



POWER-TEMP

Template Editor for Power-Link

SOFTWARE INFORMATION GUIDE

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WELCOME TO A TEMPLATE MERGING FEATURE FOR POWER-LINK:

Power-Link has come up with a solution for the many needs surrounding the need to add extra events to the daily playlist. The Power-TEMP(late) feature now enables the user to create an unlimited number of templates to be merged into the daily schedules automatically or manually. The user can create as many templates as needed storing them along with a description line to better coordinate the intention and use of the template among employees.

When the Templates are merged with the commercial list from traffic, the events' placement is determined by the time value given for each event. The play-list can be viewed by time, cart number or title (see use of F3 key) but will be sorted by time when it is stored in a template file.

In our users guide we will walk you thru the building and employing the templates made.

BEGIN A SESSION TO BUILD / EDIT A TEMPLATE:

Start the Power-Template program by creating and using a desktop shortcut to pt.exe. It will begin by reading all of the configured stations in Power-Link, there for it **must be installed in the same folder** as Power-Link. To start a creation or editing of a template, simply choose the station that the template will be used by. The last screen used in the program will be restored upon re-starting the program. Events are created by usually creating an event then duplicating the created to the different places in the template that they may need the event.

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Air-Time	Cart	Spot/Song Title	Dur MM:SS	Mrk
00 00 00	1234	Example ID	0:10	
00 15 00		Break#	0:00	
00 30 00	99999	Bottom Of Hour Event	0:00	
01 00 00	1234	Example ID	0:10	
01 15 00		Break#	0:00	
01 30 00	99999	Bottom Of Hour Event	0:00	
02 00 00	1234	Example ID	0:10	
02 15 00		Break#	0:00	
02 30 00	99999	Bottom Of Hour Event	0:00	
03 00 00	1234	Example ID	0:10	
03 15 00		Break#	0:00	
03 30 00	99999	Bottom Of Hour Event	0:00	
04 00 00	1234	Example ID	0:10	
04 15 00		Break#	0:00	
04 30 00	99999	Bottom Of Hour Event	0:00	
05 00 00	1234	Example ID	0:10	
05 15 00		Break#	0:00	

```

Sort: Air Time
Marked: 0  Spacebar=Mark  Alt-C=Clear Mks  S=Swap  ALT-M=Mass Change
INS = Insert/Add Event  DEL = Delete Event  ALT-L = LOAD Template  ALT-S = SAVE
M = Move  F3 = Sort  J = Jump  Alt-A = Change Station  F10 = Util  ESC = QUIT

```

This is an example of what some of the most common used events for popular digital automation systems. Note: the presence of the Menu commands at the bottom. A Help Line is visible on the bottom line of this screen when applicable.

Start by pressing Ins or Enter to start building the first event. The user is then presented with an empty generic event, asking for a Cart Number, Time, Title and Duration.

```
Insert a New Event
Airtime -----: 00 00 00
Cart Number -----:
Description or Title ----:
Duration -----: 00:00
Miscellaneous -----:
Event Type -----: N
Category -----:
Ctrl-Enter to Save - ESC to Exit w/o Saving
```

Once an event is created, the fastest and most accurate way of building the list of events is to build a single hour.

If the user simply want to change the event that the cursor is currently on, they simply will hit enter twice and advance by using the "Modify" option. This would allow them to make changes to an event then either save the changes or discard them.

```
What Type of Edit?
Modify
Create New & Copy Current
New Blank
Press Enter to select / ESC to Abort
```

Using the option to "Create New & Copy Current" effectively means to duplicate the currently highlighted event but allow the user to specify another time, effectively creating another instance of that event elsewhere on the template. In the below example the 1234 ID will be duplicated and positioned at 06:00:00.

```
Copy to a New Event
Airtime -----: 06 00 00
Cart Number -----: 1234
Description or Title ----: Example ID
Duration -----: 00:10
Miscellaneous -----:
Event Type -----: N
Category -----:
Ctrl-Enter to Save - ESC to Exit w/o Saving
```

Selecting "New Blank" will then give the user the opportunity to build a new event starting from an empty event.

Power-Temp was designed so that an hour of programming might be built then duplicated to the other hours that it applies to.

To **duplicate an hour** of programming, simply select the events in the hour by marking them with the spacebar. Then press Alt-M to utilize the versatile "Mass changing" process.

```
 Create New Events with Changes or Just Change Events?
 Create New Events
 Just Do Changes
 Press Enter to Select / ESC to Abort
```

Upon pressing Alt-M this question is asking the user if they desire to Create New events (thus duplicating the events) or the mass changer just to change the highlighted events (used in the case that a correction is needed). In either case the mass changer brings up a blank event to change.

```
 Mass Change to New Events
 Airtime -----: 07
 Cart Number -----:
 Description or Title ----:
 Duration -----: 00:00
 Miscellaneous -----:
 Event Type -----: N
 Category -----:
 Ctrl-Enter to Save - ESC to Exit w/o Saving
```

In the above example the change of the hour to 07 will cause either a new event (keeping all other fields of information) to be created from each highlighted or if just change event was selected, each "marked" event would be changed to the 07 hour (keeping all other information for each event the same).

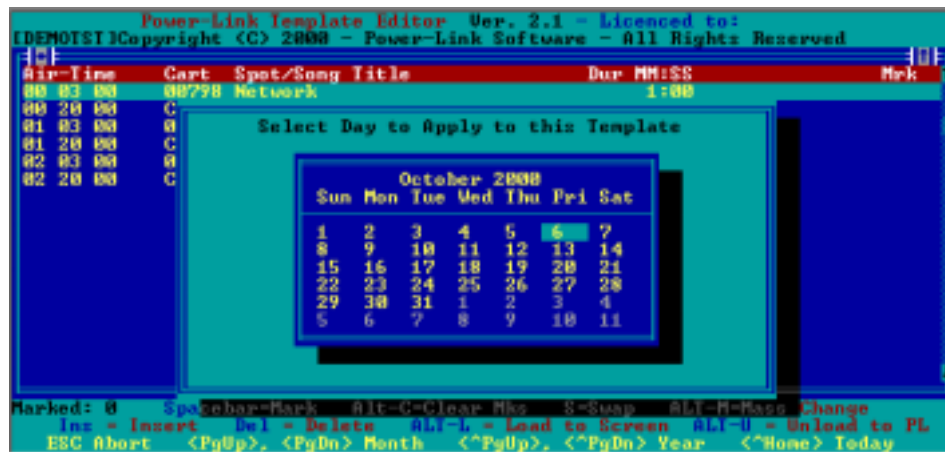
SAVING THE TEMPLATE TO POWER-LINK:

Once the template contains the desired event elements, the template is ready to be made available to Power-Link. Using Alt-S to SAVE the template will present the user with..

```
 SAVE to which Kind of Template?
 1 DAY Template (designated for use for 1 log date)
 REGULAR Template (auto or manually merged in PL)
 AUXILARY Template ("Fall-back" for 1-Day Templates)
 Press Enter to Select / ESC to Abort
```

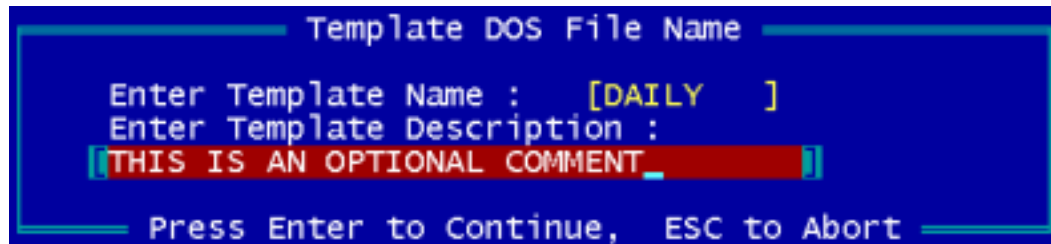
There are 3 types of Templates that can be saved:

1. Or a "1-DAY-Template" that is found to be handy for news talk stations with a separate promoting objective. Effectively this is a template that is made for use on one designated day. When Power-Link is downloading its program log from the Traffic System, it will automatically look to see if there is Template named for that day. If so it will merge the contents of the found template into the program log to be sent on to the audio playback system.



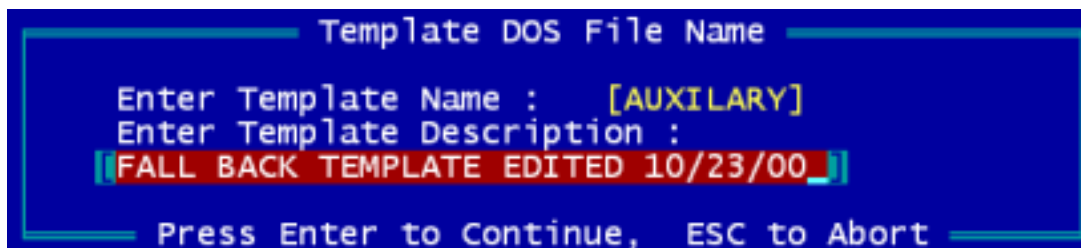
This is the calendar that is used to select the day to apply the 1 day template to.

2. **REGULAR** template, meaning a template that is used either manually or programmed in Power-Link to be used regularly. These templates can be assigned to used on a particular day of the week in Power-Link.



This is where the user applies a template file name and an optional comment about the template. Tech Note: This template would be named DAILY.plt and would be stored in the station's work subdirectory. It could then be merged into Power-Links' daily play lists. This template can also be imported back into Power-Temp for further revisions.

3. **AUXILIARY** Template is used in the event that a 1Day template is NOT Present. It will assure the person responsible for the template that a default one would be used in the event that a 1day template was not found for a particular day. Promotions departments found it beneficial to have a promo schedule assignment and editing system allowing them the ability to maintain their own schedules of events to have them merged from traffic at schedule time.



When the user opts to save an AUXILIARY template, they are prompted much the same as above, but the name of template is forced to "AUXILIARY"

GETTING A TEMPLATE INTO SCREEN (TO EDIT, PRINT OR RENAME):

Pressing Alt-L (for LOAD) will produce the following screen,

```
LOAD what Type of Template?
1 Day template (designated for use for 1 day only)
Regular template (auto or manually merged in Power-Link)
AUXILARY template ("fall-back" template for 1-Day Tmplts)
Press Enter to Select / ESC to Abort
```

If you Choose:

1. **1-Day** Template then the directory of available 1 day templates looks like:

```
F:...\PROJ\MRK2ENCO.12\DEMO\*.1DT
3100600 One Day template for 10/06/00
3092600 One Day template for 09/26/00
3092300 One Day template for 09/23/00
3092200 One Day template for 09/22/00
```

Prompting the user for the 1day template that they would like to load. NOTE: The 1-day Templates are subject to being "cleaned-up" (ie: deleted) by Power-Link! Power-Link has a Clean Up logs routine that is configured in the main configuration screen area of Power-Link. "Days to Keep Logs files" is usually set from 10 to 100 days to keep log files before they are automatically deleted. Meaning that if one is looking for a really old template and they don't, there is a chance it was deleted by Power-Link.

2. Regular Template selection will not only show the Template File Name (left column) but as well show the comments the user made on that template the last time that it was saved.

```
F:...\PROJ\MRK2ENCO.12\DEMO\*.PLT
RECON < SubDirectory >
DAILY THIS IS AN OPTIONAL COMMENT
.. < SubDirectory >
```

3. Pressing **AUXILARY** will automatically bring up the user's option to either merge the AUXILARY file to the current screen's contents or Start New File which will flush the current contents and fill the screen with just the events from the AUXILARY template.

TO BUILD AN AUXILARY TEMPLATE (TO BACK-UP THE ONE-DAY-TEMPLATES)

After the proper events are placed in a template, then the user should Save the template to a Regular type File. Give the "Template name of "AUXILARY", in the "Template Description", then user is free to place any information to describe the date or usage of the template.

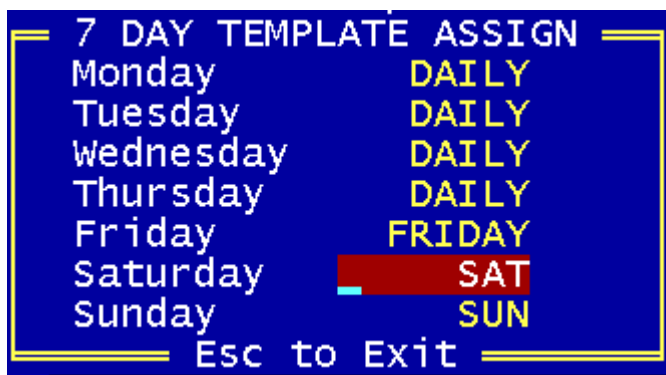
The rule in Power-Link is "that any template with the AUXILARY" are to be used as a secondary or "fallback" play list in the event that a ONE Day Template is NOT found for that log date. This is available to those personnel who want to be responsible for a daily portion of; Promotion, PSA or any

element of the final play list, and are willing to be attentive to it daily. Granted *one can create as many play list into the future as they desire*, so it's not like they have to visit the program daily.

This is a powerful tool in making sure that Promotions and material is up-to-date and fresh. But it is one that if a daily template IS NOT FOUND, then there needs to be a contingency generic play list (preferably one with a lot of rotating elements on it) to incorporate. This is a highly specialized application and much time can be saved while providing a maximum accountability and precision for your play list. It might be wise to contact Power-Link's tech support for an analysis and get our assistance in getting started. (there are a lot of ways to save time spent building these templates)

CONFIGURING AN "AUTO-MERGING" OF A TEMPLATE IN POWER-LINK:

Once the templates are created, they can then be assigned to automatically be merged to the daily transfers of logs. In the station configuration of Power-LINK, there is a section called "**Template Assign**", clicking on that button will bring the following dialogue.



To assist in filling up the configuration, the user can also from inside the edit field, press Ctrl-D and a directory tree will show all of the templates available for this station.

Assigning a template to a day in this grid will instruct Power-Link to automatically merge this template to the log for the selected day of the week. Any-One-Day Templates that are made for the log-date will also get merged in the log.