Display Systems International Software Demo Instructions

This demo guide has been re-written to better reflect the common features that people learning to use the DSI software are concerned with. This guide is by no means specific, the PDF help guides that install with the software are better suited to that purpose. If you need more specific instructions or are interested in a feature that is not mentioned in this guide, please refer to the complete PDF manual. The complete PDF guides on the DSI software can be viewed by clicking on the View Guides button. To get out of a displaying schedule press ESC.

Main Menu

The DSI main menu as shown right gives access to all the features that are needed to operate the DSI software. The main areas of concern in this demo guide are the Text Editor, Crawl Editor and Schedule Pages areas. For information on any other areas of the DSI software, please refer to the appropriate PDF guides on the features and operations involved with those areas.

Figure 1: Main Menu of the DSI Software

Text Editor

The first area that we will start with is the text editor. To enter the Text Editor, click on the Text Editor button on the main menu. The Text Editor button is located in the Text Pages area of the Main Menu and has a green icon. The Text Editor Screen will appear. As shown. The Text Editor is comprised of three areas. The first area is the Editor Commands Toolbar and is located at the top of the screen. The second area is the Font Settings Toolbar which is located at the bottom of the screen. The area between these two toolbars is the Page area.
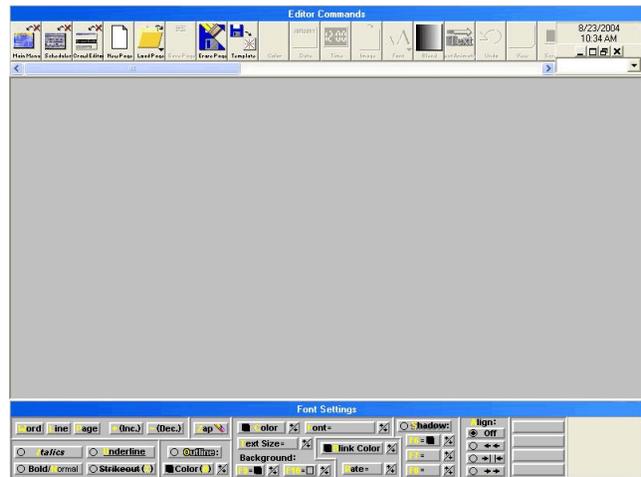
Figure 2: Text Editor of the DSI Software

The first thing to start with in the Text Editor is to create a new page so that we can do some editing. To create a new page, click on the New Page button from the Editor Commands Toolbar. As seen in Figure 3, the page area will change from grey (indicating that there is no page open) to black indicating that it is blank and ready to have elements added.
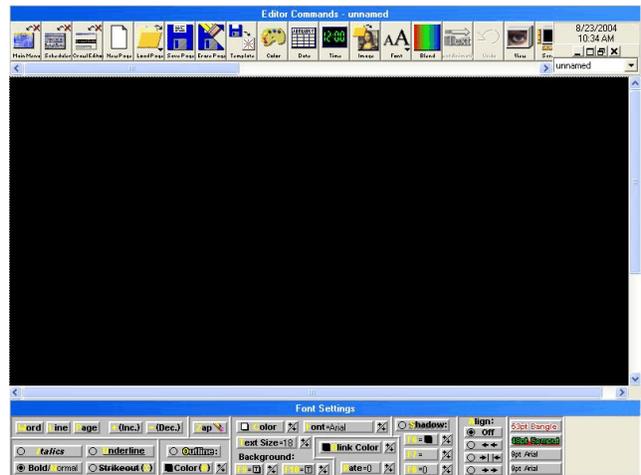
Figure 3: Text Editor with an Active Page

Once a new page has been created, we will add some elements to the page. The first element that we will add will be a background. Click on the Blended Background button from the Editor Commands Toolbar. A screen will appear with the following elements: Direction, From Color and To Color. (As shown in Figure 4). First click on the From Color. The current color is black, so select another color from the palette that appears and then click on OK. At this point, you will see that the color that you selected appears on the left and is blended to the To Color. If you wish, make a change to the To Color by following the same process as you used for the From Color. Adjust the Direction by clicking on the direction option that you would like to see. Click on OK. For more involved directions on the Blended Background button
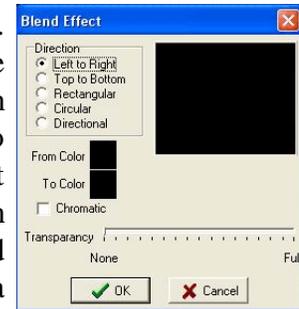
Figure 4: Blend Background Screen
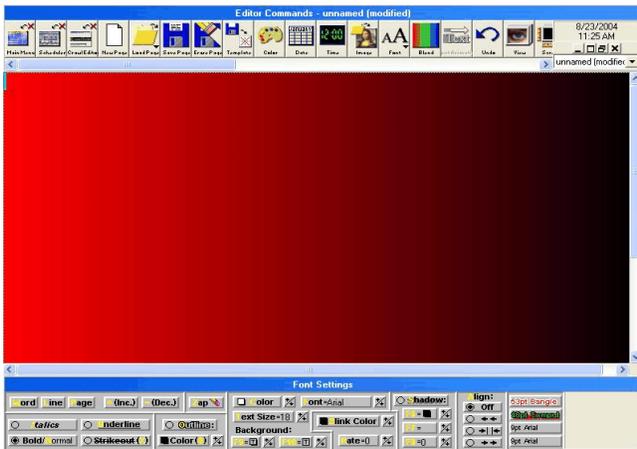
Figure 5: Text Editor with blended background.

Figure 6: Text Editor with Toolbars turned off.

refer to the PDF help guide.

At this point, there will be a blended background on the screen in the Page Area (Figure 5). There are also some scroll bars that are visible on the Page Area. These scroll bars can be used to scroll the Page Area up and down so that the entire page area can be accessed. You can also turn off the Editor Commands Toolbar and the Font Settings Toolbar so that you can see more of the page. To do this press the F2 and F3 keys on your keyboard (Figure 6). You will notice that the F2 key turns off the Editor Commands Toolbar and F3 turns off the Font Settings Toolbar. To restore the toolbars simply press the appropriate F-key again to turn them back on.

Next, we will insert an image onto the page. To do this click on the Image button on the Editor Commands toolbar. A file window will appear asking you to select the file that you would like to use. Select a file from the clipart folder. These files work well with the next step that will be shown. In the example screen I have chosen the Announce file.
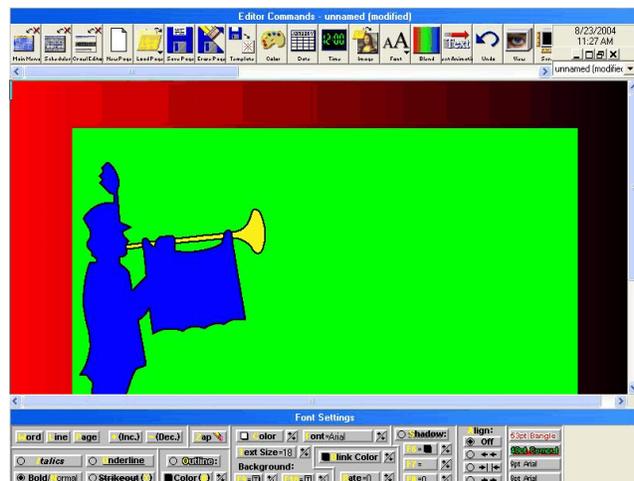
Figure 7: Text Editor page with graphic

When using clipart style images (which are usually limited to 256 colors), it is possible to take one of the colors and make it transparent on the DSI page. Right click on the green area of the image (or the background color of the image that you have used). A pop up menu (as shown in Figure 8) appears with several different options including Transparent. Left click on transparent and the color that you right clicked on will become transparent.

For details on using any of the other functions or features, see the Manual PDF guides referred to earlier.
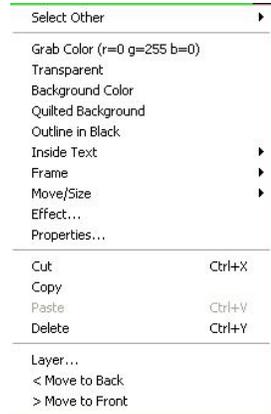
Figure 8: Pop-Up menu.

Figure 9 shows the image with the transparent background. At this point we will look at adding some text. Simply left click anywhere on the Page Area and type some text. The text will appear where your cursor started. You can position the text anywhere on the Page Area. To position the text, left click on the line of text that you have typed in and drag the text down the page to a different location. The text can be positioned anywhere on the page.
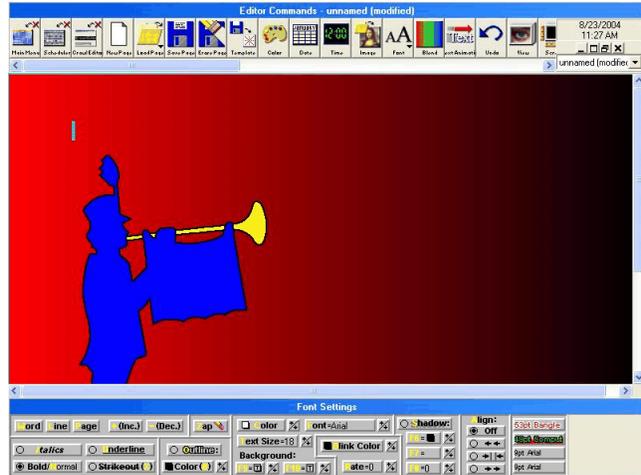
Figure 9: **Text Editor Page with Transparency Set**

Next we will look at the Font Settings Toolbar. You can adjust the size, font, color, alignment, shadow and blink attributes of the text. Pick one element to adjust. To make a change, left click or right click (to adjust by a larger denomination) on the up or down arrows beside a setting in the Font Settings Toolbar to adjust the selected setting. Click on the Word button which is located on the left side of the Font Settings Toolbar. You will notice that the word that the cursor is on changes. Click on the Line button and you will notice that the entire line changes. If you have several lines of text, then clicking on the Page button will apply the text change to the entire page.

Save your page. Once the page is saved, you can either create another new page or go back to the main menu.
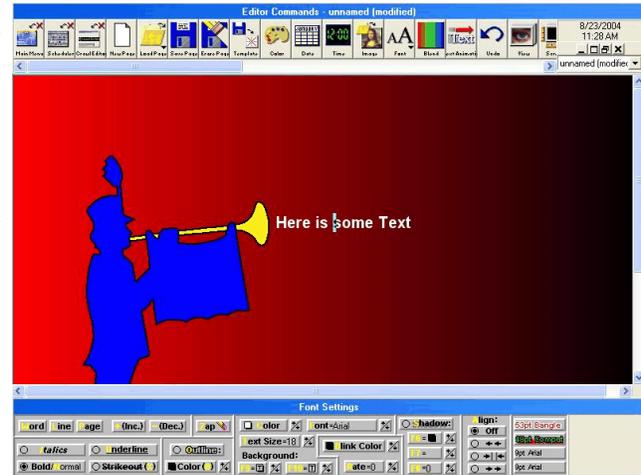
Figure 10: Text Editor showing some text

The software remembers the last page that you saved - when you re-open the text editor, it will automatically start with the last page that was saved.

Crawl Editor

The Horizontal Crawl editor is used to create or edit a crawl line. To use the Crawl Editor, left click on the Crawl Editor button on the main menu. The crawl line is entered in the Crawl Editor and

changes to the text and background colors for the crawl, size, font and any special settings for the text. The controls for the crawl editor are very similar to the controls for the text editor. One note about the crawl editor is that the size of the crawl line does not resize when you adjust the size of the font. If you wish to resize the crawl line so that you can see the text that you have entered properly, simply minimize the crawl line and then maximize it using the standard minimize and maximize buttons on the window area of the Crawl Editor screen.
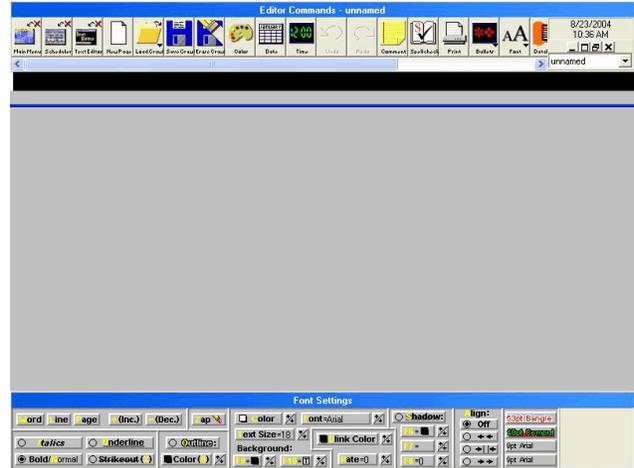
Figure 11: Horizontal Crawl Editor

If you wish to use the Phrased Vertical Scroll option and wish to insert a line break in a specific spot, use a ~ symbol to act as a line break.

Schedule Pages

To enter the Schedule Pages area, left click on the Schedule Pages button on the main menu of the DSI Software. The Scheduler is comprised of 4 different areas: the Scheduler Commands toolbar which is located at the top of the scheduler, the Schedule Data area which is in the middle of the screen and shows the pages that are in the current schedule, the Wipes Window which is located at the bottom left of the scheduler and the Files Window which is located at the bottom right of the Scheduler.
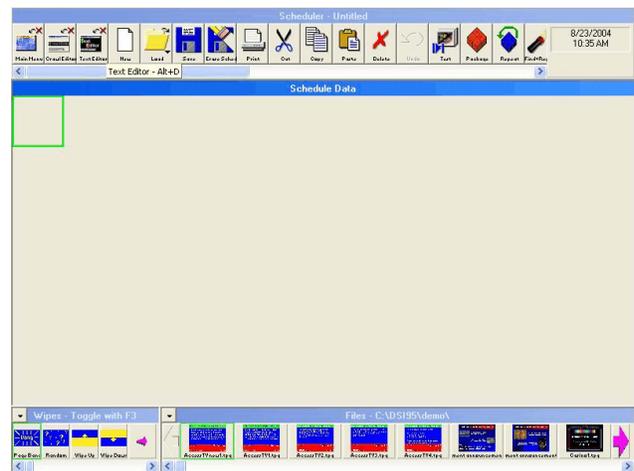
Figure 12: DSI Software Page Scheduler

You can navigate through a schedule by using the small arrows that appear when they are needed. A left click will move the appropriate cursor in the direction of the arrow. A right click will move the cursor a whole screen at a time.

As with the Text Editor, the toolbars can be turned off and on with the F2 and F3 keys. This provides you with more pages visible in your schedule. To add pages to your schedule, simply right click on the thumbnail of the page that you wish to insert into the schedule from the
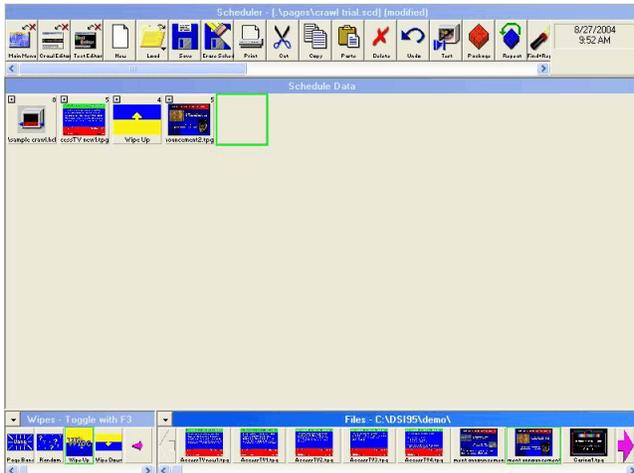
Figure 13: Schedule Showing some Pages, a Wipe and a Crawl.

thumbnails visible in the Files Window. The page will be inserted into the schedule to the left of the green outline cursor in the schedule data area. You can insert wipes or transitions in the schedule between your pages in the same manner.

To insert a crawl into the schedule, use the crawl button which is located on the Schedule Commands Toolbar. When inserting a crawl into the schedule, please note that the crawl will appear on the page that follows it in the schedule. Left click on the Crawl button. A file dialog screen will appear. Select the crawl that you would like to insert and click on Open.

Each entry in the schedule has a small button in the top left corner. This button is called the details button. Clicking on this button will reveal the details for the entry that you have selected.

Once you have clicked on the details button on a page in the schedule the file details will appear as shown in figure 14. You can adjust the time for the page to display from this screen as well as set a Start/Expiry for the page from this screen. For information on Start/Expiry settings, please see the electronic manual. If there is a problem with the page or you wish to make some change on the page, there is also a link to the text editor which will allow you to edit the page. For information on the Logging options that are shown in the page details, please refer to the guide about page tracking.
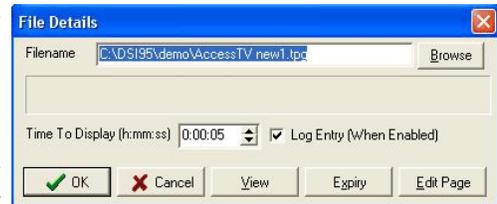
Figure 14: File Details

If you click on the details button for a wipe, the details screen shown in figure 15 will appear. Please note that the Wipe has a speed associated with it rather than a time. The speed of the wipe increases (less time) as the speed number increases. You can also change the Wipe from the selected wipe to another form of wipe by dropping down the list and selecting another wipe name from that list.

Figure 15: Wipe Details

If you click on the details button for a crawl the crawl details screen will appear as seen in figure 16. There are more settings in the crawl details than in the details for a page or a wipe. Note first that the crawl also is set with a speed rather than a time. Notice next that that below the speed there are two different settings that can be made. You can select Continuous Horizontal for a crawl that runs horizontally or Phrased Vertical Scroll where the crawl scrolls up a line at a time. For more details on the other settings in the crawl, please see the Horizontal Crawl guide under Scheduling in the electronic manual.
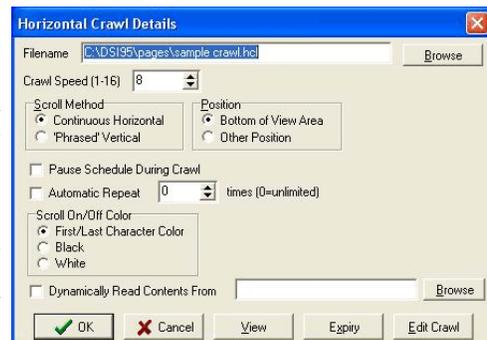
Figure 16: Crawl Details

You can preview your schedule using the Test button in the Schedule Commands Toolbar. The Save Schedule button also can be found on this toolbar. For more details about scheduler functions not mentioned in this manual, check out the electronic manual.

Run a Schedule
To run a schedule, click on the Display Pages button. Select the schedule that you would like to display and click on Open. If you browse to the Demo folder, several demo schedules are packaged with the DSI software.