

DCS CONFIGURATION

IS XXXX USING PL MERGE (TO FMT FILES) FEATURE: Is the internal merging to the FMT files feature being used with this configuration of Power-Link. If 'Y' then Power-Link will call upon a list of your FMT files to choose from then merge the spots with the FMT file to create a composite log.

PATH TO FMT FILES: If Power-Link is merging to the FMT files, what is the path to find those files. If you need the Day-Of-the-Week use the letter DOW and they will be replaced with the first 3 letters of the day of the week. For instance if PL was running a Monday's log and the path was set to f:\dcs\DOW1.fmt it would look for the file f:\dcs\mon1.fmt .

DCS STATION NUMBER: Enter the DCS station number for this station. This is needed for the correct naming and identifying of the logs.

PAD NUMERIC CARTS? : When sending out a schedule should Power-Link ensure a cart number length of 4 characters by padding cart numbers with zeros.

AutoMerge? When PL is writing out the file to DCS, should it automatically look for a file that matches the "Path to RMT Files" mask? This is good when the .fmt files are named for the days of the week.

View ? Does the user want to view the created .log as it is going out to DCS? Y = Yes, N = No P = Prompt the user each time.

HOW MANY MINUTES SHOULD LOAD DIRECTIVE PROCEED COMMERCIAL TIMES: When placing of load directives how many minutes should they precede the commercials.

NUMBER OF MINUTES TO LOOK BEFORE AVAIL TIME FOR A SPOT: When merging with the FMT files how many minutes in front of an avail time should power-link search for a spot to fill that avail.

NUMBER OF MINUTES TO LOOK AFTER AVAIL TIME FOR A SPOT: When merging with the FMT files how many minutes after an avail time should power-link search for a spot to fill that avail.

IS TME CENTURY UDS BEING USED FOR XXXX: Should Power-Link convert the export file into a TM Century UDS export format.

KEEP AVAILS IN EXPORTED LOG: When creating the final file must Power-Link leave in the schedule any empty avail's to allow them to be filled in by the studio

USE RETURNED SCHEDULED TIMES IN RECONCILE PROCESS: During reconciliation should Power-Link consider the return scheduled time from the DCS in order to better match up events?

EXECUTE AFTER FILE TRANSFER: A call to a batch file needed to be run upon final export of the log.

DELETE DCS LOGS IN CLEANUP: During the cleanup routines of Power-Link, must the files that were sent down to DCS be included in the deletion. This feature works in conjunction with the Days to keep log files parameter of the main Power-link configuration.

PUT B TYPE BLANK LINES IN EXPORT: When exporting the File should Power-Link insert blank lines in between spot sets for visual viewing purposes.

SHOW ONLY THE RPT FILES WITH THIS STATION'S NUMBER: When calling on the reconciliation files should Power-Link display only a list of files that contain this stations DCDS station number. Used to avoid confusion when multiple station RPT files exist in the RPT file directory.

Add a Tracer Character to Events? Was used to attempt to mark these events so that in a subsequent merge and play out, they could be recognized as originating from this data base. Use only with our guidance.
Customer# ? In the event that PI cannot find the Customer Number the in the RPT file, you can provide the position of the line that the information is found.

Limit Reconcile Times? When the user begins to perform a reconcile, is it preferable that PL give the user the ability to limit the reconcile times from four ranges of time? This feature is typically used for reconciling complex (sports) formats where a certain game time is known and asplay information is sought from the selected file.

Barnstable Process? This was a custom solution for Barnstable Broadcasting that if the cart number was 5 chars long then we would delete the 2nd character in the number, if it was 2 or 3 characters long it would be padded to a length of 4 with 0's.