

MEGA TV GREECE INTEGRATE BLUEFISH444 INGESTORE INTO THEIR MCR FOR MULTI CHANNEL SDI INGEST AND EDIT WHILE RECORD WITH ADOBE PREMIERE

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MegaTV is the main TV Channel of Alter Ego Media, a major Greek media group involved in television, radio, publishing and online content creation. Nikolaos Tsimouris is the deputy CTO of Mega TV the biggest private TV station in Greece.

MegaTV required a parallel ingest system in their Master Control Room to add extra ingest channels and redundant recording of their MAM ingest channels. MegaTV had already owned two Bluefish444 Epoch I 4K Neutrons for 5 years that were used with Viz Libero in a broadcast graphics workflow.

Whilst visiting the Bluefish website, Nikolaos researched IngeSTore software that runs exclusively on KRONOS and Epoch video cards. IngeSTore was developed by Bluefish for multichannel ingest during production and archival workflows. Nikolas purchased the BlueCodecPack license for IngeSTore to run on MegaTV's two Epoch I 4K Neutron SDI cards.

"We connected IngeSTore recording channels with our MAM using specific drop folders, and shared those folders with Premiere editing suites to use the XDCAM growing files format written by IngeSTore software. IngeSTore edit while record integration with Adobe Premiere is smooth and stable." said Nikolaos.

MegaTV also purchased Bluefish's optional Scheduler web client to schedule via a calendar function future IngeSTore recordings. The Scheduler software runs remotely on a web browser and controls the recording times of both the IngeSTore systems.



MegaTV have so far used their two IngeStore systems for critical redundant recordings of the UEFA Champions League matches and many major news broadcasts.

“User friendliness of the UI and ability to preview live ingest channels while recording was phenomenal. Also, the addition of the scheduler software was an amazing extra. Definitely, the IngeStore systems are a stable and powerful solution that helped us stay calm during a crisis in the MCR after issues with other ingest systems” said Nikolaos

MegaTV plan to buy more Bluefish video cards and IngeStore licenses to add extra ingest channels. *“I have used Bluefish444 video cards for many years and I have always considered those cards as the best in the market for frame server uses but now I consider them a powerful ingest solution for MCR also”,* said Nikolaos.

