ZyPer

HDMI 2.0
IP VIDEO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

ZyPer Installation Best Practices
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System Description

The ZyPer series of products from ZeeVee provide a means for transmitting and receiving up to 4K audio-visual information across a standard 1 or 10Gb IP network with outstanding quality at very low latencies.

**A minimal system consists of:**

- Video Source (Up to 4K)
- ZyPer Encoder device
- CatX Cable or Fiber cables with SFP modules
- ZyPer Decoder device
- Display device

**A fully realized system consists of:**

- (N) Video Sources (HDMI 2.0 support with HDR)
- (N) ZyPer Encoder devices
- 1 or 10Gb Ethernet switching Infrastructure (> (N+M) ports of non-blocking capacity)
- (M) ZyPer Decoder devices
- (M) Display devices
- ZyPerMP control node
Management Platform

Installations will require a ZyPer Management Platform (ZMP). This device controls the operation and manages the connectivity between endpoints. The management platform is a hardened controller node that must reside on the same logical network as the ZyPer Encoders and Decoders. It runs a ZeeVee application as its sole function. The application presents an API to potential third party management platforms as well as hosting its own browser based management application.

The purpose of the Management Platform is to interface user operational requests into the specific device-level control needed to effect connectivity changes, screen management, interface management, and distribute software and control data to all the endpoints of the overall system. The ZMP is the entity that ensures all the endpoints, are accounted for, operating properly, and performing the correct operation at the correct time.

Further, the ZMP is the element that guarantees security, manages access to the overall system and prevents rogue listeners or observers from snooping or spoofing unwanted content.

Multiple ZMP devices may be deployed in a redundant configuration to provide for fault tolerant control of the greater ZyPer overall system.

Operation of the ZMP, the browser based management application, and the ZyPer-API are beyond the scope of this manual and are documented separately in far greater detail in the ZyPer Management Platform User Manual. Documentation can be downloaded from the ZeeVee website.

https://www.zeevee.com/documentation-all-products
Setting up ZyPer System in Multipoint Environment

A multipoint, or switched environment involves connecting many sources to many displays. ZyPer allows you a flexible and scalable amount of input-output options without limitations. For example, in a 24-port configuration, you can configure a 1x23, 6x18, or 4x20 (and so on) system. A network switch is needed in these many to many configurations. These environments also require configuration through the ZyPer management software.

To set up ZyPer in a multipoint environment, you have to:

• Connect the ZyPer Management Platform (ZMP) to the network switch
  • Determine the IP Address of the ZMP (See the Management Platform User Guide for details)

• Connect all Encoders and Decoders to the 1 or 10Gb network

• Connect a PC or Laptop to the network switch.
  • Make sure laptop is on same “network” as the ZMP

• Open a Chrome browser and point it to the IP Address of the ZMP. (This opens the ZyPer Management Platform GUI)

• Login to the ZMP using the default username and password. “admin” / “admin”

• All devices (encoders and decoders) will automatically appear in ZMP
Configuring the Encoders and Decoders

It is strongly recommended to use the ZMP browser based application to configure all of the ZyPer encoder and decoder units. It also advised that this configuration be completed prior to any 3rd party control system programming is carried out. Testing and verification of ZyPer system functionality is also recommended using the API commands on the ZMP first, prior to any 3rd party control system programming.

Configuration can include the following:

1. Setting IP address for the units. (DHCP or Static)
2. Providing “logical” names for the units.
3. Setting up Video Walls
4. Setting up Multiview configurations. (ZyPer4K only)
5. Configuring baud rate, stop bits, parity for RS232 communications
6. Selecting default of custom EDID for encoder units
7. Enabling or disabling the 1Gb Utility port (ZyPer4K only)
8. Updating units to latest available firmware
9. Setting decoder units to a desired resolution output
10. Creating Zones (Grouping decoders together)
11. Creating “Presets”
   11.1. Presets are groups or lists of commands to be executed on demand at a later time. Useful to return a system to a desired state
12. Creating additional user login credentials and roles.
13. Scheduling “Presets” to run at specific days/times in the calendar.

**Controlling the ZyPer System**

The ZyPer system can be controlled via the ZyPer Management Platform browser application. However experience has shown that most customers will use a 3rd party control system instead. The selected 3rd party control system must be able to pass commands to the ZMP API.

In order to accomplish this the integrator/programmer can issue commands from the 3rd party control system manually or make use of a driver/module to accomplish common tasks.

A module or driver is an interface between the primary controller (Crestron, RTI, Control4 etc..) and the ZeeVee Management Platform (ZMP). Think of the module or driver as a translator. It will translate commands from the primary control system into the appropriate commands that can be understood by the ZMP.

**Note:** Not all ZMP API commands are supported by the module/driver. (There are well over 100 individual commands and several hundred command options)

Our goal has been to support the most common and basic commands to allow routing of video from any source to any destination as well as some special features such as multiview and video walls.

ZeeVee has drivers/modules available for the following 3rd party control systems. Crestron, RTI, Q-Sys, Control4, Barco Overture, DTVGameControl. Additionally support is built into Utelogy and ISAAC.

Many customers have used control systems without the assistance of a driver. Examples include AMX, Extron and many custom proprietary systems.
Control System Configuration Tips

Basic Setup

Regardless of the Control System used to control the ZyPer equipment, it is a requirement that the ZyPer Management Platform (ZyPerMP) must be present.

1. The ZyPerMP IP address should be configured either via DHCP or given a static address.
2. The ZyPerMP IP address MUST be on the same network as the primary hardware controller. (Crestron 4-Series controller, Control4 EA1, EA3, EA5, DTVGameControl, iPad)
3. All ZyPer endpoints should be configured using either the ZyPer MP Graphical User Interface (GUI) or via the ZyPerMP API (Telnet).
   a. Assign all endpoints a logical name (Encoders and Decoders)
   b. Design/create any video walls and give them logical names
   c. Design/create any multiview displays and give them logical names (ZyPer4K only)

Module/Driver Setup

Every control system is different but will have some common features when it comes to basic setup and configuration.

1. The IP address of the ZyPerMP must be provided so that the primary controller can communicate with the ZyPerMP.
   • Where the IP address is provided will vary based on the control system. Below are some examples
     • Crestron – SIMPL Windows under IP_Address field for the ZeeVee_ZyPerMP_Processor logic module. See image below:
     • Control4 – Composer, System Design-Properties tab, IP Address field.
2. The names of endpoints must be provided. Similar to the IP_address detailed above.
3. The names of Multiview’s (ZyPer4K only) need to be provided.
   • Crestron – SIMPL Windows in the appropriate Multiview logic module.
   • Control4 – Create a “virtual” encoder and assign it appropriate multiview name and set the “Input Join Type” to multiview.
Important Note
When using the Crestron module, the default join mode is “Genlocked”. Be sure to change this to “Fast-Switched” if using the ZyPerUHD as the “Genlocked” mode is not supported on these products.

You can change the default by editing the ZeeVee_ZyPer4K_Decoder_v1.0.1.usp file if desired.

Video Walls
Video walls are configured differently depending on the control system.

- Crestron – Similar to IP address and multiview. SIMPL Windows in the appropriate Video Wall logic module.
- Control4 – Video Walls need to assigned to a special programmed command. For example, a Red Button press on the SR260 remote control. In Composer highlight the room, select Programming and Commands. Select the “Red Button”. Then in the Actions window select ZeeVee ZyPer, scroll down to Device Specific Command. Enter the Encoder and Video Wall Names. (See image below)
RS232

The Management Platform (ZMP) must first be linked to the specific endpoint to send RS232 information. This can be done with either the dataConnect or switch command.

Examples:
dataConnect Dec1 server rs232 tunnelPort 1234

switch Dec1 server rs232

Note: The feature of dataConnect was added to allow a third party to connect to the ZMP server with a specific port and pass raw or telnet API commands (depending on the mode) to the server and port which is designated for a particular encoder or decoder.

When using any control system; that system is actually talking to our MP and not to any specific endpoint.

When sending RS232 commands to an encoder or decoder via the MP you must follow very specific syntax.
The ZeeVee API command is: send <decoder_name> rs232 text

Here are examples on this. (Assume decoder name is Dec1)

Input command: send Dec1 rs232 hello
Received at Dec1: hello          (Note, no line feed or carriage return)

Input command: send Dec1 rs232 hello\n
Received at Dec1: hello          (with carriage return and line feed)

Input command: send Dec1 rs232 hello world
Received at Dec1: Nothing. You get an error. Bad syntax. You cannot have a space between hello and world.

Input command send Dec1 rs232 hello_world
Received at Dec1: hello_world     (Note, no line feed or carriage return)

Input command send Dec1 rs232 “hello world”
Received at Dec1: hello world     (Note, no line feed or carriage return)

Input command send Dec1 rs232 “hello world”\n
Received at Dec1: Nothing. You get an error. Bad syntax. Token \n is invalid.

You need to contain the line feed and carriage return symbols inside the quotes in this case.

Input command send Dec1 rs232 “hello world”\n
Received at Dec1: hello world     (with carriage return and line feed)

**Important Note**
When using Crestron as the control system, you need to append an extra \ symbol before the Carriage return symbol. Otherwise carriage return does not work.

Example using Crestron to turn on/off LG display.

LG TV
ON
send DecoderName rs232 \x6B\x61\x30\x31\x20\x30\x30\x30\x0D
OFF
send DecoderName rs232 \x6B\x61\x20\x30\x30\x31\x0D
Additional Documentation


ZyPer4K Network Requirements and Security Considerations - Contains details and important information to correctly configure a network for use with ZyPer endpoints.

Both documents are available on the ZeeVee website:

https://www.zeevee.com/documentation/
## Appendix

### Fast-Switched vs. Genlocked Mode

The ZyPer4K provides two uniquely different modes for joining video/audio between a source (encoder) and display (decoder). The chart below details the differences between these two modes.

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<th>Feature</th>
<th>Fast-Switched</th>
<th>Genlocked</th>
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<tr>
<td>Latency</td>
<td>1-frame of latency. (16-33ms depending on frame rate of source video.)</td>
<td>0 frames of latency. Less than 100μs</td>
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<td>Transition Appearance</td>
<td>Instantaneous if switching between sources at same resolution and frame rate</td>
<td>Visible blanking of display when switching between sources</td>
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<td>Scaling</td>
<td>Automatic scaling up or down to preferred resolution of the display (As determined by display EDID)</td>
<td>Source is not scaled. What comes in at source is presented to display exactly as input. (Note: Special Genlock-scaled mode is available)</td>
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<tr>
<td>HDR</td>
<td>HDR input is automatically reduced to 8-bits at output</td>
<td>HDR input is maintained exactly at output.</td>
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<td>Dolby / Encoded Audio</td>
<td>Dolby or other encoded audio formats are passed from encoder to decoder (Requires API Version 2.0 or newer)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Video Wall</td>
<td>Video walls are not supported in Fast-Switched mode (Join command for walls defaults to Genlock-scaled)</td>
<td>Video walls are technically always in Genlock-scaled mode</td>
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<td>Multiview</td>
<td>Multiview is supported in Fast-Switch mode</td>
<td>Multiview is not supported in Genlocked mode</td>
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<td>USB, IR, RS232</td>
<td>None of these items are associated with Fast-Switched or Genlocked mode</td>
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