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QuickChange Scheduler

User manual for QuickChange Scheduler version 1.0.11



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Introduction

QuickChange PROject lets users create 'data-driven' graphic designs. Data held in standard formats such as RSS news feeds and Microsoft Excel Spreadsheets can be turned in to visually stimulating graphics quickly and easily.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	Classroom Name	9:00 to 10:00	10:00 to 11:00	11:00 to 12:15	Lunch Activities	12:30 to 1:00	1:00 to 2:00	2:00 to 3:00	After School Club		
2	Mr Oades' Class	French R1C1	German c2	Spanish c3	Swiss c4	Greek	Islam c5	Dutch c6	Rock Guitar c7		
3	Sam's Class	Accounting for Begi	Account for exper	I hate a courtes	Having Calie	coffee	Photoshop 101	photoshop 102	Going home		
4	Robert's Class	nature1	nature 2	Saving the world	Save Power save th	Tree Hugging 101	art for beginners	art for experts	swimming		
5	Luke's Class	maths1	maths2	maths3	maths4	maths5	maths6	maths7	maths8		
6	Jasmine's Class	fashion 1	fashion 2	fashion 3	Dress to impress	Fabrics of the future	fashion 5	fashion 6	fashion 7		



In many data driven applications users need designs to be created automatically **without** the need to open the QuickChange application itself and this is achieved using QuickChange scheduler.


Simply tell QuickChange scheduler which project to run and when. The project (or projects, as it can support more than one) will run as a background task on your computer creating new *data driven* artwork saved directly to your digital signage player; automatically picking up and using any changes to your data (database).

QuickChange Scheduler is a complete, fully functioning, version of the QuickChange PROject graphics engine and requires a separate license which is valid for the type of data source being used. It will not accept a QuickChange PROject registration key but all users of QuickChange PROject are entitled to one free *equivalent* Scheduler license (one that supports all the data plug-ins purchased for the QuickChange PROject application).

User Guide

Create your QuickChange project, including data driven links, as described in the QuickChange PROject Users guide (or the requisite QuickChange PROject data source Users guides).

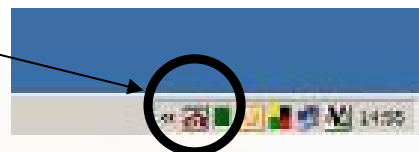
Install QuickChange Scheduler from your installation CD or by downloading it from www.sedao.co.uk.

If you have chosen to install a desktop link to QuickChange Scheduler click  on this.

Alternatively select the QuickChange Scheduler from the Sedao software group under the Windows programs menus.

On first running the application you will be asked to enter your purchased license key to enable the QuickChange Scheduler application.

Once licensed and running you will see the QuickChange icon in your system tray

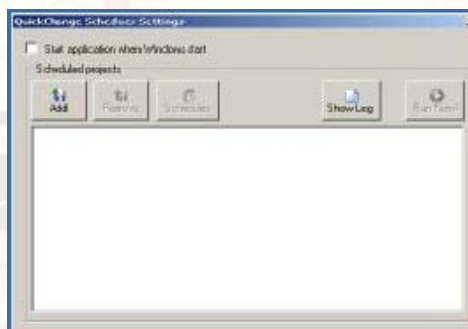


Using your right mouse button, click on this system tray icon and you will be presented with the following options

- Settings
- Log
- Product registration
- Exit

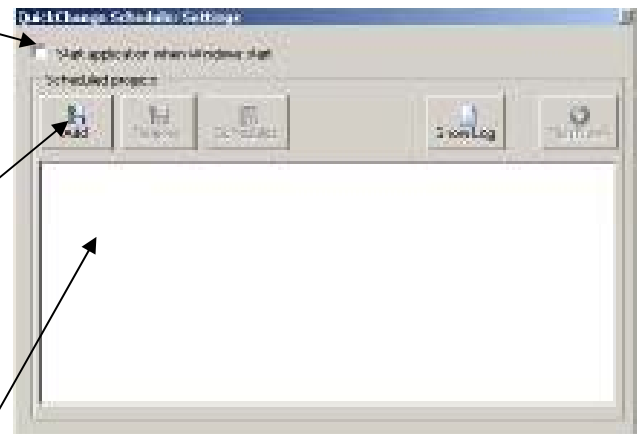
1) Settings

Clicking on settings starts the Scheduler application window which looks like this.



Start Application when Windows starts

It is normal for users to want QuickChange Scheduler to run continuously whenever the machine it is installed upon is turned on. Select this option and Scheduler will start automatically when the computer is restarted.



Add

To add a new QuickChange project click here and browse on your machine for the QuickChange project you want to use (files with extensions .sqp)

List view

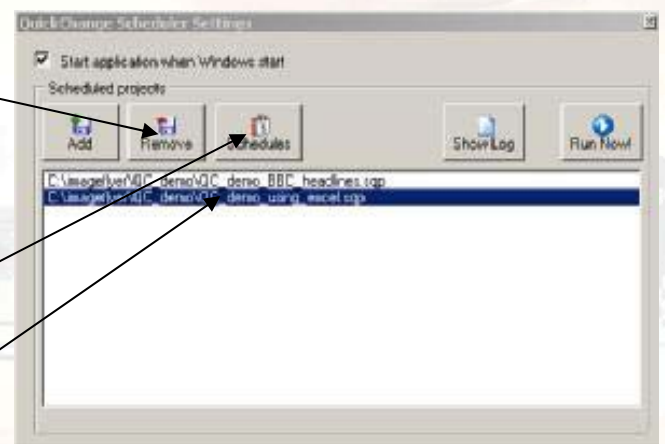
This area lists all the projects that will be run by QuickChange Scheduler.

Note:

Unless you have selected a project in the *List View*, the *Remove* and *Schedules* buttons will be greyed out and cannot be selected. To select first *Add* your projects and then select a project in your list view by clicking on it with your left mouse button.

Remove

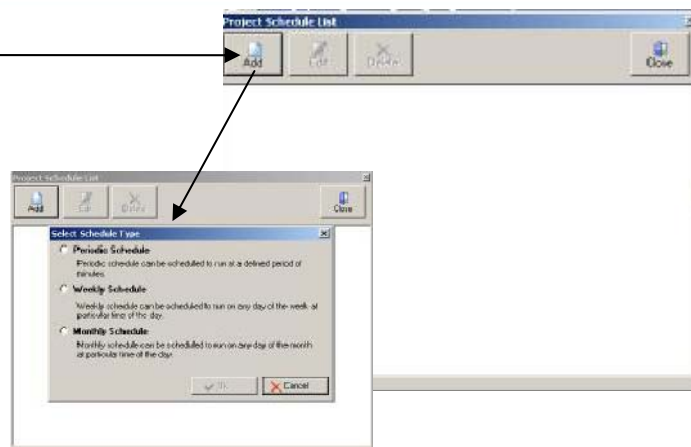
Select the project you no longer wish to use from the list view and click the remove button to delete it from the projects that will be run. You will be asked to confirm whether or not you want to remove it.



Schedules

To associate how often, or at what time, you wish to schedule a project to run click on it (having first added it using the Add button) and then click on the Schedules button.

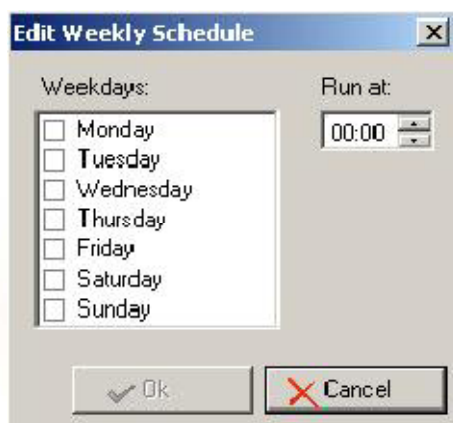
Once you have selected a project and clicked Schedules you will be presented with the Project Schedule List window where you can **Add** one or more scheduled runs to that project



The *Select Schedule Type* window lets you select the schedule type as **Periodic**, **Weekly** or

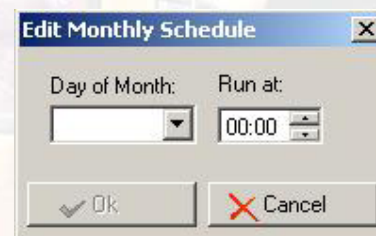
Monthly

- **Periodic** allows users to set the schedule to run every few minutes (default being 60 minutes)
- **Weekly** allows users to set the schedule to run at a specific time of day and select one or more days on which to run it (by selecting a simple tick box)



If you want to run something, for example, twice a day simply add two weekly schedules set to different times of day.

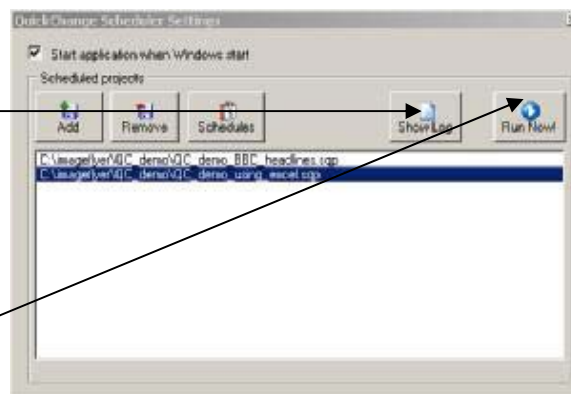
- **Monthly** allows users to set the schedule to run at a specific time of day on a specific day of the month. Selecting to add a monthly schedule displays the Edit Monthly Schedule window.



Use the *Day of the Month* drop down to select the day of the month and the *Run at* to select the time of day to run.

Show Log

Has the same effect as clicking on the 'Log' option (section 2) and shows a text readable log file giving the history of the events that the Scheduler application had done or attempted to do (along with any error messages that occurred should it have failed to create the required imagery)



Run Now

If you prefer run your QuickChange projects manually (as opposed to a specific times) simply Add the projects to be run and click on the 'Run Now!' button.

2) Log

This is a text readable log file which gives a history of the events that the Scheduler application had done or attempted to do (along with any error messages that occurred should it have failed to create the required imagery)

3) Product registration

Here you can choose to upgrade your license should you have decided to purchase a version of QuickChange Scheduler with more features. Note that the registration code itself enables which data base formats are enabled. If you attempt to run a QuickChange project linked to a database of a type you are not licensed for the product will issue an error message.

4) Exit

Exit is self explanatory and closes the application