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Section 1 – Introduction

This section describes the following:

- Overview
- Technical Support Assistance

Overview

The NICE Proline and Harmony DVR Video RTU (Receiver/Transmitter Unit) is the Intelli-Site software representation of the NICE Proline or Harmony Digital Video Recorder (DVR). For purposes of this document, the term RTU is synonymous with a NICE DVR.

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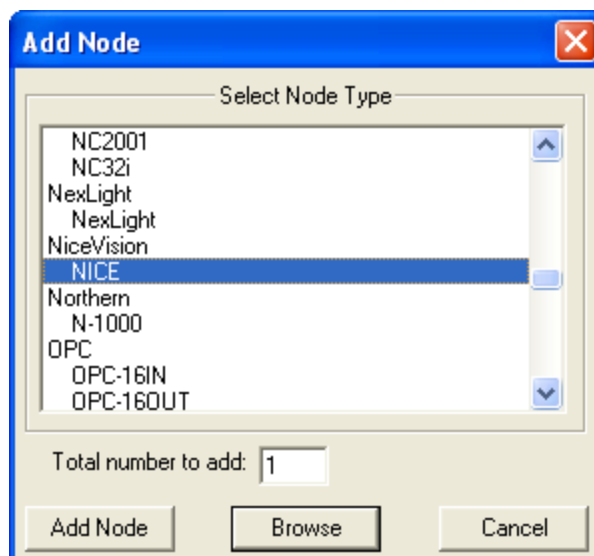
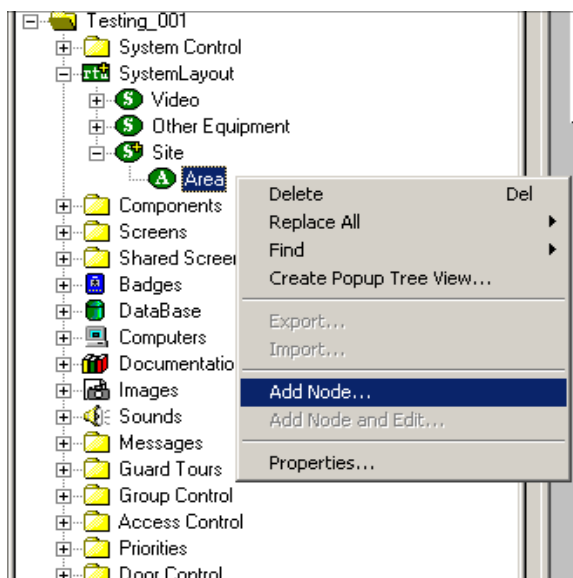
- Product version number, found by selecting the **About**  button from the Intelli-Site Menu Application Bar.
- Product serial number used for registration.
- The type of computer being used including, operating system, processor type, speed, amount of memory, type of display, etc.
- Exact wording of any messages that appear on the screen.
- What was occurring when the problem was detected?
- What steps have been taken to reproduce the problem?

Section 2 - Nice DVR Setup (Design Mode)

This section discusses the setup of NICE DVRs in the project in Graphic Design mode.

Adding DVR Nodes

NICE DVR nodes reside under an Area node. To add a NICE DVR see the figures below:



As displayed, add a NICE node from the list in the 'Add Node' dialog. You may add multiple DVRs by entering the number desired in the Total number to add: field.

Configuring the DVR Node

After a DVR node has been added, it needs to be configured. This is accomplished by Rick-Clicking and editing the properties of the DVR node:

1. General Protocol Node Setting Tab allows you to adjust the following properties:
 - a. Change the name of the DVR.
 - b. Select the Access Level.
 - c. The Domain is system-selected and fixed.
 - d. The Node Type is General – Can not be changed.
 - e. The Driver field should be NICE (default).
 - f. The Address field should remain as-is.
 - g. The Protocol field should remain blank.

NICE - Area NICE

General Protocol Node Settings | NICE Video Settings | Notes/Comments

Name: **NICE** ID: 936

Access Level: Level 1

Domain: 90

Node Type: General Driver: NICE

Address: NICE

Protocol:

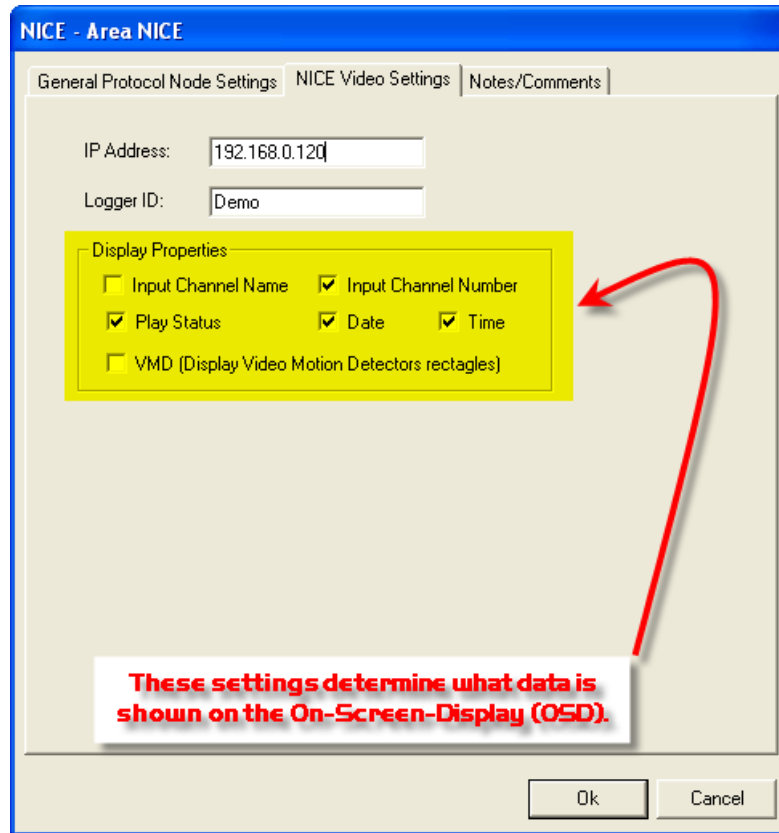
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☐ Virtual Virtual Point: "None*" ☐ Retain

Enter the name of the DVR here.

Ok Cancel

2. NICE Video Settings Tab allows you to change the connection and OSD parameters:
 - a. IP Address: enter the IP address of the DVR.
 - b. Logger ID: enter the DVR identification.
 - c. Display Parameters: Select, from the checkboxes provided, the data to be displayed on the video objects.



3. General Commands Subnode allows you to Play Video, Stop Video, Pause Video, Start Recording and Stop Recording. The action for these nodes is always SendCommand.
4. Change Camera Subnode allows you to connect to the available camera channels. The action for these nodes is always SendCommand.

Important Note: In order to use PTZ/Preset functions, the 'Address' field in the properties of the target camera node must be filled with the PTZ ID of that camera. This number typically corresponds to the physical hardware address assigned to a PTZ camera.

5. PTZ Control Subnode allows you to execute Pan, Tilt and Zoom commands against camera channels that are appropriately equipped with PTZ controllers. The action for these nodes is always SendCommand.
6. Presets Subnode contain Set and Get Presets commands for PTZ cameras. The action for these nodes is always SendCommand.

Programming Examples for Run Mode

After a DVR node has been configured in the design tree you can use elements of the DVR node for a variety of Run Mode applications. The following Section details some examples of DVR applications that can be programmed for Run Mode:

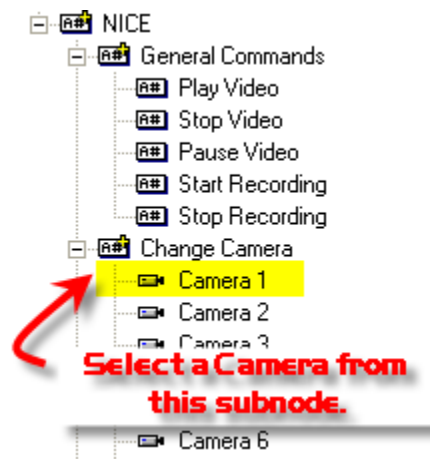
1. Live Video Display and Control Programming Example

The following programming example will detail the steps necessary to create a video display object and various controls that will allow video switching on a Run Mode Screen.

Step 1 – In Design Mode, Drag-and-Drop a Video Display object, from the Components Node in the Tree, onto the Screen. The Video Display object is always used as the display target for DVR video. There is no limit to the number of Video Display objects that can be on any one screen. When dropped, the Video Display Object will automatically size to 320X240 but can be resized to fit your needs.



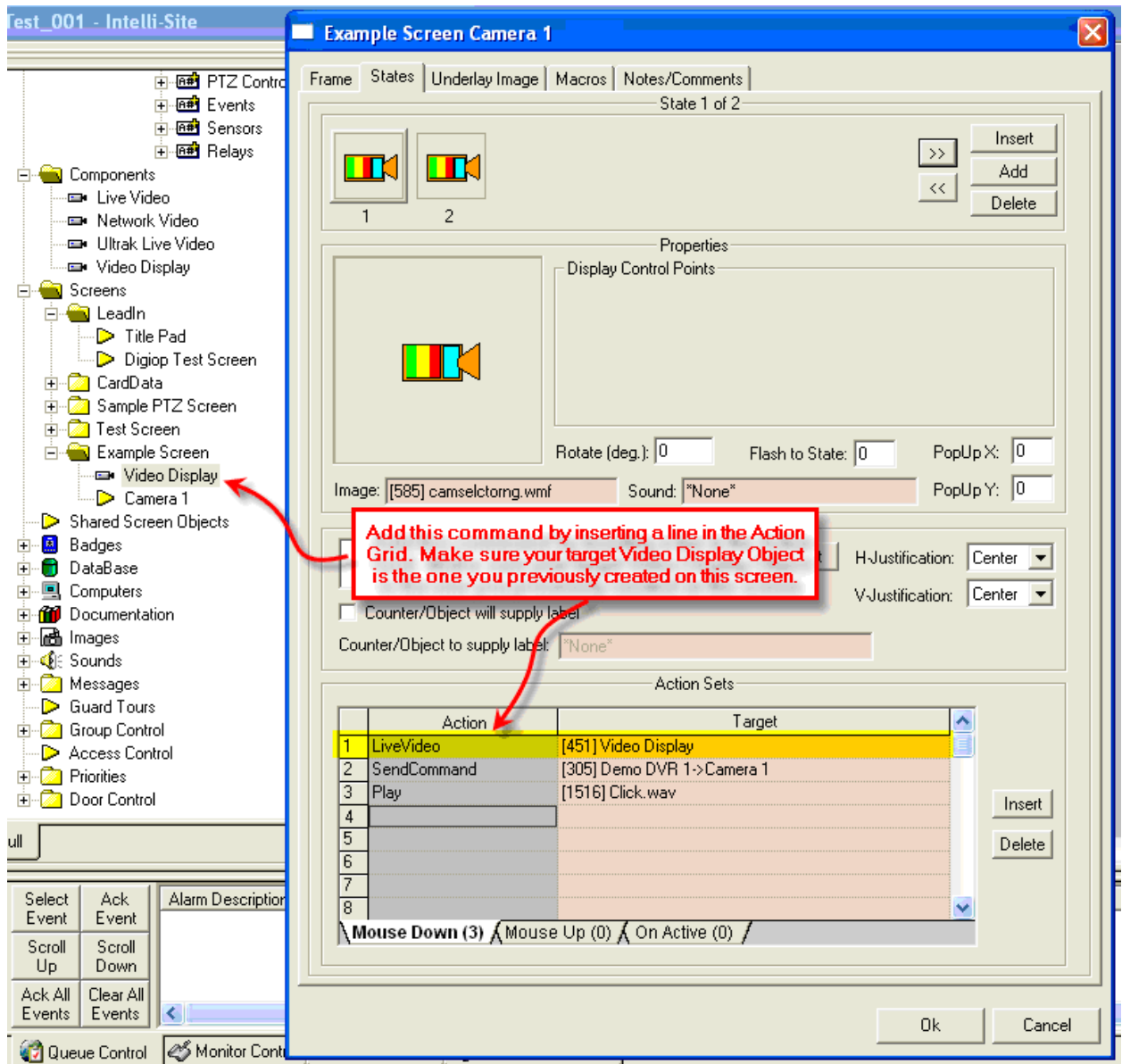
Step 2 – Drag-and-Drop a Camera from the Change Cameras subnode of the DVR onto the tree. This will automatically create a camera screen object. Use the Default settings when prompted by the wizard.



At this point your screen should look something like this:



Step 3 - In order to send the video, called by the Camera object, to the Video Display object created in Step 1, you will have to modify the properties of the Camera Object by adding a LiveVideo command before the SendCommand for the Camera as follows:

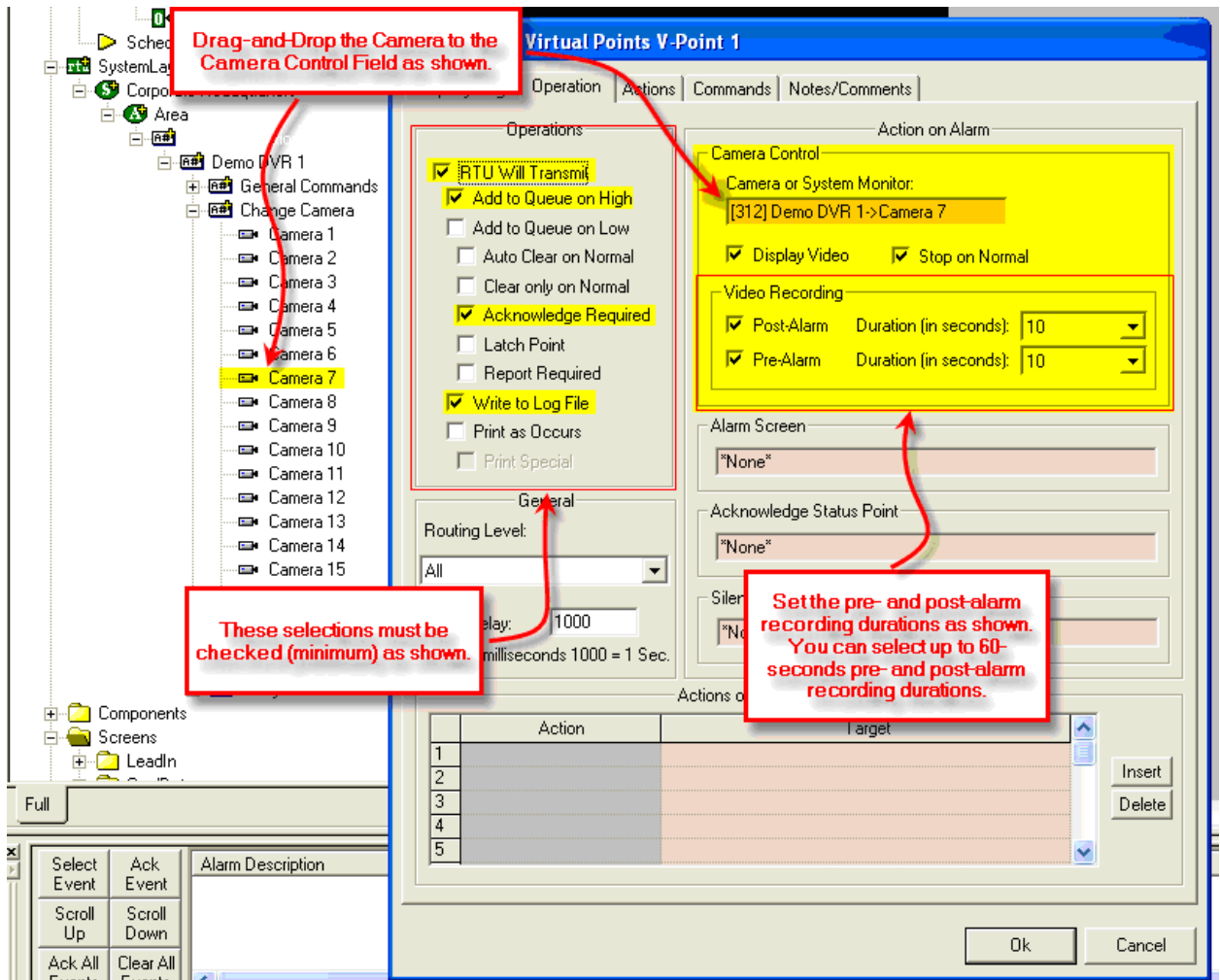


2. Alarm-Related DVR Video-On-Demand Programming Example

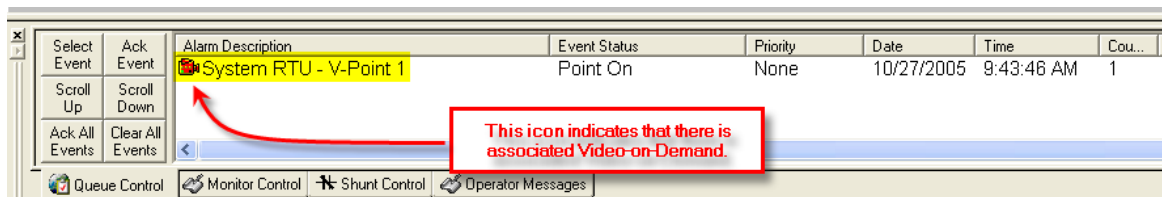
The following example will detail the steps necessary to program an alarm-point relationship to a Camera object for Video-on-Demand functionality.

When an alarm point is activated, pre-and post-alarm recorded video is “tagged” for automated recall during alarm acknowledgement.

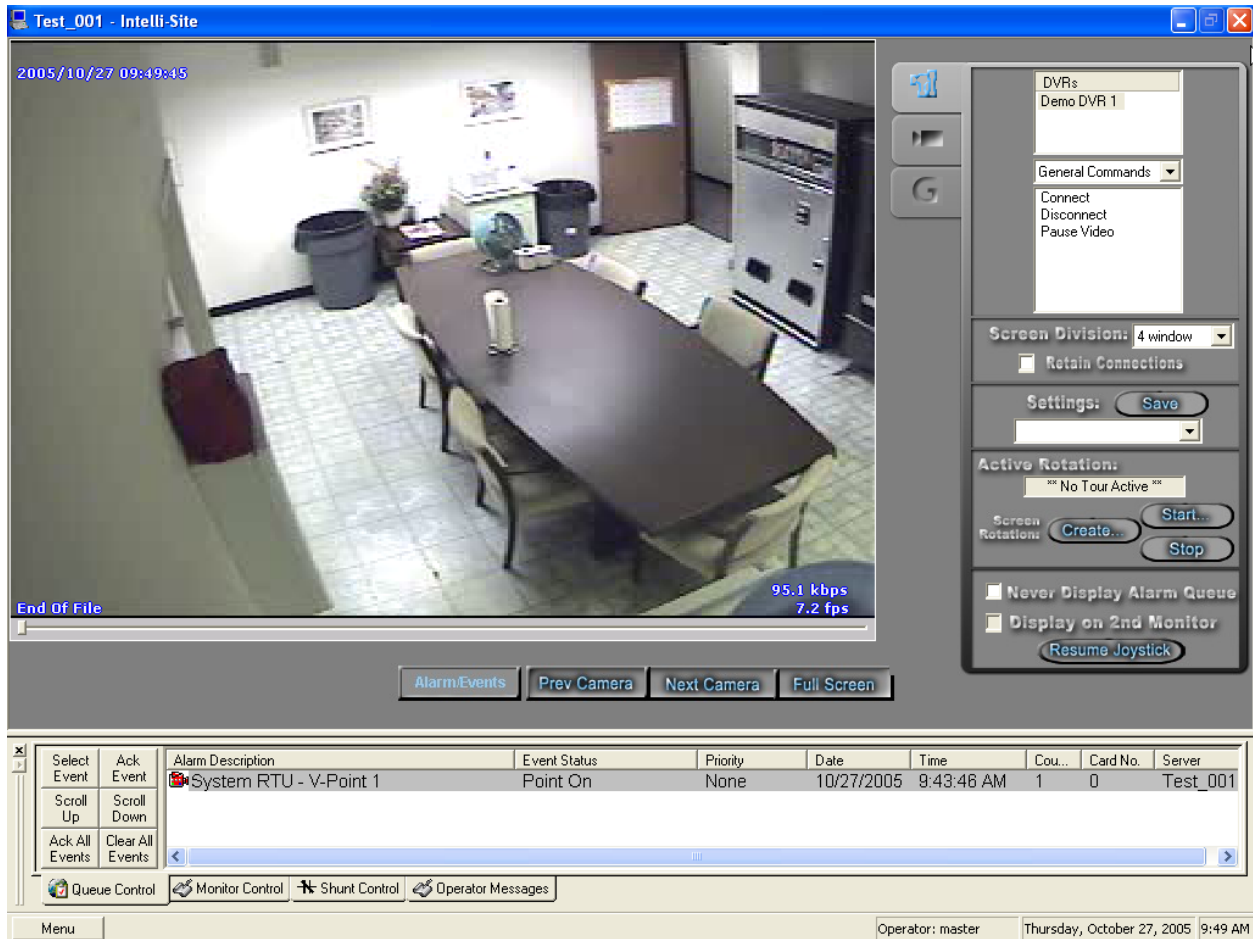
Step 1 – Using any I/O point in the tree (in this case we are using a Virtual Point) you can set the properties of the I/O point to enable pre- or post-alarm recording (or both) as shown below:



Step 2 – Upon I/O point activation the alarm will appear in the Queue with a video-associated icon as shown below:



Step 3 – Double-Left-Click on the icon will automatically switch to the NICE DVR Mode and replay the pre-and-post alarm video from the associated channel:



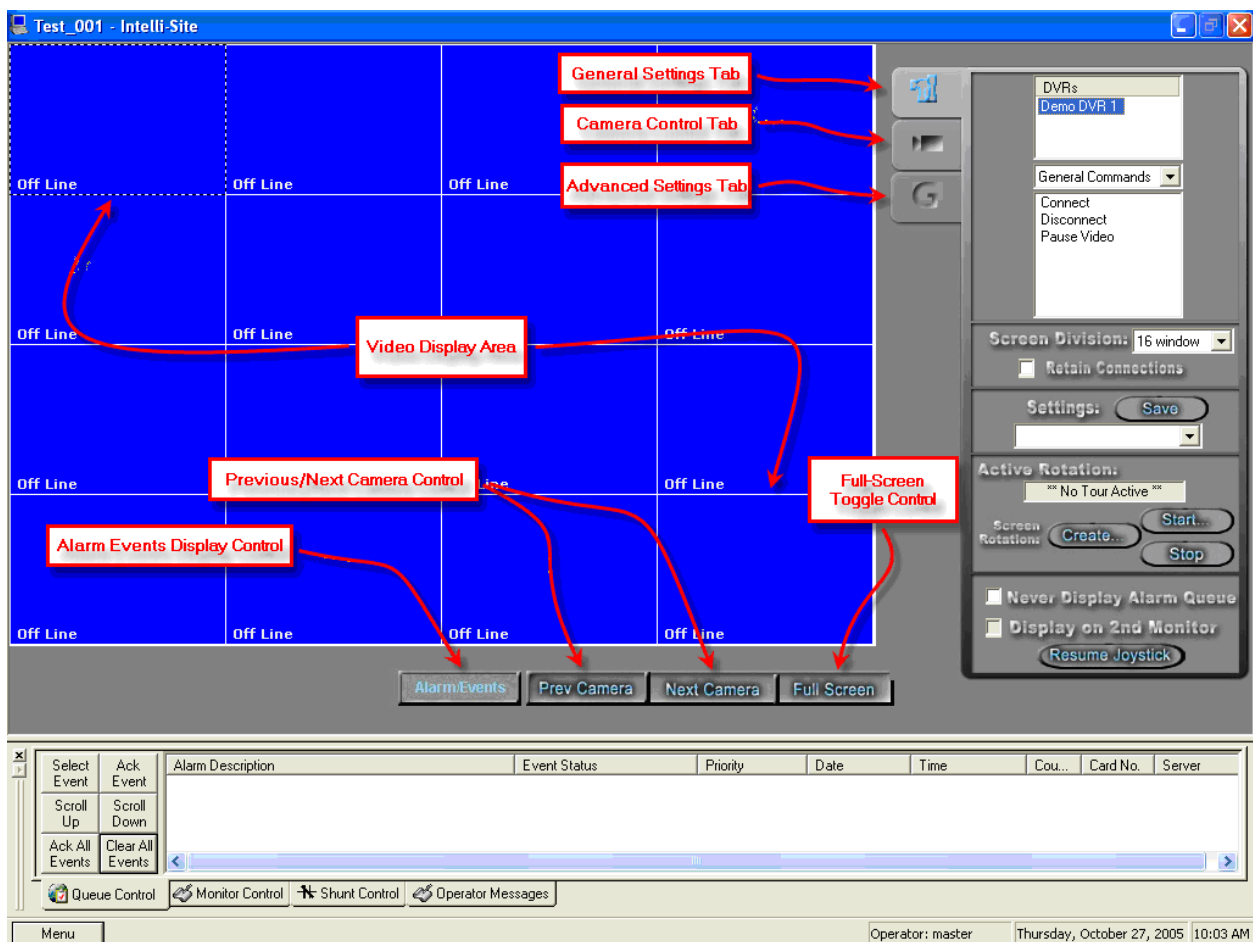
Section 4 – NICE DVR Mode


This section discusses the use of the NICE DVR Multi View Mode.

Using the DVR Mode

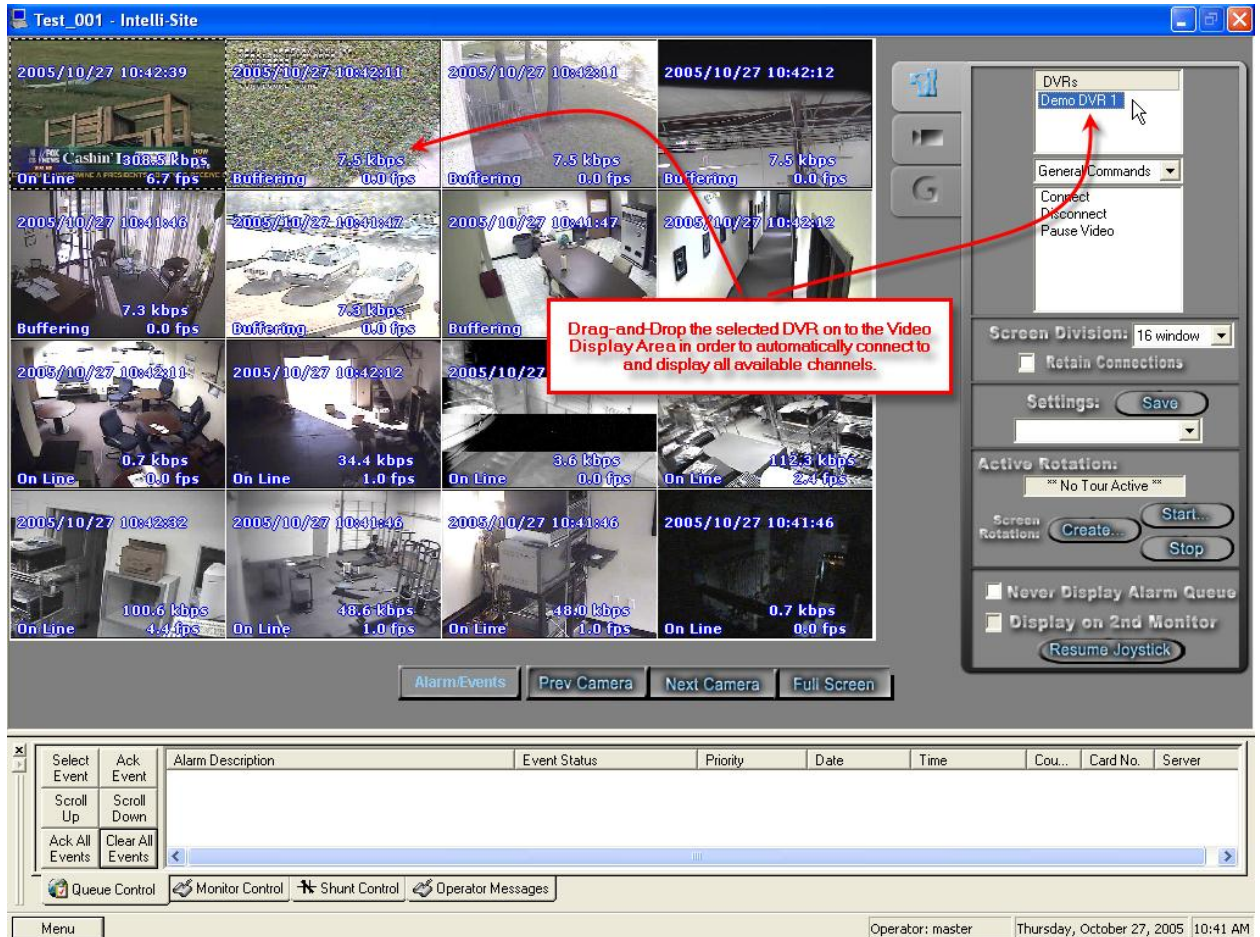


Click on the  icon on the Application Menu bar in order to switch to the DVR Mode.



1. General Settings Tab  allows you to set display, control, and camera tour parameters.

- a. DVRs – This window will list all of the DVR nodes in the Design Mode tree. You can display all available channels for a specific DVR by Dragging and Dropping the selected DVR on to the Video Display Area.

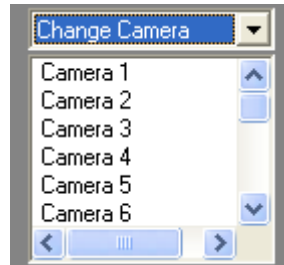


- b. Commands Combo Box – select commands to be applied to specific display areas in the categories of General Commands, Change Camera Commands, and Camera PTZ Commands. First Select the command desired, then Drag-and-Drop the command on to the specific camera view in the Video Display Area.



i. General Commands

1. Play Video – Connects the channel specified for live video streaming.
2. Stop Video – Stops the video stream from the channel specified.
3. Pause Video – Freezes the current video stream on the specified channel.
4. Start Recording – Starts recording on the channel specified.
5. Stop Recording – Stops



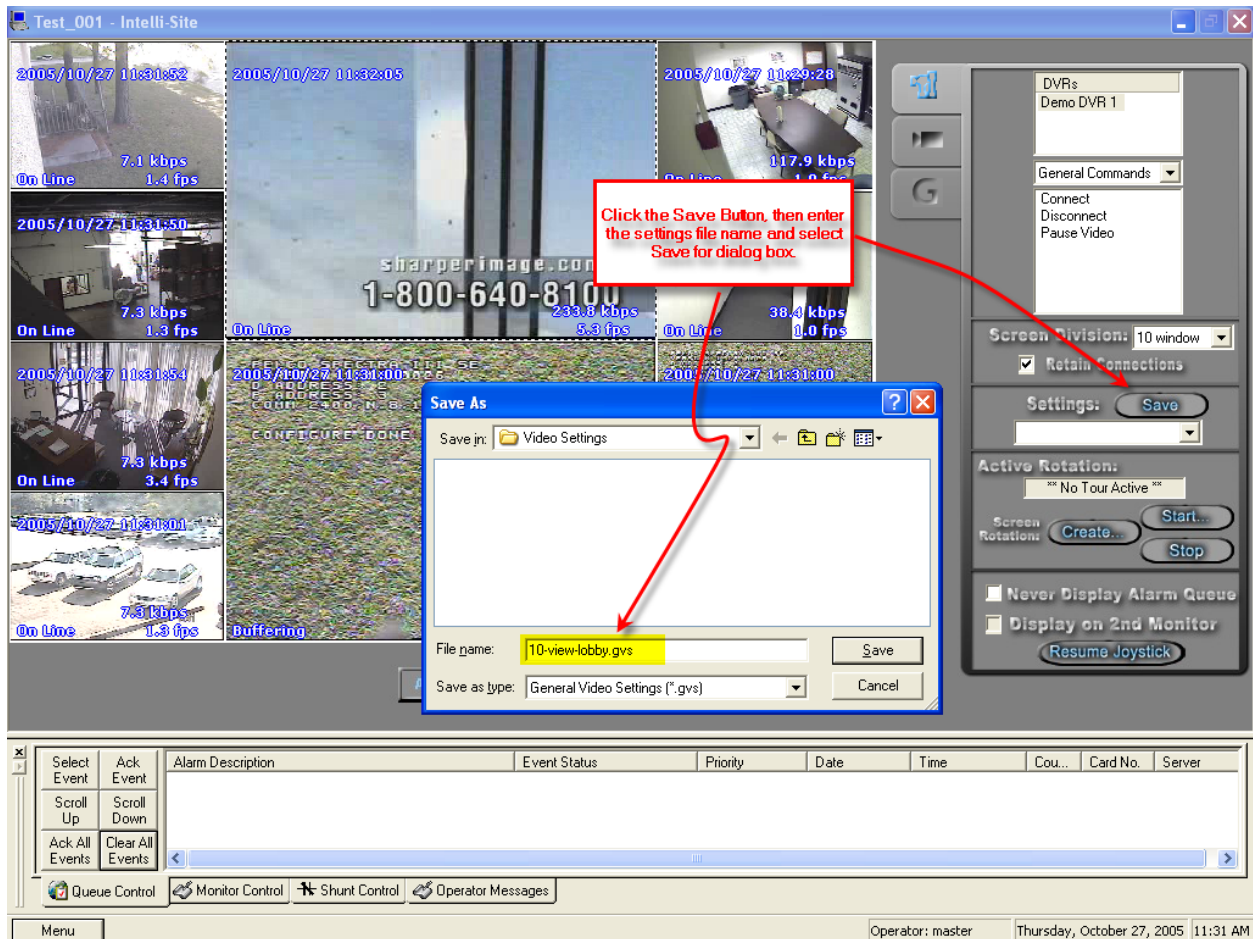
- ii. Change Camera Commands – Lists all of the camera channels available for the selected DVR in the DVRs list. Drag-and-Drop the desired Camera on to the specific view in the Video Display Area.



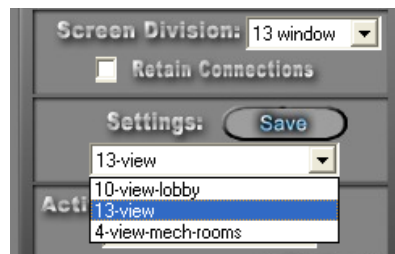
- iii. PTZ Control Commands – Drag-and-Drop the desired PTZ control command on to the specific view in the Video Display Area in order to execute that command. This, of course, only works if the camera is PTZ-capable.




- iv. Presets Control Commands – Allows call and set presets on the selected channel.
- c. Screen Division – The Screen Division window allows you to select the number, and layout, of video display windows in the Video Display Area.
 - i. Screen Division Combo Box – allows you to select from 1, 4, 8, 9, 10, 13, 16, 25 or 36 windows for the Video Display Area.
 - ii. Retain Connections – checking this box will retain currently-connected video channels when you switch from one division settings to another.
 - iii. Settings Save – allows you to set up a custom display and save the settings for the custom setup for later recall. An application example of this feature would be to create a display that shows specific video channels from a number of different DVRs that are located in different buildings in the network – say; all lobby cameras from ten-different buildings.

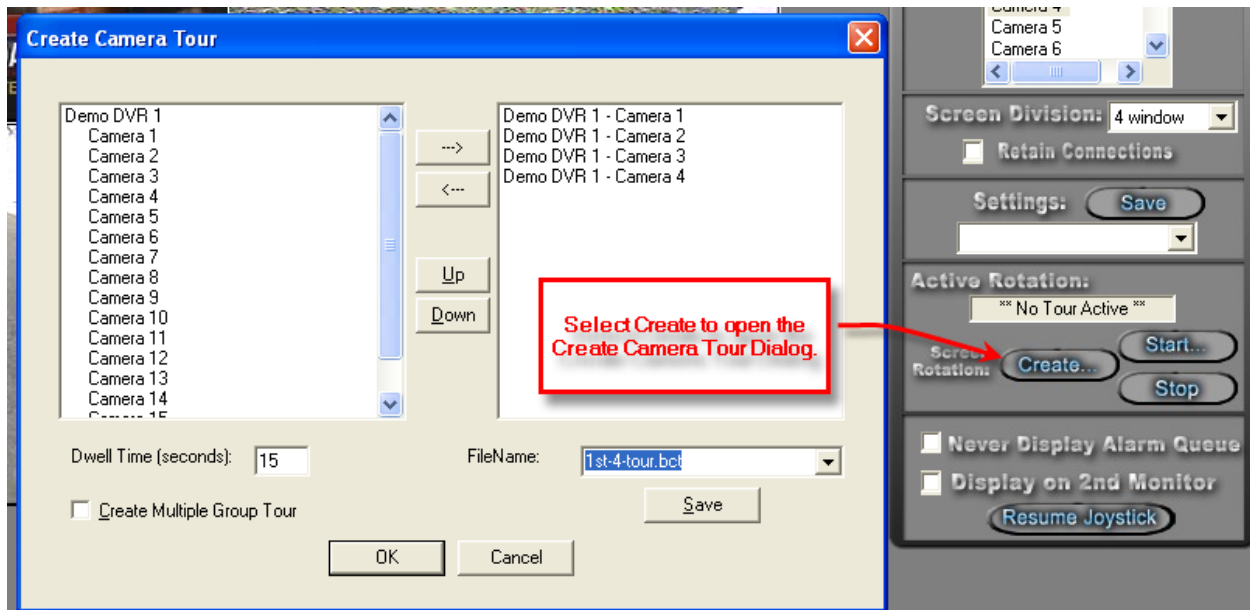


Once these settings are saved they can be instantly retrieved from the Settings Combo-Box.


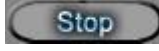


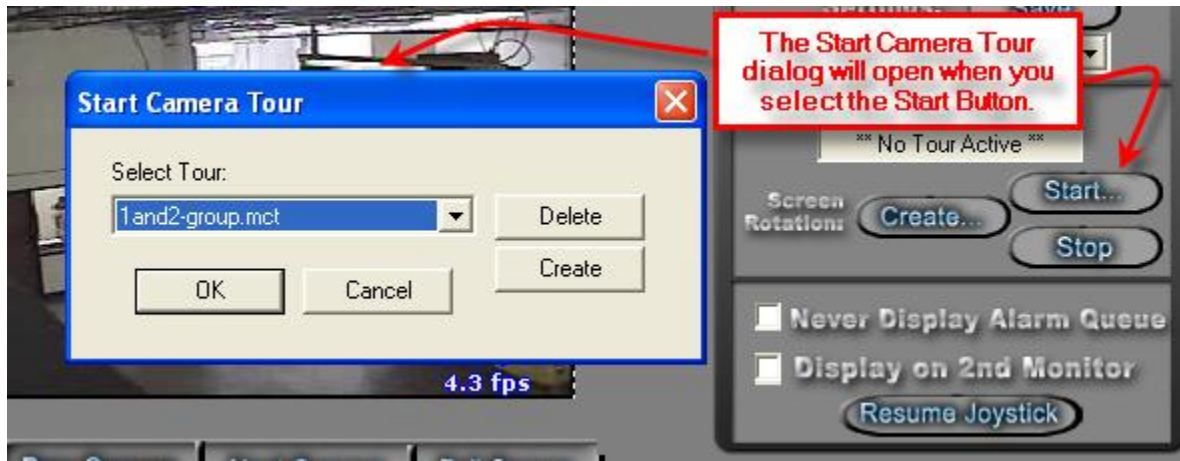
- d. Active Rotation (Video Tours) – This feature allows you to create and run sequential video tours consisting of any number of cameras or even groups of tours consisting of groups of camera groups.

- i. Create a Camera Tour – Select the  button to open the Create Camera Tour dialog. All available cameras will be listed in the left window. Simply use the Add or Delete arrows to add the desired cameras to your tour list in the right window. Next enter a Dwell Time – this is the amount of time a camera will display before switching to the next in the list. Finally, enter a FileName and Select the Save Button. Select the OK Button when finished.




- ii. Create a Group Tour – Select the Create Multiple Tour Group checkbox. When selected, the left window will display all tours previously saved. Simply select the tours you wish to include in the Multiple Group Tour, give it a filename, and hit the Save Button.


- iii. Running a Tour or Multiple Tour Group – Start the tour with the Start Button  and the Start Camera Tour dialog will open. Select the tour you wish to run from the Combo-Box. To stop the tour, select the Stop Button .

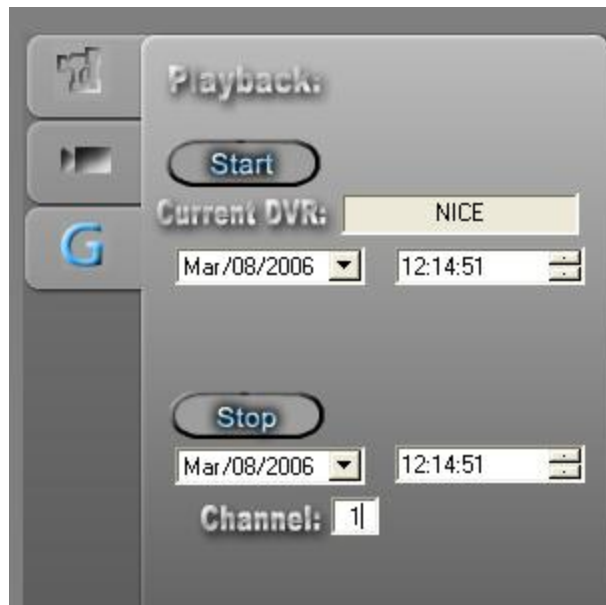


- e. Additional settings – Select the Never Display Alarm Queue if you do not wish to see DVR-originated alarms in the alarm queue. Select Display on 2nd Monitor if you wish to display the DVR Mode on the 2nd Monitor in a dual-monitor workstation. Select Resume Joystick if you wish to control PTZ functions with a Joystick.

2. PTZ Camera Control Tab  – Allows you to control PTZ functionality for a specific, PTZ-equipped camera.



3. Advanced Settings Tab  - Allows you to accomplish Remote Video Search/Playback. See figure below:



Using the Multi View Mode (Video Display Area)

The main window (Video Display Area) of multi view consists of a viewing area and four control buttons.

If you double-click on any of the individual video display views, the view will expand to full size. To return, simply double-click on the full-size view.

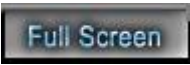
Main Video Controls

Prev Camera

Previous Camera: Allows user to scroll backwards through available channels.

Next Camera

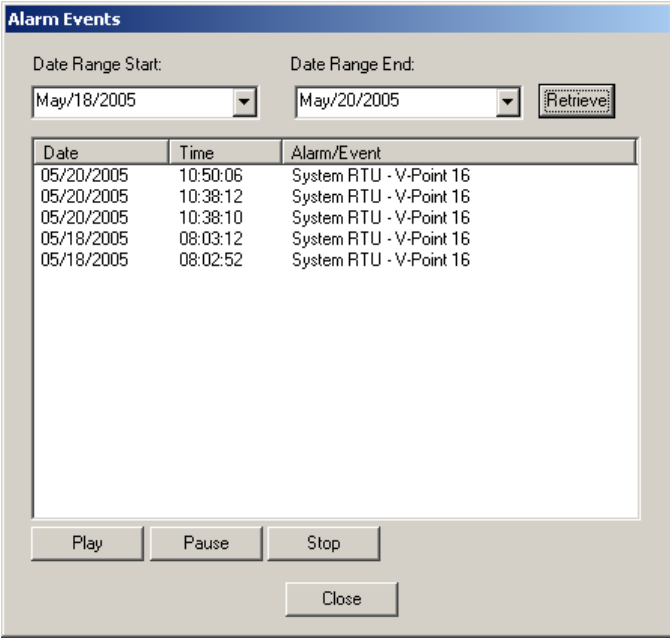
Next Camera: Allows user to scroll forward through available channels.

Full Screen

Full Screen: This feature will expand the multi channel view to full screen. Just hit 'Escape' key to return.

Alarm/Events

Alarm Events: This feature brings up a dialog that can be used to search for alarm events that are associated with cameras.



The Alarm Events dialog box features a title bar, date range selection fields, a table of events, and playback controls.

Date	Time	Alarm/Event
05/20/2005	10:50:06	System RTU - V-Point 16
05/20/2005	10:38:12	System RTU - V-Point 16
05/20/2005	10:38:10	System RTU - V-Point 16
05/18/2005	08:03:12	System RTU - V-Point 16
05/18/2005	08:02:52	System RTU - V-Point 16