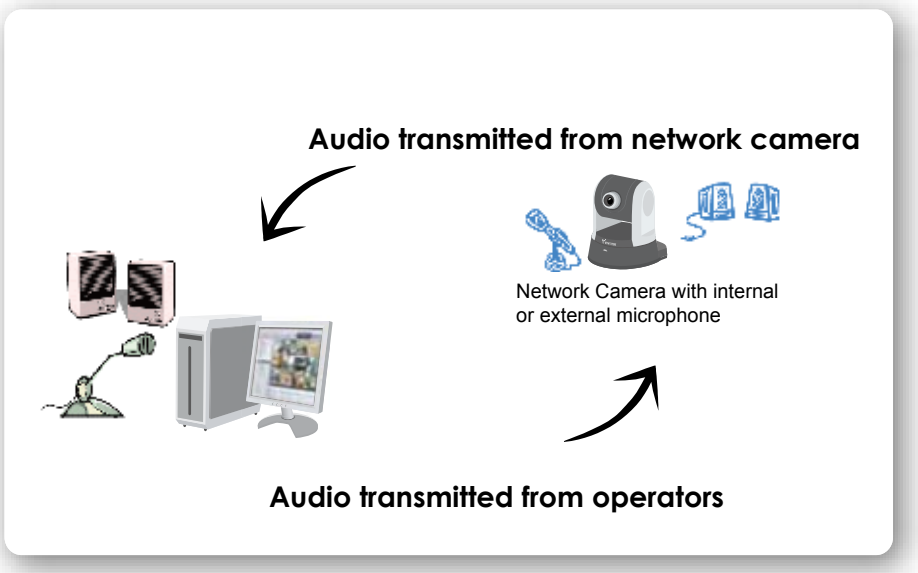




If you have more than one SMTP server, you can click to arrange the priority.

How to Use the Talk Panel

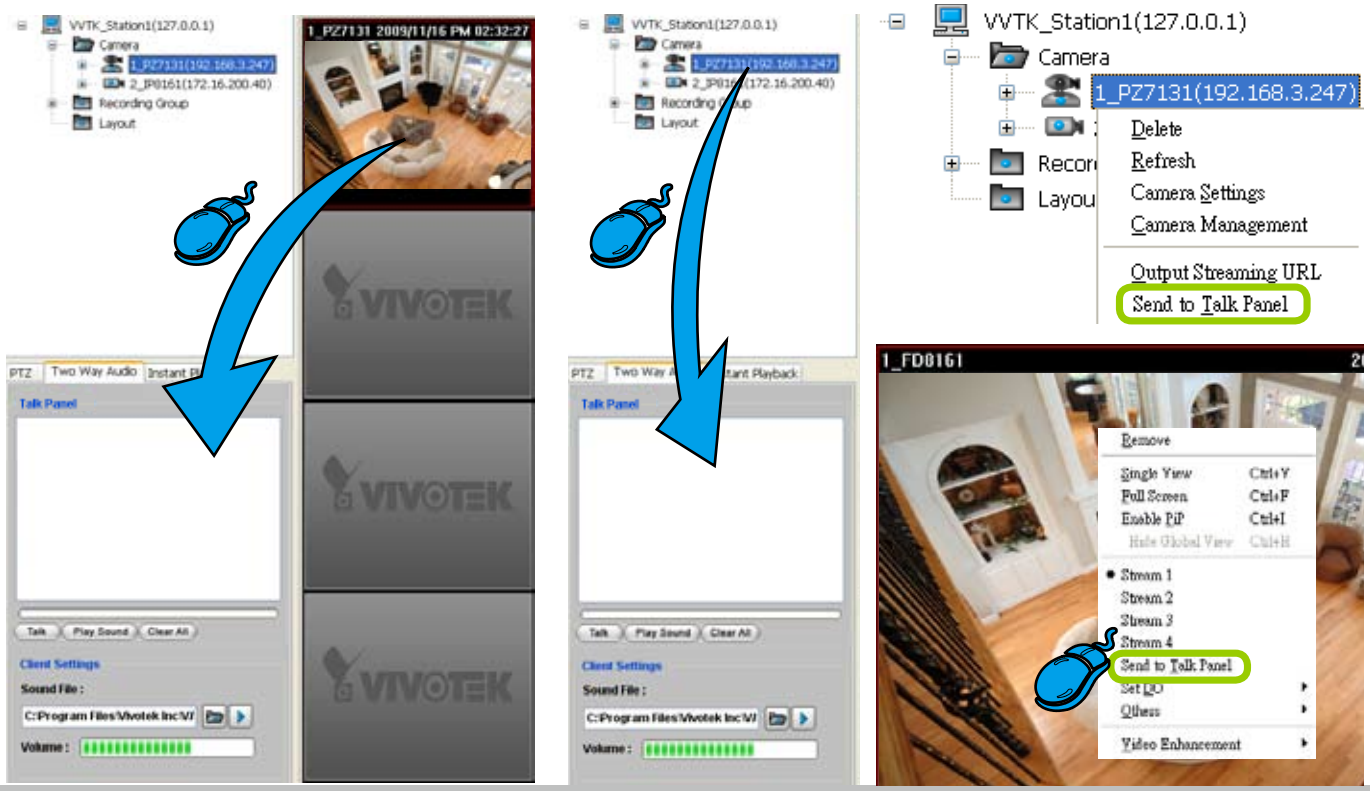
VAST LiveClient supports the two way audio function which allows the user to communicate with people around the network camera. Please enable the two way audio function on the camera side.
The following is an illustration of the two way audio function:



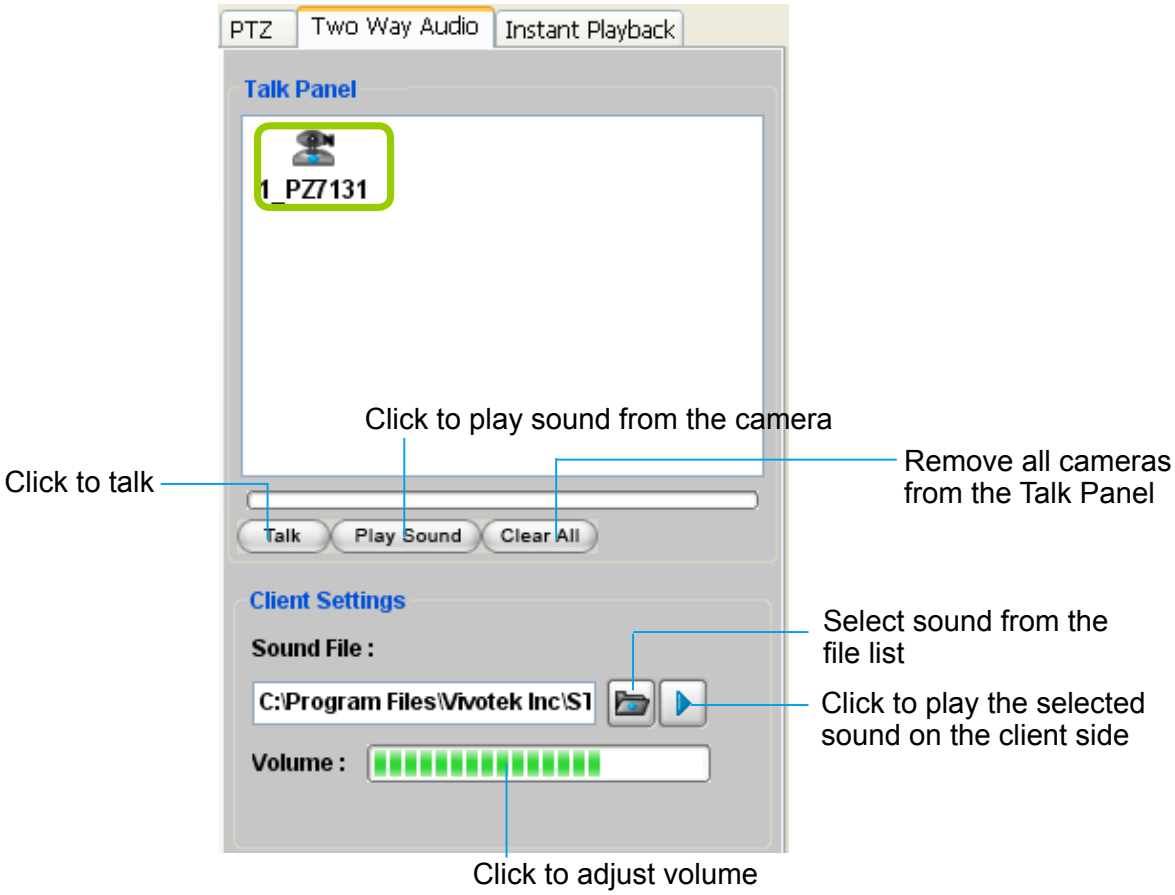
Add a Camera to the Talk Panel

■ There are several ways to add a Network Camera to the Talk Panel:

Drag-and-drop a camera from the video cell or from the hierarchical management tree to the talk panel as shown below. You can also **right-click** the target camera or the video cell, then click **Send to Talk Panel** on the popup menu.

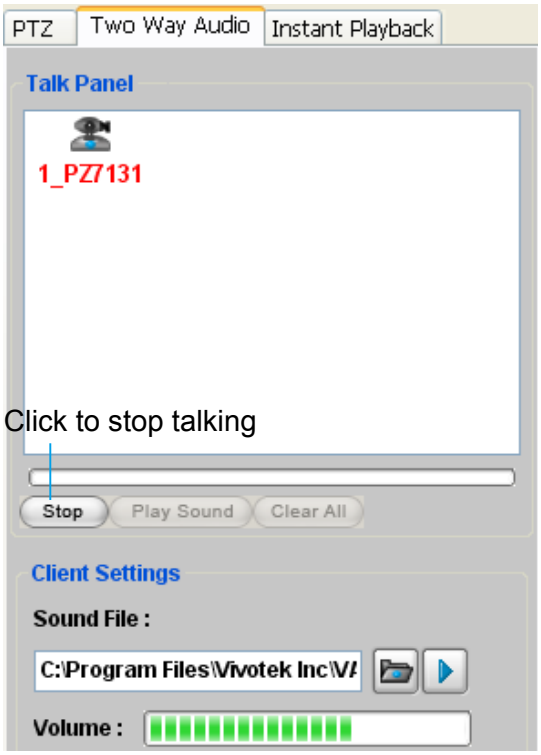


■ An icon with the camera name will be displayed in the Talk Panel.



■ *Please note that you cannot **Talk** and **Play Sound** at the same time.*

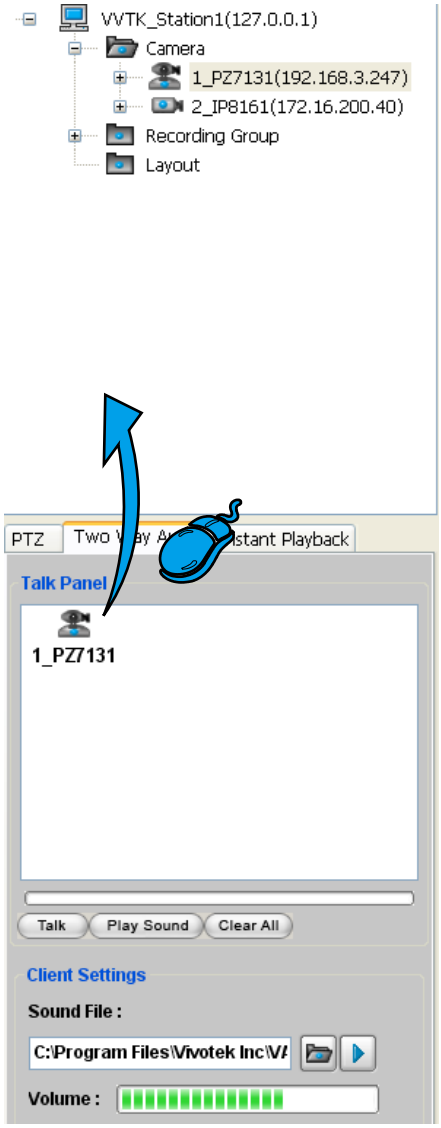
■ *When you are talking or playing sound, you cannot add other cameras to the Talk Panel. If you want to add more cameras to the Talk Panel, please **Stop Talking** and **Stop Playing** first.*



Remove a Camera from the Talk Panel

■ Remove a camera

Drag a camera from the Talk Panel and drop to the hierarchical management tree window as shown below. The camera icon will disappear.

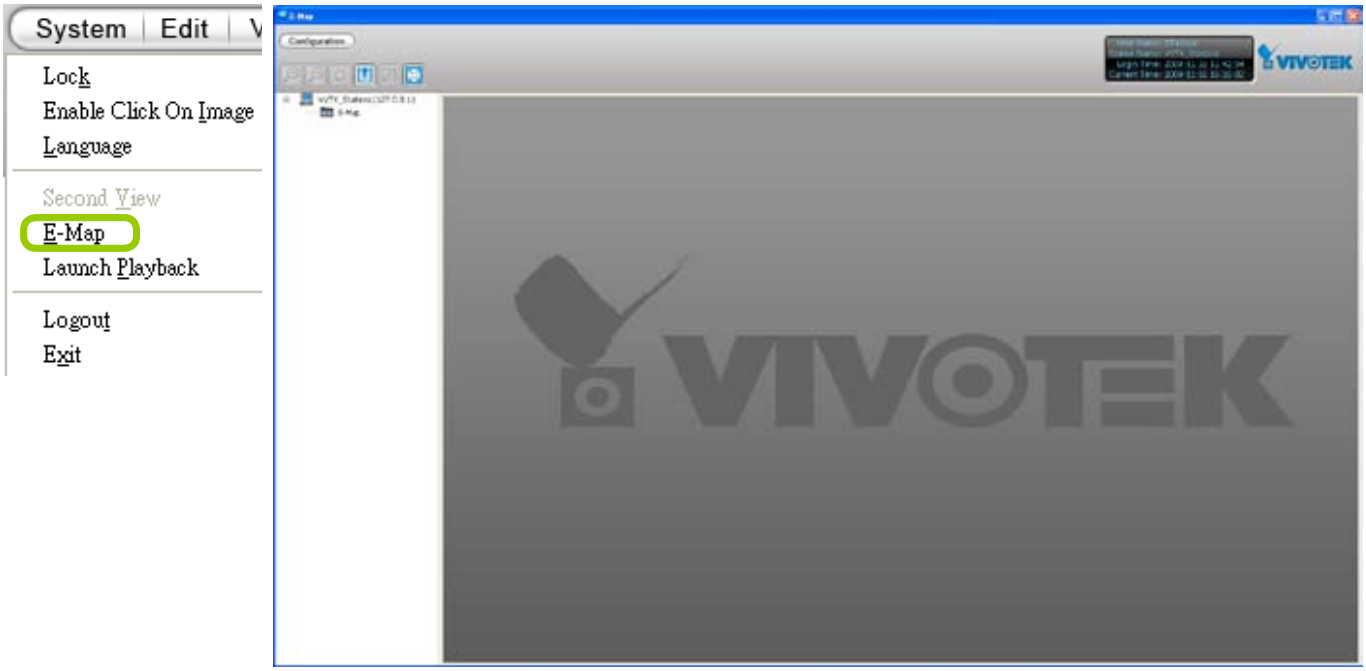


■ Remove all cameras

Click Clear All , all cameras in the Talk Panel will be removed.

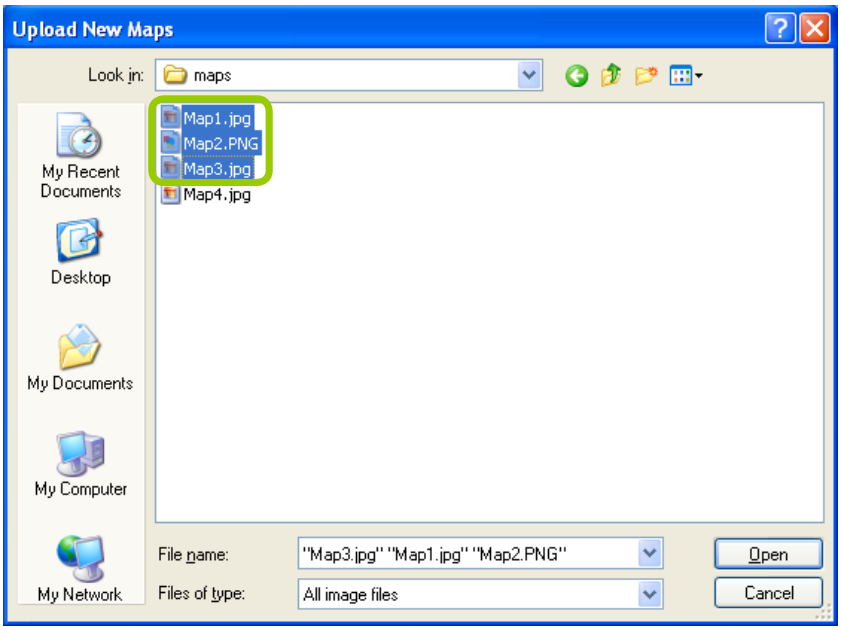
How to Configure E-map Settings

VAST LiveClient supports intuitive E-map function which allows users to upload E-maps for overall devices management.
Click **System > E-map** to open E-map Settings Page:



Upload an E-map

Click  to search for E-map(s) to upload.

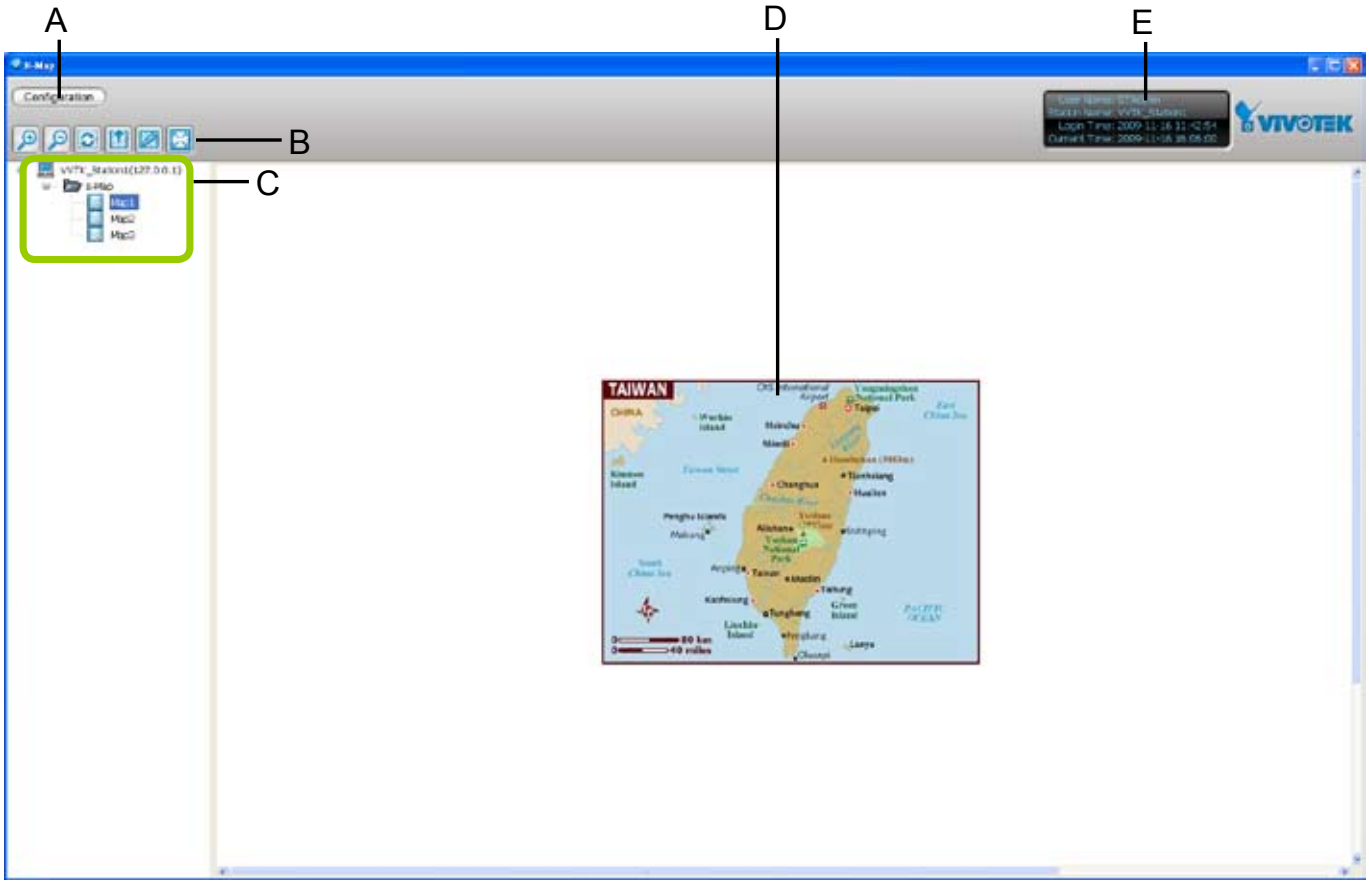


The uploaded E-maps will be listed under the E-map list tree.

If the uploading procedure fails, please compress the image size of your map (< 5MB) and try again.

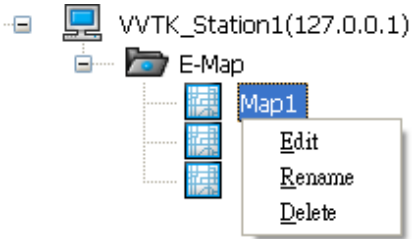
User Interface of E-map Settings Page (View Mode)

■ **Double-click** an E-map on the tree, it will be displayed on the E-map window as shown below. There are two operation modes of E-map settings page: "View Mode" and "Edit Mode". The following is the "View Mode" illustration.

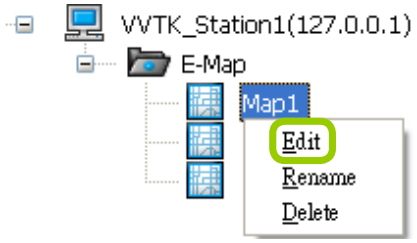


A. Menu bar B. Quick access bar C. E-map list tree D. E-map window E. Status panel

■ **Right-click** the E-map, then you can **edit**, **rename**, or **delete** the E-map.



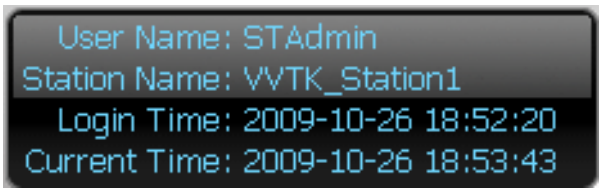
■ **Right-click** an E-map on the tree and click **Edit** or click  on the Quick Access Bar, it will switch to edit mode.



Quick Access Bar

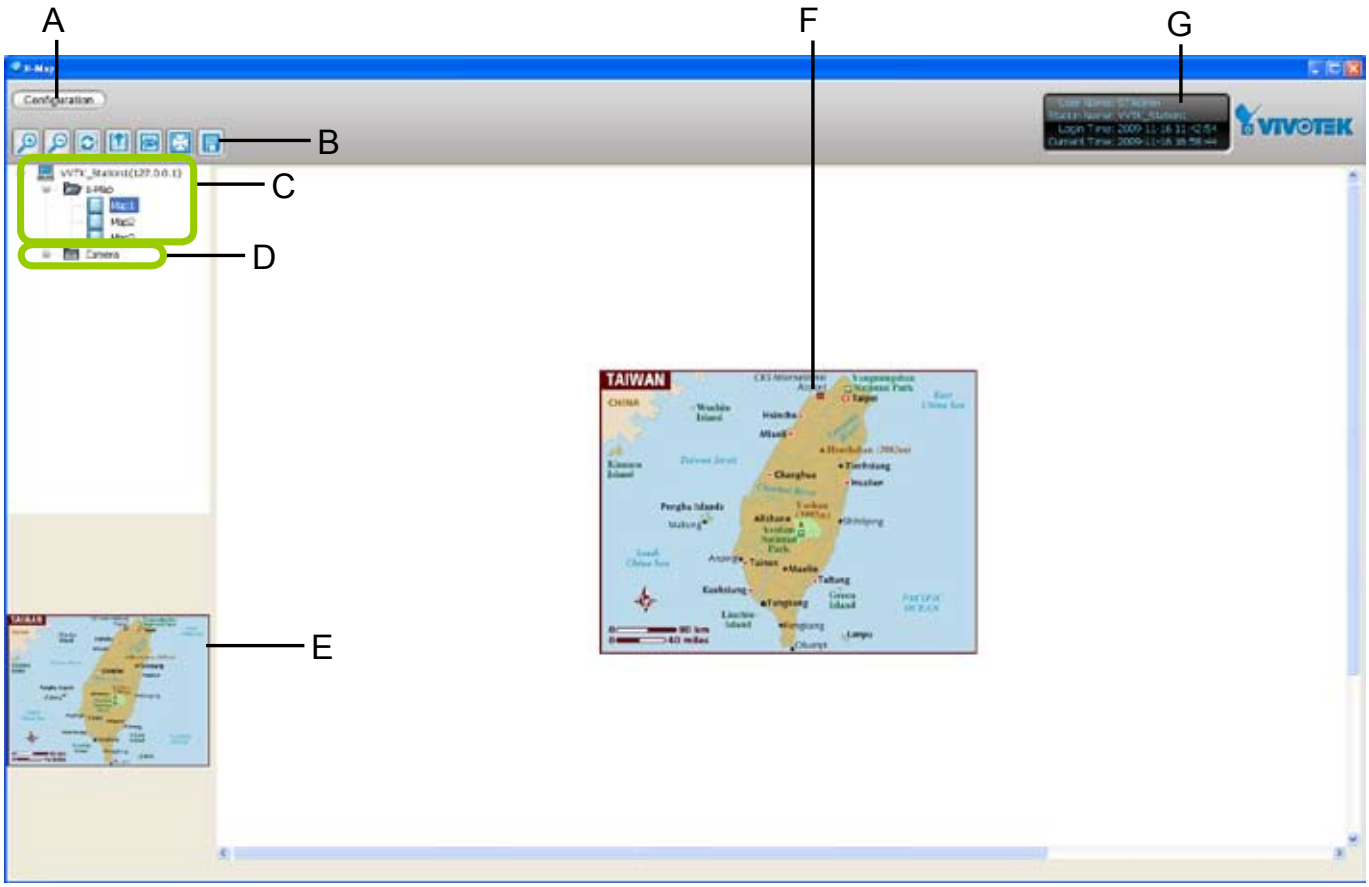
Icon	Function	Description
	**Zoom in**	Zoom in the E-map
	**Zoom out**	Zoom out the E-map
	**Default size**	Adjust the E-map to default size
	**Upload**	Upload E-map to the login station
	**View Mode**	Click to switch to view mode
	**Full Screen**	Extend the E-map settings page to full screen
	**Save**	Save E-map settings

Status Panel



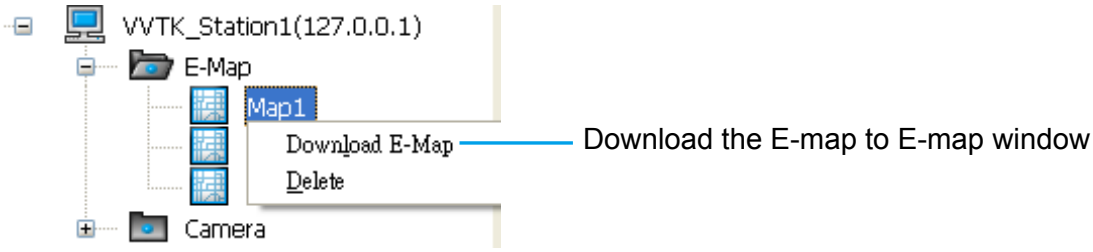
User Name
Station Name (IP Address)
Login Time (yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss)
Current Time (yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss)

User Interface of E-map Settings Page (Edit Mode)



A. Menu bar B. Quick access bar C. E-map list tree D. Device tree
E. Map preview F. E-map window G. Status panel

■ **Right-click** the E-map, you can **download, rename**, or **delete** the E-map.



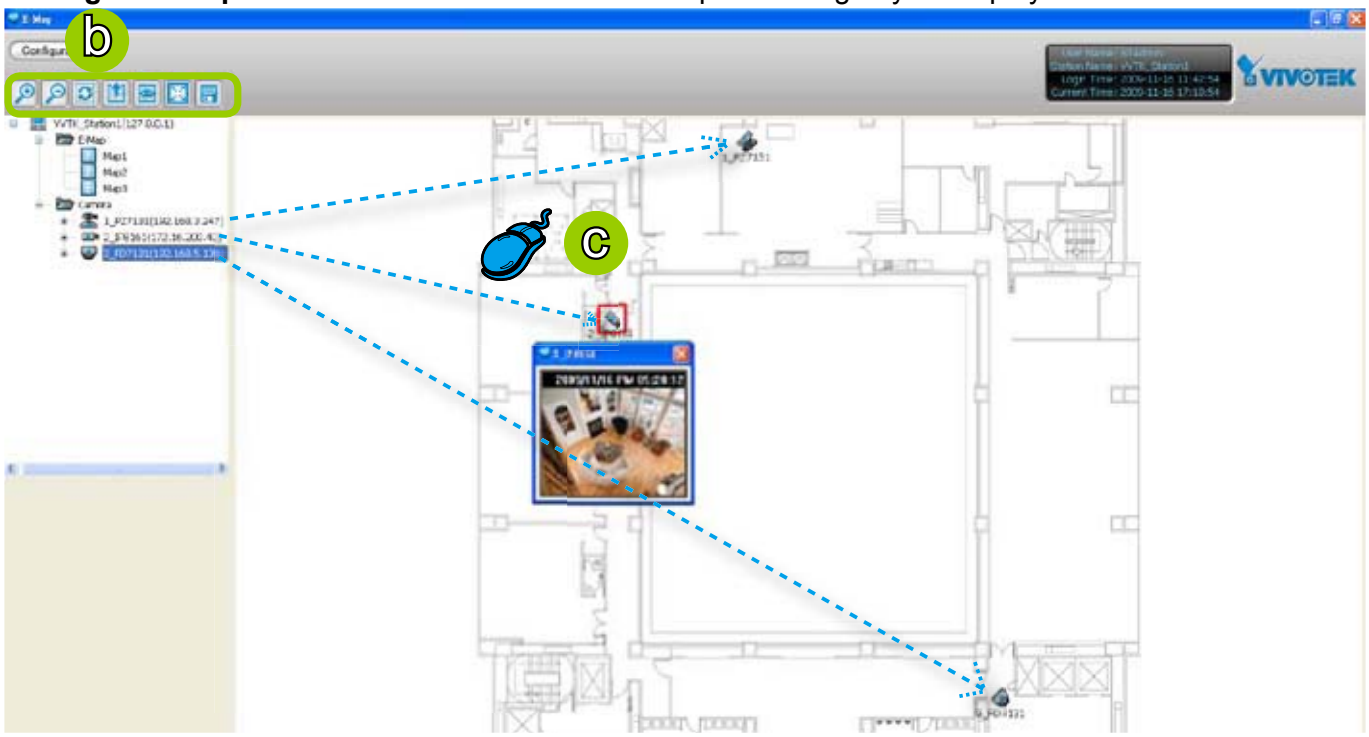
Device Management

Please follow the steps below to edit an uploaded E-map.

a. **Double-click** the E-map you want to edit, it will be displayed on the E-map window.

b. Use Quick Access Bar to adjust the size of the E-map. In edit mode, you can also use your mouse to drag the position of the E-map and zoom in or zoom out the E-map.

c. **Drag-and-drop** the connected devices to the E-map according to your deployment.



d. **Right-click** the device icon on E-map, you can **rotate** the direction or **delete** the device. The device can be rotated in 8 derections as shown below.

e. You can also drag the DI/DO device under the connected device onto the E-map. If you want to change the status of the **DO** device, **double click** the DO icon on E-map.

For more information about DI/DO settings, please refer to Association Management on page 49.

/	Digital input on / off
/	Digital output on / off

f. Click on the Quick Access Bar to save the new settings.

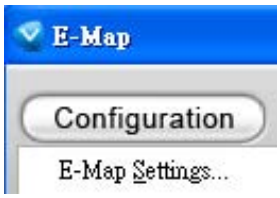
The red frame twinkling around the device means there is event trigger(s) going on. Meanwhile, a live view dialog will pop up beside the model.

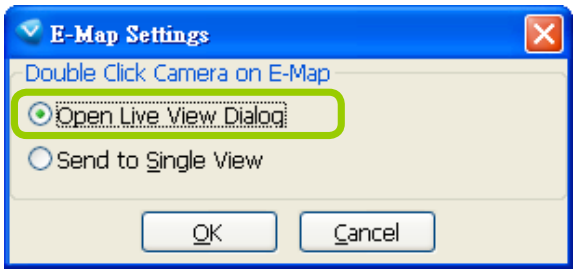
Live View Dialog Settings

Click **Configuration** > **E-map Settings** to open the E-map Settings dialog, then you can choose to **Open Live View Dialog** or to **Send to Single View** when you double-click the device deployed on the E-map.

Open Live View Dialog

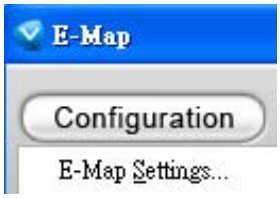
Select **Open Live View Dialog**: When you **double-click** the device icon on the E-map or when an event triggers, a live view dialog will pop up beside it. It is the default setting in E-map Settings window.

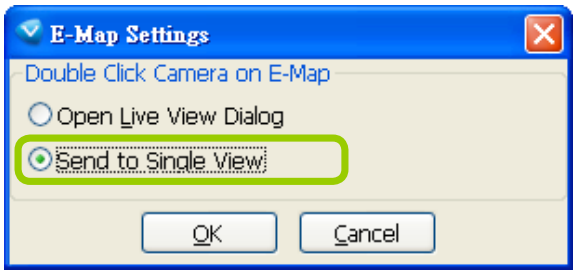




Send to Single View

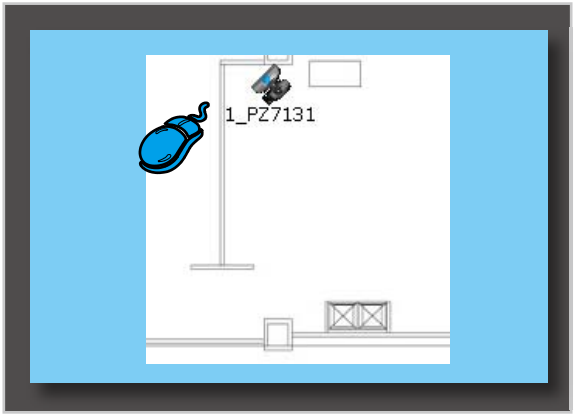
Select **Send to Single View**: When you **double-click** the device icon on the E-map, it will open a single view on the VAST LiveClient.



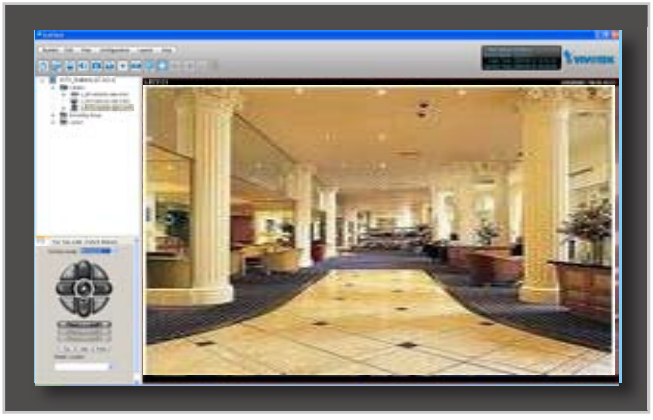


If you have set up dual monitor, it will be automatically sent a single view to the second monitor.

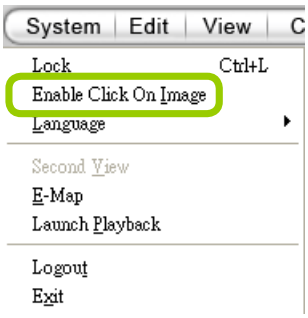
Monitor 1



Monitor 2



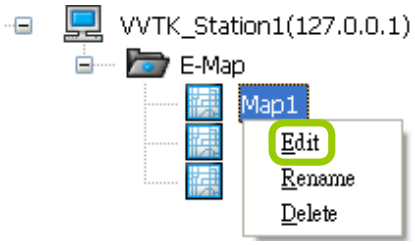
*The live view dialog also supports **click on image**, **PTZ**, and **e-PTZ** as long as the linked device supports and enables those functions. To enable those function on E-map, please check the item "Enable click on image" on the menu bar of LiveClient as shown below. Then an icon will appear in the live view dialog for you to control the cameras.*



E-map Link

After completing device deployment on your E-map, you can link an E-map to another E-map. Please follow the steps below to configure E-map link:

a. Select a map you want to edit and enter **Edit Mode**.

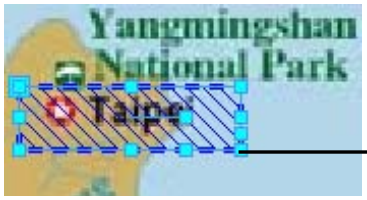


b. **Drag-and-drop** another E-map onto current E-map. A blue frame will appear as shown below.
For example: Link Map1 to Map2 by dargging Map2 onto Map1

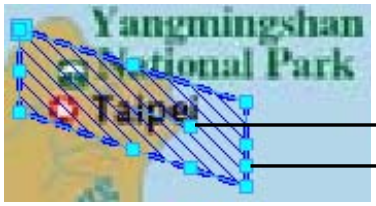
c. Use to move the position of the blue frame.

d. **Right-click** the blue frame to **Resize** or **Delete** it.

Click **Resize**, some nodes will appear around the blue frame. Then You can drag the nodes to move the position, rotate the direction, adjust the size, and change the shape.

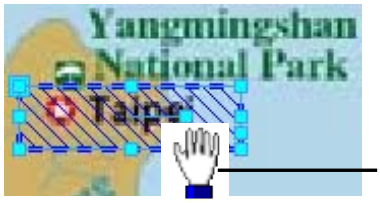


resize



rotate the direction

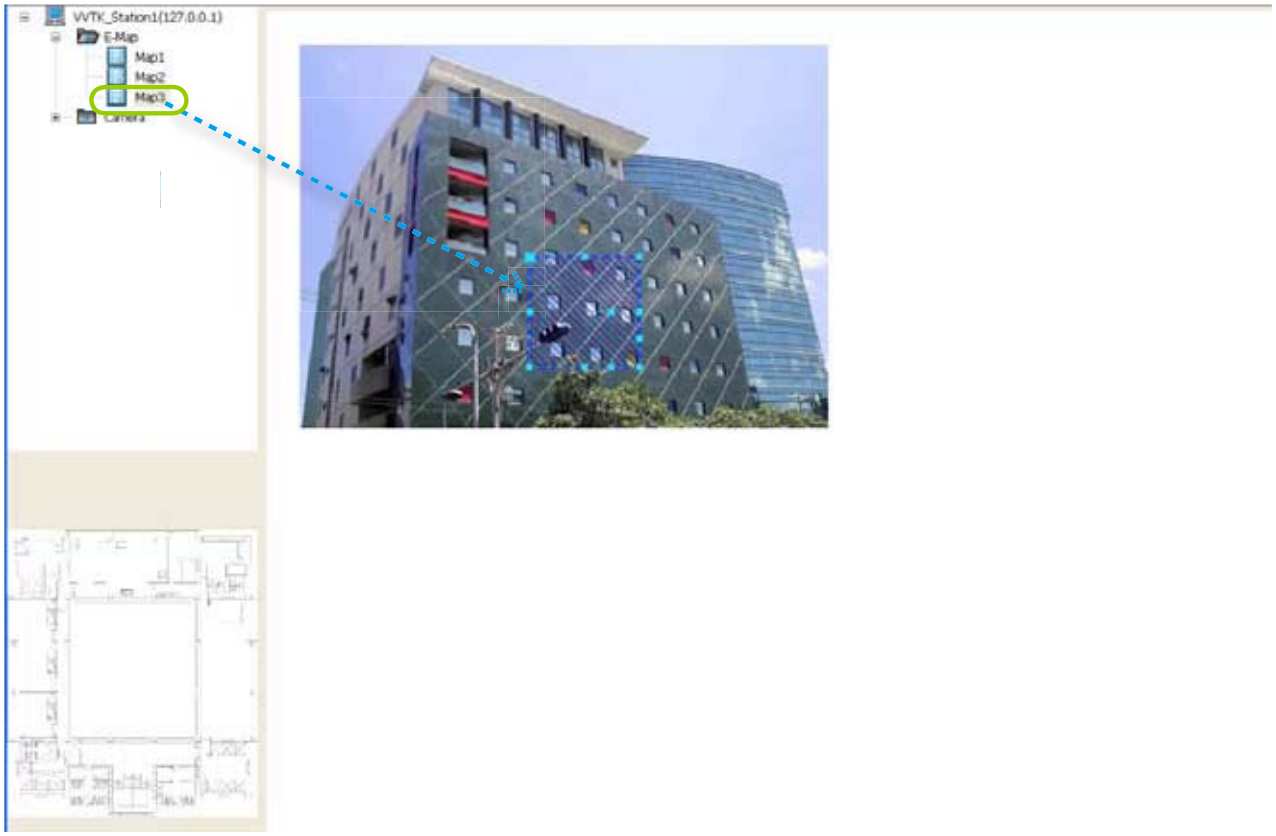
change the shape



move the position

e. Click  on the Quick Access Bar to save the new settings.

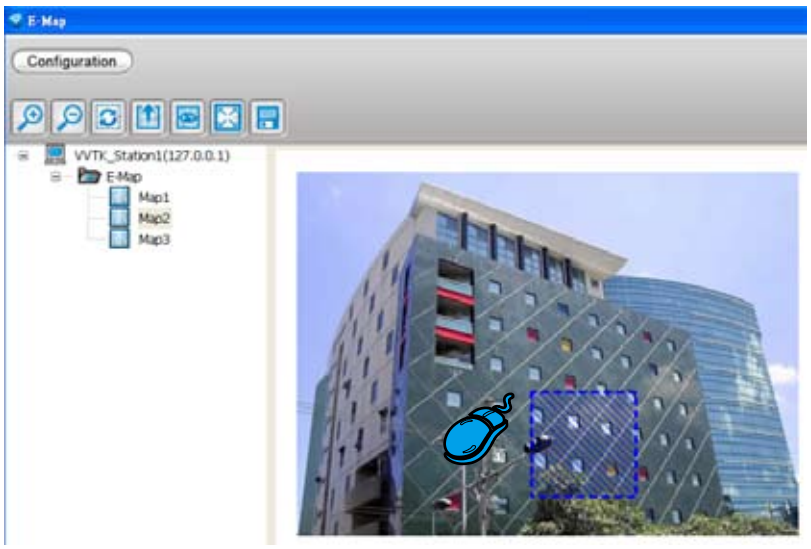
f. If you want to set additional map links, please repeat steps a. ~ e.
For example: Link Map2 to Map3 by dargging Map3 onto Map2



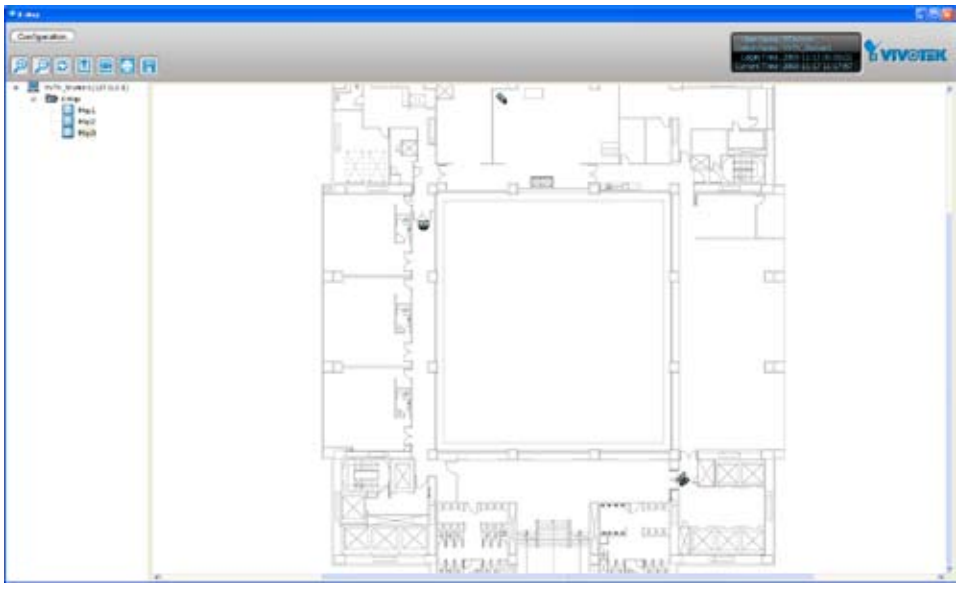
g. Click  on the Quick Access Bar to save the new settings.

h. Test the web links. Click  on the Quick Access Bar to switch to view mode.
Double-click the blue frame on Map1, it will automatically switch to map2. Then **double-click** the blue frame on Map2, it will automatically switch to map3.

Map 1



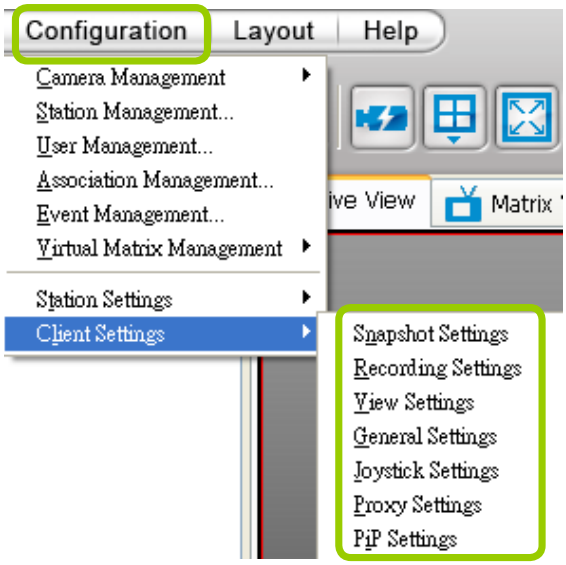
Map 2



Map 3

How to Configure Client Settings

In Client Settings, you can configure Snapshot Settings, Recording Settings, View Settings, General Settings, Joystick Settings, Proxy Settings, and PiP Settings.



Snapshot Settings

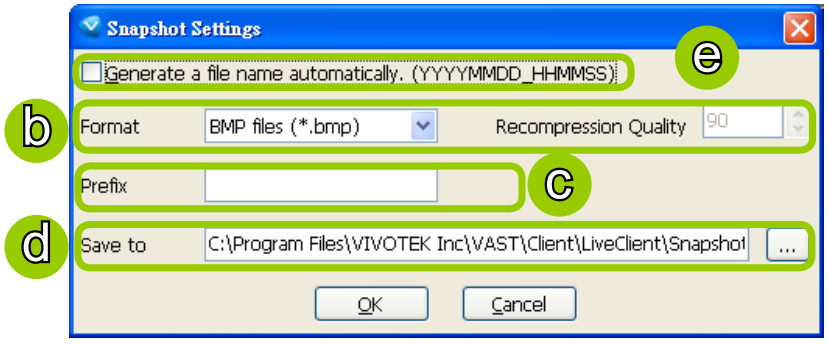
Please follow the steps below to configure snapshot settings:

a. Click **Configuration > Client Settings > Snapshot Settings** on the menu bar to open the **Snapshot Settings** window.

b. Select a picture format for snapshots (**BMP** or **JPEG**). If you select **JPEG** format, you can adjust the recompression quality (from 1 to 100). Note that a higher value would generate higher picture quality but lower compression rate.

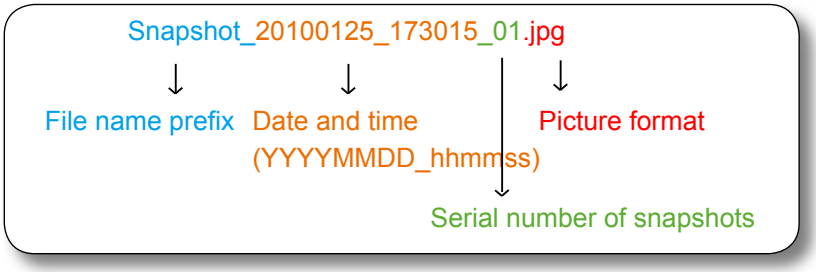
c. Fill in a filename prefix for the snapshots.

d. The default storage path for snapshots is C:\Program Files\VIVOTEK Inc\VAST\Client\LiveClient\Snapshot. If you want to change the storage path, click **Browse** ... to select another folder.

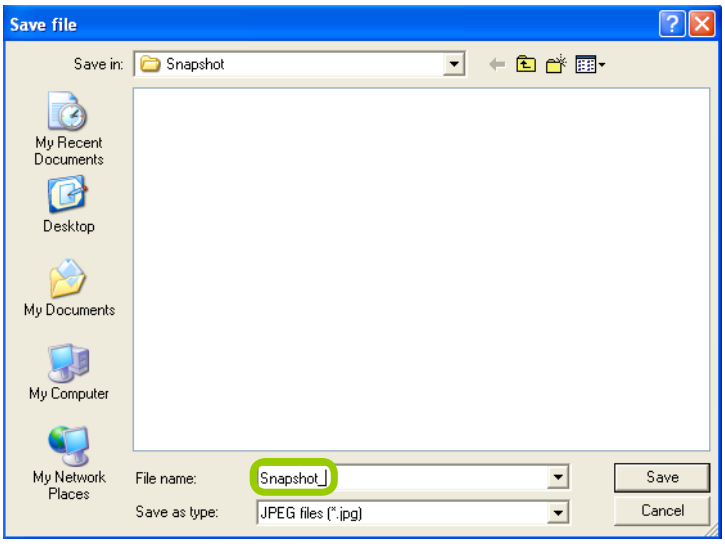


The recompression quality is only enabled in MPEG-4 streaming. If your stream source is MJPEG, the system will directly save the JPEG image without recompression.

e. If you check **Generate a file name automatically**, VAST will directly save snapshots with the following filename format to the storage folder.



If you uncheck **Generate a file name automatically**, the **Save file** dialog box will pop up when you take a snapshot. The file name prefix will automatically be displayed in the Save File dialog box.

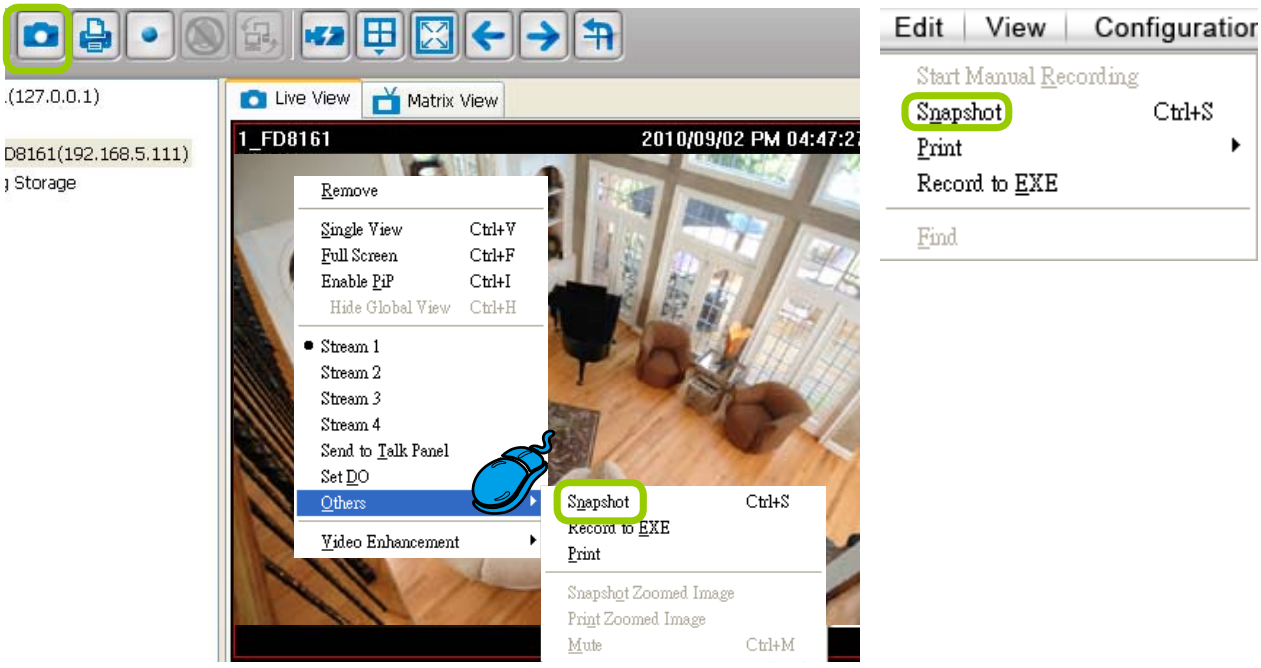


Take a Snapshot

Please follow the steps below to take a snapshot of the live video stream:

a. Select the video cell of which you want to take a snapshot.

b. Click **Snapshot** on the quick access bar, or **right-click** the video cell and select **Others > Snapshot** from the popup menu. You also can click **Edit > Snapshot** to take a snapshot.



c. The snapshots will be found in the preset storage folder on your local computer.

Recording Settings

The VAST Server allows you to record the live video in EXE, 3GP, or AVI format to your storage folder.

Type 1: Record to EXE

Record video as an EXE file. The EXE is not only a media file but also a built-in media player. When user execute the EXE, the media file will be played automatically. There is no need to install any other program. For more information about how to use the EXE player, please refer to page 112.

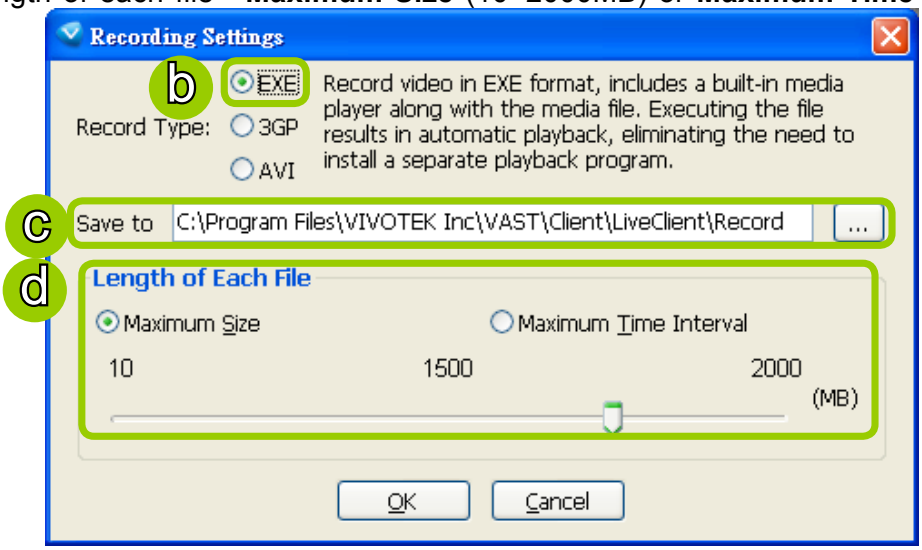
Please follow the steps below to configure EXE record settings:

a. Click **Configuration > Client Settings > Recording Settings** on the menu bar to open the **Recording Settings** window.

b. Select **EXE** as the Record Type.

c. The default storage path is C:\Program Files\VIVOTEK Inc\VAST\Client\LiveClient\Record. If you want to change the storage path, click **Browse** ... to select another folder.

d. Select the Length of each file-- **Maximum Size** (10~2000MB) or **Maximum Time Interval** (1~150 min).



e. Click **OK** to enable the settings.

Type 2: Record to 3GP

Record video as a 3GP file. 3GP file is a standard MP4 format compatible with players such as VLC, QuickTime, or Real players. Choose this type if you has already installed one of these players.

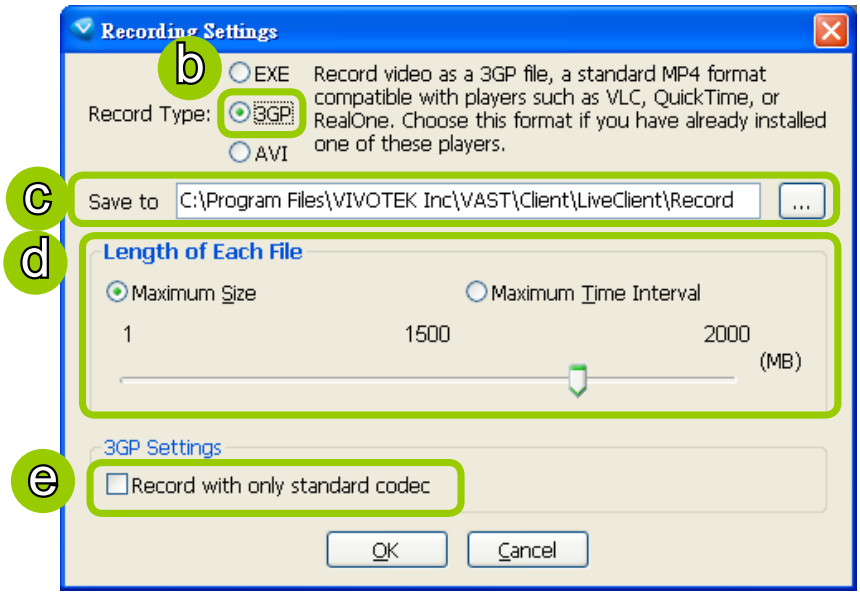
Please follow the steps below to configure 3GP record settings:

a. Click **Configuration > Client Settings > Recording Settings** on the menu bar to open the **Recording Settings** window.

b. Select **3GP** as the Record Type.

c. The default storage path is C:\Program Files\VIVOTEK Inc\VAST\Client\LiveClient\Record. If you want to change the storage path, click **Browse** ... to select another folder.

d. Select the Length of each file-- **Maximum Size** (1~2000MB) or **Maximum Time Interval** (1~150 min).



e. If you check "Record with only standard codec", the video from old models (VIVOTEK 6000-series products) using G7221/G729A/H.263 codec will not be recorded.

f. Click **OK** to enable the settings.

Type 3: Record to AVI

Record video as an AVI file, which uses the popular codecs pre-installed in the Windows OS. Please note that the speed may be slower due to the need of decoding the video/audio and re-encoding both into a compatible codec.

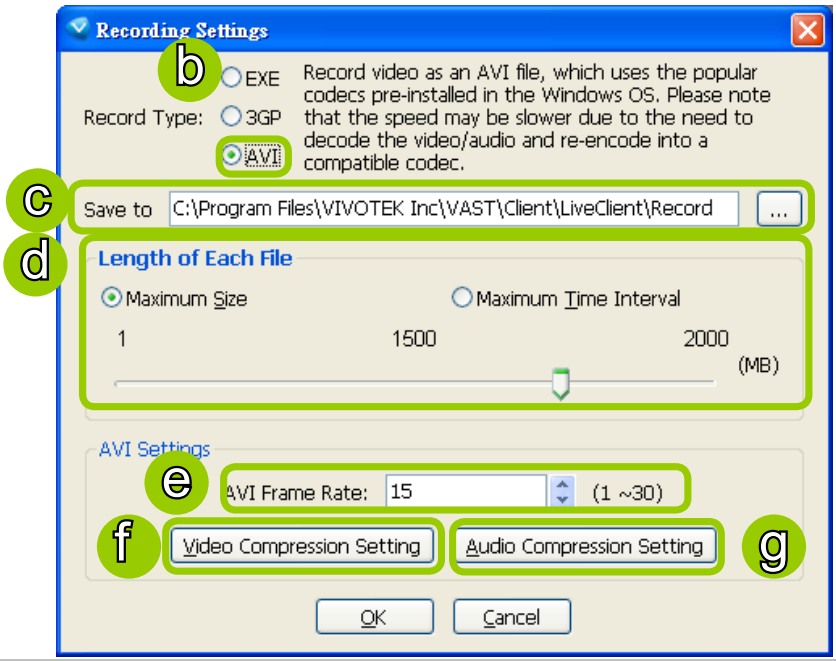
Please follow the steps below to configure AVI record settings:

a. Click **Configuration > Client Settings > Recording Settings** on the menu bar to open the **Recording Settings** window.

b. Select **AVI** as the Record Type.

c. The default storage path is C:\Program Files\VIVOTEK Inc\VAST\Client\LiveClient\Record. If you want to change the storage path, click **Browse** ... to select another folder.

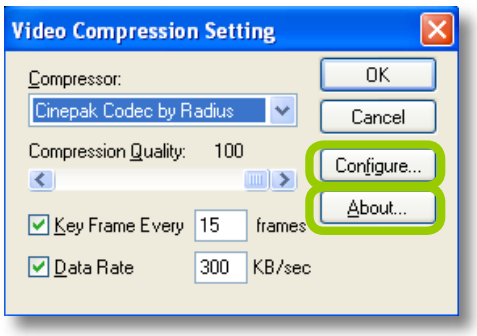
d. Select the Length of each file-- **Maximum Size** (1~2000MB) or **Maximum Time Interval** (1~150 min).



Due to the AVI file has a limitation on the maximum file size of 2G bytes, if the setting "time length" generates data larger than 2G bytes, several files will be created.

e. Select the frame rate/ per second.

f. To modify the video compression settings, click **Video Compression Setting** to open the AVI Video Compression Setting window. Select the desired **video compression algorithm, compression quality, key frame intervals,** and **data rate** in the corresponding fields.

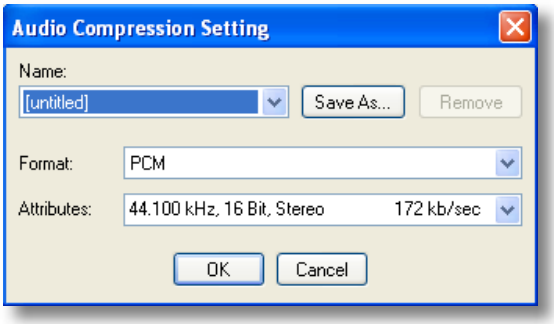


If you do not choose to compress the video, the generated AVI file will be very large.

- To modify the settings of the compression algorithm: Click **Configure**, then a dialog box will pop up for you to modify the settings. The dialog box will be different according to the compressor you select.

- To read the information of a compression algorithm (its version for instance): Click **About,** and a dialog box will pop up showing the related information. The dialog box will be different according to the compressor you select.

g. To modify the audio compression settings, click **Audio Compression Setting** to open the AVI Audio Compression Setting window. Select the desired **audio quality, format**, and **attributes** in the corresponding fields.

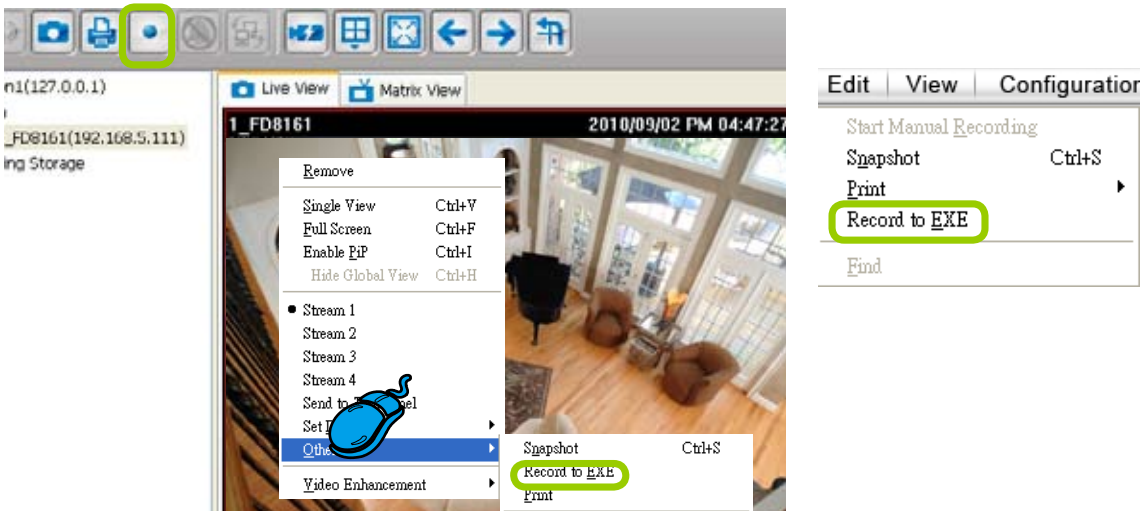


Record an EXE/3GP/AVI File

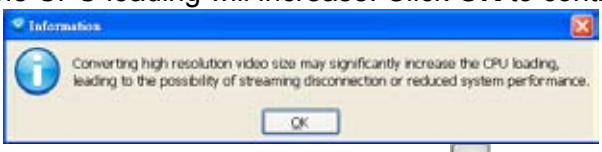
Please follow the steps below to record an EXE/3GP/AVI file of a live video stream:

a. Select a video cell or a device from the heirarchical management tree which you want to record to media file.

b. Click **Record to EXE/3GP/AVI** on the quick access bar, or **right-click** the video cell and click **Record to EXE/3GP/AVI**. You can also click **Edit > Record to EXE/3GP/AVI** on the menu bar. (The UI string will change according to your Recording Settings.)



c. For recording a high-resolution video (1600 x 1200) in AVI type, a dialog box will pop up as shown below to remind you that the CPU loading will increase. Click **OK** to continue the process.



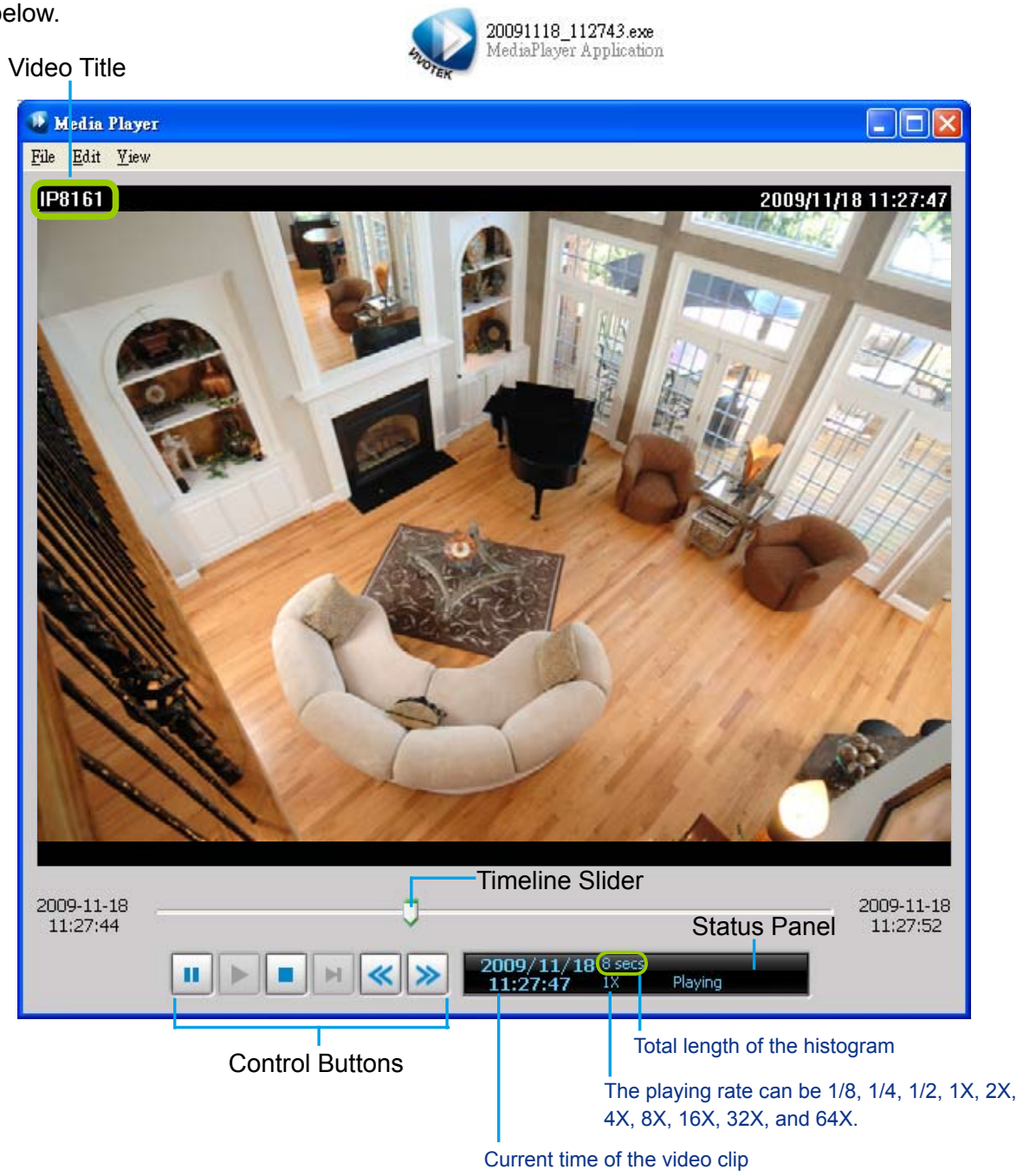
d. The icon will then change to **Recording EXE/3GP/AVI**, and a red text string (**EXE/3GP/AVI**) will appear at the bottom right of the video cell. Note that only one video channel can be recorded at a time.

e. When you want to terminate the AVI Recording, click the icon on the Quick Access Bar. The export process will then terminate and the button will change from to . The recorded media files will be found in the preset storage folder on your local computer as shown below.

Below is the file name format for AVI files:

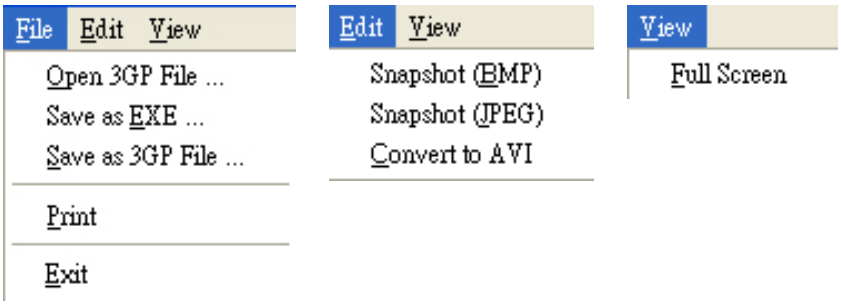
Built-in Media Player--EXE

The following is the icon of EXE. Double-click it, the recorded video will be played automatically as shown below.



Icon	Function	Description
	Pause	Pause playback of the focused video clip
	Play	Start playback of the focused video clip
	Stop	Stop playback of the focused video clip
	Next Frame	Go to the next video frame of the focused video clip
	Slow Down	Slow down the playback rate
	Speed Up	Speed up the playback rate

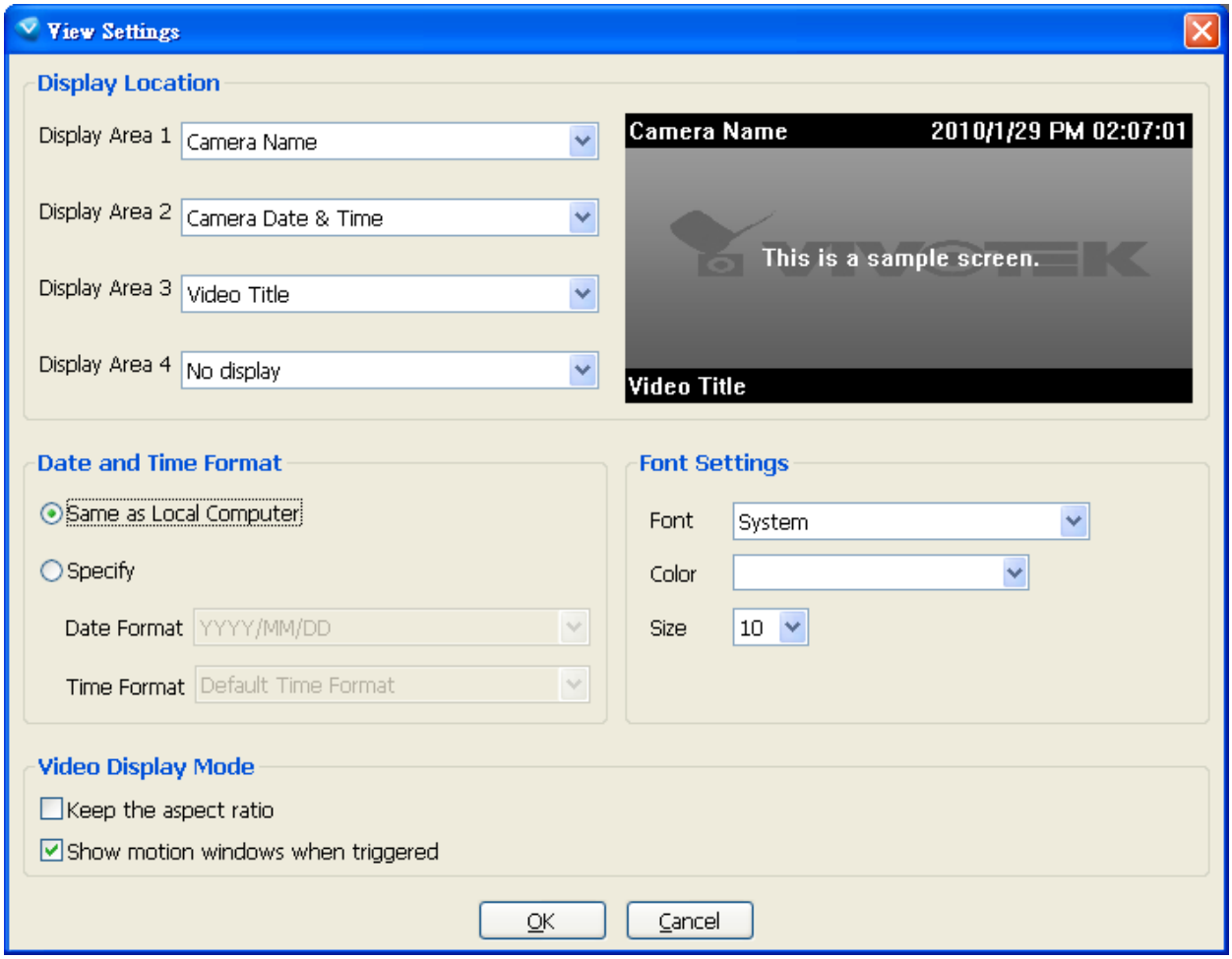
The function menu of the built-in media player are displayed as shown below:



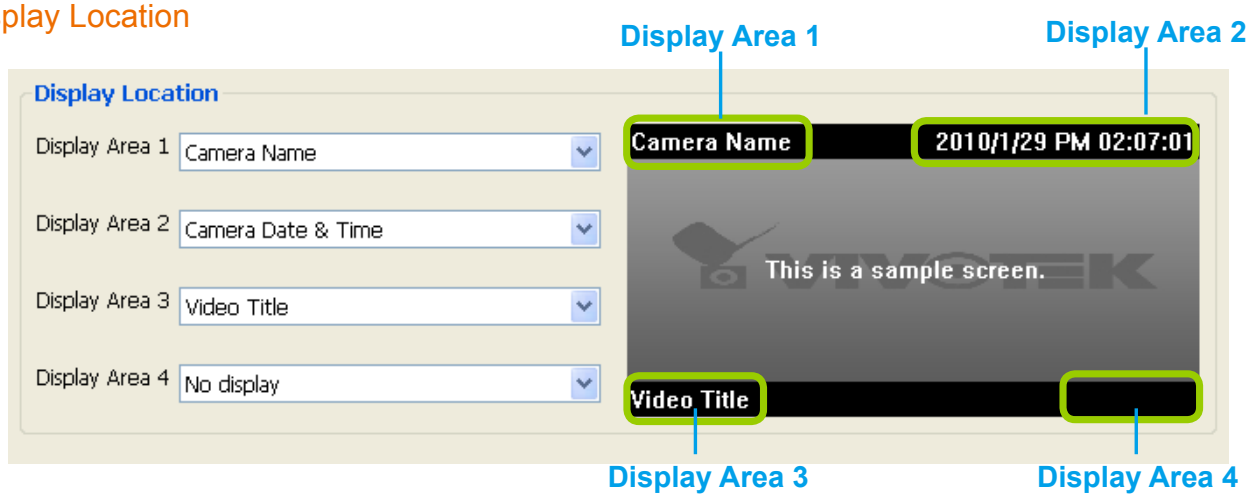
- The built-in player is able to playback 3GP and EXE files.
- The built-in player is able to save 3GP files as EXE files.
- The built-in player is able to save EXE files as 3GP files.
- The built-in player is able to convert EXE and 3GP files into AVI files.
- The built-in player also supports snapshot and print functions.

View Settings

This section allows you to set the display mode of a video cell, including **Display Location, Date and time Format, Video Display Mode,** and **Font Settings**. When you change the settings, the sample window will change accordingly for you to preview the settings.

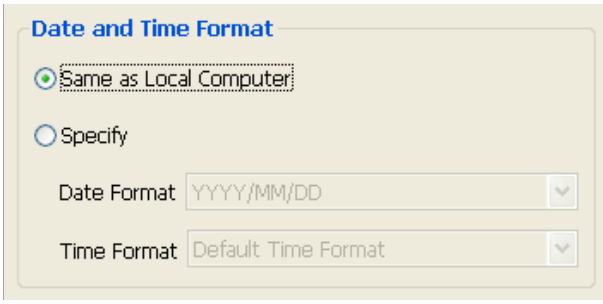


Display Location



As the illustration shows, there are 4 display areas for you to input information about the live video. Each drop-down list includes 6 options for you to select: **No display, Camera Name, Video Title, Camera Date, Camera Time,** and **Camera DateTime.**

Date and Time Format



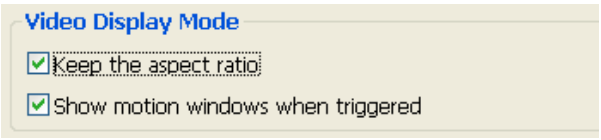
- Same as local computer: Select this option and then the date and time format will synchronize with the local computer.

- Specify: Select a desired format for the date and time from the drop-down list.

  Date format: Select YYYY/MM/DD or MM/DD/YY.

  Time format: Select the default time format (synchronize with the local computer), 12h AM/PM, or 24h.

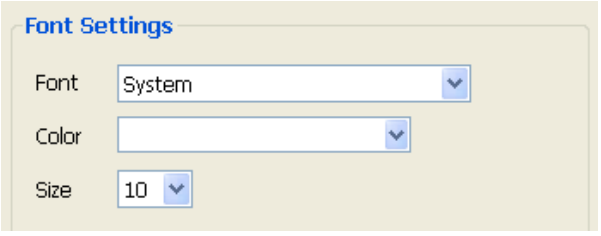
Video Display Mode



- Keep the aspect ratio: In the default settings, the size of the video window will change according to the layout of the live view window you choose. However, the frame size may be distorted. If you select **Keep the aspect ratio**, the video window will be adjusted to the same frame size as the preview window. This function is disabled as default.
- Show motion window when triggered: If you select this option, the red frame of the motion detection window will appear in the video window when motion is triggered. This function is enabled as default.

For detailed information about how to set up the layout of the live view window, please refer to **How to Change Video Viewing Mode** on page 31.

Font Settings

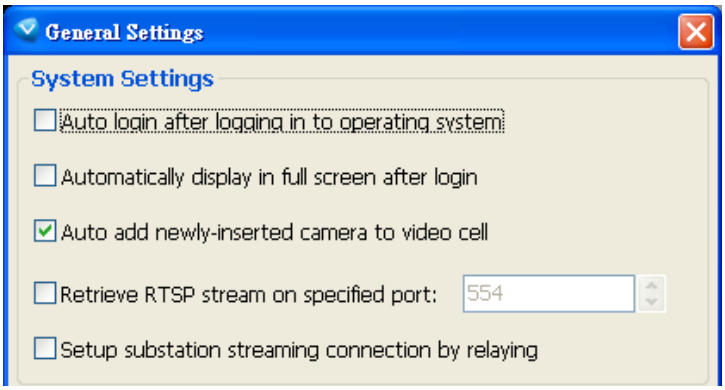


This function allows you to change the font on the video cell.

- Font: Automatically lists all fonts installed on your operating system. Select the desired type.
- Color: Select a desired font color (white, red, green, blue).
- Size: Select a desired font size (8, 10, 12, 14).

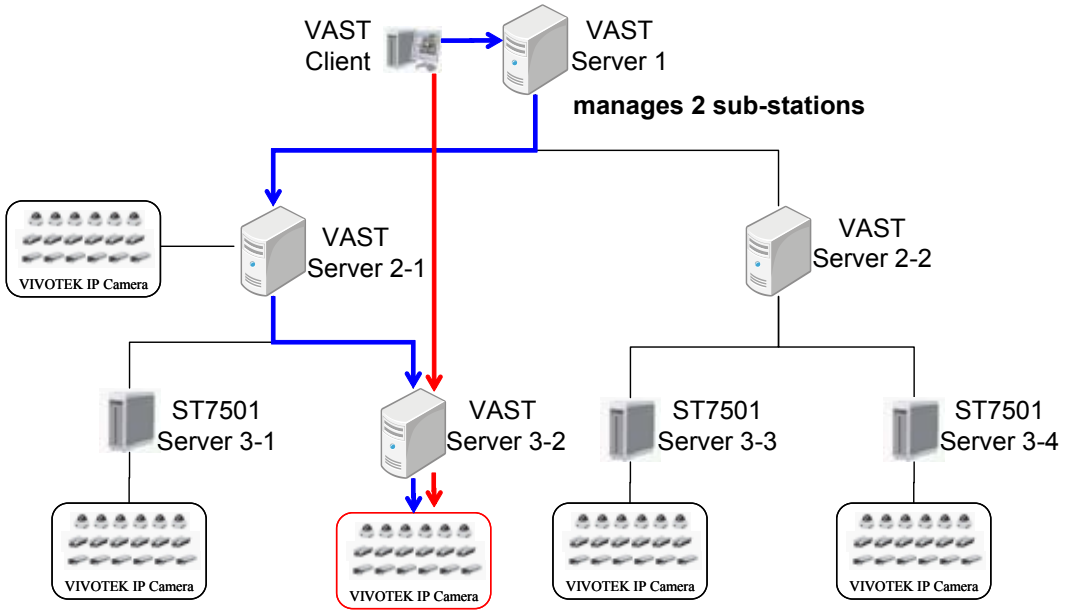
General Settings

This section allows you to configure the **System Settings** and **Rotation Settings**.

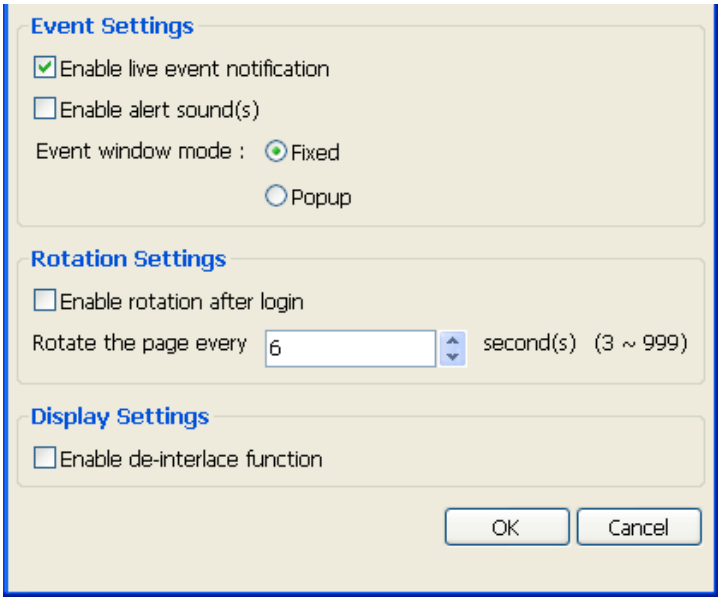


System Settings

- Auto login after logging in to operating system: If you check this option, VAST LiveClient will automatically login after you login to Windows without filling in the user name and password. This function is disabled as default.
- Automatically display in full screen after login: If you check this option, the video cells will be displayed in full screen without showing the menu bar or the control panels.
- Auto add newly-inserted camera to video cell: If you check this option, VAST LiveClient will automatically add the newly-inserted device to a video cell. This function is enabled as default.
- Retrieve RTSP streaming on specific port: The default port for RTSP streaming is 554. If you want to change this port, please check this item and fill in a desired port.
- Setup substation streaming connection by relaying: This option is not checked by default. As the following diagram shows, VAST Client might directly connect to the streaming under VAST Server 3-2 without requesting the connection via VAST Server 1 and Server 2-1. If you want to get streaming through relaying, please check this option.



- *If the VAST Server 3-2 is set up behind a firewall, the VAST Client will not be able to access the VAST Server 3-2 directly. You have to get the connetion by relaying.*



Event Settings

- Enable live event notification: Select this option to activate real-time event notification. For example: the event notification of DI/O status on the hierarchical management tree, the event list in the event window, motion detection windows in video window, or the event notification on E-map settings page, etc. This function is enabled as default.
- Enable alert sound(s): If you enable this option, you will hear alert sound on the client side when the event is triggered..
- Event window mode: Select **Fixed** or **Popup** mode for the event window. For more information about event window, please refer to page 17.

Rotation Settings

- Enable rotation after login: If you check this option, the video cells will start to rotate after you login to the VAST LiveClient. The default setting of this function is disabled.
- Rotate the page every ☐ second(s): Fill in a desire interval time for video page rotation. The maximum value is 99 seconds. The default value is set at 6 seconds.

For detailed information about how to set up the layout of the monitoring window and rotation functions, please refer to **How to Change Video Viewing Mode** on page 31.

Display Settings

- Enable de-interlace function: Select this option if your connected device does not support de-interlace function. For example: VS7100.

Joystick Settings

This section explains how to remote control connected network devices with a USB joystick. It's easy to install and configure via the USB interface.

Enable Joystick

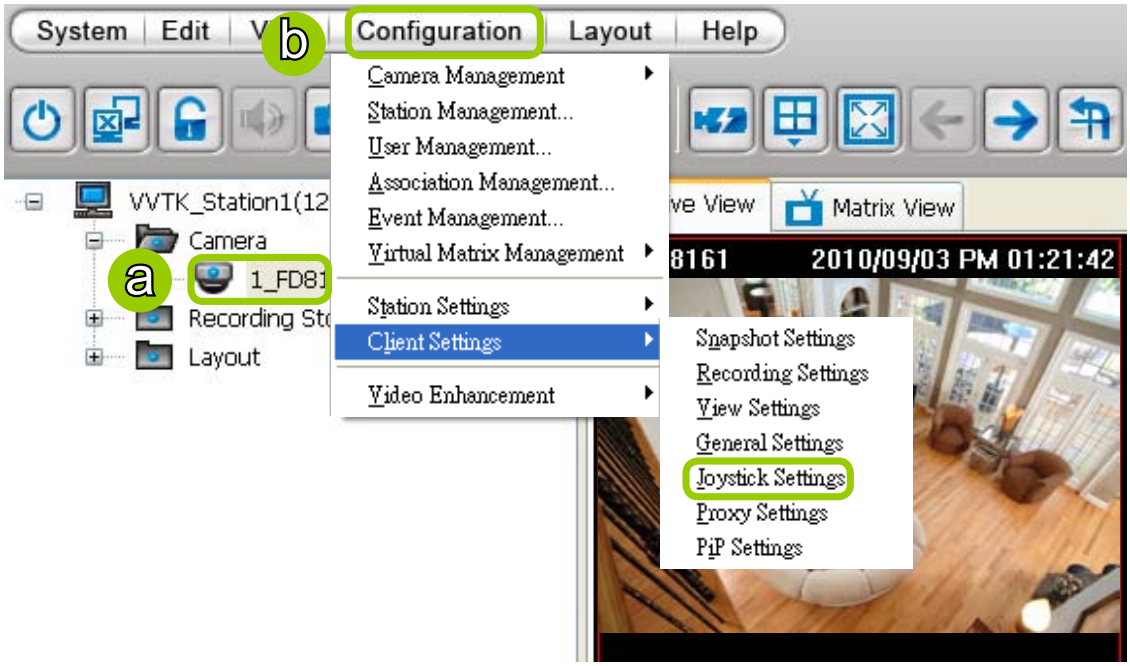
Connect to the USB plug of the joystick to a USB port on your computer. Supported by the plug-in in the main page (Microsoft's DirectX), once the plug-in in the main page is loaded, it will automatically detect if there is any joystick on the computer. The joystick should work properly without installing any other driver or software.

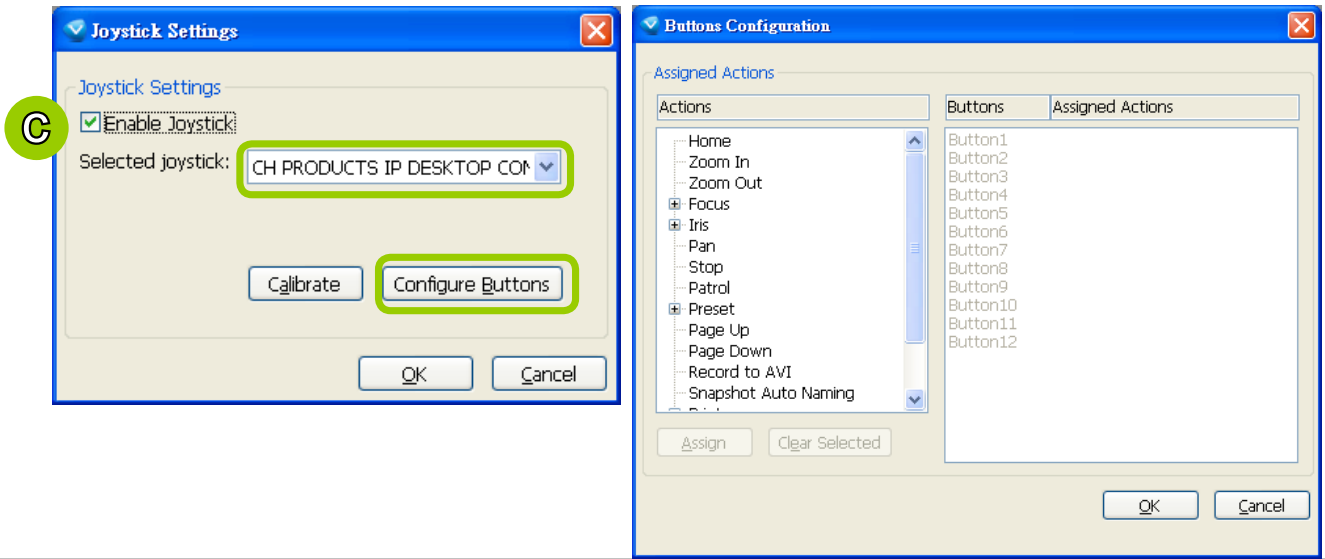
Then you can begin to configure the joystick settings of connected devices. Please follow the instruction below to enable joystick settings.

a. Select the target device from the hierarchical management tree.

b. Click **Configuration > Client Settings > Joystick Settings** on the menu bar to open the **Joystick Settings** window. If your joystick is working properly, it will be displayed on the drop-down list.

c. Select the joystick you want to configure. Check **Enable Joystick**, then click **Configure Buttons** to open Buttons configuration window.



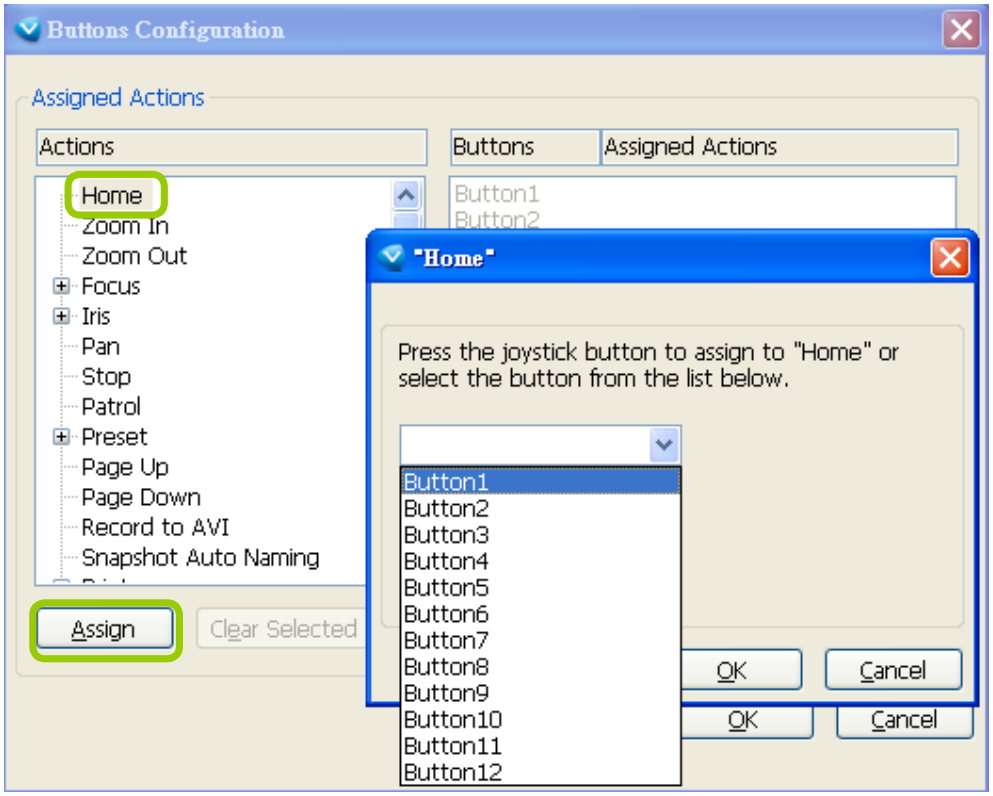


Buttons Configuration

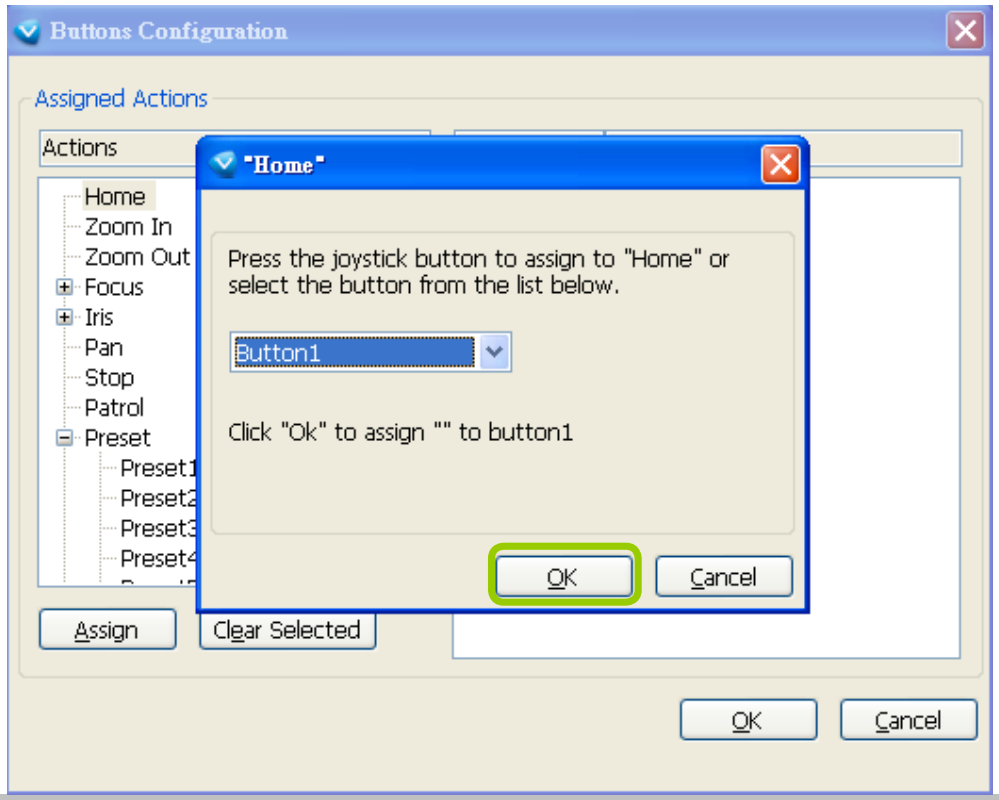
In Button Configuration window, the left column shows the actions you can assign, and the right column shows the functional buttons and assigned actions. The number of buttons may differ from different joysticks.

Please follow the steps below to configure your joystick buttons:

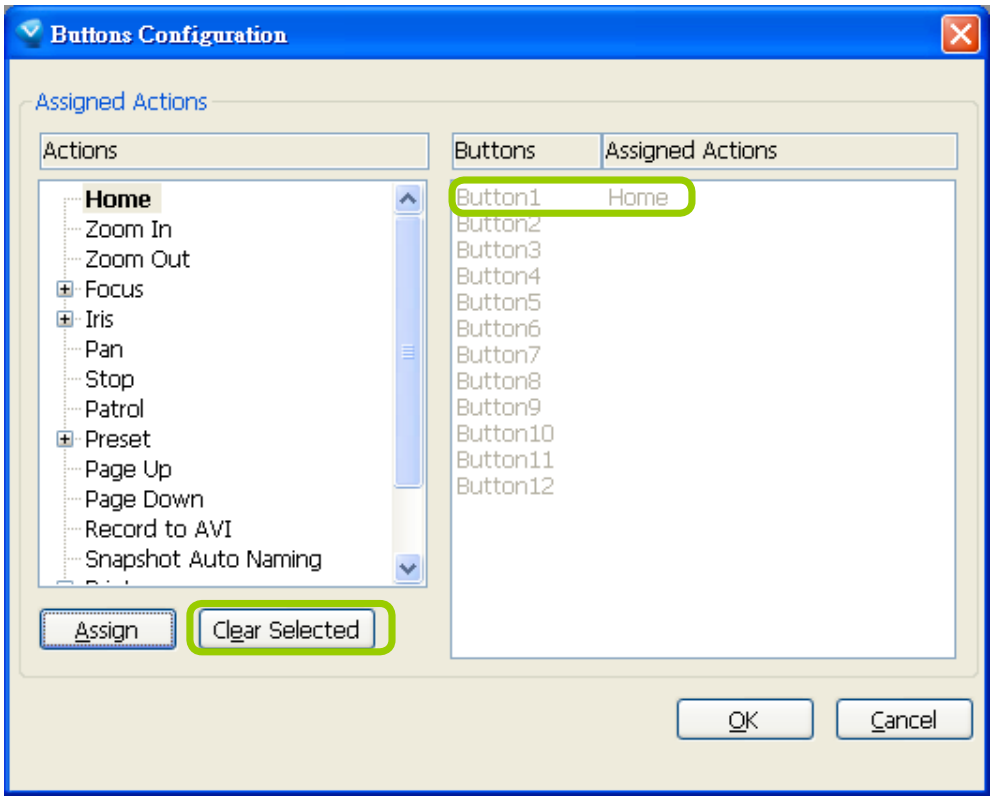
a. Choosing one of the actions and click **Assign** will pop up a dialog. Then you can assign this action to a button by pressing the joystick button or select it from the drop-down list.
For example: Assign **Home** (move to home position) to Button 1.



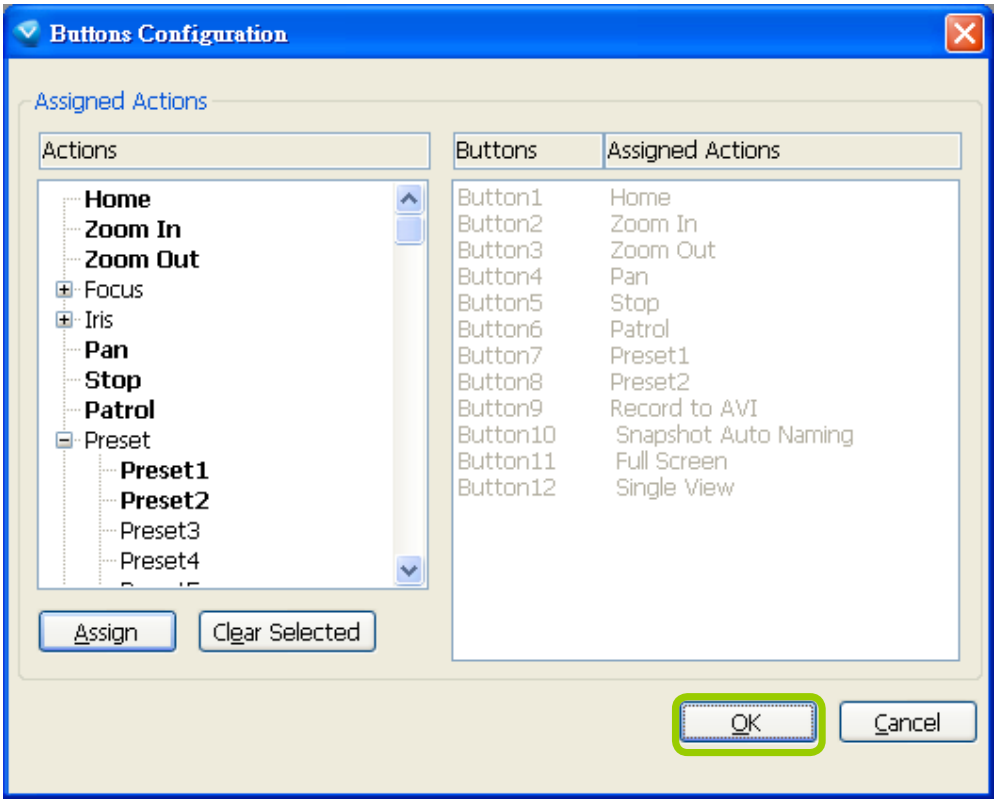
b. Click **OK** to confirm the configuration.



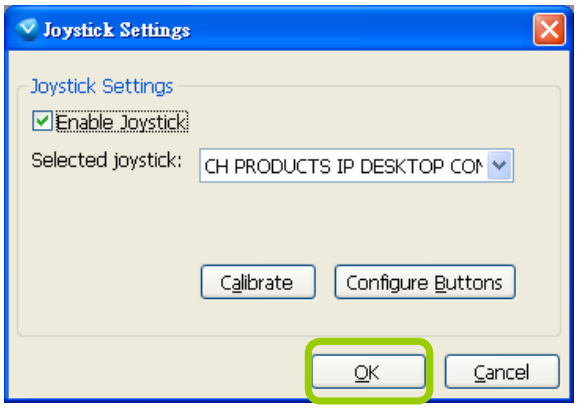
c. The Assigned Action will appear beside Button 1 in the right column as shown in the following diagram. Note that a button can only be assigned with an action. If you want to modify the settings, select the action on the list and click **Clear Selected**.



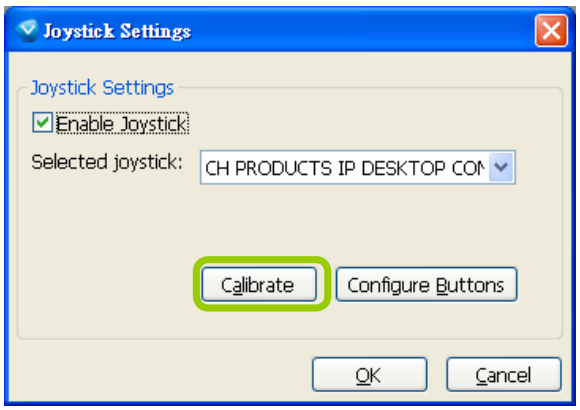
d. If you want to assign additional actions, repeat step a.~c. When all settings are complete, click **OK** to save the settings or click **Cancel** to discard the settings.



e. Click **OK** to save the settings or click **Cancel** to discard the settings.



- *If you want to assign Preset actions to your joystick, the preset locations should be set up in advance.*
- *If your joystick is not working properly, it may need to be calibrated. Click **Calibrate** to open the Game Controllers window located in the MS Windows control panel and follow the instructions for trouble shooting. For more information, please refer to the MS Windows help files for details.*



- *The joystick will appear in the Game Controllers list in the Windows Control Panel on your computer. If you want to check out your device, go to the following page: Open Start > Control Panel > Game Controllers.*

PTZ/ E-PTZ Function

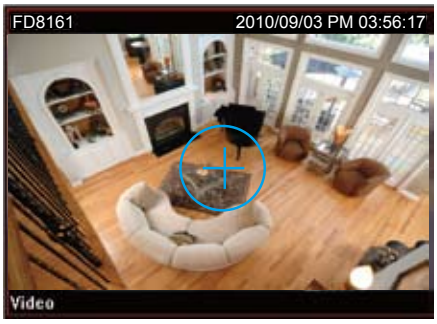
In addition to using the PTZ control panel, you may also control the rotation handle of the joystick to remote control a PTZ/ E-PTZ network camera with ease.

Pan/Tilt: Move the rotation handle of the joystick; you can pan the camera to the desire position. There will be blue line displaying the moving direction in the center of the video image as the diagram 1 below.

Zoom in/Zoom out: Shift the rotation handle clockwise to zoom in the camera on an image or go counterclockwise to zoom out the camera on an image. There will be a circle and four vectors in the center of the video image as the diagram 2, 3 below.

Pan/Tilt
(Move the rotating handle back and forth)

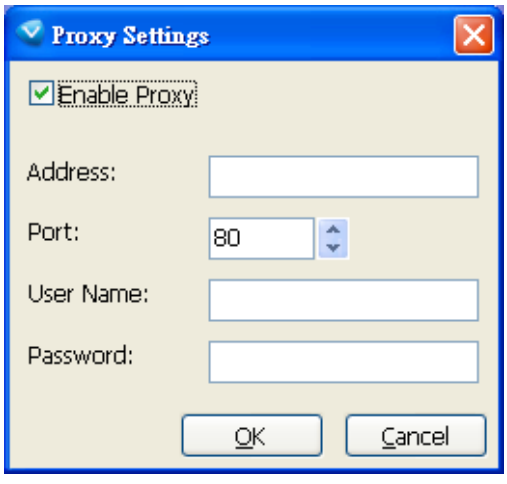
Zoom in
(Turn the rotating handle clockwise)

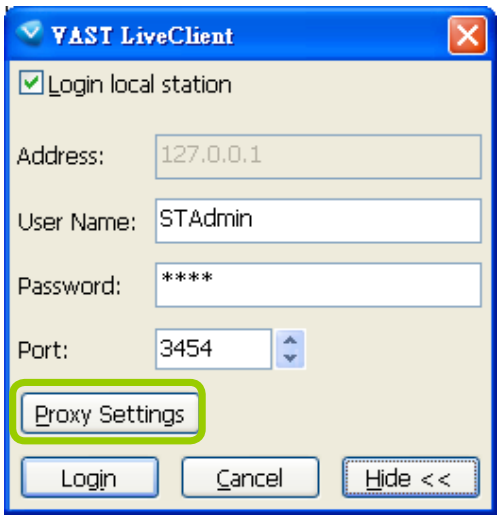


Zoom out
(Turn the rotating handle counter-clockwise)

Proxy Settings

In this section, you can enable, modify, or cancel **Proxy Settings** for client if your VAST Server is under a proxy. If you change the proxy settings, please fill in the new value next time you login the LiveClient next time.



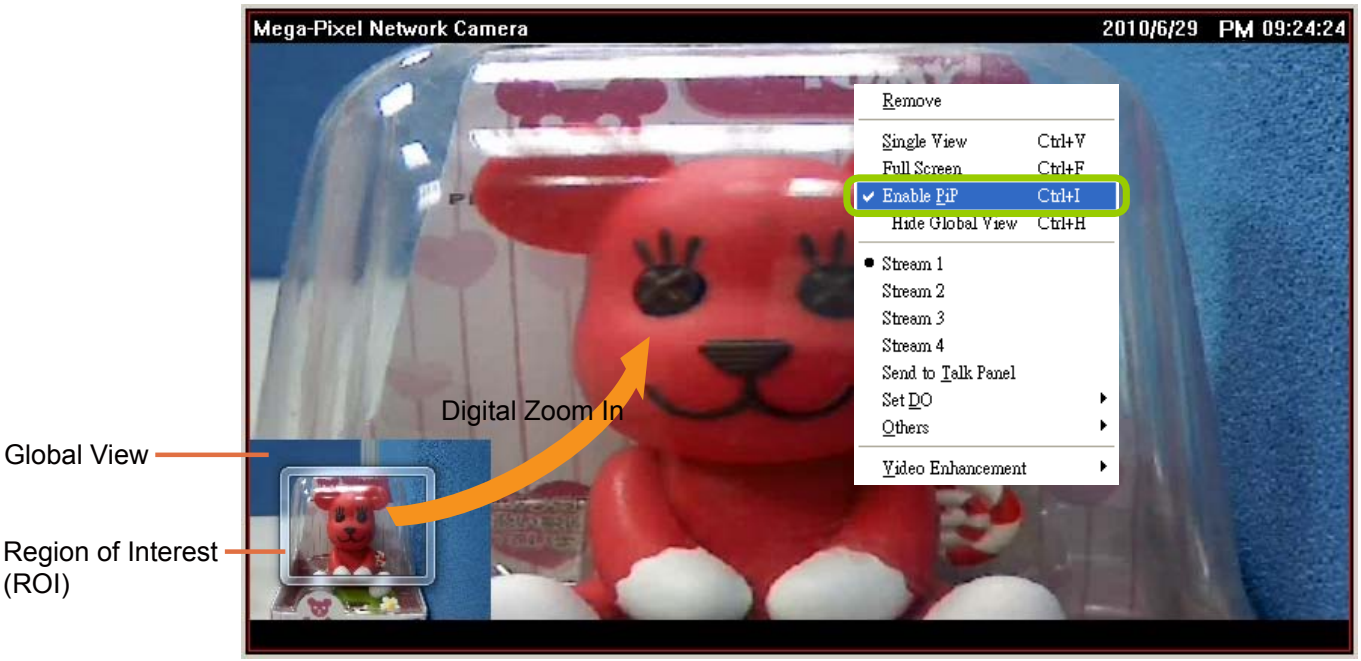


How to Use PiP (Picture-in-Picture)

PiP (Picture-in-Picture) is an intuitive function for user to simultaneously view a Global View and ROI (Region of Interest) for live monitoring. The digital zoom in function can only focus on the interested area and represent the details of megapixel video. Moreover, the multi-touch mode is a very user-friendly interface for digital zoom in.

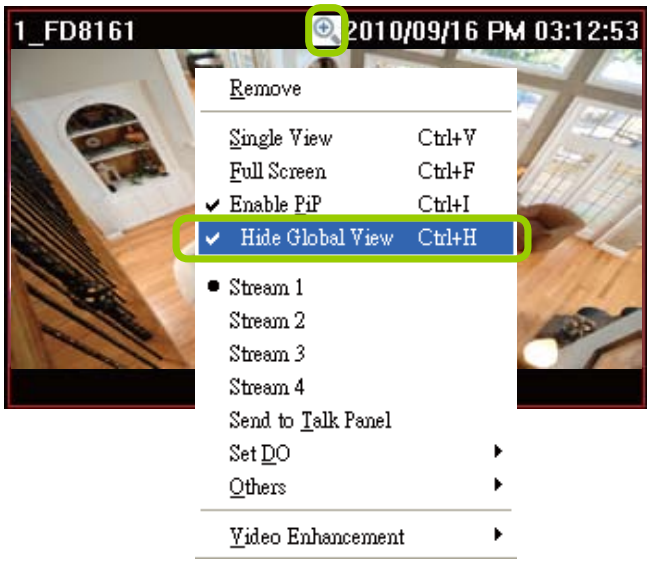
Enable PiP

Right-click the video cell and select **Enable PiP**. If you want to disable PiP, click the option again to uncheck it. After you enable the PiP function, a movable global view window and a ROI frame will be displayed as shown below.



Global View

The global view is the original view with the size scaled down to 160x120. It is movable and you can drag it anywhere in the live view window. If you want to hide the global view, **right-click** the video cell and select **Hide Global View** from the menu. An icon will appear on top of the live view window.



ROI (Region of Interest)

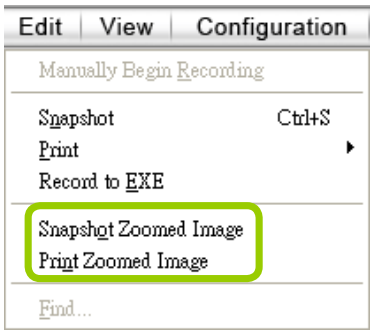
The ROI frame is capable of being resized and dragged in any direction upon the global view window as e-PTZ function.

Digital Zoom In

Through digital zoom in, the live view window will be filled with the zoomed in ROI image. The maximum magnification of the ROI frame is 16x zooming. The zoomed in area will change as the ROI frame is dragged and resized. You can also easily zoom in and zoom out the ROI frame by rolling the mouse back and force.

Snapshot & Print Zoomed In Image

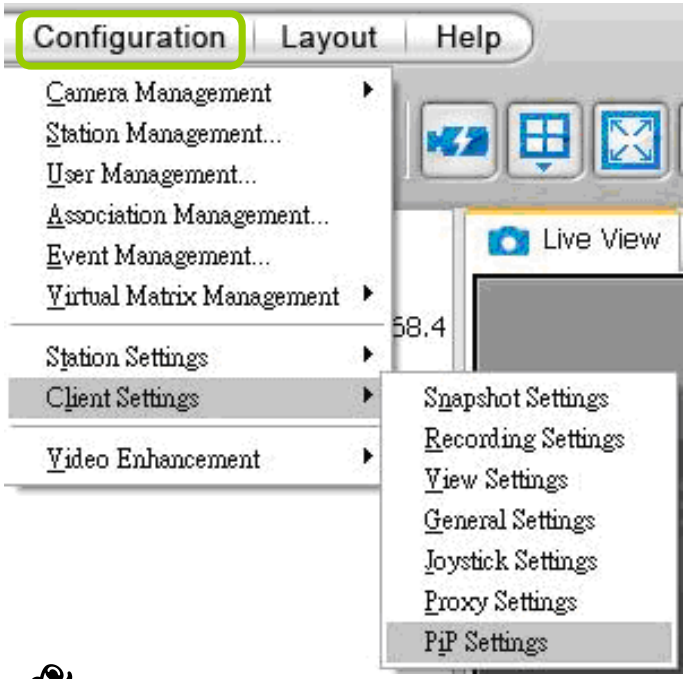
You can snapshot and print the zoomed in image.

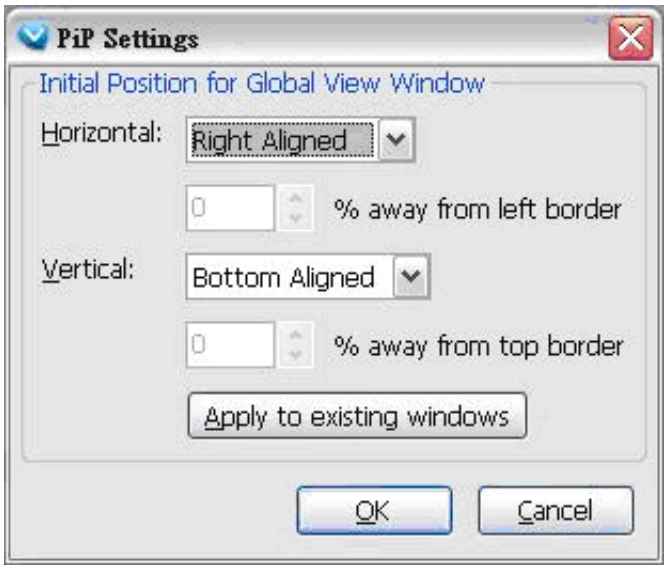


PiP Settings

The PiP Settings is for you to adjust the initial position of the global view window.

Click **Configuration > Client Settings > PiP Settings** to open the window. On top of it, you may choose the horizontal position with left / middle / right side of the live view window, or you can customize the percentage of space distance from the border of the live view window as an option. It is also fully applied for vertical position with top / middle / bottom side of the live view window. When it's done, you may click on **Apply to existing windows** to enable the settings.





- *If the position of ROI and global view will be saved and applied for the next open. It will be removed when the live view cell is removed.*
- *The PiP function is also applied in VAST Playback.*

Multi-touch Mode

VAST also supports advanced multi-touch mode for PiP. You can easily zoom in or zoom out the image by touching the multi-touch monitor with two fingers.

How to Configure Video Enhancement

The LiveClient allows you to enable post-image enhancement and defog for video live view.

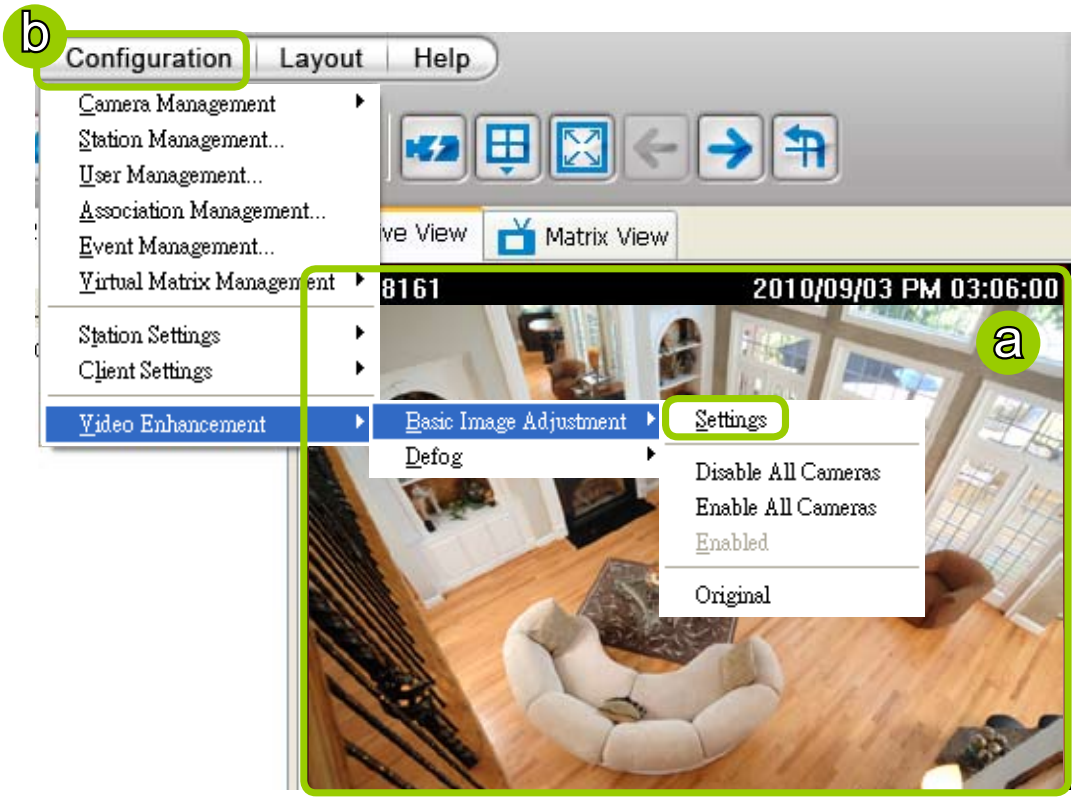
Basic Image Adjustment

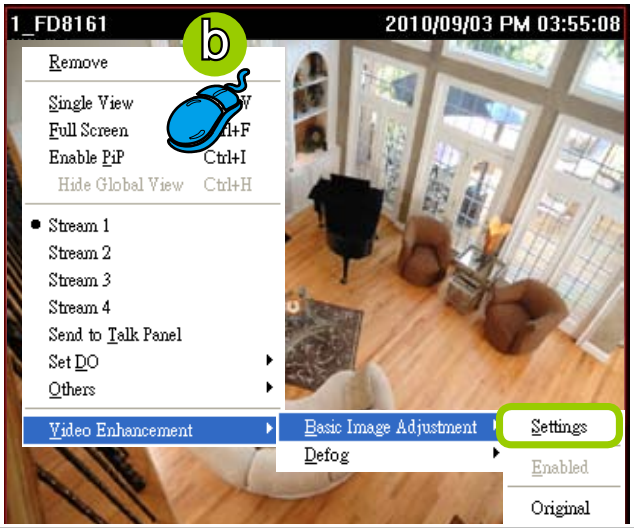
This function allows you to configure basic image adjustment including Brightness, Contrast, Saturation, and Hue.

Please follow the steps below to set a profile for post-image adjustment settings:

a. Select the target video cell.

b. Click **Configuration > Video Enhancement > Basic Image Adjustment > Settings** on the menu bar to open the **Profile Settings** window. (Or you can **right-click** the video cell and select **Video Enhancement > Basic Image Adjustment > Settings** from the popup menu.)



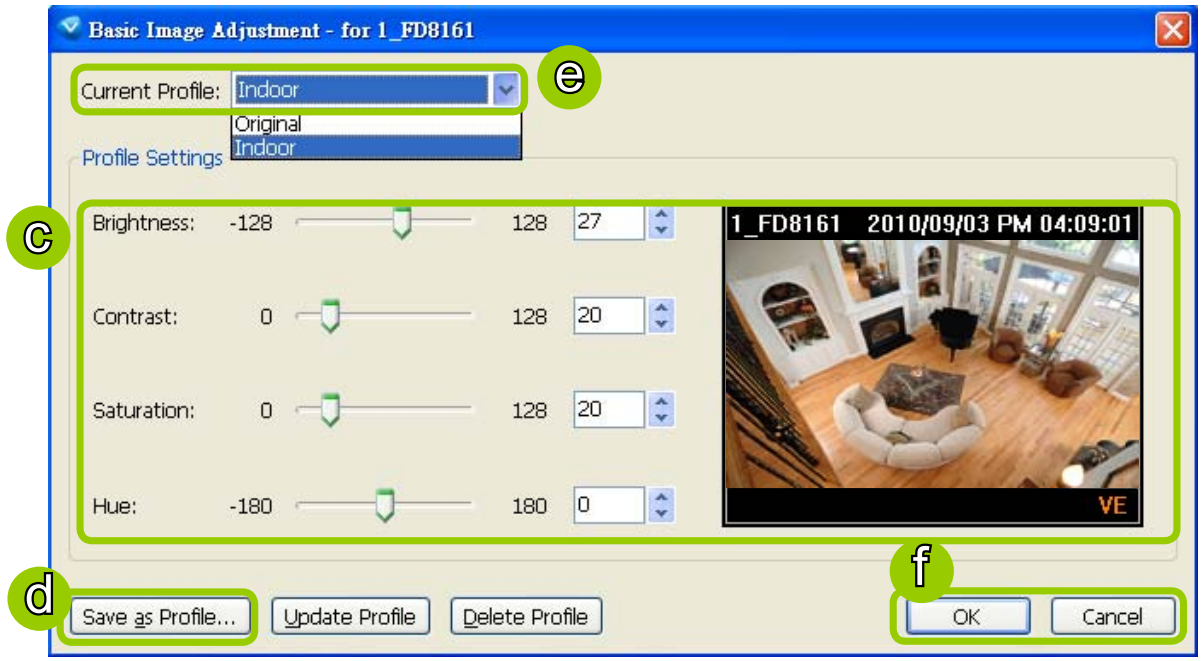


c. Adjust the values of Brightness, Contrast, Saturation, and Hue. You can preview the image from the window on the right. A “VE (Video Enhancement)” text string will appear at the bottom right of the preview window.

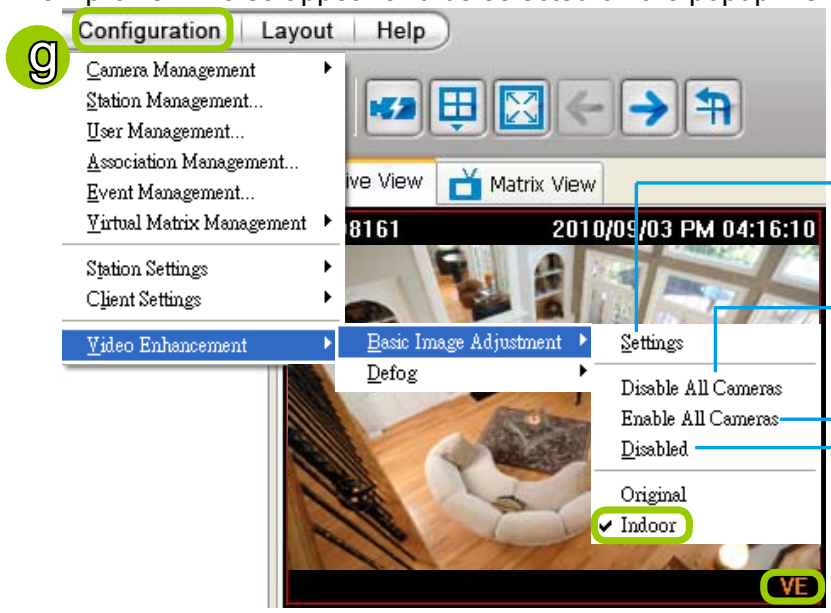
d. When completed, click **Save as Profile** and enter a name for the new profile.

e. The new profile will be displayed on the drop-down list. This profile can be applied to all video cells.

f. If you decide to apply the selected profile to the target video cell immediately, click the **OK** button. Otherwise, click **Cancel** to close the window.



g. Back to the main page, a “VE” text string will also appear at the bottom right of the video cell and the new profile will also appear and be selected on the popup menu as shown below.

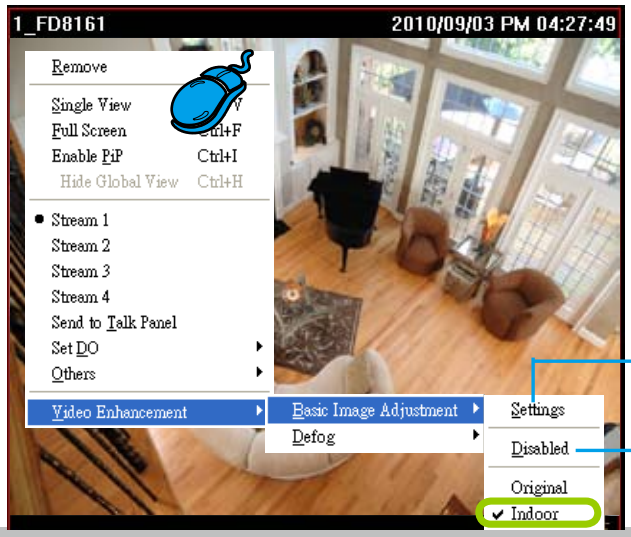


Click to create a new profile, edit or delete a customized profile

Click to disable VE on all linked devices

Click to enable VE on all linked devices

Click to enable/disable VE on the target video cell



Click to create a new profile, edit or delete a profile

Click to enable/disable VE on the target video cell

Defog

This function allows you to configure post-image defog.

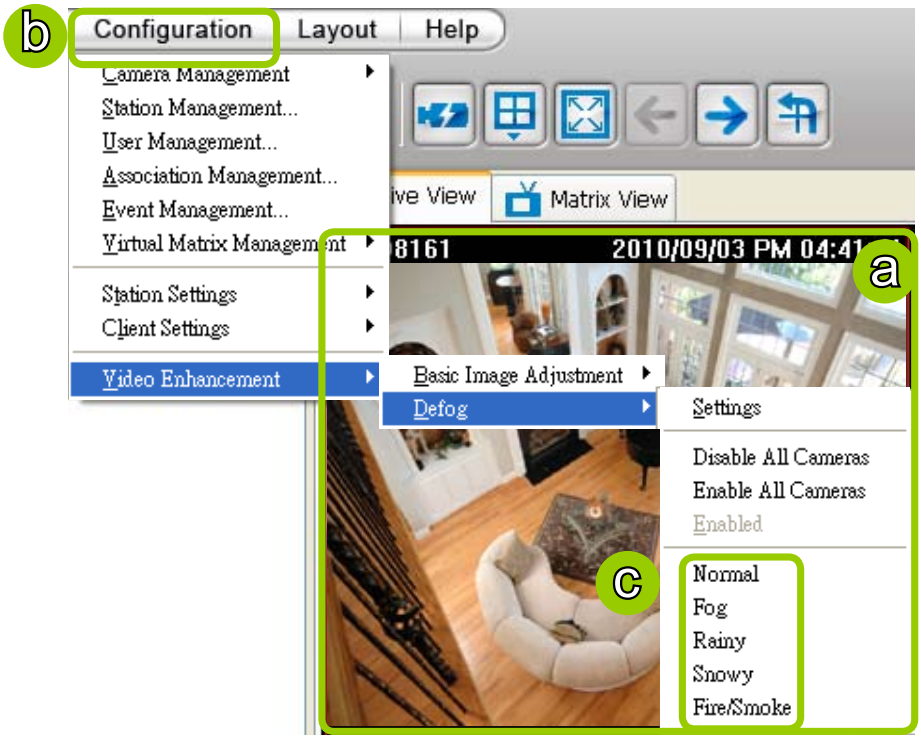
Apply a Preset Defog Profile

Please follow the steps below to set post-image defog settings:

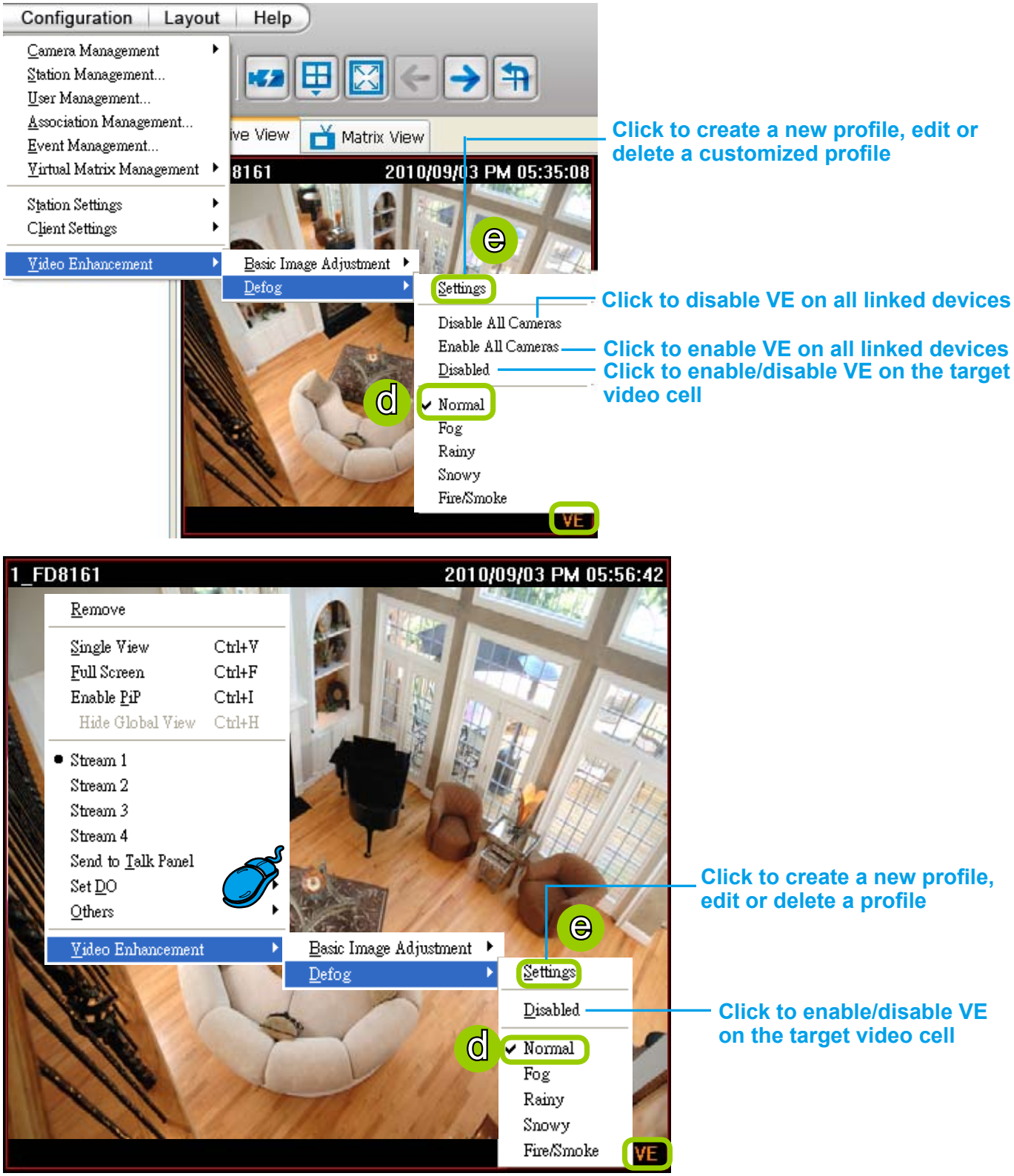
a. Select the target video cell.

b. Click **Configuration > Video Enhancement > Defog** or **right-click** the video cell and select **Video Enhancement > Defog**.

c. There are some preset profiles for you to apply to the target video cell. You can select one from the list accoding to the environment.

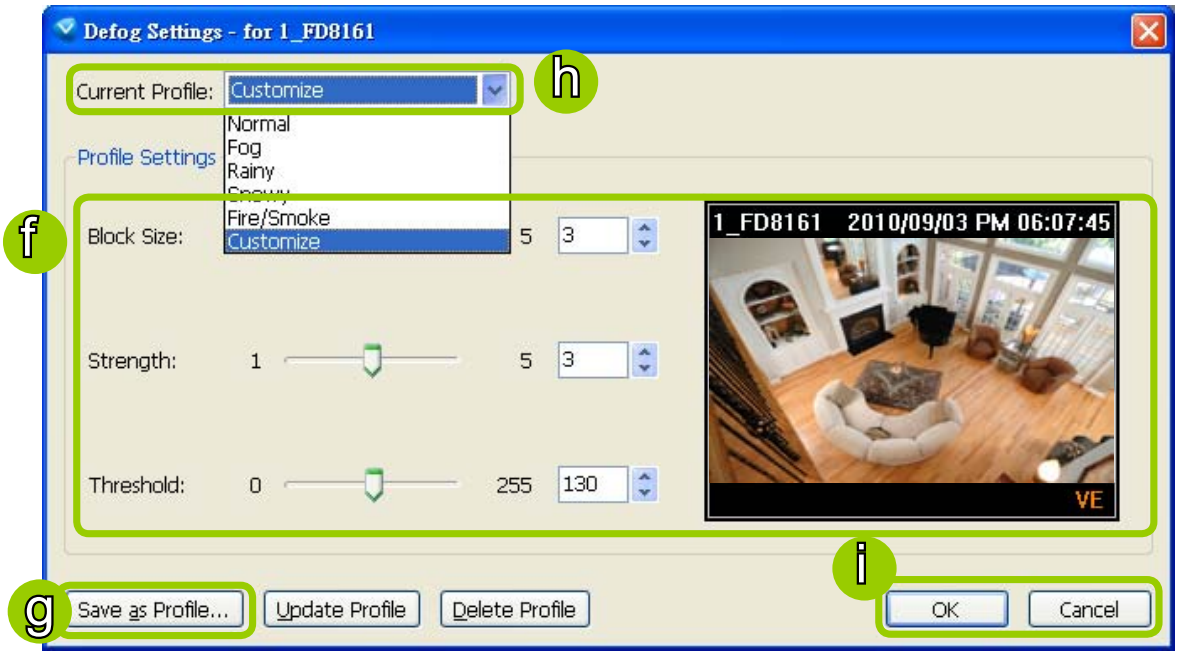


d. The string of the selected profile will be selected as shown below. A “VE” text string will also appear at the bottom right of the video cell.



Create a New Defog Profile

e. Click **Settings** on the popup menu to open the **Profile Settings** window.



f. Adjust the values of Block Size, Strength, and Threshold. You can preview the image from the right window. A “VE (Video Enhancement)” text string will also appear at the bottom right of the preview window.

Block Size: Brush diameter from thick to thin (Value 1~5)

Strength: Brush stroke from soft to strong (Value 1~5)

Threshold: Brush pixel from loose to dense (Value 0~225)

g. When completed, click **Save as Profile** and enter a name for the new profile.

h. The new profile will be displayed on the drop-down list. This profile can be applied to all video cells.

i. If you decide to apply the selected profile to the target video cell immediately, click the **OK** button. Otherwise, click **Cancel** to close the window.

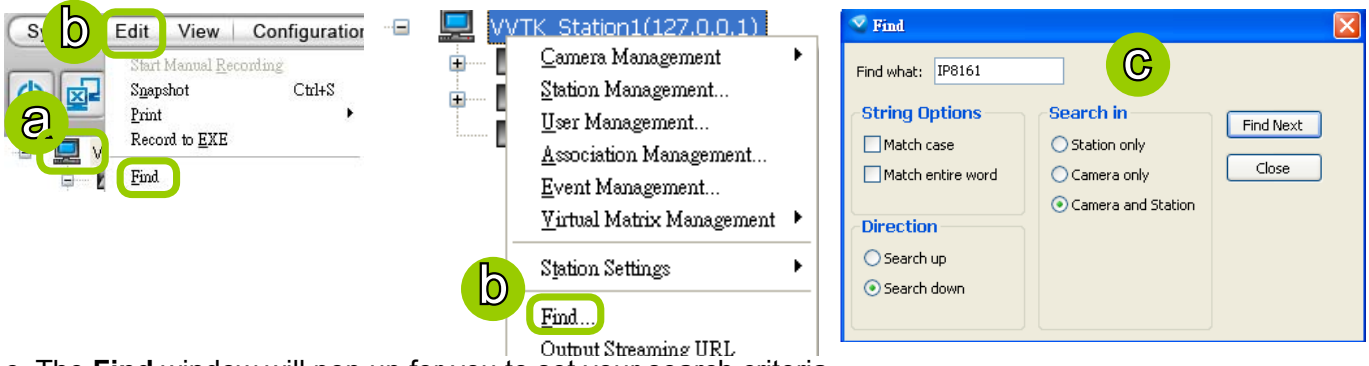
How to Search for a Device on the Hierarchical Management Tree

This function allows you to conveniently search for an inserted device, which is useful when many devices have been inserted.

Please follow the steps below to find a device on the camera list:

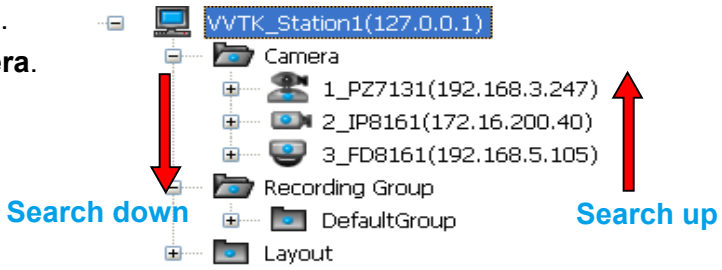
a. Click the station on the hierarchical management tree.

b. Click **Edit > Find** on the menu bar (or **right-click** the station and click **Find**).

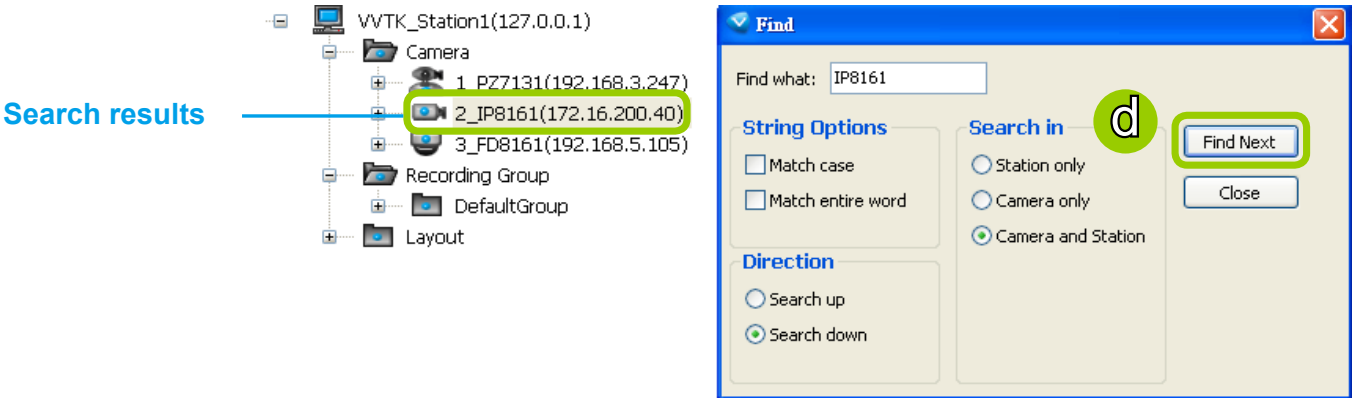


c. The **Find** window will pop up for you to set your search criteria.

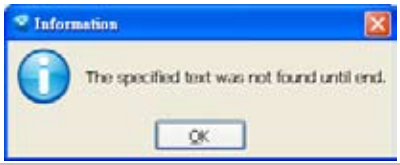
- Find what: Enter a string in the blank. The string can be the full or partial name of the device you want to search for.
- String Options: **Match case** represents that the search results should be identical to the string in lower-case or upper-case letters, the string can be part of a word. **Match whole word** means that the search results should be identical to the string for every character, and that the string should be a complete word or phrase. If you select both options, the search results should conform to all criteria listed above.
- Direction: Select **search up** or **search down**.
- Search in: Select **search in station or camera**.



d. Click **Find Next**, the seaching result will be marked as shown below.



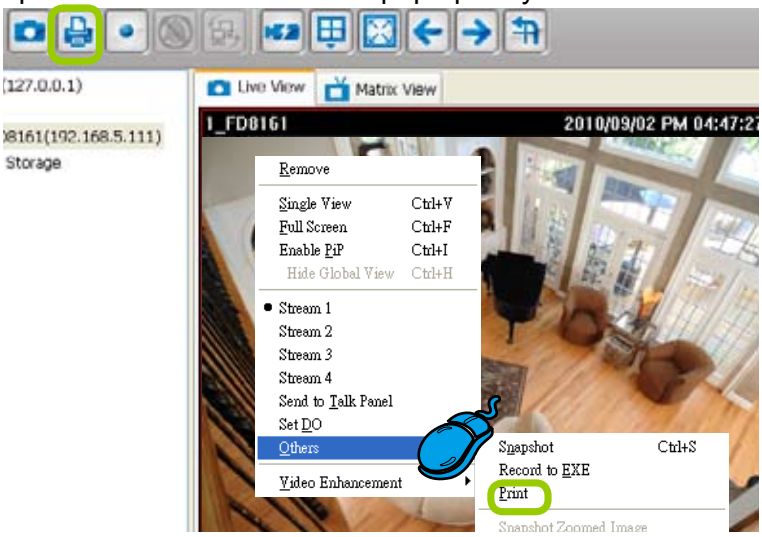
e. If there is nothing found in the camera list, a message will pop up as shown below:



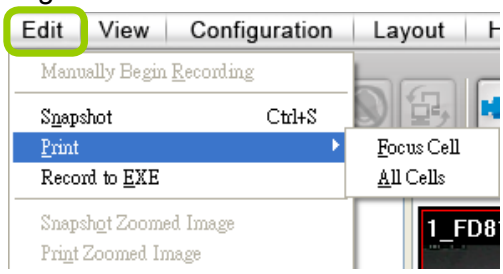
How to Print a Video Image

There are two ways to print out an image of live video:

1. Select a video cell, then click **Print** on the quick access bar, or **right-click** the video cell and select **Print** from the popup menu. A Print window will pop up for you to choose the printer.



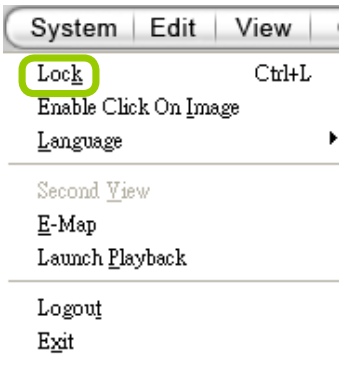
2. You can also click **Edit > Print** to print out an image from a video.
   - Focus Cell: Print out an image of the target video.
   - All Cells: Print out an image with all video cells in the monitoring window.

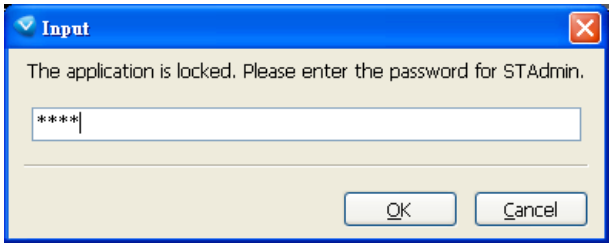


How to Lock LiveClient for Security Concerns

If you are away from your computer, for security reasons, we suggest you lock the program. When LiveClient is locked, the user must fill in the correct password to unlock and access the program again.

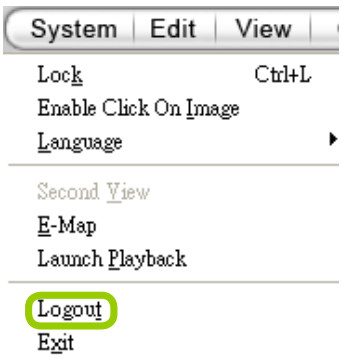
- To lock LiveClient, click **Unlock** on the quick access bar or click **System > Lock** on the system menu. The **Unlock** icon will then turn into **Lock** .
- To unlock LiveClient, fill in the correct password in the popup window.

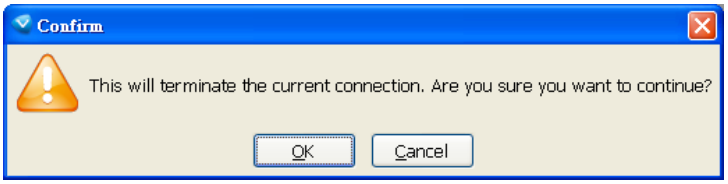




How to Log out from the VAST Server

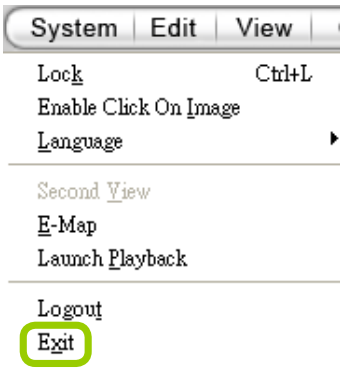
To logout from the current server, click **Logout** on the quick access bar or click **System > Logout** on the menu bar. A confirmation window will pop up. Click **OK** to confirm or **Cancel** to return to the VAST LiveClient window.





How to Exit VAST LiveClient

To exit VAST LiveClient, click **Exit** on the quick access bar or click **System > Exit** on the menu bar. A confirmation window will pop up. Click **OK** to confirm or **Cancel** to return to the VAST LiveClient window. When you exit the program, your user account will be automatically logged out from the current server.



VAST Playback Configuration

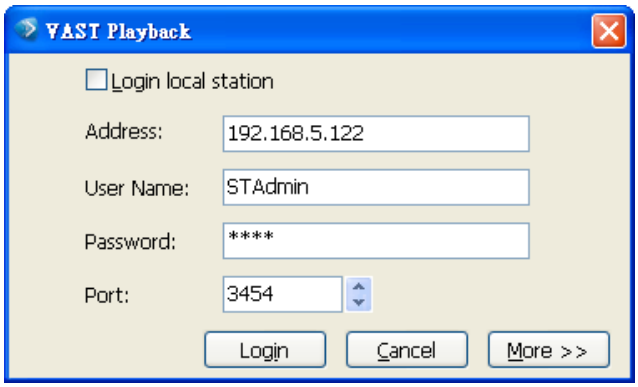
Activating VAST Playback and Logging in to a Server

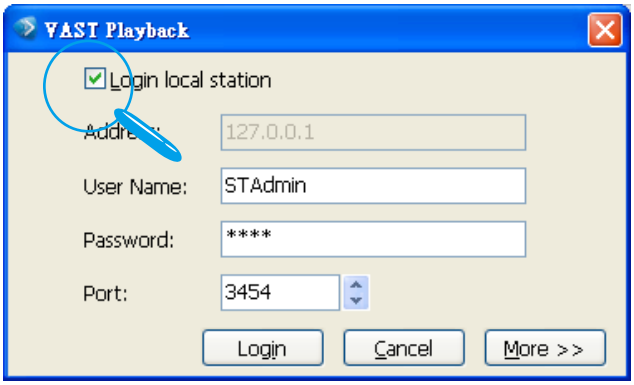
VAST Playback allows you to search and playback recorded media data from VAST Server.

Once you insert a device into the hierarchical management tree of VAST LiveClient, it will automatically be displayed on the hierarchical management tree of VAST Playback. You can then begin to use VAST Playback to view recorded or backup video clips.

After installing the VAST Playback program, please follow the steps below to activate VAST Playback:

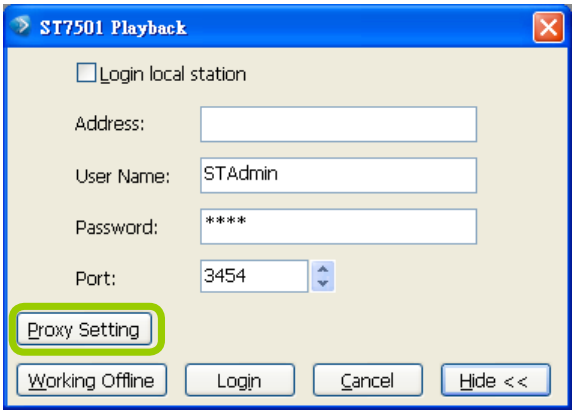
1. Run the **VAST Playback** program. If you have already run VAST LiveClient, you can also click **System > Launch Playback** to activate VAST Playback.
2. A **Login** window will pop up. Fill in the information as shown below:
   - If you want to login to a remote VAST Server, enter the **IP address**, **user name**, **password** and **communication port** of the server. Click **Log in** to login the target server or **Cancel** to exit the system.
   - If you want to login to your local host which is running VAST Server, check the **Login local station** checkbox, and the local **IP Address** will be displayed automatically. Enter the **User Name**, **Password**, and **Communication Port** of the local server to log in. Click **Login** to log in to the target server or **Cancel** to exit the system.

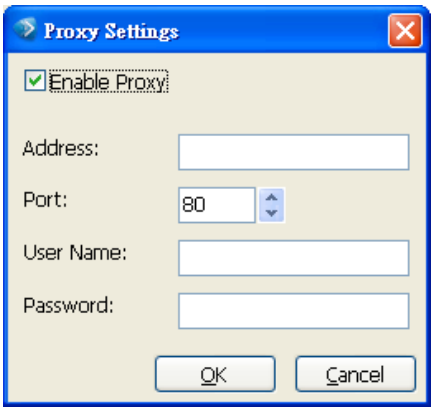




3. The VAST Playback main window will be displayed.

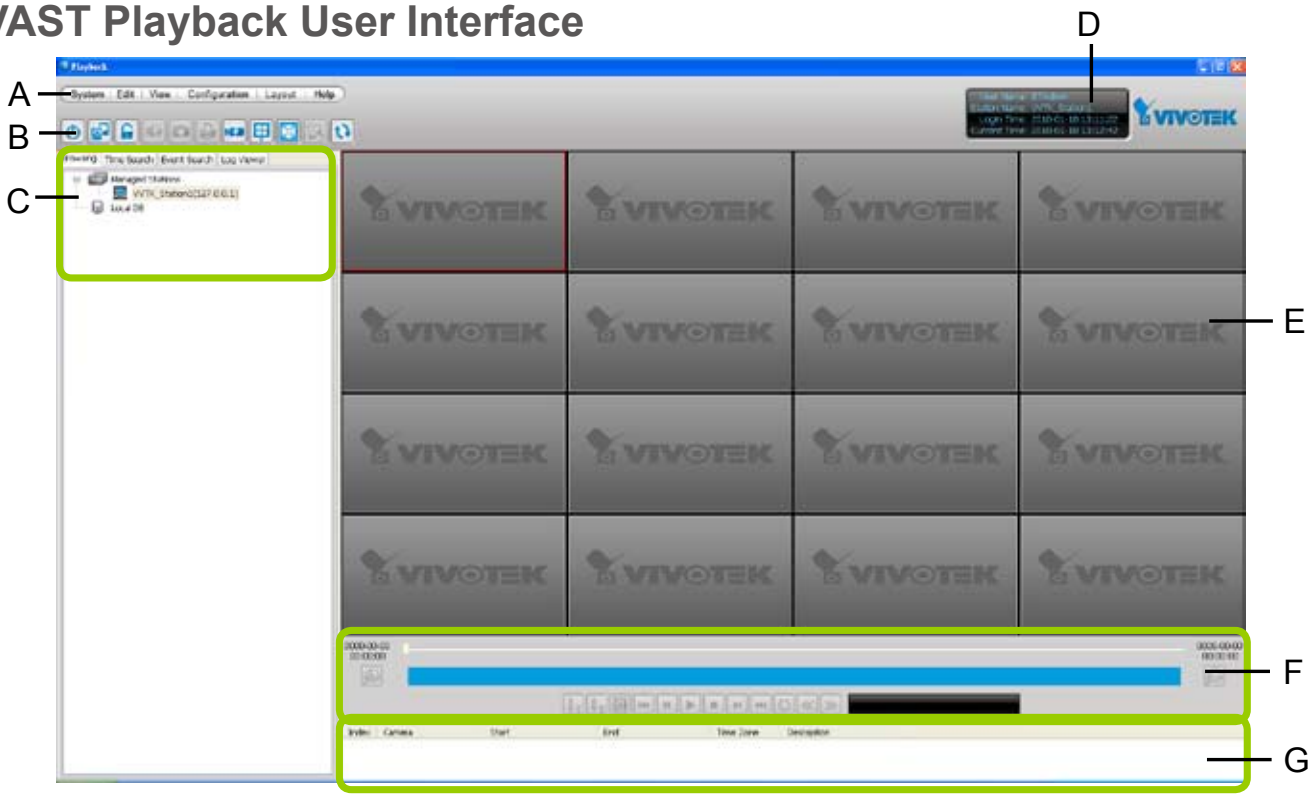
- *If your network environment need to set up proxy, click **More >>** to extend the login window, then click **Proxy Setting** to open the dialog. Then enter related information to link to your proxy server.*





- *Available functions of the VAST Playback program will be enabled according to the role of your login account. For more details about the privileges of the user account, please refer to **How to Manage User Accounts** on page 44.*

VAST Playback User Interface

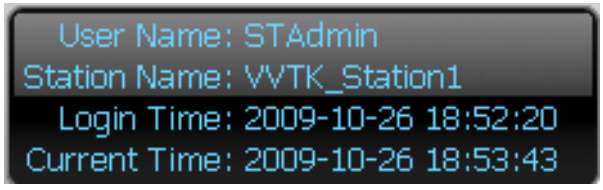


A. Menu bar B. Quick access bar C. Query panel (Browsing / Time search /Event search / Log viewer) D. Status panel E. Recorded video playback window F. Playback control panel G. Video clips list

Menu Bar

Menu Item	Drop-down Options
System	Lock / Language / Launch LiveClient / Logout / Exit
Edit	Snapshot / Print / Find
View	Backup Status /Exporting Status / Time Search / Event Search / Log Viewer / Full Screen / Minimize
Configuration	Client Settings (Snapshot Settings / Export Settings / View Settings / Proxy Settings / General Settings)
Layout	Change Layout
Help	About

Status Panel



User Name
Station Name (IP Address)
Login Time (yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss)
Current Time (yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss)

Quick Access Bar

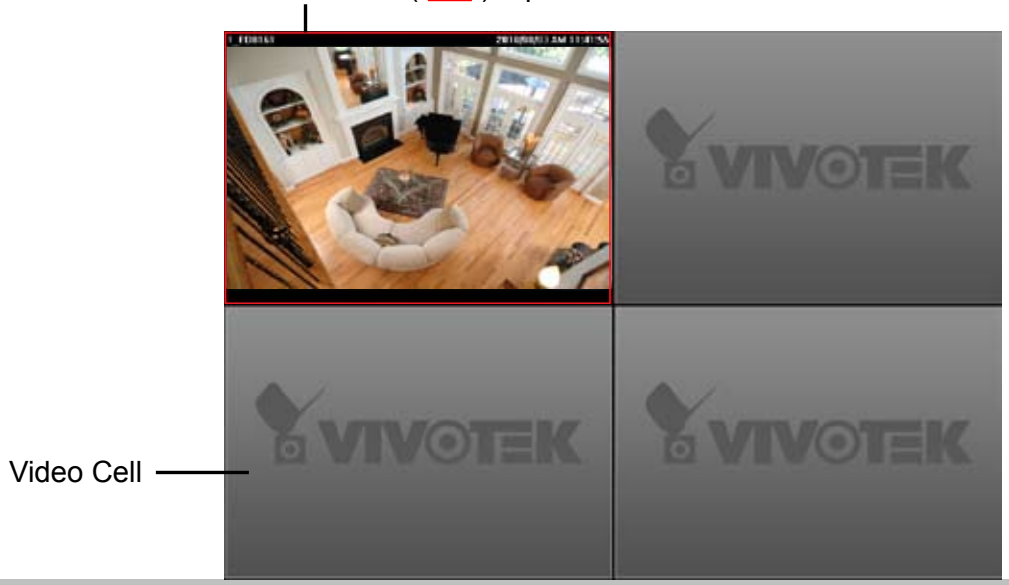
Icon	Function	Description
	Exit	Exit the system
	Logout	Logout from the current station
	Lock	Click to Lock the system for security concerns (Unclock the system)
	Volume	Adjust the audio volume of the target video (Mute)
	Snapshot	Capture the picture of the target video
	Print	Print out the picture of the target video
	Remove All Connection	Remove all live videos from the live video monitoring window
	Layout	Change the layout of video monitoring window
	Full Screen	Maximize the live video monitoring window
	Switch Screen	Switch to another screen
	Synchronous Playback	Click to enable synchronous playback for multiple channels

Some buttons will be disabled if the selected device does not support those functions.

Recorded Video Playback Window

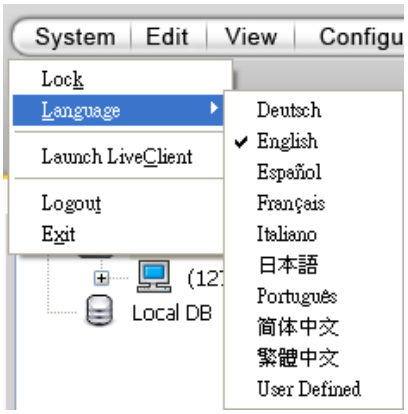
The "VIVOTEK" logo indicates that no camera has been assigned to the video cell.

The red frame ( ) represents the focused cell.



Language Selection

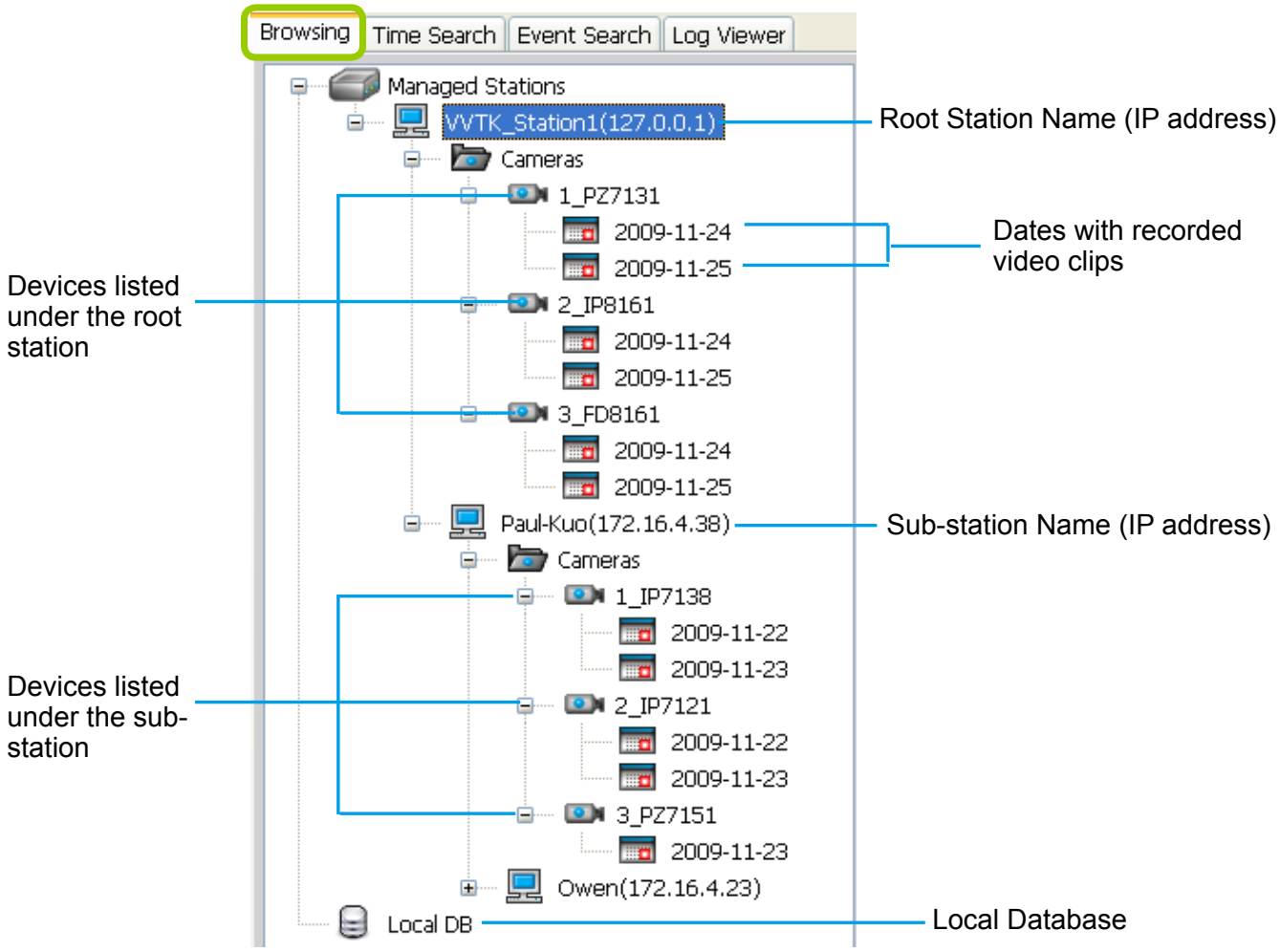
VAST current supports user interfaces in multiple languages; and language options are availabe in: English, Deutsch, Español, Français, Italiano, 日本語, Português, 簡体中文, and 繁體中文. If you want to select another language for the interface, please click **System > Language** on the menu bar to select a desired language. Please note that if you want to change the language option, a message will remind you to restart the system.



If you want to use "User Defined" language, please prepare images and language strings, and upload the files to the following folders:

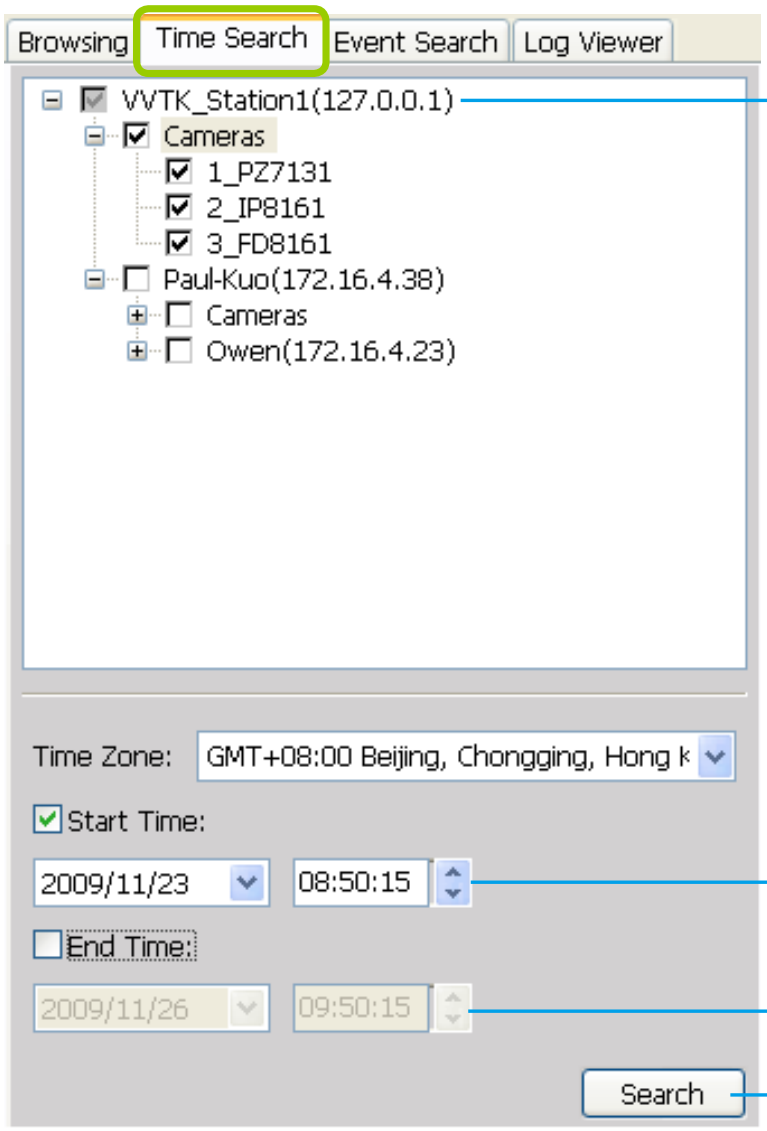
...\VAST\Client\Playback\language\zz_UD (language string)
...\VAST\Client\Playback\image (images)

Query Panel-- Browsing Page



Icon	Description
	Station list including server and local database
	A station (a computer that has installed VAST Server)
	A station (a computer that has installed ST7501 Server)
	The camera that exists on the hierarchical management tree of LiveClient.
	The camera that has been removed from the hierarchical management tree of LiveClient (off-line). However, its recorded video (if any) is still accessible from the server.
	Dates with recorded video clips.
	Local database for backup data. For more information about how to upload backup data to the list, please refer to page 156.

Query Panel--Time Search Page



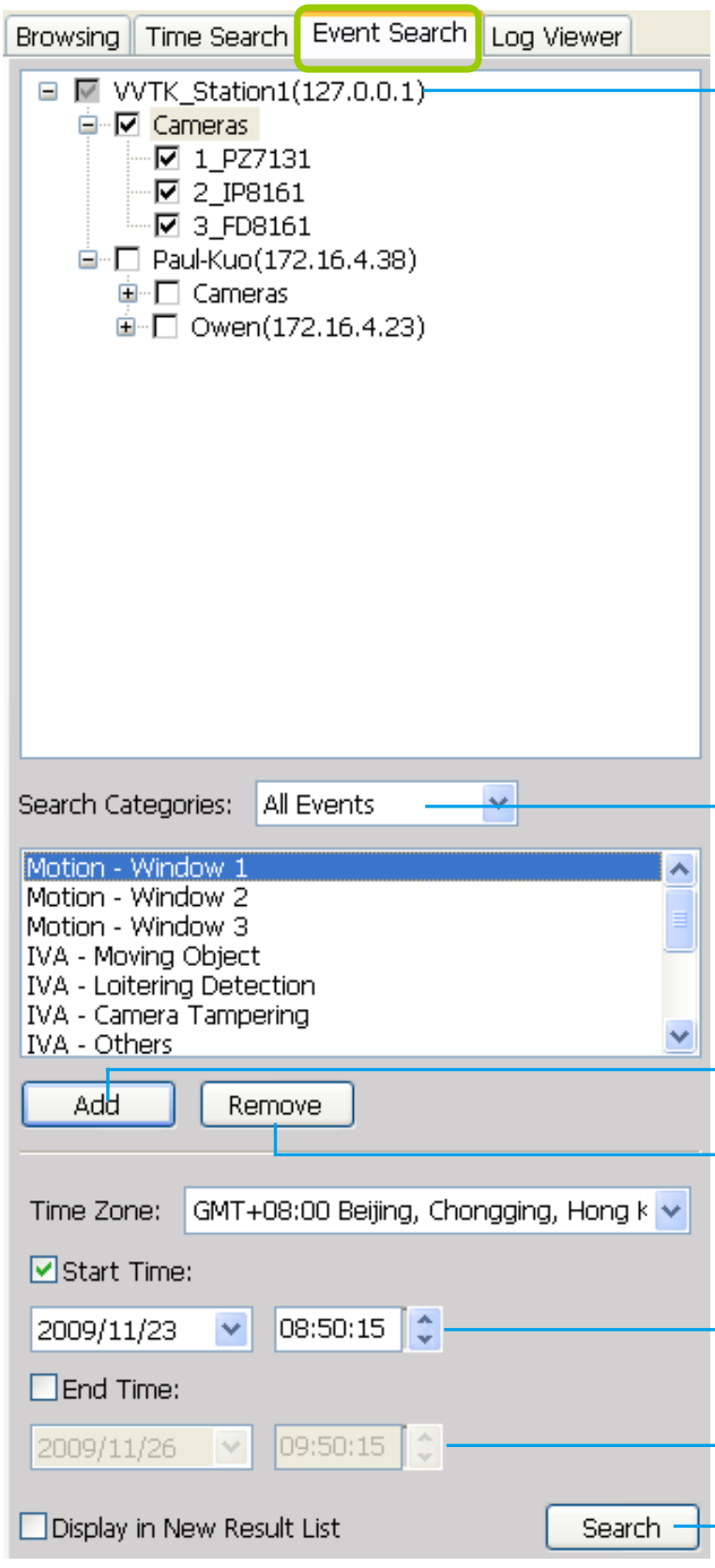
Select station(s)/ device(s) that you want to search for recorded files

Specify search period of time

Click to start to search, the results will be shown on the video clips list

*The **Time Zone** is the same as your local computer.*

Query Panel--Event Search Page



Select station(s)/ device(s) that you want to search for recorded files

Select an Event Category

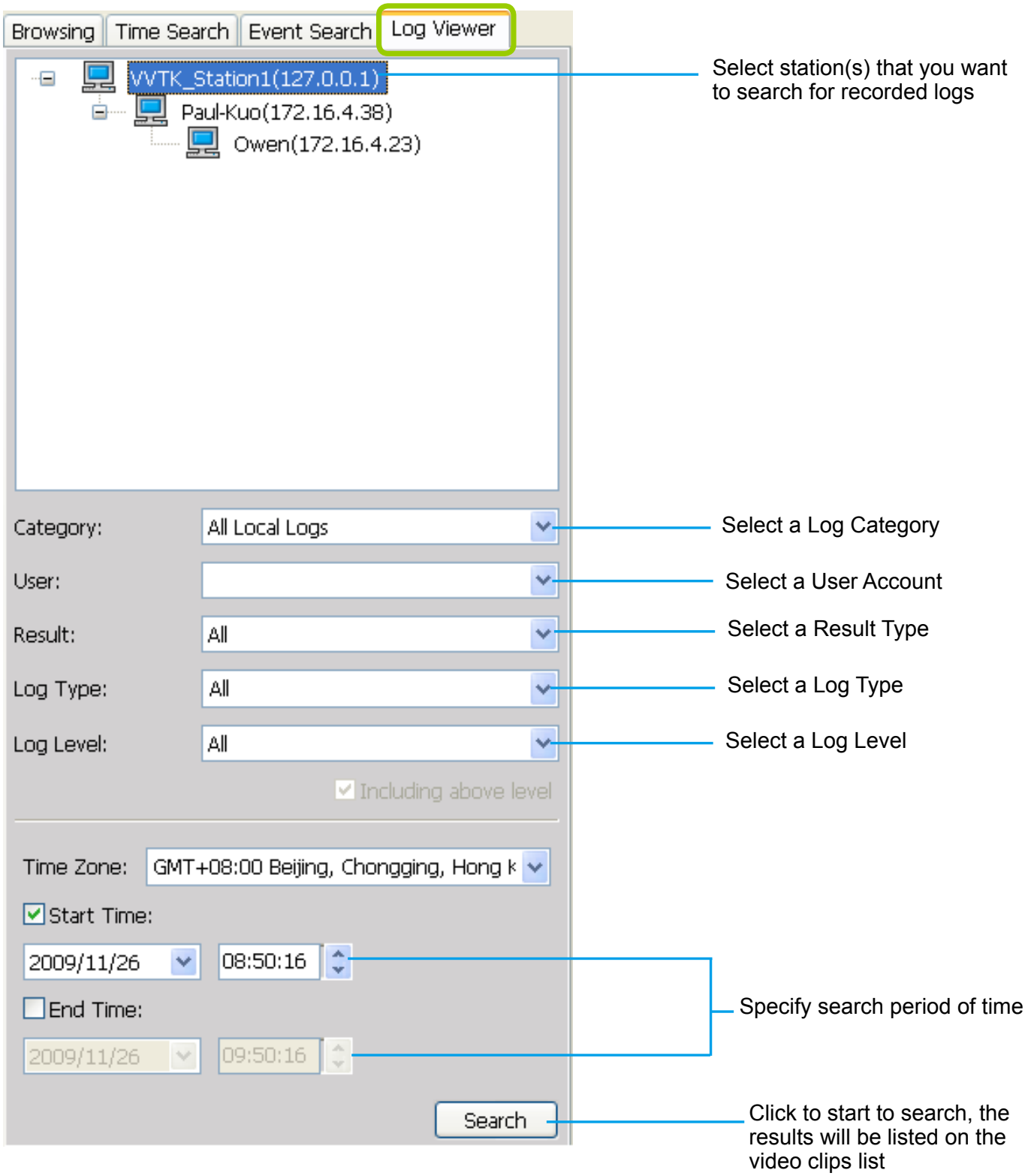
Click to add search criteria

Click to remove search criteria

Specify search period of time

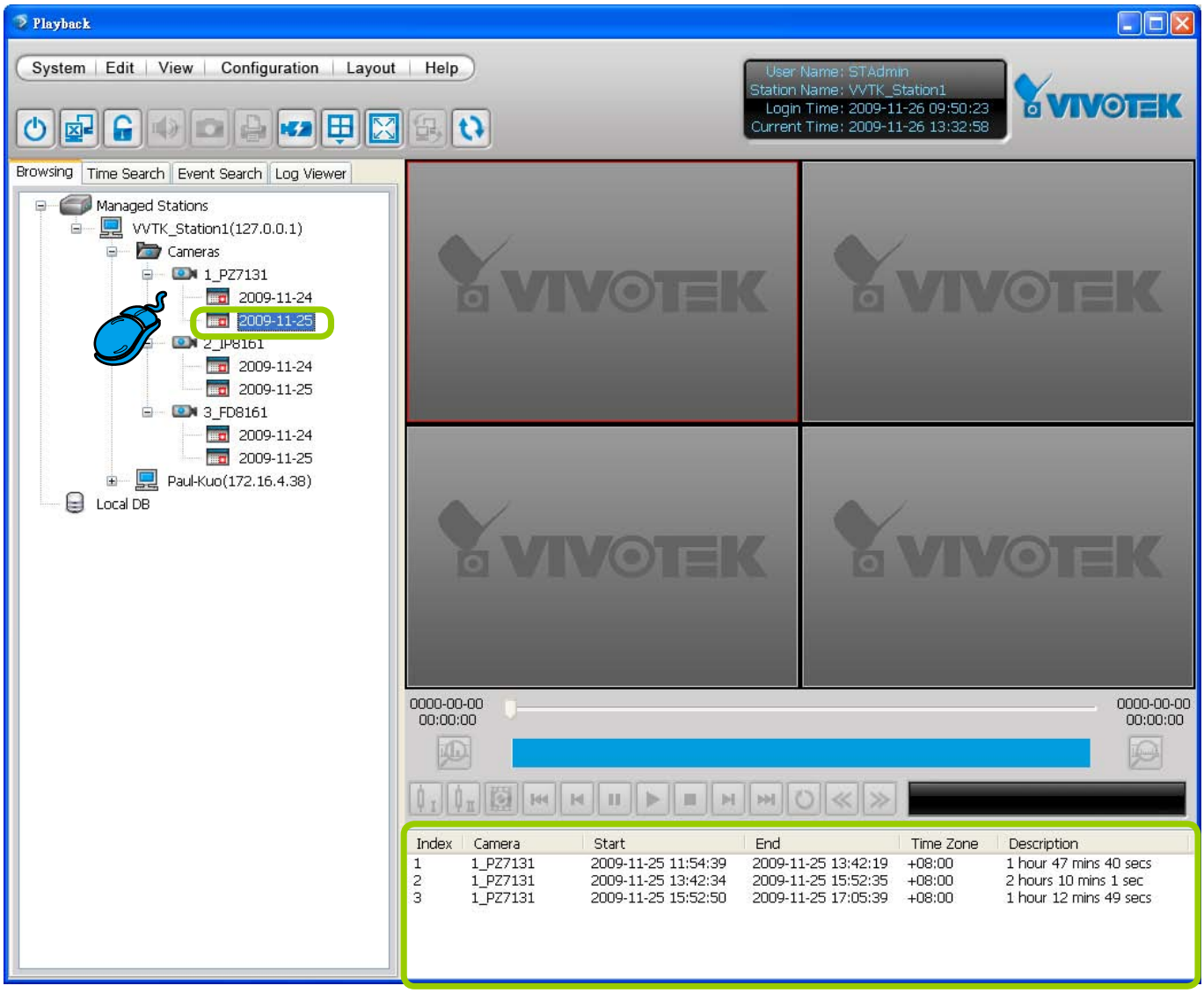
Click to start to search, the results will be shown on the video clips list

Query Panel--Log Viewer Page



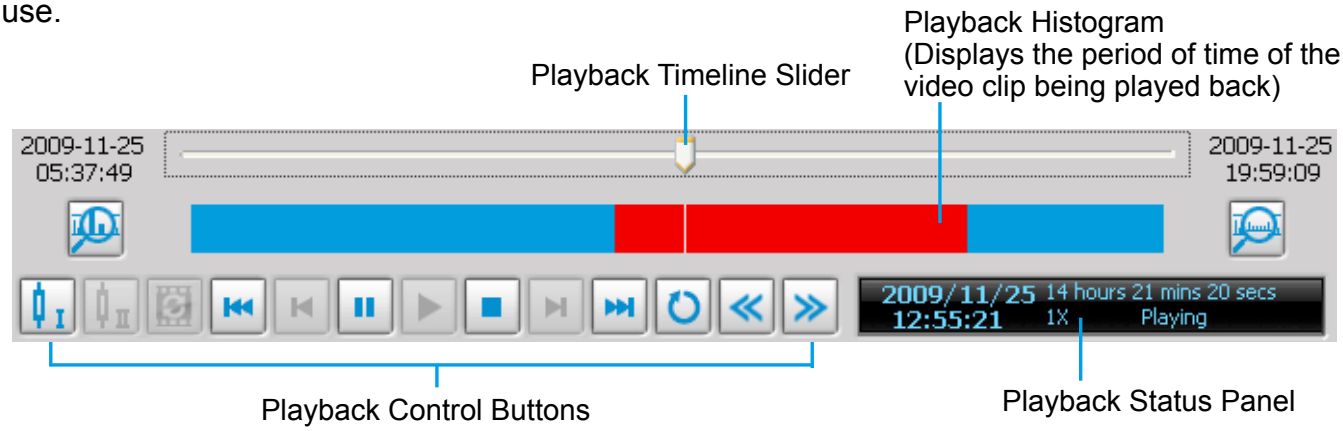
Video Clips List Window

If you select a **option "date"**, the video clips will be displayed in the video clips list window. A option "date" may contain more than one video clip.

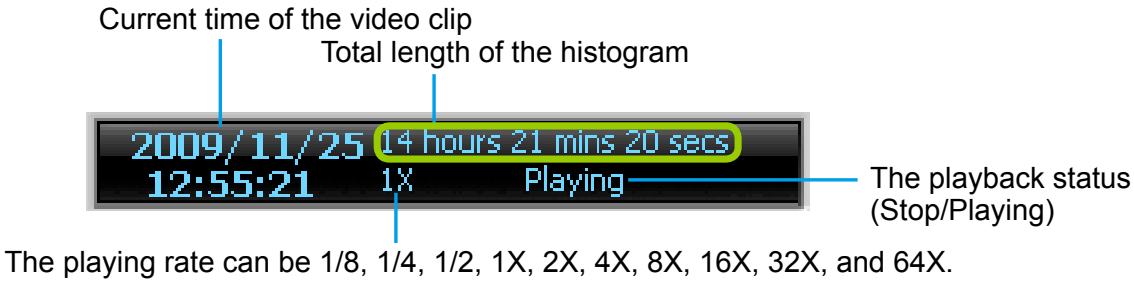


Playback Control Panel

When you double-click a video clip to play, the playback control panel will be enabled for you to use.



Icon	Function	Description
	Histogram Zoom In	Zoom in on the displayed period of time of the histogram
	Histogram Zoom Out	Zoom out of the displayed period of time of the histogram
	Marker I	If you want to export part of the recorded video clip, click to set marker I on the histogram, which will be the start time of the exported media
	Marker II	If you want to export part of the recorded video clip, click to set marker II on the histogram, which will be the end time of the exported media
	Export Media	Click to export the marked video clip
	Last Time Interval	Go to the previous video clip on the video clips list
	Last Frame	Go to the previous video frame of the selected video clip
	Pause	Pause playback the selected video clip
	Play	Start to playback the selected video clip
	Stop	Stop to playback the selected video clip
	Next Frame	Go to the next video frame of the selected video clip
	Next Time Interval	Go to the next video clip on the video clips list
	Repeat Mode	Playback the selected video clip repeatly
	Slow Down	Slow down the playback rate
	Speed Up	Speed up the playback rate

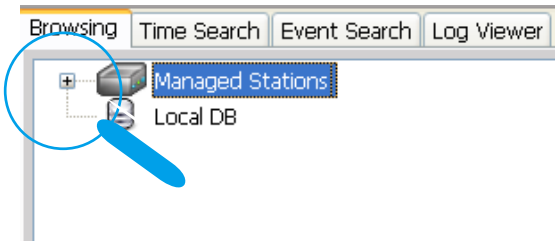


How to Playback Recorded Video

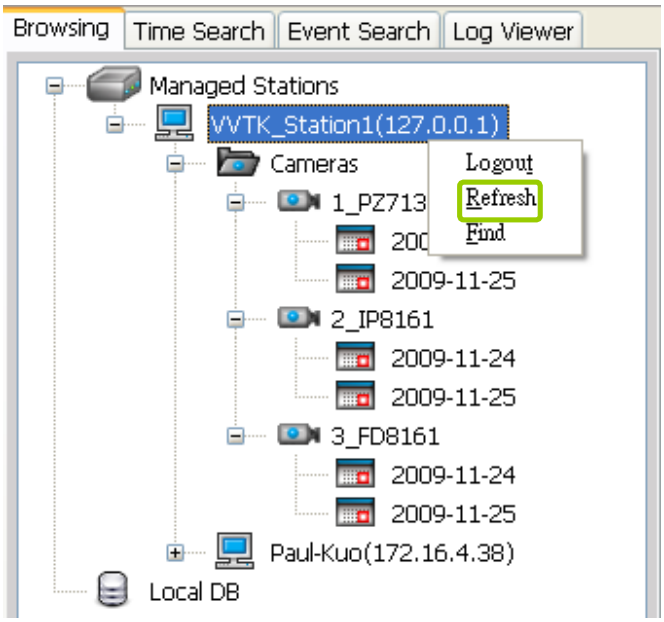
Select a Recorded Video Clip

Please follow the steps below to select a video clip:

1. On the **Bowsing** page, click the plus sign (+) to expand the hierarchical management tree.



2. **Right-click** a station, device, or option “date” on the hierarchical management tree and click **Refresh** to display the recorded video clips.

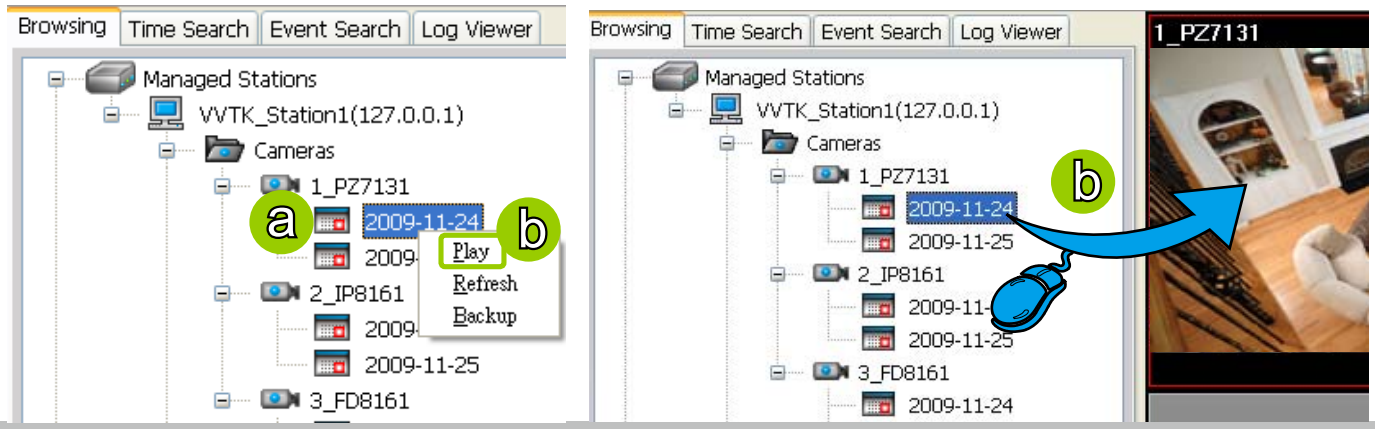


3. There are two ways to view the video clips of a date.

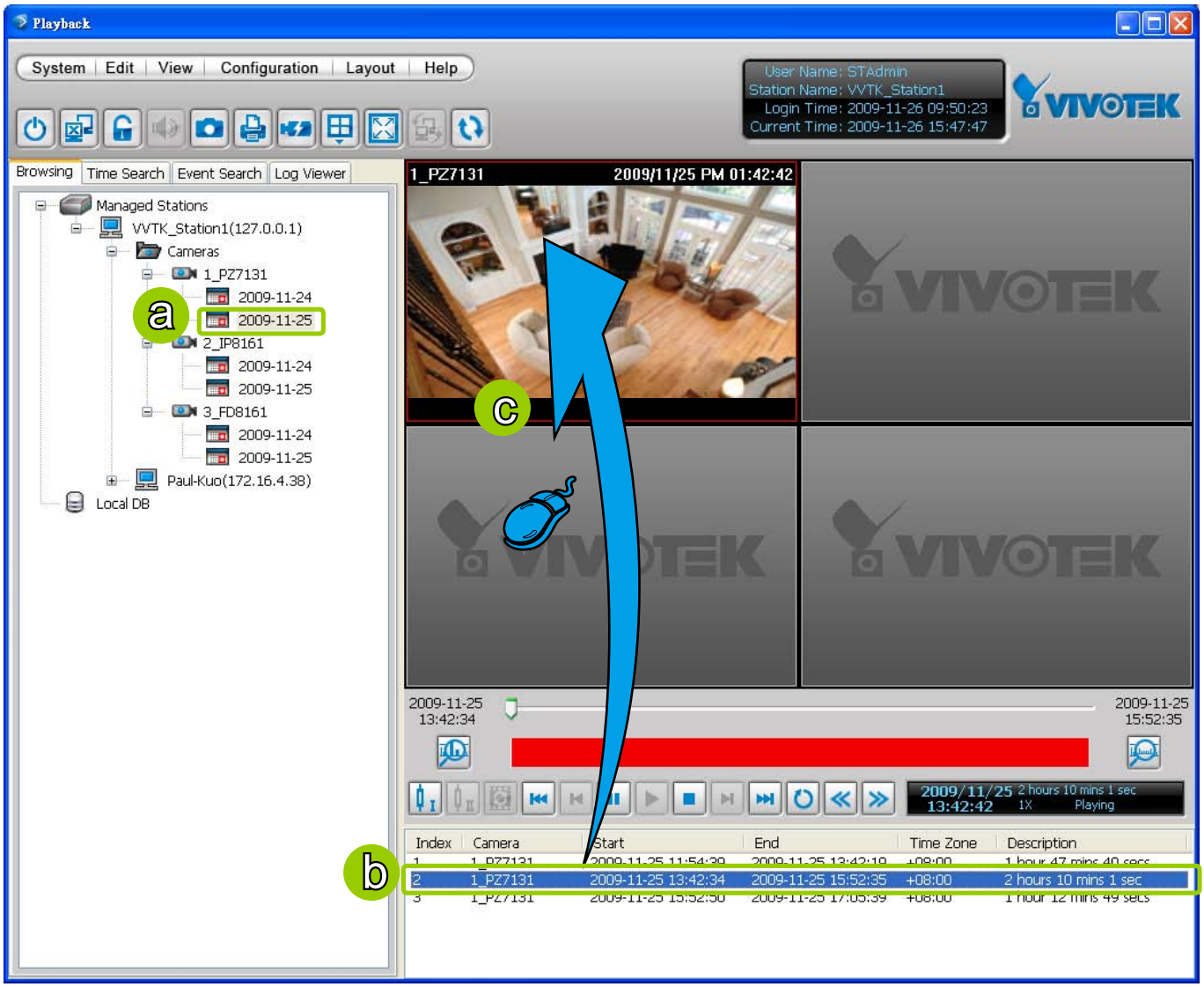
- View all video clips of a date:

  a. Select a **option** “date” from the hierarchical management tree.

  b. **Double-click** the option “date” or **right-click** the option “date” and click **play**, and it will start to play in an available video cell. (You can also directly **drag-and-drop** the **option** “date” to a desired video cell in the recorded video playback window. The video clip will start to play.)



- View only one of the video clips of a date:
  a. Click a **option** “date” on the hierarchical management tree. The corresponding recorded video clips will be listed in the video clip list window.
  b. Select a video clip from the video clip list window.
  c. **Double-click** the video clip, then it will start to play in an available video cell. (You can also directly **drag-and-drop** the video clip to a desired video cell in the recorded video playback window. The video clip will start to play.)



4. Then you can make use of the playback control panel to playback the selected video clip. Please refer to **Playback Control Panel** on page 143.

Remove Recorded Video Clips from Video Cells

There are two ways to remove a recorded video clip from the video cell:

1. **Right-click** the video cell and select **Remove**.

2. **Drag-and-drop** the live view from the video cell to the hierarchical management tree window.

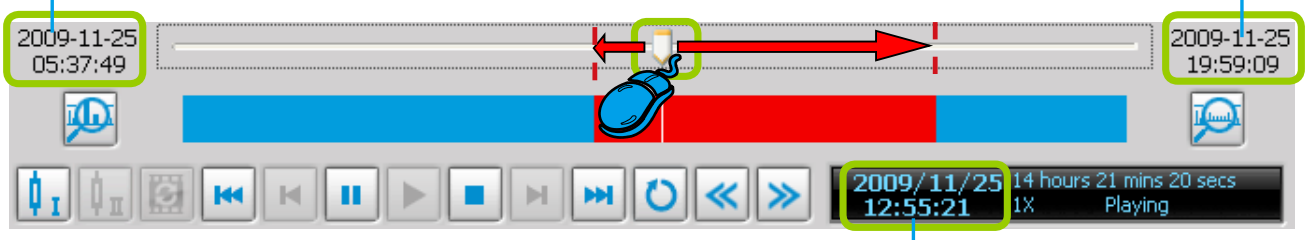
If you want to remove all live videos from the video cells, please click on the menu bar.

Timeline Slider Bar and Histogram

The red part of the histogram shows the period of time of a video clip. The timeline slider bar will move forward as the video is on playback. You can manually move forward/backward the **Timeline Slider Bar** to the desired position as shown below.

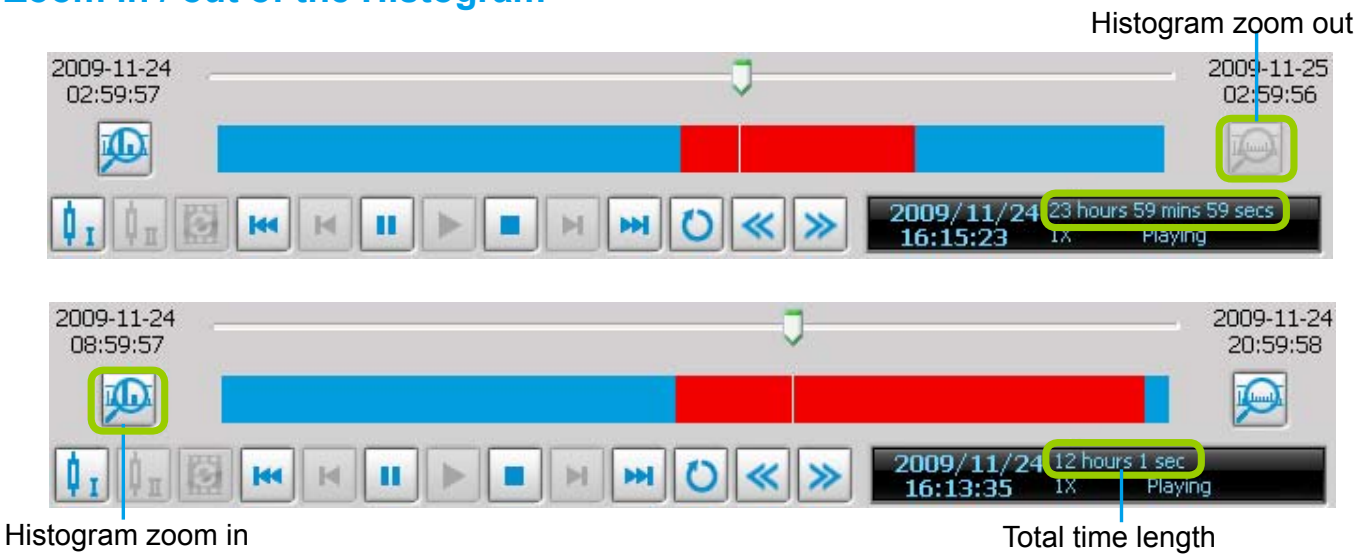
Start time of the histogram

End time of the histogram



The current time of the video clip will be displayed on the status panel. It will change according to the current position of the timeline slider bar.

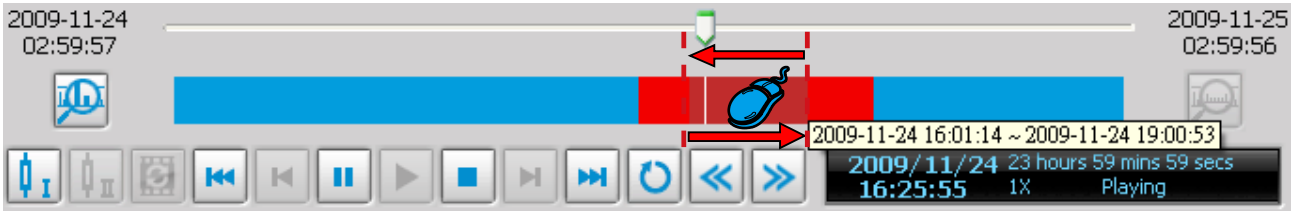
Zoom in / out of the Histogram



As the second picture shows, by clicking **Histogram Zoom In**, the total time of the histogram will shorten to half of the original period of time, while the red part of the histogram that shows the period of time of the video clip will extend to twice the original time span.

In addition to clicking and to zoom in/ out of the histogram, you can use the mouse directly to drag the histogram to zoom in part of the focused video clip.
For example:

a. Drag a section of the histogram. You can drag it to either direction.



b. The section will be extended as shown below.

For more functions of the playback control buttons, please refer to page 143 for detailed description.

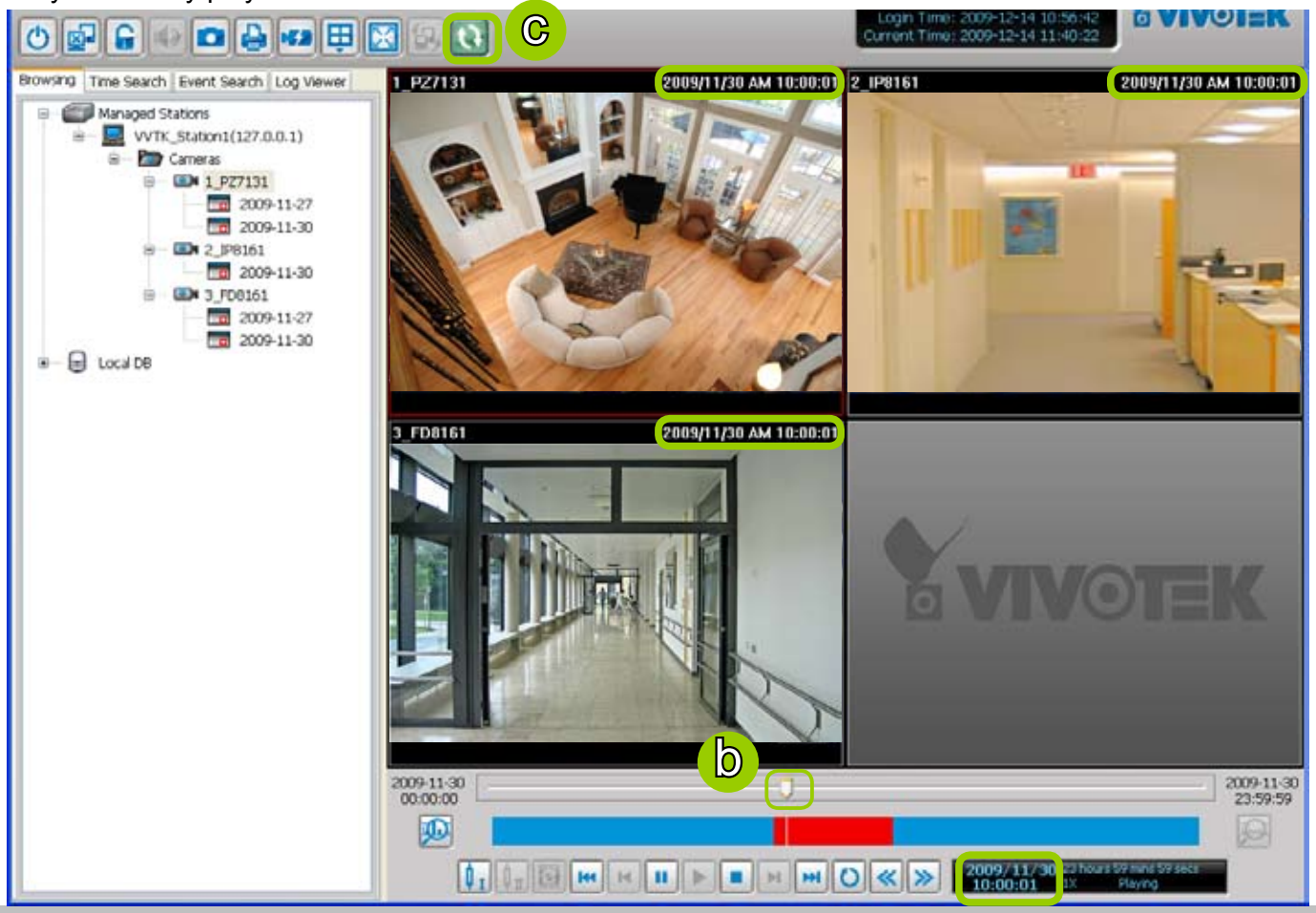
Synchronous Playback

VIVOTEK VAST Playback supports synchronous playback, which allows you to review up to 16-channel video clips simultaneously during the specific time point.
Please follow the steps below to enable synchronous playback:

a. Drag-and-drop the option “date”s to the video cells.

b. Drag the Timeline Slider Bar to the specific time point.

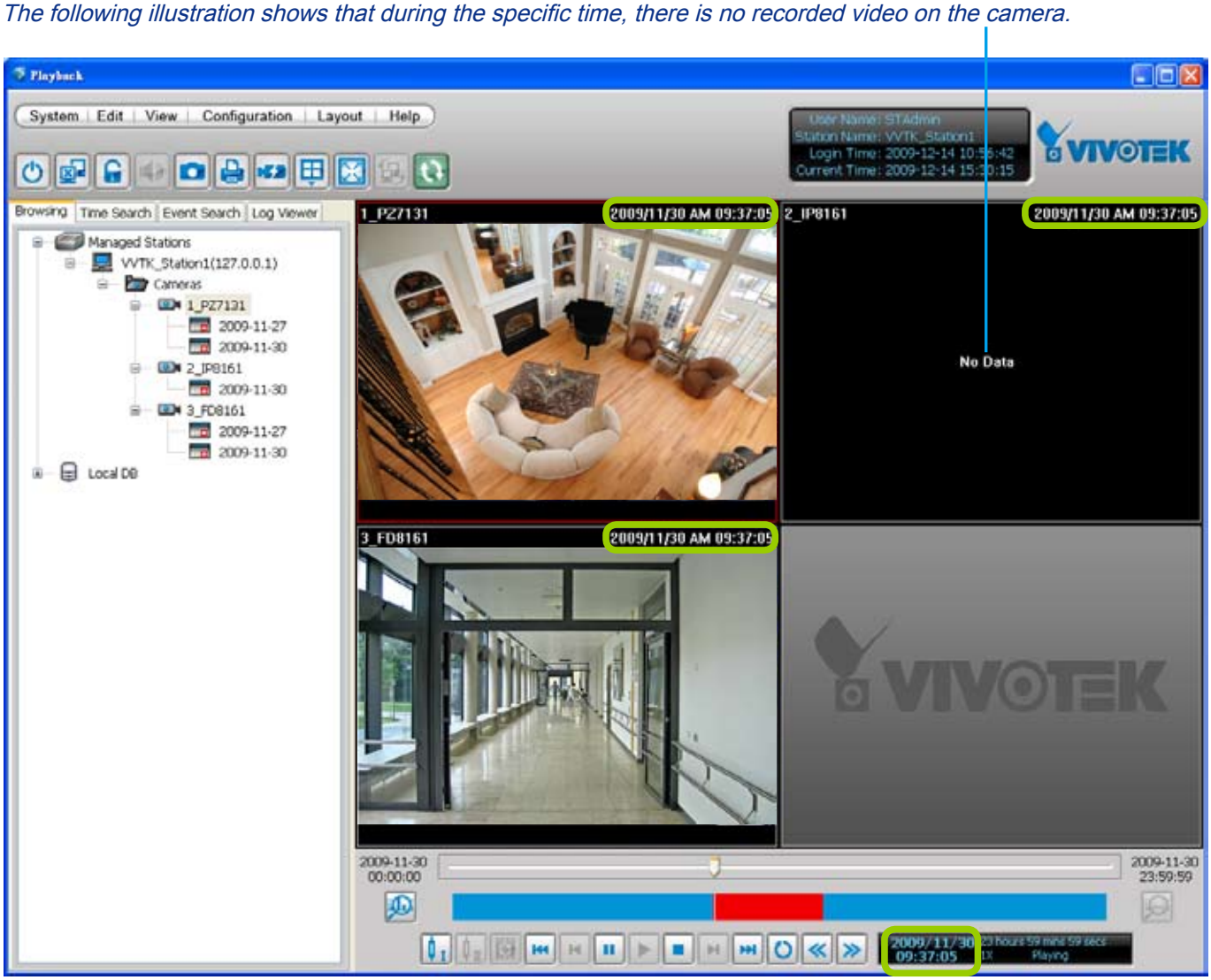
c. Click the synchronous playback button on the quick access bar. The selected channel will start to sychronously playback as shown below.



d. You can move forward/backward the Timeline Slider Bar to another time point, and all of the time stamps on the video cells will change accordingly.

e. If you want to stop synchronous playback, click the non-synchronous playback button again.

The following illustration shows that during the specific time, there is no recorded video on the camera.



Audio Control

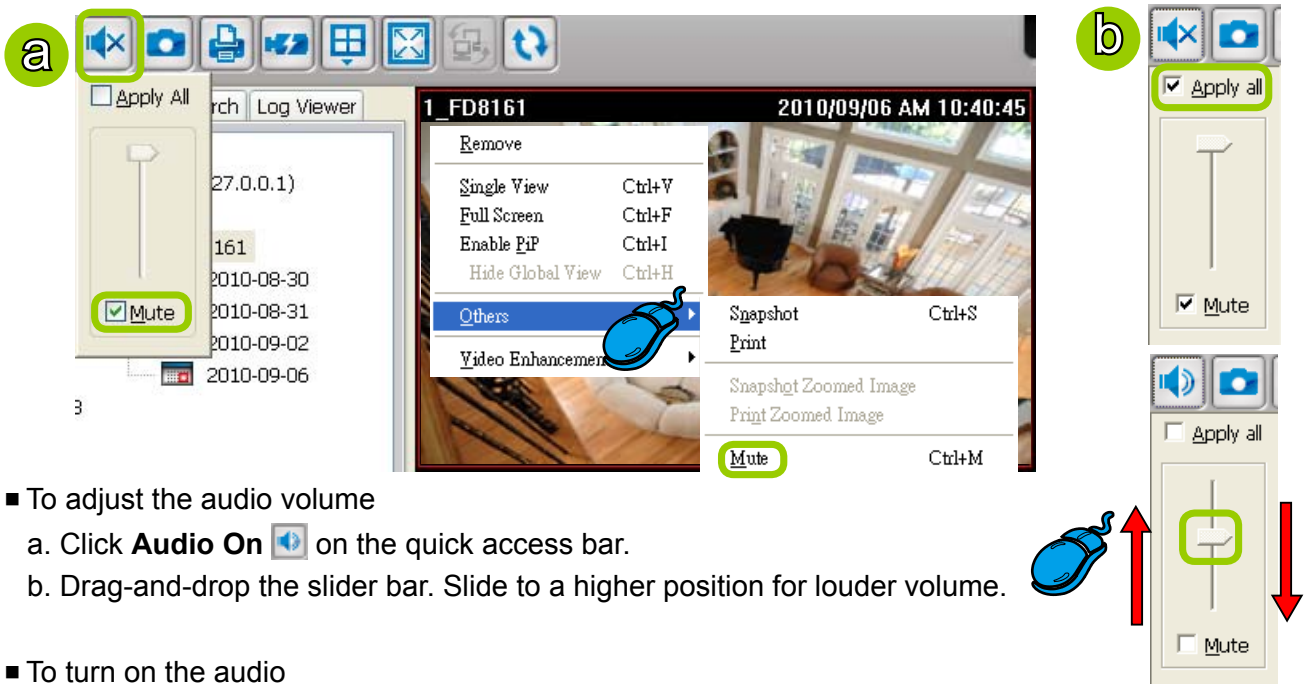
The audio function will be enabled if the device is equipped with an internal or external microphone. Please follow the steps below to adjust the volume or turn on/off the audio of the focused video:

■ To turn off the audio (Mute Mode)

a. Click **Audio On** on the quick access bar and check **Mute**. Or you can **right-click** on the video cell to open the popup menu, then click **Others > Mute**. The mute option in the popup menu will then be selected.

b. If you want to turn off the audio of all live video, select **Apply all**.

c. The Audio icon will then change from to .



■ To adjust the audio volume

a. Click **Audio On** on the quick access bar.

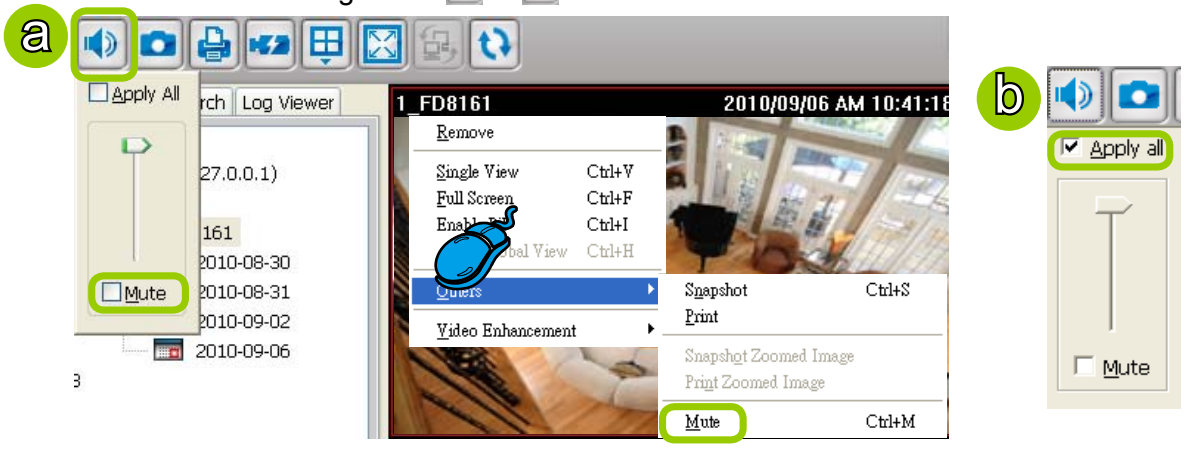
b. Drag-and-drop the slider bar. Slide to a higher position for louder volume.

■ To turn on the audio

a. Click **Mute** on the quick access bar and uncheck **Mute**. Or you can **right-click** on the video cell to open the popup menu, then click **Others > Mute**. The mute option in the popup menu will then be unchecked.

b. If you want to turn on the audio of all live video, select **Apply all**.

c. The Audio icon will then change from to .



How to Change the Playback Layout

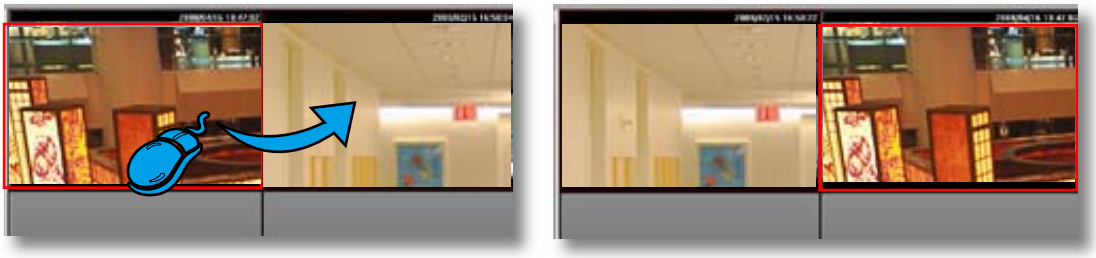
Changing the Layout of the Recorded Video Playback Window

VIVOTEK VAST Playback supports up to 16-CH simultaneous recorded video playback on a single monitor and allows you to change the layout of the recorded live video playback window based on the number of inserted devices.

Switch Video Channels

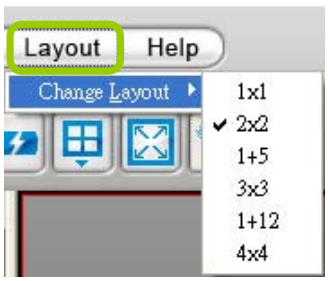
Drag-and-drop a video channel to another empty video window.

To switch two channels, **drag-and-drop** one view to the other, then the two channels will switch positions.



Configure Layout Mode

Click the **Layout** button on the quick access bar or click **Layout > Change Layout** on the menu bar. Select a desired layout mode and the layout window will change accordingly. Below we illustrate 6 types of layout modes:

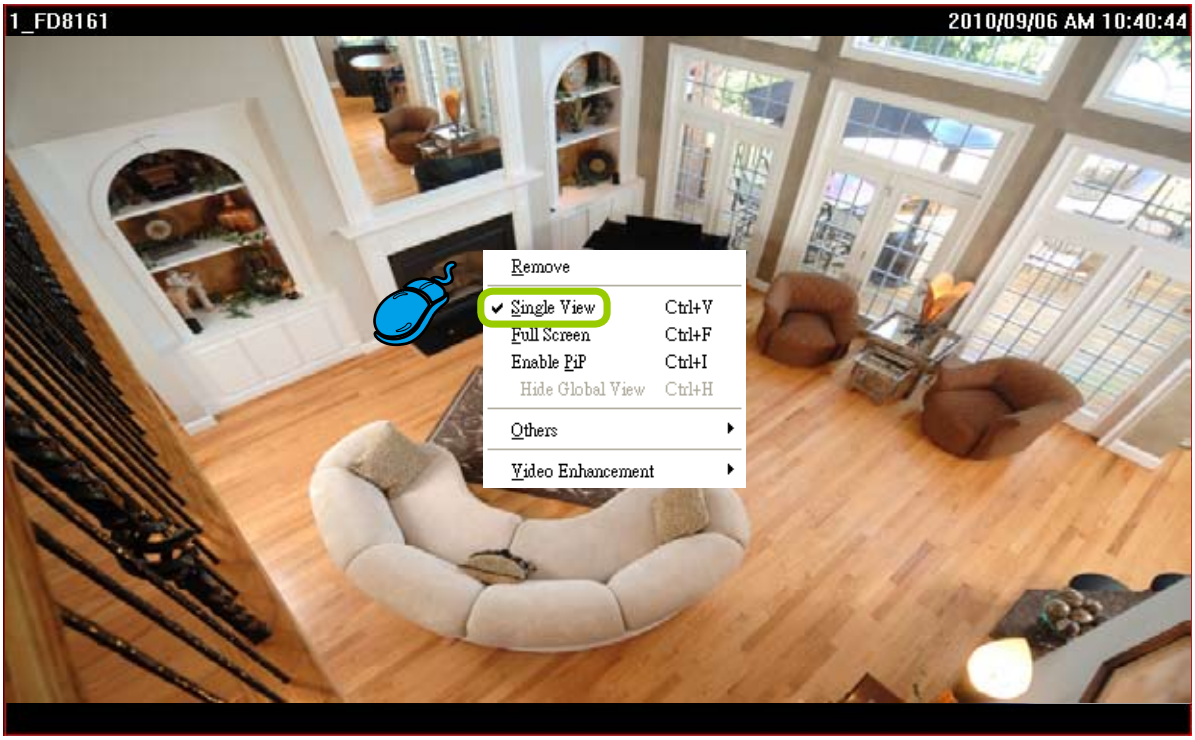


Layout mode	Description
1 x 1	
2 x 2	
1 + 5	
3 x 3	
1 + 12	
4 x 4	

Maximize/Minimize the Recorded Video Playback Window

- Single View: to maxmize a video cell to the entire video playback window

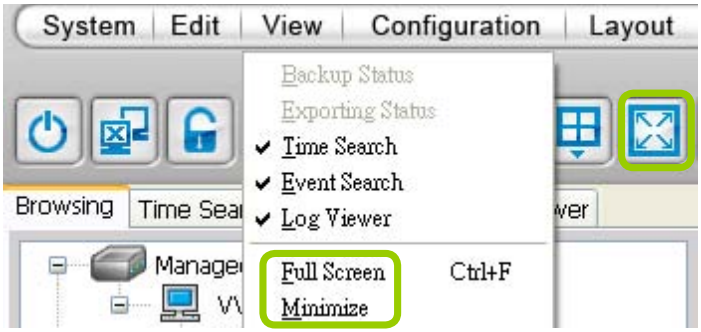
Double-click the video cell, or **right-click** the video cell and selec **Single View**. The focused video will occupy the entire Playback window as shown below.



To restore to the original layout, **double-click** the video cell or **right-click** the video cell and uncheck **Single View.**

- Full Screen: to maxmize the video playback window to the entire screen

Click **Full Screen** on the quick access bar or **right-click** the video cell and select **Full Screen**. In addition, you can also click **View > Full Screen** on the menu bar to maximize the recorded video playback window.



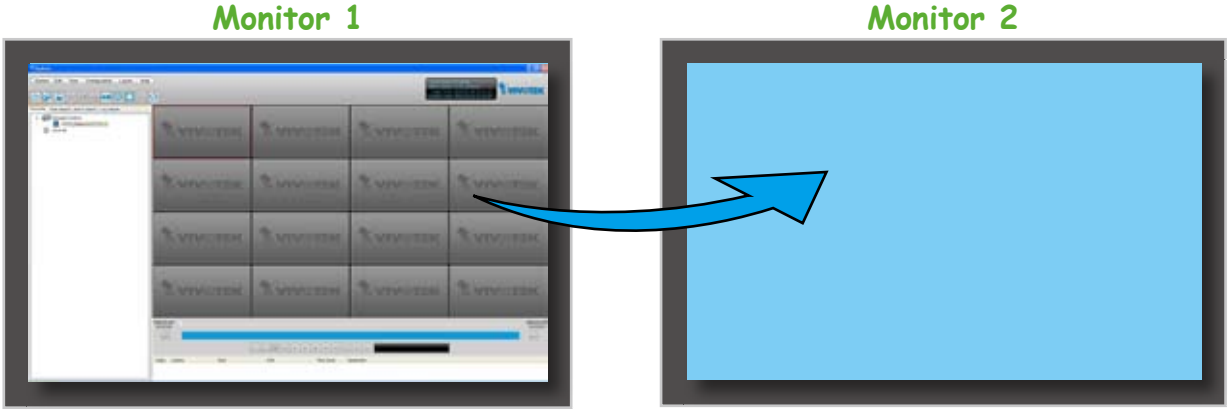
To restore to the original layout, **right-click** the video cell and uncheck **Full Screen**. You also can press the **Esc** button on the keyboard to leave the full screen mode.

- Minimize: If you click **View > Minimize** on the menu bar**,** the Playback window will minimize to the Windows tool bar.

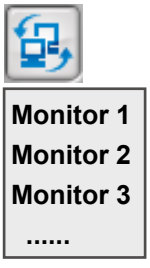
View Recorded Video with Multiple Monitors

If you have multiple screens in your control center, you can switch the VAST Playback Window among these screens.

- If you have two monitors, click **Switch Screen** on the menu bar, the Playback window of monitor 1 will switch to monitor 2.



- If you have three or more monitors, a drop-down list will be displayed when you click **Switch Screen** on the menu bar. The number of options on this list depends on the number of your screens. Select a desired screen from the drop-down list and the Playback Window will then switch to the specified screen.

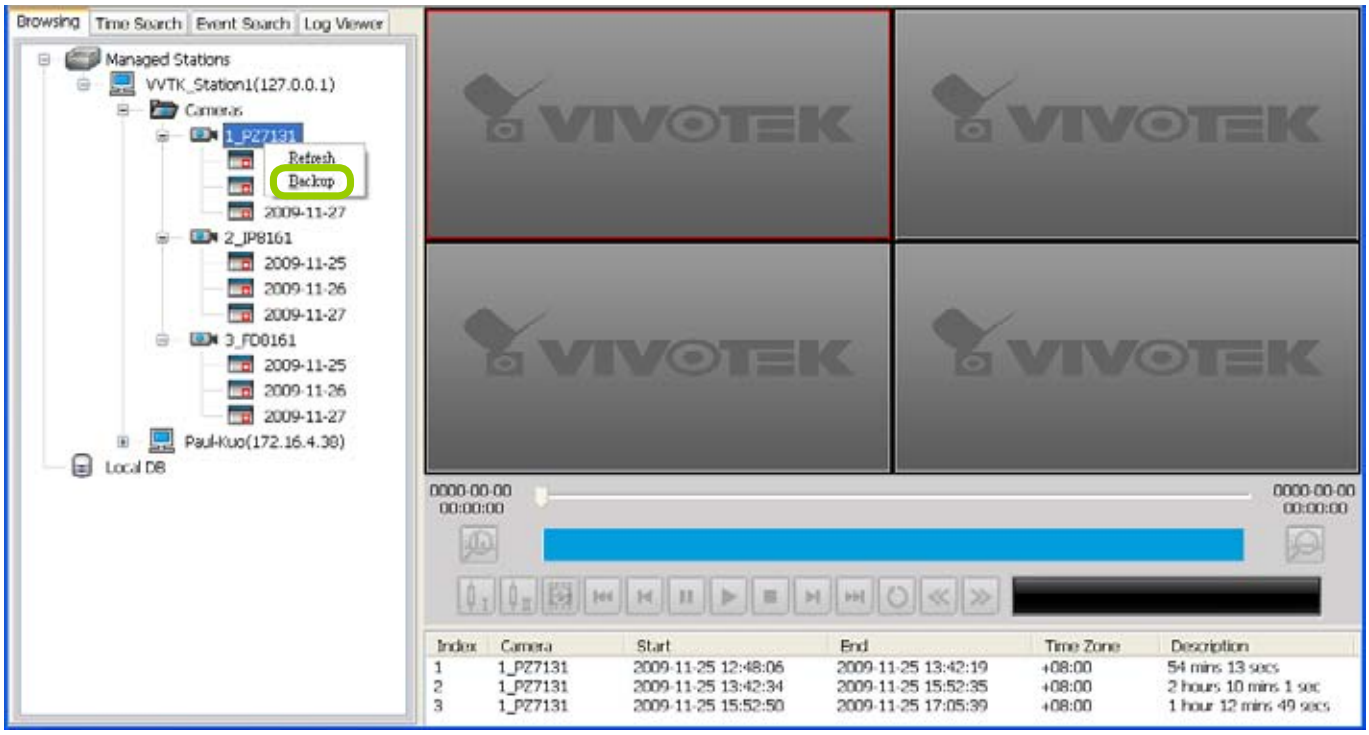


How to Backup Recorded Video

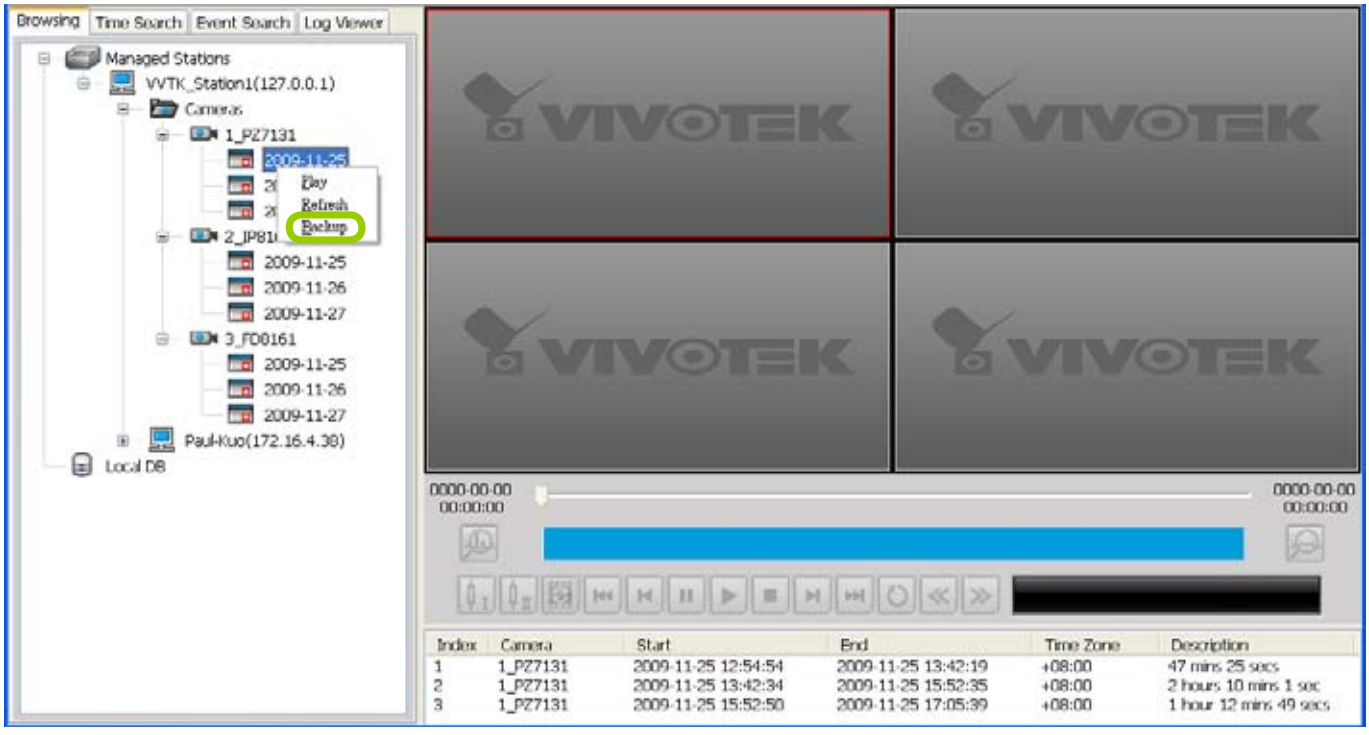
In addition to the Schedule Backup function of VAST LiveClient introduced on page 61, the VAST Playback also features to backup recorded video clips from the **local database**. Please open the **Browsing** page and follow the steps below to backup recorded video:

a. Select the target files.

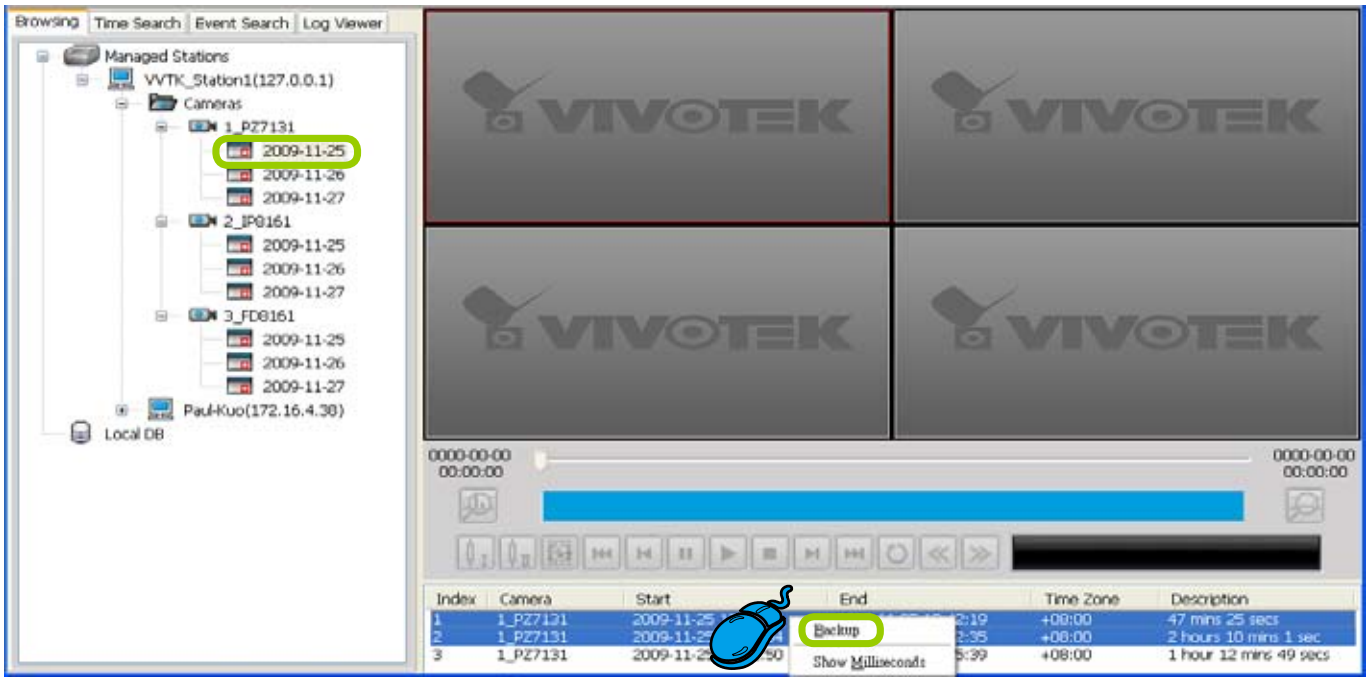
- To backup all recorded video of a selected device: **Right-click** the device and click **Backup**.



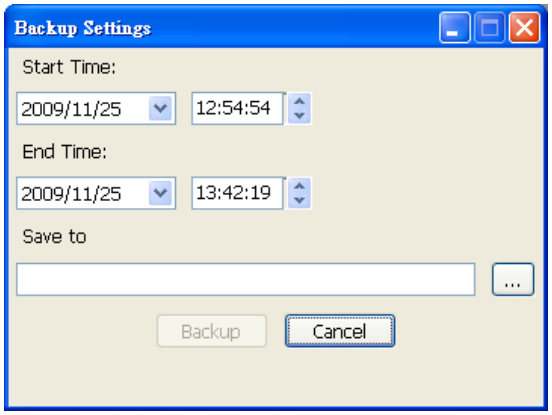
- To backup all recorded video of the day: **Right-click** the option “date” and click **Backup** (or select the date and click the **Backup** button below).

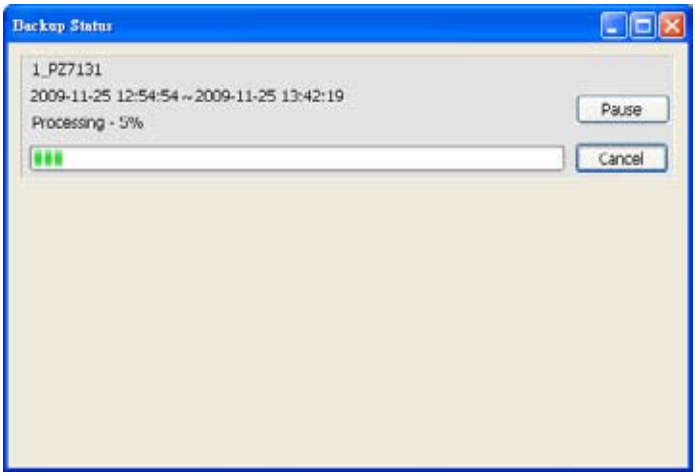


- To backup part of the recorded video of the day: Select the date and choose the video clip(s) from video clip window. Then **right-click** the selected option(s) and click **Backup**. Note: Press **Shift** on your keyboard, then you can select more than one video clips.

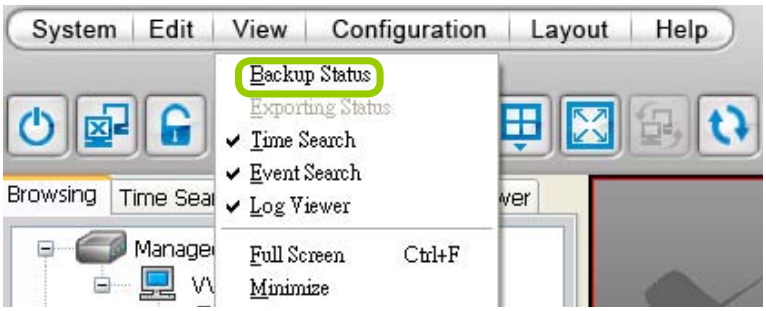


b. A **Backup Settings** window will pop up. Specify the time span and select a storage path, then click **Backup**. The system will start to backup and popup a window showing the backup status.





If you close the status window, you can also open it again by clicking **View > Backup Status**.



d. When the backup is complete, you will see an information dialog. The recorded data will be restored in the specific folder.

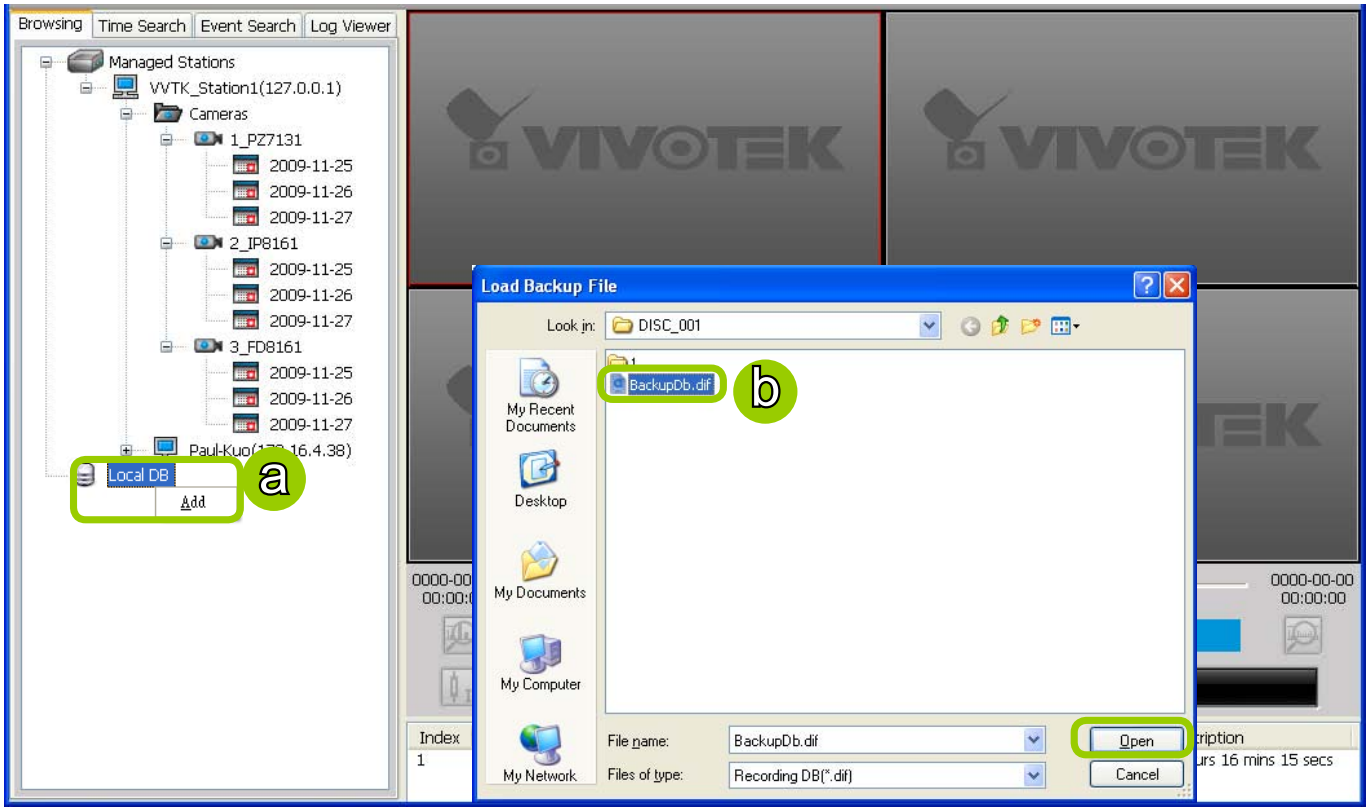
How to View Backup Files

The VAST Playback also allows users to playback backup files, including **Schedule Backup** by VAST LiveClient and **Recorded Data Backup** by VAST Playback.

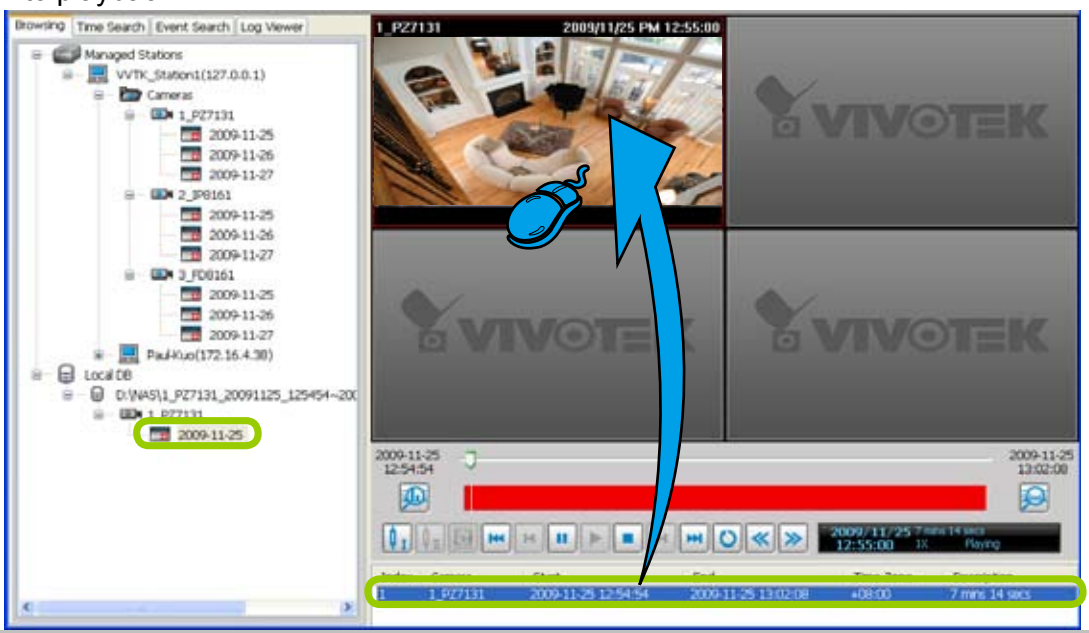
Please follow the steps below to view backup files:

a. **Right-click** Local DB and click **Add**.

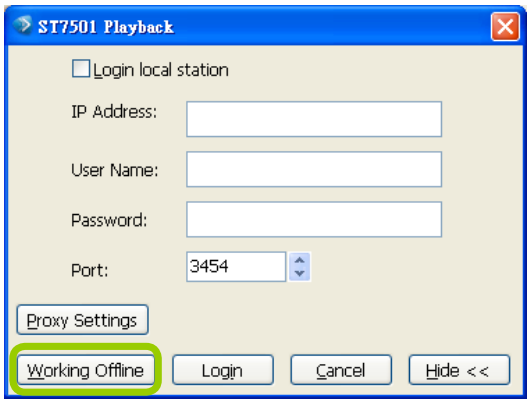
b. A **Load Backup File** window will pop up as shown below. Select the ***.dif file** to upload.



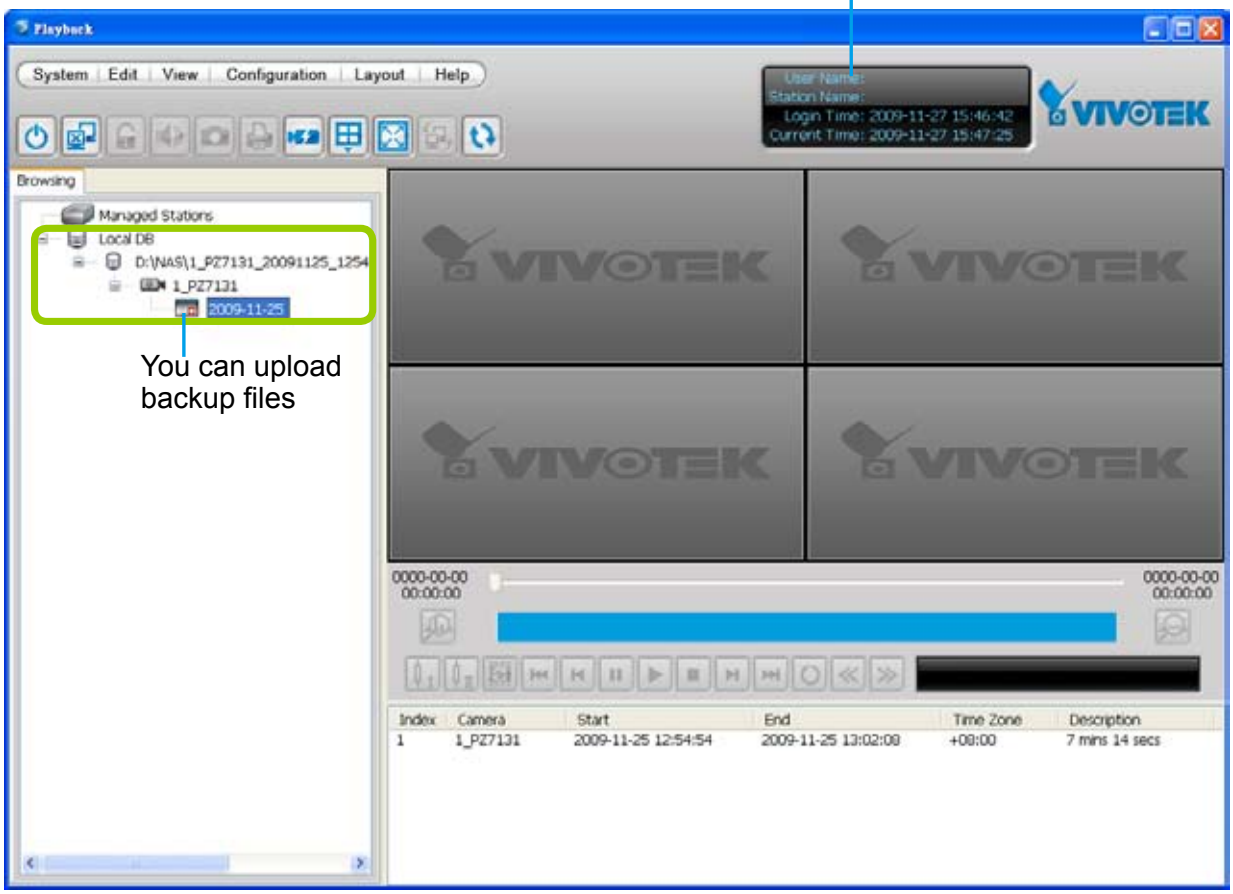
c. The following is an example of uploaded file, and you can **double-click** it or **drag-and-drop** it to a video cell to playback.



*If you want to playback the backup files from the local database, you can also click **Working Offline** in the Login Window without the account information. The VAST Playback will launch as shown below.*



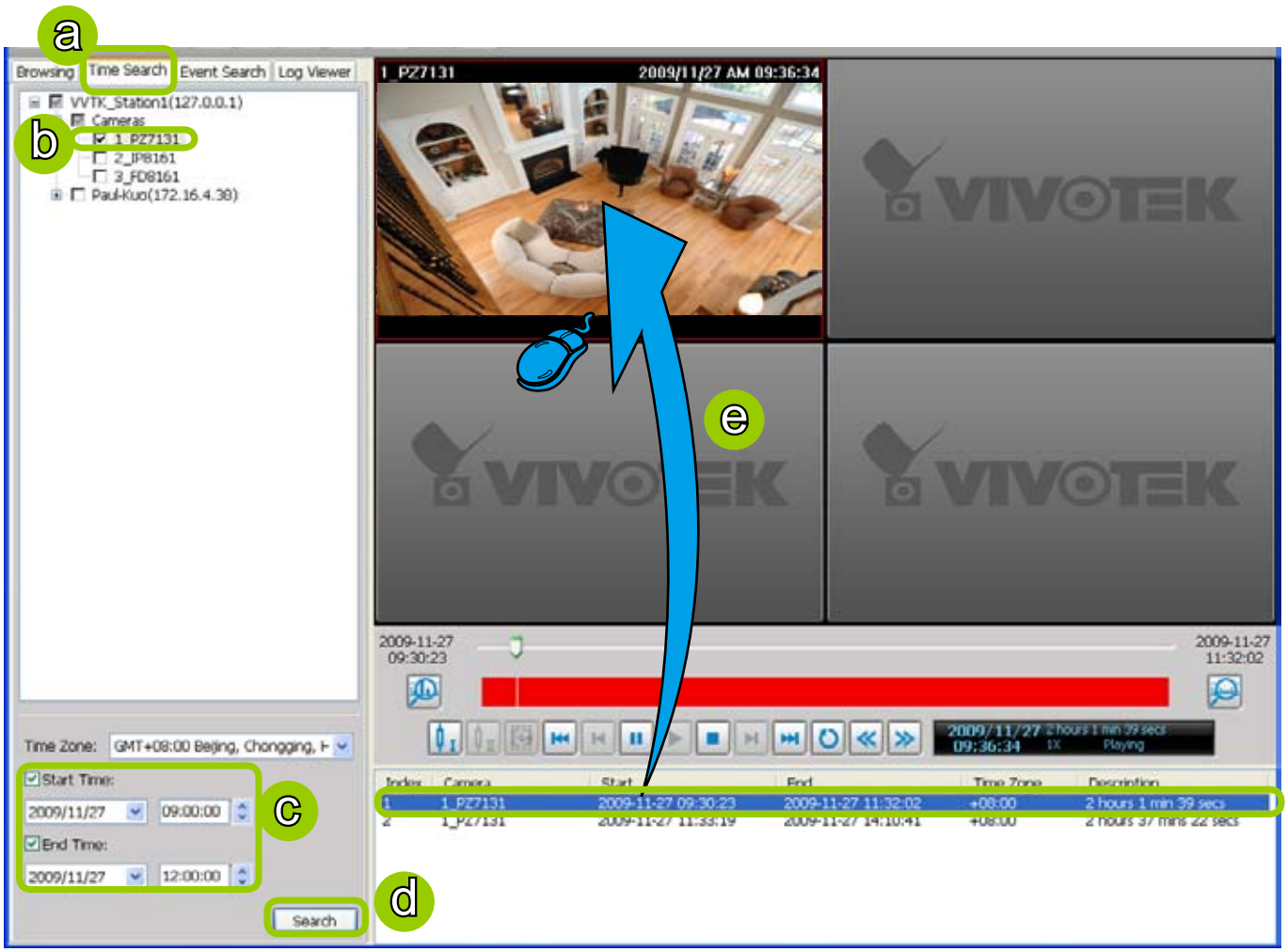
No user account information required



How to Search for a Video Clip in a Specific Period of time

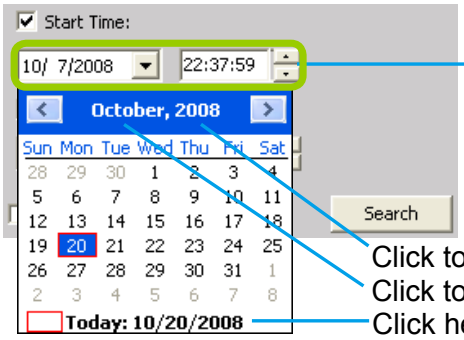
Please follow the steps below to use **Time Search** function:

a. Open the **Time Search** page.



b. Select the target station(s)/device(s) that you want to search for video clips.

c. Specify the time span. You can choose to set up the start time only, the end time only, or both the start time and end time. The search results will only include the video clips within the time span. If you uncheck both the start time and end time, the search results will include all video clips recorded by the selected device(s).



You can manually enter a specific time.

Click to select a year

Click to select a month from the drop-down list

Click here to move the focus to the current date

d. Click **Search** to start time search.

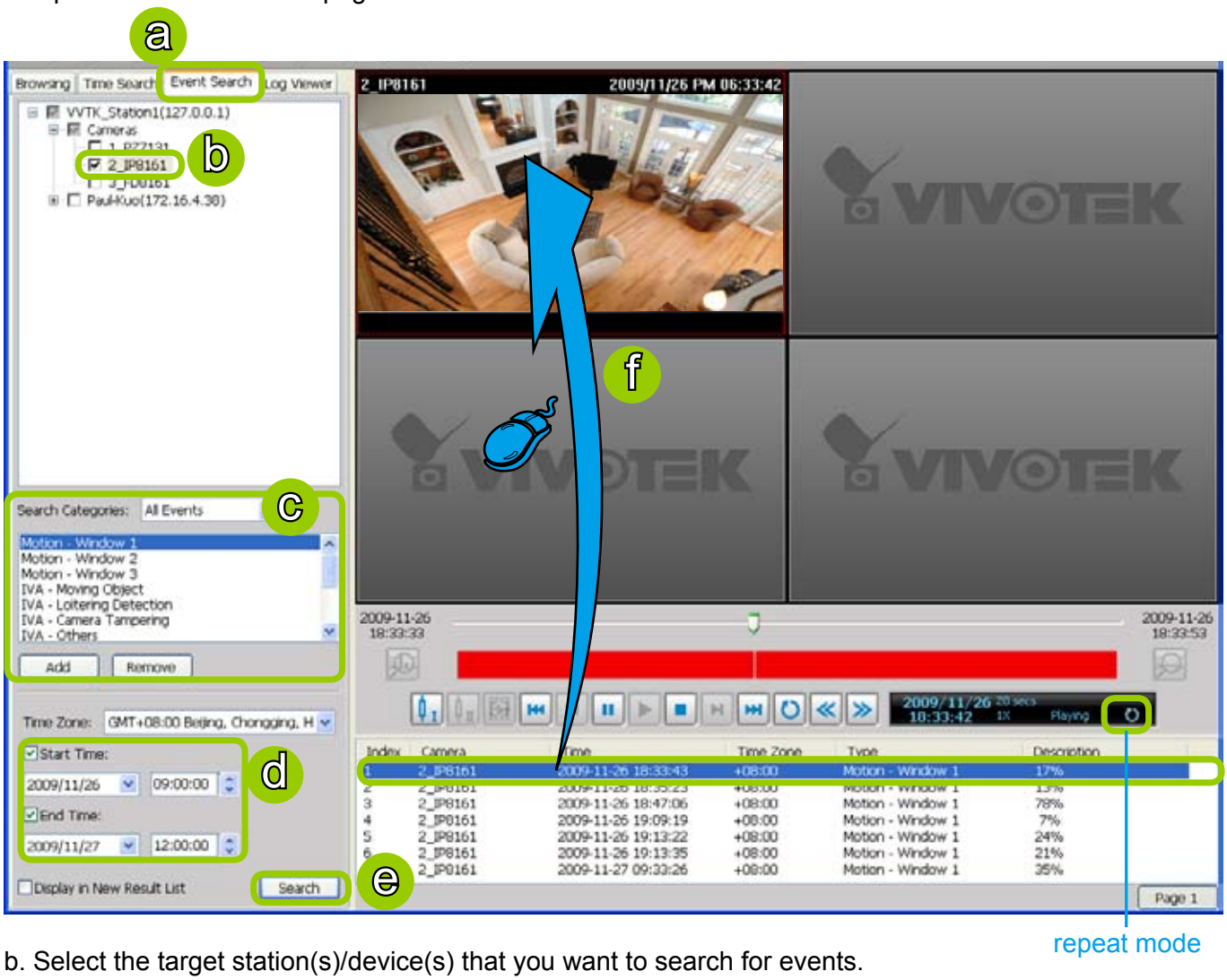
e. View the retrieved video clips.

How to Search for Events

The VAST Playback program offers users an intuitive event search engine for retrieving video clips from the database of recorded videos based on different search criteria such as motion, IVA, or DI events.

Please follow the steps below to search for recorded events:

a. Open the **Event Search** page.



b. Select the target station(s)/device(s) that you want to search for events.

c. Specify the **Event Category**. For detailed information, please refer to **Select Event Category** on the next page.

d. Specify the time span for event search. You can choose to set up the start time only, the end time only, or both the start time and end time. The search results will only include the events within the time span. If you uncheck both the start time and end time, the search results will include all events from the selected device(s). Please refer to step c. on the last page for detailed information.

e. Start event search. Please refer to page 163 for detailed information.

f. View the retrieved video clips. **Double-click** it or **drag-and-drop** it to the video cell. It will playback in repeat mode.

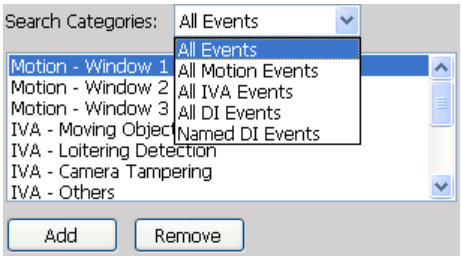
Note: The length of each video clip will depend on your settings of pre-event time & post-event time for the recording storage. The default setting is **20 seconds**. For more infromation, please refer to page 68 for detailed illustration.

Select Event Category

The following introduces the event search categories: **All Events**, **All Motion Events**, **All IVA events**, **All DI Events**, **Named DI Events, PIR, Tampering,** and **Tamperature**. You can also add or remove customized events from the list.

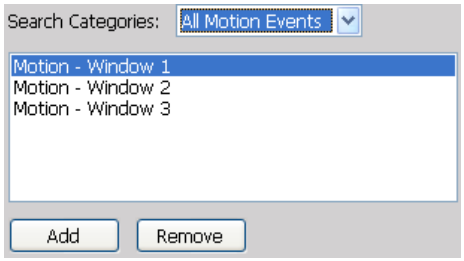
Event Category- All Events

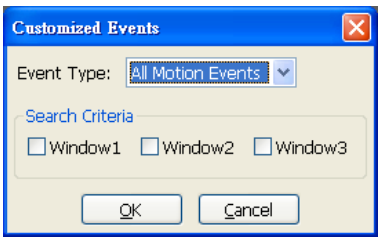
If you select the **All Events** category, all of the events including motion detection, digital input, and intelligent video analysis, PIR, tamper detection, and tamperature alarm will be listed in the search results. You can click **Add** or **Remove** to change the search criteria options.



Event Category- All Motion Events

If you select the **All Motion Events** category, all detected motion events will be included in the search. You can click **Add** or **Remove** to change the search criteria options.

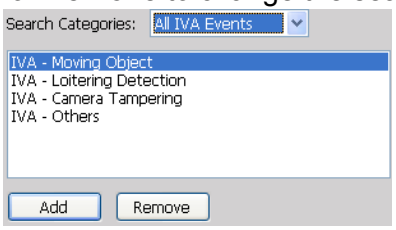




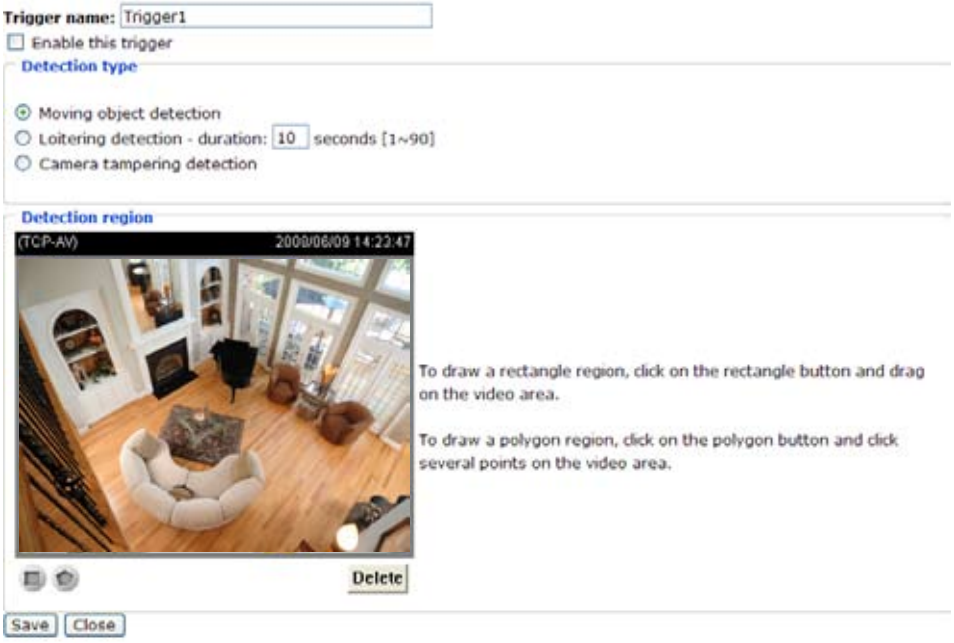
The parameters of the motion detection windows, such as motion percentage and the time of occurrence are also recorded in the database of the server. If you wish to change the parameters of the motion detection windows such as the position, size, detection sensibility, and motion percentage, please link to the camera's Configuration page to modify the values.

Event Category- All IVA events

If you select the **All IVA events** category, all detected IVA events will be included in the search. Cameras with embedded intelligent video content analysis are capable of detecting IVA events such as moving objects, loitering, and tamper detection.
The embedded video content analysis, superior to the conventional motion detection function, is capable of distinguishing between creature's motions, static backgrounds or natural movements such swaying trees, waves or sunsets to prevent false alarms from environmental noises.
With camera tamper detection, it can detect incidents such as camera redirection, blocking or defocusing of cameras, or even spray-paint. Additionally, a suspicious object in the pre-defined detection region will trigger alarms once the dwell time of the object is longer than the given time.
You can click **Add** or **Remove** to change the search criteria items.

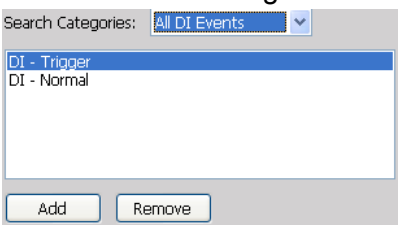


If you want to change the parameters of IVA, such as the detection region, loitering duration, etc, please link to the camera's Configuration page to modify the values.



Event Category- All DI Events

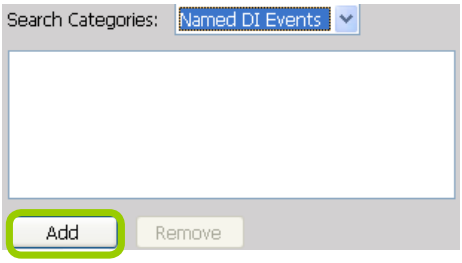
If you select **All DI Events** category, all triggered DI signals will be included in the search. The DI events signify that there is a Digital-Input signal detected by the camera; its corresponding information such as DI-Trigger or DI-Normal signal and the time of occurrence are also transmitted and recorded in the database of the server.
You can click **Add** or **Remove** to change the search criteria options.

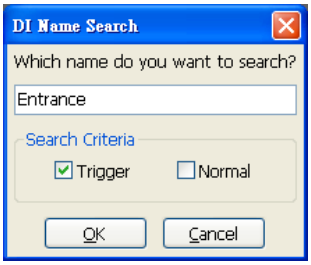


For more information about DI/DO settings on the connected devices, please refer to page 49 for detailed illustration.

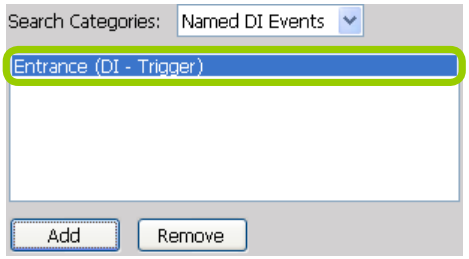
Event Category- Named DI Events

This category allows you to select only **Named DI Events**--the DI device which you have renamed in the LiveClient. Please refer to Association Management on page 49 for more information about how to rename DI device.
Click **OK** and fill in the name you want to search on the left window.





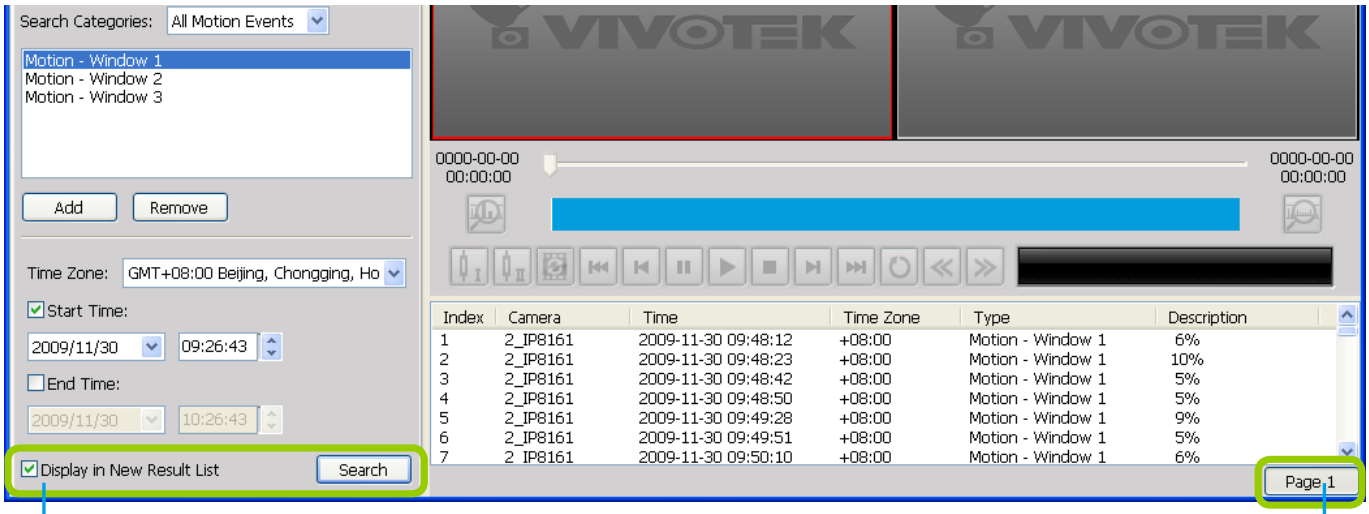
The new search criteria will be displayed in the search categories column as shown below.
You can click **Add** or **Remove** to change the search criteria options.



Start Event Search

After you specify all of the search criteria mentioned above, check/uncheck **Display in new result list** and click **Search** to begin event search.

- If **Display in new result list** is unchecked, all search results will be displayed on the original event list window as shown below.

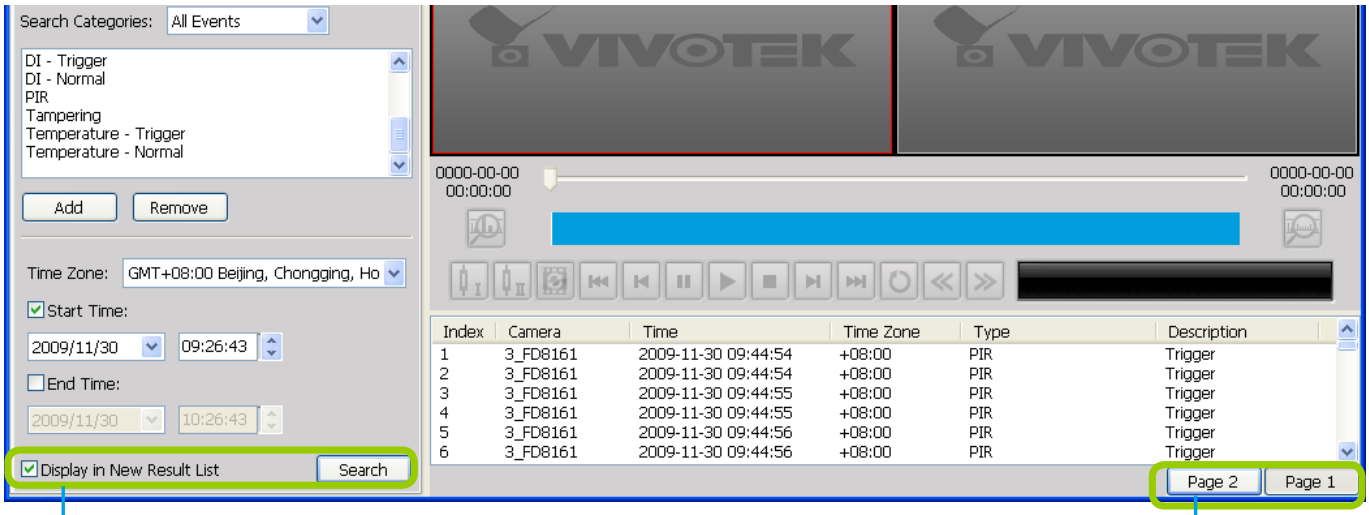


Unchecked

Only one page

- In the above picture, The **Type** field in the search result page shows the event category, and the **Description** field displays the motion **percentage** of the detection window. Please refer to page 160 for more inforamtion about Motion Events.

- If you select **Display in new result list** and click **Search**, the search results will be displayed on a new page as shown below. This allows you to place the search results of each search category on an individual page. You can set up to 5 pages in the event list window.



Checked

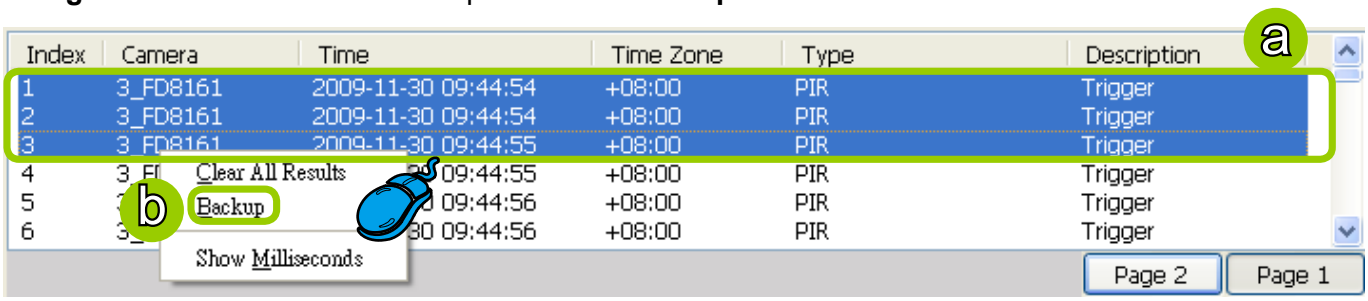
You can set up to 5 pages.

Backup the Event Videos

Please follow the steps below to backup the evnet videos on the results list:

a. Select the video clips you want to backup. You can select more than one video clips.

b. **Right-click** the selected video clips and click **Backup**.



c. A **Backup Settings** window will pop up. For more information about how to set up the Backup Settings, please refer to page 154. For more information about how to view backup files, please refer to page 156 for detailed illustration.

How to Search Logs

The VAST Playback program offers a convenient log engine for searching all local logs based on different search criteria such as log category, log type, and log level. The search results will be displayed in the log viewer window along with the detailed log history.

Please follow the steps below to search logs:

a. Open the **Log Viewer** page.

b. Select the target station where you want to search logs.

c. Specify the **Log Category**. For detailed information, please refer to **Select Log Category** on page 166.

d. Specify the **User Account**. If you have added other user accounts to the station, you can select one to search its login history. For detailed information about user account, please refer to **How to Manage User Accounts** on page 44.

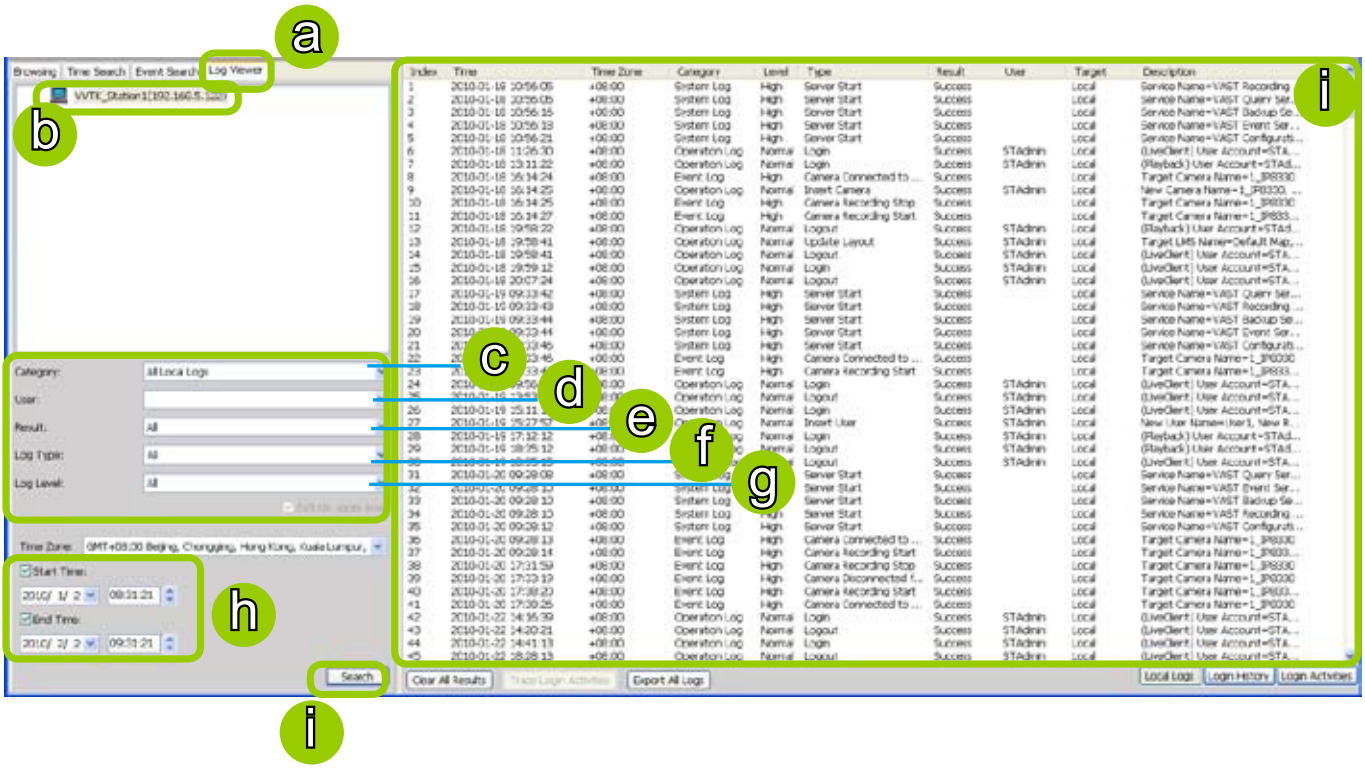
e. Specify the **Search Result**. Select **All** to display all search results; select **Success** to display successful log activities only; select **Fail** to display failed log activities only.

f. Specify the **Log Type**. For detailed information, please refer to **Select Log Type** on page 166.

g. Specify the **Log Level**. For detailed information, please refer to **Select Log Level** on page 166.

h. Specify the search time span. You can check the start time only, the end time only, or both the start time and end time. The search will only include the events within the time span. If you uncheck both the start time and end time, the search will include all events saved by the server. Please refer to page 158 for detailed information.

i. Start the log search and the results will be displayed on the log list window.



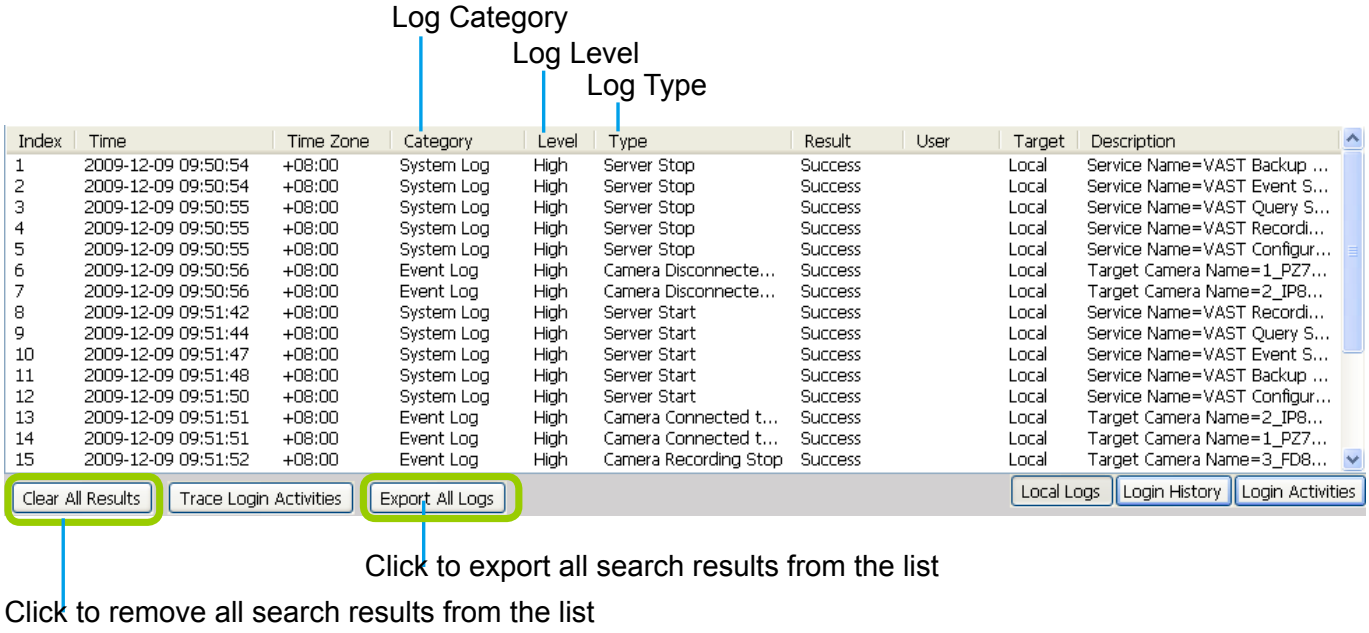
Select Log Category/Log Type/Log Level

The following table shows the breakdown of log category, level, and type. The search results will be different according to your selections.

Log Categories	Log Levels	Log Types
Operation Log	Normal	Login / Logout Insert User Update User Name Update User Password Update User Privilege Delete User Insert Station Update Station Information Update Station Name Delete Station Insert Camera Update Camera Information Delete Camera Set Recording Group Insert Recording Schedule / Update Recording Schedule / Delete Recording Schedule Insert Event Management / Update Event Management / Delete Event Management Insert Recording Group / Update Recording Group / Delete Recording Group Insert Recording Path / Update Recording Path / Delete Recording Path Insert Camera to the Recording Group Update Camera information in the Recording Group Delete Camera from the Recording Group Move Recording Path Move Camera to another Recording Group Insert Layout / Update Layout / Delete Layout Set Digital Output Update Scheduled Backup Update Server Port Set Proxy Server Set UPNP Set DDNS Server Create Directory / Rename Directory / Delete Directory Insert SMTP Server / Update SMTP Server / Delete SMTP Server Insert Network Storage Device / Update Network Storage Device / Delete Network Storage Device Set GSM Modem Set DI/DO Rename Set Relay Settings Update License Information Update Web Access Information Insert Matrix Recipient / Insert Matrix Recipient Information / Delete Matrix Recipient
	High	Manually Begin Recording Manually Stop Recording
	Low	Camera PTZ, Iris, Focus, Pan, Patrol Control Click on Image Select Preset Location
System Log	High	Server Start / Server Stop Trial Expired Key Dongle Lost Virtual Memory Low Network Lost

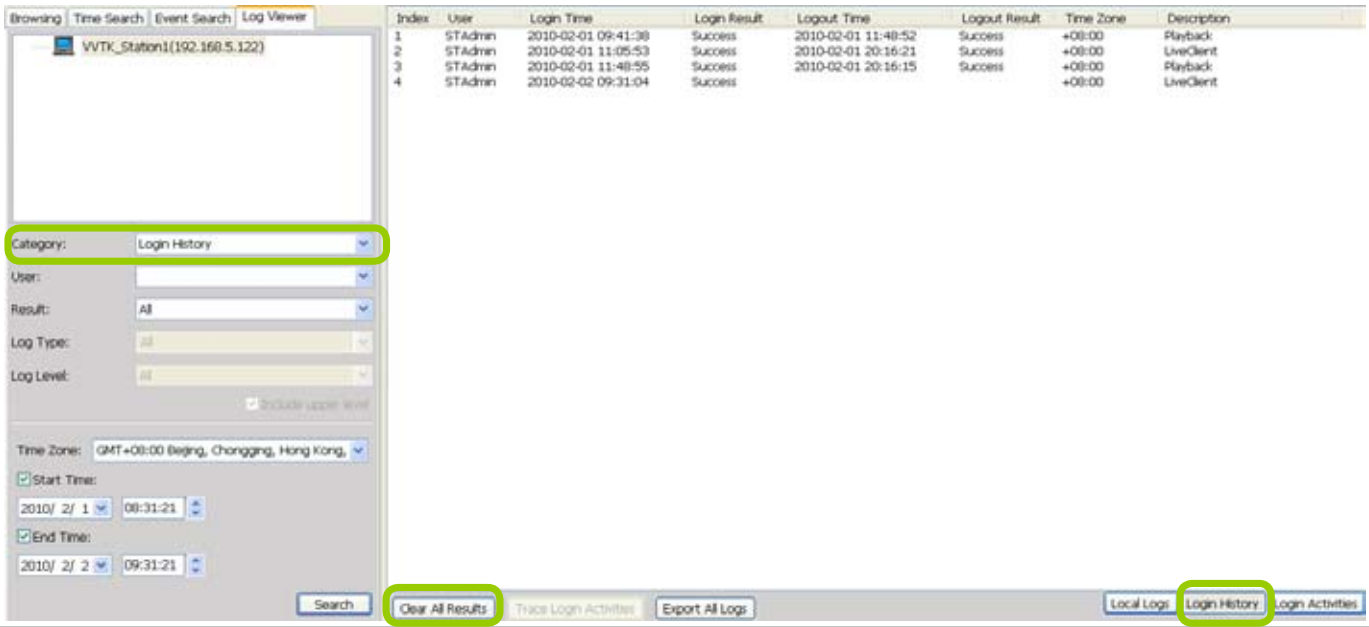
Log Categories	Log Levels	Log Types
Event Log	High	Camera Disconnected from the Server / Camera Connected to the Server Parent Station Connection Lost / Parent Station Connection Restore Sub-station Disconnected / Sub-station Connected Camera Recording Start / Camera Recording Stop Start Scheduled Backup / Stop Scheduled Backup Event Trigger

Search All Local Logs



Search Login History

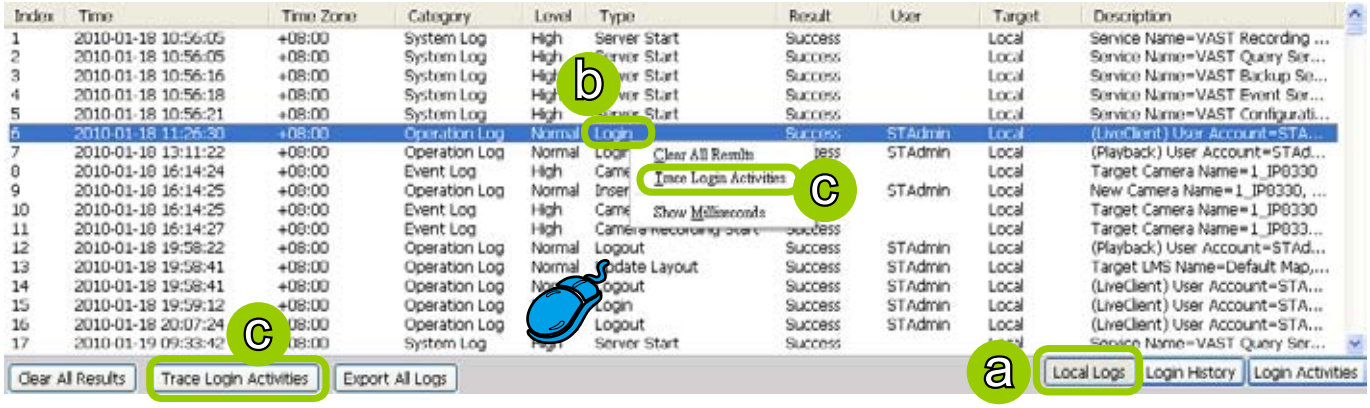
Select **Login History** from the log category field and click the **Search** button below, the search results, including all login logs, will be displayed on the Login History page.



Search Login Activities

This function allows you to search the operations the user performed during the login period of time. You can search for login activities on the Local Logs or Login History page.

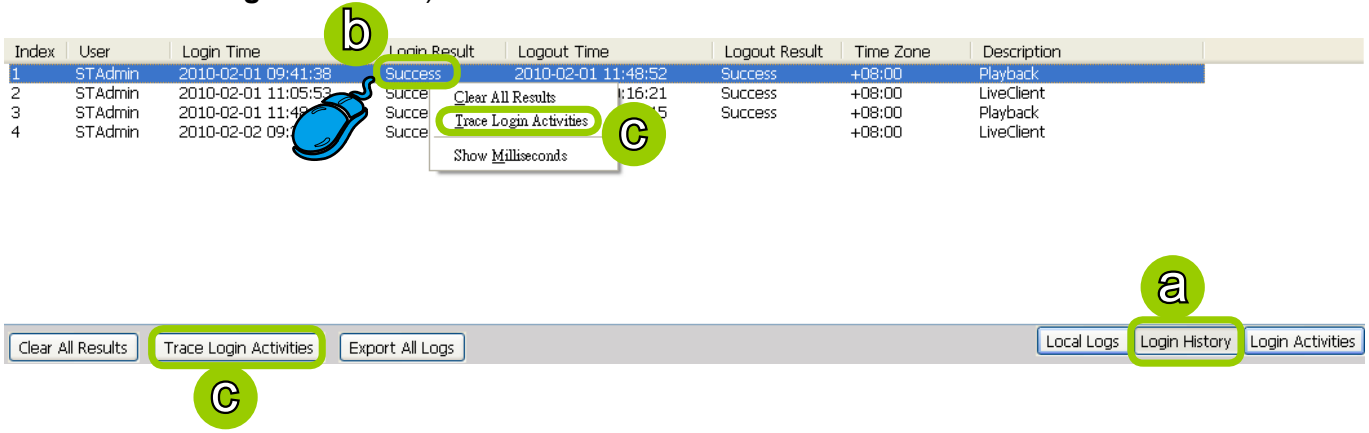
- Search Login Activities on the Local Logs page:
  a. Click on the **Local Logs** page.
  b. Select a login/logout option from the list.
  c. Click **Trace Login Activities** (or you can **right-click** the selected login/logout option on the list, then click **Trace Login Activities**).



d. The search results of the login activities will be displayed on the Login Activities page as shown below.

Index	Time	Time Zone	Category	Level	Type	Result	User	Target	Description
1	2010-01-18 11:26:30	+08:00	Operation Log	Normal	Login	Success	STAdmin	Local	(LiveClient) User Account=STA...
2	2010-01-18 16:14:25	+08:00	Operation Log	Normal	Insert Camera	Success	STAdmin	Local	New Camera Name=1_IP8330, ...
3	2010-01-18 19:58:41	+08:00	Operation Log	Normal	Update Layout	Success	STAdmin	Local	Target LMS Name=Default Map,...
4	2010-01-18 19:58:41	+08:00	Operation Log	Normal	Logout	Success	STAdmin	Local	(LiveClient) User Account=STA...

- Search Login Activities on the Login History page:
  a. Click on the **Login History** page.
  b. Select a login/logout option from the list.
  c. Click **Trace Login Activities** (or you can **right-click** the selected login/logout item on the list and click **Trace Login Activities**).



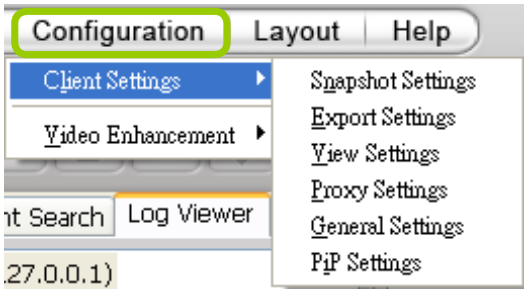
d. The search results of the login activities will be displayed on the Login Activities page as shown below.

Index	Time	Time Zone	Category	Level	Type	Result	User	Target	Description
1	2010-02-01 11:05:53	+08:00	Operation Log	Normal	Login	Success	STAdmin	Local	(LiveClient) User Account=STA...
2	2010-02-01 20:16:21	+08:00	Operation Log	Normal	Logout	Success	STAdmin	Local	(LiveClient) User Account=STA...

*When you select **All** in the **Log Level** field, the search results will include all log levels. If you select Low in the **Log Level** field and select **Including above level** as shown in the picture on the left below, the search results will include all levels of logs. But if you select **Normal** in the **Log Level** field and select **Including above level** as shown in the picture on the right below, the search results will only include **Normal-level** and **High-level** logs.*

How to Configure Client Settings

On Client Settings, you can configure Snapshot Settings, Export Settings, View Settings, Proxy Settings, and General Settings. It allows you to save snapshots and media files on the local computer.



Snapshot Settings

When you play a recorded video, VAST Playback also allows you to take snapshots. For detailed information about **Snapshot Settings**, please refer to page 106.

Export Settings

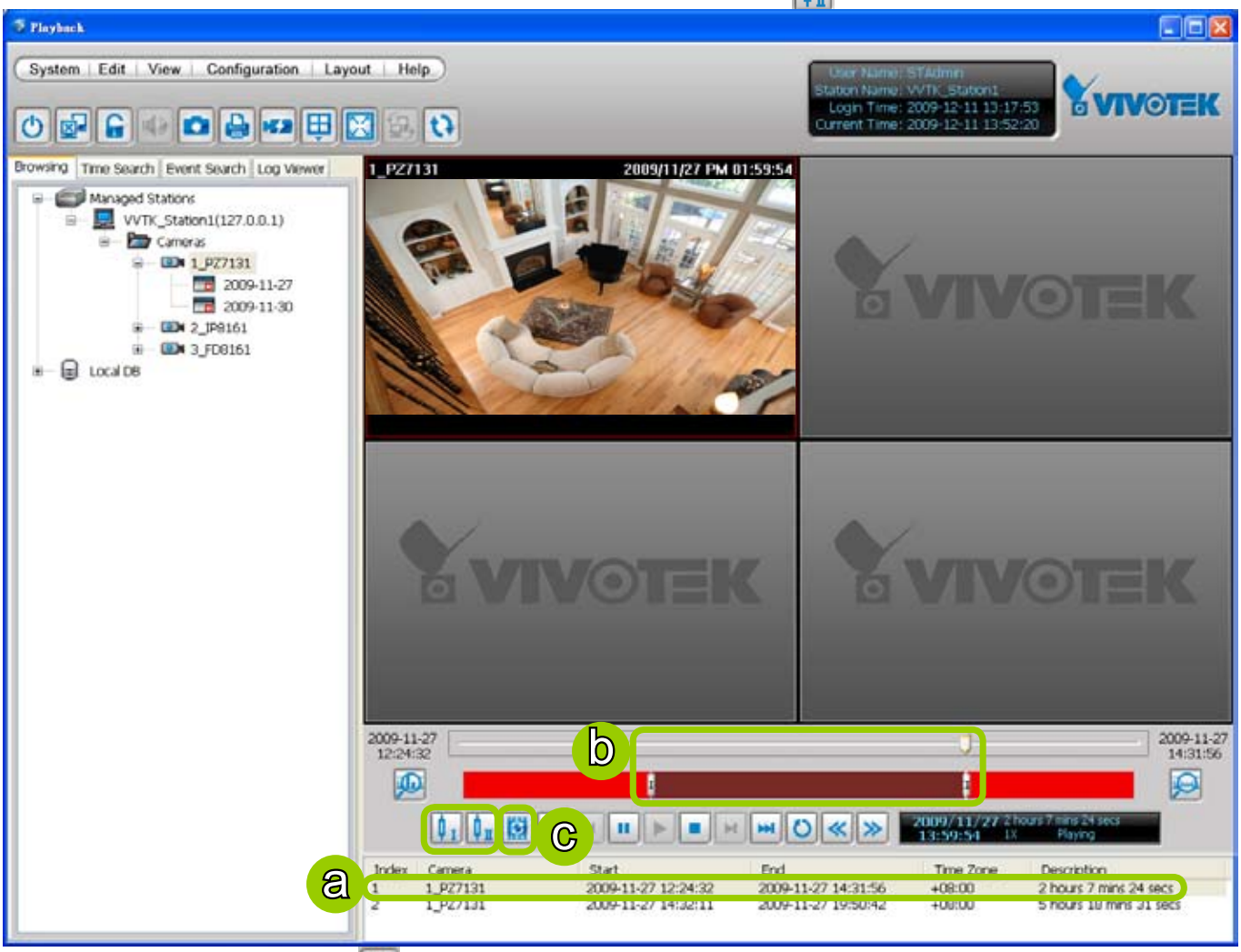
When you playback a recorded video, the VAST server allows you to export part of the recorded video in EXE, 3GP, or AVI format to your local computer. Before exporting a media file, please set up Export Settings first. For detailed information about how to set up EXE, 3GP, and AVI **Export Settings**, please refer to Record Settings on page 108.

Export an EXE/3GP/AVI File

Please follow the steps below to convert part of an EXE/3GP/AVI file of recorded video:

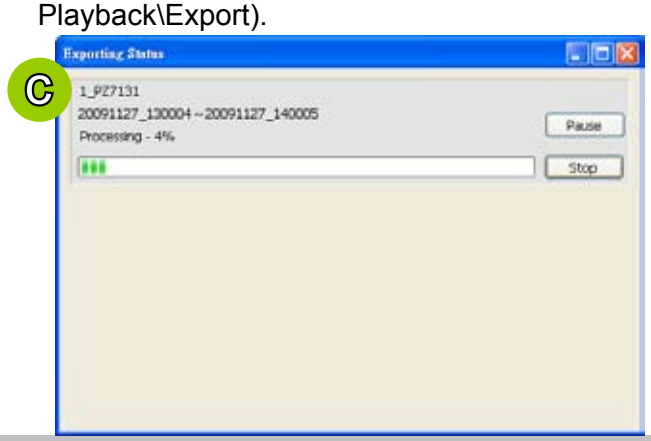
a. Playback a video clip from which you want to export a media file.

b. Set a period of time. Move the timeline slider bar to the desired start time and click Marker I . Move the timeline slider bar to the desired end time and click Marker II .



c. Click Export EXE/3GP/AVI , the server will start to export the data and popup a window showing the exporting status. If you close the status window, you can also open it again by clicking **View > Exporting Status**.

d. When the backup is complete, you will see an information dialog. The exported data will be restored in the preset storage folder on your local computer (C:\Program Files\VIVOTEK Inc\VAST\Client\Playback\Export).



View Settings

This section allows you to set up the display mode of video cell. For detailed information about **View Settings**, please refer to page 114.

Proxy Settings

Please refer to page 122 for detailed illustration.

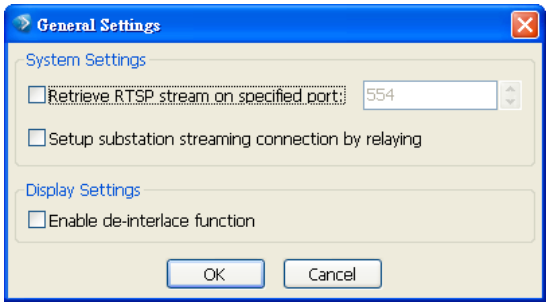
General Settings

System Settings

Please refer to page 116 for detailed information.

Display Settings

- Enable de-interlace function: Select this option if your connected device does not support de-interlace function. For example: VS7100.



How to Configure Video Enhancement

The Playback also allows you to enable post-image enhancement and defog for video viewing. Please refer to page 126 for detailed information.

How to Search for a Device on the Hierarchical Management Tree

The Playback also allows allows you to conveniently search for an inserted device. Please refer to page 131 for detailed information.

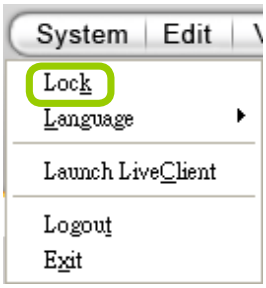
How to Print a Video Image

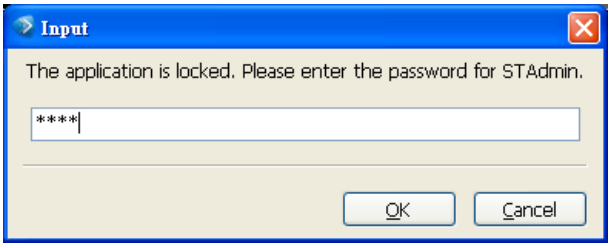
The Playback also allows you print out an image of live video. Please refer to page 132 for detailed information.

How to Lock VAST Playback for Security Concerns

If you happen to be away from your computer, for security reasons, we suggest you lock the program. When VAST Playback is locked, the user must enter the correct password to unlock and access the program again.

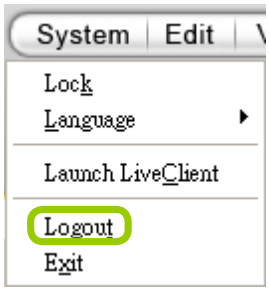
- To lock Playback, click **Unlock** on the quick access bar or click **System > Lock** on the system menu. The **Unlock** icon will then turn into **Lock** .
- To unlock Playback, click and enter the correct password in the popup window.

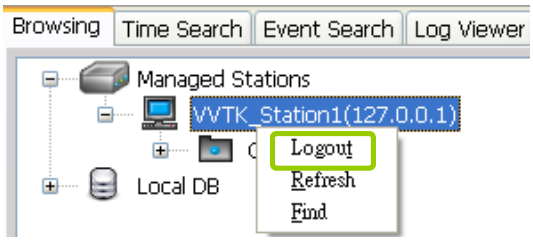


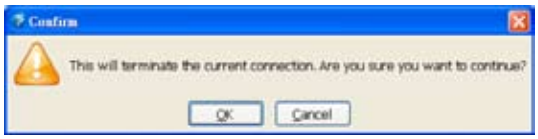


How to Log out from the VAST Server

To log out from the current server, click the station and click **Logout** on the quick access bar or click **System > Logout** on the menu bar. You can also **right-click** the station and click **Logout**. A confirmation window will pop up. Click **OK** to confirm or **Cancel** to return to the VAST Playback window.







How to Exit VAST Playback

To exit VAST Playback, click **Exit** on the quick access bar or click **System > Exit** on the menu bar. A confirmation window will pop up. Click **OK** to confirm or **Cancel** to return to the VAST Playback window. When you exit the program, your user account will be automatically logged out from the current server.

Import and Export Utility

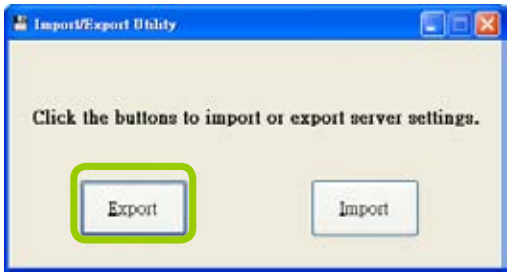
VAST supports import and export utility for user to keep record of all server settings. You can use the export file to copy the configuration on another host.

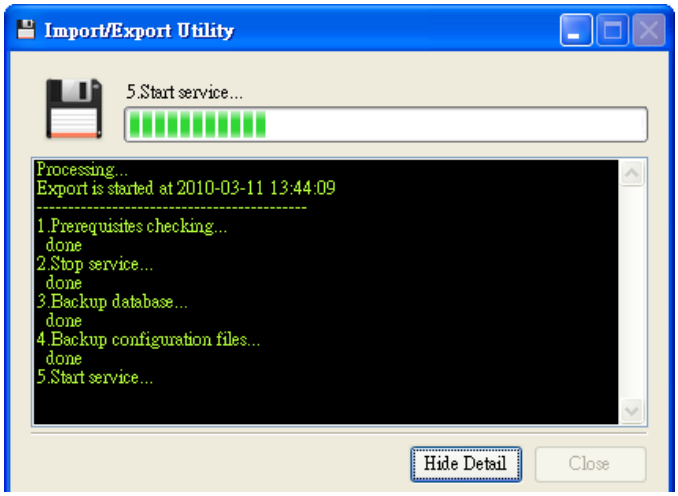
Export Utility

Please follow the steps below to export the server settings:

a. Under Microsoft Windows, choose "**Start > All Programs > VIVOTEK Inc > VAST > Tools > Import-export Utility.**"

b. The **Import/Export Utility** window will pop up. Click **Export** and select a target folder. The system will start to export a .bin file.



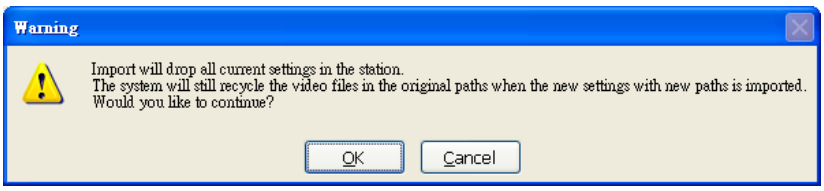


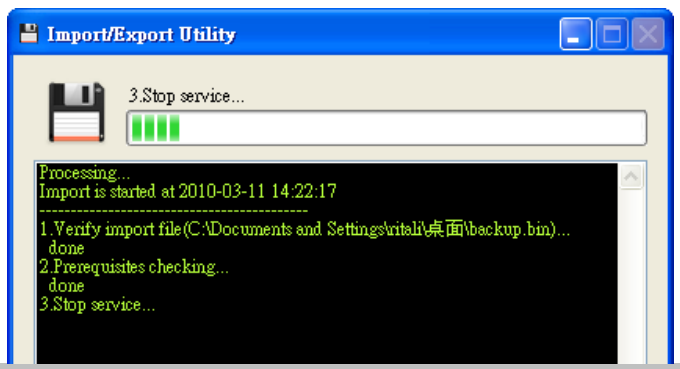
Import Utility

Please follow the steps below to import the server settings:

a. Under Microsoft Windows, choose "**Start > All Programs > VIVOTEK Inc > VAST > Tools > Import-export Utility.**"

b. The **Import/Export Utility** window will pop up. Click **Import** and select the export file. The system will start to import the file.

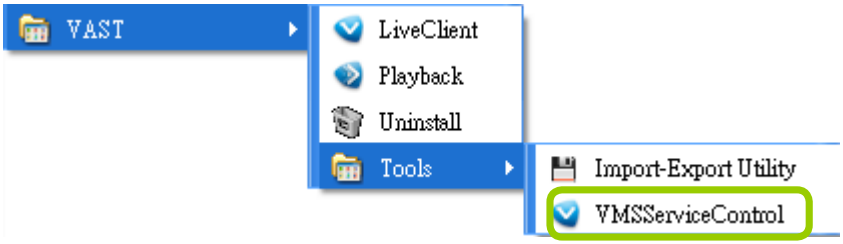




VAST Service Control Tool

VAST service control tool is a tool for server control and for user to be aware of the VAST Server status. It starts up as Windows OS startup.

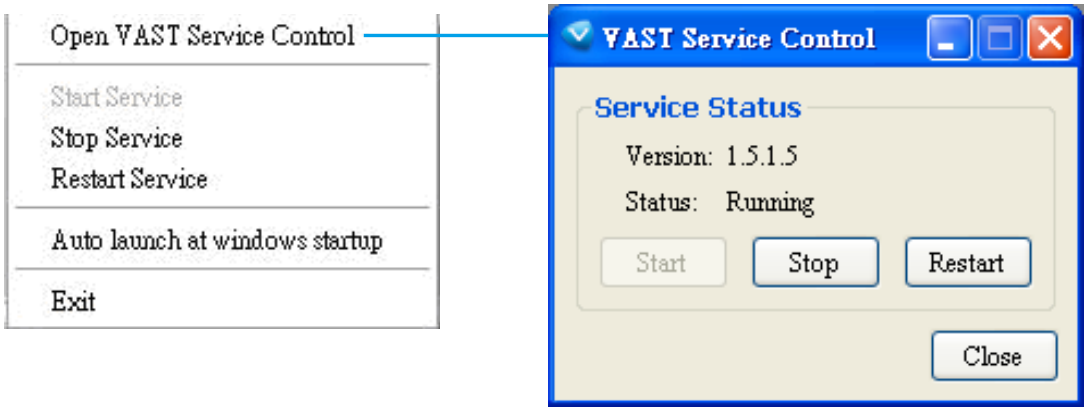
Under Microsoft Windows, choose "**Start > All Programs > VIVOTEK Inc > VAST > Tools > VNSServiceControl.**"



You may also find it in the system tray icon of the tool bar, which indicates that the service is running: 

It shows a disconnection icon when the service is stopped: 

A menu for the service control tool will pop up when you **right-click** on the icon:



Here you can manually start, stop and restart the service.