

6x4 DigitalMedia™ Distribution Center

- > Provides a low-cost, high-performance multiroom HD AV signal routing solution
- > Distributes uncompressed digital video and audio over CAT5e twisted pair wire^[1]
- > Affords a true one-wire solution using DigitalMedia 8G+[®] technology
- > HDBaseT[®] Certified — Enables direct connection to other HDBaseT certified equipment
- > Features independently-switchable DM 8G+[™] or HDBaseT outputs for 3 remote displays
- > Allows up to 330 ft (100 m) wire distance to each display
- > Includes one HDMI[®] output for a local display or audio processor
- > Provides inputs for 6 HDMI, DVI, or DisplayPort Multimode sources^[4]
- > Handles video resolutions up to Full HD 1080p
- > Handles computer resolutions up to WUXGA
- > Handles 3D video and Deep Color
- > Handles Dolby[®] TrueHD, DTS-HD[®], and uncompressed 7.1 linear PCM audio
- > HDCP compliant
- > QuickSwitch HD[®] technology manages HDCP keys for fast, reliable switching
- > Auto-Locking[™] technology achieves rapid switching between disparate sources
- > Performs automatic AV signal format management via EDID
- > Allows independent scaling for every display through select DM[®] receivers^[2]
- > Enables USB HID mouse and keyboard signal extension
- > Expanded USB routing capabilities available using USB-EXT-DM USB over Ethernet Extenders^[3]
- > Includes integrated Ethernet switch
- > Private Network Mode — requires just one IP address for the complete DM system
- > Provides Power over DM for PoDM compatible receivers
- > Provides easy setup and diagnostics tools via front panel or software
- > Includes built-in universal power supply
- > Allows native Crestron[®] system integration via Ethernet
- > Standard component width or 2-space rack-mountable

DigitalMedia™ isn't just for large, expensive homes and facilities. The DM-MD6X4 DigitalMedia Distribution Center provides a very simple and cost-effective solution for distributing multiple high-definition sources to up to four rooms as part of a complete Crestron[®] system. Featuring DigitalMedia 8G+[®] and HDBaseT[®] technologies, the DM-MD6X4 delivers ultra-reliable, ultra high-bandwidth signal routing over inexpensive CAT5e wiring^[1]. Everything about the DM-MD6X4 is engineered to deliver a transparent user experience and the highest performance.



HD Matrix Switcher

The DM-MD6X4 provides six HDMI[®] inputs to handle HDTV receivers, DVD or Blu-ray Disc[®] players, media servers, computers, and other HD digital sources. Outputs include one HDMI and three DigitalMedia ports, furnishing simple one-wire connectivity for a local display or audio processor, and three additional displays anywhere in the house. Six-by-four matrix switching allows any display to view any source at any time.

DigitalMedia 8G+[®]

Crestron DM 8G+[™] technology affords the ultimate in simplicity, providing a true one-wire interface for distributing high-definition video, audio, Ethernet, power, and control signals to multiple displays throughout a residence or commercial structure. Simply connect a DM 8G+ receiver^[2] at each flat-panel display or projector for a complete AV and control interface. Just one CAT5e wire run to each receiver transports pure, uncompressed Full HD 1080p video, 7.1 surround sound audio, 10/100 Ethernet, power, and control signals for a fully integrated media system with minimal wiring. DM 8G+ allows for wire runs up to 330 feet (100 meters) using CAT5e or Crestron DigitalMedia 8G[™] Cable.^[1]

HDBaseT[®] Certified

Crestron DigitalMedia 8G+ technology is designed using HDBaseT Alliance specifications, ensuring interoperability with other HDBaseT certified products. Via its DM 8G+ outputs, the DM-MD6X4 can be connected directly to HDBaseT compliant display devices without requiring any DM[®] receivers.

QuickSwitch HD[®]

Handling high-definition digital media means handling HDCP (High-bandwidth Digital Content Protection), the encryption scheme that content providers use to protect their DVDs, Blu-ray™ Discs, and broadcast signals against unauthorized copying. Viewing HDCP encrypted content requires the source device to “authenticate” each display in the system and issue it a “key” before the content can be viewed. Ordinarily this causes a complete loss of signal for up to 15 seconds each time a new source or display is selected anywhere in the system. To make matters worse, every source device has a limited number of keys available, so connect too many displays and the source will simply stop outputting a signal without warning.

Not to worry — Crestron QuickSwitch HD manages the keys for every HDCP-compliant device in the system, maintaining continuous authentication for each device to ensure fast, reliable routing of any source to any number of display devices.

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DM-MD6X4 – Rear View

Auto-Locking™ Technology

Crestron Auto-Locking Technology enables super fast signal switching by instantaneously configuring every device in the signal path as soon as the signal hits the first device. Whether switching between sources or TV channels, Auto-Locking significantly reduces the time it takes each device to sense the new signal and configure itself to handle the changes, virtually eliminating any noticeable gap while switching.

EDID Format Management

With all of today's varied AV sources comes a multitude of confusing video and audio formats to keep track of, and chances are not every device in your system supports all of the same formats. Such conflicts can wreak havoc any time you route one source to more than one display or audio component. The Blu-ray player that's feeding your 1080p projector in the theater may restrict itself to a lower resolution, or even shut off completely, if someone decides to view the same signal on a smaller TV in another room. And, instead of enjoying your theater's incredible 7.1 surround sound, you may find yourself limited to 5.1 or even plain old stereo.

The DM-MD6X4 eliminates such conflicts by managing the EDID (Extended Display Identification Data) that modern digital devices use to communicate their capabilities. Through the DM-MD6X4, the format and resolution capabilities of each device can be assessed, allowing the installer to configure EDID signals appropriately for the most desirable and predictable behavior.

A Scaler for Every Display

High-performance scaling capability can be added to the DM-MD6X4 using select DM 8G+ receivers with built in HD and 4K scalers.^[2] By placing an independent scaler at every display device, DigitalMedia truly delivers the most flexible and user-friendly solution for routing multiple disparate sources to many different display devices. This "Distributed Scaler Approach" ensures an optimal image on every screen no matter what sources are selected. Distributed scaling allows a high-res computer source to be viewed on any display in the building. It also allows a high-definition 3D source to be viewed on lower-resolution 2D displays without compromising the original signal, letting you share your theater's Full HD 1080p 3D image with smaller, lesser displays in other rooms.

Multichannel HD Audio Routing

The DM-MD6X4 allows for the routing of signals containing multichannel surround sound audio, supporting high-bitrate 7.1 formats like Dolby® TrueHD and DTS-HD Master Audio™, as well as uncompressed linear PCM.

Built-in Ethernet Switch

In addition to transporting digital video and audio, DigitalMedia can also extend high-speed Ethernet to display devices that require a LAN connection. Ethernet is also utilized internally by the Crestron control bus to manage all of the DM devices in the system and provide display control in each room. Through its 10/100 Ethernet port, the DM-MD6X4 provides a single-point connection to a home network or corporate LAN, requiring just one IP address for the complete DM system including all connected DM receivers.

USB Signal Routing

With built-in USB HID (USB Human Interface Device) signal routing, the DM-MD6X4 lets you control a centralized computer or media server using a mouse or keyboard in another room. The mouse/keyboard can be connected to any DM 8G+ receiver that includes a USB HID host port, while the host computer is connected to the USB HID device port on the DM-MD6X4's rear panel. Crestron also offers USB over Ethernet Extenders (USB-EXT-DM), which may be used to enable the routing of multiple USB devices of virtually any type, all seamlessly managed through the DigitalMedia system.^[3]

CEC Embedded Device Control

The primary objective of every Crestron system is to enable precisely the control desired for a seamless user experience. DigitalMedia provides an alternative to conventional IR and RS-232 device control by harnessing the CEC (Consumer Electronics Control) signal embedded in HDMI. Through its connection to the control system, the DM-MD6X4 provides a gateway for controlling many devices right through their HDMI connections, potentially eliminating the need for any dedicated control wires or IR emitters.

Easy Setup

Every step of the DM-MD6X4 setup is designed to be quick and easy using its front panel or Crestron Toolbox™ software, configuring inputs and outputs automatically while letting the installer make intelligent design decisions along the way. Out of the box, the DM-MD6X4 front panel supports basic signal routing for testing and troubleshooting during installation. The front panel label strips can be customized using Crestron Engraver software or standard 3/8" tape labels, allowing for the clear designation of each input and output. Inputs and outputs may also be designated by name through the software to appear on the LCD display.

Please refer to the DigitalMedia Resources Webpage at <http://www.crestron.com/dmresources/> for additional design tools and reference documents.

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SPECIFICATIONS

Video

Switcher: 6x4 digital matrix switch, Crestron QuickSwitch HD®

Input Signal Types: HDMI®, DVI^[4], DisplayPort Multimode^[4]

Output Signal Types: HDMI, DVI^[4], DM 8G+™ (DigitalMedia™ over one CAT type twisted pair copper wire)^[1], HDBaseT®^[1]

Formats: DM 8G+, HDBaseT, & HDMI w/Deep Color & 3D; DVI; HDCP content protection support

Input Resolutions, Progressive: 640x480@60Hz, 720x480@60Hz (480p), 720x576@50Hz (576p), 800x600@60Hz, 848x480@60Hz, 852x480@60Hz, 854x480@60Hz, 1024x768@60Hz, 1024x852@60Hz, 1024x1024@60Hz, 1280x720@50Hz (720p50), 1280x720@60Hz (720p60), 1280x768@60Hz, 1280x800@60Hz, 1280x960@60Hz, 1280x1024@60Hz, 1360x768@60Hz, 1365x1024@60Hz, 1366x768@60Hz, 1400x1050@60Hz, 1440x900@60Hz, 1600x900@60Hz, 1600x1200@60Hz, 1680x1050@60Hz, 1920x1080@24Hz (1080p24), 1920x1080@25Hz (1080p25), 1920x1080@50Hz (1080p50), 1920x1080@60Hz (1080p60), 1920x1200@60Hz, 2048x1080@24Hz, 2048x1152@60Hz, plus any other resolution allowed by HDMI up to 165MHz pixel clock

Input Resolutions, Interlaced: 720x480@30Hz (480i), 720x576@25Hz (576i), 1920x1080@25Hz (1080i25), 1920x1080@30Hz (1080i30), plus any other resolution allowed by HDMI up to 165MHz pixel clock

Output Resolutions: Matched to inputs

Audio

Switcher: 6x4 digital matrix switch, audio-follow-video

Input Signal Types: HDMI, DisplayPort Multimode^[4]

Output Signal Types: HDMI, DM 8G+, HDBaseT

Formats: Dolby Digital®, Dolby Digital EX, Dolby Digital Plus, Dolby® TrueHD, DTS®, DTS-ES, DTS 96/24, DTS-HD® High Res, DTS-HD Master Audio™, up to 8ch PCM

Communications

Ethernet: 10/100 Mbps, auto-switching, auto-negotiating, auto-discovery, full/half duplex, DHCP, Private Network Mode

USB: Supports signal extension and routing of USB HID class devices, expandable to support virtually any USB 1.1 or 2.0 device using Crestron USB-EXT-DM USB over Ethernet Extenders^[3]; USB device port for computer console (setup)

DigitalMedia: DM 8G+, HDCP, EDID, CEC, PoDM, Ethernet

HDBaseT: HDCP, EDID, PoH, Ethernet

HDMI: HDCP, EDID, CEC

NOTE: Supports management of HDCP and EDID; supports management of CEC between the connected HDMI devices and a control system

Connectors

HDMI INPUT 1 – 6: (6) 19-pin Type A HDMI female; Digital video/audio inputs;

Signal Types: HDMI, DVI, or DisplayPort Multimode^[4]

HDMI OUTPUT 1: (1) 19-pin Type A HDMI female
Digital video/audio output;
Signal Types: HDMI, DVI^[4]

DM OUTPUT 2 – 4: (3) 8-pin RJ45 female, shielded;
DM 8G+ outputs, HDBaseT compliant;
PoDM and PoH PSE (Power Sourcing Equipment) ports^[5];
Each output connects to the DM 8G+ input of a DM receiver or other DM device, or to an HDBaseT device, via CAT5e or Crestron DM-CBL-8G DigitalMedia 8G™ cable^[1]

USB HID: (1) USB Type B female; USB device port for connection to the USB host interface of a computer or other USB HID-compliant host

LAN: (1) 8-wire RJ45 female, shielded;
10Base-T/100Base-TX Ethernet port

100-240V~2.0A MAX 50/60Hz: (1) IEC 60320 C14 main power inlet; Mates with removable power cord, included

G: (1) 6-32 screw, chassis ground lug

COMPUTER (front): (1) USB Type B female;
USB computer console port, for setup only

LCD Display

Display Type: 16-bit TFT active matrix color LCD

Size: 2 inch (52 mm) diagonal

Resolution: 220 x 176 pixels

Functions: Displays setup menus, EDID and HDCP details for source and destination devices, audio/video signal information, and other details; allows custom naming of inputs and outputs

Controls & Indicators

HW-R: (1) recessed miniature pushbutton for hardware reset

Nav Pad: (1) 5-way navigation pad for menu navigation and parameter adjustment

HOME: (1) pushbutton, returns to the home menu

BACK: (1) pushbutton, steps menu back one level

INPUT 1 – 6: (6) pushbuttons and green LEDs, select input for routing

OUTPUT 1 – 4: (4) pushbuttons and green LEDs, select output destination(s)

DM OUTPUT 2 – 4 (rear): (2) LEDs per output, green LEDs indicate DM link status, amber LEDs indicate video and HDCP signal presence, for each corresponding DM 8G+ output

LAN (rear): (2) LEDs, green LED indicates Ethernet link status, amber LED indicates Ethernet activity

Power Requirements

Main Power: 2 Amps @ 100-240 Volts AC, 50/60 Hz

Power over DM (PoDM): PoDM PSE (Power Sourcing Equipment), each DM 8G+ port supplies up to 15.4 Watts (Class 0-3) to one PoDM Powered Device

Power over HDBaseT (PoH): PoH PSE (Power Sourcing Equipment), each DM 8G+ port supplies up to 15.4 Watts (Class 0-3) to one PoH Powered Device

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Environmental

Temperature: 32° to 104°F (0° to 40°C)

Humidity: 10% to 90% RH (non-condensing)

Heat Dissipation: 310 BTU/hr

Enclosure

Chassis: Metal with black finish, vented sides, fan-cooled

Front Panel: Metal, black finish with polycarbonate label overlay

Mounting: Freestanding or 2U 19-inch rack-mountable (adhesive feet and rack ears included)

Dimensions

Height: 3.47 in (89 mm) without feet

Width: 17.03 in (433 mm), 19.00 in (483 mm) with ears

Depth: 13.38 in (340 mm)

Weight

12.0 lb (5.5 kg)

MODELS & ACCESSORIES

Available Models

DM-MD6X4: 6x4 DigitalMedia™ Distribution Center

Available Accessories

DM-RX1-4K-C-1G: Wall Plate 4K DigitalMedia 8G+® Receiver

DM-RMC-4K-100-C: 4K DigitalMedia 8G+® Receiver & Room Controller 100

DM-RMC-200-C: DigitalMedia 8G+® Receiver & Room Controller 200

DM-RMC-SCALER-C: DigitalMedia 8G+® Receiver & Room Controller w/Scaler

DM-RMC-4K-SCALER-C: 4K DigitalMedia 8G+® Receiver & Room Controller w/Scaler

DM-RMC-4K-SCALER-C-DSP: 4K DigitalMedia 8G+® Receiver & Room Controller w/Scaler & Downmixing

HD-SCALER: High-Definition Video Scaler

DM-CBL-8G-NP: DigitalMedia 8G™ Cable, non-plenum

DM-CBL-8G-P: DigitalMedia 8G™ Cable, plenum

DM-8G-CONN: Connector for DM-CBL-8G

DM-8G-CRIMP: Crimping Tool for DM-8G-CONN

DM-8G-CONN-WG: Connector with Wire Guide for DM-CBL-8G

DM-8G-CRIMP-WG: Crimping Tool for DM-8G-CONN-WG

CBL Series: Crestron® Certified Interface Cables

MP-WP Series: Media Presentation Wall Plates

MPI-WP Series: Media Presentation Wall Plates - International Version

USB-EXT-DM: USB over Ethernet Extender with Routing

Notes:

1. For DM 8G+ or HDBaseT, wiring, use Crestron [DM-CBL-8G](#) DigitalMedia 8G Cable or third-party CAT5e (or better) UTP or STP. (Crestron [DM-CBL](#) DigitalMedia Cable or [DM-CBL-D](#) DigitalMedia D Cable may also be used.) The maximum wire length for DM 8G+ is 330 ft (100 m) between devices. Shielded cable and connectors are recommended to safeguard against unpredictable environmental electrical noise which may impact performance at resolutions above 1080p. Refer to the [Crestron DigitalMedia Design Guide, Doc. #4546](#) for complete system design guidelines. DM 8G+ is compatible with HDBaseT Alliance specifications for connecting to HDBaseT compliant equipment. All wire and cables are sold separately.
2. Item(s) sold separately.
3. USB-EXT-DM USB over Ethernet Extender Modules are sold separately. Refer to the [USB-EXT-DM](#) spec sheet for more information.
4. HDMI requires an appropriate adapter or interface cable to accommodate a DVI or DisplayPort Multimode signal. [CBL-HD-DVI](#) interface cables are available separately.
5. Any wiring that is connected to a PoDM or PoH PSE port is for intra-building use only and should not be connected to a line that runs outside of the building in which the PSE is located.

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