

# THE MONITOR



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## Check Out These Hot, New Features!

The staff at DSI has been working hard to get the latest version of the DSI software ready for release. Version 6.0.1.50 contains many new features to make page creation and scheduling quicker and much more efficient. The Text Editor, Scheduler and communications function all sport some new additions.

Text editing is faster now using the **Autohide** option, brought back by popular demand from previous versions. **Autohide** is an option that can be enabled, and disabled, simply by selecting it in the configuration menu on the program's main page. Click on Configuration, and under the "general" tab select Auto-Hide Editors. This allows the upper and lower toolbars to be free floating, and then they may be positioned anywhere on the screen. Toolbars are present only when the cursor is placed over the title bar, allowing for a complete view of the screen while inventing/changing pages.



The long-requested **Word Wrap** addition is finished at last! **Word wrap** is like a word processor. Instead of text going off the screen, it will automatically continue on a new line. To increase the versatility of this feature, blocking text is still permitted. Blocking text is similar to a drag and drop ability on lines and sections of text. It is called 'blocking text' because while moving the text, a block forms around it. To move text, click and hold the left mouse button over the text you desire to move, and then drag it to a new spot on the page.

The **Font Settings Toolbar** is boasting some fantastic improvements. To change the size of selected text, right click on the up or down arrows (beside the text size button) and text size will adjust by 5 sizes per click. Likewise with the font button; right clicking on

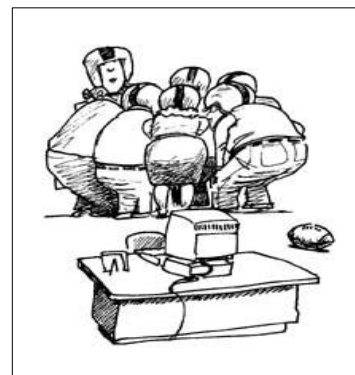
the up or down arrows will change to the next font in alphabetical order from the one currently in use.

Also, **Dynamic Text Import** is a new feature. It allows easy access through the ASCII Import button, in the text editor. This feature links a page(s) in the schedule to an ASCII file. When the ASCII file is changed the pages are recreated to reflect those changes. This eliminates recreating pages over and over again. This feature can also be used within the scheduler for horizontal crawl lines.

**Drag and Drop** ability in the scheduler now makes scheduling a snap! Simply click on a page and drag it to any area you desire in the scheduler.

Customers with **Remote Communications** will be pleased with a new feature which allows changes to be made to a schedule while it is displayed on a remote system. To change the schedule, connect to the remote system, then use the remote directory to select a schedule for display, and finish by pressing 'Execute Schedule'. This addition is also a life-saver in emergencies because of the ability to quickly connect to the remote system and display an emergency schedule.

This new version update is available FREE by download from our website, and on CD. Standard shipping is \$15.00 and overnight delivery is \$35.00. **D**



## Tips and Tricks

**T**ips and Tricks is a section that offers suggestions to make your pages look more professional, and provides short-cuts for saving time while using the DSI software. This is a good trick to get the software to *display seconds on the digital clock feature*. Here's how you do it:

- 1) When you place the digital time on your page, make sure the time variables are set as follows: hh:mm:ss The SS is case sensitive.
- 2) Save the page.
- 3) Go into the Scheduler.
- 4) Click on the Repeat Package button on the top tool bar.
- 5) Label the Package 'Digital Time'. Select the Display # of Minutes. Set the value to however long you would like the digital clock to display. Let's use 2 minutes as an example. Click on Ok.
- 6) Double click the Repeat Package entry in your schedule. You will see that the package is empty. Left click on the square to the right of the grayed out Repeat Package.
- 7) Insert your digital time page. Set the number of seconds to display at zero (0).
- 8) Save your schedule, and go to main menu. Display the Schedule to see your digital time with seconds. **D**



## Film Facts

### Did you know...

- ? Buddy Ebsen, of the Beverly Hillbillies TV series, was cast to play the role of the tin man, in the Wizard of Oz, but he was poisoned by the aluminum make-up.
- ? In Superman, the prisoners that are sentenced to orbit their planet in a piece of glass, are sent to "the phantom zone".
- ? Harrison Ford was a builder on the set of Star Wars, until George Lucas asked him to play Han Solo.
- ? Sylvester Stallone wrote the screenplay for Rocky in 3 days.
- ? Planet of the Apes holds the record for largest makeup budget, \$1 million and 78 makeup artists. **D**

### Smart Dog

A large dog walks into a butcher's shop with a purse in his mouth. He puts the purse down and sits in front of the meat counter. "What is it, boy?" the butcher asks, joking around with his customers. "Want to buy some meat?"

"Woof!" barks the dog.

"Hmm," says the butcher. "What kind? Liver, bacon, steak..."

"Woof!" interrupts the dog.

"And how much steak? Half a kilo, one kilo..."

"Woof!" says the dog. The amazed butcher wraps up the meat and finds the money in the dog's purse.

As the dog leaves, the butcher decides to follow. The dog enters an apartment building, climbs to the third floor, and begins to scratch on the door. With that, the door swings open and an angry man starts shouting at the dog.

"Stop!" yells the butcher. "What are you doing? That's the most clever animal I've ever seen!"

"Clever?" counters the man. "This is the third time this week he's forgotten his keys!" **D**

## Happy Birthday DSI!!

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### Golf Lesson

A teacher was taking her first golf lesson. "Is the word spelled 'p-u-t' or 'p-u-t-t'?" she asked the instructor. "P-u-t-t' is correct," he replied. "P-u-t' means to place a thing where you want it. "P-u-t-t' means a vain attempt to do the same thing." **D**

### The New Taxi Driver

A tourist was picked up by a cabbie in New York City on a dark night. The passenger tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him something.

The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, drove up on the sidewalk, and stopped inches from a shop window.

For a second everything went quiet in the cab, then the driver said, "Look friend, don't ever do that again! You scared the daylights out of me!"

The passenger apologized and said he didn't realize that a "little tap" could scare him so much.

The driver, after gathering himself together replied, "Sorry, it's not really your fault. Today is my first day as a cab driver. I've been driving hearses for the last 25 years!" D

### DSI On the Road. . .

DSI representatives are back from this year's SCTE show in Philadelphia, PA. Booth number 1104 was the place to be! Everyone was there to take part DSI's 20th year anniversary celebration, eating cake and sharing congratulations! Thanks to everyone for another exciting and successful SCTE. For information at any time concerning trade shows, vendor days and training seminars consult DSI's web site, [www.displaysystemsintl.com](http://www.displaysystemsintl.com). D  
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### Digital Cameras!

DSI is pleased to announce that we will now be offering a digital camera as an option on ELITE2000 & ELITEGOLD systems. The customer will have the choice of selecting either the digital camera or a flatbed scanner with their turn-key system purchase. However, the customer may choose to purchase the digital camera as an extra option, to have both a scanner and camera. Please call your sales representative for current digital camera pricing and specifications. D

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## Growing with Lansing School District!!

**D**SI makes character generators for everyone, not just cable companies and public service channels! Universities, colleges, public and private school systems are also discovering the benefits of a DSI system in their faculties. This issue we are interviewing Ben Stark, with the School District in Lansing, Michigan.

Lansing School District is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest school district in Michigan state. They have 18,000 students in 40 schools across the district, three of these being class A high schools. Ben Stark and his staff manage the channel that creates and displays any school information, using a DSI Elite Gold system. They have been happily using DSI products since 1998, upgrading their software to meet their needs throughout the years. They started with the Text Pro Sr. and worked into an Elite Gold.

Lansing uses an external cable channel to run their information. This helps them to broadcast their information across the entire district. A simple cable channel gives everyone the chance to view it from home.

Ben and his staff have enjoyed working with the DSI software. They find it simple to use and worth the price they paid. Everyone particularly loves the horizontal crawl option.

Ben asked about more fonts for his Elite Gold system. Our software can read any fonts that are installed in Windows, so by doing this you can increase your number of fonts. Lansing is also looking into adding some interesting features in their daily scheduling, such as MPEG video imports and remote communications, which we were happy to help them with.

The staff at DSI would like to thank Ben and Don for taking time out to discuss their DSI software. We look forward to growing further with them, and offering our support whenever the need arises. **D**



### Power Of Deduction

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson go on a camping trip, set up their tent and fall asleep. Some hours later, Holmes wakes his faithful friend. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see."

Watson replies, "I see millions of stars."

"What does that tell you?"

Watson ponders for a minute. "Astronomically speaking, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Time wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, it's evidence the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. Why, what does it tell you?"

Holmes is silent for a moment, and then speaks. "Watson, you idiot, someone has stolen our tent!" **D**



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