

ChannelLink

Smart IP Distribution Gateway



More and more video feeds are transmitted live over various IP transmission links and protocols making it complex for organisations to efficiently and reliably manage those feeds. ChannelLink allows organisations to deliver IP content anywhere, anytime, using legacy baseband video matrices.

ChannelLink acts as a central hub where IP channels from the field can be received reliably and retransmitted live, acting as an efficient gateway across any IP network. It is especially well suited for stream management, routing, re-broadcasting or IPTV stream reflection over WAN/the Internet. It can receive any number of input streams and translate them into a multicast or unicast MPEG Transport Stream over UDP (UDP TS), RTMP/RTMPS, Zixi™ or an SRT-protected stream. ChannelLink's design ensures the support of more transport protocols in the future, allowing it to stay ahead of the game.

For broadcasters, ChannelLink simplifies content delivery of live channels from news agencies, sports or entertainment venues. Designed to meet stringent security criteria, it is also suited for secure government and military Full-Motion Video (FMV) applications.

Features and Benefits

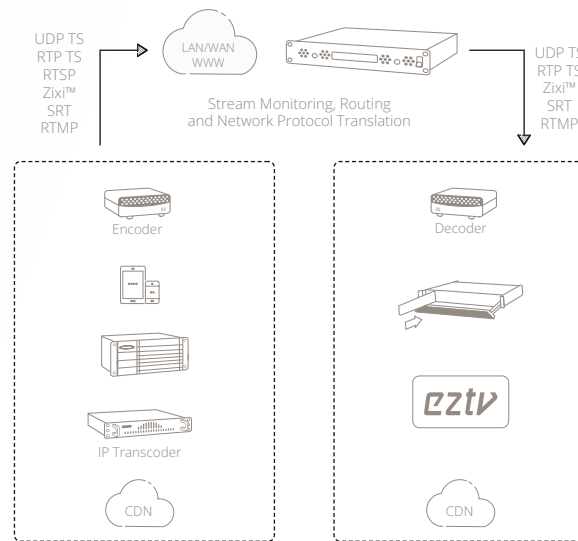
- Network Protocol Translation from source to destination
- Centralised gateway for simplified stream management for Sports Venues, eSports, In-House and Multi-site IP video distribution
- IP video routing across LANs, WANs and other IP network types
- SmartLink ensures optimal use of the transmission link bandwidth
- IPTV Channel Reflection: Multicast to Unicast, and Unicast to Multicast
- Ultra-low processing time
- Intuitive web management interface

Applications

- Content Backhaul/Contribution
- Remote Production over the Internet (REMI)
- Sports Venues, eSports, In-House and Multi-site IP video distribution
- Full-Motion Video stream management and distribution

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Best End-to-End latency delivered with MGW Ace Encoder/Decoder

Latency is key in any IP streaming application and ChannelLink achieves the lowest processing time for IP-based channels. When used in conjunction with VITEC's MGW Ace Encoder/Decoder in its Ultra Low Latency HEVC profile, ChannelLink provides the best end-to-end latency without compromising video quality. The solution enables contribution over the Internet and avoids the use of expensive fibre or satellite transmission infrastructure, leading to dramatically reduced operating expenses (OPEX).

Bandwidth conscious with SmartLink

Part of VITEC's green initiative, ChannelLink ensures an optimal use of the inbound transmission link bandwidth, which reduces the overall network traffic and power consumption. Thanks to its SmartLink feature, ChannelLink ensures IP source feeds are requested only when needed.

Interoperable

ChannelLink ensures full compatibility with third-party encoders and decoders. Compatible with a wide range of protocols and codecs such as MPEG-2, H.264 and HEVC codecs, the gateway is compression-standard agnostic and is engineered to evolve and support future transport protocols.

Easy to Set up and Use

ChannelLink is designed to facilitate the setup for operators. An unlimited number of channel sources (encoders) or destinations (decoders) can be set to target a single IP address associated with ChannelLink. Tailored to streamline IP video contribution, backhaul and distribution, the user-friendly interface simplifies channel source-to-destination routing. Users can view information and statistics such as quality of the network link and packet loss. The gateway provides users with a centralised location for aggregating content.

End-to-end Content Protection

VITEC encoders and decoders provide the capability to encrypt the audio and video stream. ChannelLink handles the management of such encrypted streams to secure your content end-to-end. To ensure full compatibility with civilian and governmental secure environments, ChannelLink has been designed to conform to the most stringent network and information assurance security standards. Specific accreditations can be provided by VITEC upon request.

Technical Specification

Source & Destination Channels

- Support for HEVC, H.264 and MPEG-2 channels
- Network Protocol Translation (NPT) from source to destination
- Ultra-low processing time
- Live channel analytics to monitor quality of service
- Up to 500Mbps inbound and 500Mbps outbound traffic per server (x125 4Mbps channels can be managed using a single server)
- Failover/Source fallback feature for increased quality of service.

Network Protocols

- UDP TS: MPEG Transport Stream over UDP
- RTP TS: MPEG Transport Stream over RTP
- RTSP (RTP ES): Elementary Stream over RTP (Input only)
- SRT (Caller, Listener, Rendezvous):
 - SRT Listener multi-destination with capability to limit the number of remote clients/decoders
 - SRT Server with Stream ID/tagging for multiple stream routing over a single IP port
- Zixi™ Stream protection.
 - Input: Zixi P2P and Zixi Pull
 - Output: Zixi Push
- RTMP/RTMPS Server and Client
- Unicast/Multicast/IGMPv3 Source Filtering (SSM)

Encryption

- Real-time AES encryption for video, audio and metadata
- 128 and 256-bit encryption key support
- Interoperability with AES-compliant systems such as VITEC EZ TV and FITIS distribution platforms

Management

- Dashboard with channel statistics and system performance information
- Advanced search and filter capability of created sources and destinations
- SRT and Zixi streaming statistics for easier configuration and enhanced quality of service
- Accounts with configurable privileges
- Save, export and load configurations
- System and channel event logging
- Easy-to-use HTTPS Rest API for integration with third-party systems
- Secure Web-based remote management interface (HTTPS), password protected
- Software upgrade via Web UI

Advanced Features

- Simplified source routing to destination
- SmartLink to ensure an optimal use of inbound traffic bandwidth

Footprint

ChannelLink is offered as a 1-RU physical server or as a software package that can be installed on any third-party machine, or as a virtual machine.

Physical server specifications

- HP DL360 (1-RU)
- 32GB RAM
- 4 x 1Gbps network interfaces
- Option for additional 2 x 10Gbps SFP+ port
- Redundant power supply (2 x power supplies 500W AC 110/240V 50/60 Hz)
- 2 x 300GB disk space
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server release 8
- Dimensions: Height: 1.70" (4.32cm) x Width: 17.11" (43.46cm) x Depth: 27.5" (69.85cm)
- Weight: 33.3lb (15.10kg)
- Regulation: CE/FCC Part 15 Class A/RoHS/WEEE/TAA Compliant

Minimum requirements for installation on third-party servers or as a virtual machine

- 1 x Dual Core 3.0GHz CPU
- 32GB RAM
- x86 platform with UEFI BIOS
- 10GB storage
- 1 x 1Gbps network interface
- VMWare: ESXi6.0/VMX11 or ESX7.0/VMX18

Ordering information

- 17629 - ChannelLink Server
- 17630 - ChannelLink Virtual Machine
- 18833 - ChannelLink Lite Virtual Machine (limited to 10 routes, up to 200Mbps traffic)
- 18834 - ChannelLink - Zixi™ Licence
- 18835 - ChannelLink - RTSP Licence
- 17749 - Additional 2x10Gbit SFP + Ethernet ports for ChannelLink Server