

Growing Files in Playlist

This article will show how to insert growing files into a playlist.

Definition

A growing file is a file that is still being recorded – it is therefore growing in size.

Recommended Setting

When working with growing Files, we recommend you enabling the Settings “Recalculate File Duration” and “Enable Background-Scan”. The first will make sure, that the File Duration is more accurate and the second will rescan your file every 5 seconds to update its duration in the playlist:

Settings for Playlists

- Default Clip Action (Dbl Click or ENTER): Play Clip
- Default Block Action (Dbl Click or ENTER): Collapse/Expand
- Dbl Click on Clip Property (Duration, Cut, Loop, ..) will start Edit
- Track Playhead in Playlist (and auto-scroll Playlist)
- Move Playlist up/down during Drag&Drop (and auto-scroll Playlist)
- Show Playlist Notes in Video Preview: Playhead is right before Note Show for the Duration of the Clip
- Alerts for soon-ending Clips/Blocks and soon-starting Schedules

Clip ending: 0 s Block ending: 5 s Scheduled Block: 30 s

Play Sound Alert with Sound Variation X at % volume: 1 30 %

Settings for Clips

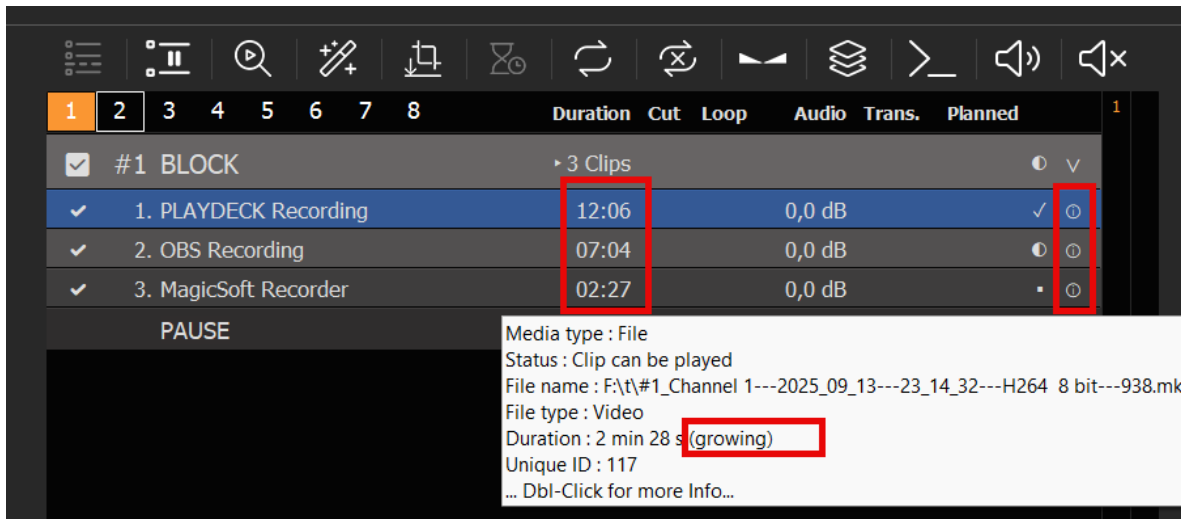
- Default Aspect Ratio for Clips (if not assigned): Letterbox / Pilarbox
- Default Background for Stream Clips (if disconnected): <Black> Image:
- Default Image for Audio-only Clips:
- Clear Clip Settings when replacing Clip (also Inputs, Streams, Notes)

Settings for Scanning

- Rescan all Clips
- Recalculate File Duration when scanning and opening Files
- Enable Background Clip-Rescan (Growing Files, Streams, Inputs)

Insert to Playlist

Growing files can be inserted to the playlist like any other file: By Drag Drop from outside of PLAYDECK or using the integrated file explorer. They will be detected as “growing”, which can be verified in the info column. The clip duration will be updated every 5 seconds:



Possible Sources

The files can be recorded anywhere, they don't need to be recorded in PLAYDECK. In the above screenshot we are using one PLAYDECK recording, another from OBS Studio and another from MagicSoft Recorder.

Possible Formats

Only the following file container formats are supported. But within that container you can use any video codec:

- MKV
- AVI
- MPEG

Cutting and Editing

You can cut and edit growing files the same way as regular files. For example: You can set an OUT point to the file and loop it, while it is still being recorded.