

Features & Functions



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Partial List of Features & Functions

For info on our new **EZAutomation System** ... please call.

Overview

- EZNews is a full featured, seamlessly integrated Newsroom system. It is not a collection of applications.
- Microsoft Windows, highly intuitive, Graphical User Interface. 1 or 2 hours training to be fully operational.
- Powerful document viewing options. Display Rundowns, Script(s), Wires, Assignments, Archives in combination or separately. You decide what serves you best, at that time.
- Import text from virtually any document or source and EZNews automatically formats and times it into an EZNews script. It is immediately show ready for printing, rundown, or prompting.
- Interface with compliant production devices ... CC, CG, Dig Video, SS, Dig Audio, others & PVTV
- EZNews performance is exceptional ... EZNews even runs very well on older workstations and on less powerful Servers. Call for our requirements.
- EZNews has, by far, the best Help-Manual-Tutor in the business. Its browser based and updated with every change to the EZNews system.

Wires

- Receives single or multiple Wire Services, and from multiple sources (Satellite, Internet, Telco, etc)
- Using EZWire, you can capture compliant Wires from the Internet
- Utilize pre-built sort categories and/or create custom sort categories
- Search all Wires by a single word or phrase ... with instant find & display. Industry's BEST.
- Also, Search by Category, by time, by ANPA code, etc.
- Display side by side with scripts, assignments, or any other document(s)
- 1 Click ... makes an editable copy (It's a Wire ... click ... now it's a Script ... click ... now its in a Show)

Scripting & Instructions

- News Industry Specific word processor with a true Instruction and Narration formatting.
- Import from virtually any document or source ... auto formats and times in script.
- Your system administrator controls the page lay-out, font, character size for viewing, printing, and prompting scripts.
- Display 1, 2, 5, or ? scripts (or other documents) on the screen at one time.
- Reading Time is automatically calculated and displayed as you write copy ... Then automatically entered in rundown.
- Need to time a VO, or any other block of Narration? Just mark the block and that time is displayed.
- Incredibly powerful and customizable Script Instructions ... must be seen to appreciate.
- 1 click shortcuts for your 10, 12, or ?? of your most often used instruction "Commands"
- Powerful 2 (or 3) column format. Instruction - Narration ... but with a very "news smart" PLUS
- Instruction Plus ... a 2nd type of instruction for the contents of a package or for Tape editor info
- Instruction builder allows for including hidden machine control automation commands

Assignments

- Create or check assignments for any date by via our easy to use Assignments Calendar
- For each date, an Assignments List is displayed ... indicating When, What, Who, Where, etc.
- For each assignment, a document is available for notes, suggested leads, whatever.
- That assignment / document can be sent to a user, a show, or another date, as needed.
- Flexible utilities to allow schedule and tracking of Staff, Equipment and even Vehicles.

Producing (Show Building)

- Rundowns are interactive with (and created from) scripts ... change a script, impacts on rundown.
- Producers can Activate / De-activate scripts without moving them in the rundown ... great feature for situations where scripts have to be floated.
- Create different Rundowns and different Rundown print-outs for different shows (TV News, TV Magazine, Radio) or even for different Producers. (i.e. Producer's & Director's view of same Show).
- Full timing functions (Read times, Tape Times, Script Times, Segment Times, Amount yet to fill, etc.)
- Instant updating of any change to the rundown, for all users. And it is all passive.
- More than 1 person can make changes to Rundown, but you determine who (Exec Prod, Sports, ??)
- 1 click loads the unique show template for each show. In fact, you can Archive/Erase/Load in 1 step.
- Provides for Pre-Timing show with "check-on/check-off" Dummy times for each script.

Producing (Live - On Air)

- Show Producer's computer is in "real time" communication with Prompter PC (and rest of network).
- The on air rundown automatically tracks and indicates which script is being prompted (Color Hi-Lite)
- As each script is "aired", the rundown auto-calculates and displays how "Light or Heavy" the show is.
- Changes in the Rundown order are instantly reflected on the Prompter. No need to do an update.
- Changes in the text of a script within the Rundown are instantly reflected in the Prompter. In fact, you can change the text, move, add or delete the script even if the top of the script already appears on the Prompter screen ... and the change will instantly be reflected. Your rundown will also update.
- While on air, you can check wires, browse the Internet, Check Email, Make changes to another show, all the while your Rundown is tracking the show and displaying your time status at each script.

Prompting

- NOT A 3RD PARTY INTERFACE. It is an integrated part of our system ... No conversion, No transferring, No interfacing ... just 1 click and you are Prompting. .
- Every Computer Prompts; only 1 is connected to the studio, but each user can Preview their scripts.
- Interactive with Producer's Live Rundown during show ... every change by producer is instantly reflected on the Prompter. See above, Producing (Live - On Air)
- Smooth scrolling in Color, White/Black, Black/White, Hundreds of Fonts, Bold, Italics, Reverse.
- Easy and smooth control with off-the-shelf Wheel Mouse or Track Ball, plus back-up kybd control.
- Uniquely (Grey tone or color) displays selected instruction info, including Anchor, Outcues, plus SOT, Pkg and Break times ... and counts them down (so the Anchor knows without a floor director).

Archiving

- 1 Click to Save and Store the entire Newscast; that's every rundown, every script, every instruction.
- So "storage space" efficient, that you can plan to Archive every show, forever.
- Retrieve archived scripts or entire shows by a Super Fast Word (or phrase) search or by date.
- Once retrieved, the archived script can be displayed and copied, but cannot be changed.
- No need to perform some time consuming "Indexing" process ... its automatic and discreet.

Utilities

- We listen to your needs and wants, then work with you to initially set-up your EZNews System just they way you want it to be ... plus, we train you to be able to make changes as your needs change.
- The EZNews Utilities are incredibly powerful ... but, are very Easy to learn, and to use. They facilitate the customizing of your system Screen Views, Prints-outs, Script Instructions, Rundowns Formats, Prompter set-up, Adding/Deleting Users, Adding/Deleting Shows, etc., etc.. You have the power.
- Check this out ! 1 click system back-up! Your system includes a one-click utility that automatically creates a back-up of your databases ... including your archive, shows, user work areas, and all system settings!