

DE THEATER v3.0 QUICK START GUIDE

Server Edition + Display Client

Fast rule

Install the Server on the primary theater control computer. Install the Display Client only on additional display computers or mini-PCs controlled by the Server.

1. Download the Correct Files

| Need | Download | Install On |
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| Main control computer | DE_Theater_Server_v3_Setup.exe | Primary theater PC only |
| Additional display computer | DE_Theater_Display_Client_Setup.exe | Each mini-PC or display endpoint |
| Documentation | DE_Theater_v3_Documentation.zip | Save anywhere for printing/reference |

2. Server Setup

1. Install and open DE Theater Server Edition v3.0.
2. Start the 14-day trial or activate the purchased license.
3. Open Setup / Scan.
4. Set the movie library location, poster folder, and movie database location.
5. Run Fresh Scan for a new installation. Use Update Scan after adding movies later.
6. Open Browse & Play and confirm the movie catalog loads.
7. Click Start Display to confirm the Server display works.

3. Display Client Setup

1. Install DE Theater Display Client on each additional display computer or mini-PC.
2. Open the Client and enter the Server address, or use Auto Discover Server.
3. Enter a clear Client Name, such as Lobby Left, Concession Display, or Theater Entrance.
4. Click Step 1 - Connect / Register.
5. Approve the Client on the Server and assign it to a Zone and Target.
6. Return to the Client and click Step 2 - Start Display Service.
7. Click Open Display to show the full-screen display window.

4. What the Status Should Show

- Registered: YES after Server approval.
- Heartbeat: YES when the Client is communicating with the Server.
- Token: YES after successful authorization.
- Zone / Target: assigned after setup on the Server.

5. Common First-Time Mistakes

| Mistake | Why It Causes Trouble | Fix |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Installing Server on every display PC | Creates confusion and breaks the Server / Client design. | Use one Server. Use Clients on display PCs. |
| Client not approved | Client cannot receive commands correctly. | Approve and assign it on the Server. |
| Wrong Server address | Client cannot communicate. | Use the Server IP address and correct port. |
| Router blocks phone access | Phone cannot see wired Server PC. | Use Live Dashboard or adjust network settings. |
| PC goes to sleep | Display stops responding. | Disable sleep on Server and Client PCs. |

6. Recommended Startup Order

- Start the Server first.
- Confirm the movie database and poster library are available.
- Start Display Clients.
- Confirm Client heartbeat and assignment.
- Run display commands from the Server, Web Admin, or Live Dashboard.

For complete details, open [DE_Theater_v3_User_Guide.pdf](#) or [DE_Theater_v3_User_Guide.docx](#).