

# Vodigi Administrator User Guide

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### Introduction

The Vodigi solution consists of two primary components.

- **The Vodigi Administrator:** This is a web site that is installed on a web server and is used to manage the system, accounts, and all digital signage assets.
- The Vodigi Player: This application resides on the PC or device displaying the digital signage.

This guide explains how to use the Vodigi Administrator to manage your content, create screens and screen content, and manage your players and their schedules.

**Important:** See the **Tutorial** at the end of this document to learn the basics of using the Vodigi Administrator.

## **Quick Introduction to the Vodigi Player**

Before you dive into the Vodigi Administrator, you should get familiar with the Vodigi Player. The Vodigi Player is an application that resides on your player devices, downloads your digital signage media, and displays the appropriate screens according to the player's schedule.

Each screen consists of one or more parts:

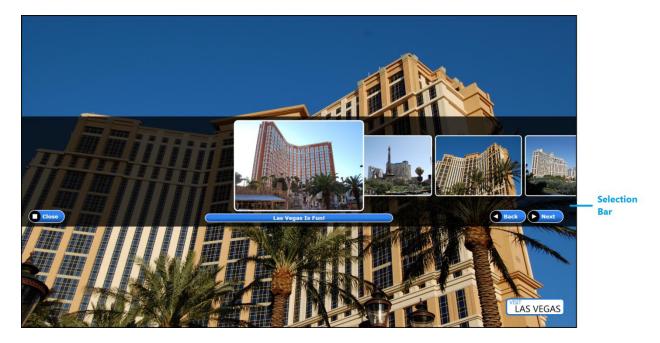
- The Main Feature
- The Interactive Button
- The Selection Bar
- Interactive Screen Content

The Main Feature, as shown below, is an image slide show, a video play list, or a media timeline. The image slide show, video play list, or media timeline loops indefinitely unless a user clicks or taps the Interactive Button, which is displayed whenever a screen contains optional interactive content.

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When a screen contains interactive screen content, an Interactive Button is displayed in the lower right corner of the screen. The user can click or tap the button to display the Selection Bar, as shown in the following image. The user can click the **Next** or **Back** buttons to browse through the available screen content.



Tapping or clicking a screen content thumbnail displays the screen content item as shown in the following figure. The **Close** button closes the Selection Bar and resumes the Main Feature.



## Login

To access the Vodigi Administrator, you must first log in. You should be given credentials to log into the application by your system administrator.

**NOTE:** A default user and default account are added on installation. Typically, the system administrator will remove the default user and rename or remove the default account. However, if this is the first time someone is logging into the system, you can use the following credentials.

**Username:** defaultuser **Password:** defaultpassword

#### System Login

Please enter your username and password to access this site.

Note: This site is best viewed with Microsoft Internet Explorer 9 or later.



Once you have logged in, you can get started managing the digital signage assets for your account. A tutorial to help you get started is provided at the end of this document.

## Important:

When you log into the Vodigi Administrator for the first time, be sure to update the Media URL used by the players to obtain media. To do this:

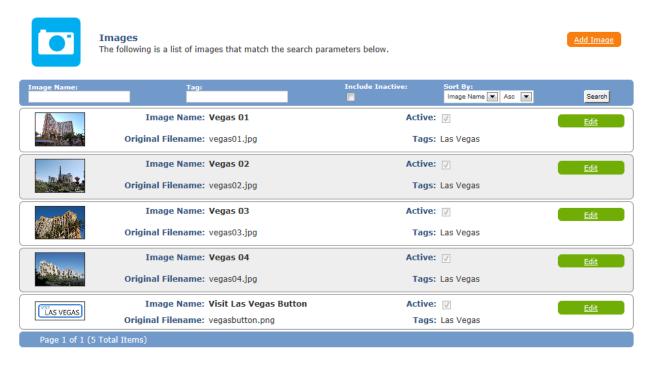
- Select Players | Manage Default Player Settings from the Vodigi Administrator menu.
- Click the **Edit** link for the **MediaSourceURL** setting.
- Change the setting's value <a href="http://yourwebserverIP/osVodigiWeb/Media/">http://yourwebserverIP/osVodigiWeb/Media/</a>. Replace yourwebserverIP with the IP address of your web server.
- Save your changes.

## **Images**

Images are used for several purposes in the Vodigi system. They are used for:

- Slide Shows
- Timelines
- Image Screen Content
- Screen Content Thumbnails
- Interactive Buttons

Images in Vodigi consist of the actual image file and the metadata that describes the image. To manage your images, select **Media | View Images** in the main menu. The Images list will be displayed as shown in the following figure.



By default, all active images are displayed. You can use the filters at the top of the Images list to help you locate the images you are looking for. Hovering the cursor over an image allows you to preview the image.



Since images can be used in many ways, and the same image can be used multiple times in various ways, you cannot delete images. If you don't want an image to show up in the Images list by default, you can uncheck the image's Active flag. This will also prevent the image from showing up in most image lists.

### **Add Image**

The **Add Image** link located above the Images list allows you to upload an image file and create the metadata for the image in one step.



#### Add Image

Please enter the appropriate information to upload and add a new image. Please be patient. It may take several minutes to upload large files. Uploads are limited to 200 MB per file.



Select the file to upload and enter an image name. You can optionally enter tag data that will make it easier for you to locate the image.

Only JPG, PNG, and GIF image file formats are supported. Uploads are limited to 200 MB.

## **Edit Image**

To edit an image, click the appropriate **Edit** link from the Images list. You will be able to edit the metadata for the image. You cannot change the image file.

#### **Slide Shows**

A slide show is a group of images that can be displayed as the main feature of a digital signage screen or as screen content. A slide show consists of a list of images and the metadata that describes the behavior of the slide show.

In addition to images, you have the option of adding music to your slide shows. Any music you add to your slide show will be looped indefinitely while the slide show is displayed.

To manage your slide shows, select **Slide Shows | View Slide Shows** in the main menu. The Slide Shows list will be displayed as shown in the following figure.



By default, all active slide shows are displayed. You can use the filters at the top of the Slide Shows list to help you locate the slide shows you are looking for.

Since slide shows can be used in several ways, and the same slide show can be used multiple times in various ways, you cannot delete slide shows. If you don't want a slide show to show up in the Slide Shows list by default, you can uncheck the slide show's Active flag. This will also prevent the slide show from showing up in most slide show lists.

There are several transition types for slide shows:

- **Fade:** The current image fades out revealing the next image.
- Drop From Top: The new image is dropped from the top of the screen over the current image.
- **Slide From Right:** The new image slides from the right over the current image.
- **Pan Zoom:** The current image fades out revealing the next image while both images pan and zoom.
- Zoom In: The current image zooms out of the center of the screen over the current image.

Each slide show can be assigned only one transition type.

#### Add Slide Show

The **Add Slide Show** link located above the Slide Shows list allows you to create a new slide show.

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#### Add Slide Show

Please enter the appropriate information to add a new slide show.

Add Slide Show					
Slide Show Name: *		Ĺ			
Tags:					
Interval in Seconds: *		10			
Slide Transition: *		Fade			
Active:		<b>V</b>			
Available Music A New World Track The Launch Track	Add->	Slide Show Music Re	emove Move Up Move Down		
	Add-2				
Available Images Vegas 01 Vegas 02 Vegas 03 Vegas 04 Visit Las Vegas Button		Slide Show Images	Remove Move Up Move Down		
Control of the contro	Add->				
Sav	re <u>Ba</u>	ck to List			

Enter a name for the slide show, the interval between images, and select one or more images. Adding music to your slide show is optional.

## **Edit Slide Show**

To edit a slide show, click the appropriate **Edit** link from the Slide Shows list.

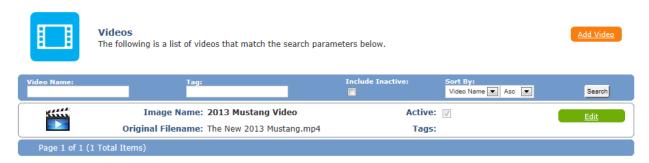
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### **Videos**

Videos are used for several purposes in the Vodigi system. They are used for:

- Video Play Lists
- Timelines
- Video Screen Content

Videos in Vodigi consist of the actual video file and the metadata that describes the video. To manage your videos, Select **Media | View Videos** in the main menu. The Videos list will be displayed as shown in the following figure.



By default, all active videos are displayed. You can use the filters at the top of the Videos list to help you locate the videos you are looking for. Hovering the cursor over a video allows you to preview the video (assuming your computer has the appropriate video codecs and your browser is HTML5 compliant). We suggest using Internet Explorer 9 or later.



Since videos can be used in several ways, and the same video can be used multiple times in various ways, you cannot delete videos. If you don't want a video to show up in the Videos list by default, you can uncheck the video's Active flag. This will also prevent the video from showing up in most video lists.

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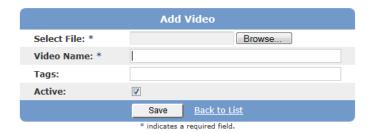
### **Add Video**

The **Add Video** link located above the Videos list allows you to upload a video file and create the metadata for the video in one step.



#### Add Video

Please enter the appropriate information to upload and add a new video. Please be patient. It may take several minutes to upload large files. Uploads are limited to 200 MB per file.



Select the file to upload and enter a video name. You can optionally enter tag data that will make it easier for you to locate the video.

Only WMV and MP4 file formats are supported. Uploads are limited to 200 MB.

#### **Edit Video**

To edit a video, click the appropriate **Edit** link from the Videos list. You will be able to edit the metadata for the video. You cannot change the video file.

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#### Music

Music is used with slide shows and timelines. Music in Vodigi consists of the actual music file and the metadata that describes the music. To manage your music, select **Media | View Music** in the main menu. The Music list will be displayed as shown in the following figure.



By default, all active music is displayed. You can use the filters at the top of the Music list to help you locate the music you are looking for.

Since the same music can be used multiple times in various ways, you cannot delete music. If you don't want a music file to show up in the Music list by default, you can uncheck the music file's Active flag. This will also prevent the music file from showing up in most music lists.

#### **Add Music**

The **Add Music** link located above the Music list allows you to upload a music file and create the metadata for the music in one step.



#### **Add Music File**

Please enter the appropriate information to upload and add a new music file. Please be patient. It may take several minutes to upload large files. Uploads are limited to 200 MB per file.



Select the file to upload and enter a music name. You can optionally enter tag data that will make it easier for you to locate the music file.

Only WMA and MP3 file formats are supported. Uploads are limited to 200 MB.

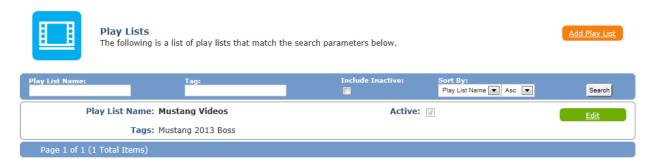
## **Edit Music**

To edit the metadata for a music file, click the appropriate **Edit** link from the Music list. You will be able to edit the metadata for the music. You cannot change the music file.

## **Video Play Lists**

A video play list is a group of videos that can be displayed as the main feature of a digital signage screen or as screen content. A video play list consists of a list of videos and the metadata that describes the play list.

To manage your play lists, select **Play Lists | View Play Lists** in the main menu. The Play Lists list will be displayed as shown in the following figure.



By default, all active play lists are displayed. You can use the filters at the top of the Play Lists list to help you locate the play lists you are looking for.

Since play lists can be used in several ways, and the same play list can be used multiple times in various ways, you cannot delete play lists. If you don't want a play list to show up in the Play Lists list by default, you can uncheck the play list's Active flag. This will also prevent the play list from showing up in most play list lists.

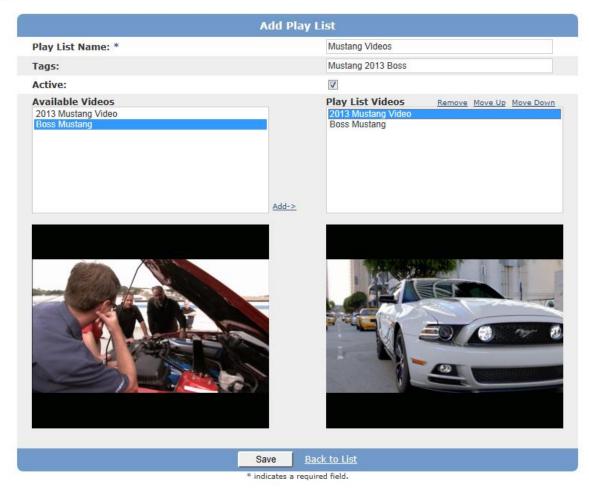
## **Add Play List**

The Add Play List link located above the Play Lists list allows you to create a new play list.



#### Add Play List

Please enter the appropriate information to add a new play list.



Enter a name for the play list and select one or more videos.

## **Edit Play List**

To edit a play list, click the appropriate **Edit** link from the Play Lists list.

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## **Timelines**

A timeline allows you to display a series of images and videos in sequential order. With a timeline, you also have the option of playing a series of music files while the videos and images are displayed.

To manage your timelines, select **Timelines | View Timelines** in the main menu. The Timelines list will be displayed as shown in the following figure.



By default, all active timelines are displayed. You can use the filters at the top of the Timelines list to help you locate the timelines you are looking for.

Since timelines can be used in several ways, and the same timeline can be used multiple times in various ways, you cannot delete timelines. If you don't want a timeline to show up in the Timelines list by default, you can uncheck the timeline's Active flag. This will also prevent the timeline from showing up in most timeline lists.

#### **Add Timeline**

The Add Timeline link located above the Timelines list allows you to create a new timeline.



#### **Add Timeline**

Please enter the appropriate information to add a new timeline.

Add Timeline							
Timeline Name: *							
Tags:							
Image Duration (secs): *	10						
Mute Music on Playback:	Check to mute music when videos play						
Active:	<b>▽</b>						
Available Images  Vegas 01  Available Videos  2013 Mustang Video  Preview  Add->	Timeline Media * Remove Move Up Move Down						
Available Music  A New World Track The Launch Track  Add->	Timeline Music Remove Move Up Move Down						
Save Bac	k to List						
* indicates a required field							

Enter a name for the timeline and optionally enter one or more tags to help with searches. Enter an image duration, which defines how long images are displayed. If you have both videos and music in your timeline, you can optionally choose to mute the music when your videos play.

Select the images and videos you want displayed and order as desired. Select the music you would like to play and order as desired. The images and videos will loop indefinitely. The music will loop indefinitely.

#### **Edit Timeline**

To edit a timeline, click the appropriate **Edit** link from the Timelines list.

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### **Screen Content**

Screen content defines the interactive portion of digital signage screens. Each interactive digital signage screen contains one or more screen content items. A screen content item consists of the content, a title for the content, and a thumbnail image representing the content.

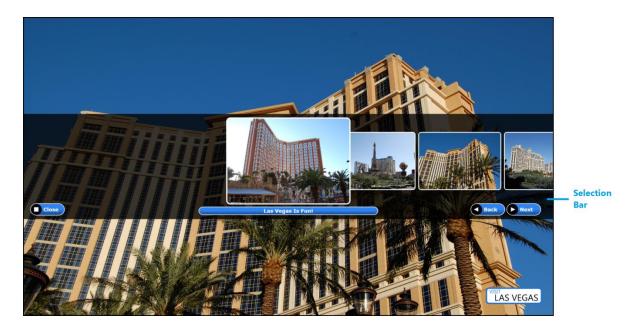
There are several types of screen content items you can create:

- Image
- Play List
- Slide Show
- Timeline
- Survey
- Video
- Web Site

Users access screen content by selecting the Interactive Button on the main screen, as shown in the figure below.



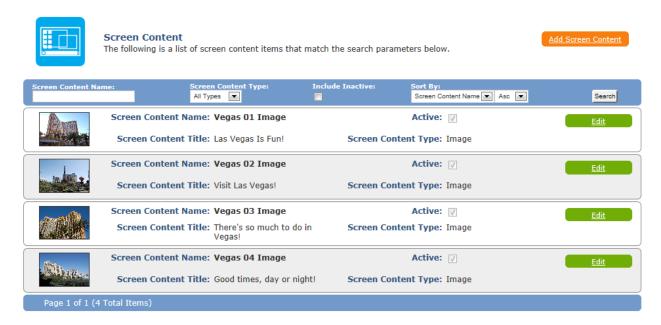
When the user selects the Interactive button, a Selection Bar containing all the screen content items associated with the current screen is displayed as shown in the following figure. Each screen content item is represented by a thumbnail image and a title. The user selects the appropriate content from the selection bar by tapping or clicking the screen content's thumbnail.



Screen content items can be closed by selecting the **Close** button. Screen content items are also closed automatically either after a specific time period has elapsed or the content has completed, which is the case for videos, play lists, slide shows, and timelines.



To manage your screen content items, select **Screens | View Screen Content** in the main menu. The Screen Content list will be displayed as shown in the following figure.



By default, all active screen content items are displayed. You can use the filters at the top of the Screen Content list to help you locate the screen content items you are looking for.

Since screen content items can be added to multiple screens, you cannot delete a screen content item. If you don't want a screen content item to show up in the Screen Content list by default, you can uncheck the screen content item's Active flag.

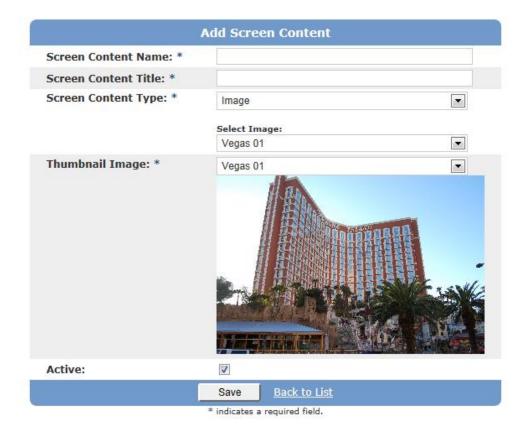
#### **Add Screen Content**

The **Add Screen Content** link located above the Screen Content list allows you to create a new screen content item.



#### **Add Screen Content**

Please enter the appropriate information to add a new screen content item.



Enter a name for the screen content item. This is the name that you will see when adding the screen content to digital signage screens.

Enter a title for the screen content item. The title is what the user will see in the selection bar in the Vodigi Player.

Select the **Screen Content Type**. Enter or select the appropriate data for the selected type. For example, if you select Image, then you will need to select an image.

Select a thumbnail image. This is the image that will be displayed in the selection bar in the Vodigi Player. The ideal size for the image is 300 x 210 pixels. All thumbnail images are automatically scaled to this size when displayed, so it is best to use appropriately sized images for thumbnails.

#### **Edit Screen Content**

To edit a screen content item, click the appropriate Edit link from the Screen Content list.

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### Screen

A screen is a collection of a main feature and screen content items that are displayed on a player device. A screen consists of the following key elements:

- **Main Feature:** A slide show, timeline, or video play list that runs in a loop when the screen is displayed
- **Interactive Button:** An optional button that the user can select to access interactive screen content.
- **Screen Content:** One or more optional screen content items. A screen content item can be an image, a slide show, a video, a play list, a timeline, a survey, a web site, and more.

When a screen is displayed, the main feature is played in a loop. The user can select the interactive button to access a list of screen content items.

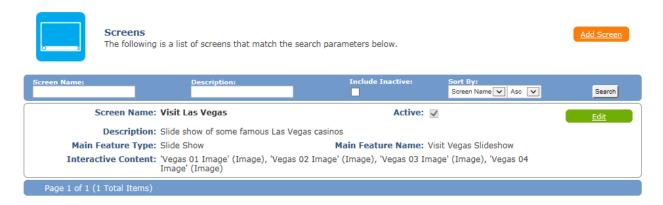


The screen content items associated with the screen are displayed in the Selection Bar as shown in the following figure.



When a screen content item is selected, the associated content is displayed. The user can close the screen content item manually, or it will close automatically after a period of inactivity.

To manage your screens, click **Screens | View Screens** in the main menu. The Screens list will be displayed as shown in the following figure.



By default, all active screens are displayed. You can use the filters at the top of the Screens list to help you locate the screens you are looking for.

**Note:** To have a screen display on a player device, you must add the screen to a Player Group schedule. See the **Manage Player Group Schedules** section of this document for more information.

You cannot delete screens since this would affect your ability to report on screen and screen content history. If you don't want a screen to show up in the Screens list by default, you can uncheck the screen's Active flag.

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#### **Add/Edit Screen**

The **Add Screen** link located above the Screens list allows you to create a new screen. To edit a screen, click the appropriate **Edit** link in the Screens list.

The Screen Wizard walks you through the steps required to create or edit a screen. The steps are:

- 1. Screen Information: defines the basic screen metadata
- 2. Main Feature: defines the Main Feature for the screen.
- 3. **Interactive Button:** if the screen is interactive, defines the image used as the Interactive Button on the Main Feature.
- 4. **Interactive Screen Content:** if the screen is interactive, defines the interactive screen content associated with this screen.

Before you add or edit a screen, be sure to create the slide show, play list, or timeline you want as the main feature and any interactive screen content that you want to include with this screen.

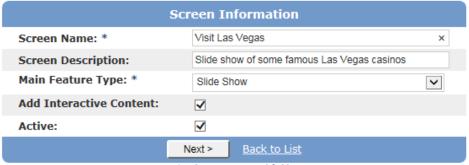
#### **Step 1: Screen Information**

Step 1 of the Screen Wizard is used to define the basic screen metadata. Enter the screen name, and optionally, a screen description. Select the media type of the main feature (slide show, play list, or timeline). If the screen will contain interactive content, check the Add Interactive Content checkbox. Click **Next** to proceed.



Screen Wizard - Step 1: Screen Information

Please enter the appropriate information for this screen.



indicates a required field.

### Step 2: Main Feature

Step 2 of the Screen Wizard allows you to select the screen's Main Feature. The main feature is looped infinitely throughout the screen's scheduled duration. The Main Feature is a slide show, a play list, or a timeline, as defined in Step 1. Make your selection and choose **Next** or **Finish**.

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#### Screen Wizard - Step 2: Main Feature

Please select the appropriate media to display as the main feature for this screen.



\* indicates a required field.

#### **Step 3: Interactive Button**

Step 3 of the Screen Wizard is only displayed if the Add Interactive Content checkbox is checked in Step 1. In this step, the image used as the Interactive Button on the Main Feature is selected. Click **Next** to continue.



#### Screen Wizard - Step 3: Interactive Button

Please select an image to use as the interactive button on the Main Feature.



\* indicates a required field.

#### **Step 4: Interactive Screen Content**

Step 4 of the Screen Wizard is only displayed if the Add Interactive Content checkbox is checked in Step 1. In this step, you will need to select the interactive screen content you want to associate with this screen. To add screen content to the screen, select the appropriate screen content item from the list on the left and click **Add**. Add one or more screen content items. Click **Finish** once all screen content items have been selected.

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#### Screen Wizard - Step 4: Interactive Screen Content

Please select the interactive screen content for this screen.



\* indicates a required field.

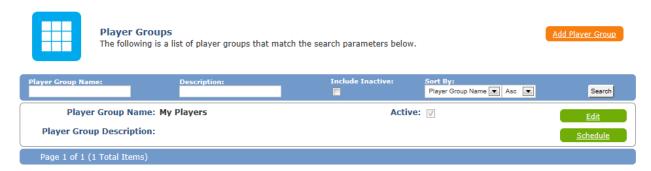
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## **Player Groups**

A player group is a convenient way to group players. All players that should be displaying the same content using the same schedule should be placed in a player group. Screen schedules, which control which content is displayed throughout the day and week, are associated with player groups. That way, the schedule is applied to all the players in that player group.

**Note:** Putting players in the same player group does not mean that content playback will be synchronized across players. Each player in the group will be using the same schedule, but play back is not synchronized across players.

To manage your player groups, click **Players | View Player Groups** in the main menu. The Player Groups list will be displayed as shown in the following figure.



By default, all active player groups are displayed. You can use the filters at the top of the Player Groups list to help you locate the player groups you are looking for.

You cannot delete player groups since this would affect your ability to report on screen and screen content history. If you don't want a player group to show up in the Player Groups list by default, you can uncheck the player group's Active flag.

## **Add Player Group**

The Add Player Group link located above the Player Groups list allows you to create a new player group.



#### **Add Player Group**

Please enter the appropriate information to add a new player group.



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Enter a player group name to create a new player group. You will associate a player group with a player when creating or editing the player.

## **Edit Player Group**

To edit a player group, click the appropriate **Edit** link from the Player Groups list.

## **Manage Player Group Schedules**

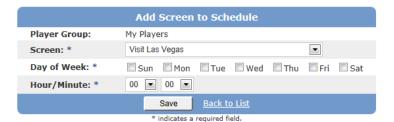
The player group schedule defines the day and times that specific screens will be displayed on the players in that group.

To manage the schedule for a player group, click the appropriate **Schedule** link from the Player Groups list. The Edit Player Group Schedule screen will be displayed as shown in the figure below.



#### Manage Player Group Schedule

Please update the appropriate information below. When adding new screens to the schedule, any existing screens at the specified day and time will be overwritten.



Current Player Group Schedule



To add a screen to the schedule, select the screen from the **Screen** list. Select one or more days of the week and the **Hour** and **Minute** the screen should start. The hour and minute are defined using a 24 hour clock where 7:00 AM is 0700 and 7:00 PM is 1900.

When you click **Save**, the screen will be displayed at the appropriate day/time slot on the schedule.

To delete a screen from the schedule, click the appropriate **Delete** link.

**Note:** For Version 5.5 and later, players download their schedule when the player application starts and every 15 minutes. If you change the schedule for a player group, the players should download the new schedule and associated content within 15 minutes assuming the player can connect to your web server.

For versions prior to Version 5.5, players download their schedule when the player application starts and at midnight.

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## **Players**

A player in the Vodigi Administrator represents a specific player device. A player device is a Windows PC that downloads and plays digital signage content.

To create a player to represent a player device, select Players | View Players in the main menu. The Players list will be displayed as shown in the following figure.



By default, all active players are displayed. You can use the filters at the top of the Players list to help you locate the players you are looking for.

You cannot delete players since this would affect your ability to report on screen and screen content history. If you don't want a player to show up in the Players list by default, you can uncheck the player's Active flag.

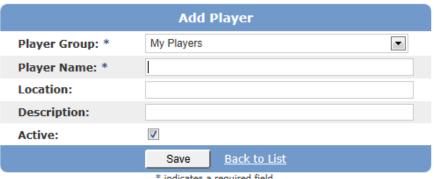
## **Add Player**

The **Add Player** link located above the Players list allows you to create a new player.



#### Add Player

Please enter the appropriate information to add a new player.



\* indicates a required field.

Select the player group this player will belong to. Enter a player name. You can use the Location and Description fields to store information such as where the player device is located and the model of the player device.

Vodigi 34 JMC Publications, LLC. The screen schedule for a player is controlled through the player group to which the player belongs. See the **Player Groups** section of this document for more information about managing screen schedules for players and player groups.

## **Edit Player**

To edit a player, click the appropriate **Edit** link from the Players list.

## **Configure Player**

To configure the settings for a player, click the appropriate **Configure** link from the Players list. The player's settings are initialized using the default player settings for the account as described in the next section of this document.

## **Default Player Settings**

**Default Player Settings** 

You have the ability to define the default player settings applied to new players in the current account.

To manage the default player settings, select **Players | Manage Default Player Settings** in the main menu. The Default Player Settings list will be displayed as shown in the following figure.



The Description explains how the setting affects the player. The Type defines the data type that is expected.

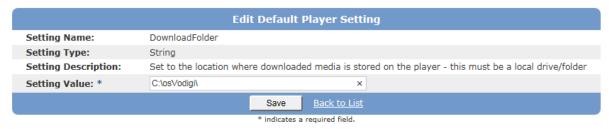
## **Edit Default Player Setting**

To edit the default value for a player setting, click the appropriate Edit link from the Default Player Settings list. The Edit Default Player Setting screen will be displayed as shown in the following figure.



#### **Edit Default Player Setting**

Please update the appropriate information below.



## **Surveys**

A survey is a convenient way to capture information from your users. Surveys consist of one or more questions. You can use a survey as interactive screen content for any screen.

To create a survey, click **Surveys | View Surveys** in the main menu. The Surveys list will be displayed as shown in the following figure.



By default, all active surveys are displayed. You can use the filters at the top of the Surveys list to help you locate the surveys you are looking for.

**Note:** You cannot delete surveys since they can be used in multiple screens. Also, deleting a survey would affect your ability to report on the information captured from your users. If you don't want a survey to show up in the Surveys list by default, you can uncheck the survey's Active flag.

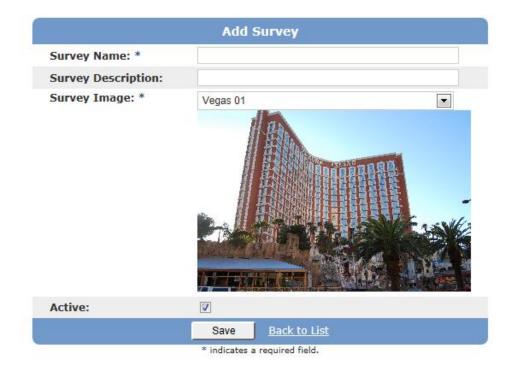
## **Add Survey**

The **Add Survey** link located above the Surveys list allows you to create a new survey.



### **Add Survey**

Please enter the appropriate information to add a new survey.



Enter a name for the survey and select a survey image. The survey image is displayed on the left side of the screen when the user completes the survey.

Once you have created the survey, the survey will be opened in Edit mode so you can add questions to the survey.

## **Edit Survey**

To edit a survey, click the appropriate **Edit** link from the Surveys list. From the Edit Survey screen, you can edit the survey metadata (Name, Description, Image) and add questions and question options to the survey.

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#### Edit Survey

Please update the appropriate information below.

		Edit Su	rvey		
	Survey Name: *	Vegas Casinos ar	nd Gambling		
	Description:				
	Survey Image: *	Vegas 01	Constitution of the consti		
	Active:	V			
		Save	Back to List		
		* indicates a rec	quired field.		
<b>Design Survey</b> Use this table to design your surve	ey.				
Vegas Casinos and Gambling				Add Question	

## **Add Question**

Click the **Add Question** link from the Edit Survey page to add a question to the survey.



### **Add Survey Question**

Please enter the appropriate information to add a new survey question.



Enter the question text and indicate whether the user should be able to select multiple options from the question options or only select a single option.

# **Add Question Option**

Once you add a question, you will need to add question options to the question. To add a question option, click the appropriate **Add Question Option** link.

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### **Add Survey Question Option**

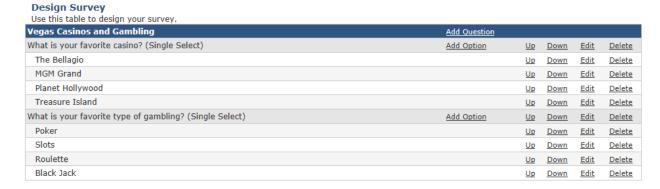
Please enter the appropriate information to add a new survey question option.

Add Survey Question Option							
Question Option Text: *							
	Save	Back to List					

Enter the text for the question option.

## **Design Survey**

As you add questions and question options, you will be able to view the overall layout of your survey from the Edit Survey screen. Use the **Move Up**, **Move Down**, **Edit**, and **Delete** links as needed when designing your survey.

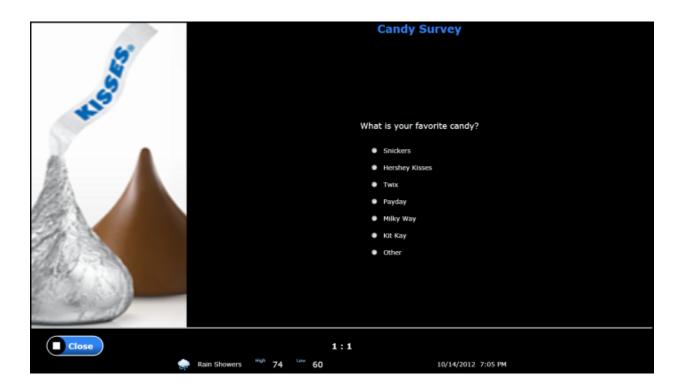


### **Approve Survey**

After you have designed your survey, you will need to approve the survey. The approval step is your last chance to review the survey. You <u>cannot</u> edit a survey once it is approved. This is necessary to lock down the survey so we can accurately report on the data captured for the survey.

Once you have approved a survey, it can be added to a screen content item, which can then be included in one or more screens. Surveys are displayed in the Vodigi Player as shown below.

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### **Users**

Users have access to the Vodigi Administrator application and are assigned to a single account. This means users can only work within the digital signage account to which they are assigned. To manage users, click **Users** in the administrator menu. The Users list will be displayed as shown in the following figure.

Only users with administrative rights are able to access the Users list.



By default, all active users are displayed. You can use the filters at the top of the Users list to help you locate the users you are looking for.

Users cannot be deleted. To deactivate a user, uncheck the user's Active flag.

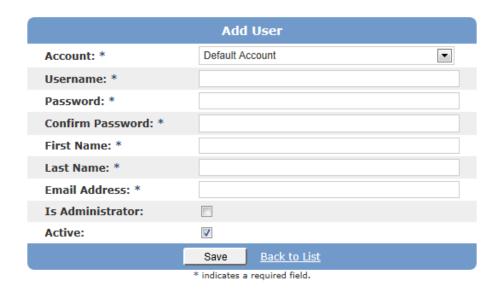
### **Add User**

The Add User link located above the Users list allows you to create a new user.



#### Add User

Please enter the appropriate information to add a new user.



Select the account this user will belong to, enter a unique username, enter and confirm the user's password, then enter the remaining user information.

### **Edit User**

To edit a user, click the appropriate **Edit** link from the Users list.

## **Change Password**

To change a user's password, click the appropriate **Change Password** link from the Users list.

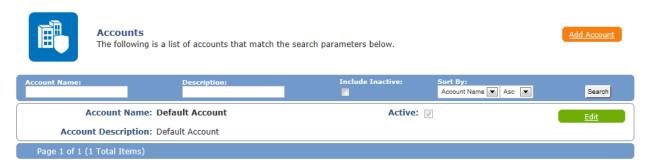
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### **Accounts**

An account is a convenient way to divide up your digital signage assets and users. Let's say for example, your company has two groups that use digital signage and they operate independently. In this case, you would set up an account for each group. That way, their digital signage assets remain separate and one group cannot access the assets from the other group.

To manage accounts, click **Accounts** in the administrator menu. The Accounts list will be displayed as shown in the following figure.

**Note:** Only users with administrative rights are able to access the Accounts list.



By default, all active accounts are displayed. You can use the filters at the top of the Accounts list to help you locate the accounts you are looking for.

Accounts cannot be deleted. To deactivate an account, uncheck the account's Active flag.

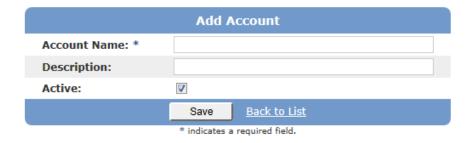
### **Add Account**

The Add Account link located above the Accounts list allows you to create a new account.



#### Add Account

Please enter the appropriate information to add a new account.



Enter the account name to create the account.

### **Edit Account**

To edit an account, click the appropriate **Edit** link from the Accounts list.

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## **System Messages**

System messages are displayed to users when they log into the Vodigi Administrator application.

To manage system messages, click Messages in the administrator menu. The System Messages list will be displayed as shown in the following figure.

**Note:** Only users with administrative rights are able to access the System Messages list.



By default, all active system messages are displayed. You can use the filters at the top of the System Messages list to help you locate the messages you are looking for.

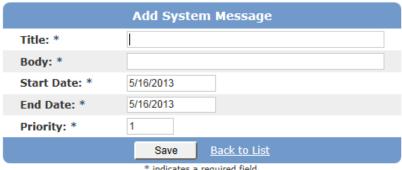
## **Add System Message**

The Add System Message link located above the System Messages list allows you to create a new system message.



#### Add System Message

Please enter the appropriate information to add a new system message.



indicates a required field.

Enter a title and body for the message and specify the date range the message should be displayed.

## **Edit System Message**

To edit a system message, click the appropriate **Edit** link from the System Messages list.

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### **Tutorial**

This tutorial will walk you through the creation and scheduling of a digital signage screen. The creation of a screen consists of the following steps:

- Make decisions on your screen
- Upload and create the media for your screen
- Create your play list or slide show for the screen's main feature
- Create your interactive screen content items
- Create your screen
- Create your player group
- Create your players
- Define the screen schedule for your player group

We'll walk through each of the steps.

### Make Decisions on Your Screen

The first step is the most important step and has very little to do with our software. In this step you need to decide what you want your screen to do.

- What will be my main feature?
  - o Slide show?
  - o Video Play list?
  - o Media Timeline?
- What media content do I need for my main feature?
  - o Do I have it?
  - o Where can I get it?
- Do I want my screen to have interactive content?
  - O What type of interactive content do I want?
  - o Do I have the media?
  - o Do I have thumbnails for the media?
- Which players do I want to display this screen on?
- When do I want this screen to display?

A little planning up front makes the remaining steps quite easy.

#### The Demo Screen

So now, let's plan the demo. Our demo will consist of a screen with a slide show as the Main Feature. The slide show will contain four images that will loop 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Our demo will also be interactive and will allow the user to view each image individually, as interactive screen content.

We want the screen to be displayed on 2 players, which we will add to one player group.

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That's it. Although this is a simple demo, it will demonstrate all the key elements of the Vodigi Administrator.

## **Upload and Create the Media for Your Screen**

To get started, you will need to upload and create the four images we need for the slide show we are using for the screen's Main Feature. We'll do this using the Images feature of the Vodigi Administrator.

- Select **Media | Add Image** in the main menu bar.
- Click the Add Image link above the Images list.
- Select your media file, then enter a name for your image (see below). We'll name the images Vegas 01 through Vegas 04.
- Click Save.
- Repeat for the other three images.
- Repeat for the image you'll use for the interactive button, which is displayed on interactive screens in the lower right-hand corner.



#### **Add Image**

Please enter the appropriate information to upload and add a new image. Please be patient. It may take several minutes to upload large files. Uploads are limited to 200 MB per file.



\* indicates a required field.

When you're done with your images, your Images list will look like the screen below.

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### Create Your Play List or Slide Show for the Screen's Main Feature

For our demo, we need to create a slide show containing the four images we want to use as our main feature. We'll do this using the Slide Shows feature of the Vodigi Administrator.

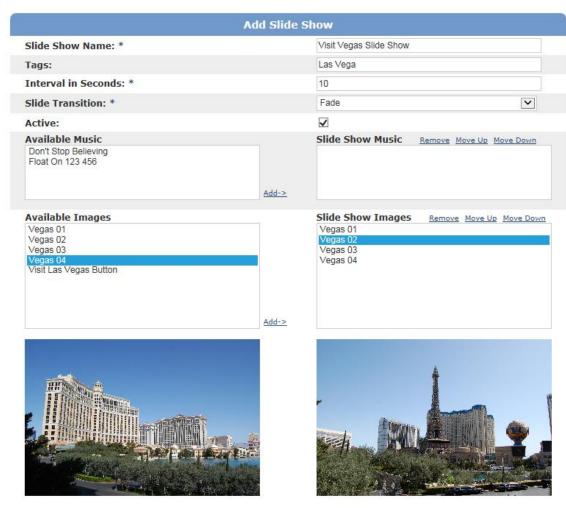
- Select **Slide Shows | Add Slide Show** in the main menu.
- Enter the slide show name.
- Enter a time interval, which is the number of seconds each image will be displayed.
- Select a slide transition. In this case, we'll use the Fade transition.
- Add the images for the slide show by selecting each image from the Available Images list, then
  clicking the Add link. You can use the Remove, Move Up, and Move Down links to adjust the
  Slide Show Images list.

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#### Add Slide Show

Please enter the appropriate information to add a new slide show.





- We aren't using any music in this demo, so we can leave that music list empty.
- Click Save.
- The slide show should appear in your Slide Shows list as shown below.

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### **Create Your Interactive Screen Content Items**

For our demo, we will need to create four interactive screen content items – one item for each image. This will allow the user to browse through the images and view each one independently from the slide show.

Since we are using the images from the slide show, there is no need to upload any additional media. However, in most situations, you will likely need to upload additional media to create your screen content items.

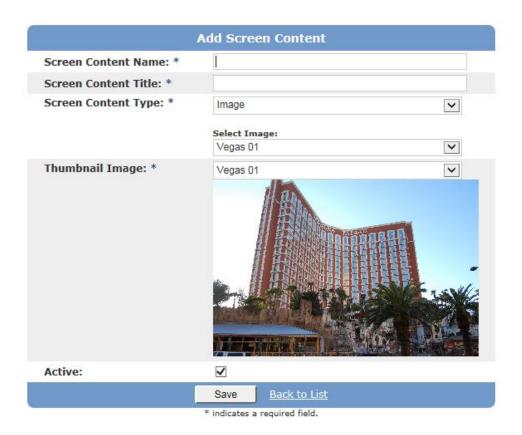
We'll create the screen content items using the Screen Content feature of the Vodigi Administrator.

- Select **Screens | Screen Content** link in the main menu.
- Enter a name for the screen content. This is how you will reference the content inside the Vodigi Administrator.
- Enter a title for the screen content.
- Select the screen content type. For this demo, this is **Image**.
- Select the image to use as the screen content.
- Select a thumbnail image. For this demo, the image content and the thumbnail are the same image.
- Click Save.
- Repeat for the other three screen content items.

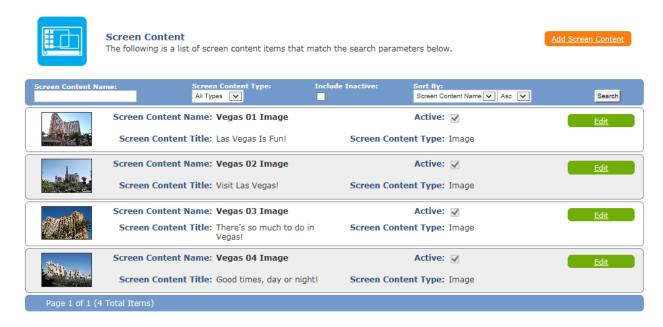


#### **Add Screen Content**

Please enter the appropriate information to add a new screen content item.



 When you're done with the screen content items, the Screen Content list will look the image below.



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### **Create Your Screen**

Now you have everything ready for your screen. It's time to create your screen.

- Select **Screens | Add Screen** in the main menu.
- The Screen Wizard will start.

### Step 1:

- Enter a name for your screen.
- Select 'Slide Show' as the Main Feature Type.
- Check the Add Interactive Content checkbox since this screen will have interactive content.
- Click Next.



#### Screen Wizard - Step 1: Screen Information

Please enter the appropriate information for this screen.



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### Step 2:

- Select the 'Visit Vegas Slide Show' slide show we created earlier. This will be the Main Feature for the screen.
- Click Next.



### Screen Wizard - Step 2: Main Feature

Please select the appropriate media to display as the main feature for this screen.



\* indicates a required field.

#### Step 3:

- Choose the 'Visit Las Vegas Button' image to use as the Button Image.
- Click Next.



#### Screen Wizard - Step 3: Interactive Button

Please select an image to use as the interactive button on the Main Feature.



\* indicates a required field.

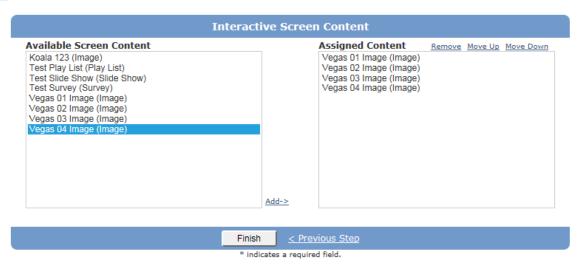
### Step 4:

- One by one, add the screen content items 'Vegas 01 Image' to 'Vegas 04 Image' by selecting the item from **Available Screen Content** and clicking the **Add** link.
- Use the Remove, Move Up, and Move Down links as needed to manage the Assigned Content list.
- Click Finish.



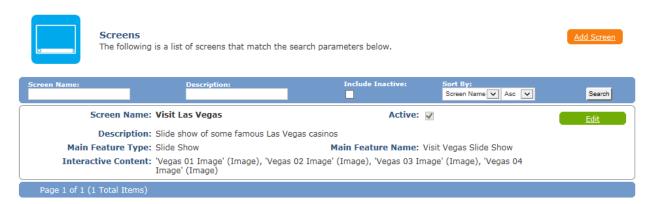
### Screen Wizard - Step 4: Interactive Screen Content

Please select the interactive screen content for this screen.



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When you're done with the screen, the Screens list will look the image below.



## **Create Your Player Group**

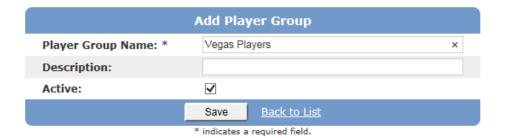
For our demo, we want a single player group. Player groups allow you to group similar players that will be running the same screen schedule.

- Select **Players | Add Player Group** in the main menu.
- Enter the Player Group Name.
- Click Save.



#### **Add Player Group**

Please enter the appropriate information to add a new player group.



• Once you've added the player group, your Player Groups list will look similar to the following image.

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## **Create Your Players**

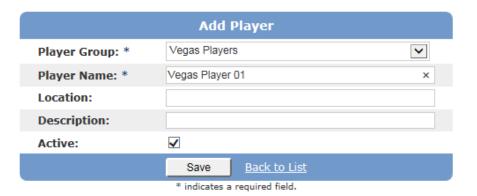
Now we need to create our players. Remember that creating a player in the Vodigi Administrator is actually simply creating a record, or identifier, for an actual physical player device running the Vodigi Player. You should create a player in the Vodigi Administrator for each player device. For our demo, we'll create two players in the 'Vegas Players' player group.

- Select Players | Add Player in the main menu.
- Select the 'Vegas Players' player group.
- Enter a name for the player.
- Click Save.
- Repeat for the next player.



#### **Add Player**

Please enter the appropriate information to add a new player.



After adding your players, the Players list will look like this.



## **Define the Screen Schedule for Your Player Group**

The last step is to schedule your screen. You do this by adding the screen to the schedule of the 'Vegas Players' player group.

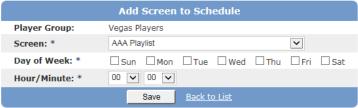
- Select **Players | View Player Groups** link in the main menu.
- Click the **Schedule** link for the 'Vegas Players' player group.
- Select the 'Visit Las Vegas' screen.
- Check every **Day of Week** since we want the same screen to play every day.
- Leave the Hour/Minute as 00 and 00 since we want the same screen to play all day.
- Click Save.

The scheduled screens will be displayed in the schedule at the bottom of the screen as shown below. You can create and add as many screens to the schedule as you want. The schedule is used by all players in the player group. Players refresh their schedules every 15 minutes and on startup.



#### Manage Player Group Schedule

Please update the appropriate information below. When adding new screens to the schedule, any existing screens at the specified day and time will be overwritten.



\* indicates a required field.

### **Current Player Group Schedule**

							Clear Schedule
Hour	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
00:00	Visit Las Vegas 00:00 <u>Delete</u>						
01:00							
02:00							
03:00							
04:00							

If you player devices are running and configured properly, the media will be downloaded and the new screen will be displayed.

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# **Helpful Links**

You can find additional documentation and other useful information at the links below.

Vodigi Site:

http://www.vodigi.com

CodePlex Project Site:

http://vodigi.codeplex.com/

SourceForge Project Site:

http://sourceforge.net/projects/vodigi/?source=directory

Vodigi YouTube Channel:

http://www.youtube.com/user/VodigiDigitalSignage?ob=0&feature=results\_main

Free Hosted Vodigi Site:

http://free.vodigi.com