

How to setup for Voice Tracking Merge

How to create a log for Voice Tracking before Traffic is finished creating their log.

Details

The voice tracking merge will allow you to create a log for a day without the commercials inserted to be used for voice tracking. This will allow you to voice track ahead in time without having to wait for the traffic log to be ready.

To do this you will need two copies of Log Tools available; one that will be used by programming and one by traffic. There will be two merges occurring for every day. The Programming Log Tools will merge and create a voice track log. The Traffic Log Tools will merge the traffic into this voice track log when the traffic is ready. This way the programming can create the log as soon as it is ready and is available for Voice Tracking days in advance before the traffic file is ready. You can Voice Track 6 days 23 hours ahead of time if you are using the standard iMediaTouch configurations.

The Programming Log Tools will create an .INT log that will be used for Voice Tracking. The Traffic Log Tools will then merge with this .INT file when it is ready.

Notes

1. When traffic is ready to merge the traffic log, ensure that nobody is voice tracking using that day's log. If the merge is performed while someone is voice tracking to the .INT file, the voice tracking changes after the merge has taken place will be lost.
2. When deciding which log to Voice Track with; always use the .IN file. If the .IN file is not available then use the .INT file.

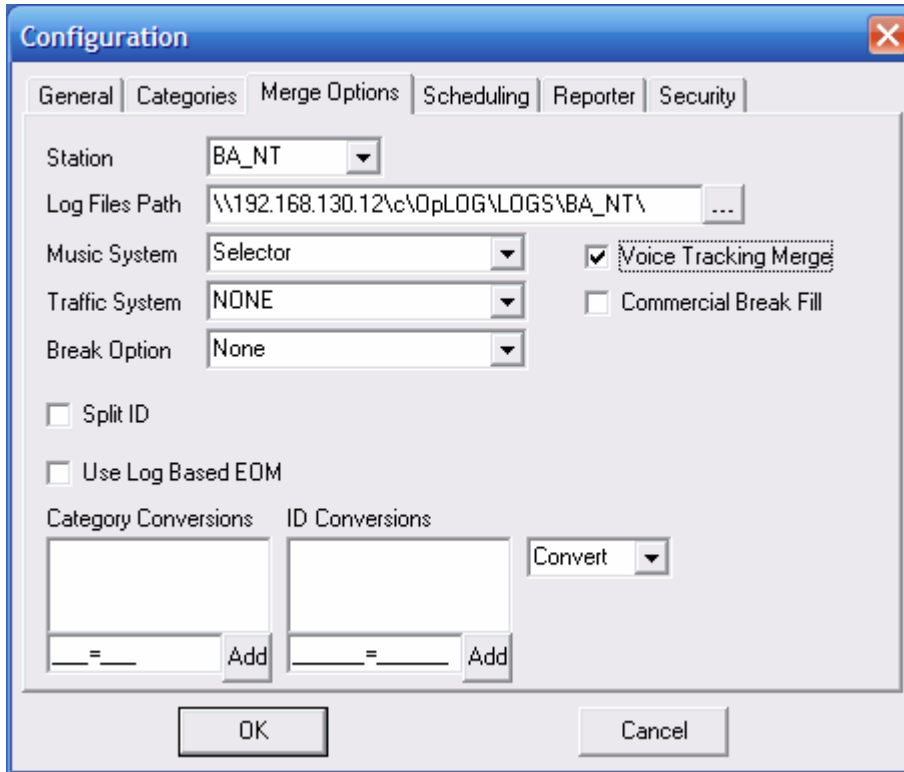
How to setup Log Tools Options

Programming Machine

From the Utilities Menu pick Options.

Click on the Merge Options tab at the top of the Configuration Window

Here is a sample of the configuration for the Programming side.



The screenshot shows the 'Configuration' dialog box with the 'Merge Options' tab selected. The 'Station' dropdown is set to 'BA_NT'. The 'Log Files Path' is '\\192.168.130.12\c\OpLOG\LOGS\BA_NT\'. The 'Music System' dropdown is 'Selector', and the 'Voice Tracking Merge' checkbox is checked. The 'Traffic System' dropdown is 'NONE', and the 'Commercial Break Fill' checkbox is unchecked. The 'Break Option' dropdown is 'None'. There are also checkboxes for 'Split ID' and 'Use Log Based EOM', both of which are unchecked. At the bottom, there are two empty boxes for 'Category Conversions' and 'ID Conversions', each with an 'Add' button, and a 'Convert' dropdown menu. 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons are at the bottom of the dialog.

Notes:

1. The Music System is set to the type of music scheduling that you are using.
2. The Traffic system is set to None.
3. There is a check mark in the Voice Tracking Merge box.

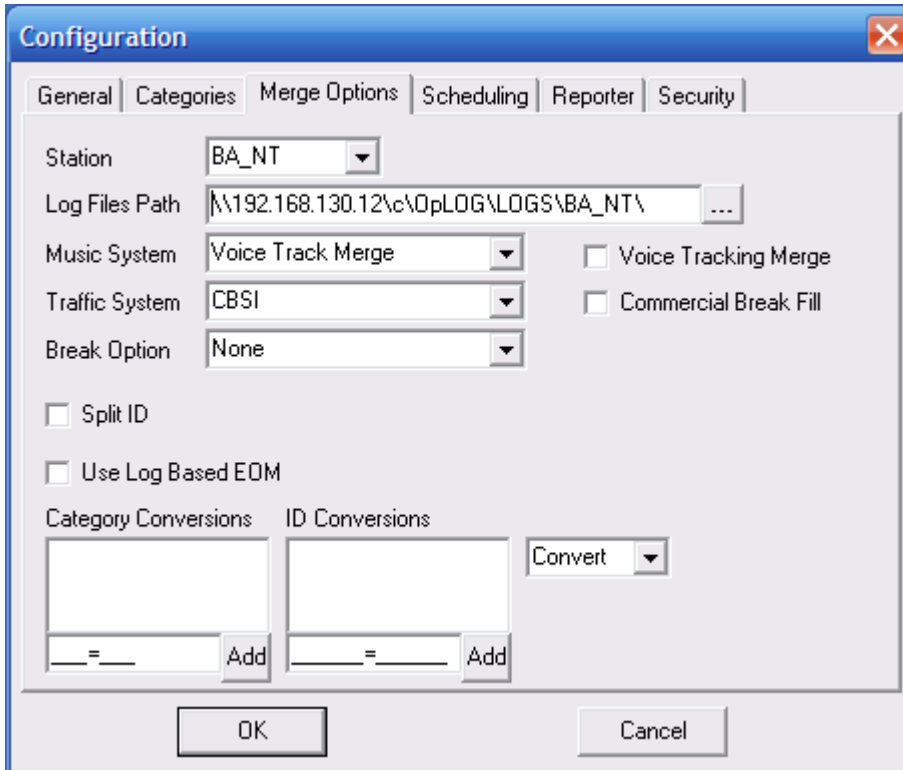
This configuration will create a log for the day that you are merging that will be used for Voice Tracking. This file will be called YYMMDD.INT.

Traffic Machine

From the Utilities Menu pick Options.

Click on the Merge Options tab at the top of the Configuration Window

Here is a sample of the configuration for the Traffic side.



The screenshot shows the 'Configuration' dialog box with the 'Merge Options' tab selected. The 'Station' dropdown is set to 'BA_NT'. The 'Log Files Path' is '\192.168.130.12\c\OpLOG\LOGS\BA_NT\'. The 'Music System' dropdown is 'Voice Track Merge', and the 'Voice Tracking Merge' checkbox is unchecked. The 'Traffic System' dropdown is 'CBSI', and the 'Commercial Break Fill' checkbox is unchecked. The 'Break Option' dropdown is 'None'. There are also checkboxes for 'Split ID' and 'Use Log Based EDM', both of which are unchecked. At the bottom, there are two empty boxes for 'Category Conversions' and 'ID Conversions', each with an 'Add' button. A 'Convert' dropdown is also present. The 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons are at the bottom.

Notes:

1. The music system is set to Voice Tracking Merge.
2. The Traffic System to the traffic system that you are using.
3. Notice the Voice Tracking Merge is **not** check marked.

The Merge performed on this machine will merge the .INT file with the traffic file. Please remember to make sure that nobody is voice tracking to that log at that time.

Advanced Users Setup Option

You can use one installation of Log Tools to perform this function. Here are the steps.

1. Create the setup for the Merging for either Traffic or Programming
2. Go to the Log Tools installation folder:
(C:\Program Files\iMediaTouch\LogTools)
3. There you will see a file called LOG_WXXX_FM.INI, replacing the WXXX_FM with your actual call letters. You can rename this to LOG_WXXX_PG.INI and make a copy to LOG_WXXX_TR.INI.
4. Go back to the merge options and setup the WXXX_PG for the programming settings and the WXXX_TR for the traffic settings.
5. When you merge use the pull down on the top right of the calendar and pick which type of merge to perform.