

Q-SYS™

Release Notes

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Q-SYS Designer Release 6.1
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Release Notes

This document covers pertinent information, including Known Issues and Resolved Known Issues, for Q-SYS Designer 6.1. If you are upgrading from a release prior to release 4.2, be sure to read the Release Notes for the intermediate releases through 6.1. The most up-to-date Release Notes can be found on the QSC website (qsc.com).

Change Logs

For the latest list of fixes and enhancements since the initial release of Q-SYS Designer Release 6.1, visit the QSC website .

Important

Upgrade Path to Q-SYS Designer Release 6.1

As with any upgrade, before upgrading, be sure to create backup copies of your Q-SYS design files for the current version, and older versions. In addition, make backup files for all media you have on the Core. To avoid overwriting your backup copies, be sure you do not open the backup copies with the newly installed version of Q-SYS Designer.

When upgrading your Q-SYS software there are a few mandatory steps you must take depending on your currently installed release.

- If your software release is earlier than 2.0, you must upgrade to 2.0 before going further.
- If your software release is earlier than 3.3, you must upgrade to 3.3 before upgrading to release 4.2.
- If you are upgrading from release 2.3 to release 3.3, you will get the normal message, "Hardware firmware does not match..." 3.3.xxx, press OK, the Core is updated. Then you will see another message "upgrading from 3.3.xxx to 3.3.xxx (same release). Press OK again. The Core is updated to release 3.3.xxx. After this, the peripherals are updated twice.
- **If you are upgrading from 4.1 to release 4.2**, and replicate the following steps, your 4.1 design file becomes unusable.
 1. Install and run Q-SYS Designer release 4.2 on your computer.
 2. Open a design saved in Q-SYS Designer 4.1.
 3. Save the design as a release 4.2 design. The design is "officially" a release 4.2 design.
 4. Downgrade Q-SYS Designer to release 4.1.
 5. Try to open the design you just saved as a 4.2 design. A "Loading File" error displays. You can no longer open the design in release 4.1. You must restore the 4.1 design file from your backup.

Installation Software Requirements

IMPORTANT: Q-SYS Designer no longer supports any Windows 32-bit operating system or Windows 8.0 PRO 64-bit.

Software Package	Q-SYS Designer
Windows 7 PRO 64-bit Windows 8.1 PRO 64-bit Windows 10 PRO 64-bit	Prerequisite
Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5	Prerequisite The installation program automatically installs the required files. ¹
Microsoft .NET Framework 4.0 Client Profile	Prerequisite The installation program automatically installs the required files.
Microsoft .NET Framework 4.0 Extended	Prerequisite The installation program automatically installs the required files.
Microsoft Visual C++ 2010 Runtime	Prerequisite The installation program automatically installs the required files.
VLC media player (click to download) - latest release, obtained and installed by the user	Optional Can be used for WAN streaming into or out of a Core
Q-SYS Designer software and firmware updates .	Refer to Updating Q-SYS Software and Firmware for instructions.
1. Internet access required.	

Q-SYS Designer / Design File Compatibility

Q-SYS Designer release numbering convention is a three-level system – major release.minor release.build number (2.2.100). Larger numbers indicate a newer release. If the "major.minor" release number of a design file and Q-SYS Designer software are the same, the "build" number doesn't matter. You will have to upgrade/downgrade your hardware to the same "build" number as the Q-SYS Designer software to Run the design on the Core.

You cannot open a design file with a newer "major.minor" release number than the Q-SYS Designer software. For example, you cannot open a 4.2.*nnn* design file with 3.3.*nnn* Q-SYS Designer software.

You can open a design file with an older "major.minor" release number than the Q-SYS Designer software. For example, you can open a 3.3.*nnn* design file with Release 4.2.*nnn* Q-SYS Designer software. If you save the file with the newer software, you cannot save it back to an older release.

IMPORTANT: Make sure your design files are backed up using your current release before starting the upgrade to a newer release.

Qualified Ethernet Switches

Occasionally, between releases of Q-SYS Designer, new switches are qualified, and some disqualified. Be sure to check the QSC Website (<http://qsc.com/solutions/q-sys/qualified-switches/>) for the latest information.

QSC recommends that you disable EEE (Energy Efficient Ethernet), a.k.a. IEEE 802.3az on switches that offer this feature. Some switch manufacturers offer their own version of a power saving mode or energy optimization mode, but the concepts are generally the same as those for the IEEE standard. These mechanisms attempt to reduce the drive current or wake time for a given LAN port by detecting the strength of the link partner and/or by

detecting the length of the attached network cable and/or by detecting rest or idle periods between packet deliveries and placing the port into sleep or quiescent mode.

New Components in Q-SYS Designer

Please read the following information carefully. There are many changes and additions for Q-SYS Designer 6.1, some requiring your attention when you upgrade Q-SYS Designer to this release. As with any upgrade containing major changes, there may be a substantial impact to current designs. Before you upgrade be sure you understand the changes that are required for your system, and be sure you backup your design files.

New Inventory Components

CXD-8.8Q, CXD-8.4Q, CXD-8.8Qn, and CXD-8.4Q Amplifiers

Added four new network amplifiers:

- CXD8.4Q — 8 Channel, 4000 W Network Amplifier with Mic/Line Inputs
- CXD8.8Q — 8 Channel, 8000 W Network Amplifier with Mic/Line Inputs
- CXD8.4Qn — 8 Channel, 4000 W Network Amplifier (no Mic/Line Inputs)
- CXD8.8Qn — 8 Channel, 8000 W Network Amplifier (no Mic/Line Inputs)

New Audio Components

IIR Custom Filter Component

Q-SYS now provides the capability of loading your filter design results into the IIR (Infinite Impulse Response) Custom Filter, giving you explicit control over the phase and magnitude response of the Custom IIR filter.

New Features in Q-SYS Designer

IO-USB Bridge

IO USB Bridge Component

Audio Bridges now allow you to use the volume controls on a Mac that is running 10.12.6 or higher and has the IO USB Audio Bridge selected.

Softphone

Softphone Component

NOTE: This feature was available in Release 6.0.

Added the ability to enter pauses in the dial string using a comma to indicate a 1 second delay.

Added the ability to enter "wait for user input" in the dial string using a semicolon to indicate the wait.

The Softphone can now be exercised in the emulation mode of Q-SYS designer. This can be useful during the design phase to validate scripts or test certain logic without having to deploy the design on an actual core.

Design Properties

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PTPv2 Disable LAN B

Aids with situations involving multiple AES67 devices attempting to PTP sync via converged IT networks using the Q-SYS Cores as PTP boundary clocks. Set to Yes to block PTPv2 traffic on LAN B (typically connected to the Corporate Network).

BETA Version Features

There are a number of features in Q-SYS Designer currently in a BETA version. These features are marked as such in the Q-SYS Designer user interface, and in the associated help topics. A feature labeled as BETA indicates that the feature is not as polished as we would like it to be. It is functional, but there might be caveats and rough edges associated with it. In addition, a BETA feature is more likely to change in the future.

Currently in BETA

- Channel Group
- SPL/Leq Meter
- Timeline

Known Issues

Atlona Audio Streaming

Issue: It is currently not possible to receive an 8-channel PCM stream from the Atlona OmniStream Encoder. Other stream types are supported including;

- 2 channel PCM
- 6 channel PCM
- DTS HD
- DTS 5.1
- AC-3

Core 110f USB 3.0 Support

Issue: USB 3.0 is not required for AV-to-USB Bridging on the Core 110f so USB 3.0 cables are not supported.

Workaround: Use a USB 2.0 cable. If a USB 3.0 cable must be used, connect it to a USB 2.0 port on the host computer.

Remote Paging

Issue: In a Remote Paging scenario with the destination Core has the Administrator Guest permission "External Control Protocol" set to "NO", the Remote Source tab's "Communication Status" reads "Fault - Not connected". This affects only the destination Core.

Workaround: Set the destination Core's Administrator Guest permissions "External Control Protocol" to "YES".

Important Changes

When using the Core 110f on-board USB Device Port for Video Bridging, the Q-LAN / AES67 maximum audio channel count is reduced from 128 x 128 to 64 x 64."

Network

The TSC-3 is Unable to Boot from LAN-B or Aux on a Core 250i

Issue: The TSC-3 must be connected to the LAN A network - connecting it to the LAN B or AUX networks is not currently supported.

Core Redundancy - CobraNet

Issue: A CobraNet card in a Core which is in standby is not automatically suppressed from transmitting and receiving. This might affect your ability to use a redundant pair of Cores populated with CobraNet cards.

Core Redundancy - Clock Master

Issue: Redundant Cores, Primary Core set to the highest-priority clock master, backup Core set to the second highest-priority

If the Primary Core loses connections to the Network, or is rebooted, when it regains network connectivity, there is a short audio stream dropout.

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Q-SYS Remote Support (high speed internet connection required)

QSC uses TeamViewer 9 for a simple and secure remote support application.

To use download and install the support applet follow the directions below:

- Click the icon to download the QSC Support Portal.
- Choose "Run" when asked, it will run a small applet on your computer.
- Call us, and provide us the unique 9 digit ID number and password.
- Now we're connected just as if we were sitting at your computer with you!



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