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CGI dira Highlander is a single interface from which to control and access most of the functions needed in radio production. First and foremost, it is your tool to manage content, including audio as well as metadata.

The structure combines the power of a relational database with the ease and intuitive operation of a browse tree.

Modules

- Genealogy
- Audio import & export tools
- Cartmanager
- Multimedia attachments
- Story editor
- Asset rights tracking system

Key Features

- Hierarchical folder structure and tabular view
- Fully configurable
- Supports multimedia items
- Flexible setup of metadata forms
- Deep integration with craft editors like Sequoia and Sadie, additionally to dira StarTrack

Look and feel

Content can be located either by browsing the fully configurable folders or by undertaking a systemwide search. Using a **detailed search** form, the user can define a large number of criteria to quickly narrow down content.

Wildcards and Boolean operators are fully supported in search. Using multiple tabs to fit a host of information into limited display space, the take data card is **fully configurable** for each customer to contain precisely the data needed in the exact layout desired.

What's more, each installation can have **multiple types of take data cards** to fit the associated documentation to the type of content to which it belongs. Each item is automatically assigned the correct data card upon creation.

Editing applications

Previewing media content is available either from the take data card or directly from the displayed result list. dira Highlander will automatically load the correct player for presenting the content.
All integrated editing applications keep full track of the item opened and allow for saving back into the dira database without having to export media data to the local desktop.

Scheduling items for on-air use is done by **dragging and dropping** them into the broadcast schedule, in case of a last minute change, even right into the loaded and active broadcast plan of dira Onair Control.

Special features

A special feature of dira Highlander is **Multisite**. This enhancement serves a research tool and enables users to access remote dira systems from their own Highlander application. Depending on the user's access rights, it is possible to copy items between two or more dira equipped radio stations in order to use the items in separate broadcasts or to edit the audio material for further use.

It is this nearly **limitless adaptability** that ultimately turns dira Highlander into a flexible, powerful, yet still easy to use command center for any kind of media production. It also works just as seamlessly as a plug-in application itself. This is an invaluable feature in news production, where it is possible to run dira Highlander and all its supporting applications from the newsroom computer system. It gives the news editor the complete power of content creation, as well as access and reuse, right within their primary workspace. It even allows for media items to be inserted directly into the developing story — again, of course with drag and drop ease.

About CGI

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