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Client Quick Start Guide
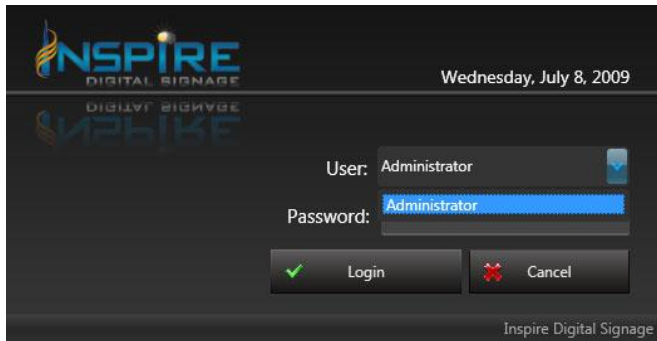
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1. System Configuration

a. Login

Once you click the "Inspire Client" icon in your programs list or from your desktop you will be prompted to login to the system.
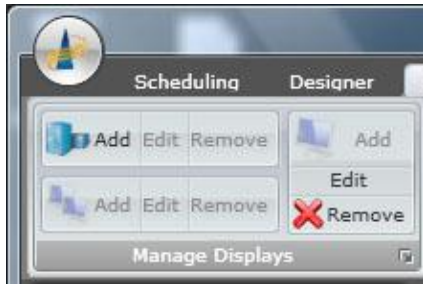
    Login: Administrator
    Password: password

b. Configuration

Once the main application windows opens, click on the "Configuration" Tab. From this section, you can add properties, display groups and displays. Also, by clicking the "Users"icon, you can edit the system users.
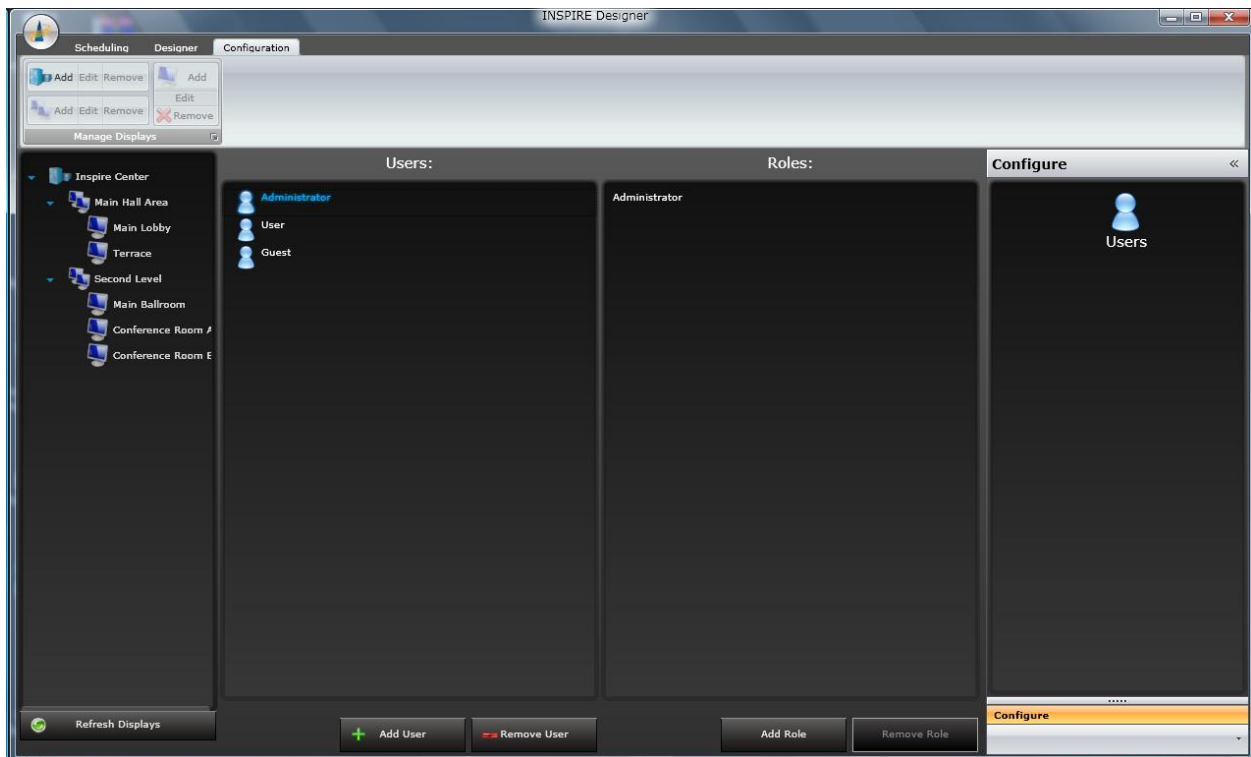
c. Manage Displays

Depending on which part of the displays panel you click, the options in the Manage Displays gaget will enable/disable.

Add/Edit a Property - Either click any blank spot in the manage displays panel, or click the Add Property Icon in the Display Management gaget. When the Add/Edit Property form appears, simply add the name and description.

Add/Edit a Display Group - Display Groups can be added to the system in two ways. First, by clicking on a Property, then clicking the Add Group icon in the Display Management gaget. A group can also be added by right clicking a Property and clicking add Propery in the context menu. When the Add/Edit Group form appears, simply add the name and description.

Add/Edit Display - Display can be added to the system in two ways. First, by clicking on a Display Group, then clicking the Add Dsiplay icon in the Display Management gadget. A Display can also be added by right clicking a Display Group and clicking add Display in the context menu. When the Add/Edit Display form appears, simply complete all required fields. (Display Name, Hostname,Horizontal Resolution, Vertical Resolution, Property and Group)

d. Configure Panel:

Depending on which add-ins you are using with your system, the "Configure" panel allows you to edit your system settings. The settings for the selected add-in will be visible in the middle panel. The User add-in is a system default.

Users:

Users can be added/edited in your system by clicking on the "Icon". Each user can have a multiple roles.

Roles:

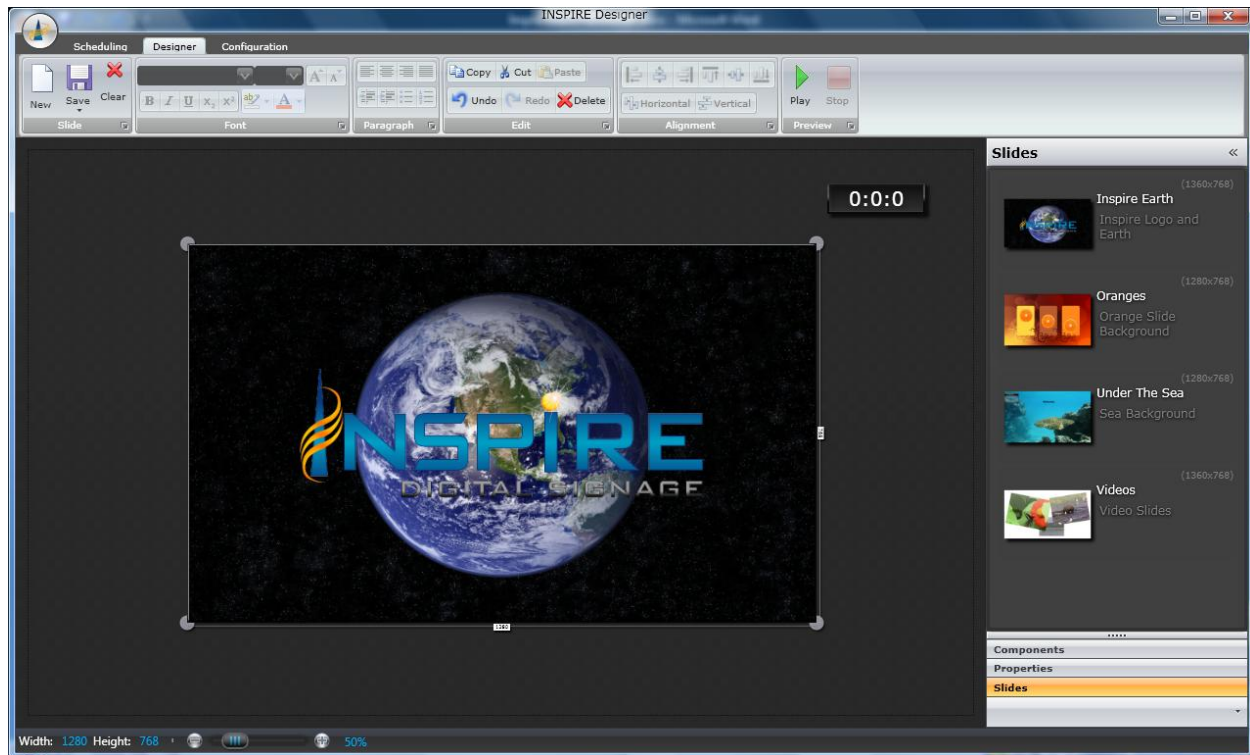Administrator - Access to all sections of the application.

Content Designer - Full access to the Designer tab

Content Manager - Full access to the Schedule

Guest - Read only access to the sytem

2. Media Content Designer

The Inspire Designer can be used to create rich and robust graphical content for your display system.

a. Editing Tools

Main Ribbon - The main ribbon can be used to preform many of the common functions within the designer, such as adding a slide, editing text and previewing videos.

Main Window - The main window is used to edit the slide. Use the element handles to move and transfom the degital media on the screen.

Properties Panel - The property panel gives access to any properties and settings of the element currnetly in focus.

Components Panel - The component panel displays all the media components in your system. Use the component panel to add images, video flash or a custom media element.

Slides Panel - The slide panel displays all the slieds saved in your system.

b. Using the Designer
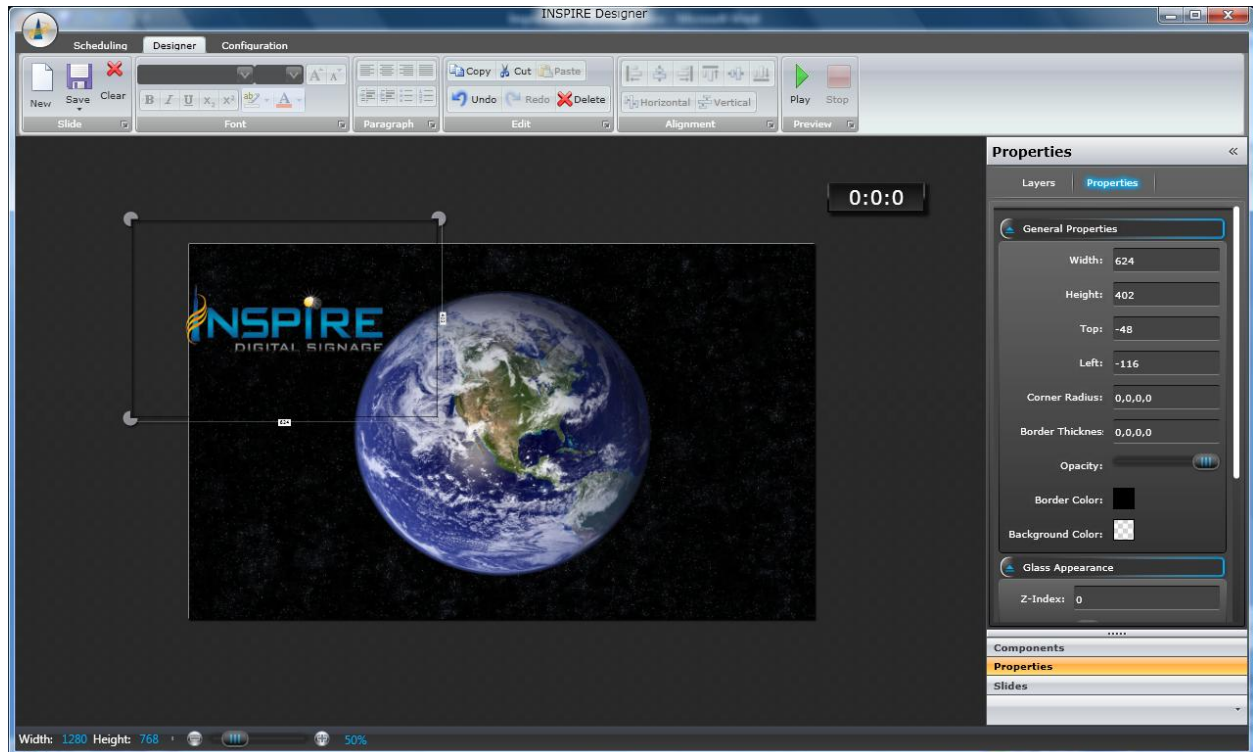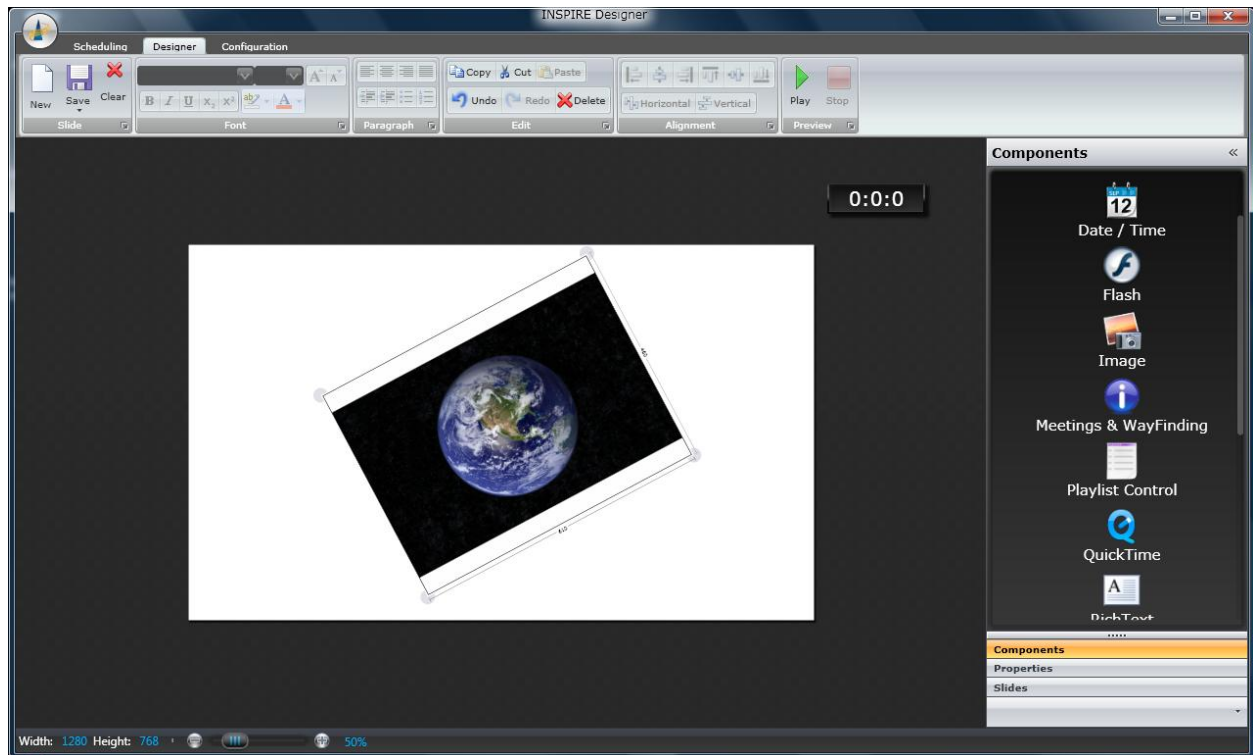
c. Add a Slide

Click the New Slide icon to create a new blank slide. You can add images and video to your slide by either dragging the media on the screen, or by clicing the related component and browsing to find the desired media component.

You can use the main window to edit and position your media using the element handles. Each component will also have related properties and setting that can be set using the property panel.

Once you have completed your slide. Click the Save icon to save the slide to the media server. Once the slide is saved it will be accessable throuoghout the system.

3. Content Scheduler
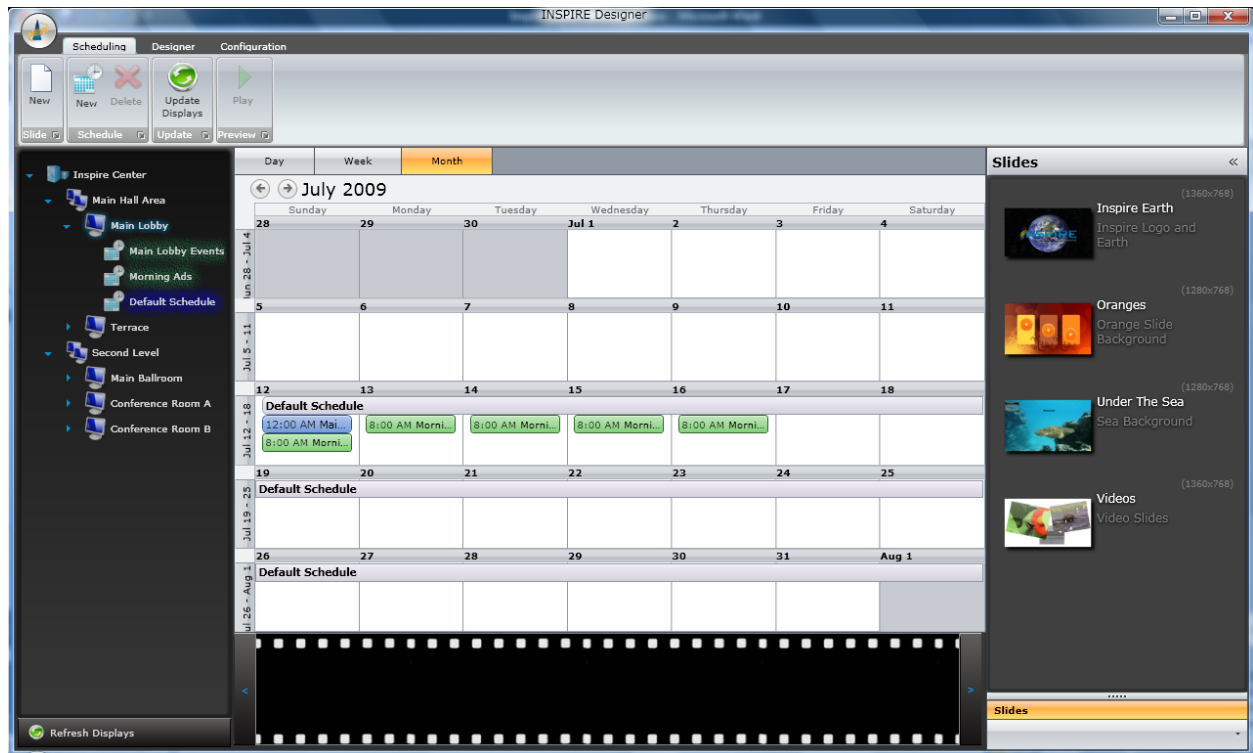
a. Editing Tools

The scheduling tab is used to assign media to the displays in your system.

Main Ribbon - The main ribbon can be used to preform many of the common functions within the scheduler, such as adding a schedule, manually update displays and previewing schedules.

Scheules Tree Panel - The schedule tree can be used to preform many of the common functions within the scheduler, such as adding a schedule,editing a schedule and previewing schedules.

Schedule View Window - The schedule view window is a read-only view of the current schedules in the system.

Schedule Edit Window - The schedule edit window is used to edit a schedule.

Slides Timeline Panel - The slide timeline panel is used to edit the slides assosiated with a given schedule.
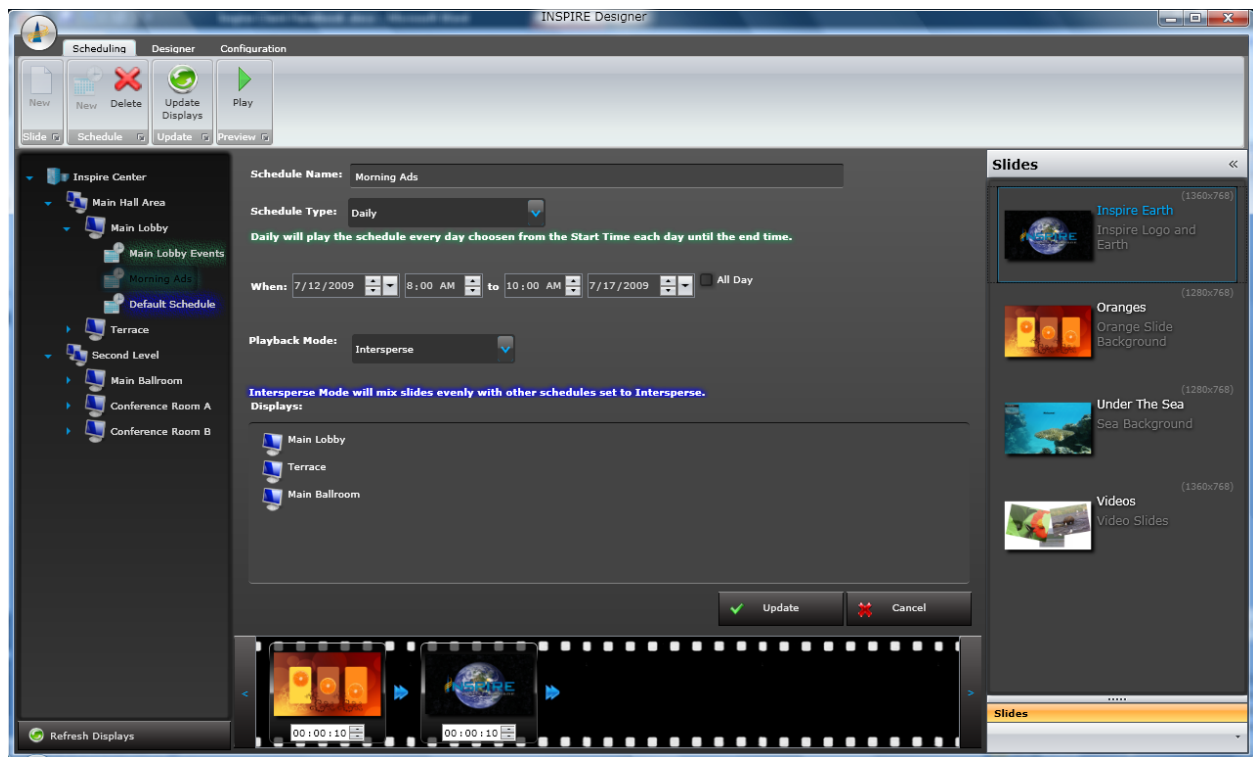
b. Add a Schedule

A new schedule can be added by either, clicking the desired display in the display tree, then clicking New Schedule icon or, by right clicking the desired display, then clicking "Add schedule".

Once the Edit Schedule window is shown, you can adjust the setting to allow the schedule to perform as needed.

Schedule Types:

Continuous - plays any time between the start date/time until the end date/time.
Daily - plays every day from the start time until the end time.
Every Weekday (Mon-Fri) - plays on weekdays from the start time until the end time.
Every Mon., Wends., and Fri. - plays every M/W/F from the start time until the end time.
Every Tues., and Thurs. - plays every T/T from the start time until the end time.
Weekly - plays once a week from the start time until the end time.
Monthly - plays once a month from the start time until the end time.
Yearly - plays once a year from the start time until the end time.
Default - plays whenever nothing else is scheduled.

Playback Mode:

Do Not Mix
Randomize
Intersperse

To add displays to the schedule, simply drag the desired display into the displays section.

To add slides to the schedule, simply drag the desired display into the slide timeline. Once the slide is shown in the slide timeline, you can edit the display time and slide transitions.