

# EasyBlend and Scalable Media Player Remote Control instructions, version 1.085

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#### 1. Introduction

This document describes how to control EasyBlend remotely. EasyBlend may be controlled using TCP/IP or via serial port. We recommend TCP/IP.

# 2. Running the Listener

The TCP Listener and the Serial Listener programs can both be found in the directory C:\Program Files\Scalable Display\release

a) To run the TCP Listener, launch the program TCPListener.exe. You will be prompted for the TCP port to be used (the default is 9001). Alternatively, specify the port as a command line argument e.g.

TCPListener 9001

b) To run the Serial Listener, launch the program SerialListener.exe. You will be prompted for the COM port to be used and the serial port settings. On subsequent runs, you can read in the previous configuration using the following command line switch:

SerialListener -ReadConfigFile

Note: To launch the listener automatically when the computer starts up, you can create a shortcut (with the appropriate command line arguments) and place it in the Startup folder:

C:\Documents and Settings\<UserName>\Start Menu\Programs\Startup

To quit the listener, simply type "quit" and press enter.

## 3. Using a Second Instance of the Listener to Issue Control Codes

Generally, you will send commands to the TCP or Serial Listener over a TCP or Serial connection that you create in your show controller (e.g. Crestron). However, it is also possible to launch a second instance of the listener and have it send commands to the primary listener.

a) If using the TCP Listener, you can connect the secondary listener to the primary listener by typing

connect <ip address>

where <ip address> is the IP address of the primary listener.

b) If using the Serial Listener, connect the serial port on the computer running the primary listener to the serial port on the computer running the secondary listener using a crossover serial cable (aka null modem cable).

The secondary instance of the listener gives you a prompt at which you can type in any of the control codes listed in Section 4 below. The secondary instance will also display any return codes or errors that it receives.

Note: it is also possible to use other programs such as Windows HyperTerminal to communicate with the listener.

## 4. Control Codes

Control codes (sent via TCP). Codes are case insensitive. For codes that are followed by an argument, use a single space as a separator. Each command should be followed by carriage return (i.e. \r).

Action	CODE	Return	Details
PROJECTOR			
CONTROL*			
Projector Lamps	POWER_ON P	"Done" on	P is an optional (1-based)
On		completion	projector ID.
Projector Lamps	POWER_OFF P	"Done" on	P is an optional (1-based)
Off		completion	projector ID.
Select Video	INPUT P N	"Done" on	P is an optional (1-based)
Input**		completion	projector ID
Shutter (Picture	SHUTTER_ON P	"Done" on	P is an optional (1-based)
Mute On)		completion	projector ID
Shutter Off	SHUTTER_OFF P	"Done on	P is an optional (1-based)
(Picture Mute		completion	projector ID
Off)			
CALIBRATION			
Run Calibration	CALIBRATE	"Calibration	CALIBRATE_GEOMETRY
and turns picture		finished" or	or CALIBRATE_COLOR
mute off		"Calibration	may be used for partial
		failed"	calibrations when the GUI
		when done	has been set up to do both.
Get the last error	GET_LAST_ERROR	The last	Provides guidance for
		error	troubleshooting.
		message.	
PLAYBACK			
Set the content	BASE		base_directory_name is the
base directory	base_directory_name		name of a directory
List the contents	DIR	List of files,	
of the base		separated	

directory		by spaces	
Play a file	PLAY file_name	Returns an error string if the file is not found	file_name is the name of a file, possibly a playlist
Pause	PAUSE		
Resume	RESUME		
Stop	STOP		
Quit the Player	QUIT_PLAYER		
Miscellaneous			
Restart computer	RESTART_COMPUTER	"The	
		system is	
		going down	
		in 10	
		seconds"	

<sup>\*</sup> Requires a TCP or Serial connection to the projector. Each projector make and model has a unique set of control codes. Please contact SDT for a current list of supported projectors.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Not all projectors support this function.