

ViPlex Express



Async Mode User Manual

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1 Software Introduction

ViPlex Express is a content publishing management system for PC, which is available for Windows and allows users to edit and play solutions on LCD or LED displays. In async mode, ViPlex Express is also used to control multimedia players. This document introduces you to the functions and operations in async mode.

Two Working Modes

ViPlex Express has two working modes, and you can switch to your desired mode based on the application scenario.

+ Studio Mode

When a solution is being played in ViPlex Express, the solution is also played synchronously on the display. This mode is applicable to synchronous playback.

The playback window is on the extended display. You can use the screen monitoring function to view the playback on your primary monitor.

+ Async Mode

ViPlex Express sends solutions to multimedia players. The solutions will be stored in the multimedia players and played according to their playback plans. This mode is applicable to the scenario when multimedia players load displays.

Professional Solution Editing

ViPlex Express is designed with a professional solution editing function allowing you to edit solutions with various contents and complex schedules as required.

+ Multiple pages

A solution can be added with multiple pages that are played in order from top to bottom.

+ Flexible layout

You can use a system template or customize a template when adding a page. You can set the number, coordinates, width, and height of windows based on your needs in a template.

+ A variety of media

On a page, you can add general windows, cut-to-display window, Office documents, images, videos, GIF, text, colorful text, digital clocks, analog clocks, timers, weather, RSS, streaming media, and web pages.

+ Multiple properties

Every type of media has multiple properties that can satisfy your needs and present a variety of solutions.

+ Scheduling as you wish

You can set a timeslot and cycle for each page to play. The schedules of a page can be batch applied to other pages. If the timeslots of several pages overlap, the pages will be played in order from top to bottom.

+ Quick preview

Clicking the preview button allows you to preview the current page. The preview window immediately refreshes when you move on to another page.

All-round Terminal Control

In async mode, ViPlex Express enables you to fully control multimedia players, such as brightness adjustment, time synchronization, font management, terminal upgrade, video source switching, screen status control, play log query, network configuration, and RF management.

2 Getting Started

2.1 Preparing a PC

Minimum requirements:

- OS: Windows 7 SP1 64-bit

- CPU: i5
- RAM: 4 GB
- HDD: 60 GB

2.2 Installing Software

Prerequisites

- Framework 4.6.x is installed.
- The official version of Visual C++ 2017 runtime components are installed.
- The installation package of ViPlex Express is obtained.

Where to Obtain

<https://www.vnnox.com/download>

Operating Procedure

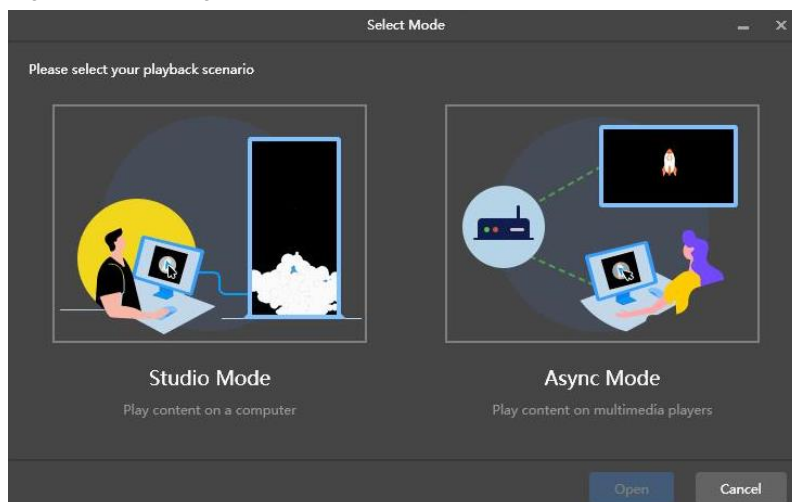
Double click the installer and install ViPlex Express according to the setup wizard.

2.3 Selecting Working Mode

First Installation

After ViPlex Express is first installed, a **Select Mode** dialog box appears when you open ViPlex Express. Select **Studio Mode** and click **Open**.

Figure 2-1 Selecting a mode



Other Situations

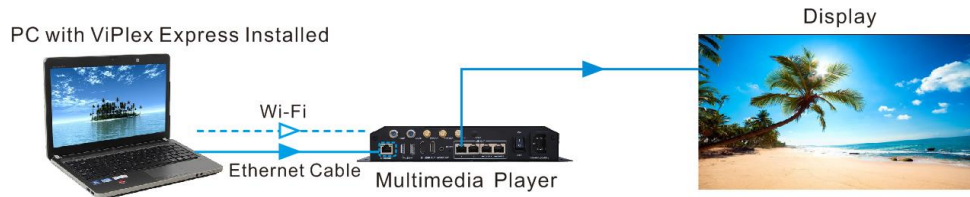
If you have installed ViPlex Express or selected a working mode before, the dialog box shown in [Figure 2-1](#) will not appear. If ViPlex Express is in studio mode by default after opened, switch to the async mode by following the steps below:

In the top-right corner, choose  > **Working Mode** > **Async Mode** and click **OK**. ViPlex Express will be in async mode after restarted.

2.4 Connecting to Displays

[Figure 2-2](#) and [Figure 2-3](#) use the TB6 Taurus series multimedia player as an example to show the connection.

Figure 2-2 Ethernet cable



+ Ethernet cable

The PC with ViPlex Express installed is connected to multimedia players via Ethernet cable.

The DHCP service in the top-left corner of ViPlex Express must be turned on. Select a local IP address and click **OK**. ViPlex Express will automatically connect to the Taurus. If the connection is not stable, set a static IP address for the PC.

Note: Before enabling the DHCP service, turn off the firewall of the PC or set the ICMP echo reply policy.

+ Wi-Fi

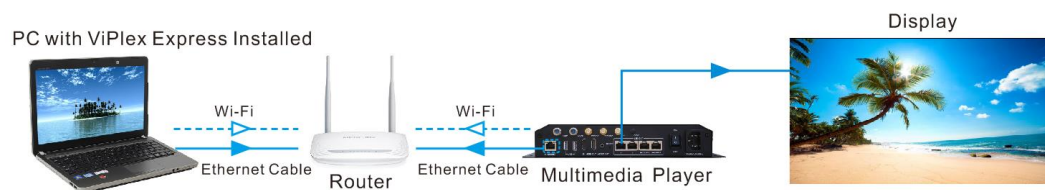
The PC with ViPlex Express installed is connected to multimedia players via Wi-Fi.

When the multimedia player has a built-in Wi-Fi AP, you can use this method without the need for configuration. For example:

The default SSID of the Taurus series and EMP400B is "AP+*Last 8 digits of SN*" and the default password is printed on the SSID label of the product.

The default SSID of the NS series and EMP200 series is "AP+*Last 8 digits of SN*" and the default password is "SN2008@+".

Figure 2-3 LAN



+ Wired LAN

The PC with ViPlex Express installed and multimedia players connected to the same wired LAN via Ethernet cable.

If this method is used, the configuration is not required.

+ Wireless LAN

The PC with ViPlex Express installed and multimedia players connected to the same wireless LAN via Wi-Fi.

This method is available when multimedia players support Wi-Fi Sta. The DHCP of multimedia players is enabled. Log in to multimedia players with ViPlex Express and connect to the Wi-Fi AP of the router on the network configuration page.

2.5 Logging In to Terminals

After you select async mode, the terminal management page of async mode will be displayed.

Note:

If port 16600 is in use by another program, a notification will appear upon launching ViPlex Express, indicating that the port is being used by XXX. Please exit the XXX program and restart ViPlex Express.

Required Information

Login user name and password of the multimedia player

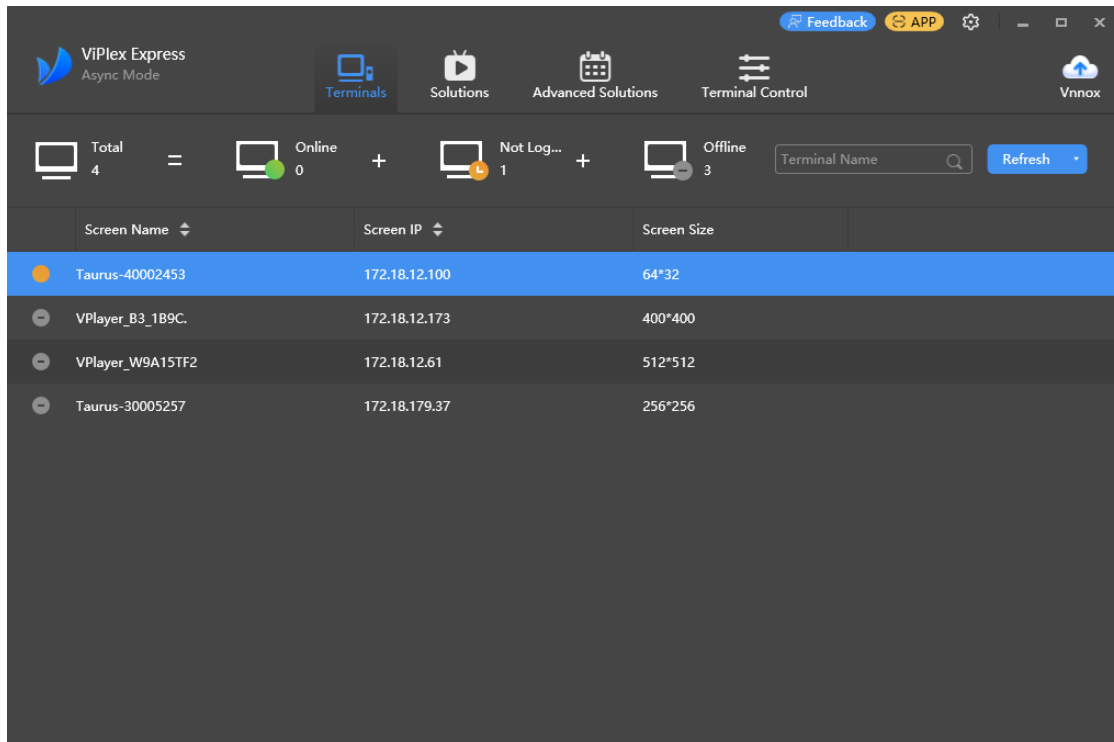
- The default password of the Taurus series earlier than V4.6.0, TU series, and EMP400B earlier than V4.6.0 is "123456".

- The default password of the Taurus series V4.6.0 and later, NS series, EMP200 series, and EMP400B V4.6.0 and later is "SN2008@+".

Logging In to Terminals


Step 1 Click **Refresh** to refresh the screen list.




Figure 2-4 Terminal management



After detecting a terminal, ViPlex Express will try to log in to the terminal with the default account or the account used for the last login.

If terminals and ViPlex Express are not on the same network segment and their network segments can be pinged.

Click  next to **Refresh**, select **Specify IP** and enter an IP address or IP range to connect to terminals manually.


-  : Denotes that the terminal is online and you can log in to it. Go to [Step 2](#).
-  : Denotes the terminal is offline and you cannot log in to it.
-  : Denotes you have successfully logged into the terminal.

Step 2 Click **Connect** next to screen information.

Step 3 Enter the password for the "admin" user and then click **OK**.

After successful login, ViPlex Express saves the account information automatically.

Related Operations

After successful login, if the password is verified as a weak password,  will be displayed next to the terminal name. You are advised to change the password to a complex one to enhance security.

Right-click the screen information, and the related operations will be displayed:

- Log Out: Log out of the terminal.
- Obtain SN: Obtain the SN of the terminal. Batch obtaining of SNs is supported.
- Rename: Rename the terminal.
- Change Password: Change the connection password of the Taurus Wi-Fi AP and the login password for the "admin" user.

- Forget Password: Delete the password saved during the last login.
- Download Operation Log: Download the operation logs of asynchronous terminals.

Notes:

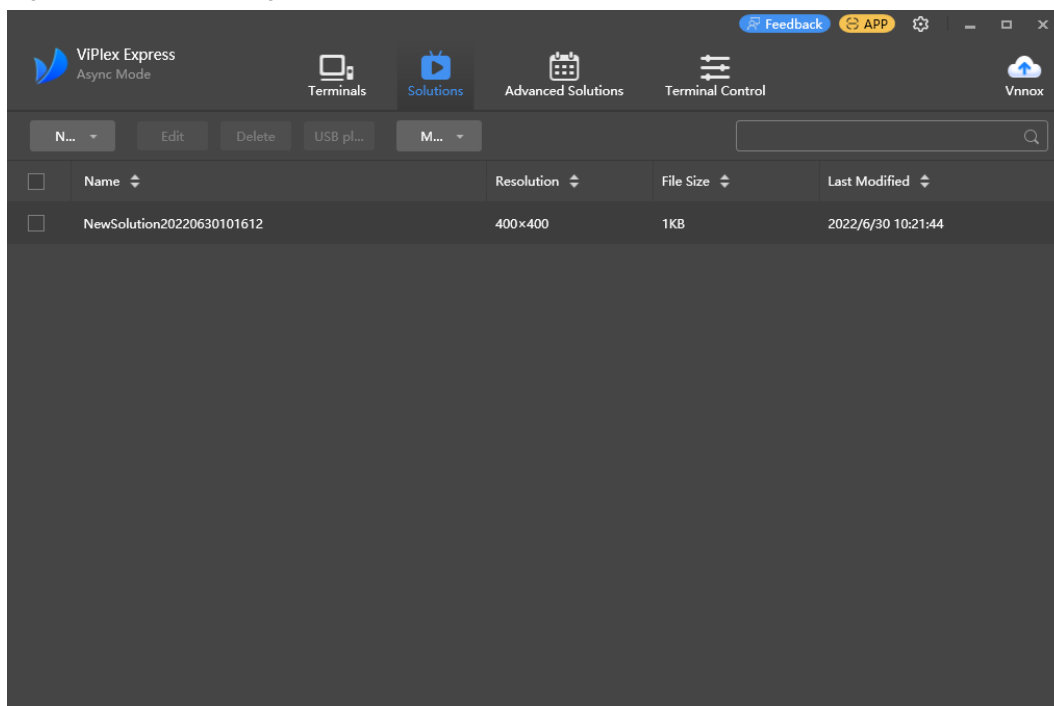
- When the device is connected via USB cable or Ethernet cable, it is recommended that you change the Wi-Fi AP password and device connection password at the same time.
 - When the device is connected via Wi-Fi AP, if you change the Wi-Fi AP password and device connection password at the same time, the Wi-Fi AP will be disconnected and the device will go offline, causing the device connection password change to be failed.
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2.6 Creating Solutions

After updated, the solution data in async mode will be synchronized to studio mode.

Step 1 Choose **Solutions** to access the solution management page.

Figure 2-5 Solution management



Step 2 Click **New** and select **Regular Screen** or **Ultra-Long Screen** from the drop-down menu.

The **Solution** Information dialog box appears.

Figure 2-6 Solution information for a regular screen

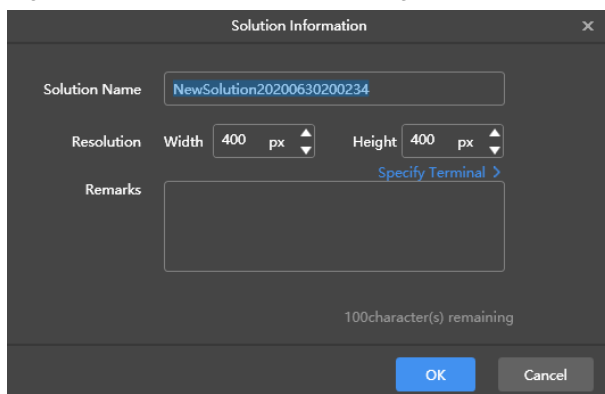



Figure 2-7 Solution information for an ultra-long screen


Step 3 Set a name, resolution, and other information for the solution, then click **OK** to access the solution editing page.

- The resolution of a solution for a regular screen (hereinafter referred to as "regular-screen solution") must be consistent with the resolution of the screen.
- The resolution of a solution for an ultra-long screen (hereinafter referred to as "ultra-long-screen solution") must be consistent with the configured screen width and height.

Step 4 After the solution editing is done, click **Save**.

Step 5 (Optional) At the upper right of the page, click  to view the schedule of each page in the solution.

Step 6 (Optional) At the upper right of the page, click  to preview the current page.


When the preview window is opened, you can also select other pages to preview. If you make changes to the current page, click  to refresh the preview window.

Step 7 After the solution editing is done, click **Publish** and select players to publish the solution.

2.7 Publishing Solutions

Solutions containing media can be published.

Step 1 Choose Solutions.

Step 2 In the solution list, move your mouse over a solution and click .

The **Publish** dialog box appears.

Figure 2-8 Publishing a solution

Terminal Name	Screen Size	Terminal IP	Progress
Taurus-40003500	1536x256	192.168.1.106	

Step 3 Click **Refresh** to display all the terminals that are logged in.

Note: During solution publishing, ViPlex Express automatically converts the video formats not supported by the terminal.

Step 4 (Optional) Select Start Playback Simultaneously.

Start Playback Simultaneously: The terminals used for synchronous playback will start playing the solution at the same time.

Step 5 Select one or more terminals and click **Publish**.

Step 6 After the solution is published successfully, click **Done**.

Note:

Unltr-long-screen solutions do not support **Start Playback Simultaneously**.

2.8 Controlling Terminals

Users can control the brightness, display status, video source switching, etc. of a terminal in real time or as scheduled. For details, see [4 Terminal Control](#).

3 Solution Management

3.1 Creating Solutions

- For different screens, you can create regular-screen solutions and ultra-long-screen solutions.
- After updated, the solution data in async mode will be synchronized to studio mode.

3.1.1 Creating a Regular-Screen Solution

Related Information

- A regular-screen solution contains one or more pages and each page contains one or more media items.
- The pages of a solution are played in order from top to bottom.

Operating Procedure

Before you create a solution, get the screen resolution in advance.

Step 1 Choose **Solutions** to access the solution management page.

Step 2 Click **New** and select **Regular Screen** from the drop-down menu.

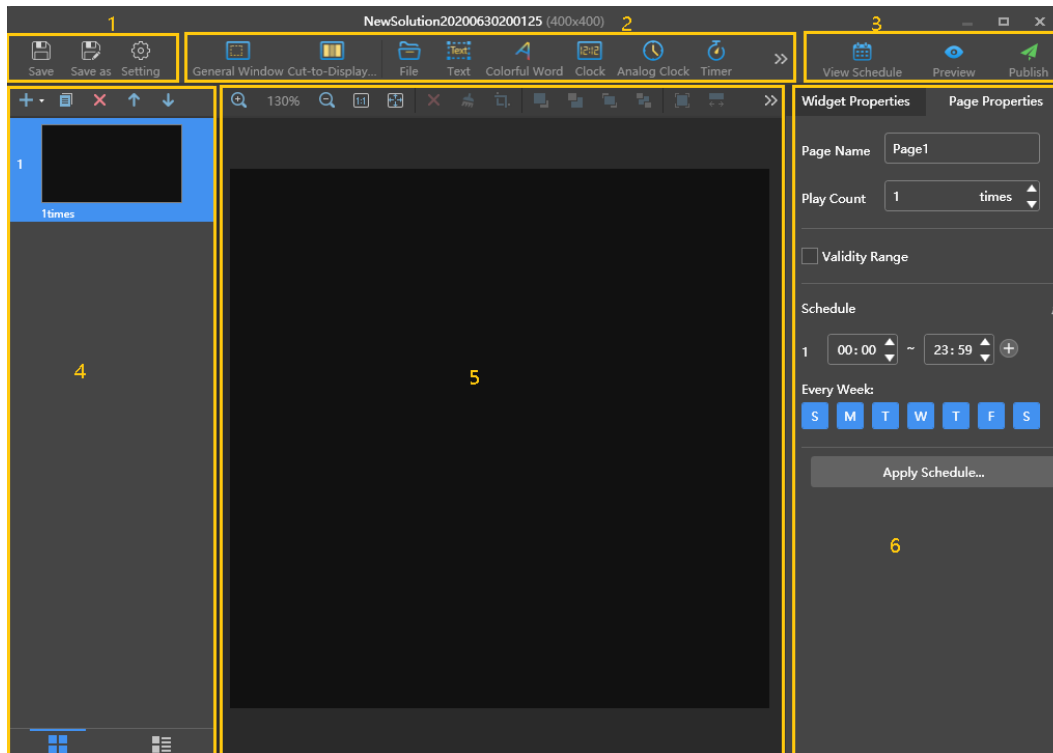
The **Solution Information** dialog box appears.

Figure 3-1 Solution information

Step 3 Set a name and resolution for the solution, then click **OK** to access the solution editing page, as shown in [Figure 3-1](#).

You can also set a resolution by clicking **Specify Terminal** and the resolution will be the same as the resolution of the terminal you select.



























Figure 3-2 Solution editing page



The description of the solution editing page is shown in [Table 3-1](#).

Table 3-1 Description of the solution editing page

No.	Function	Description														
1	Saving a solution, saving a solution as another solution and setting solution information	Used for saving a solution, saving a solution as another solution and setting solution information														
2	Adding media You can click an icon to add a corresponding media item.	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>: General window</td> <td>: Cut-to-display window</td> </tr> <tr> <td>: File</td> <td>: Text</td> </tr> <tr> <td>: Colorful text</td> <td>: Digital clock</td> </tr> <tr> <td>: Analog clock</td> <td>: Timer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>: Weather</td> <td>: Environment monitoring</td> </tr> <tr> <td>: Table</td> <td>: RSS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>: Streaming media</td> <td>: Web page</td> </tr> </table>	: General window	: Cut-to-display window	: File	: Text	: Colorful text	: Digital clock	: Analog clock	: Timer	: Weather	: Environment monitoring	: Table	: RSS	: Streaming media	: Web page
: General window	: Cut-to-display window															
: File	: Text															
: Colorful text	: Digital clock															
: Analog clock	: Timer															
: Weather	: Environment monitoring															
: Table	: RSS															
: Streaming media	: Web page															
3	Viewing schedules, previewing pages, and publishing solutions	Used for viewing schedules, previewing the current page and publishing solutions														
4	Editing solution pages You can add, copy, and delete	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>: Add</td> <td>: Open the Page Template dialog box</td> </tr> </table>	: Add	: Open the Page Template dialog box												
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No.	Function	Description	
	pages and adjust the order of pages. Pages are played in order from top to bottom.	 : Copy	 : Delete
		 : Move up	 : Move down
		 : Thumbnail view (Only the thumbnails of pages are displayed.)	 : List view: (The thumbnails of pages and the names of the media items contained in the currently selected page are displayed.)
5	Editing media on pages	 : Zoom editing area in	 : Zoom editing area out
		 : Show the editing area in the original size	 : Automatically fit the editing area according to the software interface
		 : Delete selected media	 : Clear all media
		 : Crop image	 : Bring forward
		 : Send backward	 : Bring to front
		 : Send to back	 : Fill the entire screen
		 : Fit the screen horizontally	 : Fit the screen vertically
		 : Align top	 : Center vertically
		 : Align bottom	 : Align left
		 : Center horizontally	 : Align right
6	Editing properties	<p>Used for editing widget and page properties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widget Properties: Widgets are the media added to a page. The properties of different types of media vary. Click a widget to select it before you edit its properties. • Page Properties: Set the name, play count, validity range, and playback schedule of a page. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Play Count: Set the number of times to play a page continuously. – Validity Range: After this option is selected, the Start Date and End Date parameters are displayed. Expired pages will be skipped during solution playback. – Schedule: Allows you to specify the timeslots to play a page and select the days to repeat the playback. If the timeslots of different pages overlap, the pages will be played in order from top to bottom. – Apply Schedule: Allows you to apply the schedule of the current page to other pages. You can select multiple pages and apply a schedule to them at the same time. 	


Notes


- When you add an Excel file, you are advised to use the default row height and the number of rows of the Excel file must be less than or equal to 500. The maximum number of rows is subjected to the row height. The total width of the columns must be less than or equal to the width of an A4 landscape paper. It is recommended that you set the page layout of the Excel file to A4 landscape.

- Users can set the text color and merge the cells in the Excel file to be imported. Other properties of the cells in the Excel file currently cannot be displayed. Please scan the **Feedback** QR code in the navigation bar to give feedback if needed. If the cells have other property settings, parsing may fail or an error may occur. You can try to clear the cell formatting and import the Excel file again.
- When you add an Excel file, you cannot insert images and customize number cells.
- A valid URL is required when you add RSS, streaming media, or web page media.
- When you add weather media, the terminal must be connected to the Internet to obtain real-time weather information.
- When you add environment monitoring media, connect to the sensor logically in ViPlex Express after the sensor is connected to the terminal. For details, see [4.17 Sensor](#).
- For the limitations on cut-to-display windows, see [8 Limitations on Cut-to-Display Windows for Regular Screens](#).

Step 4 After the solution editing is done, click **Save**.

Step 5 (Optional) At the upper right of the page, click  to view the schedule of each page in the solution.

Step 6 (Optional) At the upper right of the page, click  to preview the current page.

When the preview window is opened, you can also select other pages to preview. If you make changes to the current page, click  to refresh the preview window.

Step 7 After the solution editing is done, click **Publish** and select players to publish the solution.

3.1.2 Creating an Ultra-Long-Screen Solution

Prerequisites

The device must support ultra-long-screen solutions.

Supported devices: TB10/TB30/TB40/TB50/TB60/T10/T30/T50/T60

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If the pixel width of the resolution of a screen is greater than the pixel width of the maximum loading capacity of a multimedia player, but the screen resolution does not exceed the maximum loading capacity of the multimedia player, you can use ultra-long-screen solutions.

Note:

For the limitations on the playback parameter specifications for ultra-long screens, see [Table 3-2](#).

Application Example

The resolution of a screen is 23040×98 and the screen works with the TB60 multimedia player for content playback.

- Number of parts: $23040 / 98 = 5.625$ (Here an integer is required, so the number of parts is 6.)
- Screen width to be configured: $23040 / 6 = 3840$
- Screen height to be configured: $98 \times 6 = 588$

Note

The maximum pixel capacity of the TB60 is 2.3 million. Within the maximum pixel capacity, the maximum pixel width is 23040 and the maximum pixel height is 4096. For the detailed pixel capacity limits of other models of products, see [Table 3-2](#).

Table 3-2 Ultra-long-screen-solution playback parameter description

Maximum Pixel Width/Height	TB10	Pixel capacity up to 650,000 Maximum pixel width: 23,040 Maximum pixel height: 4096
	TB30	Pixel capacity up to 650,000 Maximum pixel width: 23,040

		Maximum pixel height: 4096
	TB40/TB50	Pixel capacity up to 1,300,000 Maximum pixel width: 23,040 Maximum pixel height: 4096
	TB60	Pixel capacity up to 2,300,000 Maximum pixel width: 23,040 Maximum pixel height: 4096
Minimum Solution Resolution		3841
Maximum Image Resolution and Quantity		Up to 10 images can be displayed simultaneously when the resolution lower than 1080p. Up to 2 images can be displayed simultaneously when the resolution higher than 2K and lower than 4K.
Maximum Video Resolution and Quantity		Resolution: No restrictions Quantity: 1 (You are advised to set the video resolution according to the screen resolution.)
Maximum Pixel Width of Text		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Text sharpening enabled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Maximum pixel width: 23040 – Maximum number of characters: 3000 • Text sharpening disabled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Maximum pixel width: 16384 – Maximum number of characters: Table 3-3
General Window Quantity		1
Supported Image Formats	ViPlex Express	JPG, JPEG, BMP, GIF, PNG, WEBP
	VNNOX Standard	JPG, PNG, ICO, JPEG, BMP, GIF
Supported Video Formats		MP4, FLV

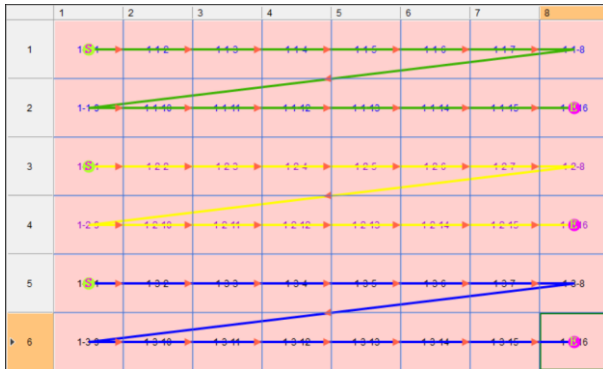
Table 3-3 Scrolling text limitations

Horizontal Scrolling	Font Size	8	12	14	16	18	24	32	64	96	128	256	512
	Number of Characters	2048	1365	1170	1024	911	685	512	256	170	127	62	10
Vertical Scrolling	Font Size	8	12	14	16	18	24	32	64	96	128	256	512
	Number of Characters	1504	1002	859	752	668	501	376	188	125	94	47	8

Screen Configuration

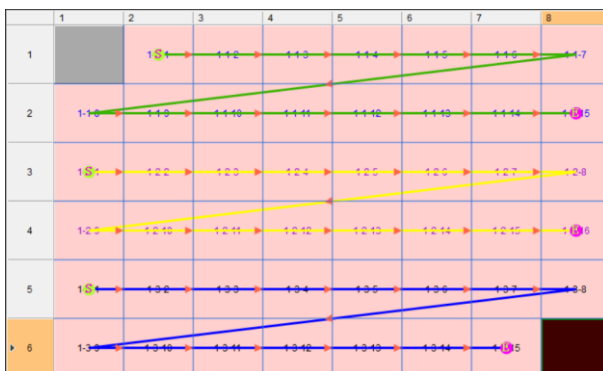
When you set the connection of receiving cards, if an Ethernet port loads two rows/columns or more, the connection must follow the shape of the letter Z, as shown in [Figure 3-3](#).

Figure 3-3 Ultra-wide screen connection



If you want to set receiving cards to blank, you can only set the receiving cards at both ends to blank, as shown in [Figure 3-4](#) (if receiving cards are set to blank, you also need to set corresponding blank for the solution).

Figure 3-4 Blank receiving cards of an ultra-wide screen



Operating Procedure

The preceding application will be used as an example to introduce how to create an ultra-long-screen solution.

- Step 1 Choose **Solutions** to access the solution management page.
- Step 2 Click **New** and select **Ultra-Long Screen** from the drop-down menu.

The **Solution Information** dialog box appears.

Figure 3-5 Ultra-long-screen solution information

- Step 3 Set the solution information and click **OK**.

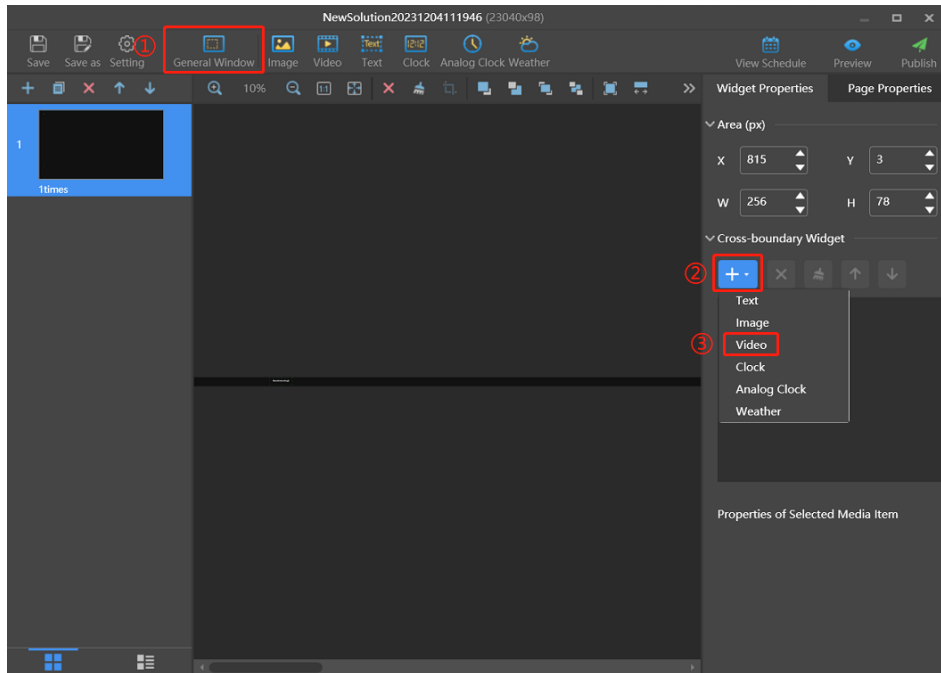
Set the resolution as the actual screen resolution. Set the width to 23040 and height to 98.

Step 4 Choose a widget (general window/video) and add video files.

The editing page is displayed based on the actual screen resolution.

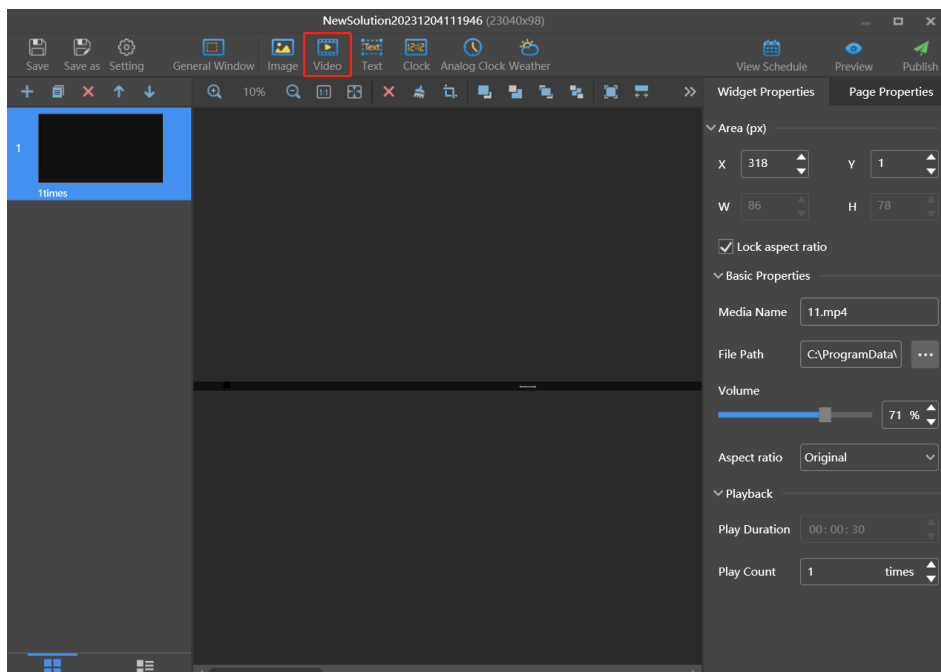
- General Window
 1. Click **General Window**.
 2. Click **+**.
 3. Select **Video**, choose a video file from the folder that appears and click **Open**.

Figure 3-6 General window



- Video
 1. Click **Video**, choose a video file from the folder that appears and click **Open**.

Figure 3-7 Video




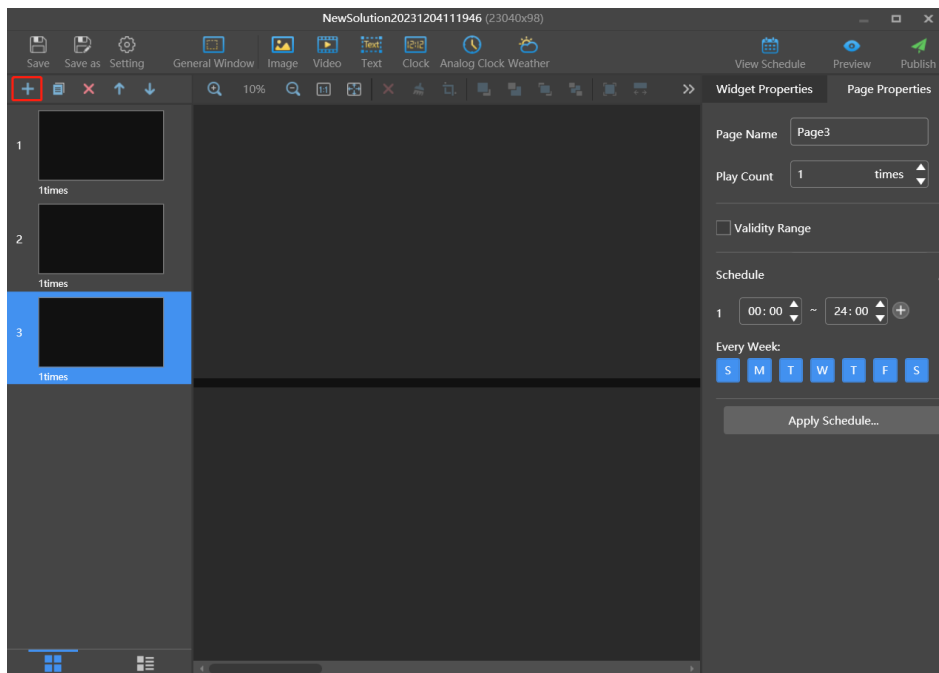


Step 5 (Optional) Set playlist playback. Click  on the editing page to add pages and add media to the pages.

Figure 3-8 Playlist playback



Step 6 (Optional) At the upper right of the page, click  to preview the current page.

The preview window is displayed based on the configured screen aspect ratio.

Step 7 After the solution editing is done, click .

Step 8 Select players and click **Publish** to publish the solution.

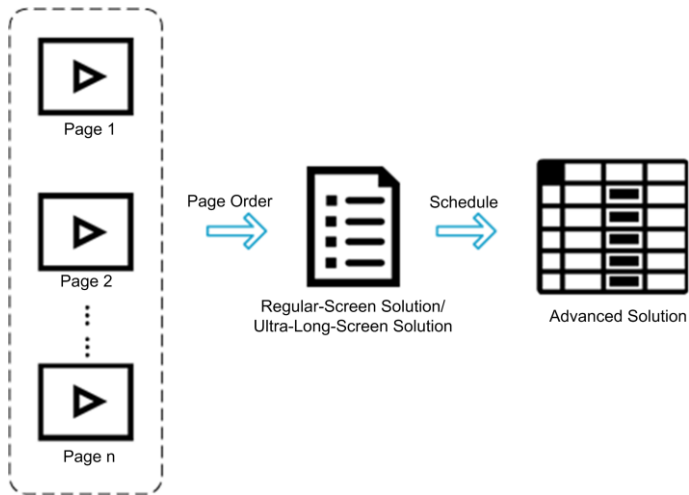
Note

- Ultra-long-screen solutions do not support synchronous playback.
- To ensure smooth playback, playing videos and text simultaneously is not recommended.
- The TB10, TB30, TB40, TB50 and TB60 allow images, text, videos, analog clock, weather widget and general windows to be placed in the boundaries.
- To preview a ultra-long-screen solution, the solution width cannot be greater than 16384 pixels. To use the page flipping effect, the media width cannot be greater than 16384 pixels.

3.2 Scheduling Solutions

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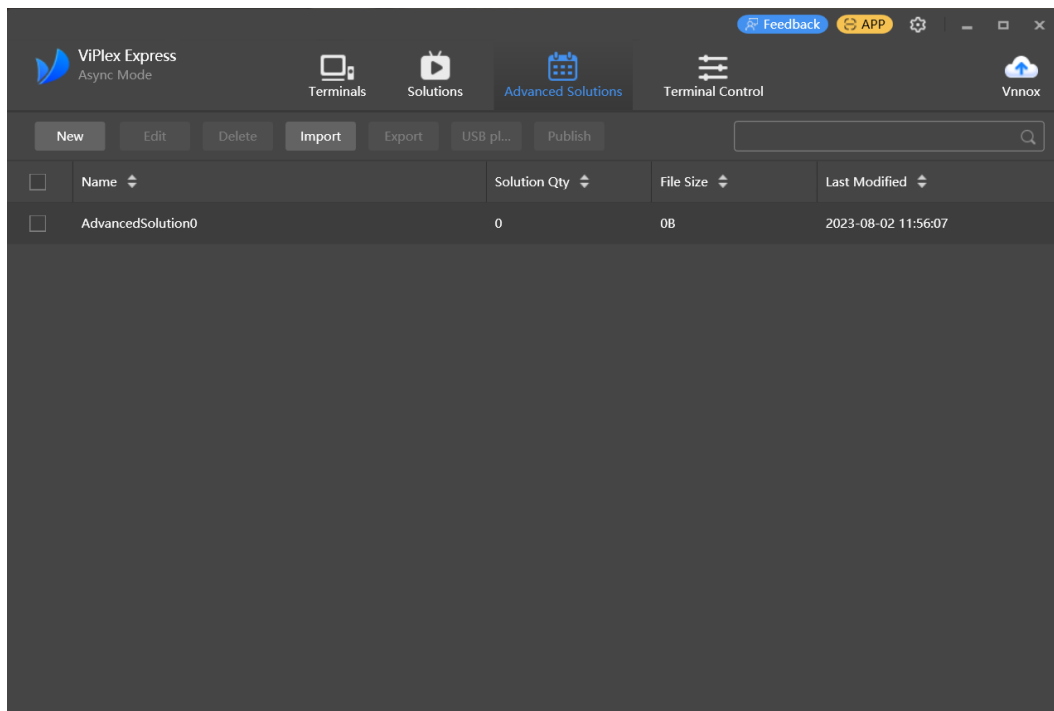
An advanced solution is a collection of scheduled regular-screen solutions or ultra-long-screen solutions.



Operating Procedure

Step 1 Choose **Advanced Solutions** to access the advanced solutions page.

Figure 3-9 Advanced solutions



Step 2 Click **New** to open the **New Advanced Solution** page.

Figure 3-10 New advanced solution

Step 3 Enter a name for the advanced solution.

Step 4 Click .

Figure 3-11 Adding playback plan

Step 5 Select a solution and set its validity range, repeat method, and playback durations.

Step 6 Click **Add**.

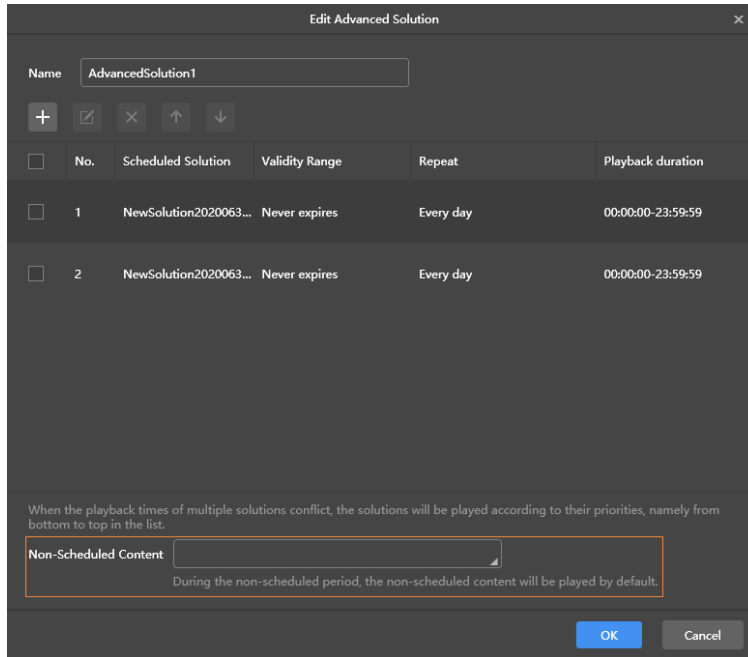
Step 7 Repeat Step 5 and Step 6 to add more solutions.

Step 8 After solutions are added, click **Cancel**.

Step 9 (Optional) Click the box next to **Non-Scheduled Content**, select a solution and click **OK**.

The non-scheduled content will be played by default during the non-scheduled period.

Figure 3-12 Adding non-scheduled content



Step 10 Click **Add**.

3.3 Publishing Solutions

Applications


Send regular-screen solutions, ultra-long-screen solutions and scheduled advanced solutions to terminals.

Related Information

- A solution containing media can be published.
- Only one solution can be sent to a terminal each time.
- A solution can be sent to multiple terminals.

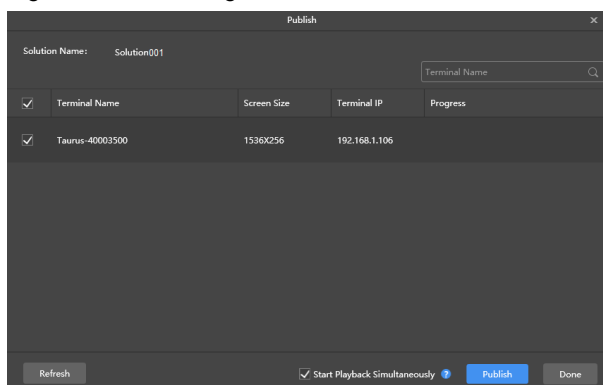
Operating Procedure

Step 1 Choose Solutions or Advanced Solutions.

Step 2 In the solution list, move your mouse over a solution and click .

The **Publish** dialog box appears.

Figure 3-13 Publishing a solution



Step 3 Click **Refresh** to display all the terminals that are logged in.

Note: During solution publishing, ViPlex Express automatically converts the video formats not supported by the terminal.

Step 4 (Optional) Select **Start Playback Simultaneously**.

Start Playback Simultaneously: The terminals used for synchronous playback will start playing the solution at the same time.

Step 5 Select one or more terminals and click **Publish**.

If the storage space of the terminal is insufficient, click **Clean Up & Republish** of the corresponding terminal to clean up storage. The solution will be published automatically after the cleanup.

Step 6 After the solution is published successfully, click **Done**.

Note:

Unltr-long-screen solutions do not support **Start Playback Simultaneously**.

3.4 USB Playback

Applications


When a multimedia player can play solutions imported from a USB drive, users can import solutions to a USB drive by using the USB playback function in ViPlex Express and then insert the USB drive into the multimedia player to enable solution playback.

Related Information

- A solution containing media supports USB playback.
- Multiple solutions can be exported to a USB drive each time.
During USB playback, the specified solution is played by default.

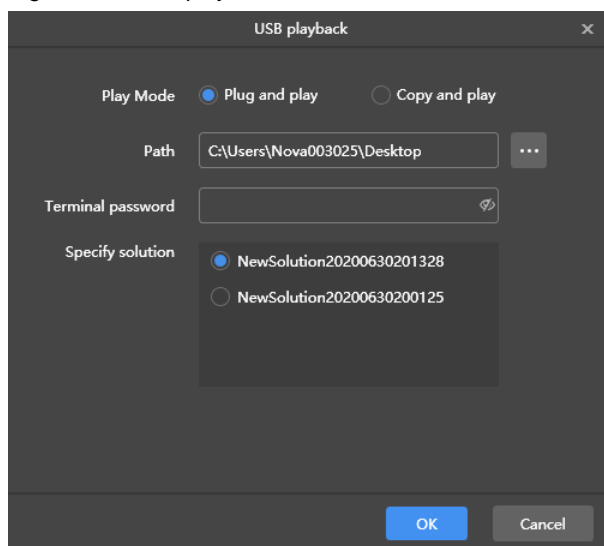
Operating Procedure

Step 1 Choose **Solutions** or **Advanced Solutions**.

Step 2 In the solution list, move your mouse over a solution and click , or select one or more solutions and click **USB Playback**.


The USB playback dialog box appears.

Figure 3-14 USB playback



Step 3 Specify a playback mode.

- Plug and play: The solution starts to play as soon as you insert the USB drive where the solution is stored in the terminal. Do NOT remove the USB drive during playback.
- Copy and play: The solution starts to play after the solution in the USB drive is copied to the terminal. Do NOT remove the USB drive during playback.

Step 4 Click  to choose a location to store the solutions to be exported.

Step 5 Enter the connection password of the terminal.

After the USB drive where solutions are stored is inserted into the terminal, the solutions can be played only when the password is correct.

Step 6 Select a solution and click **OK**.

Step 7 After solutions are exported successfully, click **Done**.

3.5 Exporting/Importing Solutions

Applications

Transfer solutions by exporting and importing solution files with ViPlex Express.

Related Information

- A solution containing media can be exported.
- Regular-screen solutions, ultra-long-screen solutions, and scheduled advanced solutions can be exported and imported.

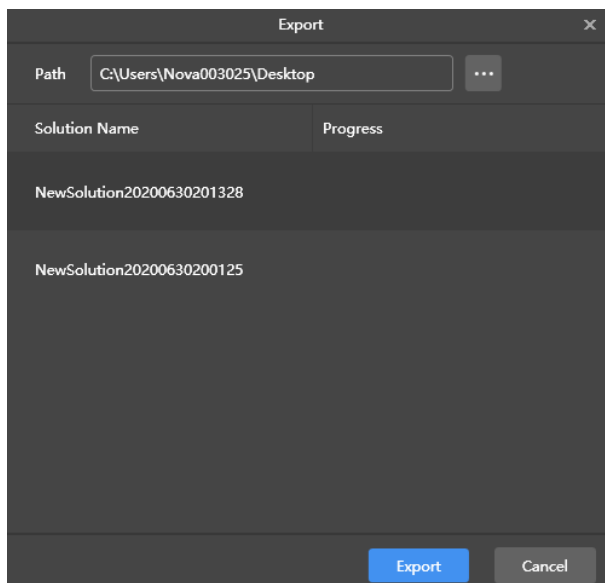
Operating Procedure

Export solutions

Step 1 Choose **Solutions** or **Advanced Solutions**.

Step 2 From the solution list, select one or more solutions and then choose **More > Export**.

Figure 3-15 Exporting solutions



Step 3 Click  to choose a location to store the solutions to be exported.

Step 4 Click **Export**.

Note

During solution exporting, ViPlex Express automatically converts the video formats not supported by the terminal.

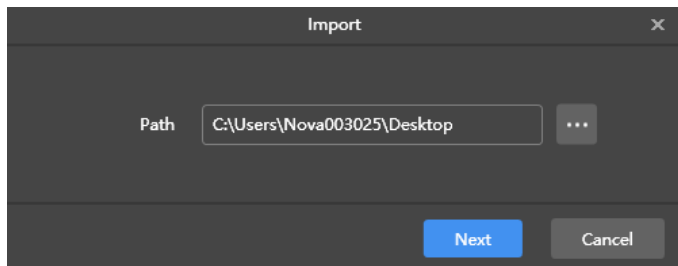
Step 5 After the solutions are exported successfully, close the dialog box.


Import solutions

Step 1 From the **Solutions** page, choose **More > Import**.

Or click Import on the Advanced Solutions page.

Figure 3-16 Importing solutions



Step 2 Click  to choose the location of the local files.

Step 3 Click **Next**.

Step 4 After the solutions are imported successfully, click **Done**.

4 Terminal Control

Function List

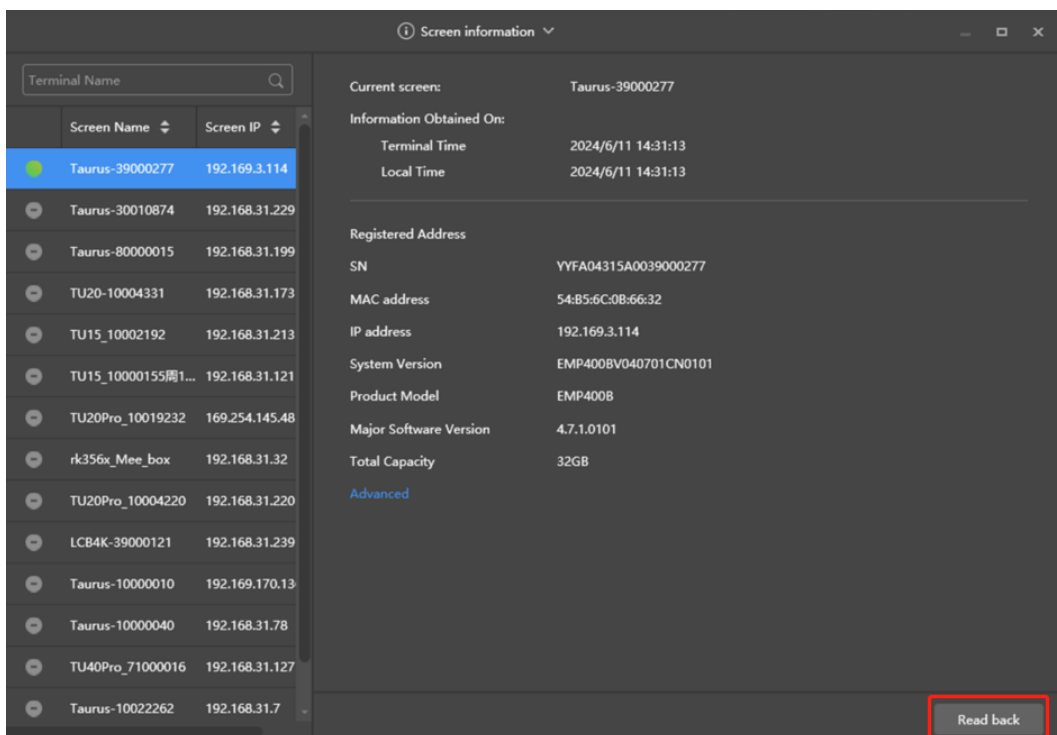
Function	Sub-Function	Taurus LED Players	Taurus LCD Players	TU Players	VPlayer
Playback management	Adjust volume in real time	√	√	√	
	Manage terminal solutions	√	√	√	
Brightness adjustment	-	√		√	
Video source	Configure video source parameters	√		√	
	Switch video source	√		√	
Screen status control	-	√		√	
Time synchronization	Sync time manually	√	√	√	
	Sync time with NTP	√	√	√	
	Sync time with RF	√	√		
Restart configuration	-	√	√	√	
Color temperature	-	√		√	
Monitoring	-	√	√ (Available memory usage and CPU usage are not available.)	√	
Play logs	Query play logs	√	√	√	
	Export play logs	√	√	√	
Font management	Add fonts	√	√	√	
	Delete fonts	√	√	√	
Network configuration	Configure wired network	√	√	√	
	Configure Wi-Fi AP	√	√	√	
	Configure Wi-Fi Sta	√		√	
	Configure mobile network	√	√		

Function	Sub-Function	Taurus LED Players	Taurus LCD Players	TU Players	VPlayer
	Configure network detection	√	√		
Server configuration	Bind to VNNOX Standard/AD	√	√	√	
Terminal upgrade	Online upgrade	√	√	√	√
	Local upgrade	√	√	√	√
Power control	-	√	√ (No support for multi-function card power)	√	
RF configuration	-	√	√		
Sensor	-	√		√	
Screen information	-	√	√	√	

Common Operations

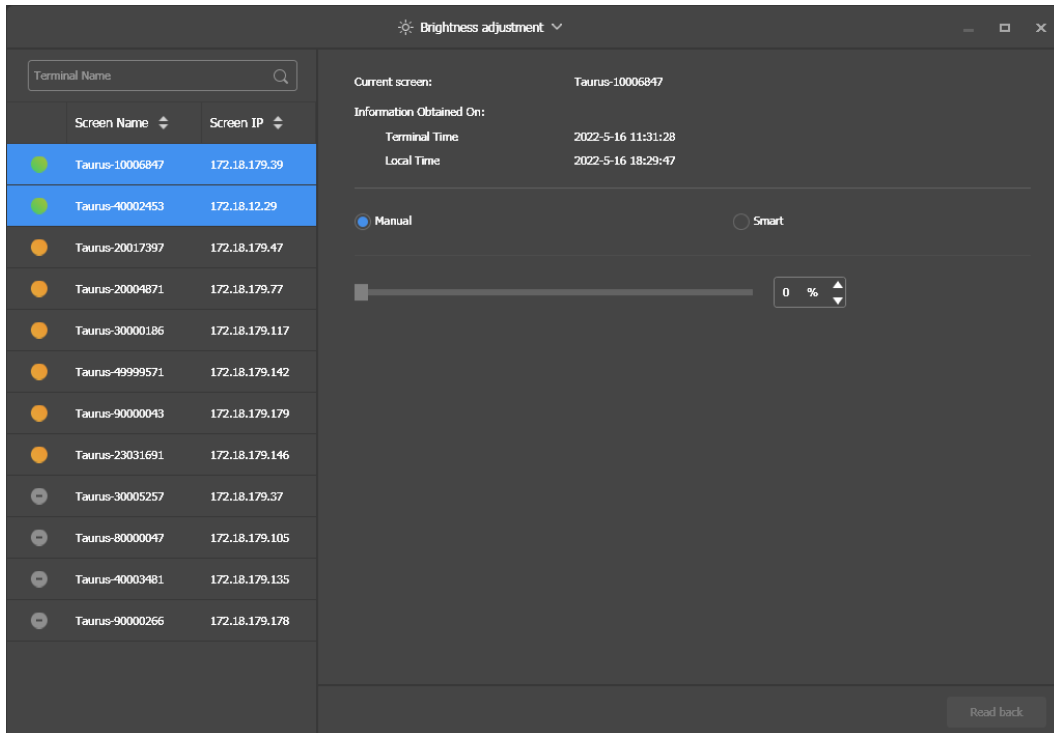
- Click the **Read back** button to read terminal information back to ViPlex Express and display it.

Figure 4-1 Readback



- In the terminal list, you can select multiple terminals with the **Ctrl+Shift** keyboard shortcut.
Selecting multiple terminals is not available in **Playback management**, **Video source**, **Network configuration**, **Sensor**, and **Screen information**.

Figure 4-2 Selecting multiple terminals



4.1 Playback Management

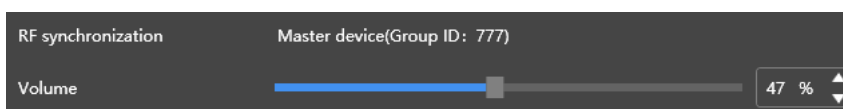
Manage the playback mode, volume, and content of terminals.

4.1.1 Adjusting Volume in Real Time

- Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Playback Management**.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.
- Step 3 In the **Playback Configuration** area, adjust the volume by dragging the slider or entering a value.

When the information related to RF synchronization is displayed, as shown in [Figure 4-3](#), it indicates that volume synchronization is enabled on the current terminal. See relevant operations in [4.16 RF Configuration](#). RF synchronization requires you to specify a master device and slave devices. Users only need to set the volume of the master device. The slave devices will keep the same volume as the master device via an RF signal.

Figure 4-3 RF synchronization-volume



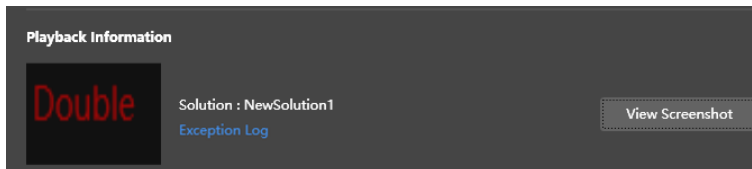
4.1.2 Managing Terminal Solutions

Note:

Only T30/T50/T60/TB30/TB40/TB50/TB60 support exception log and requirements check.

- Viewing screenshot: Click **View Screenshot** to view the real-time screenshot of the solution which is being played on the terminal.

Figure 4-4 Viewing the screenshot




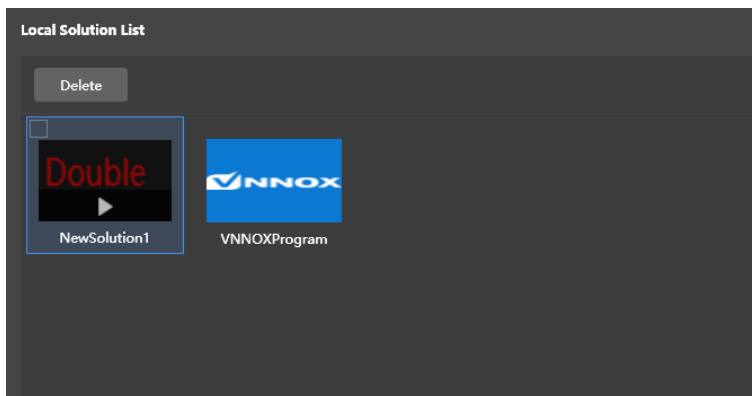
- Exception log: Click **Exception Log** to view the details of the exceptions occurring during playback.
- Playing a solution: Move the mouse to the thumbnail of the solution and click .

Figure 4-5 Solution list




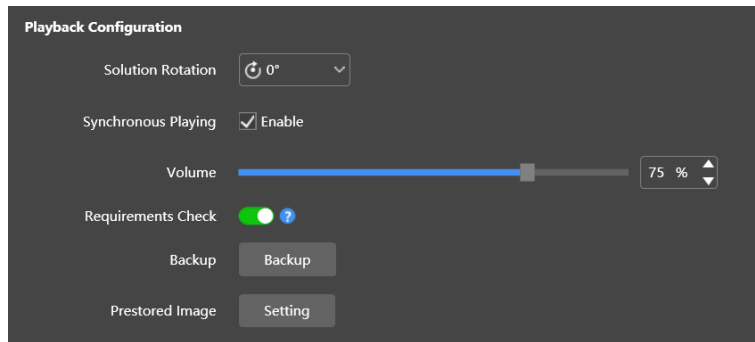
- Stopping playing a solution: Move the mouse to the thumbnail of the solution and click .
- Deleting a solution: Select a solution in the solution thumbnail list and click **Delete**.
- Rotating a solution: Select a playback window rotation angle from the drop-down box next to **Solution Rotation**. The rotation angle is absolute.
- Synchronous playing: Enable or disable the synchronous playback.
- Requirements Check: After this function is enabled, the device can automatically detect the media not meeting the requirements.
- Backup: Back up important system data.
- Prestored Image: When the system files become corrupted, resulting in the solution being cleared, the prestored image will be displayed.

Figure 4-6 Playback configuration

**Note:**

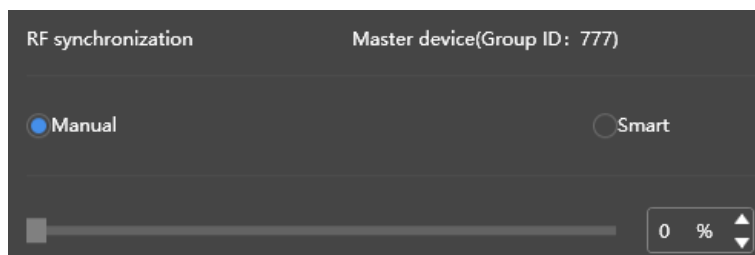
Only Taurus V4.6.0 and later support terminal solution backup and prestored image setting.

4.2 Brightness Adjustment

Manually adjust the brightness or set rules of smart brightness adjustment.

When the information related to RF synchronization is displayed, as shown in [Figure 4-7](#), it indicates that brightness synchronization is enabled on the current terminal. See relevant operations in [4.16 RF Configuration](#). RF synchronization requires you to specify a master device and slave devices. Users only need to set the brightness of the master device. The slave devices will keep the same brightness as the master device via the RF signal.

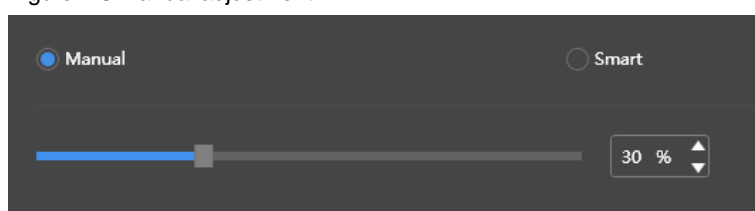
Figure 4-7 RF synchronization-brightness



4.2.1 Manual Adjustment

- Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Brightness adjustment**.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 Choose **Manual**, and drag the slider or enter a value to adjust screen brightness.

Figure 4-8 Manual adjustment



4.2.2 Smart Adjustment


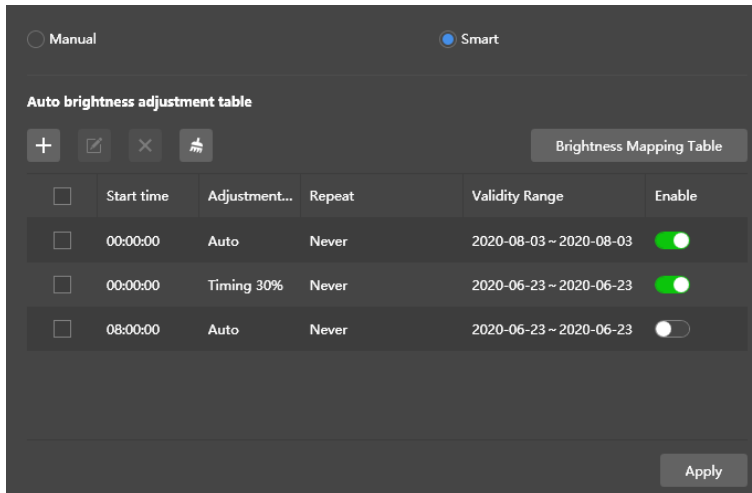
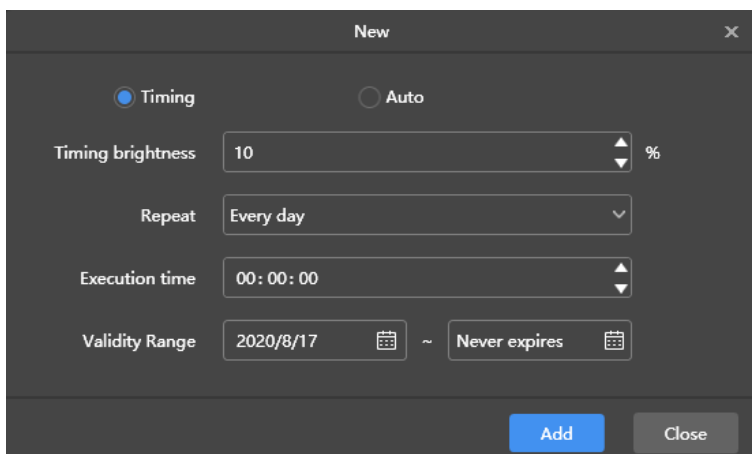
- Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control** > **Brightness adjustment**.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 Choose **Smart** and click . In the window that appears, choose **Timing** or **Auto**, set the corresponding brightness adjustment rules, and then click **Add**.

Figure 4-9 Smart brightness adjustment



- Timing brightness adjustment: During the period you set to enable smart adjustment, the screen brightness will be the fixed value you manually set.

Figure 4-10 Scheduled brightness adjustment



- Automatic brightness adjustment: During the period that you set to enable auto adjustment, the screen brightness will be automatically adjusted according to the automatic brightness mapping table.

The automatic brightness mapping table allows users to divide the ambient brightness into several subsections, set corresponding screen brightness for each subsection, and specify a brightness collection interval and the number of times to collect brightness. The screen brightness automatically changes according to the ambient brightness subsection to which the collected ambient brightness belongs.

Figure 4-11 Automatic brightness adjustment

The 'New' dialog box contains the following configuration:

- Timing:** Auto
- Repeat:** Every day
- Execution time:** 00:00:00
- Validity Range:** 2020/8/17 ~ Never expires

Figure 4-12 Brightness mapping table

The 'Brightness Mapping Table' dialog box includes the following settings:

- If ambient brightness reading fails, adjust the brightness to 10 %

Ambient brightness (Lux)	Screen Brightness (%)	Operate
65534	100	
58981	90	
52427	80	
45874	70	
39320	60	

Additional settings at the bottom:

- Brightness Collection Interval: 3 s
- Times to Collect Brightness: 5

Step 4 After configuration, click **Apply**.

4.3 Video Source

Configure video source parameters and specify the rule of setting the input source to HDMI or the internal video source.

4.3.1 Video Source Parameter Configuration

Set the output offset position of the video source, resolution of the internal video source, and resolution of the HDMI video source.

Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Video Source**.

Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.

Step 3 In the **Internal Source Resolution** area, specify a resolution and click **Apply**.

This resolution refers to the operating system resolution of the Taurus multimedia player and must be higher than the screen resolution.

Note:

Only the TB10, TB30, TB40, TB50, TB60, LCB4K, and TU series support custom resolutions.

Step 4 In the **Parameter Configuration** area, configure the following parameters.

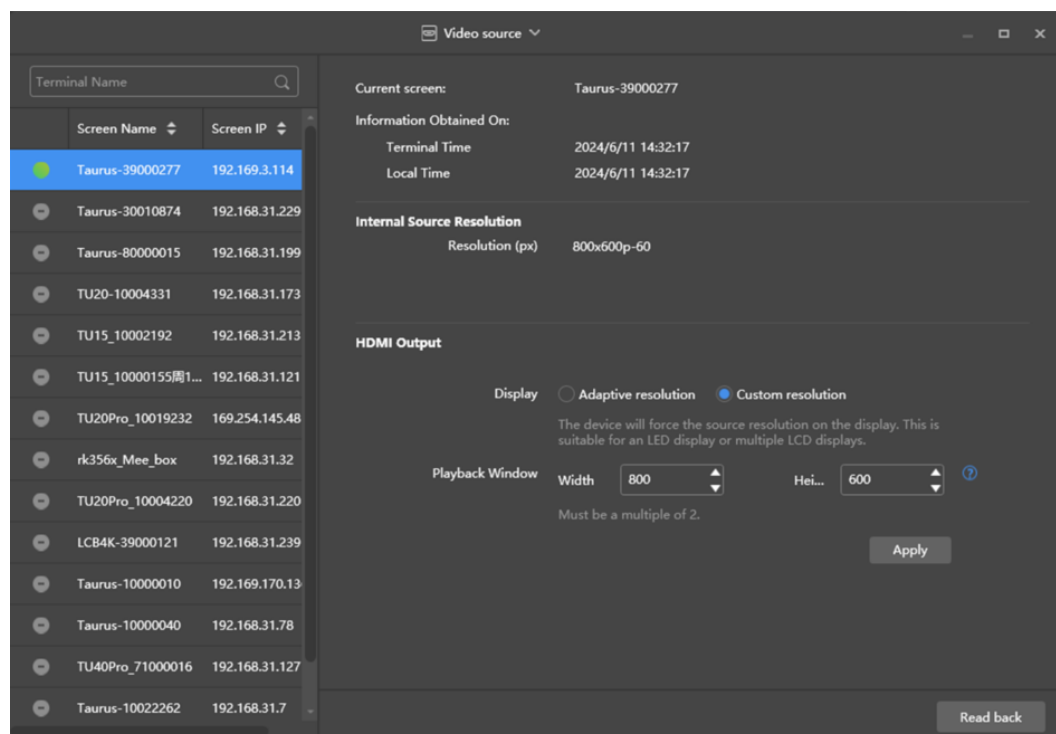
- Output Position: Set the start position of the image displayed on the screen.
- HDMI Source Resolution: Refers to the resolution of the external video source input from the HDMI IN connector.

In studio mode, users can enable full screen zoom to let the image automatically fit the screen.

Requirements of full screen zoom in studio mode:

- 512 pixels ≤ Video source width ≤ 2048 pixels
- 512 pixels ≤ Video source height ≤ 2048 pixels
- Maximum resolution: 1920×1080
- Support for zooming out only

Figure 4-13 Parameter configuration



Step 5 After the configuration, click **Apply**.

4.3.2 Manual Switching

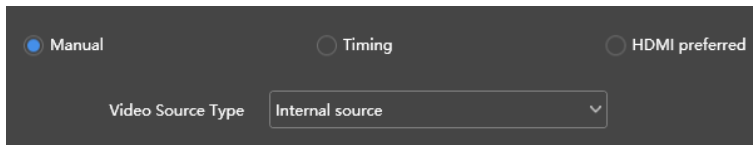
Immediately switch between the internal input source and HDMI input source.

Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Video source**.

Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.

Step 3 In the **Control Mode** area, choose **Manual** and configure the parameters.

Figure 4-14 Manual switching



Step 4 Click **Apply**.

4.3.3 Scheduled Switching

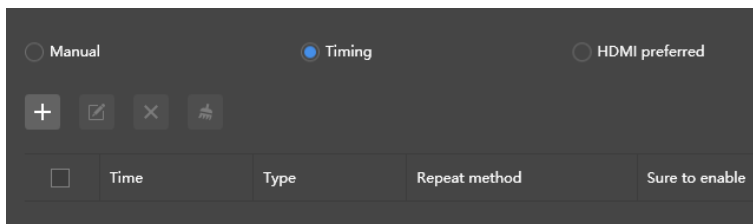
Switch between the internal input source and HDMI input source as scheduled.

Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Video source**.

Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.

Step 3 In the **Control Mode** area, choose **Timing**.

Figure 4-15 Scheduled switching




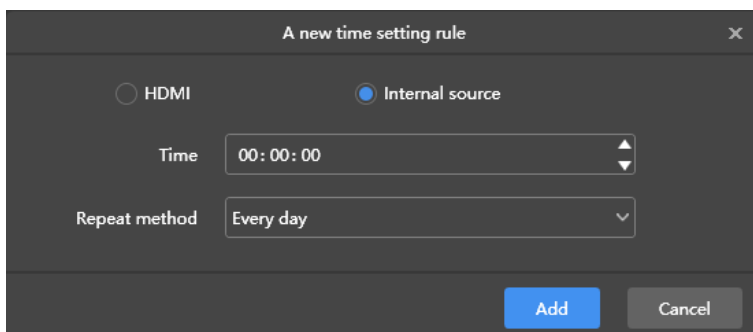
Step 4 Click . In the pop-up dialog box, choose **Internal** or **HDMI**, and then set the time and cycle to use the video source. At last, click **Add**.

Figure 4-16 Creating a scheduled rule



Step 5 After the configuration, click **Apply**.

4.3.4 HDMI Preferred

The HDMI port is preferred for playing the video in synchronous mode.

Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Video source**.

- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 In the **Control Mode** area, select **HDMI preferred**.
- Step 4 After configuration, click **Apply**.

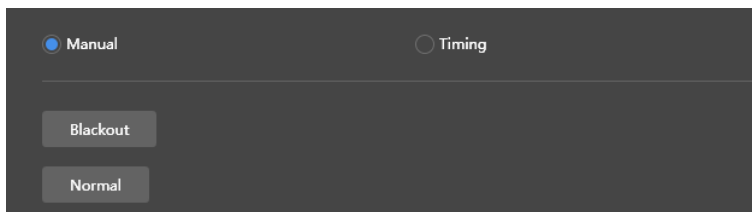
4.4 Screen Status Control

Set the current playing status of the screen.

4.4.1 Manual Control

- Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Screen Status Control**.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 Choose **Manual** to enter the manual settings page.

Figure 4-17 Manual Control



- Step 4 Click **Blackout** or **Normal**.

Here the blackout is to decrease the screen brightness to 0% instead of turning off the power.

4.4.2 Timing Control


- Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Screen Status Control**.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 Choose **Timing** and click . In the window that appears, click **Blackout** or **Normal**, set the playback time and interval, and then click **Add**.

Figure 4-18 Scheduled control

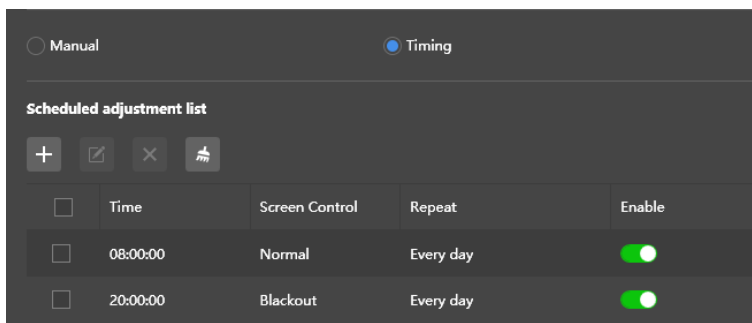


Figure 4-19 Creating a scheduled rule

Step 4 After the settings, click **Apply**.

4.5 Power On/Off

Scenarios

Schedule the power on/off of players.

Operating Procedure

Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > On/Off**.

Step 2 In the **Power On/Off** area, click **+** to create a scheduled control command.

Step 3 Specify the time to power on and off the player and select a repeat method.

The interval between the power-on time and power-off time cannot be less than 2 minutes. When the power-off time is earlier than the power-on time, the device will be powered off on the next day.

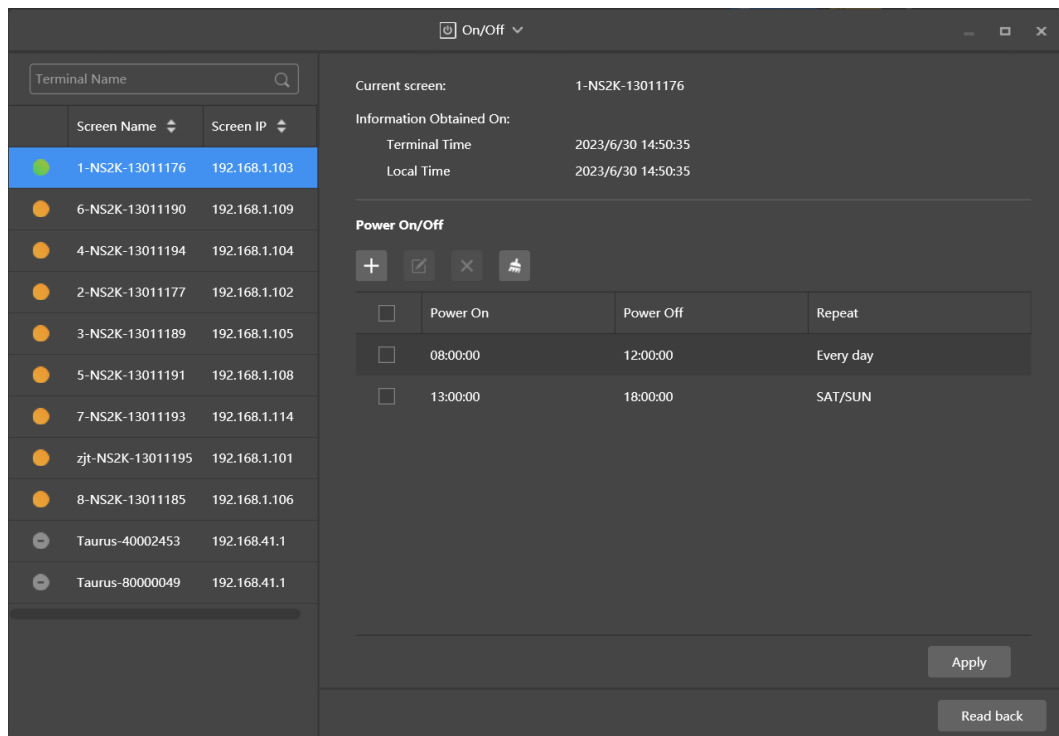
Step 4 After the settings, click **Add** to save the command.

Figure 4-20 Creating a scheduled control command.

Step 5 Select a player from the terminal list.

Step 6 Select a command and click **Apply** to apply the command. (If no command is selected, all the commands will be applied by default.)

Figure 4-21 Scheduling power on/off



4.6 Time Synchronization

Time synchronization is used for syncing the time of terminal players.

Table 4-1 Time synchronization methods

Method	Time Reference	Application Scenario
Manual	Time of the PC with ViPlex Express installed	Manually set the time zone of the terminal.
Automatic	GPS time synchronization: Radio signal from a GPS satellite	Sync the time of the Taurus with GPS, NTP, or RF. All these three methods are applicable to synchronous playback. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The accuracy of GPS time synchronization depends on the satellite signal and it is suitable for outdoor applications without obstructions around The accuracy of NTP time synchronization depends on the network speed and it is suitable for situations with a low requirement for synchronization. RF time synchronization does not depend on the network and has a high synchronization performance. It is suitable for situations with an increased requirement
	NTP time synchronization: Time of the NTP server	
RF	Time of the reference device	

Method	Time Reference	Application Scenario
		for synchronization.

Note:

- To enable synchronous playback, you need to turn on the synchronous playback function after syncing the time automatically or with RF.

4.6.1 Manual Time Synchronization

Sync the time of the terminal with the date and time of the selected time zone.

- Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Time synchronization management**.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.
- Step 3 Select a time zone from the **Time Zone** drop-down box. You can also adjust the current date and time as required.

If the current time zone observes daylight saving time and the current date is within the range of daylight saving time, **Daylight saving time enabled** will be displayed. Otherwise, it will not be displayed.

Figure 4-22 Selecting a time zone

- Step 4 After the settings, click **Apply**.

4.6.2 GPS Time Synchronization

Prerequisites

- Before GPS time synchronization, users need to buy and install network modules.
- The Taurus terminal version is V3.3.0 or later.

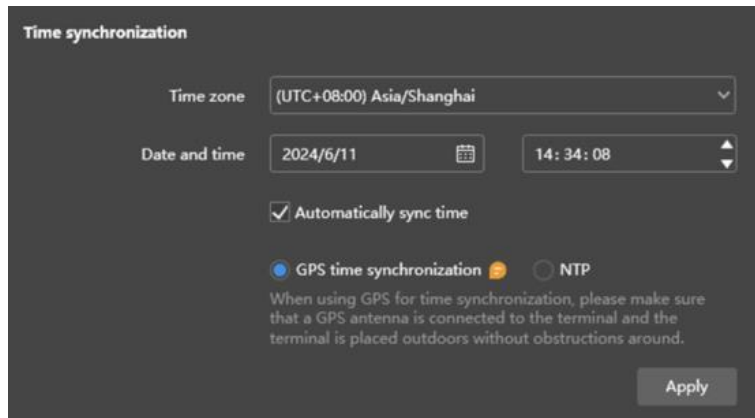
Operating Procedure

- Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Time synchronization management**.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.
- Step 3 (Optional) Select a time zone from the **Time zone** drop-down box.

If the current time zone observes daylight saving time and the current date is within the range of daylight saving time, **Daylight saving time enabled** will be displayed. Otherwise, it will not be displayed.

- Step 4 Check **Automatically sync time** and select GPS time synchronization.

Figure 4-23 GPS time synchronization



Step 5 After the settings, click **Apply**.

4.6.3 NTP Time Synchronization

Sync the time of terminal players with the time of the NTP server.

Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Time synchronization management**.

Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.

Step 3 (Optional) Change the time zone in the **Time Zone** drop-down box.

If the current time zone observes daylight saving time and the current date is within the range of daylight saving time, **Daylight saving time enabled** will be displayed. Otherwise, it will not be displayed.


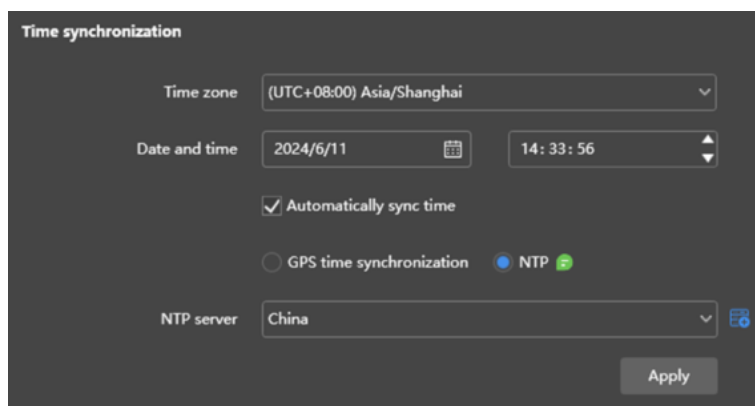
Step 4 Check **Automatically sync time** and **NTP**, and then select an NTP server to sync the time of the terminal with the time of the NTP server. If the existing NTP servers cannot meet the requirements, click  to customize a server.

Figure 4-24 Selecting an NTP server



Step 5 After the settings, click **Apply**.

4.6.4 RF Time Synchronization

Related Information

To use RF time synchronization, you need to set one of the Taurus units on the RF network as the master device and others as slave devices.

- The master device is used for time reference and the time of the slave devices is synced with the time of the master device via the RF signal.
- The Taurus allows the master device to sync time with an NTP server.

Prerequisites

- The Taurus products support RF time synchronization, such as T3, T6, TB3, TB4, TB6, and TB8.
- Before RF time synchronization, RF modules must be installed. ViPlex Express can detect and display the RF module status.

Operating Procedure

Set the master and slave devices

- Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > RF management**.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.
- Step 3 Turn on **RF synchronization**.
- Step 4 Set the current device as the master device or slave device.
- Step 5 Set a group ID.

If you enter the group ID of the master device for a slave device, the slave device will be assigned to the same group as the master device.

- Step 6 Select **Time synchronization**.

After RF synchronization is applied, the time, brightness, volume, and environment monitoring data of the slave devices will be kept the same as the master device via the RF signal. Select the options that require RF synchronization.

Figure 4-25 Master device

The screenshot shows a 'Parameter Information' dialog box with the following settings:

- RF synchronization:** A green toggle switch is turned on.
- Set this terminal as:** Two radio buttons are present: 'Master device' (selected with a blue dot) and 'Slave device'.
- Group ID:** A text input field contains the value '123'. Below the field, a note reads: 'Please enter a new group ID for the master device. Numbers and letters are supported.'
- Apply RF synchronization to:** Four checkboxes are listed: 'Time synchronization', 'Brightness Synchronization', 'Volume Synchronization', and 'Environment monitoring data'. All four checkboxes are currently unchecked.
- Apply:** A button is located at the bottom right of the dialog.

Figure 4-26 Slave device

Parameter Information

RF synchronization

Set this terminal as Master device Slave device

Group ID

Please enter the group ID of the master device in the target group. Numbers and letters are supported.

Apply RF synchronization to Time synchronization

Brightness Synchronization

Volume Synchronization

Environment monitoring data

Step 7 (Optional) Select **Slave device** and click **Advanced** to specify a mode for the slave device to receiving commands.

- Single-packet: The slave device receives the command once.
- Multi-packet: Set the command receiving times to “X” and command receiving interval to “Y”. The slave device will receive the command twice, with an interval of 5 seconds each time.

Figure 4-27 Advanced

Group ID

Please enter the group ID of the master device in the target group. Numbers and letters are supported.

Apply RF synchronization to Time synchronization

Brightness Synchronization

Volume Synchronization

Environment monitoring data

Sending Mode Single-packet Multi-packet

Command Receiving Times

Command Receiving Interval (ms)

The interval ranges from 1 to 10000 ms.

[Collapse](#)

Step 8 Click **Apply**.

Set a time synchronization method for the master device

You need to set time synchronization rules for the master device only and the time of the slave devices will be kept in sync with the time of the master device via the RF signal.

Step 9 Choose **Terminal Control > Time synchronization management**.

Step 10 Select the master terminal from the terminal list.

The information relating to RF synchronization is displayed, which indicates that RF synchronization of the current terminal is enabled.

Figure 4-28 RF synchronization-Time synchronization

Time synchronization

To use GPS for time synchronization, please install a network module for the terminal.

RF synchronization Master device(Group ID : 777)

Time zone (UTC+08:00) Asia/Shanghai

Date and time 2021/3/16 09:19:07

Automatically sync time

GPS time synchronization NTP

NTP server China

Apply

Step 11 View the time zone and time of the current terminal.


If the current time zone observes daylight saving time and the current date is within the range of daylight saving time, **Daylight saving time enabled** will be displayed. Otherwise, it will not be displayed.

Step 12 Configure rules for time synchronization.

- Manual time synchronization: Select a time zone from the **Time Zone** drop-down box to sync the time of the terminal with the date and time of the time zone. You can also adjust the current date and time as required.
- GPS time synchronization: Check **Automatically sync time** and select GPS time synchronization.

Note:

GPS time synchronization can be implemented when the master device meets the prerequisites in [4.6.2 GPS Time Synchronization](#).

- NTP synchronization: Check **Automatically sync time**, select NTP time synchronization, and then select an NTP server to sync the time of the terminal with the time of the NTP server. If the existing NTP servers cannot meet the requirements, click  to customize a server.

Step 13 After the settings, click **Apply**.

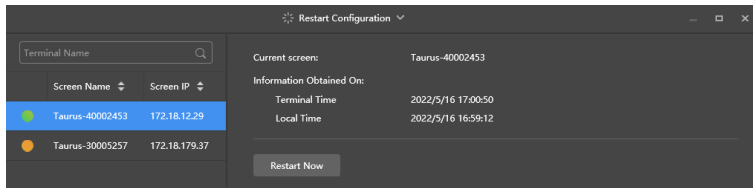
4.7 Restart Configuration

Restart terminals immediately and configure restart rules.

4.7.1 Restarting Immediately

- Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Restart Configuration**.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 Click Restart Now.

Figure 4-29 Restart



Step 4 Click **OK** in the pop-up dialog box to restart the terminal immediately.

4.7.2 Scheduled Restart

Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Restart Configuration**.

Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.


Step 3 Click . Set the time and interval to restart a terminal in the pop-up dialog box and then click **Add**.

Figure 4-30 Scheduled adjustment

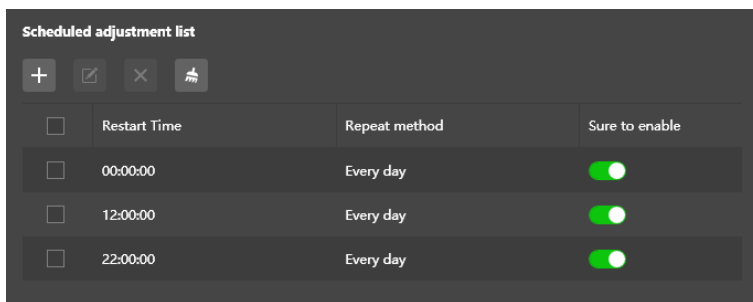
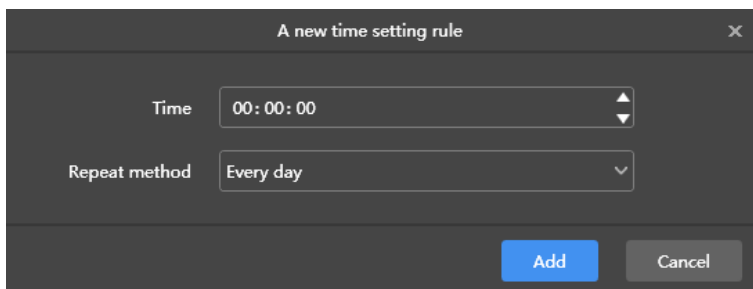


Figure 4-31 Creating a scheduled rule



Step 4 After the settings, click **Apply**.

4.8 Color Temperature

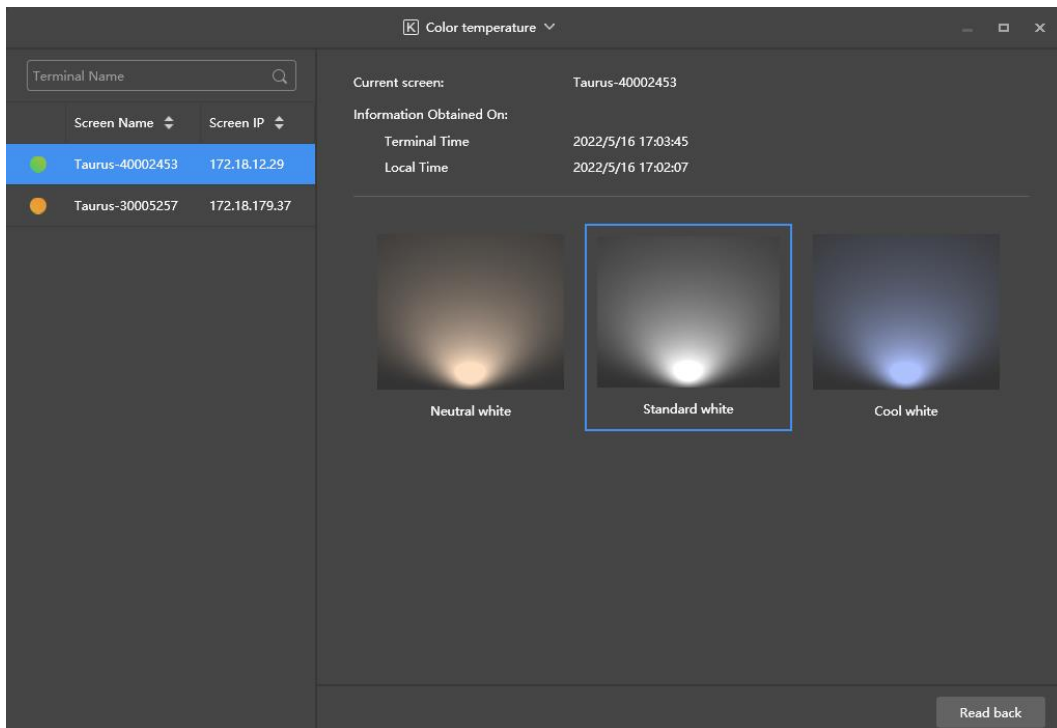
Set the color temperature of the screen, including neutral white, standard white, and cool white.

Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Color temperature**.

Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.

Step 3 Select a color temperature type.

Figure 4-32 Color temperature



4.9 Monitoring

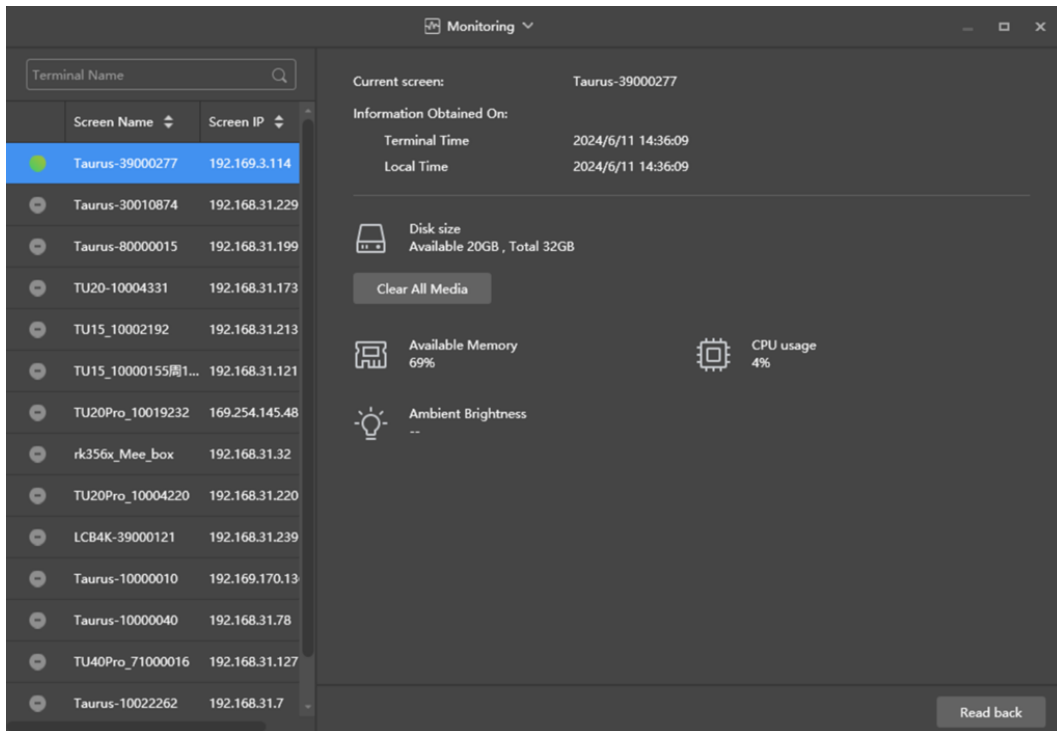
Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Monitoring**.

Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.

Step 3 Do the following as required:

- View the hardware information including the disk size, memory usage, CPU usage and ambient brightness. In addition, if the terminal has an external storage device, you can also view the external storage information.
- Clear all media: Click **Clear All Media** and select the media you want to clear and click **OK**.
- Device diagnostics: Click **Device Diagnostics > Run Diagnostics**. After the diagnostics is completed, you can view and download the diagnostics report.

Figure 4-33 Monitoring



Step 4 Click **Clear All Media**, select the cleanup scope and click **OK**.

4.10 Play Logs

View and export play logs.

4.10.1 Querying Play Logs

- Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Play logs**.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 Choose the time range of the play log that you want to view and then click **Query**.
- Step 4 In the play log list, click a play log name to view the summary and detailed information of the log.

4.10.2 Exporting Play Logs

- Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Play logs**.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 In the play log list, select the target play log.
- Step 4 Click **Export**.
- Step 5 In the pop-up dialog box, choose the export path and format.
- Step 6 Click **OK**.

4.11 Font Management

Manage the fonts supported by the Taurus.

4.11.1 Adding Fonts

Prerequisites

The supported fonts include TTC and TTF.


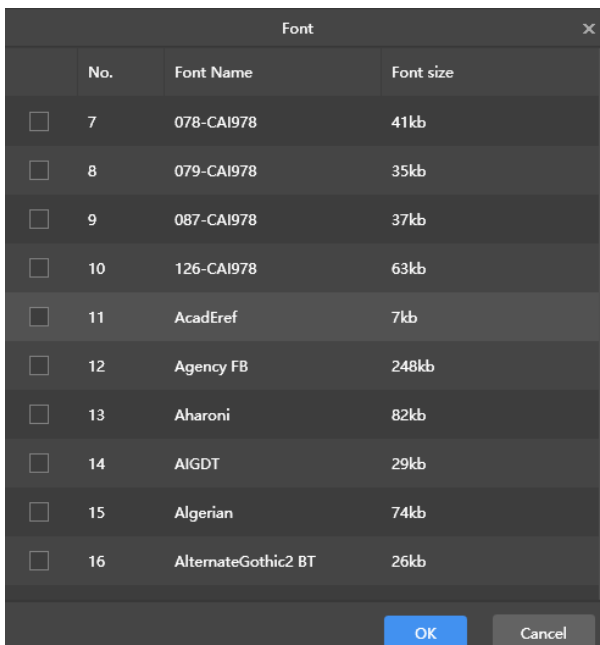
- Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Font management**.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 Click  next to **Name** to acquire local fonts on the PC.

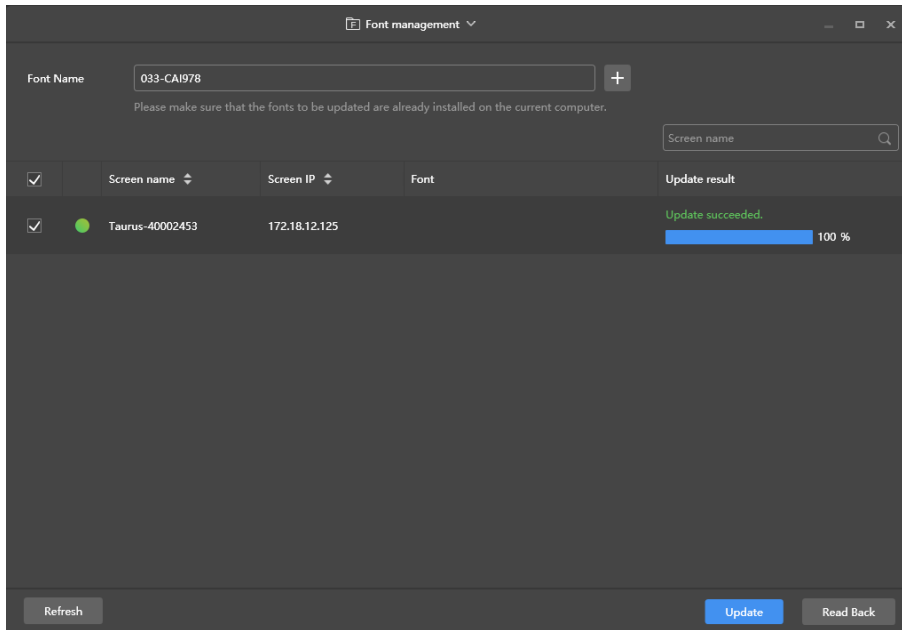
Figure 4-34 Local fonts



No.	Font Name	Font size
<input type="checkbox"/> 7	078-CAI978	41kb
<input type="checkbox"/> 8	079-CAI978	35kb
<input type="checkbox"/> 9	087-CAI978	37kb
<input type="checkbox"/> 10	126-CAI978	63kb
<input type="checkbox"/> 11	AcadEref	7kb
<input type="checkbox"/> 12	Agency FB	248kb
<input type="checkbox"/> 13	Aharoni	82kb
<input type="checkbox"/> 14	AIGDT	29kb
<input type="checkbox"/> 15	Algerian	74kb
<input type="checkbox"/> 16	AlternateGothic2 BT	26kb

- Step 4 Select the target font in the pop-up dialog box.
- Step 5 Click **OK**.
- Step 6 Click **Update**. The update progress will be shown in the **Update result** column.

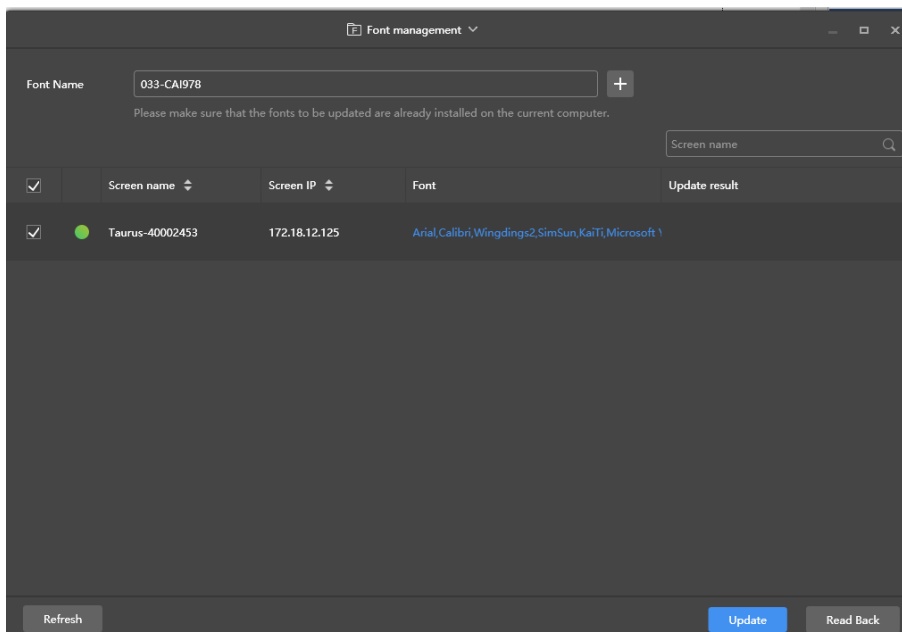
Figure 4-35 Adding a font



4.11.2 Deleting Fonts

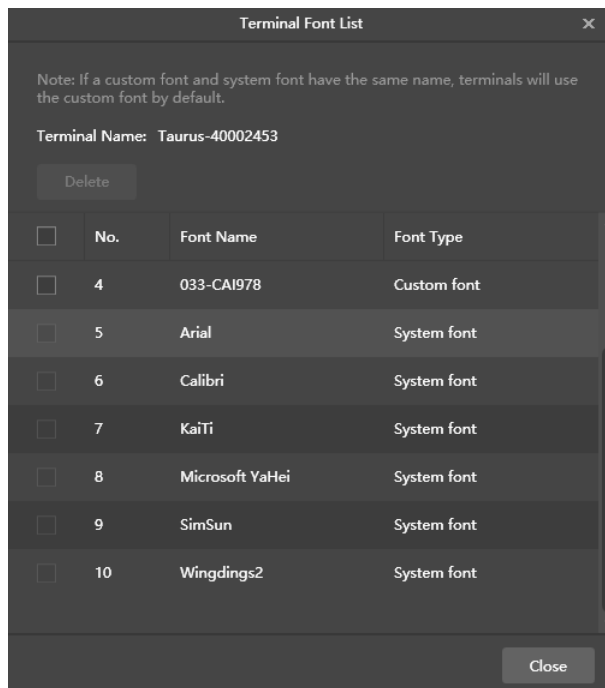
- Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Font management**.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 Click **Read back** at the bottom right to read back the fonts on the terminal.

Figure 4-36 Reading back a font



- Step 4 Click the link in the **Font** column of the target terminal. The **Font list in terminal** page is displayed.

Figure 4-37 Terminal font list



Step 5 Select target fonts.

Step 6 Click **Delete**.

4.12 Network Configuration

Configure the current network, including wired network, Wi-Fi AP, Wi-Fi Sta, and mobile network.

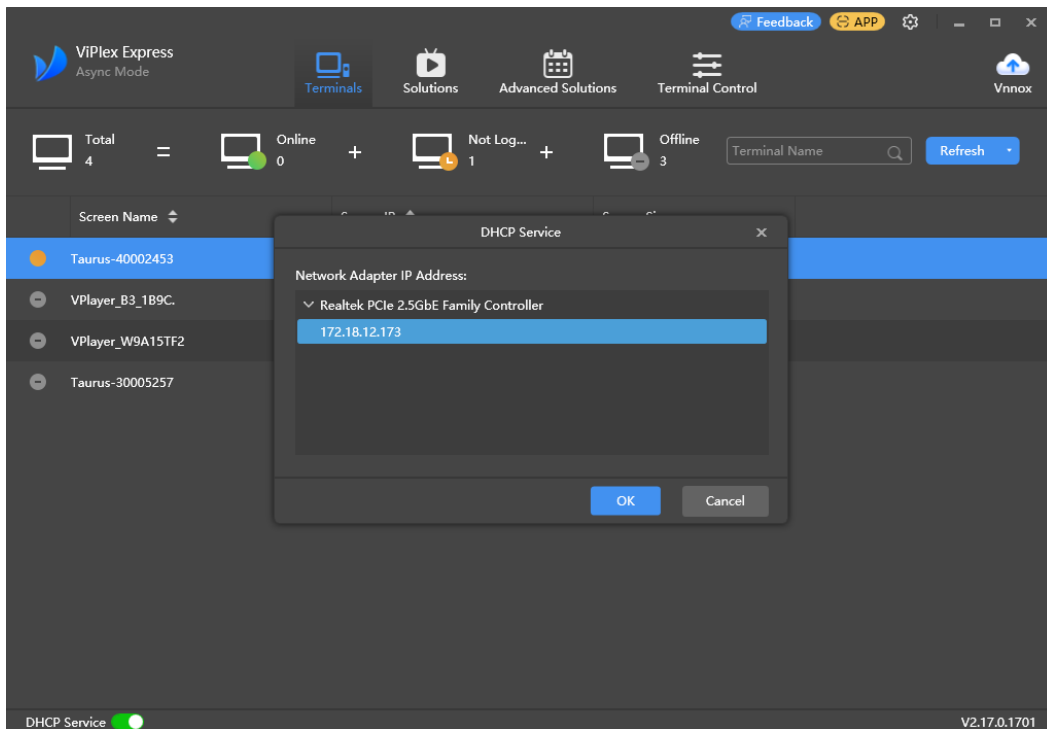
4.12.1 Configuring Wired Network

Application Scenarios

- Set IP address based on the actual needs while connecting terminals to the Internet via Ethernet cable.
- When the PC with ViPlex Express installed and the multimedia player are connected with an Ethernet cable, turn on the DHCP of the multimedia player and the DHCP service at the bottom left of ViPlex Express, select a local IP address, and then click **OK** to connect to the Taurus automatically.

If the connection is not stable, set a static IP address for the PC.

Figure 4-38 DHCP service (ViPlex Express)



Related Information

When the Taurus is delivered, the DHCP is turned on by default.

Operating Procedure

- Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Network configuration**.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 In the **Wired network configuration** area, perform the following operations based on actual needs.
 - Select **Enable** next to **DHCP** to get an IP address automatically.
 - Deselect **Enable** next to **DHCP** and configure a static IP address.

Figure 4-39 Wired network configuration

The screenshot shows the 'Wired Network' configuration page. At the top, there are tabs for 'Wired Network', 'Wi-Fi Network', and 'Mobile Network', with 'Wired Network' selected. A 'Network Detection' link is in the top right. The configuration includes:

- DHCP: Enable
- IP Address: 172 . 18 . 12 . 14
- Subnet Mask: 255 . 255 . 255 . 0
- Gateway: 172 . 18 . 12 . 1
- DNS: 172 . 16 . 0 . 202
- DNS2: 172 . 16 . 0 . 201

At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Apply' (blue) and 'Read back' (grey).

Step 4 Click **Apply**.

4.12.2 Configuring Wi-Fi Network

Configure the Wi-Fi AP and Wi-Fi Sta of the terminal.

4.12.2.1 Configuring Wi-Fi AP

Change the SSID, password and channel of a terminal and set AP isolation.

Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Network configuration**.

Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.

Step 3 Go to **Wi-Fi Network > Player Wi-Fi AP** and do the following as required.

- AP: Turn on/off the terminal Wi-Fi AP.
- Hotspot Name and Password: Change the SSID and password of the terminal Wi-Fi AP.
 - The default SSID of the Taurus series and EMP400B is "AP+*Last 8 digits of SN*" and the default password is printed on the SSID label of the product.
 - The default SSID of the NS series and EMP200 series is "AP+*Last 8 digits of SN*" and the default password is "SN2008@+".
- Isolate from Local Network: After enabled, the Wi-Fi AP of the terminal is isolated from the local network and users cannot access the local network by connecting to the Wi-Fi AP.
- Advanced > Channel: Switch the channel of the Wi-Fi AP.

The channel can be switched when the terminal software is V2.2.0 or later.

Figure 4-40 Player Wi-Fi AP configuration

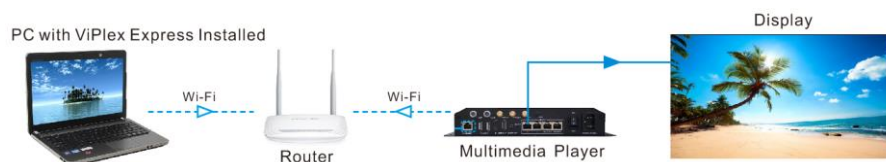
Step 4 Click **Apply**.

4.12.2.2 Configuring Wi-Fi Sta

Application Scenarios

The Taurus terminals designed with dual Wi-Fi modes, such as T3, T6, TB3, TB6, and TB8, support the following functions after users configure Wi-Fi Sta for the Taurus with ViPlex Express.

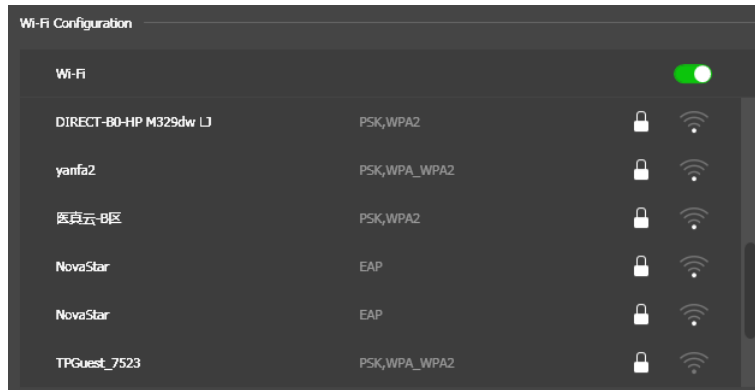
- If the router is connected to the Internet, terminals can access the Internet via the router after Wi-Fi Sta is configured.
- The PC with ViPlex Express installed and the multimedia player are connected to the same WLAN via the Wi-Fi AP of the router.



Operating Procedure

- Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Network configuration**.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.
- Step 3 Go to **Wi-Fi Network > Wi-Fi Configuration** area and turn on Wi-Fi.

Figure 4-41 Wi-Fi configuration

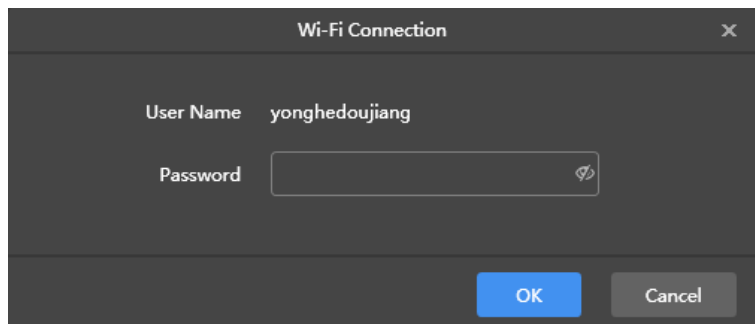


Step 4 Double click the Wi-Fi information of the router, enter the password and then click **OK**.

Note:

When the terminal version is V3.8.2 or later, Wi-Fi without a password can be connected. To connect Wi-Fi without a password, you do not have to enter a password in [Step 4](#) and only need to click **OK**.

Figure 4-42 Wi-Fi connection



4.12.2.3 Switching Wi-Fi Mode

Application Scenarios

For the Taurus terminals designed with a single Wi-Fi mode, such as T1-4G, TB1-4G, TB2-4G, TB4, and TB4A, users can switch the built-in Wi-Fi AP mode to Wi-Fi Sta mode with ViPlex Express to allow for WLAN connection configuration of the Taurus terminals.

Prerequisites

Table 4-2 Product model and version requirements

Taurus	Firmware Version	ViPlex Express Version
T1-4G	V3.2.0 and later	V2.6.2.0201 and later
TB1-4G		
TB2-4G		
TB4		

Taurus	Firmware Version	ViPlex Express Version
TB4A		
TB30		
TB40		
TB50		
TB60		

Operating Procedure

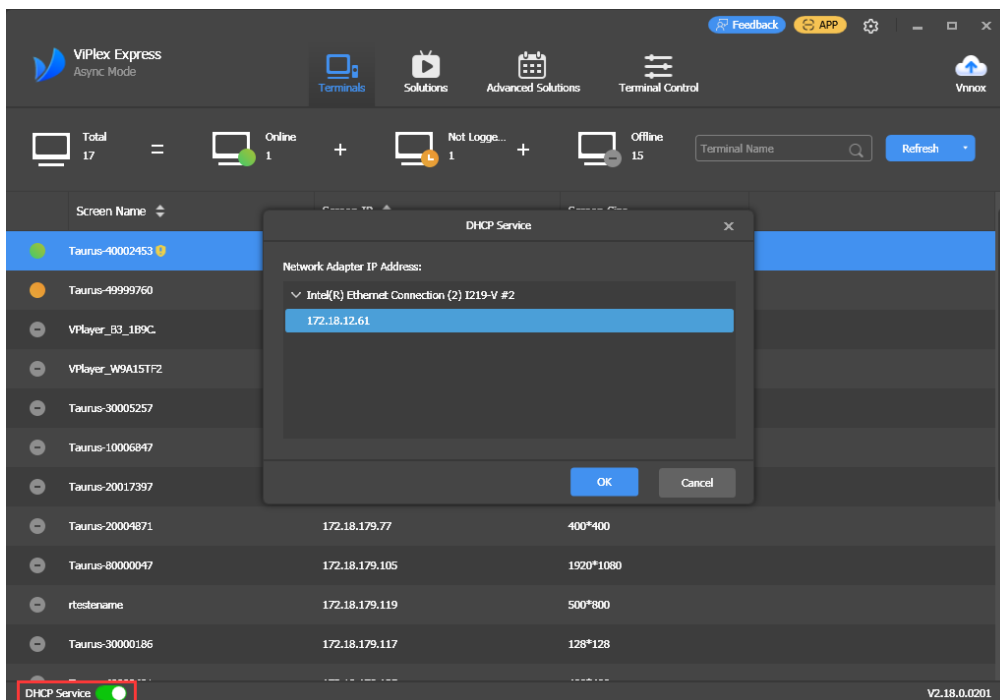
Note:

This section introduces how to switch the built-in Wi-Fi AP mode of a terminal to Wi-Fi Sta mode. To ensure that the mode switching is not affected by network disconnection, connect the PC with ViPlex Express installed to the terminal with an Ethernet cable.

Log In to Terminals

- Step 1 Open ViPlex Express.
- Step 2 At the bottom left of the page that appears, turn on the DHCP service, select a local IP address and click **OK**.


Figure 4-43 DHCP service switch



- Step 3 Click **Refresh** to refresh the screen list.

After detecting a terminal, ViPlex Express will try to log in to the terminal with the default account or the account used for the last login.

- ●: Denotes that the Taurus is online and you can log in to it. Go to [Step 4](#).
- ●: Denotes the Taurus is offline and you cannot log in to it.

- : Denotes you have successfully logged into the Taurus.

Step 4 Click **Connect** next to the screen information.

Step 5 Enter the password for the "admin" user and click **OK**.

- The default password of the Taurus series earlier than V4.6.0 and EMP400B earlier than V4.6.0 is "123456".
- The default password of the Taurus series V4.6.0 and later, NS series, EMP200 series, and EMP400B V4.6.0 and later is "SN2008@+".

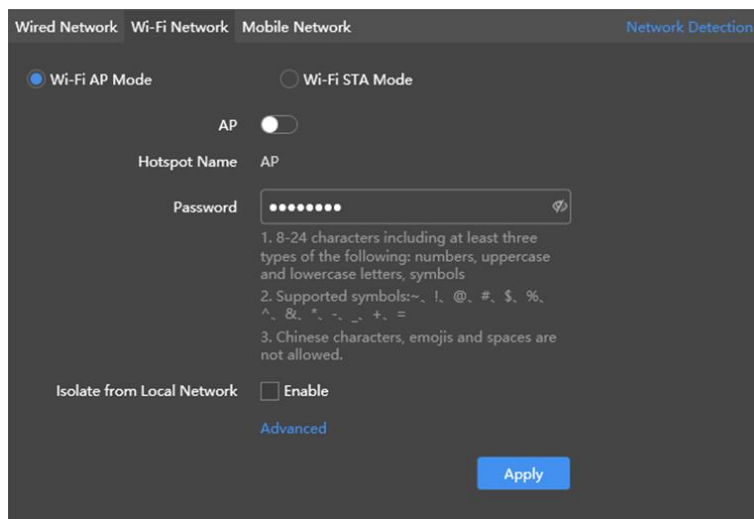
Switch the Wi-Fi Mode

Step 6 Choose **Terminal Control > Network configuration**.

Step 7 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.

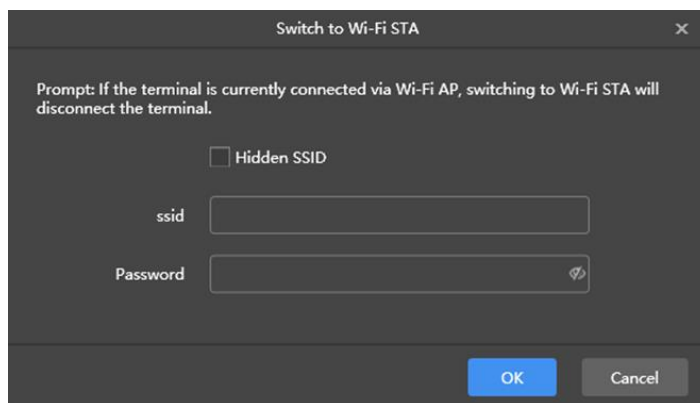
Step 8 Click Wi-Fi Network.

Figure 4-44 Network configuration

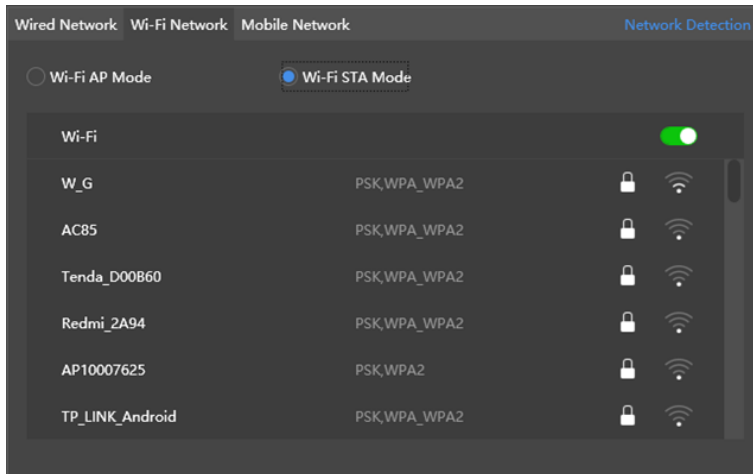


Step 9 Select **Wi-Fi-STA Mode**. In the box that appears, enter the network name and password of the Wi-Fi AP.

Figure 4-45 Wireless network configuration



Step 10 Click **OK**. The connection is successful, as shown in the figure below.



Notes:

- Make sure the **CLOUD** indicator is always on, which denotes that the Internet connection is available.
- Make sure the frequency band of the connected Wi-Fi is 2.4 GHz.
- Hiding SSID is available for Taurus V3.7.0 and later.

Step 11 Unplug the Ethernet cable between the PC and the Taurus.

The priority of the Internet connection methods for the Taurus is in the following order: Wired network > Wi-Fi network > 4G network. After you switch to Wi-Fi Sta mode in ViPlex Express, if a wired network is connected at the same time, the Wi-Fi network will be disconnected automatically.

4.12.3 Configuring Mobile Network


Terminals with a network module can access the Internet via a mobile network. ViPlex Express automatically detects mobile network status and displays the detection result.

Step 1 Insert the 4G card into the SIM card slot.

Step 2 Choose **Terminal Control > Network configuration**.

Step 3 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.

Step 4 Go to **Mobile Network > Physical SIM** and turn on mobile network.

Step 5 Click  to expand the APN configuration page.

Step 6 Click **Add**.

Step 7 Enter parameters according to the APN information provided by the carrier and then click **OK**.



Step 8 Select the APN and click Connect.

Notes:

- [Step 5](#) to [Step 8](#) are required for customizing an APN or setting an APN for a new SIM card.
- To add and connect to an APN for multiple terminals, select the terminals, click **Add & Connect to APN**, enter the required information, and click **OK**.

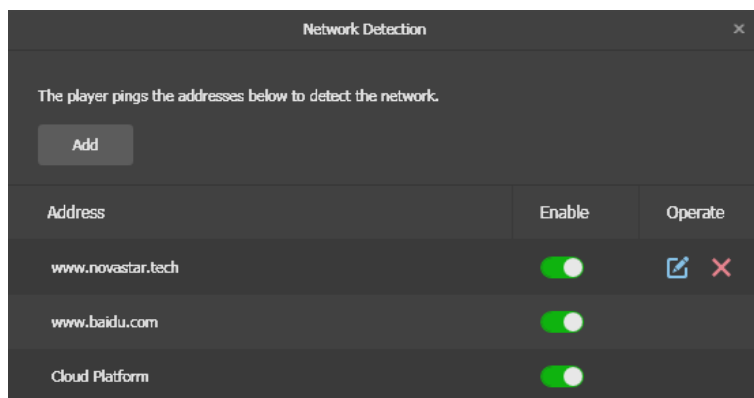
4.12.4 Configuring Network Detection



Terminals ping the cloud platform and www.baidu.com to detect network connection status by default. Users can also configure required addresses to ping and enable or disable the addresses.

- Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Network configuration.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 Click **Network Detection** to configure detection addresses.
- Click **Add** to add an address.
 - Click  to modify an address.
 - Click  to delete an address.

The default configuration cannot be modified and deleted.

Figure 4-46 Network detection



- Step 4 Enable or disable detection addresses.
- Set the toggle button under **Enable** to  to detect the terminal network by pinging the corresponding address.
 - Set the toggle button under **Enable** to  to detect terminal network not by pinging the corresponding address.
- Step 5 Click **Apply**.

4.13 Server Configuration

Bind to VNNOX Standard/AD. Authentication information is required during the configuration.

How to obtain player authentication information:

Log in to VNNOX (www.vnnox.com) and choose  > **Player Authentication** on the homepage of the cloud platform.

4.13.1 Binding to VNNOX Standard/AD

You can bind a terminal to VNNOX Standard/AD.

- Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control** > **Server configuration**.

Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.

Step 3 In **Bind to VVNOX Standard/AD**, select a server and enter the authentication user name, authentication password and player name. The authentication information must be consistent with the information in VVNOX.

Figure 4-47 Binding to VVNOX Standard/AD

Step 4 Click **Bind**.

4.13.2 Viewing iCare Binding Information

Notes:

This function is displayed only when the device has been bound to iCare.

View the binding information of the current terminal.

Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Server configuration**.

Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.

Step 3 In **Bind to iCare**, view the binding information of the current terminal.

Figure 4-48 Binding information

4.14 Terminal Upgrade

- When the Taurus is earlier than V2.1.4, it cannot be directly upgraded to V3.0.0 or later. Users have to upgrade it to V2.1.4 by local upgrade first.
- When the Taurus is later than V2.1.4, there is no limit to the version during the upgrade.

Note:

Do not disconnect the power supply during the upgrade. The Taurus will restart once.

4.14.1 Device Upgrade

Upgrade terminal versions online. Before you begin, please make sure that your PC has access the Internet.

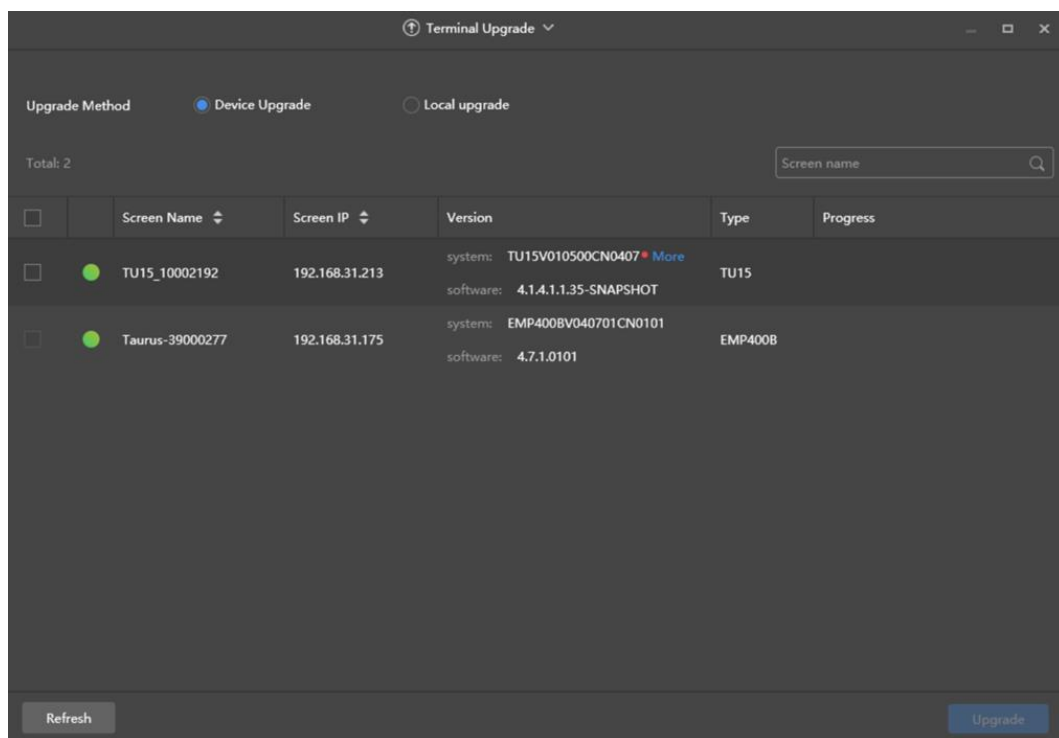
Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Terminal Upgrade**.

Step 2 Select **Device Upgrade**.

The system automatically decides whether a terminal needs to be upgraded.

- Yes. The current version information and **More** will be displayed, as shown in [Figure 4-49](#). Go to [Step 3](#).
- No. Only the current version information is displayed. No further operation is required.

Figure 4-49 Device upgrade



Step 3 Click **More** and view the related information of the new version.

Step 4 On the terminal information list, select one or more upgradable terminals and click **Upgrade**.

The upgrade progress is displayed (and the upgrade package download progress of the TU series devices also can be displayed).

4.14.2 Local Upgrade

Use local files to upgrade terminal versions.

Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Terminal Upgrade**.

Step 2 Select **Local Upgrade**.

Step 3 Select the upgrade package path.

Step 4 In the terminal information list, select one or more upgradable terminals and click **Upgrade**.

The upgrade progress is displayed.

4.15 Power Control

When the power switch in ViPlex Express is turned on, the relay will operate and the circuit is connected. When the power switch in ViPlex Express is turned off, the relay will release and the circuit is disconnected.

4.15.1 Configuring Power Tags

Application Scenarios

Customizing a tag for each relay allows terminal relays with the same tag to operate or release uniformly.

Prerequisites

- The terminal is connected to a relay card.
- The terminal software is V2.2.0 or later.

If the terminal software is earlier than V2.2.0, the **Power control** page of the earlier versions will be displayed and a prompt will be displayed to remind the user to upgrade the terminal to V2.2.0 or later.

Operating Procedure

Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Power control**.

Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.

Step 3 Click **Configure Power Tag** to access the **Power Tag** page. Do the following according to the actual conditions.

- Board power: Control power supplies using relays on terminals. The default tag is **Screen Power** which can be customized.
- External power: Control power supplies using relays on terminals with customized baseboards (Only when the TKS series terminals have customized baseboards and are installed with relays, external power supplies can be connected.). The default tag is **Screen Power** which can be customized.
- Multi-function card power: Control power supplies using relays on the MFN300 multi-function card. Only the tags selected and set for the multi-function card in NovaLCT can be viewed.

Step 4 Click **OK**.

4.15.2 Controlling Power Manually

Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Power control**.

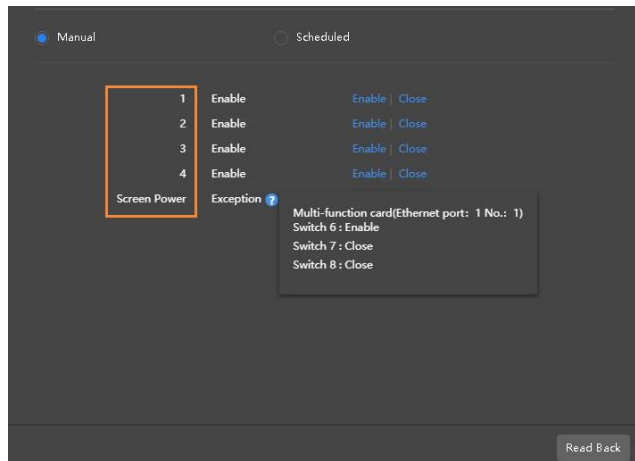
Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.

Step 3 Select **Manual** to enter the manual setting page.

Step 4 Turn on or off the power switch.

An example of information on the multi-function card power supply is shown in [Figure 4-50](#).

Figure 4-50 Manual setting



The tags in the orange box can be associated with one or more relay circuits. When multiple relay circuits are associated and each of them is turned on (or off), **Enable** (or **Close**) is displayed. Otherwise, **Mixture** is displayed and the detailed information of each circuit is provided.

4.15.3 Controlling Power as Scheduled

- Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Power control**.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.
- Step 3 Choose **Scheduled** and click **+**. In the window that appears, specify the device to be controlled, time and interval, and then click **OK**.
- Step 4 After the settings are done, click **Apply**.

4.16 RF Configuration

Set parameters related to RF synchronization and apply the parameters to time synchronization, brightness synchronization, volume synchronization and environment monitoring data synchronization and enable or disable

The Taurus products that support RF management include the T3, T6, TB3, TB4, TB6, and TB8.

Before using RF synchronization, install an RF module. ViPlex Express can detect and display RF module status.

- Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > RF Configuration**.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.
- Step 3 Turn on **RF synchronization**.
- Step 4 Set the current terminal as the master device or a slave device.
- Step 5 Set a group ID.

Enter the group ID of the master device for a slave device, and this slave device and the master device will be grouped.

- Step 6 Select the options that require RF synchronization.

After RF synchronization is applied, the time, brightness, volume, and environment monitoring data of the slave device will keep the same as the master device via the RF signal.

Step 7 (Optional) Select **Slave device** and click **Advanced** to specify a mode for the slave device to receiving commands.

- Single-packet: The slave device receives the command once.
- Multi-packet: Set the command receiving times to “X” and command receiving interval to “Y”. The slave device will receive the command twice, with an interval of 5 seconds each time.

Figure 4-51 Advanced

The screenshot shows the 'RF Configuration' window. On the left, there is a table of terminals with columns for 'Screen Name', 'Screen IP', and 'Group ID'. The terminal 'Taurus-39000277' with IP '192.169.3.114' is selected. On the right, the 'Information Obtained On:' section shows 'Terminal Time' and 'Local Time' as '2024/6/11 14:34:20'. The 'Parameter Information' section includes: 'RF synchronization' (checked), 'Set this terminal as' (Slave device selected), 'Group ID' (empty field), 'Apply RF synchronization to' (Time synchronization, Brightness Synchronization, Volume Synchronization, Environment monitoring data), 'Sending Mode' (Multi-packet selected), 'Command Receiving Times' (2), and 'Command Receiving Interval' (600 ms). A 'Read back' button is at the bottom right.

Screen Name	Screen IP	Group ID
Taurus-39000277	192.169.3.114	
Taurus-30010874	192.168.31.229	
Taurus-80000015	192.168.31.199	
TU20-10004331	192.168.31.173	
TU15_10002192	192.168.31.213	
TU15_10000155	192.168.31.121	
TU20Pro_10019232	169.254.145.48	
rk356x_Mee_box	192.168.31.32	
TU20Pro_10004220	192.168.31.220	
LCB4K-39000121	192.168.31.239	
Taurus-10000010	192.169.170.136	
Taurus-10000040	192.168.31.78	
TU40Pro_71000016	192.168.31.127	
Taurus-10022262	192.168.31.7	

Step 8 Click **Apply**.

4.17 Sensor

If a sensor is connected to the terminal, the user needs to connect to the sensor logically in ViPlex Express to enable the terminal to collect environment monitoring data.

When the related information of RF synchronization is displayed, as shown in [Figure 4-52](#), it indicates that environment monitoring data synchronization is enabled on the current terminal. For related operations, see [4.16 RF](#). RF synchronization requires users to specify a master device and slave devices. Users need to set the sensors of the master device only and the monitoring data of the slave devices will be the same as the master device via RF signal.

Figure 4-52 RF synchronization- environment monitoring data

Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Sensor**.

Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.

Step 3 Select a sensor manufacturer. Sensors of only NovaStar, Nenghui and Jingxun Changtong are supported.

Step 4 Select a sensor type.

- NovaStar: Brightness, temperature
- Nenghui: Air temperature, air humidity, air pressure, wind direction, CO₂, wind speed, PM2.5, PM10, noise, brightness
- Jingxun Changtong: Wind direction, wind speed, PM2.5, PM10, air pressure, air temperature, air humidity, noise, brightness

Figure 4-53 Sensor types

Step 5 After the configuration is done, click **Apply**.

4.18 Screen Information

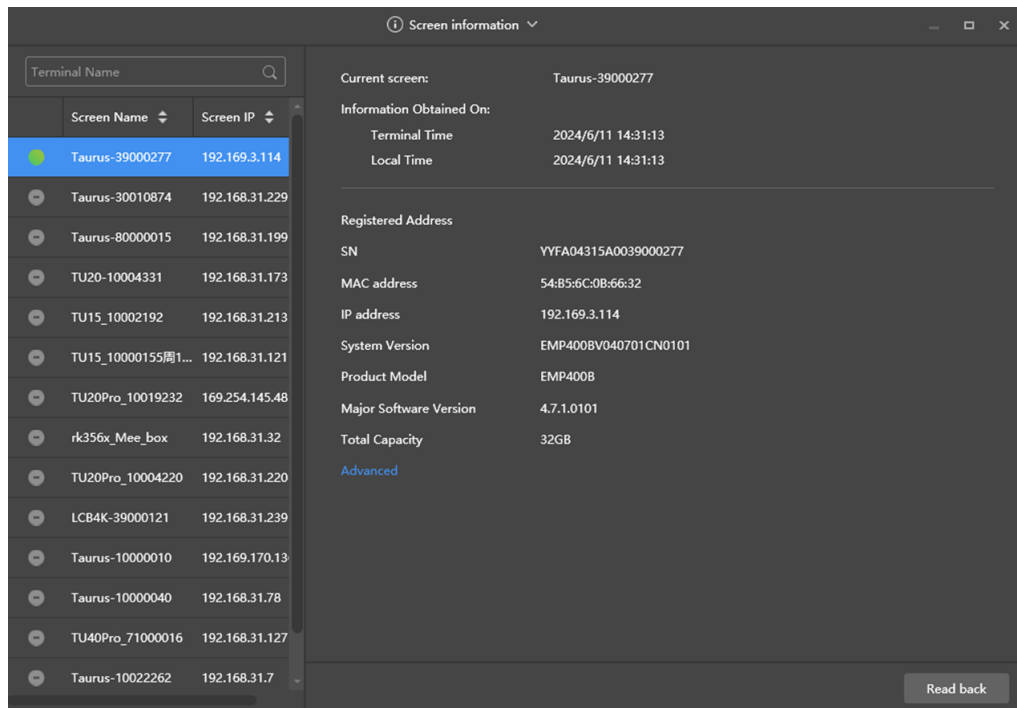
The information displayed here includes the terminal MAC address, terminal IP address, system software version, product model, application software version.

Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Screen information**.

Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.

Step 3 View the terminal information

Figure 4-54 Terminal information

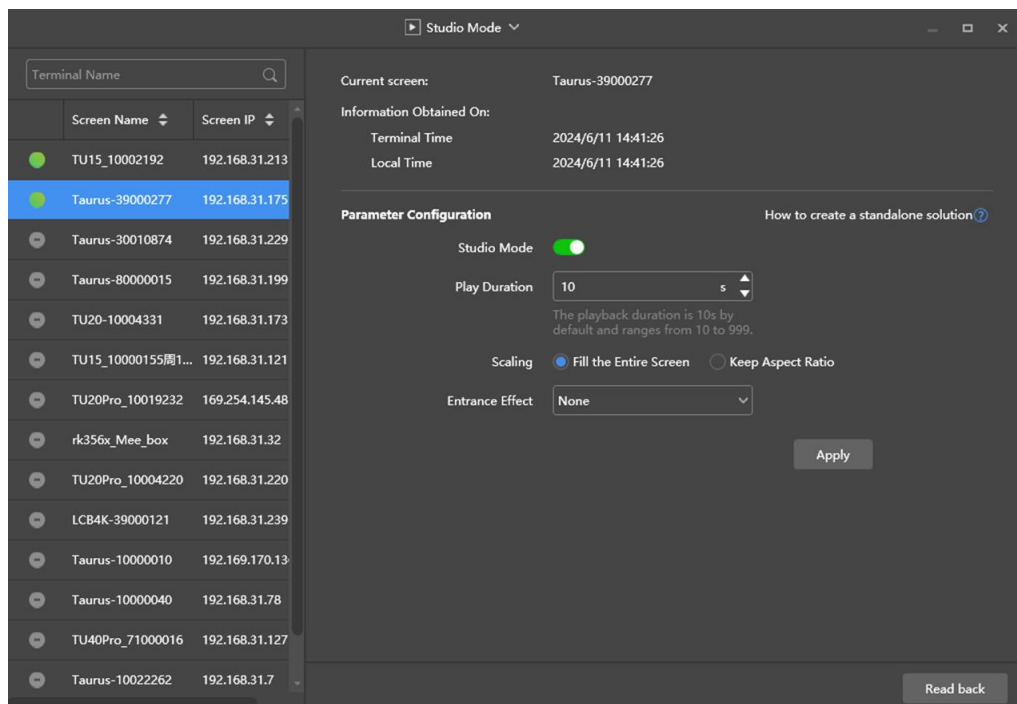


4.19 Studio Mode

The device can play image and video files stored in a USB drive without requiring the device password.

- Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control > Studio Mode**.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.
- Step 3 Turn on studio mode and click **OK**.

Figure 4-55 Studio mode



Step 4 Set the solution playback duration, scaling and entrance effect as required.

Step 5 Click **Apply** for the standalone playback settings to take effect on the terminal.


Step 6 Insert a USB drive into the computer, create a playback directory, and place the required files to the root directory of the USB drive.

Rules for solution file names: 3-digit numbers in ascending order (example: 001-XXX, 002-XXX...999-XXX)

Step 7 Insert the USB drive into the device.

The copying progress is displayed on the screen. After the files are copied to the device, the solutions will be played on the screen.

5 VNNOX Login

At the top right of the page, click  to enter VNNOX login page. VNNOX supports remote content management and terminal control.

For related operations, see the user manual of VNNOX.

6 System Settings

At the top right of the page, click  and select the required menu.

Table 6-1 System settings

Menu	Description
Language	Set the display language.
Working Mode	Select working mode, including studio mode and async mode.
RF Control	Manage the playback of all terminals except the reference device when the RF time synchronization mode is enabled. Before the operation, enter the password "admin".
Custom server	Add, modify, or delete custom servers. Users can choose customized servers on the pages of connecting to cloud publishing and monitoring services and the page of setting NTP synchronization.
Preferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set the location to save files, including ViPlex Express configuration files, data, temporary files, etc. Specify an FTP library version to improve the network adaptability of ViPlex Express. Choose whether to remember the connection password. After Remember Password is deselected, users have to enter the password when connecting to a terminal each time. Enable or disable automatic refresh of terminal list, and set the refresh interval.
Check for Updates	Check for and install new updates of ViPlex Express.
Help	View the documentation related to the software.
About	Display the version of ViPlex Express and the official website.

7 Media Decoding Specifications

7.1 Image

Codec	Supported Image Size	Format	Remarks
JFIF file format 1.02	48x48 pixels~8176x8176 pixels	JPG, JPEG	No support for non-interlaced scan Support for SRGB JPEG Support for Adobe RGB JPEG
BMP	No Restriction	BMP	N/A
GIF	No Restriction	GIF	N/A
PNG	No Restriction	PNG	N/A
WEBP	No Restriction	WEBP	N/A

7.2 Audio

Codec	Channel	Bit rate	Sampling rate	Format	Remarks
MPEG1/2/2.5 Audio Layer1/2/3	2	8kbps~320kbps, CBR and VBR	8KHZ~48KHz	MP1, MP2, MP3	N/A
WMA Version 4, 4.1, 7, 8, 9, wmapro	2	8kbps~320kbps	8KHZ~48KHz	WMA	No support for WMA Pro, lossless codec and MBR
MS-ADPCM, IMA-ADPCM, PCM	2	N/A	8KHZ~48KHz	WAV	Support for 4bit MS-ADPCM and IMA-ADPCM
Q1~Q10	2	N/A	8KHZ~48KHz	OGG, OGA	N/A
Compress Level 0~8	2	N/A	8KHZ~48KHz	FLAC	N/A
ADIF, ATDS Header AAC-LC and AAC-HE, AAC-ELD	5.1	N/A	8KHZ~48KHz	AAC, M4A	N/A
AMR-NB, AMR-WB	1	AMR-NB 4.75~12.2kbps@8kHz AMR-WB 6.60~23.85 kbps@16kHz	8KHZ, 16KHz	3GP	N/A
MIDI Type 0 and 1, DLS version 1 and 2, XMF and Mobile XMF, RTTTL/RTX, OTA,	2	N/A	N/A	XMF, MXMF, RTTTL, RTX, OTA, IMY	N/A

Codec	Channel	Bit rate	Sampling rate	Format	Remarks
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7.3 Video

Codec	Resolution	Maximum Frame Rate	Maximum Bit Rate (Ideal Case)	Format	Remarks
MPEG-1/2	48x48pixels~1920x1080pixels	30fps	80Mbps	DAT, MPG, VOB, TS	Support for field coding
MPEG4	48x48pixels~1920x1080pixels	30fps	38.4Mbps	AVI, MKV, MP4, MOV, 3GP	No support for MS MPEG4 v1/v2/v3, GMC
H.264	T3&T6&TB3&TB4&TB6&TB8: 48x48 pixels~4096x2304 pixels Other models: 48x48pixels~1920x1080pixels	T3&T6&TB3&TB4&TB6&TB8: 4K@25fps, 1080P@60fps Other models: 1080P@60fps	T3&T6&TB3&TB4&TB6&TB8: 100Mbps Other models: 57.2Mbps	AVI, MKV, MP4, MOV, 3GP, TS, FLV	Support for field coding and MBAFF
H.264 MVC	48x48pixels~1920x1080pixels	60fps	38.4Mbps	MKV, TS	Support for Stereo High Profile only
H.265/HEVC	T3&T6&TB3&TB4&TB6&TB8: 64x64pixels~4096x2304pixels Other models: 64x64pixels~1920x1080pixels	T3&T6&TB3&TB4&TB6&TB8: 4K@60fps, 1080P@60fps Other models: 1080P@60fps	T3&T6&TB3&TB4&TB6&TB8: 100Mbps Other models: 57.2Mbps	MKV, MP4, MOV, TS	Support for Main Profile, Tile & Slice
VP8	48x48pixels~1920x1080pixels	30fps	38.4 Mbps	WEBM, MKV	N/A
H.263	SQCIF(128x96), QCIF(176x144), CIF(352x288), 4CIF(704x576)	30fps	38.4Mbps	3GP, MOV, MP4	No support for H.263+
VC-1	48x48pixels~1920x1080pixels	30fps	45Mbps	WMV, ASF, TS, MKV, AVI	N/A
MJPEG	48x48pixels~1920x1080pixels	30fps	38.4Mbps	AVI	N/A

Note: Output data format is YUV420 semi-planar, and YUV400 (monochrome) is also supported for H.264.

8 Limitations on Cut-to-Display Windows for Regular Screens

Item	TB4, TB6, TB8	TB1-4G (Optional 4G), TB2-4G (Optional 4G)
Recommended screen resolution (width x height)	4096 x 288 pixels	1920 x 1080 pixels
Number of parts	Cut horizontally: Actual screen width/Playback window width ≤ 8 Cut vertically: Actual screen height/Playback window height ≤ 8	