

CGI Viura

Smart camera automation

Intelligent automation with Viura

Viura is a CGI software tool for editors and presenters that provides intelligent camera control in the radio studio. The solution is entirely manufacturer-independent through a combination of video hardware from Blackmagic Design and our specially-designed control software. This means it's compatible with other dira solutions, as well as with third-party solutions for playout and production.

Triggered by microphone-level detection, fader starts or by key actions, the software automatically switches to the corresponding configured camera in the studio. Packaging elements, such as lower thirds or broadcast logos, are generated automatically and also can be displayed automatically or by pressing a button. Additional overlays, images or video sequences can be imported from third-party software.

You can control the entire workflow via mixing consoles that are compatible with the Ember+ protocol. You also can use a web interface option for operation independently of the mixing console i.

Key features

- Automatic operations, with no additional studio staff required
- Event-controlled camera changes (e.g., by microphone input level, fader starts, etc.)
- Individual logos and texts displayed
- Automatic background recording
- Workflow can be implemented with any mixing console using Ember+
- Integrated touch interface

In addition, Viura offers the option of recording video material automatically or at the touch of a button.

Solution setup



Up to 16 image sources per studio



Easy to use



Standard PC hardware



Blackmagic ATEM vision mixer

More content for more distribution channels without additional staff

Required hardware

- Blackmagic ATEM vision mixer
- Cameras with SDI output
- Ember+ capable audio mixer (e.g., LAWO or DHD)
- Video encoder for recording (e.g., AJA Helo)
- Standard PC for the CGI control software



Workflow

Preparation of broadcast-related templates via a web interface



Configuration of cameras to be used, transitions, cuts and branding, depending on broadcast type



Easy selection of the required template via the studio console (cameras, transitions, cuts, branding)



Intelligent camera selection via mixer events such as level detection, fader start, or key operation



Video playout for audio contributions (e.g., music videos or own productions)



Optional display of cover images or text information



Parallel video recording for archiving and downstream use via social media



Recording of video sum, clean feed and individual camera signals possible

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