

Device: JVC GY-HM660, GY-HM8x0 series and GY-HC900



Important Notice:

The JVC RCP Device Core will be available in final release January 1st 2020. A beta version will be available until end of August 2019. From September 2019 to December 2019, the JVC RCP Device Core will be unavailable for SKAARHOJ branded controllers (but it will work on Connected Cam Studio RCPs exclusively in this period).

Introduction

The Device Core "JVC RCP" is used for controlling the JVC GY-HM660, GY-HM8x0 series and GY-HC900 cameras and allows to control most parameters of the cameras through the official HTTP based API. The Device Core is still in beta.

Setting up Camera

In order to control the camera a USB/Ethernet adapter must be utilized from the USB2.0 HOST port on the camera, if no native port are on the camera. All communication between a SKAARHOJ interface and the camera is done via wired IP. This tutorial illustrates setup for a JVC GY-HM660U.

For the JVC GY-HC900 the ethernetport directly on the camera can be used.



A number of actions are required for a SKAARHOJ controller to communicate with the camera. Basically the IP address of the camera must match the IP address of the JVC Device Core on a SKAARHOJ controller. This is a example using IP 192.168.10.249.

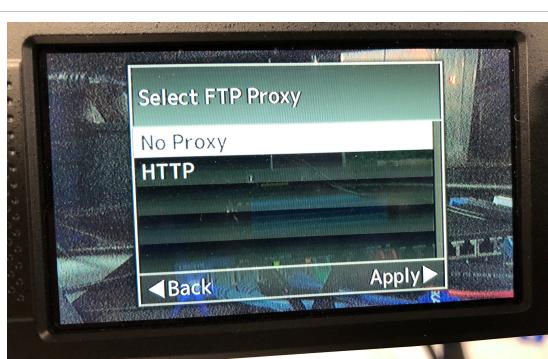
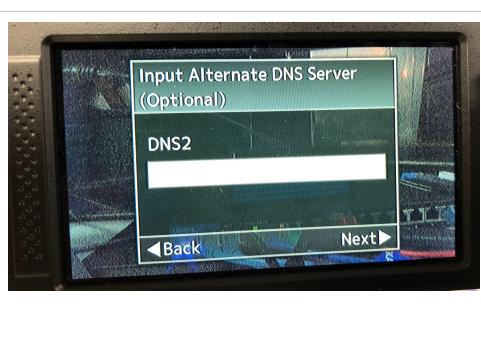
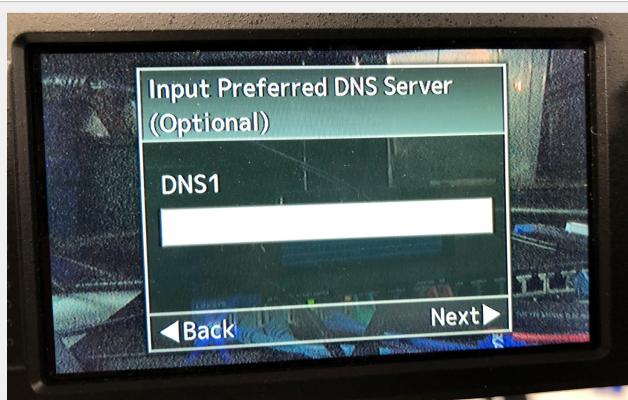
Set Static IP

Main Menu → System → Settings → Connection Setup...

You can use the Wizard to guide you to set the following addresses

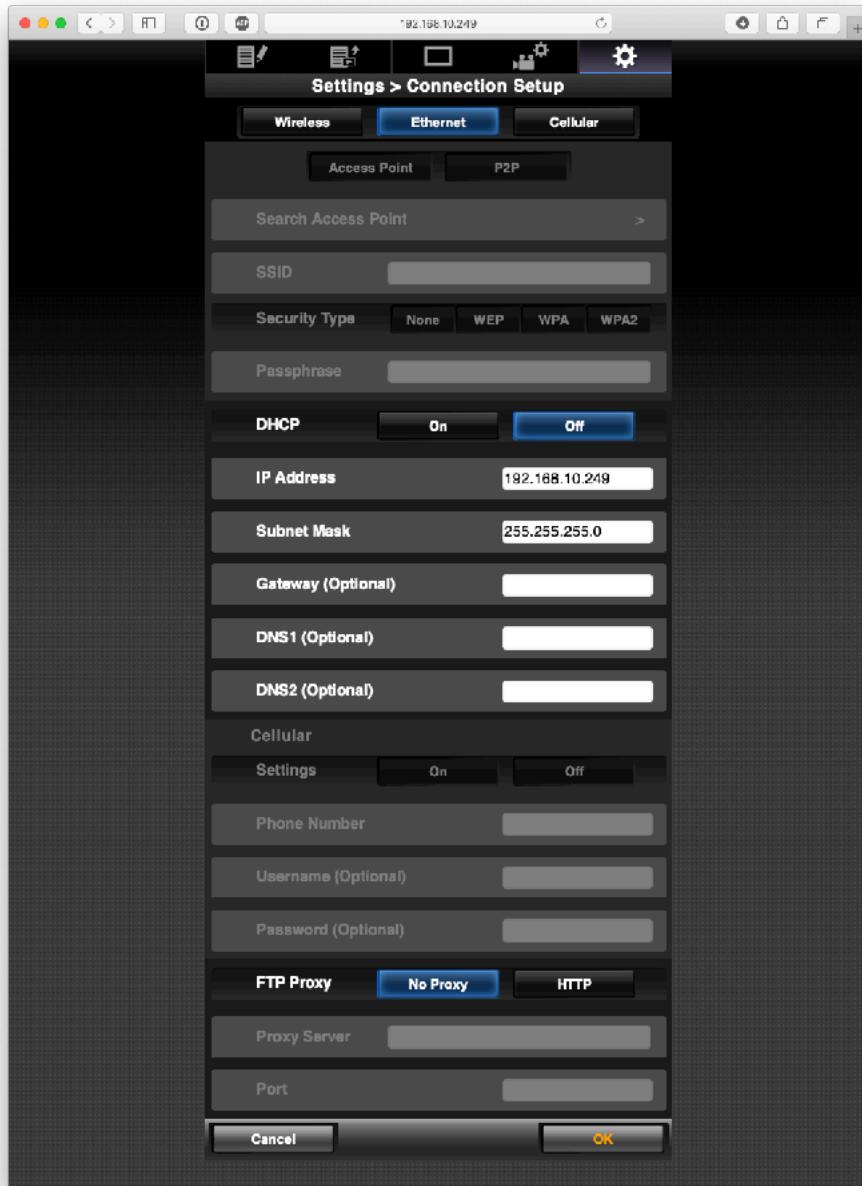
- DHCP: **OFF**
- IP ADDRESS: **192.168.10.249**
- SUBNET MASK: **255.255.255.0**





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The configuration can also be set on the web interface of the camera it self (if Web Access have been enabled)



Enable Web Access

Web access must be enabled on the camera with

Login Name: prohd

Password: skaarhoj

In order for our controllers to authenticate with the cameras.

JVC GY-HM660U Main Menu → System → Settings → Web...

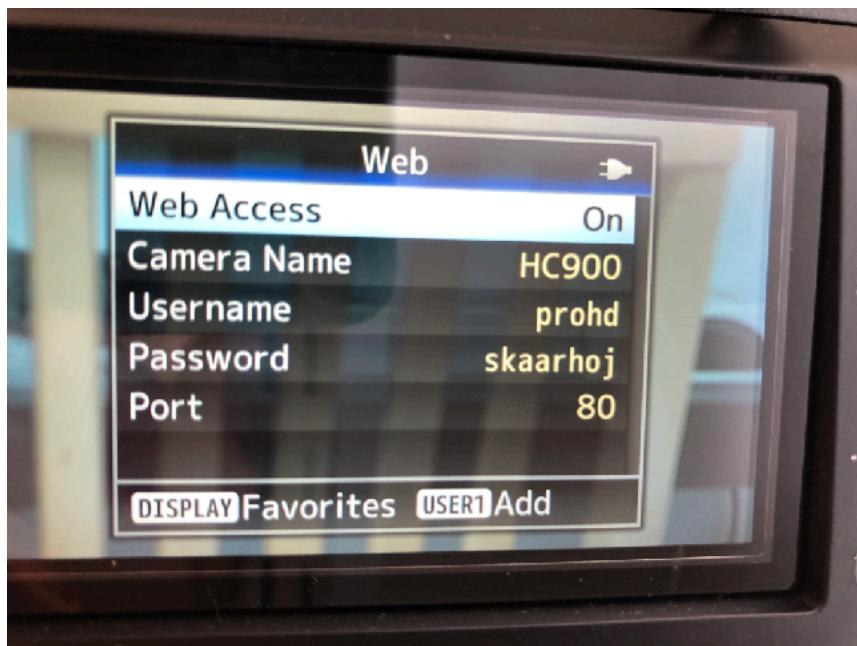
JVC GY-HC900 Main Menu → Network → Web...



Set Web Access to On



Set "Login Password" to: skaarhoj



Example on GY-HC900

As an alternative to the above default authentication username and password, custom username and password can be set via Devices Core Options. Please see the next section.

Device Configurations

Device configuration options exist:

- Index 0: **Username + Password**

- If "0" = Sets username
- If "1" = Sets password

Example:

Setting username + password could look like this device configuration code in the generic form:

D0:0="Username";D0:1="Password"

A example could be

D0:0="bryan";D0:1="1234567"

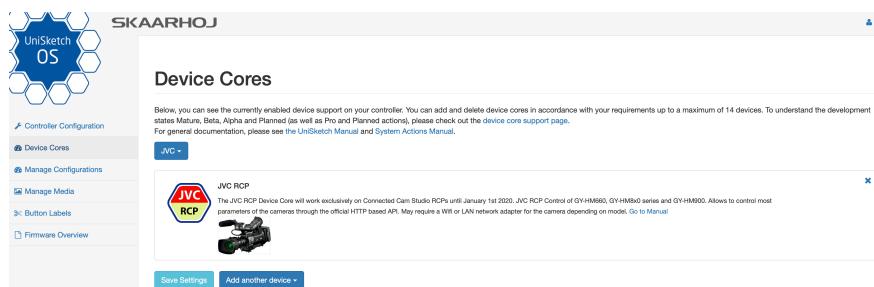
Where username is set to: bryan and password set to: 1234567

The general form of Device Core options are "Dx:y=z" where "x" is the number of the device core as installed on the controller (starting with zero for the first device core), "y" the index number and "z" the value for that index.

To confirm that a device configuration is in fact detected by the controller, please check it out on the serial monitor where it will be mentioned:



Example: If the JVC device core is the first like below:



Then setting the username + password would be set by this configuration under "Manage Media" on your configuration page for your controller on cores.skaarhoj.com

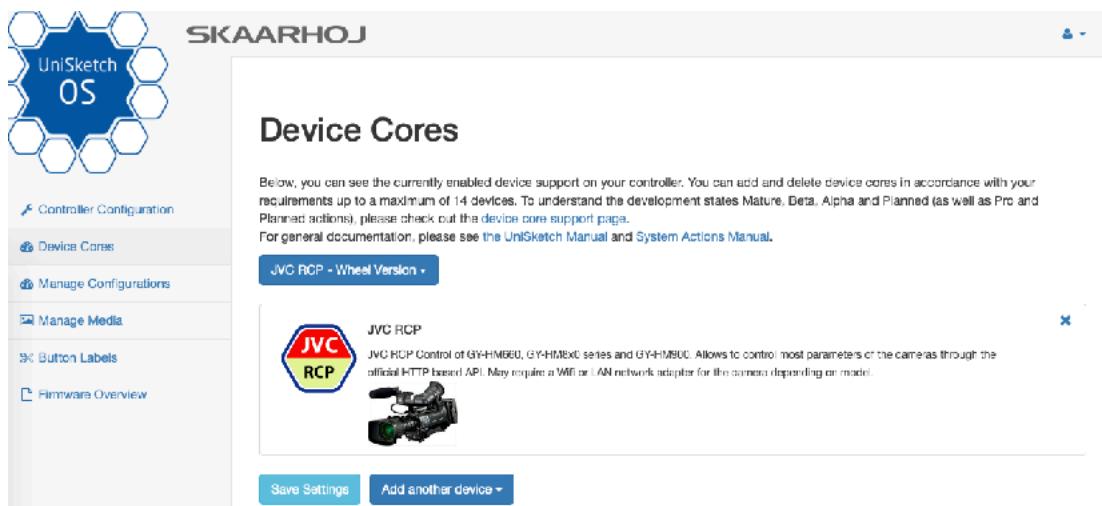
Device Core Options

Some device cores support additional options that can be defined through this text field. Please refer to the manual for the particular device core for details.

D0:0="bryan";D0:1="1234567"

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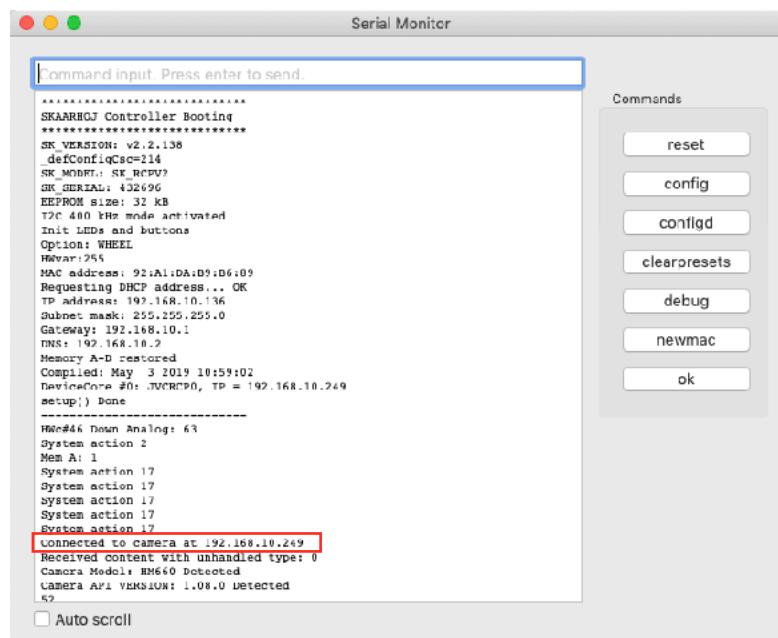
If you are not using a default configuration then the Device Core “Panasonic Cinema Cams” must be added to your controller



The Device Core *must* have the IP address matching, the one set on the camera it self (see “Setting up Camera” section).

The left screenshot shows the 'Devices Settings' page with the 'Controller IP Settings' section. It includes fields for IP (192.168.10.99), Subnet Mask (255.255.255.0), Gateway (192.168.10.1), and DNS (192.168.10.1). The right screenshot shows the 'IP Configuration' dialog box with the 'Use DHCP' checkbox unchecked, and the IP Address set to 192.168.10.99. The 'JVC RCP' field is also set to 192.168.10.249 with the 'Enabled' checkbox checked. A 'Save IP Settings' button is at the bottom right.

Connection to the camera can be confirmed from the Serial Monitor with the command: *Connected to camera at 192.168.10.249*



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This is a overview of the actions implemented in the Device Core

- JVC RCP: Zoom
- JVC RCP: Zoom (Binary)
- JVC RCP: Recording
- JVC RCP: Streaming
- JVC RCP: Full Auto
- JVC RCP: Master Black
- JVC RCP: Iris
- JVC RCP: Iris Push Auto
- JVC RCP: Iris Mode
- JVC RCP: Gain Mode
- JVC RCP: Ae Level
- JVC RCP: Shutter Speed
- JVC RCP: Shutter Mode
- JVC RCP: WB Mode
- JVC RCP: WB OnePush
- ✓ JVC RCP: WB Paint
- JVC RCP: Focus Mode
- JVC RCP: Focus OnePush
- JVC RCP: Focus
- JVC RCP: User Switch
- JVC RCP: Menu
- JVC RCP: Menu Navigation
- JVC RCP: Detail
- JVC RCP: Tally
- JVC RCP: Speed Limit

We have tested control of 3 x cameras simultaneously with succes. Control of 4 x cameras should also be possible (but not tested), but above that performance will most likely degrade and connection stability will become an issue.