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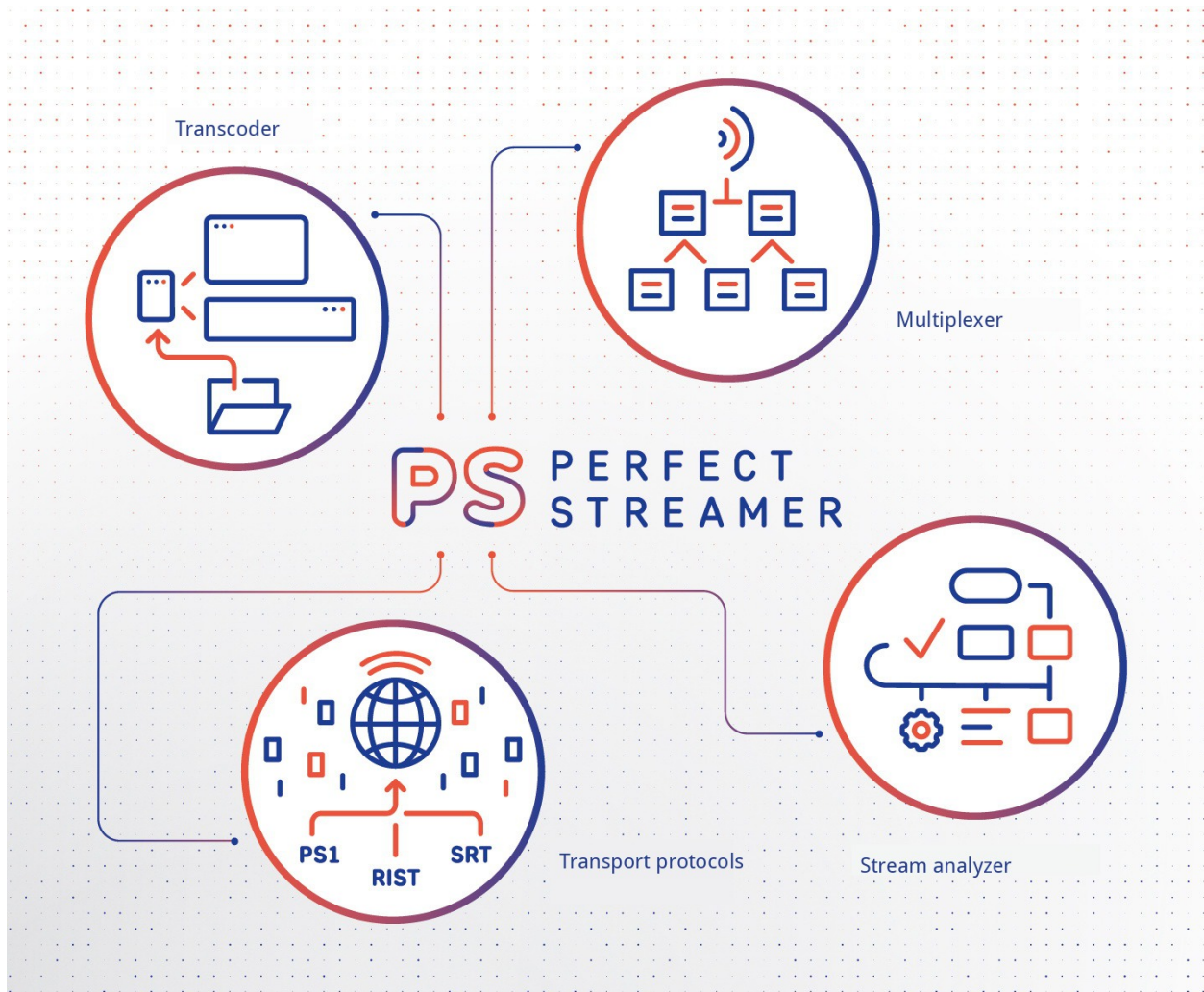
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PURPOSE



The **Perfect Streamer** program is designed to transmit MPEG-TS streams over the public Internet with packet loss and delays. It uses Perfect Stream (**PS1**), an in-house UDP-based protocol. The standard **Pro-MPEG / RTP+FEC** (also known as SMPTE 2022-1/2) and **SRT** protocols are also supported, which allows organizing channels both between **Perfect Streamer** instances and with other programs or equipment that support these protocols.

- **PS1** transport protocol works on the principle of Automatic Repeat reQuest (ARQ). It has low resource consumption and allows to transmit high bitrate streams.

- **Pro-MPEG / RTP+FEC** (Pro-MPEG COP3, also known as SMPTE 2022-1/2) — RTP with forward error correction (FEC). Described in the IEEE standard (<https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/6738329>) and supported by a range of equipment. Advantage — low latency. Disadvantage — high additional traffic, and it works poorly with large packet losses.
- **SRT** is an open protocol developed by Haivision. It is based on the UDT protocol. It is widely adopted and has good packet-loss compensation characteristics.
- **RIST** is an open protocol. It is based on RTP/RTCP. It works on the Automatic Repeat reQuest (ARQ) principle without ACK, only NACK, which provides high efficiency.

Standard transport protocols such as HLS, HLS SSL, UDP, RTP, HTTP, etc are supported.

A transcoder is available with support for Nvidia Encoder and Software CPU.

Software offers streams backup functions, EPG server, Multiplexor, Demultiplexor, EIT generator, DVB devices support, professional analyzer (TR 101 290 with enhancements), charts, AES encryption, mosaic, MPEG-TS metadata modifications and others.

Integration with Zabbix, Grafana and other monitoring systems is supported.

INSTALLATION

2.1 System requirements

- **Perfect Streamer** runs on OS Linux. The main requirement is GLIBC version ≥ 2.17 .
- Network interfaces for streamer must be configured statically.
- **sudo** is required for installation scripts.

Installation packages and repositories are available for the Red Hat and Debian families. RHEL version 7 and higher (Centos etc) is supported. Debian based systems (Ubuntu etc) must have systemd service.

Hardware requirements: one 2.4 GHz core and 1 GB of RAM for every 200 Mb of traffic. The estimate is approximate and depends on the used protocols and service configuration.

Demo version features:

- Limited by 10 streams
- Software CPU transcoding method only
- No limitations of functionality
- No time limitations

Packages differ for the Demo and original versions. Please use Demo package name to install the Demo version. First uninstall the Demo-version if you are going to install the original version. The configuration file from demo-version is backward compatible with the original version package. But config file from original full version could be not compatible with pstreamer-demo package, service may not start with it and manual removal of pss.json file could be required.

2.2 Installation on systems of the RHEL family

Install repository for RHEL 7:

```
$ sudo yum install yum-utils
$ sudo yum-config-manager --add-repo=http://repo.pstreamer.tv/pub/pstreamer/pstreamer.
↪repo
```

Or for RHEL 8+:

```
$ sudo yum config-manager --add-repo=http://repo.pstreamer.tv/pub/pstreamer/pstreamer.  
↪repo
```

Install package:

```
$ sudo yum -y install pstreamer  
  
or  
  
$ sudo yum -y install pstreamer-demo
```

Update package:

```
$ sudo yum -y update pstreamer  
  
or  
  
$ sudo yum -y update pstreamer-demo
```

Removing all packages:

```
$ sudo yum -y remove pstreamer aksusbd  
  
or  
  
$ sudo yum -y remove pstreamer-demo
```

2.3 Installing on Debian Family Systems

Install repository:

```
$ sudo wget http://repo.pstreamer.tv/pub/deb/dists/pstreamer/pstreamer.list -O /etc/  
↪apt/sources.list.d/pstreamer.list  
$ sudo apt-get update
```

Install package:

```
$ sudo apt-get install pstreamer  
  
or  
  
$ sudo apt-get install pstreamer-demo
```

Update package:

```
$ sudo apt install pstreamer  
  
or  
  
$ sudo apt install pstreamer-demo
```

Removing all packages:

```
$ sudo apt-get remove pstreamer aksusbd  
  
or  
  
$ sudo apt-get remove pstreamer-demo
```

2.4 Files and services

/usr/local/bin/pss

Executable file.

/opt/pss/config/pss.properties

Global settings, logs, paths to folders, etc. When making changes, reload the service.

/opt/pss/config/pss.json

Main settings file. Created and updated automatically. On startup the service attempts to load this very file.

/opt/pss/config/pss.json

Backup copy of the previous working configuration. Saved automatically when the **Restore settings** action is invoked in the web interface and used as the first fallback if the main *pss.json* cannot be parsed.

/opt/pss/config/pss_default.json

Default settings file. Shipped with the package and used as the last fallback if neither the main *pss.json* nor *pss_back.json* can be loaded.

/opt/pss/config/pss.json

Archive of corrupted *pss.json* files. If the main settings file cannot be parsed at startup, it is moved here under a name of the form *pss_YYYYMMDD_HHMMSS.json*. The directory is created automatically. See section *Startup behaviour and configuration errors* for details.

/opt/pss/data

Data folder. Created and updated automatically. Can be changed in the global settings file.

/usr/lib/systemd/system/pss.service

systemd service file.

/var/log/pss

Log recording folder. Can be changed in the global settings file.

Service name **pss**. Runs as user **pss**.

The installation process installs the accompanying package **aksusbd** from the security system, includes the services **hasplmd** and **aksusbd**.

2.5 After installation

After **Perfect Streamer** installation *activate and make initial setup of service*.

2.6 Transcoders

Perfect Streamer transcoders installation.

Packages available:

- pstreamer-tcsnw: transcoding using CPU (Software).
- pstreamer-tcnv: transcoding using NVidia GPU. *pstreamer* package only (full protected version).
- pstreamer-tcivpl: transcoding using Intel GPU. *pstreamer* package only (full protected version).

The main requirement is GLIBC version ≥ 2.28 .

Now it works on Alma Linux 8.9.

Intel VPL transcoder works on Alma Linux 10 (RHEL 10) systems.

2.6.1 RHEL 8+

1. Install pstreamer or pstreamer-demo.
2. Add repository and update the system (if have not done yet):

```
sudo dnf config-manager --add-repo https://developer.download.nvidia.com/compute/cuda/  
↪repos/rhel9/x86_64/cuda-rhel9.repo  
sudo dnf clean all  
sudo dnf update -y  
reboot
```

3. NVidia Encoder.

- Install Cuda:

```
sudo dnf -y install cuda-toolkit-12-5
```

- Install driver (choose the option):

Legacy

```
sudo dnf -y module install nvidia-driver:latest-dkms
```

New

```
sudo dnf -y module install nvidia-driver:open-dkms
```

Reboot after installation:

```
reboot
```

Check the driver after reboot:

```
nvidia-smi
modprobe nvidia
sudo lsmod | grep nvidia
```

or

```
modprobe nouveau
sudo lsmod | grep nouveau
```

4. Intel VPL Encoder.

- Install Intel driver and Intel VPL (RHEL 10):

```
dnf install -y intel-gpu-firmware
dnf install -y https://mirrors.rpmfusion.org/free/el/rpmfusion-free-release-$(rpm -E
↪%rhel).noarch.rpm https://mirrors.rpmfusion.org/nonfree/el/rpmfusion-nonfree-
↪release-$(rpm -E %rhel).noarch.rpm
dnf install -y intel-media-driver
dnf install -y intel-vpl-gpu-rt
```

5. Install transcoder packages:

- CPU Software method:

```
sudo dnf install -y pstreamer-tcsw
```

- Nvidia GPU:

```
sudo dnf install -y pstreamer-tcnv
```

- Intel VPL GPU:

```
sudo dnf install -y pstreamer-tcivpl
```

2.6.2 Ubuntu 22/24

1. Install pstreamer or pstreamer-demo.

2. NVidia Encoder.

- Install Cuda toolkit version 12.5:

```
wget https://developer.download.nvidia.com/compute/cuda/repos/ubuntu2204/x86_64/cuda-
↪keyring_1.1-1_all.deb
sudo dpkg -i cuda-keyring_1.1-1_all.deb
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get -y install cuda-toolkit-12-5
```

- Install driver (choose the option):

legacy kernel module flavor:

```
sudo apt-get install -y cuda-drivers
```

or

open kernel module flavor:

```
sudo apt-get install -y nvidia-driver-555-open
sudo apt-get install -y cuda-drivers-555
```

Reboot after installation:

```
reboot
```

Check the driver after reboot:

```
nvidia-smi
```

CUDA version 12.5 is needed for transcoder. A different version of CUDA may already be installed in the system. It is also possible to upgrade CUDA to a newer version when updating the system. This does not interfere with the work, they do not need to be deleted, different versions of CUDA are installed in separate folders.

3. Install transcoder packages:

- CPU Software method:

```
sudo apt-get install -y pstreamer-tcsw
```

- Nvidia GPU:

```
sudo apt-get install -y pstreamer-tcnv
```

Transcoder packages will install files:

- /usr/local/bin/tcsw - SW (CPU) transcoder binary file.
- /usr/local/bin/tcnv - NVidia (GPU) transcoder binary file.
- /opt/pss/config/pss_tc_sw.properties - SW (CPU) transcoder starting config file.
- /opt/pss/config/pss_tc_nv.properties - NVidia (GPU) transcoder starting config file.

4. Check transcoder installed.

Transcoder packages installation leads to pss service restart. You can check transcoder installation in the *About* section, where transcoder version will be shown.

2.6.3 Other Debian and RHEL based OS

To install pstreamer-tcnv transcoder on other OS, except Ubuntu 22/24 and RHEL 8+, use the configurator to select the required version of CUDA and driver on the Nvidia website:

<https://developer.nvidia.com/cuda-toolkit-archive>

When choosing each of the CUDA versions, information is available on which OS version it is suitable for. Supported architecture is x86_64. If you need an older version of the OS, check its support in older versions of CUDA. The main requirement for the OS is support for GLIBC version ≥ 2.28

Nvidia driver must be installed from the repository offered for your OS version, on the page of the selected CUDA version.

Support of Nvidia video cards for the pstreamer-tcnv transcoder functionality can be checked on the Nvidia website in [Video Encode and Decode Support Matrix](#). This page contains a support matrix for decoder and encoder video formats, as well as other characteristics.

2.7 Removing old CUDA and driver versions

In case of installing an incorrect version of CUDA and driver, it may be necessary to reinstall on another version, first removing the installed version.

<https://docs.nvidia.com/cuda/cuda-installation-guide-linux/index.html?highlight=uninstall#removing-cuda-toolkit>

2.7.1 Removing CUDA

RHEL:

```
dnf remove "cuda*" "*cublas*" "*cufft*" "*cufile*" "*curand*" "*cusolver*" "*cusparse*"
↳ "*gds-tools*" "*npp*" "*nvjpeg*" "nsight*" "*nvvm*" "*nvptx*"
```

Debian/Ubuntu:

```
apt remove --autoremove --purge "cuda*" "*cublas*" "*cufft*" "*cufile*" "*curand*"
↳ "*cusolver*" "*cusparse*" "*gds-tools*" "*npp*" "*nvjpeg*" "nsight*" "*nvvm*"
↳ "*nvptx*"
```

2.7.2 Removing driver

Ubuntu 22/24:

```
apt remove --autoremove --purge -V \
  cuda-compat\* \
  cuda-drivers\* \
  libnvidia-cfgl\* \
  libnvidia-compute\* \
  libnvidia-decode\* \
  libnvidia-encode\* \
  libnvidia-extra\* \
  libnvidia-fbc1\* \
  libnvidia-gl\* \
  libnvidia-gpucomp\* \
  libnvidia-nscq\* \
  libnvscdm\* \
  libxnvctrl\* \
  nvidia-dkms\* \
  nvidia-driver\* \
  nvidia-fabricmanager\* \
  nvidia-firmware\* \
  nvidia-headless\* \
  nvidia-imex\* \
  nvidia-kernel\* \
  nvidia-modprobe\* \
  nvidia-open\* \
  nvidia-persistenced\* \
  nvidia-settings\* \
  nvidia-xconfig\* \
  xserver-xorg-video-nvidia\*
```

RHEL 9:

```
dnf module remove --all nvidia-driver  
dnf module reset nvidia-driver
```

RHEL 10:

```
dnf remove nvidia-driver\*
```

SETUP AND ACTIVATION

3.1 Demo version features

- Limited by 10 streams
- Software CPU transcoding method only
- No limitations of functionality
- No time limitations

3.2 Temporary activation and launch

For trial version without streams count limitation. After installation, the **pss** service is inactive because activation is required to start. To temporarily activate, run the script:

```
$ /opt/pss/tools/activate.sh
```

The **pss** service will be started and configured to autostart. You can check for a successful launch:

```
$ systemctl status pss
```

For problems, see the logs:

```
$ tail -n 20 /var/log/pss/main.log  
$ journalctl -u pss -n 20
```

3.3 Initial settings

Connect via a browser to the web interface:

http://host:8808

Login: *admin*

Password: *admin*

Be sure to change the login to the web interface, section *Configuration/Administration/Administrators List*.

Change, if necessary, the port to the web interface, section *Configuration/HTTP Server*. The service will be restarted.

You can check the activation data via the web interface in the section *Configuration/About*.

3.4 Permanent activation

The security system supports software (SL) and USB (HL) keys. For permanent activation:

1. In the web interface in the section *Configuration/About* get C2V data for an activation request, send it to the supplier.
2. Enter the data received from the V2C provider from a file or from the clipboard in the same section of the web interface.
3. Check activation data in the same section of the web interface.

Restart the pss service so that Perfect Streamer can detect the USB key during the active trial period. You can do it in the web interface: *Configuration - Maintenance - Reboot*. Or you can wait until the end of the trial version, in which case the service will be switched to USB key automatically.

3.5 Yearly license or Trial expiration

If the PSS service cannot be started, enter the command:

```
$ journalctl -u pss -n 20
```

Following error means that the Perfect Streamer license has expired:

```
LDK Protection System: Feature has expired (H0041)
```

USER DOCUMENTATION

4.1 Scheduling and data transfer protocols

The **Perfect Streamer** program is designed to transmit MPEG-TS streams over the public Internet with packet loss and delays based on UDP.

For each MPEG-TS stream (**Stream**) a transmitter server (**Sender**) and one or more receivers (**Receiver**) are configured; this pairing is hereafter referred to as **Peer**.

Configuring the transmitter and receiver comes down to entering a list of streams (Stream) and settings for each Stream of the list **input** and **output**. Multiple **inputs** in the list provide redundancy for sources. Multiple **outputs** in the list allow streams to be sent to different destinations at once.

For the transmitter, **input** denotes the sources of MPEG-TS streams and **output** denotes stream delivery to receivers. For receivers, **input** denotes the reception of streams from transmitters.

Four **Peer** protocols are available for transporting streams between sender and receiver:

- Perfect Stream Protocol (PS1).
- SRT.
- Pro-MPEG / RTP+FEC.
- RIST.

4.1.1 PS1 protocol

The PS1 protocol works on the principle of Automatic Repeat reQuest (ARQ). It has a low resource consumption and allows you to transmit streams with a high bit rate.

On transmitter - configurable in output. Only one copy is available for one stream. It is required to register logins for receivers in **Peer**. UDP listen port is set, must be unique for each stream.

At the receiver - configurable in input. The host and port of the transmitter are indicated, as well as the login and password.

Encryption of streams is available (Crypto protection), AES-128 is used. To enable encryption on both sides, enter **Crypt Passphrase** - a shared key.

During operation, the receiver (client) transmits its statistics data to the transmitter (server). This can be viewed in the **Peers** section by selecting a client from the list.

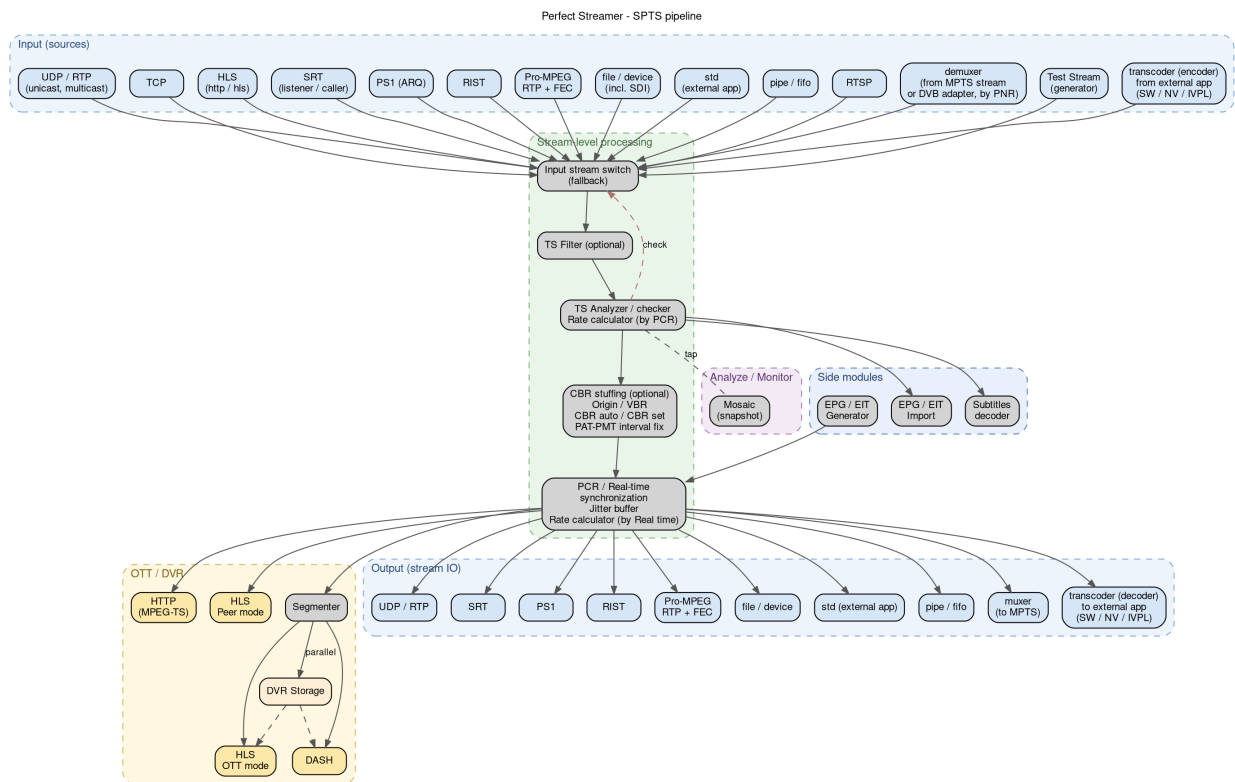


Fig. 1: Overall SPTS stream architecture: inputs, stream-level processing (input switch, TS filter, analyzer, synchronizer), OTT / DVR and outputs. Details on each block are given in the sections below.

Stream latency and the ability to correct losses depends on the receiver (client) settings:

Round Trip Time - RTT, ms, default 300. Estimated delay (ping) in the channel. After starting the stream, the real RTT can be seen in the statistics (PS1 recovery delay).

Client Latency (RTT multiplexor) - multiplier to RTT, by default 10, which determines the stream delay on the sender's buffer. Those. the default buffer delay is 3000 ms.

From the sender's side there is a delay setting (buffer length) - **Latency (ms)**. It should be greater than the delays specified by clients.

The ability of a protocol to compensate for losses is determined by the number of retransmission requests and depends on **Client Latency (RTT multiplexor)**. Large losses lead to additional network traffic. To reduce latency, you should fine tune these parameters.

See client statistics for the correctness of the protocol. Counters **PS1 recovery** - if Not found, increase the sender's buffer, Duplicates - increase RTT.

Since the connection is initiated from the side of the receiver, the transmitter requires authentication, the receivers are registered in the peers section. Login and password required. Authorization by server IP is possible, for this specify only the IP of the receiver in peer settings.

4.1.2 SRT protocol

Open protocol designed by Haivision. Based on the UDT protocol. It has wide distribution and good packet loss performance.

Use cases:

- Peer between two **Perfect Streamer** instances. **On transmitter** - endpoint is configured as output, listen mode (default). For one stream only one such output can be set. In this mode several receivers can be connected. For authorisation logins for receivers must be set in **Peer**. **On receiver** - endpoint is configured as input. Host and port of the transmitter, login and password are specified. To pass login and password, srt streamer uses streamid in the format "login|password".
- Peer between **Perfect Streamer** and third-party SRT streamers. **On transmitter** you can set up srt client mode, switching off listen. SRT stream ID is entered in login field, if needed. For listen mode, the IP-address authorization is available - entered in login field in **Peer**. **On receiver** it is available to turn on listen mode, enter the SRT stream ID in the login field, also you can specify the host from which the connection is allowed.

Work in the Listener mode: receiving and transmitting a TV channel stream with the indication of the receiving port.

Ports for listen mode must be unique.

Encryption of streams is available (Crypto protection), AES-128 is used. To enable encryption on both sides, enter **Crypt Passphrase** - a shared key.

If the transmitter uses the listen mode (default), then the connection is initiated by the receiver, and the transmitter requires authentication, the receivers are registered in the peers section. Login and password required.

SRT protocol options match the description - <https://github.com/Haivision/srt/blob/master/docs/API/API-socket-options.md>

Reorder (SRTO_LOSSMAXTTL) - The value to which the reorder tolerance can increase. Reorder tolerance is the number of packets that must follow a detected 'gap' in the sequence

numbers of incoming packets before a loss report is sent (in the hope that the gap is caused by packet reordering rather than loss). The reorder tolerance value starts at 0 and increases when packet reordering is detected. This occurs when a 'late' packet is received with a sequence number higher than the last received one, but without the retransmission flag. Upon such detection, the reorder tolerance is set to the value of the interval between the last number and the sequence number of that packet, but not more than the value set by the `SRTO_LOSSMAXTTL` parameter. By default, this value is 0, which means that this mechanism is disabled. https://github.com/Haivision/srt/blob/master/docs/API/API-socket-options.md#SRTO_LOSSMAXTTL

Overhead (SRTO_OHEADBW, %) - Overhead for bandwidth recovery beyond the input rate (see `SRTO_INPUTBW`), as a percentage of the input rate. Effective only if `SRTO_MAXBW` is set to 0. Sender: user-configurable, default: 25%.

Recommendations: Overhead is intended to provide additional bandwidth capacity in case a packet has taken up some bandwidth but is then lost and needs to be retransmitted. Therefore, the effective maximum bandwidth should be sufficiently higher than the bitrate of your stream to leave room for retransmissions, while being limited so that retransmitted packets do not lead to a sharp increase in bandwidth usage when large groups of packets are lost. Do not set too low a value and avoid 0 if the `SRTO_INPUTBW` parameter is set to 0 (automatic). Otherwise, your stream will quickly interrupt with any increase in packet loss.

Max Band (SRTO_MAXBW, bps) - This option is effective only when `SRTO_MAXBW` is set to 0 (relative). It controls the maximum bandwidth together with the `SRTO_OHEADBW` parameter according to the formula: $MAXBW = INPUTBW * (100 + OHEADBW) / 100$. If this option is set to 0 (automatic), the actual `INPUTBW` value will be estimated based on the input stream (cases where the application calls the `srt_send*` function) during transmission. The minimum allowable estimate value is limited by the `SRTO_MININPUTBW` parameter, i.e. $INPUTBW = MAX(INPUTBW_ESTIMATE; MININPUTBW)$.

Recommendations: Set this parameter to the expected bitrate of your broadcast and leave the default value of 25% for `SRTO_OHEADBW`. https://github.com/Haivision/srt/blob/master/docs/API/API-socket-options.md#srto_inputbw

Timeout (SRTO_CONNTIMEO, ms) - Connection timeout value in milliseconds. This is the time during which the connecting object will attempt to connect and wait for a response from the remote endpoint before terminating the connection with an error code. https://github.com/Haivision/srt/blob/master/docs/API/API-socket-options.md#SRTO_CONNTIMEO

4.1.3 Pro-MPEG / RTP+FEC Protocol (COP3 / SMPTE 2022-1/2)

Delivery of MPEG-TS over RTP with forward error correction (FEC, Forward Error Correction). The same protocol appears in literature and equipment under different names:

- **Pro-MPEG / Pro-MPEG COP3** — Code of Practice #3 of the Pro-MPEG forum, described in the IEEE standard (<https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/6738329>);
- **RTP + FEC** — functional name (RTP stream plus FEC channels);
- **SMPTE 2022-1** — Column FEC (same scheme, published as an SMPTE standard);
- **SMPTE 2022-2** — Row + Column FEC (two-dimensional matrix, implemented in PSS).

Advantage — low latency. Its disadvantage is high additional traffic (overhead), and it works poorly with large packet losses (more than 0.2%).

This protocol is based on RTP with the addition of 2 channels for FEC (Error Correction Code). The two FEC channels use ports `port+2` and `port+4`, which must be taken into account when

adding multiple streams on one host or multicast group.

At the sender, the stream of RTP packets is grouped into a matrix with **Cols** columns and **Rows** rows. Example for cols=8 and row=4 (default):

RTP01	RTP02	RTP03	RTP04	RTP05	RTP06	RTP07	RTP08	R1
RTP11	RTP12	RTP13	RTP14	RTP15	RTP16	RTP17	RTP18	R2
RTP21	RTP22	RTP23	RTP24	RTP25	RTP26	RTP27	RTP28	R3
RTP31	RTP32	RTP33	RTP34	RTP35	RTP36	RTP37	RTP38	R4
C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	

Rx and Cx packets form data for FEC in rows and columns. The smaller the matrix size, the better the loss correction ability, but the more additional traffic. In this example, there are 12 FEC packets for 32 RTP packets of the stream.

Stream encryption (Crypto protection) is available using AES-128, but this is not included in the standard, so compatibility with third-party software or hardware is not guaranteed.

There are non-standard protocol extensions:

Multiplexing — multiplexing of RTP channels over a single UDP port. May simplify network configuration.

4.1.4 RIST protocol

It is new open protocol. It is based on RTP/RTCP. It works as Automatic Repeat reQuest (ARQ) without ACK, only NACK, which provides high efficiency.

It uses unicast and multicast

Simple and Main profiles are implemented. Simple uses 2 udp ports in a row, the specified port must be even. Main uses only one RTP port with data multiplexing.

On transmitter - endpoint is configured as output. Receiver address and port are configured for unicast mode. For multicast mode, you need to set the network interface, through which the data will be transmitted. Also for multicast mode you can set up receivers authorization through IP address in **Peer**.

On receiver - endpoint is configured as input. For unicast mode, the receiver port (listen) is configured and the network interface is required. For multicast mode, only multicast group and port are set.

RIST supports multiple individual peers (addresses). You can set weight (more than 1), to activate load balancing mode on peers depending of weight.

If the transmitter uses multicast, then there can be many receivers. In this case, it is possible to authenticate receivers by IP address. To do this, enable authentication in the transmitter settings (disabled by default) and add the client to the peer list, enter the IP address in the login field.”

4.1.5 Other protocols

In addition to **peer** protocols for receiving and transmitting streams, others are available:

Protocol	Input	Output
UDP	Yes	Yes
RTP	Yes	Yes
TCP	Yes	No
HLS	Yes	Yes
RTSP	Yes	No
pipe	Yes	Yes

UDP (Unicast or Multicast) - reception and transmission of MPEG-TS in a UDP packet, up to 7 TS packets per UDP packet.

RTP (Unicast or Multicast) is a standard RFC-based protocol. Reordered package recovery is supported.

TCP - receiving MPEG-TS in TCP connection, TCP client mode.

HLS - ingest and delivery of MPEG-TS over HTTP, or the standard Apple HLS protocol. On ingest, the highest-bitrate rendition of an adaptive playlist is selected. **HLS input** is available for **SPTS** streams only; for MPTS use UDP / RTP / TCP / file or a DVB adapter.

RTSP - ingest of video from RTSP sources (IP cameras, RTSP servers) based on FFmpeg avformat. PSS opens an RTSP session (DESCRIBE → SETUP → PLAY), reads the ES packets, remuxes them into an internal MPEG-TS and feeds the stream pipeline. The Annex B BSF (h264_mp4toannexb / hevc_mp4toannexb) is engaged automatically. If the source has no audio tracks, a silent MPEG-1 Layer 2 track (48 kHz, stereo, 128 kbps) with PTS slaved to video is added — this is required for compatibility with the stream pipeline, which expects at least one audio track.

RTSP input settings:

- **URI** - the full URL of the RTSP session, e.g. `rtsp://cam.local/play1.sdp`.
- **Login, Password** - RTSP credentials, if basic / digest authentication is required.
- **User-Agent** - custom User-Agent (optional).
- **Cookies** - Cookie header (optional, for servers using cookie-based authentication).
- **Transport** - RTP transport within RTSP:
 - UDP - RTP over UDP (low latency, sensitive to packet loss);
 - TCP (default) - RTP interleaved within the RTSP TCP session; traverses NAT and firewalls;
 - HTTP - RTSP-over-HTTP tunnel, for traversal through HTTP-only proxies.
- **Timeout** - open and read timeout in seconds. Default is 10.
- **Trace** - verbose log for diagnostics.

The RTSP input runs in-process with PSS and requires no external binary. The workaround via **std** + `ffmpeg / gstreamer` (see FAQ) remains available and is useful for protocols that the built-in RTSP does not cover (e.g. RTMP).

The RTSP input is a single-program source and is therefore available **for SPTS streams only**.

pipe - read from and write to an existing named pipe (FIFO). Unlike **std**, PSS does not spawn a child process — the external producer / consumer must be started independently and keep the pipe open on its side. In the settings, **File Path** specifies the path to an already existing FIFO (created, for example, by the `mkfifo` command). PSS opens the FIFO in read mode (for **input**) or write mode (for **output**). Available for SPTS and MPTS.

4.1.6 Working with files and devices

file/device protocol is available for both **input** and **output** for working with files and devices.

output file/device - writing to a file or output to a device. File writing may be required to write to a ts-file and subsequent diagnosis by other analyzers. Output to a device - any device (including SDI) that is registered in **/dev**.

input file/device - cyclic playback of video from a ts-file.

When working with files, the full path to the file is specified in the field *File Path*:
`/catalog/stream.ts.`

When working with devices, the *Is Device* flag is additionally activated.

4.1.7 Stream access list and Peer limitations

Peer's stream access list allows you to configure access restrictions for clients in SRT Listen mode, PS1, HLS and HTTP modes. You can configure stream access list on **Sender** side in **Peer** settings. You only should append allowed streams to *Stream Access* block. It is empty by default and in this case all the streams are allowed.

Time limit and connections count limit are also available for the **Peer**.

Anonymous peer

By default, the peer login is *anonymous*. Anonymous peer allows to distribute streams without binding to IP or login and password. Restrictions on the number of streams issued by transport protocols, date restrictions and allowed streams list are applied.

It is possible to create an individual peer by login (name) and password.

To authorize peer by IP, you should enable the "Login Is IP" option.

Authorization options:

- By single IP
- By IP range, for example: "192.168.1.10-192.168.1.20"
- Combined option, syntax of IP lists: `ip[-ip2][,...]`

4.1.8 Connection of third-party applications

To support other protocols that are not supported by the built-in tools, it is possible to receive and transmit a stream through third-party console applications. There is a separate **std** protocol for **input** and **output** for this. The MPEG-TS stream is received and transmitted through the operating system I/O stream.

The setting specifies the console application (absolute path), command line. You can also set environment variables.

For **input**, when configuring an external application, it is necessary to exclude the appearance of messages in the standard output, only in stderr.

For **output** it is possible to set packing up to 7 MPEG-TS packets.

4.1.9 Input stream requirements

Compliant with iso13818-1, Single Program (SPTS) or Multi Program Transport Stream (MPTS). Features of MPTS are described below, further settings are indicated for Single Program.”

At least one audio track is required.

Streams without video are supported, enabled by **Radio** mode.

Supported encoded streams, you need to enable **Scrambled Stream**.

For **synchronization**, the stream must have valid PCR marks.

4.1.10 Stream settings

Set an unique stream name. Use latin, numbers, signs «_», «-». Also you can set stream display name, national symbols are supported.

Stream Timeout - total stream timeout. If during this time there is no valid input stream, then a complete restart is performed.

Pause - transfer **stream**, as well as all **input** and **output** to inactive state. By default, when adding a new **stream** as well as **input** and **output** they will be paused and inactive.

The program checks the input stream with **input** for its validity. If the stream fails, then **input** is considered abnormal.

Check Interval - Interval to re-check the stream.

MPEG-TS filter options:

Remove All Unnecessary Data - Deletes all unnecessary data except PAT/PMT, video and sound, except those specified in separate filters (see below)

Remove SDT - Deletes SDT data (channel name, provider, etc.).

Remove EIT/EPG - Deletes EPG data.

Remove Teletext - Deletes teletext data.

Remove Subtitles - Deletes subtitles data.

Stream bitrate management:

Bitrate mode - bitrate management mode.

1. Origin (default) - stream is transmitted without changes.
2. VBR - removes NULL packets to minimize bitrate. Enable if streams are used only for OTT broadcasting.
3. CBR auto - enables bitrate alignment by inserting NULL packets (Stuffing). The resulting bitrate will be set to the maximum bitrate of the input stream.
4. CBR set stuffing bitrate - explicitly set the desired bitrate. If you set less than the input stream, it will be aligned as in the CBR Auto mode.

When CBR mode is enabled, PCR Accuracy will correspond to **TR 101 290**. PCR interval will be as in the original stream.

Streams correction:

Fix PAT/PMT interval - corrects the interval to correspond to **TR 101 290**, inserting additional PAT/PMT.

4.1.11 Source reservation

Several **input** can be specified as a list, but only one is active. If **input** crashed, then an attempt is made to use the next one in the list, and so on in a circle.

If **stream** has **Fallback Check** enabled, then when the backup **input** (not the first one in the list) is running, a recheck will be performed higher in the list with the **Check Interval** interval. If, when rechecking, the stream is valid, then **stream** switches to it.

Since the order of **input** matters, it can be changed. If **input** is paused, then it will not be taken into account when working.

4.1.12 Filtering and modifying MPEG-TS

By default, the MPEG-TS stream is transmitted as is.

For each **input** the following MPEG-TS stream filtering options are available:

PID Accept - list of allowed pids. If empty, allow all except **PID Reject**.

PID Reject - list of prohibited pids. Takes precedence over **PID Accept**.

It is possible to change the pid. For this, the **PID Old** and **PID New** lists are introduced.

Mapping PID and Languages — remap of audio track languages.

Default Language - assign the default language if there is no language for the sound track.

For **stream** you can assign new MPEG-TS data (SDT table):

- MPEG-TS Network ID
- Service Name
- Provider Name
- Language

4.2 MPTS streams

MPTS stream - an MPEG-TS stream carrying multiple services, each identified by a unique program number (PNR). Used for DVB broadcasting.

Filtering options are not available for MPTS streams. Streams are passed as is.

The mosaic feature is disabled by default. It is not recommended to enable it on weak CPUs, it can add jitter.

Stream diagnostics displays data for all programs separately, as well as summary statistics.

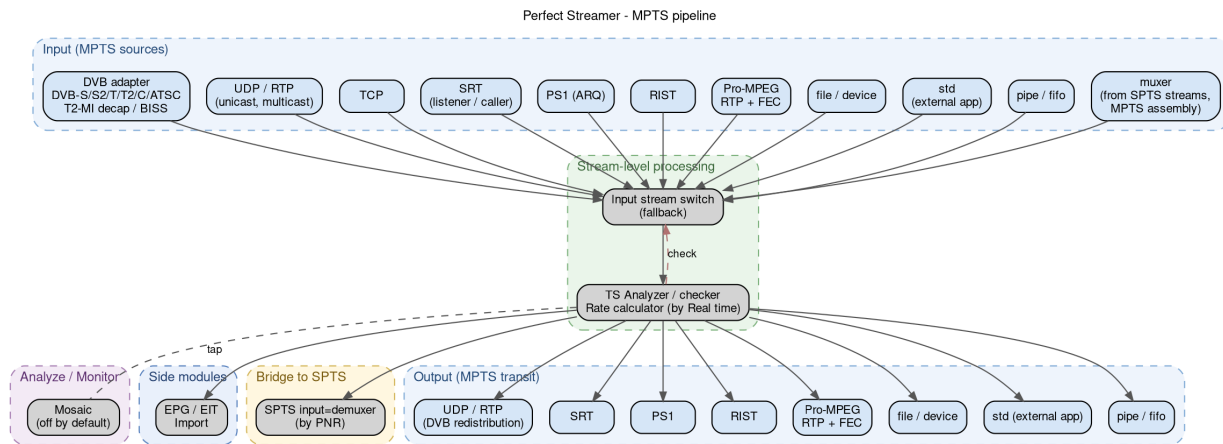


Fig. 2: MPTS stream architecture: pass-through without per-service filtering; for per-service processing (OTT, DVR, filtering) use the demultiplexer input of an SPTS stream.

4.2.1 Demultiplexor

Extracts individual streams from an MPTS stream. To do so, add an input of type demux in the SPTS stream, select the source and the service by PNR. If the source MPTS is active, a list will be available when picking the PNR; otherwise the PNR must be entered manually.

4.2.2 Multiplexor

Assembles MPTS stream from separate SPTS streams. To configure:

- Create MPTS stream.
- **Add input of muxer type. Set bitrate for CBR stream alignment (stuffing, TR 101 290 and T-STD compliance).**
If you set 0 (default) then alignment will not be performed, bitrate will correspond to the input streams. There you can also enter some parameters of MPEG-TS stream, for most applications the default parameters will be suitable.
- Add output of muxer type into source stream. Set up service name and provider name if needed. Select language in MPEG-TS settings if you use non-latin alphabet.
- Repeat for all sources.

Multiplexor generates SDT, NIT and TDT/TOT (time marks) for stream. EIT (EPG) is taken from source streams. New PIDs are assigned.

4.3 Test streams

Test Stream generator — a test signal (test card). Lets you build generated video streams as fillers for the air or fall-backs during failures of the main streams. The picture type, audio and overlaid text and time can all be configured.

It is configured by enabling the corresponding type of input for the stream. It is possible to set video format type, resolution, bitrate, sound volume and frequency, etc.

A list of available Test Streams is available in the left side menu of the program.

4.4 OTT service

Outputs streams over HTTP-based protocols — HLS, MPEG-DASH (since version 1.12) and MPEG-TS over HTTP. HTTPS (SSL) is supported. The output is enabled on the **OTT** tab of the **Stream** settings.

URLs for connections have format:

- <http://host:port/http/stream/login/password> - login/password authorization
- <http://host:port/http/stream/login> - login authorization (token)
- <http://host:port/http/stream/> - IP authorization

host and **port** - set in **http server** settings.

stream - stream **ID**. Not to be confused with the sequence number in streams list. **ID** is shown in stream stats page header and in streams list *ID* column, **ID** is set at **stream** creation and never changes.

Likewise for **HLS** and *DASH*:

- <http://host:port/hls/stream/login/password>
- <http://host:port/hls/stream/login>
- <http://host:port/hls/stream/>
- <http://host:port/dash/stream/login/password>
- <http://host:port/dash/stream/login>
- <http://host:port/dash/stream/>

Output URL templates and working status are shown on **stream** stats page. Unauthorized access is denied, all clients should be registered in **Peers**.

Additional parameters are available in the URL for **HLS** and **DASH** (optional):

[URL]?a=1&s=40&m=40&v=5&h3=1

- **a**: 1 — absolute path in the playlist, 0 — relative path (default).
- **s** - dynamic play list duration (sec), default 40 sec.

- **m**: minimum dynamic-playlist duration (sec), 40 sec by default. The maximum dynamic-playlist size is 60 sec. If the current chunk-buffer size is less than the minimum size requested, an HTTP 404 is returned. This is done so that HLS starts with a filled chunk buffer on the server.
- **v**: version of the HLS protocol declared in the playlist. By default the value depends on the HLS mode (see below): *OTT mode* — 6, *Peer mode* — 3. An explicit value in the URL overrides the default. A version change may be required for compatibility with a specific HLS client.
- **h3**: opt-in to HTTP/3 (QUIC) for this OTT session. Causes the server to emit an `Alt-Svc` header in the response, after which a compatible player / browser switches to QUIC. See section HTTP/3 (QUIC) below.

File name *index.m3u8* could be added to URL for some players support, for example: <http://host:port/hls/stream/login/password/index.m3u8>.

There are two modes of operation of the HLS server — *Peer mode* and *OTT mode*.

Peer mode — a mode with simple segment (chunk) slicing. Recommended for peering (distribution) of streams. By default the playlist is delivered as `EXT-X-VERSION:3` for compatibility with peer clients.

OTT mode — a mode with segment slicing optimised for fast player start-up under OTT broadcasting. CPU load is higher in this mode, recommended for broadcasting. By default the playlist is delivered as `EXT-X-VERSION:6` with `EXT-X-INDEPENDENT-SEGMENTS` and a `CHARACTERISTICS` attribute on `EXT-X-MEDIA TYPE=SUBTITLES` (Apple HLS, hls.js, Safari, dash.js/Shaka). If a particular client needs an earlier value — set it via the `?v=` query parameter (see the parameter list above).

SSL (HTTPS) can be enabled for HTTP server, this is done in the server settings.

Chunk Min Interval and Chunk Max Interval

In OTT mode the stream is analysed for PAT/PMT/SPS/PPS/IFrame and chunks are sliced according to the fast-start criterion for players. The analysis starts from *min interval*, and if for any reason the data is not found, the chunk is forcibly sliced at *max interval*.

GOP-aligned segments

Since version 1.13.1.438, in *OTT mode* every *.ts* TS segment is guaranteed to start with *SPS* / *PPS* / *IDR* (for HEVC — also *VPS*). The segmenter cuts out the “tail” of the previous GOP — *P* / *B* slices — from the window between the leading PAT and the chunk’s first SPS. This:

- eliminates the initial black frame at VOD session start (`?t= / ?epg=`) in *hls.js*, *Safari* and *VLC*: the MSE decoder receives the correct header set of NAL units already in the first segment and starts immediately;
- brings the output into compliance with *HLS RFC 8216 §3* (“Each Media Segment MUST contain a SPS and a PPS that decode its first Access Unit”);
- makes the `EXT-X-INDEPENDENT-SEGMENTS` declaration in an `EXT-X-VERSION:6` playlist accurate.

Controlled by the per-stream *gop-aligned-segment* setting (default *true*). Applies only when *HLS = OTT mode*: in *Peer mode* and for MPTS streams the behaviour is unchanged. PSI (PAT / PMT) and audio are preserved in full; the only side effect is a one-frame *continuity_counter* break on the video PID at the boundary between two adjacent chunks, which is a legitimate decode boundary for HLS / DASH MSE.

HLS Adaptive Multistream

Since version 1.10 HLS Adaptive Multistream is supported, and since version 1.12 DASH Adaptive Multistream as well.

HLS playlist should be configured for each adaptive stream. To do it:

- Enable HLS with OTT mode for each stream you going to use in adaptive streams.
- *Streams Adaptive* menu item will available in main menu. There you should add adaptive stream and select all streams you need for current adaptive stream playlist.
- Streams can have a bitrate parameter set. By default it is 0, which means the bitrate is taken from the measured value. Otherwise it can be set explicitly.

Adaptive stream URL is differ:

- <http://host:port/hls/adaptive/stream/login/password>
- <http://host:port/hls/adaptive/stream/login>
- <http://host:port/hls/adaptive/stream/>
- <http://host:port/dash/adaptive/stream/login/password>
- <http://host:port/dash/adaptive/stream/login>
- <http://host:port/dash/adaptive/stream/>

Peer (client) can have access list where adaptive streams are also available. Permission for an adaptive stream includes permissions for all streams that are included in it.

4.5 HTTP/3 (QUIC)

As of version 1.13.1.438, **Perfect Streamer** ships a built-in **HTTP/3** server for OTT delivery of HLS and MPEG-DASH over **QUIC** (RFC 9000 + RFC 9114). The stack is **ngtcp2** (QUIC v1) + **nghttp3** (HTTP/3 frame layer); the TLS infrastructure reuses the same certificate as the HTTPS listener.

QUIC serves OTT routes only:

- / — root redirect,
- /hls/... and /dash/... — master playlists / MPD,
- /h<sessID>/... — per-session URL (media playlists, segments, VTT),
- /http/<stream>/... — raw MPEG-TS over HTTP.

Administrative paths (/data, /config, /xmltv, /db/, /login, /logout, /restart) return **404** over QUIC — the admin API stays on HTTPS / HTTP-TCP. This is a deliberate restriction that reduces the attack surface of the QUIC listener.

4.5.1 Enabling

The QUIC settings reside in the **Configuration / HTTP server** section (node /config/http-server):

- **HTTP/3 Enable** (http3-enable) — global flag that enables the QUIC listener. Default is **off**. Enabling opens a UDP socket on http3-port; disabling closes it.
- **HTTP/3 Port** (http3-port) — UDP port of the QUIC listener. Default is **43984**. QUIC runs on UDP and HTTPS on TCP; the ports may coincide or differ — there is no conflict between them.
- **HTTP/3 0-RTT Enable** (http3-zero-rtt-enable) — allows the 0-RTT handshake (RFC 9001 §4.6.1) on resumed connections from the same client. Reduces start-up latency; the replay risk must be considered for non-idempotent requests (it is safe for read-only OTT workloads). Default is **on**.

Configuration changes are applied hot, without restarting the service.

The certificate and key are taken from the HTTPS listener — there is no separate certificate setting for HTTP/3. If HTTPS is not configured (ssl-enable=false), enabling HTTP/3 yields nothing — the handshake will not complete.

4.5.2 The ?h3 parameter — per-session opt-in

A browser does not connect to an HTTP/3 endpoint directly — it first reaches HTTPS/TCP, receives the Alt-Svc: h3=":<port>"; ma=86400 header in the response (RFC 7838), and only subsequent requests to that origin are switched to QUIC.

In Perfect Streamer, Alt-Svc emission is **opt-in per OTT session**. The server does not advertise QUIC to every client indiscriminately: the client must explicitly request HTTP/3 via the ?h3 query parameter on the master HLS / DASH URL.

Value in URL	Opt-in value	Alt-Svc in response
parameter absent	off (default)	no
?h3 (no value)	on	yes
?h3=1, ?h3=on, ?h3=yes, ?h3=true	on	yes
?h3=0, ?h3=off, ?h3=no, ?h3=false	explicit off	no (as when absent)

Once the client has obtained the session URL /h<sess>/... , the wantH3 flag is stored in the session — all subsequent media-playlist refreshes, segment GETs and VTT-chunk GETs under that session URL **also** receive Alt-Svc, even if ?h3 is absent from the individual request. Without opt-in on the master, no sticky behaviour is established.

Alt-Svc gating:

1. The QUIC listener is globally enabled (http3-enable=true); otherwise the advertisement is suppressed even when ?h3 is set.
2. The request did **not** arrive over QUIC — on requests already served over H3, Alt-Svc is meaningless and is not emitted.
3. Per-session or per-URL wantH3=true (see the table above).
4. The admin and EPG servers never emit Alt-Svc — they have no QUIC listener.

This behaviour is consistent with RFC 7838 §3 — the server itself decides on which responses to emit Alt-Svc.

4.5.3 QUIC switch-over scenario in the browser

Typical flow (Chrome / Firefox / Safari):

1. The player opens the master URL with explicit opt-in:

```
https://stream.example.com:41982/hls/test1/login/password/index.m3u8?h3=1
```

2. The first request goes over HTTPS/TCP. In the response the server emits Alt-Svc: h3=":43984"; ma=86400.
3. The browser caches the mapping stream.example.com:41982 → h3=":43984". In Chrome it can be inspected on the chrome://net-internals/#alt-svc page; in Firefox — about:networking#http3.
4. On subsequent requests to the same origin (playlist refresh, segment GETs, VTT) the browser opens a QUIC connection on udp/43984 and continues over HTTP/3. In DevTools → Network the **Protocol** column for these requests becomes h3.

If the QUIC connection cannot be established (UDP port blocked by firewall, certificate not trusted by the system), the browser transparently remains on HTTPS/TCP — functionally the stream keeps playing without interruption.

4.5.4 Client accounting and monitoring

The real IP address of a QUIC client in the active-peer accounting (/data/http-clients, concurrent-connection limits, IP-based ACLs) is the **actual peer address** of the QUIC connection, not the loopback of the internal backend bridge.

The ott-type attribute in /data/http-clients is composite, with the format <PROTO>/<scheme>:

- PROTO — OTT protocol: HLS, DASH or HTTP.
- scheme — the actual network transport: http, https or quic.

Examples: HLS/quic, DASH/https, HTTP/http. The admin UI shows both the OTT protocol and the network transport of each client in a single column.

The OTT session timeout is **60 seconds**, regardless of the transport. When a client switches between transports, the scheme is only upgraded along the priority chain http → https → quic. A concurrent fallback to a less secure connection does not overwrite the current type — the most secure transport seen is retained in the accounting.

4.5.5 Player compatibility

HTTP/3 for OTT is supported by:

- **iOS AVPlayer / Safari** — natively, via Alt-Svc; 0-RTT is supported.
- **Chrome, Firefox, Edge, Brave** — via Alt-Svc; HLS is played through hls.js, DASH through dash.js / Shaka, and the player traffic inherits HTTP/3 from the browser fetch API.
- **Android ExoPlayer** — via the Cronet QUIC engine (not the default transport; requires client-side configuration).

VLC (libVLC) does not support HTTP/3 — on these clients the stream continues to work over HTTPS/TCP, without the benefit of QUIC.

The real-world benefit of QUIC vs HTTPS/TCP is most noticeable on mobile networks / Wi-Fi / lossy networks:

- no head-of-line blocking at the TCP layer — a loss in one HTTP stream does not delay the others;
- 0-RTT handshake on resumed connections from the same client;
- more stable ABR bitrate at packet losses of 1-5 %.

On managed networks / corporate Wi-Fi the benefit is usually modest — 5-10 % on startup latency and close to zero in steady state. CPU load on the server is higher for QUIC than for kernel TCP — this is the price of user-space TLS plus transport.

4.6 Caching model for OTT HLS and DASH

The server emits responses of three categories that differ in content lifetime and suitability for caching by intermediate nodes (reverse proxy, CDN, client cache).

4.6.1 1. Caching model

1.1. Resources and HTTP headers

Resource	URL	Content-Type	Cache-Control
TS segment	/h<sess>/<keyHex>.ts, / h<sess>/sub/<pid>/<keyHex>.vtt	video/mp2t	public, max-age=60, immutable
DASH MPD	/h<sess>/index.mpd	application/ dash+xml; charset=utf-8	public, max-age=1
HLS master	/hls/<stream>/<login>/ <pass>/index.m3u8	application/ vnd.apple. mpegurl	public, max-age=1
HLS media	/h<sess>/index.m3u8, / h<sess>/sub/<pid>/index.m3u8	application/ vnd.apple. mpegurl	public, max-age=1
302 Redirect	/dash/<stream>/<login>/ <pass>/index.mpd	—	no-cache, no-store
Raw TS	/http/<stream>/<login>/ <pass>	video/mp2t	not set; not cached

1.2. TS segment characteristics

The hexadecimal segment identifier in the URL (<keyHex> in paths /h<sess>/<keyHex>.ts) is computed as a CRC64 over the segment start time and the stream ID, and is globally unique. The segment URL addresses immutable content — repeated requests for the same URL return an identical byte stream (as long as the segment stays within the sliding window).

The immutable directive suppresses conditional revalidation by the client (If-None-Match, If-Modified-Since). The max-age=60 value is compatible with a typical timeShiftBuffer-Depth=40s.

1.3. Manifest characteristics

max-age=1 caps the upper bound of cached-content staleness at one second. Combined with proxy_cache_lock on (nginx) it collapses bursts of manifest requests into a single origin request per second.

1.4. Content variability

With absPath=0 (the default, no a URL parameter) the HLS media and DASH MPD manifests do not embed a session identifier in the body. The manifest content is identical across sessions belonging to the same (stream, param) combination. This lets a reverse-proxy cache reuse a single entry across sessions when the cache key is normalised.

With absPath=1 (URL parameter a=1) the manifest body contains absolute URLs that include the scheme, host, and session identifier. The content becomes session-specific; cross-session cache reuse is not available.

4.6.2 2. Client behaviour

Client	Manifest refresh URL	Effect on session count
VLC 3.x HLS	/h<sess>/index.m3u8	One session per playback
VLC 3.x DASH	/dash/<stream>/.../index.mpd	Handled by session reuse (see 3.3)
ffmpeg 5.x HLS	/h<sess>/index.m3u8	One session per playback
ffmpeg 5.x DASH	/dash/<stream>/.../index.mpd (re-request loop)	Handled by session reuse (see 3.3)
dash.js, hls.js	/h<sess>/... via <Location> / session URL	One session per playback

4.6.3 3. Special mechanisms

3.1. HTTP 302 Redirect for DASH

A /dash/<stream>/<login>/<pass>/index.mpd request returns 302 Found with a Location: /h<sess>/index.mpd header. The body is empty. Authentication and session allocation happen during the redirect.

Clients that cache the redirect address the session URL directly in subsequent requests. Clients that do not, re-issue the redirect request. The cost of repeat redirect handling is limited to auth check and session-reuse operations.

3.2. Session reuse for DASH

When processing a /dash/.../index.mpd request from the same login to the same stream (with the same *adaptive* flag), the server finds an existing DASH session and returns its identifier again. No new session is created; a slot in the concurrent-connections limit is not consumed.

Applies to DASH only. HLS does not require a separate reuse mechanism: HLS clients refresh the media playlist via the session URL and do not create a new session on each refresh.

3.3. Reusing segments between sessions

The path /h<sess>/<keyHex>.ts does not depend on <sess> when resolving <keyHex> to content: <keyHex> uniquely identifies a TS segment within a stream globally. Nginx with a normalised cache key (stripping the /h<sess>/ prefix) serves every request for the same <keyHex> from a single cache entry, regardless of which clients issued them.

4.6.4 4. Request parameters

Parameter	Default value	Effect
a	0	1 — absolute URLs in manifests; 0 — relative
s	40	timeShiftBufferDepth in seconds
m	40	Minimum window length for manifest emission
v	6 for <i>OTT mode</i> , 3 for <i>Peer mode</i>	#EXT-X-VERSION in HLS (ignored by DASH); an explicit value in the URL overrides the default
h3	absent (off)	opt-in to HTTP/3 (QUIC) — causes the server to emit Alt-Svc in the response. Recognised values: presence ⇒ on, 1/on/yes/true ⇒ on, 0/off/no/false ⇒ explicit off. Sticky on the session URL /h<sess>/.... See section HTTP/3 (QUIC).

Changing a parameter via query string updates the values stored in the session on its next re-opening.

4.6.5 5. Load characteristics

Origin load scales with the number of distinct streams being watched concurrently. Increasing the number of clients watching the same stream does not increase origin requests when a reverse-proxy cache with a normalised cache key is in place.

Scenario	Origin request rate (ref.)
1 client per stream X	MPD: 0.4 req/s, segment: 0.2 req/s
N clients on one stream X (cache enabled)	MPD: 1 req/s, segment: 0.2 req/s
N ffmpeg clients in replay mode on one stream	MPD: 1 req/s (with proxy_cache_lock)
N clients on N distinct streams	MPD: 0.4·N req/s, segment: 0.2·N req/s

4.6.6 6. Nginx as a caching reverse proxy

6.1. Basic configuration

```

proxy_cache_path /var/cache/nginx/pss_segments
  levels=1:2 keys_zone=pss_segments:100m
  max_size=20g inactive=30m use_temp_path=off;

proxy_cache_path /var/cache/nginx/pss_manifests
  levels=1:2 keys_zone=pss_manifests:10m
  max_size=256m inactive=5m use_temp_path=off;

upstream pss_backend {
  server 127.0.0.1:41972;
  keepalive 64;

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```

}
map $uri $pss_cache_key {
    ~^/h[0-9a-f]{16}(?<tail>/.+\. (ts|m3u8))$ "stream:$tail";
    default $uri;
}

server {
    listen 80;
    server_name stream.example.com;

    location ~* "^/h[0-9a-f]{16}(/[0-9]+)?/[0-9a-f]+\.(ts$)" {
        proxy_cache pss_segments;
        proxy_cache_key $pss_cache_key;
        proxy_cache_valid 200 60s;
        proxy_cache_valid 404 403 0s;
        proxy_cache_lock on;
        proxy_cache_use_stale updating error timeout;
        proxy_cache_revalidate on;
        add_header X-Cache-Status $upstream_cache_status;

        proxy_pass http://pss_backend;
        proxy_http_version 1.1;
        proxy_set_header Connection "";
        proxy_buffering on;
    }

    location ~* "(^/h[0-9a-f]{16}(/[0-9]+)?/index\.(m3u8|mpd)$|^/(hls|dash)/.*\.(m3u8|mpd)$)" {
        proxy_cache pss_manifests;
        proxy_cache_key $pss_cache_key;
        proxy_cache_valid 200 1s;
        proxy_cache_valid 404 403 0s;
        proxy_cache_lock on;
        proxy_cache_lock_timeout 2s;
        proxy_cache_use_stale updating;
        add_header X-Cache-Status $upstream_cache_status;

        proxy_pass http://pss_backend;
        proxy_http_version 1.1;
        proxy_set_header Connection "";
    }

    location / {
        proxy_pass http://pss_backend;
        proxy_http_version 1.1;
        proxy_set_header Connection "";
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Proto $scheme;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Host $host;
        proxy_buffering off;
        proxy_read_timeout 3600s;
    }
}

```

6.2. Directive purposes

Directive	Purpose
proxy_cache_lock on	Serialises upstream requests when concurrent cache misses target the same key
proxy_cache_use_stale updating	Returns the stale copy to concurrent requests while the cache is being refreshed
proxy_cache_revalidate on	Uses If-Modified-Since on cache miss when a saved copy exists
proxy_cache_valid 404 403 0s	Disables caching of authorisation errors and 404
keepalive 64 in upstream	Maintains a pool of persistent connections to origin
proxy_buffering on	For segments; enables response buffering in nginx
proxy_buffering off	For the / location; disables buffering (raw streaming)

6.3. Calculating segment cache max_size

Rough value: $\text{bitrate} \times \text{timeShiftBufferDepth} \times \text{distinct_streams} \times 2$

Example: $10 \text{ streams} \times 8 \text{ Mbps} \times 40\text{s} \times 2 \approx 800 \text{ MB}$. A 10x headroom is recommended to absorb bitrate variance.

6.4. TLS termination

The Perfect Streamer server accepts connections on HTTP and HTTPS ports. With TLS termination at nginx the upstream uses the HTTP port. Forwarding X-Forwarded-Proto and X-Forwarded-Host headers is required for correct absolute URL composition when `absPath=1`.

```
server {
    listen 443 ssl http2;
    server_name stream.example.com;

    ssl_certificate      /etc/letsencrypt/live/stream.example.com/fullchain.pem;
    ssl_certificate_key  /etc/letsencrypt/live/stream.example.com/privkey.pem;
    ssl_protocols        TLSv1.2 TLSv1.3;
    ssl_session_cache    shared:SSL:10m;
    ssl_session_timeout  1d;

    add_header Strict-Transport-Security "max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains" always;

    location ... {
        proxy_pass          http://pss_backend;
        proxy_set_header    X-Forwarded-Proto https;
        proxy_set_header    X-Forwarded-Host $host;
        proxy_set_header    Host             $host;
        # + caching directives from 6.1
    }
}

server {
    listen 80;
```

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```
server_name stream.example.com;
return 301 https://$host$request_uri;
}
```

For HTTPS between nginx and origin, `proxy_ssl_verify` and `proxy_ssl_trusted_certificate` directives apply. Encryption is redundant for loopback connections.

6.5. Multi-host

When serving multiple `server_name` from a single nginx process, `$host` is added to the cache key to isolate content:

```
map $uri $pss_cache_key {
    ~^/h[0-9a-f]{16}(?<tail>/.\.(ts|m3u8))$ "$host:stream:$tail";
    default "$host:$uri";
}
```

`keys_zone` size is sized at 8000 keys per MB. For multi-host installations with thousands of streams, `keys_zone=...:300m` or higher is recommended.

4.6.7 7. Client-side caching

Cache-Control: immutable is honoured by Chrome/Firefox/Safari. The client cache returns the segment without a conditional request on re-access (including backward seek within the player buffer).

Service Workers can apply a `cache-first` strategy based on `Cache-Control` content. DASH players (dash.js, Shaka) use MSE through `SourceBuffer`; a segment placed in the buffer remains available without a repeat HTTP request until it slides out of the window.

For cross-domain requests the `Access-Control-Allow-Origin: *` header allows caching in shared caches without `Vary: Origin`. Switching ACAO to a specific Origin requires `Vary: Origin`, which reduces shared-cache efficiency.

4.6.8 8. Deployment via CDN

Perfect Streamer is compatible with pull-from-origin CDNs (Cloudflare, Akamai, Fastly, BunnyCDN, Amazon CloudFront).

Origin shield. Placing one or more shield nodes between CDN edge and origin is recommended to reduce origin request rate when clients are globally distributed.

Purge. Content-addressed segments require no purge. When stream metadata changes (codec, resolution), manifests refresh within `max-age=1` without an explicit purge.

Cache warming. When a specific stream is expected to spike, the CDN may be warmed from several geographic points before broadcast start.

Geo-distribution. Segments (`max-age=60`) are well suited for geographically distributed caching. Manifests (`max-age=1`) tolerate up to one-second delivery delay — acceptable for non-low-latency live.

4.6.9 9. Monitoring

9.1. X-Cache-Status

Add `add_header X-Cache-Status $upstream_cache_status;` in every cached location. Values:

Value	Description
HIT	Response from cache
MISS	Not in cache; fetched from origin and stored
EXPIRED	Expired, refreshed
UPDATING	Stale copy returned to a concurrent request during refresh
STALE	<code>use_stale</code> returned the expired copy (origin unreachable)
REVALIDATED	Origin returned 304 Not Modified
BYPASS	<code>proxy_cache_bypass</code> triggered

9.2. Access-log format

```
log_format pss_cache '$remote_addr $status $request_method "$request" '
                    '$body_bytes_sent rt=$request_time ut=$upstream_response_time '
                    'cache=$upstream_cache_status key=$pss_cache_key';

server {
    access_log /var/log/nginx/pss.log pss_cache;
}
```

9.3. Metrics

The `nginx-vts` module exports per-zone metrics in Prometheus format:

```
GET /status/format/prometheus
```

Recommended alert thresholds:

Metric	Threshold	Possible cause
Segment HIT rate	< 90% over 5 minutes	Cache-key normalisation broken; <code>max_size</code> too small
Manifest MISS rate	> 50% over 1 minute	<code>proxy_cache_lock</code> is not serialising requests
Upstream response time p95	> 500 ms over 1 minute	Origin overload
Cache zone fill	> 90% over 10 minutes	Approaching <code>max_size</code> ; LRU eviction expected

4.6.10 10. Diagnostics

Symptom	Likely cause	Resolution
Low segment HIT rate	Vary: Origin with high Origin variance; broken normalisation in map	Inspect headers and the regex in the map directive
404 on segments after they leave the sliding window	Cached 404 for a segment that fell out of the sliding window	Add <code>proxy_cache_valid 404 0s</code> in the segments location
Playback start delay of 2-5 s	<code>proxy_cache_lock_timeout</code> exceeds target latency	Lower to 1-2 s; enable <code>proxy_cache_use_stale updating</code>
Manifest does not refresh	<code>proxy_cache_valid</code> overrides <code>max-age</code>	Set <code>proxy_cache_valid 200 1s</code> explicitly
Growing <code>TIME_WAIT</code> on upstream	<code>keepalive</code> missing in upstream block	Add <code>keepalive 64</code> , <code>proxy_http_version 1.1</code> , <code>proxy_set_header Connection ""</code>
403 on <code>/dash/.../<segment>.ts</code> from <code>ffmpeg</code>	Client resolves relative URLs against the pre-redirect URL	Server emits <code><BaseURL>/h<sess>/</BaseURL></code> (absolute path); compatible in the current build
Lags, frequent rebuffering for remote clients	Low effective TCP throughput due to slow start and idle restart at large RTTs (300 ms and above)	Tuning of the Linux network stack on the origin: see 10.1

10.1. TCP tuning of the origin for high-RTT clients

The problem appears on clients with a large RTT to the origin (e.g. 300 ms and above) when the stream bitrate is close to the channel capacity. Player symptoms (VLC, `ffmpeg`, `dash.js`) — frequent rebuffering, warnings such as `ES_OUT_SET_PCR called too late` (with `pts_delay` increasing), buffer deadlock prevented, stream interruptions. On the server side the client looks normal, there are no errors, and the throughput on `/data/stream/...` matches the input stream.

Cause:

- **TCP slow start.** Every new TCP connection starts with a congestion window of about 14 KB and grows it over several RTTs. At an RTT of 300 ms, reaching the full window takes 2-3 seconds. During that time, an HLS/DASH segment lasting 5 s (4-6 MB) downloads noticeably slower than real time.
- **TCP idle restart.** Between segment requests, an HLS pull-model client pauses for 4-5 s. By default, after such a pause the Linux kernel resets the connection's congestion window back to the initial `cwnd` (the `net.ipv4.tcp_slow_start_after_idle=1` behaviour). As a result, on the next GET the keep-alive connection restarts transmission from slow start anew — even on an already warmed-up session.

An additional aggravation — the default CUBIC congestion control copes poorly with long RTTs and packet loss on intermediate network segments.

Solution — two `sysctl` parameters on the origin:

```
# Keep congestion window across idle pauses inside keep-alive sessions.
sysctl -w net.ipv4.tcp_slow_start_after_idle=0

# Use BBR instead of CUBIC: better behaviour on long-RTT paths
# with mild packet loss; paces sending instead of bursting.
modprobe tcp_bbr
sysctl -w net.ipv4.tcp_congestion_control=bbr
```

For persistent application:

```
cat > /etc/sysctl.d/99-pss-net.conf <<EOF
net.ipv4.tcp_slow_start_after_idle = 0
net.ipv4.tcp_congestion_control = bbr
EOF
sysctl --system
```

The main effect comes from the first parameter (`tcp_slow_start_after_idle=0`). It directly eliminates repeated slow start between segment requests within the same keep-alive connection. The second (BBR) provides additional robustness and applies to all new connections.

The tuning does not require a Perfect Streamer restart and applies to all new TCP connections immediately after `sysctl -w`. Existing connections retain the congestion control with which they were established.

4.6.11 11. Security

11.1. Session URL

A URL of the form `/h<sess>/...` acts as the session token — no repeat authentication is required. Lifetime is bounded by an idle timeout (30 s). On inactivity the session is removed by the cleaner task.

Requirements:

- HTTPS on every OTT path (`/hls/`, `/dash/`, `/h<sess>/`) in production
- Session ID in the Location header of 302 is not cached (`no-cache`, `no-store`)

11.2. Rate limiting

```
limit_req_zone $binary_remote_addr zone=dash_top:10m rate=5r/s;
limit_req_zone $binary_remote_addr zone=hls_top:10m rate=5r/s;

server {
    location /dash/ {
        limit_req zone=dash_top burst=20 nodelay;
        proxy_pass http://pss_backend;
    }
    location /hls/ {
        limit_req zone=hls_top burst=20 nodelay;
        proxy_pass http://pss_backend;
    }
}
```

Session URLs (/h<sess>/) do not require rate limiting — handling is cheap and responses are cached.

11.3. Caching error responses

```
proxy_cache_valid 200 60s;  
proxy_cache_valid 301 302 0s;  
proxy_cache_valid 404 403 0s;  
proxy_cache_valid any 1s;
```

Disables caching of redirects (unique sess in Location) and of authorisation/missing-resource error responses.

11.4. Restricting network access to origin

Port 41972 (41982 for HTTPS) must be closed to external traffic. Acceptable configurations:

1. Bind Perfect Streamer to 127.0.0.1 (when nginx is co-located)
2. Firewall rule:

```
iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 41972 ! -s 10.0.0.0/8 -j DROP
```

4.6.12 12. Middleware integration

12.1. The prefix-login model

Perfect Streamer supports delegating user identification to a middleware/billing system via the prefix-login mechanism. An external connector to the billing system is not included in the current release.

Embedded-user configuration:

```
{  
  "id": 9,  
  "login": "sub",  
  "password": "xxx",  
  "is-prefix": true,  
  "max-conn-http-hls": 1,  
  "accept-stream": [ ... ]  
}
```

With `is-prefix: true` the server accepts URLs whose login follows `<prefix><billing_user_id>`:

```
/dash/test1/sub42/xxx/index.mpd  
/hls/test1/sub43/xxx/index.m3u8
```

12.2. Statistics format

```
<clients>
  <client login-id="-1974387287" login="sub" match-login="sub42"
    sess-id="11331..." ott-type="dash" stream-id="10000" .../>
  <client login-id="-2147031294" login="sub" match-login="sub43"
    sess-id="11132..." ott-type="dash" stream-id="10000" .../>
</clients>
```

The `login-id` field holds the hash of the URL login. The `login` field is the configured value. The `match-login` field is the URL login used by the client.

12.3. Limitations of prefix-login

- **Shared password.** All subscribers of a prefix pool use a single password value. Compromising the password grants access to any `<prefix><string>`.
- **ACL granularity.** `accept-stream` applies to the whole prefix pool. Per-subscriber ACL is not available without external billing.
- **Password rotation.** Changing the password disconnects all active subscribers. A gradual rollover requires temporarily using two prefix logins.

4.6.13 13. WebVTT subtitles

The subtitle source is DVB Teletext / DVB Subtitling from the input MPEG-TS. Teletext subtitle tracks must be present in the **Media Information** or **Original Media Information** sections. The **Analyzer** section can also be used to verify that packets of the corresponding PIDs are active.

For OTT HLS/DASH the OTT mode must be enabled (in *Peer mode* WebVTT subtitles are not available). The chunk counter **OTT WebVTT buffer chunk count** in the **Output # OTT** section must become non-zero.

To diagnose subtitles, enable **Analyze** and **Trace** on the stream. At stream start the stream log should contain:

```
Start Teletext subtitle decoder
[ttxsubdec] ttx: pid=331 magazine=8 page=0x88 lang=***
```

Subsequent log entries contain the decoded subtitle text.

13.1. URL of VTT segments

Scheme	URL	Content
HLS master	/hls/.../index.m3u8	#EXT-X-MEDIA:TYPE=SUBTITLES, GROUP-ID="subs",...,URI="/h<sess>/sub/<pid>/index.m3u8"
HLS subtitle playlist	/h<sess>/sub/<pid>/index.m3u8	list of <keyHex>.vtt with #EXTINF
HLS VTT segment	/h<sess>/sub/<pid>/<keyHex>.vtt	VTT with HLS-flavoured X-TIMESTAMP-MAP
DASH MPD AdaptationSet	inside index.mpd	contentType="text" mimeType="text/vtt" + <SegmentTemplate media="\$Number\$.vtt">
DASH VTT segment	/h<sess>/sub/<pid>/<seq>.vtt	VTT with DASH-flavoured X-TIMESTAMP-MAP

<keyHex> is a 16-character hex CRC64 of the segment start time, stream ID, and subtitle-track PID. <seq> is the decimal sequence number of a subtitle-stream chunk (subtitle numbering is unrelated to TS-chunk numbering).

4.7 DVR / Archive

Since version 1.13, **Perfect Streamer** provides a built-in DVR — a persistent on-disk stream archive that operates in parallel with regular OTT delivery (HLS / DASH). The archive is written automatically, without a separate process, and is played back through the same OTT URLs as live — the only difference is the query parameter.

Features:

- Recording of each OTT stream to the archive on the selected storage.
- HLS and DASH archive playback (VOD) on the same URLs as live.
- Subtitle support (WebVTT) — written alongside TS chunks.
- Multiple storages — a stream is bound to one; different streams may write to different disks.
- Automatic cleanup by retention time and by disk usage.
- EPG-aligned VOD — archive delivery by EPG-event reference.
- Adaptive VOD — supported for adaptive groups.

DVR requires no separate license. It is enabled per stream by adding a storage binding.

DVR does not replace live broadcasting. If a stream has an archive, the client receives a live playlist with the same behaviour as without DVR. The archive starts playing only when the client explicitly requests VOD mode via a URL query parameter (see below).

4.7.1 Storage configuration

A storage is a record in the **Configuration / DVR Storage** section. Each record describes one on-disk directory into which PSS writes archive files. A stream uses one storage.

When adding a storage, the following are configured:

Name — display name.

Dir Path — path to the on-disk directory. After record creation, the path **cannot be changed** — to move the archive to another disk, delete the record and add a new one with the new path. Existing files **are not touched on disk** when the record is deleted.

Max Usage, % — disk usage threshold (default 90 %). When exceeded, size-based cleanup activates (see below). Minimum 1 %, maximum 100 %.

Cleanup Interval, sec — cleanup task period (default 10 sec). On each tick, everything older than the stream retention depth is trimmed first; then, if **Max Usage** is exceeded, old chunks are removed.

Disk Pressure Grace, sec — how many seconds **Used %** must continuously exceed **Max Usage** before **Size-based cleanup** starts (default 60 sec). Filters out short spikes.

Disk Pressure Cut, sec — upper bound for one cleanup tick: how many seconds of video per stream may be deleted at once (default 300 sec). The remainder is carried over to the next tick.

Disk Emergency Bytes — free-space threshold below which the storage transitions to *Error* state and recording stops (default 2 GiB). Automatic recovery occurs when free space $\geq 2 \times$ this value.

Alarm Disk-Full Hysteresis, % — hysteresis band width when exiting the *DiskFullDegraded* state (default 2 %).

Most default values suit typical installations; adjustments are typically required only for **Max Usage** and **Dir Path**.

One storage per disk is the recommended layout. Creating several records on the same disk with different subdirectories causes them to compete for free space — *statvfs* gives a shared view, but cleanup is per-record.

4.7.2 Binding a stream to a storage

In the **Stream / OTT** settings, a **DVR** section appears:

Storage — drop-down list of available storages; 0 means “archive disabled for this stream”.

Storage Hours — archive depth for this stream, in hours. Chunks older than this are deleted on each cleanup tick. 0 disables **Rolling cleanup** (only **Size-based cleanup** by **Max Usage** runs).

Storage Min Hour — lower protection threshold (hours). The cleanup task never deletes chunks younger than this, even under **Max Usage** pressure. Use it when business logic requires a guaranteed fresh recording, e.g. “the last 2 hours are always present”.

Changing **Storage** on the fly:

- setting 0 — disables archiving; on-disk chunks are **preserved**, new ones are not written. VOD sessions on this stream begin returning 404;

- selecting a different storage — the stream is detached from the old one and starts writing to the new one. Files from the old disk are not migrated.

Changes to **Storage Hours** and **Storage Min Hour** apply immediately — the cleanup task picks up the new value on the next tick.

After configuration, the stream begins writing the archive automatically as soon as it enters *Running* state.

4.7.3 VOD: archive playback

The archive is played through **the same URLs** as live HLS / DASH broadcasting (see the *OTT service* section) — only the query parameter differs.

URLs and parameters

URLs for HLS and DASH:

- <http://host:port/hls/stream/login/password/index.m3u8>
- <http://host:port/dash/stream/login/password/index.mpd>

Without query parameters — regular live with a **sliding window**. When the *t* parameter is present — VOD mode.

Parameter	Purpose
<i>t</i> =<epoch>	VOD start time (Unix epoch, sec). <i>t</i> =0 — from archive start. The presence of <i>t</i> (even <i>t</i> =0) enables VOD mode.
<i>d</i> =<sec>	VOD window duration, sec. <i>d</i> =0 or parameter absent — “up to the current moment”. Meaningful only together with <i>t</i> .
<i>epg</i> =<epoch>	EPG-aligned VOD: the server itself locates the EPG event active at the given moment and takes its <i>start</i> and <i>duration</i> as window bounds. Incompatible with <i>t</i> and <i>d</i> (server-side override). See below.
<i>a</i> , <i>s</i> , <i>m</i> , <i>v</i>	Standard live parameters (see <i>OTT service</i>); <i>s</i> and <i>m</i> are ignored in VOD mode.

Behavior by *t* and *d*:

<i>t</i>	<i>d</i>	Window	404 condition
no	—	live (sliding window)	—
0	none / 0	[archive start, now]	DVR not bound
0	> 0	[archive start, +d]	DVR not bound
> 0	none / 0	[<i>t</i> , now]	DVR not bound
> 0	> 0	[<i>t</i> , <i>t</i> + <i>d</i>]	DVR not bound

Boundary normalization:

- *t* earlier than archive start — start is automatically aligned to the first available chunk (cleanup may have already trimmed). This is **not 404** — what remains is served.
- *t* in the future or window entirely earlier than the archive — empty but valid playlist (HLS: header only + EXT-X-ENDLIST; DASH: @type="static", mediaPresentation-Duration="PT0S").

- Chunks are selected strictly by the chunk start time falling within the half-open interval $[t, t+d)$ — there are no partial segments.

VOD on a stream without an archive (or whose storage is in *Error*) — **404** immediately on the master playlist / MPD. No session is created.

Error text in 404 body (visible in server logs and HTTP body):

- VOD: stream not running — the stream is in the config but not in *Running*.
- VOD: no DVR archive — no storage is set on the stream, or the storage is in *Error*.
- VOD: DVR detached — the stream was detached from the storage between requests.
- VOD: EPG event not found — no event found for ?epg=.

VOD HLS playlist — **closed** (the player sees the duration and can seek):

```
#EXTM3U
#EXT-X-VERSION:6
#EXT-X-PLAYLIST-TYPE:VOD
#EXT-X-TARGETDURATION:6
#EXT-X-MEDIA-SEQUENCE:0
#EXTINF:5.000,
...
#EXT-X-ENDLIST
```

These markers are absent in the live playlist — that is the only difference.

VOD DASH MPD — **static**: @type="static", fixed mediaPresentationDuration, explicit <SegmentURL>. Live DASH remains @type="dynamic".

If the selected interval has **gaps** in the archive (e.g. a recording restart or cleanup trimmed a middle portion), the DASH MPD is automatically split into multiple <Period> — one per contiguous track. Players (VLC, dashjs, Shaka) seek across period boundaries without special configuration.

EPG-aligned VOD

If the stream is bound to an EPG source (fields **EPG Source** and **EPG Channel** in the stream settings), the client may request the archive **by a moment that falls within an EPG event**:

- <http://host:port/hls/stream/login/password/index.m3u8?epg=1778500000>
- <http://host:port/dash/stream/login/password/index.mpd?epg=1778500000>

The server locates the EPG event active at the given *epoch* and substitutes its *start* and *duration* as the VOD window bounds. Useful for program catalogs: the UI knows the event time but is not required to compute exact sec/ms boundaries.

If the stream is not bound to EPG or no event is active at that moment — **404 ``VOD: EPG event not found``**. Parameters *t* and *d* are ignored when *epg* is present.

Adaptive streams

Adaptive groups (see HLS Adaptive Multistream) support the same VOD parameters:

- <http://host:port/hls/adaptive/group/login/password/index.m3u8?t=0>
- <http://host:port/dash/adaptive/group/login/password/index.mpd?t=0>

Only variants that have a DVR storage configured are included in the master playlist (HLS). Variants without DVR are skipped (VOD: variant N has no DVR appears in the log); assembly from the remaining variants proceeds.

In the DASH variant, each quality becomes a separate <Representation> inside common <Period>; the player may switch between qualities without reopening the manifest.

Player behavior

VOD HLS / DASH from the archive plays in standard players: VLC, hls.js, dashjs, Shaka, ffmpeg. Timeline seeking works.

If the player requests a segment that cleanup has already removed by that moment, the server returns **404 for that segment** (not 500). VLC, hls.js, dashjs skip such a segment and continue playback from the next one.

Additional capabilities:

- **Active session protection:** while a VOD session is open, cleanup does not delete chunks within its window (see below).
- **Live-edge bridge:** if a client in a VOD session requests a segment beyond the right boundary of the VOD window — e.g. moves forward along the timeline after reaching the archive end — the server automatically serves the segment from live memory. No redirects and no re-authorisation.
- **Playlist cache:** on repeated requests for the same VOD `index.m3u8` / `index.mpd`, the server returns a byte-for-byte identical response — without rebuilding. Suitable for a CDN in front of PSS.

4.7.4 Subtitles in the archive

If the stream carries subtitles (DVB Subtitling, Teletext, or WebVTT) and the **OTT WebVTT** option is enabled in the stream settings, subtitles are archived in parallel with the TS chunks — as `.vtt` files next to `.ts`.

In live mode, the master playlist contains `EXT-X-MEDIA:TYPE=SUBTITLES`; in VOD mode the server returns a **VOD subtitle playlist** (with `ENDLIST`) and `.vtt` segments at the same URLs.

Notes:

- **HLS:** the `X-TIMESTAMP-MAP` header is preserved at the start of every `.vtt` (required by the HLS specification).
- **DASH:** the `X-TIMESTAMP-MAP` header is stripped on the fly (it is bound to the absolute PCR and conflicts with the DASH anchor; otherwise VLC shows empty subtitles).
- In an adaptive group: if the active sub-stream does not write subtitles, VTT segments return 404. On the next variant, the player may receive subtitles again.

Subtitles can be disabled either via the **OTT WebVTT** option on the stream, or by not enabling HLS in OTT mode at all.

4.7.5 Cleanup and retention

PSS uses two cleanup strategies that run on every cleanup task tick (by default every 10 sec):

1. **Rolling cleanup** (per-stream): for each stream, chunks older than **Storage Hours** are deleted. Runs always, even with a half-empty disk.
2. **Size-based cleanup** (storage-wide): when **Used %** on disk continuously exceeds **Max Usage** for **Disk Pressure Grace** seconds, the oldest chunks are trimmed **proportionally** across all streams bound to the storage. Cleanup proceeds in batches of **Disk Pressure Cut** sec of video per stream per tick. Never deletes chunks younger than **Storage Min Hour**.
3. **Emergency disk-full cut**: when free space drops below **Disk Emergency Bytes**, cleanup runs aggressively and may delete even session-protected chunks. Recording stops until free space recovers with a hysteresis of $\times 2$.
4. **Orphan scan** (hourly): files not accounted for in the index may remain on disk (after an abrupt PSS shutdown). Once per hour, the scanner walks the stream subdirectories and removes such “forgotten” files. Race-protection against the writer — files younger than 60 sec are skipped.

Note. Cleanup tasks run in the background; the user normally does not have to act. If the archive grows faster than it is trimmed, lower **Storage Hours** on the streams or raise **Disk Pressure Cut**.

4.7.6 Active VOD session protection

When a client opens a VOD session, a “protection slot” with the window start time is registered on every storage involved in its window. **Rolling** and **size-based** cleanup do not touch chunks within the open session’s window. The slot is released automatically when the session closes (FIN, timeout).

This means:

- If a client holds a VOD session for a long time, it is guaranteed to be able to seek to any moment within its window — chunks will not “vanish from under it”.
- Cleanup by **Max Usage** may temporarily fail to bring **Used %** to the desired threshold while a session is active; once the client leaves, cleanup catches up.
- **Emergency disk-full cut** and **Storage Min Hour** bypass the protection: if the disk is near zero free space, chunks are deleted and the client receives 404 for the affected segments (the player skips them).
- After a PSS restart, protection slots disappear — cleanup resumes immediately.

4.7.7 Multiple storages

Any number of **DVR Storage** records may be created — one per directory / disk. Streams are bound to different storages independently. Cleanup and thresholds (**Max Usage**, **Disk Pressure**) operate per-storage.

Use cases:

- **Tiering by value:** a fast-SSD storage for premium channels with deep retention, a high-capacity HDD storage for the rest.
- **Dedicated disk for the archive:** so that DVR recording does not compete with the system disk or temporary files.
- **Project separation:** one disk for channel set #1, another for #2 — simplifies migration and audit.

Changing the stream binding (the **Storage** field in **Stream / OTT**) switches the recording on the fly. Old files remain untouched on the prior disk — they may either be deleted manually, or recording may be reattached by switching the stream back.

4.7.8 Storage state and monitoring

The **Data / DVR Storage List** section (and the API GET `/data/dvr-storage-list`) reports per storage:

- **State** — *Ready / DiskFullDegraded / Error*.
- **Total / Free / Used Bytes** — disk statistics (statvfs).
- **Used %** — current usage percentage.
- **Archived Bytes** — total size of chunks accounted for in the index of all bound streams (excluding orphan files).
- **Attached Streams** — number of streams bound to this storage.
- **Pressure Since Sec** — moment (epoch) when **Used %** first exceeded **Max Usage** in the current pressure episode; *0* means “no pressure now”.

States:

- *Ready* — normal operation.
- *DiskFullDegraded* — free space < (Disk Emergency Bytes × 2); recording still continues but may transition to *Error* at any moment.
- *Error* — free space < Disk Emergency Bytes; recording stopped; restart by hysteresis.

If a storage has gone into *Error*, check free space on the disk; PSS does not exit this state on its own until more space physically appears.

4.7.9 Protection against accidental data loss

Several admin-interface operations lead to **loss of recorded archive** or **cessation of VOD delivery**. Before execution, the admin UI displays a modal confirmation:

- **Deleting DVR Storage** — all bound streams lose VOD access; on-disk files remain but are unreachable through PSS without the storage record.
- **Switching the stream to another storage** — VOD over the old archive stops working.
- **Detaching the stream from storage** (Storage = 0) — same effect.
- **Reducing Max Usage** — may trigger size-based cleanup and delete old chunks.
- **Reducing Storage Hours / Storage Min Hour** — may push part of the archive out of the rolling window.

This is a deliberate product decision: the operation is permitted but requires confirmation, and deleted files remain on disk (can be restored from backup). Placing the archive on a separate file server / RAID substantially lowers the risk of irreversible loss.

4.7.10 Current-version limitations

- A VOD session opened by a client **does not track** the live edge — if new chunks have been added to the archive during the session, the client must re-request the playlist (standard behavior of all HLS / DASH players).
- Assigning one storage per disk is the recommended layout — multiple records with different subdirectories on the same disk compete for free space.
- Segments are addressed by hash (HLS) or by the \$Number\$.ts template (live DASH) / explicit <SegmentURL> (VOD DASH). Changing chunk sizes between live and VOD does not require reopening the URL.
- The orphan scanner runs hourly; to accelerate, restart PSS.

4.8 Streams manipulations

Delete stream. To delete stream, go to the stream settings and press the button *Delete stream*.

Stream cloning. To clone stream go to the source stream settings and press the button *Clone stream*.

Sorting. To set up the sorting of streams, click the *Sort* button in the stream list window. After that, specify the desired order by dragging the streams up and down the list. To save the specified sort order, click the *Save order* button or *Cancel* to cancel the changes.

Filtering the list. To filter the list of streams, click on the button with the search icon and enter the filter string. To cancel the filtering, press the back arrow button.”

Group operations. In the stream list filtering mode, it is possible to select multiple streams by turning on the checkboxes in the left column. If any streams are selected, the *Delete* and *Clone* buttons for the selected streams become available.

4.8.1 Streams export and import using python script

The export and import of the configuration is implemented via .m3u playlist, done via a Python script.

Python ver 3 is required in path /usr/bin/python3.

4.8.2 Streams export and import using web-interface

In the list of streams, clicking on the *Playlist* button opens a dialog for exporting streams to an m3u8 playlist. Only those streams that are currently displayed based on the applied list filters are exported.

Settings:

- **Host / IP** - the name of the server or the address that will be used to generate the URL of the streams.
- **Protocols** - types of protocols for export.
- **Login** - account used for URLs with access credentials.
- **Use Display Names** - use stream *Display name* in m3u8-file instead of *Stream name*.

The playlist is downloaded as an m3u8 file when you click on the *Download* button.

When you click on the **Import Playlist** button, the dialog switches to the playlist import mode. When importing streams, existing streams are not deleted. For all imported streams, the import time is recorded in the *Note* field.

Settings:

- **Playlist** - playlist-file for import.
- **Create Outputs** - output protocol type for imported streams.
- **Output Ports From** - start output port number.
- **Output IP** - interface for binding outputs.
- **Tags** - mark imported streams with tags. Usefull for streams selection and group operations. For example, to delete all imported streams.

If the file to import is specified in the **Playlist** field, the **Load Playlist** button becomes active. When you click on the **Load Playlist** button, the playlist is preloaded, the result of parsing the playlist is displayed in the table. After parsing the playlist, the **Import Streams** button becomes active, when clicked, streams are imported and outputs are generated for them.

4.9 Reports and diagnostics

Streams - displays data about all **stream** in the form of a table. **Pause** - available to **admin** and **restricted admin** roles.

Detailed statistics and reports are available for each **stream**.

Peers - list of active recipients (clients). Separate statistics are available for each.

4.9.1 Stream analysis

The streams analyzer measures and analyzes various MPEG-TS stream parameters, which allows you to evaluate the quality.

Input speed — stream rate (bitrate) in kbps. Changes after filtering by PCR marks. Shown as a graph that also displays the output bitrate after the synchroniser.

Raw data speed - the data reception rate over the chosen protocol. **Overhead** - the percentage added for protocol overhead.

CC errors - packet drops (CC, discontinuity). Per-interval counters and a cumulative counter over the stream uptime are displayed. A history graph is also shown.

Scrambled - encoded MPEGTS ES packets counter. If value is more than 0, there are decoding issues in protected channels.

Sync by - synchronization source — PCR.

PCR interval - interval between PCR marks. Not more than 50 ms is recommended.

PCR jitter - accuracy characteristic of output stream synchronization. Measured as the difference between PCR and real time.

Analyze PCR PMT Gap - enabled by a dedicated setting. The skew between PCR and PTS/DTS is analyzed for each ES. The history is shown as a graph. An excessive skew may cause problems on players with a small synchronization buffer. The analysis is enabled by the **Analyze PAT/PMT/KF** setting.

PAT interval and **PMT interval** - measured interval between PAT (PMT) tables. Recommended value is not more than 500 ms. Enabled by setting **Analyze PAT/PMT/KF**.

Key Frame interval - the interval between key frames (KF) is measured. For players that join the stream at random points, no more than 1 s is recommended. The analysis is enabled by the **Analyze PAT/PMT/KF** setting.

PAT/KF interval - measures the mean interval between the start and end of the PAT/PMT/SPS/PPS/KF sequence. This determines the startup time of players that join the stream at random points. The interval is measured from the start of the KF in the stream, so the actual player startup time will be longer. The analysis is enabled by the **Analyze PAT/PMT/KF** setting.

Enabling **Analyze PAT/PMT/KF** enables the flow analyzer in permanent mode, which leads to an increase in CPU load.

4.9.2 Jitter control

There are several settings in the stream for jitter control:

- **Jitter Compensation Delay (ms)** - network Jitter compensation function, buffer size is set. Extended function description: <https://forum.pstreamer.tv/viewtopic.php?t=25>
- **Jitter Auto sync** - activates the value of 2000 ms for TCP-based protocols (HTTP, HLS), for UDP protocols the value remains the same - 500 ms.
- **Limit PCR gap (ms)** - checks how much PCR can jump, if more, then resynchronization will occur.

If *PCR Accuracy* errors appear after the transcoder, you need to set an even bitrate using *stuffing* for the encoded stream along the following path: “**input - transcoder - Align Total Bitrate**”. The speed must be set guaranteed higher than the bitrate of video and audio.

4.9.3 System Monitor

Control of the main parameters of the operating system.

4.9.4 Mosaic

The function of taking a screenshot from the input stream. Included separately for each **stream**.

If not required, in order to save resources, it can be completely disabled in the **Settings/Server Settings** section.

4.10 Administration

In the **Configuration/Administration/Administrators List** section, users are added to access the web interface - the built-in HTTP-server.

Users are assigned roles:

admin - full access.

restricted admin - settings are unavailable, it is possible to change **pause** state.

viewer - only view mode access.

4.10.1 Configuration backup

In order to make a backup copy of the settings, you need to save the contents of the folder */opt/pss/config*.

To restore the settings, stop the service and replace the contents of the folder */opt/pss/config*.

4.10.2 Startup behaviour and configuration errors

On startup the service sequentially tries to load the settings files from the */opt/pss/config* directory:

1. *pss.json* — main settings file.
2. *pss_back.json* — backup copy of the previous working configuration.
3. *pss_default.json* — default settings shipped with the package.

The first successfully loaded file is used. If all three files are missing or corrupted, the service starts with empty settings; in this case manual editing of the administrator password and a restart are required.

Structurally corrupted settings file. If *pss.json* contains a JSON syntax error, unknown keys, an invalid value type, or a uniqueness violation (for example, two streams with the same *id*), the service moves the corrupted file to the */opt/pss/config/bad/* archive under a name of the form *pss_YYYYMMDD_HHMMSS.json* (date and time of startup). The service then continues loading attempts in the usual order and re-saves the working configuration to *pss.json* from *pss_back.json* or *pss_default.json*. Details (key name, error description, filename in the archive) are written to the service log.

Only the main *pss.json* is placed in the archive. The *pss_back.json* and *pss_default.json* files are not archived when corrupted — log entries are sufficient for diagnostics, and the files themselves remain in place and can be fixed manually.

If at the next load a file with the same timestamp already exists in */opt/pss/config/bad/* (for example, during fast restarts within the same second), it is overwritten.

Numeric values outside the allowed range. If the settings file contains a numeric value below the minimum or above the maximum allowed for that parameter, the service does not discard the entire file. Instead, a warning is written to the log indicating the parameter name, the value read, and the limit applied; the value itself is clamped to the nearest allowed boundary of the range (minimum or maximum). Once loading is complete, the service automatically re-saves *pss.json* with the corrected values, so on a subsequent restart these warnings no longer appear.

This behaviour applies only to the initial load of the settings file. When settings are changed via the web interface or an external API, values outside the allowed range are still rejected with an error — without automatic correction.

4.10.3 Connection of external monitoring systems

pss-metrics — universal metrics exporter for Perfect Streamer

A single Python 3 CLI script that pulls statistics from the PSS web-server HTTP API and formats output for the most common monitoring systems:

- Zabbix (UserParameter, Low-Level Discovery, zabbix_sender trapper)
- Prometheus (text exposition format for the textfile collector)
- InfluxDB / Telegraf (line protocol or JSON for the exec input)
- Universal JSON for arbitrary scripts and Nagios-style health checks

The exporter is a single self-contained file with no third-party dependencies, using only the Python 3.6+ standard library (*urllib*, *xml.etree*, *json*, *argparse*).

Files

<code>pss-metrics.py</code>	main CLI (executable)
<code>userparameter_pss.conf.example</code>	UserParameter template for Zabbix

Installation

The exporter ships at */opt/pss/monitoring/pss-metrics.py*. Make sure Python 3.6 or newer is installed:

```
# RHEL / Rocky / AlmaLinux
yum install -y python3

# Debian / Ubuntu
apt-get install -y python3
```

No additional packages are required.

Configuration

By default, *pss-metrics* connects to `http://127.0.0.1:43971` and auto-detects the port from `/opt/pss/config/pss.json` (or `/opt/pss/config/pss_default.json`). Parameters can be overridden via environment variables, the `/etc/pss-metrics.conf` file (format `key=value`), or command-line flags. Priority: CLI > env > file > defaults.

Supported variables:

PSS_URL	full URL, e.g. <code>http://10.0.0.1:43971</code>	(auto by default)
PSS_USER	web server login (if authorization is enabled)	
PSS_PASS	web server password	
PSS_TIMEOUT	HTTP timeout, in seconds	(default 5)
PSS_CACHE_DIR	cache directory	(default <code>/run/pss-</code> <code>metrics</code>)
PSS_CACHE_TTL	cache TTL, in seconds	(default 10)
PSS_CA_BUNDLE	path to CA bundle for HTTPS	
PSS_INSECURE	1 – disable TLS certificate verification	
PSS_VERBOSE	1 – log requests to stderr	

Cache: each run makes at most one HTTP GET per endpoint within the TTL window. At TTL=10 s even hundreds of UserParameter checks per minute result in ~6 HTTP requests per minute to PSS.

Quick start

Health check (Nagios-style exit codes):

```
pss-metrics.py health
# OK: total=42 running=15 stopped=27 unhealthy=0 version=1.12.2.430d
```

Zabbix LLD discovery:

```
pss-metrics.py discover streams
pss-metrics.py discover inputs --running-only
pss-metrics.py discover outputs
```

Fetching a single metric (use in Zabbix UserParameter):

```
pss-metrics.py get summary.running
pss-metrics.py get stream.10031.bitrate
pss-metrics.py get input.10031.1.speed1
pss-metrics.py get output.10031.1.speed
pss-metrics.py get sysmon.cpu.self-usage
pss-metrics.py get server.server-version
```

Full export:

```
pss-metrics.py dump --format=json
pss-metrics.py dump --format=prometheus
pss-metrics.py dump --format=influx
pss-metrics.py dump --format=zabbix-trapper --zabbix-host=streamer-01
```

Metric paths

`pss-metrics get` accepts a dot-separated path. Empty output means “value absent” (for example, the metric exists only for running streams).

<code>server.<attr></code>	e.g. <code>server.server-version</code> , <code>server.uptime</code>
<code>summary.<key></code>	<code>total</code> <code>running</code> <code>stopped</code> <code>unhealthy</code> <code>input_bitrate_kbps</code> <code>output_bitrate_kbps</code>
<code>sysmon.cpu.<attr></code>	<code>self-usage</code> <code>total-usage</code> <code>cores</code>
<code>sysmon.memory.<attr></code>	<code>self-usage-kb</code> <code>available-kb</code> <code>total-kb</code>
<code>sysmon.netbw.<iface>.<attr></code>	<code>rx-bw</code> <code>tx-bw</code> (interface name as in XML)
<code>stream.<id>.<attr></code>	any <code><stream></code> attribute
<code>input.<sid>.<iid>.<attr></code>	any <code><input></code> attribute
<code>output.<sid>.<oid>.<attr></code>	any <code><output></code> attribute

Useful per-stream attributes (from `/data/stream/detail`):

```
stream: state, state-str, bitrate, thread-usage, mpts
input:  speed1, recv-bytes, recv-packets, recv-err,
        stat-disc, stat-disc1, stat-scrambled, stat-scrambled1,
        health-state-good, health-status, check-status
output: speed, sent-bytes, sent-packets, sent-err, uri, type
```

Zabbix integration

Two scenarios are supported — pick the one that fits your environment.

1) Static UserParameter + LLD (Zabbix agent v1 / v2)

Copy `userparameter_pss.conf.example` to `/etc/zabbix/zabbix_agentd.d/pss.conf`, restart `zabbix-agent`, and import a template with LLD prototypes using the `pss.discover` keys on the server. Example bindings:

```
UserParameter=pss.discover[*],/opt/pss/monitoring/pss-metrics.py discover $1
UserParameter=pss.get[*],/opt/pss/monitoring/pss-metrics.py get $1
UserParameter=pss.health,/opt/pss/monitoring/pss-metrics.py health
```

On the Zabbix server:

```
Discovery rule key:    pss.discover[streams]
Item prototype keys:  pss.get[input.{#STREAM_ID}.1.speed1]
                     pss.get[stream.{#STREAM_ID}.bitrate]
                     pss.get[summary.unhealthy]
```

2) Trapper (push) via `zabbix_sender`

Run on a timer (cron / systemd) and pipe the output:

```
/opt/pss/monitoring/pss-metrics.py dump --format=zabbix-trapper \
  --zabbix-host="$(hostname)" \
  | zabbix_sender -z zabbix.example.com -i -
```

Prometheus integration

Two options.

- a) Textfile collector (recommended for one-shot environments).

Run a periodic export via systemd-timer or cron:

```
* /1 * * * * /opt/pss/monitoring/pss-metrics.py dump --format=prometheus \  
> /var/lib/node_exporter/textfile_collector/pss.prom.$$ \  
&& mv /var/lib/node_exporter/textfile_collector/pss.prom.$$ \  
/var/lib/node_exporter/textfile_collector/pss.prom
```

node_exporter will serve the file through *-collector.textfile.directory*.

- b) Direct scrape through a small wrapper (e.g. *socat* + *pss-metrics dump*) or any third-party HTTP proxy of your choice.

Telegraf / InfluxDB integration

Telegraf *inputs.exec*:

```
[[inputs.exec]]  
  commands = ["/opt/pss/monitoring/pss-metrics.py dump --format=influx"]  
  interval = "10s"  
  timeout = "5s"  
  data_format = "influx"
```

For the JSON parser, use *-format=json* and configure *data_format = "json"* with field paths.

HTTPS and authentication

If the PSS web-server runs behind HTTPS or is password-protected:

```
PSS_URL=https://streamer.example.com:8443 \  
PSS_USER=monitor PSS_PASS=secret \  
pss-metrics.py health
```

Self-signed certificates: set *PSS_INSECURE=1* (not recommended) or provide *PSS_CA_BUNDLE=/path/to/ca.pem*.

Exit codes

pss-metrics follows the Nagios convention:

```
0 OK  
1 WARNING (e.g. running streams report unhealthy)  
2 CRITICAL (PSS is unreachable)  
3 UNKNOWN (invalid arguments / internal error)
```

get and *dump* output an empty string and exit with code 0 when the requested entity is absent — this matches Zabbix’s expectation that an empty value is treated as “NOT_SUPPORTED” rather than an agent failure.

Diagnostics

```
pss-metrics.py -v health           # log every HTTP request to stderr
pss-metrics.py --cache-ttl=0 ...  # bypass cache while debugging
rm -rf /run/pss-metrics           # purge cache
```

4.10.4 Let's Encrypt and certbot for HTTPS

Starting from version 1.9.2.340, Perfect Streamer supports automatic renewal of Let's Encrypt certificates for HTTPS in Web Server, HTTP Server, EPG Server.

4.10.5 RHEL certbot configuration.

Restriction:

- A white IP address with a public domain name must be assigned and the tcp/80 port must be free.
- A single host name is used for all https servers. (web server, http server, epg server).

Installing certbot (<https://certbot.eff.org/instructions?ws=other&os=snap>) :

```
sudo yum install snapd
sudo systemctl enable --now snapd.socket
sudo ln -s /var/lib/snapd/snap /snap
sudo snap install certbot --classic
```

certbot configuration:

```
sudo ln -s /snap/bin/certbot /usr/bin/certbot
sudo certbot certonly --standalone
```

certbot check:

```
sudo certbot renew --dry-run
```

certbot timer check:

```
systemctl list-timers | grep certbot
```

In the Perfect Streamer admin panel, enable HTTPS on servers (Web Server, HTTP Server, EPG Server).

Create a hook script (https://pstreamer.tv/distrib/scripts/cert_update.zip). Place it in the following path:

```
/opt/pss/scripts/cert_update.sh
```

Specify the host domain name in the script, by default it is taken from /etc/hostname.

Make the file executable.

```
chmod +x /opt/pss/scripts/cert_update.sh
```

Check the script run, there should be no errors:

```
/opt/conf/scripts/cert_update.sh
```

HTTPS settings should be applied, the status change will be displayed in the logs.

Add hook file to certbot:

```
certbot renew --deploy-hook "/opt/conf/scripts/cert_update.sh"
```

Check certbot again:

```
sudo certbot renew --dry-run
```

4.10.6 certbot configuration for Debian/Ubuntu.

Configuration for Debian is similar to RHEL, a brief installation description is given for Ubuntu 24.04.2 LTS.

certbot installation:

```
apt install certbot
certbot certonly
```

Make the script executable:

```
chmod +x /opt/pss/scripts/cert_update.sh
```

Run the script:

```
/opt/pss/scripts/cert_update.sh
```

Output:

```
Select domain name (your domain name)
```

Check if the certificates are updated:

```
ls -lat /opt/pss/config/cert/
total 44
-rw----- 1 root root 241 May 26 07:52 eggserver.key
-rw----- 1 root root 241 May 26 07:52 httpserver.key
-rw----- 1 root root 241 May 26 07:52 webserver.key
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1338 May 26 07:52 eggserver.crt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1338 May 26 07:52 httpserver.crt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1338 May 26 07:52 webserver.crt
```

The date should be current.

4.11 DVB adapters

Perfect Streamer supports any DVB adapter installed in the system. Supported standards: DVB-S, DVB-S2, DVB-T, DVB-T2, DVB-C, ATSC. Additionally implemented: T2-MI decapsulation (ETSI TS 102 773) and BISS-1 / BISS-E descrambling.

The main requirement is a correctly installed and working adapter driver in the system.

The DVB section appears only if the system has valid DVB adapters present. On-the-fly re-configuration is not supported; a restart of Perfect Streamer is required.

4.11.1 Adapter connection

To add a new DVB adapter, go to the corresponding section and add the adapter:

- Set the adapter name.
- Select an adapter from the list of those available in the system.
- Select **Stream** mode.
- Specify the delivery system type: **DVB-S, DVB-S2, DVB-T, DVB-T2, DVB-C**.
- Specify reception parameters: **Carrier Frequency, Polarization, Symbol Rate, FEC, Modulation, DVB Stream ID, Heterodyne Frequency, High Band Heterodyne, High Band Range, DiSEqC 1.0 Mode** and other parameters depending on the type.

Optionally, recording EIT into the EPG database can be enabled (**Write EIT to EPG database**).

Repeat the addition for each adapter present in the system.

4.11.2 DVB scanning

To avoid entering reception parameters (frequency, polarization, symbol rate, FEC, modulation) manually, Perfect Streamer includes a built-in transponder scanner. The scanner iterates over the transponders of the selected satellite (DVB-S/S2) or regional band (DVB-C, DVB-T/T2), tunes and locks each one, collects PSI/SI tables (PAT, PMT, SDT), and produces a final list of multiplexes with their programs. Any discovered multiplex can be added to the DVB adapter list with a single click.

The scanner uses the entire physical adapter; to start a scan, an adapter is required that is in use neither by the operating-system kernel nor by any active DVB adapter entry in Perfect Streamer.

Available adapters

When the scanning screen is opened in the admin panel, a list of the system's physical DVB adapters is shown together with their occupancy status:

- **free** — the adapter is available for scanning.
- **kernel** — the device is held by another operating-system process.

- **pss-id-N** — the adapter is already used by a DVB adapter entry in Perfect Streamer with the indicated identifier. The scanner cannot be started on it while that entry is active. To free the adapter temporarily, the existing DVB adapter entry must be paused (the **Pause** flag in its settings).

Transponder reference data

The scanner relies on Enigma2-format reference data: the satellite list `satellites.xml` and the regional lists `cables.xml` / `terrestrial.xml`. Each file contains a set of transponders for a known orbital position or a regional DVB-T/C band (for details, see the project site [oe-alliance-tuxbox-common](#)).

The files are located in the `sat/` directory relative to `pss.json` (by default `/etc/pss/sat/`). They are shipped with the Perfect Streamer distribution and are loaded when the scanning screen is opened. They can be updated when needed by replacing the corresponding XML file.

In the admin panel the reference data is presented as three lists:

- **Satellite** — orbital positions (for example, *Hot Bird 13.0°E*, *Astra 19.2°E*).
- **Cable region** — country or DVB-C provider.
- **Terrestrial region** — DVB-T/T2 region.

If the required satellite or region is not present in the reference data, the XML can be updated or **blind scan** can be used instead (see below).

Starting a scan

In the scan dialog the following are specified in order:

- A free physical adapter.
- Delivery system type: **DVB-S**, **DVB-S2**, **DVB-T**, **DVB-T2** or **DVB-C**.
- Source:
 - for DVB-S/S2 — an orbital position from the satellite list and LNB parameters (local-oscillator frequencies LO1 and LO2, upper-band threshold, DiSEqC port);
 - for DVB-C — a cable region;
 - for DVB-T/T2 — a terrestrial region.

After **Start** is pressed, the scan runs in the background. Progress is displayed in the admin panel:

- the completion percentage based on the number of transponders processed;
- the current frequency and polarization;
- the *Multiplexes found* and *Programs found* counters;
- a tree of the multiplexes found so far, expandable down to the programs.

The scanner is a resource shared across the entire streamer: no more than one scan runs at a time. If a new scan is started while another is in progress, the previous one is automatically cancelled. The **Cancel** button aborts the scan and clears the accumulated list.

The scan duration depends on the number of transponders in the selected reference data (typically up to 5 seconds per transponder: up to 2 seconds to lock the signal and up to 5 seconds to collect the PSI). Typical values:

- DVB-S Hot Bird 13.0°E — about 2 minutes (44 transponders).
- DVB-S Astra 19.2°E — about 1.5 minutes.
- DVB-T European region — less than a minute.

Result

The scan result is displayed as a **multiplex** → **programs** tree.

Multiplex parameters:

- frequency, polarization, symbol rate;
- FEC, modulation, delivery system;
- transport-stream identifier (**TSID**);
- the frontend readings at the moment PSI collection finishes — **SNR, Signal, BER**;
- the *pmt-total* / *pmt-recv* counters — how many PMT tables were announced by the PAT and how many were actually collected within the timeout.

Service parameters:

- **PNR** (program_number) — the service identifier within the multiplex;
- **Name** and **Provider** — taken from the SDT table, in UTF-8;
- **scrambled** — the scrambling indicator. Its source is determined in the following order: the free_CA_mode bit from SDT (the broadcaster's declaration) → the transport-scrambling flags from PMT. If neither SDT nor PMT arrives within the timeout, the default value is 0 ("not scrambled"); the actual state is determined when reception is attempted;
- **video-pid, audio-pid, pcr-pid** — the main elementary streams of the service.

Applying the result

The multiplex selected in the tree is added to the DVB adapter list with a single button. A new entry is created with parameters taken from the scan result (frequency, polarization, symbol rate, FEC, modulation, delivery system) along with the LNB parameters and the *adapter/device* pair specified at the start of the scan. The adapter name is set by the user; additional parameters (BISS keys for scrambled channels, T2-MI, shared LNB, etc.) are filled in once the entry is created, via its settings.

Programs from the discovered multiplexes are applied separately — by creating a stream (**Stream**) with a **demuxer** input source addressed by PNR (see the section *Connecting an SPTS stream to a DVB multiplex service*).

Blind scan

Blind mode is used when:

- the required satellite is not in the reference data (a non-standard orbital position, a local uplink);
- the regional DVB-T/C reference data is insufficient or is outdated for a specific location;
- a band segment needs to be rechecked independently of the list of known transponders.

In this mode the scanner does not consult the reference data; it synthesises a list of transponders from a frequency grid. By default the following typical ranges are used:

- DVB-S/S2 Ku — 10700..12750 MHz, 4 MHz step, both polarizations (H and V), typical symbol rates 22000 / 27500 / 30000 ksym/s.
- DVB-C — 47000..862000 kHz, 8000 kHz step, QAM-64 and QAM-256, typical symbol rates 6875 / 6900 / 6952 ksym/s.
- DVB-T/T2 — 174000..862000 kHz, 8000 kHz step.

A full blind sweep of the Ku band takes on the order of 100 minutes (several thousand tuning points). In practice the range is narrowed manually in the admin panel — the minimum/maximum frequency and the grid step. For example, a sweep of 11700..11800 MHz with a 4 MHz step for a single LNB band takes about 5 minutes.

The result format of a blind scan is identical to that of a normal one. Specifics:

- the **FEC** and **Modulation** fields of the discovered multiplexes are fixed at the value **AUTO** — the scanner does not determine their exact values;
- the delivery system equals the one requested (DVB-S, DVB-S2, ...). For mixed networks it is recommended to perform two passes — DVB-S and DVB-S2 separately.

Applying a multiplex from a blind scan is performed in the same way as from a normal one — via the button that adds it to the DVB adapter list. The **FEC** and **Modulation** fields are usually left at AUTO and, if necessary, refined once a stable signal lock is obtained on the specific transponder.

4.11.3 Kernel reception buffer size

The **buffer-size** parameter (integer, default 512) sets the size of the kernel DVB demux ring buffer in 65536-byte blocks.

- 512 (32 MB) — recommended default. Covers full-transponder DVB-S/S2 scenarios (\geq 33 Mbit/s) with one or several MPTS consumers. Chosen based on bench testing with a TBS adapter under full transponder load.
- 8...64 (512 KB ... 4 MB) — acceptable for embedded systems with limited RAM or for adapters in Scanner / Femon modes where traffic is low.
- 0 — keep the driver default (usually 8...32 KB). Suitable only for very lightly loaded scenarios. On streams above 10 Mbit/s losses will occur.

When a message of the following form appears in the log:

```
DVB adapter X/Y dvr buffer overflow (NN so far, KK pids);  
raise 'buffer-size' or reduce pid filter
```

increase **buffer-size** or reduce the number of PIDs passing through the filter (e.g. drop the MPTS output if not needed).

Memory cost: value N consumes $N \times 64$ KB of kernel memory per adapter. With many adapters (8 or more) this is worth considering (8×32 MB = 256 MB).

4.11.4 Connecting an SPTS stream to a DVB multiplex service

When adding a new SPTS channel to the stream's input, select:

- Type: **demuxer**.
- Source: **DVB adapter**.
- Multiplex created on the DVB adapter, by adapter name.
- PNR — selected from the popup list of services detected in the multiplex, or entered manually.

4.11.5 DVB device permissions

If DVB adapters are not displayed in Perfect Streamer, do the following:

```
sudo nano /etc/udev/rules.d/99-dvb-permissions.rules
SUBSYSTEM=="dvb", GROUP="video", MODE="0660"

sudo usermod -aG video pss
sudo chown -R root:video /dev/dvb/*
sudo reboot
```

4.11.6 T2-MI decapsulation

T2-MI (T2-Modulator Interface, ETSI TS 102 773) is a format for transporting DVB-T2 streams over DVB-S2 multistream. The outer DVB-S/S2 transponder carries one or more T2-MI carrier-PIDs, each encapsulating BBFRAMEs with one or more PLPs (Physical Layer Pipe). After decapsulation, the inner MPEG-TS containing programs and PSI/SI tables is extracted from the BBFRAME.

The Perfect Streamer implementation works in **multi-carrier mode**: a single physical adapter simultaneously serves the outer DVB-S/S2 multiplex **and** all decapsulated T2-MI carriers (one per each carrier-PID found in the outer stream's PMT).

Configuration parameters

t2mi-mode (Int, 0..2, default 0) — decapsulation mode:

- 0 — Disabled. The outer MPEG-TS is passed through unchanged. If a T2-MI descriptor (tag 0x51) is detected in the PMT, a one-time hint is logged.
- 1 — Manual. Decapsulation is always on. If `t2mi-pid` is non-zero, a carrier is pre-created on that PID at startup. Additional carriers continue to be discovered from the PMT automatically.

- 2 — Auto. Carriers are discovered automatically from the outer multiplex PMT for all ES that look like T2-MI (descriptor 0x51, or a single ES with stream_type=0x06 on a service with no other A/V ES). If no carriers are found, the adapter works as a regular DVB multiplex.

t2mi-pid (Int, 0..8191, default 0) — PID for pre-creating a carrier at startup, before PMT arrives:

- 0 — no pre-creation. Carriers are discovered from the PMT (recommended for auto mode 2).
- 1..8191 — pre-create a carrier on this PID. Additional T2-MI ES found in the PMT still get their own carriers.

In multi-carrier mode the **t2mi-pid** parameter is **not** a single-carrier selector — each detected T2-MI ES gets its own carrier with its own decapsulator. The parameter provides early initialization for a known PID.

t2mi-plp (Int, 0..255, default 0) — identifier of the PLP extracted from each T2-MI carrier on the adapter. Applied to **all** carriers — per-carrier override is not supported in the current version. If in production different carriers carry different PLPs, you should:

- specify a PLP common to all carriers, or
- configure separate adapters for different PLPs using `lnb-sharing`.

This is the identifier of the BBFRAME `plp_id` field, **not** the DVB-S2 multistream ISI (which is set by the `dvb-stream-id` parameter). These are different identifiers at different layers.

PLP selection diagnostics:

- Five seconds after a carrier starts, if no BBFrame has been received for the configured PLP but other PLPs are seen, a warning is logged with the list of observed `plp_id` values.

t2mi-tsid (Int, -1..255, default -1) — reserved for future use. Selector of the T2-MI stream identifier when several T2-MI streams share one carrier-PID. Ignored in the current version.

Composite PNR — connecting SPTS from T2-MI

One adapter can expose several logical multiplexes:

- `carrier-id = 0` — outer DVB-S/S2 multiplex (regular A/V services).
- `carrier-id = 1..N` — decapsulated T2-MI carriers (one per outer T2-MI ES).

4.11.7 BISS descrambling

Descrambling of encrypted DVB streams using BISS-1 (mode E1) and BISS-E (mode E2) is supported. Applicable to delivery systems DVB-S, DVB-S2, DVB-T, DVB-T2.

The implementation allows several descramblers to be active on a single adapter simultaneously:

- By **PNR** in the outer multiplex (regular service).
- By `plp_id` for decrypting T2-MI carrier-PID **before** decapsulation (required for encrypted multistream streams — otherwise the decapsulator drops every scrambled packet, see counter `<t2mi_scrambledDropped>`).

4.12 EPG

4.12.1 EPG/XMLTV import

EPG data is collected into the EPG Database from various sources:

- EIT from received streams (SPTS and MPTS). Enabled by setting Stream: Extract EIT to EPG Database.
- Import in XMLTV format from various external sources. Configured in Configuration/EPG/EPG Sources. EPG sources in the form of a link to a web resource and locally from a file with the full path are supported.

The storage time of EPG events configured by EPG storage period (days) setting.

Auto-clean database - Deletes programs for which there are no events.

The EPG section displays EPG sources and related data. For each channel (EPG Channels List), you can set:

- Channel Name - the name that will be used in the export on the XMLTV server.
- Time Zone - you can adjust the time zone if it was not tied to UTC when importing.
- EPG Channel Sets - bind the channel to the Channel Set (see below).
- Icon - channel icon URL (*http://example.com/mychannel/myicon.png*).

4.12.2 EIT generator

EIT data from EPG Database can be generated in SPTS Stream. To do this, in the Stream setup, you need to set **EPG Source ID** and select **EPG Channel ID**. At the same time, SDT will be generated, even if it is not in the source. Set **SDT Data** correctly.

If this Stream is used in a multiplexer, then the Service Name can be redefined separately in the output/mixer setting.

4.13 EPG server (XMLTV)

A separate built-in HTTP server in Perfect Streamer serves the full XMLTV for a given set of channels. The endpoint is intended for middleware and players that store the programme guide locally and refresh it infrequently, as a whole file — typically once or twice a day.

The server and its clients are configured under **Configuration/EPG/EPG Server**.

4.13.1 URL and authentication

The service is served by a **separate** HTTP server `epg-server` (not the one for `/data/*`). By default it listens on ports 10444 (HTTP) and 10445 (HTTPS); the ports and SSL are configured under `/config/epg-server`.

Routes:

URL	Content-Type	Behavior
GET <code>/xmltv</code>	<code>text/xml</code>	With <code>Accept-Encoding: gzip</code> the response is compressed on the fly (<code>Content-Encoding: gzip</code>), otherwise it is returned as plain XML.
GET <code>/xmltv.gz</code>	<code>application/octet-stream</code>	Always returns a gzip stream with <code>Content-Disposition: inline; filename="xmltv.xml.gz"</code> — convenient to save as a file.

Three authentication methods are supported:

- **HTTP Digest** (preferred) — account from `/config/epg-server/login`.
- **URL parameters** — `?l=<login>&p=<password>` (synonyms: `login=...`, `password=...`).
- **Loopback** — a request from `127.0.0.1` is handled anonymously. Convenient for scripts deployed on the same machine.

Warning: A login and password in the URL end up in the reverse-proxy access logs and in the browser history. For public XMLTV distribution use HTTP Digest or accept requests only from private addresses.

4.13.2 Access by channel-set

Each `epg-server/login` account is bound to **one** `channel-set` from `/config/epg-channel-set`. The EPG in the response contains only the channels that belong to the specified set. This lets a single PSS deployment serve different XMLTV to different operators/middleware.

Basic setup in the UI:

1. Under **Configuration/EPG/EPG Channel Sets**, create a channel group and assign the desired channels to it at the EPG sources.
2. Under **Configuration/EPG/EPG Server Clients**, create an account and bind the channel group to it. Without a channel-set binding the client gets an empty XMLTV.

Additional restrictions for a login:

- `ip-addr` — if set and not a wildcard, a request from a different IP gets 403 Forbidden.
- `limit-day` — Unix epoch sec after which the account stops being served (403 Forbidden). Convenient for a subscription model.
- `pause` — temporarily disable a login without deleting it.

4.13.3 Response format

Response body is an XMLTV document rooted at <tv>. The structure follows the commonly used [XMLTV DTD](#) schema:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<tv source-info-name="..." source-info-url="...">
  <channel id="channel.one">
    <display-name lang="en">Channel One</display-name>
    <icon src="https://.../channel-one.png"/>
  </channel>
  ...
  <programme start="20260504060000 +0300"
             stop="20260504070000 +0300"
             channel="channel.one">
    <title lang="en">Morning News</title>
    <desc lang="en">Overview of the day's events</desc>
    <rating system="MPAA"><value>PG</value></rating>
  </programme>
  ...
</tv>
```

Field notes:

- The source-info-name and source-info-url attributes of the <tv> root are filled from the **EPG Source Name** and **EPG Source URL** fields under **Configuration/EPG/EPG Server**.
- The start and stop attributes use the YYYYMMDDhhmmss ±zone format (the time zone comes from the channel's time_zone field).
- A <programme> may contain several <title>/<desc> for different languages. The lang attribute is empty when the source EPG language id could not be mapped to the dictionary (the entry still appears in the output).
- Channels with a conflicting channel_id (if the same id came from multiple sources) are listed once, the remaining sources are skipped with a warning in the server log.
- Only events with stop_time >= now are included in the output.

4.13.4 HTTP headers

The server always sends:

```
Cache-Control: no-cache, no-store, must-revalidate
Pragma:       no-cache
Expires:      0
Connection:  close
```

For /xmltv additionally — Content-Encoding: gzip when Accept-Encoding: gzip is present in the request. For /xmltv.gz — Content-Disposition: inline; filename="xmltv.xml.gz".

The client-side caching ban is intentional: XMLTV changes on every EIT import or external XMLTV-source refresh, and the player must not hold stale data indefinitely. An edge cache (nginx) is fully acceptable, however — see the performance section below.

4.13.5 Server cache and how to flush it

The ready XMLTV is cached in the PSS process memory:

- One entry per channel-set; both body variants (raw and gzip) are stored — repeat requests with Accept-Encoding: gzip or /xmltv.gz do not re-compress the data.
- Each entry is tagged with an update-time counter. Any EPG update (EIT import, XMLTV source refresh) increments the counter, and the cache is rebuilt on the next request.

Force cache flush:

```
POST /xmltv/reset-cache
```

The route is served by the **admin server** (port 43971/43981), not by epg-server. Empty request body; the response is 200 OK with a JSON envelope.

4.13.6 HTTP response codes

Code	Condition
200 OK	Request processed. Body is an XMLTV document (possibly an empty <tv></tv> on a transient database failure).
401 Unauthorized	Neither Digest nor l/p parameters passed the check (for non-loopback requests).
403 Forbidden	The login exists but the request is not from an allowed IP, or limit-day has expired.
404 Not Found	Any URL other than /xmltv and /xmltv.gz.
405 Method Not Allowed	Method is not GET.

Error body is a fixed-format JSON envelope:

```
{"status": 401, "message": "Unauthorized"}
```

4.13.7 Performance and scaling

Server cache

The server cache serves repeated requests to a single channel-set without touching SQLite — by copying the ready body.

Building XMLTV from scratch (cache miss) is more expensive: a separate SELECT on channel_name is issued per channel, and on event_text and event_rating per event. Approximate build times:

Output size	Cache hit	Cache miss (build)
100 channels / day	tens of ms	~0.5-1 s
500 channels / day	~50 ms	2-5 s
1000+ channels / week	~100-300 ms	5-15 s

For most middleware it is acceptable to fetch XMLTV every few hours or once a day.

When an external reverse-proxy (nginx) is needed

Unlike `/data/epg/channel` (short JSON responses), XMLTV is a single large document per channel-set, ideally suited for an edge cache:

- **Tens to hundreds of clients per channel-set** — the internal PSS cache is usually enough if they poll XMLTV every hour-to-day.
- **Thousands of concurrent clients** — a caching reverse-proxy is recommended. Serving an XMLTV file to hundreds/thousands of requests is, first of all, a network load (hundreds of KB - a few MB per response) that is best taken off PSS.
- **Geographically distributed delivery** — a CDN/edge cache is unavoidable regardless of client count.

PSS sends `Cache-Control: no-cache`, so nginx must be told explicitly to ignore the upstream header and keep its own TTL.

Sample nginx configuration

```
# /etc/nginx/conf.d/pss-xmltv.conf

proxy_cache_path /var/cache/nginx/pss-xmltv
    levels=1:2
    keys_zone=pss_xmltv:8m
    max_size=4g
    inactive=2h
    use_temp_path=off;

upstream pss_epg {
    server 127.0.0.1:10444;
    keepalive 16;
}

server {
    listen 80;
    # listen 443 ssl http2;      # SSL termination makes sense here
    server_name epg-files.example.com;

    # Do not enable gzip on: /xmltv.gz is already compressed, and /xmltv
    # arrives gzip-encoded from PSS - re-compressing is pointless.

    location ~ ^/xmltv(\.gz)?$ {
        proxy_pass http://pss_epg;
        proxy_http_version 1.1;
        proxy_set_header Connection "";
        proxy_set_header Host $host;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-For $proxy_add_x_forwarded_for;

        # PSS returns no-cache; force-cache it at the edge.
        proxy_ignore_headers Cache-Control Expires Set-Cookie;
        proxy_hide_header Cache-Control;
        proxy_hide_header Pragma;
        proxy_hide_header Expires;

        # Cache key = full URL including query (login/password in /xmltv?l=...&p=...)
        # produce distinct keys for different accounts with different channel-sets.
    }
}
```

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```

proxy_cache_key    "$scheme$host$request_uri";

proxy_cache        pss_xmltv;
proxy_cache_valid  200 30m;      # XMLTV changes infrequently
proxy_cache_valid  401 403 1m;
proxy_cache_lock    on;          # coalesce cache misses
proxy_cache_lock_timeout  60s;    # XMLTV build may take seconds
proxy_cache_use_stale error timeout updating
                    http_500 http_502 http_503;

# Large buffer: XMLTV for a big channel-set can reach
# several megabytes.
proxy_buffering    on;
proxy_buffers      16 256k;
proxy_buffer_size  256k;
proxy_busy_buffers_size 1m;

# Let the client cache for a short period.
add_header Cache-Control "public, max-age=600";
add_header X-Cache-Status $upstream_cache_status always;
}

```

Notes and recommendations

- **TTL ``proxy_cache_valid 200 30m``** — XMLTV rarely changes more often than every half hour. If source sync runs hourly or less often, this can be raised to 1 hour or more; if freshness after POST /xmltv/reset-cache matters, lower it.
- **``proxy_cache_lock_timeout 60s``** — increased compared to /data/epg/channel (where 5 seconds is typical), because building the XMLTV for a large channel-set takes longer.
- **A dedicated ``keys_zone``** — even on a large deployment, unique XMLTV keys are few (login count × channel-set); 8 MB is plenty. max_size is sized by XMLTV volume, not by key count.
- **gzip on the nginx side is unnecessary:** for /xmltv.gz the response is already compressed, and for /xmltv PSS itself replies gzip-encoded when Accept-Encoding: gzip is present.
- **HTTPS termination** on nginx gives better performance under many concurrent TLS handshakes.

4.13.8 Related endpoints

- POST /xmltv/reset-cache — force-flush the server-side XMLTV cache (on the admin server 43971/43981).
- POST /data/epg/update?s=<src_id> — force-refresh an external XMLTV source; after a successful refresh the server-side XMLTV cache is flushed automatically.
- GET /data/epg/channel?... — JSON EPG output for one channel for a day; see the separate section.

The complete list and detailed description of the HTTP API are given in manual/http_data_api.txt.

4.14 EPG for OTT middleware

The server returns electronic programme guide (EPG) data for the selected day for a single channel in JSON format. The endpoint is intended for OTT middleware back-ends that aggregate the schedule from Perfect Streamer to build the programme guide for the end client.

4.14.1 URL and authentication

The endpoint is served by the built-in admin server. By default it is available on ports 43971 (HTTP) and 43981 (HTTPS); the ports are configured under **Settings/Server Settings**.

```
GET /data/epg/channel?src=<src_id>&ch=<channel_id>&lang=<lang>&t=<time>
```

Authentication is HTTP Digest, like for the rest of /data/*. For middleware a viewer (read-only) account is sufficient.

Note: Requests from the loopback address (127.0.0.1) bypass HTTP Digest verification — the server treats them as anonymous. This is convenient for local scripts and health checks of middleware deployed on the same machine as Perfect Streamer; for remote access credentials are mandatory.

4.14.2 Request parameters

Parameter	Type	Required	Default	Description
src	unsigned integer	no	0	EPG source. 0 — data imported from MPEG-TS EIT of input streams. 1, 2, ... — entry id from /config/epg/epg-source (an external XMLTV source).
ch	string	yes	—	Channel identifier from the EPG database: the value of the channel_id field in the channel table. The list of available identifiers can be obtained via an SQL query through POST /data/epg/sql.
lang	integer or ISO 639	no	system default language	0 — system default language; an integer > 0 — internal language id (see GET /schema/lang); a string — a two- or three-letter ISO 639 code, e.g. eng, rus, fra.
t	unsigned integer (Unix epoch, sec)	no	current server time	Any point inside the day of interest. The server returns events for the UTC day that contains t: interval $[t / 86400 \cdot 86400, (t / 86400 + 1) \cdot 86400)$. To request data for the «next day» simply add 86400 to the current time.

Note: The day is taken in UTC, not in the local time zone. If the middleware builds the schedule by the local calendar day, the UTC-day boundary may not coincide with local midnight; in that case make two requests (for adjacent UTC days) and stitch the results by the start field.

4.14.3 Response format

- Content-Type: application/json.
- HTTP headers forbid caching on the client side and on intermediate proxies:

```
Cache-Control: no-cache, no-store, must-revalidate
Pragma: no-cache
Expires: 0
```

- Response body is a JSON with the list of events for the day:

```

{
  "event": [
    {"start": 1715000000, "end": 1715003400, "title": "Morning News", "desc":
    ↪"Overview of the day's events"},
    {"start": 1715003400, "end": 1715007000, "title": "Weather Forecast", "desc": ""}
  ]
}

```

Event fields:

- **start**, **end** — programme start and end in Unix epoch (sec), UTC.
- **title** — programme title in the selected language. If a title in the requested language is missing for the event, the server falls back to the entry in the system default language, then to any other available one.
- **desc** — extended description. May be an empty string if the database had no separate description for the event.

Output specifics:

- Events with an empty title and no description, as well as events with invalid timestamps, are excluded from the output.
- Duplicates by **start** are dropped: for the same start moment one record is returned with the best language priority (requested → system default → others).
- The order of events in the array is not guaranteed — if needed, the middleware sorts the list by the **start** field on its own.
- If the channel is not found, the source does not exist, or there are no events for the chosen day, the server returns 200 OK with an empty array {"event": []} or, in the rare case of a missing source, with an empty body. The middleware must handle both variants correctly.

4.14.4 Caching on the server

The ready JSON is cached by the server under the key (`channel_id`, UTC date, language), so repeated requests for the same day and channel are served without touching the database. The middleware does not need to manage the cache.

The cache is flushed automatically:

- when new events arrive from MPEG-TS EIT of input streams (`src=0`);
- on a successful refresh of an external XMLTV source (`src > 0` — scheduled or forced via POST `/data/epg/update?s=<src_id>`);
- when a day falls out of the EPG retention window.

A separate endpoint for forced cache flushing is neither provided nor needed.

4.14.5 HTTP response codes

Code	Condition
200 OK	Request processed. Body is a JSON with the list of events (possibly empty).
400 Bad Request	The ch parameter is missing or empty; or src, t cannot be parsed as unsigned integers; or a numeric lang points to a non-existent language id.
401 Unauthorized	HTTP Digest authentication is missing or invalid (for requests not from a loopback address).

Other situations (unknown src, missing channel, no events for the day) do not produce 4xx — the middleware gets 200 OK with the empty array {"event": []}.

On error, the response body is a fixed-format JSON envelope:

```
{"status": 400, "message": "Bad Request"}
```

The status field duplicates the HTTP code; the message field carries a refined error reason in English (or the standard HTTP-status text if no additional information is available). The Content-Type of the error response is application/json.

4.14.6 Example

```
curl -u middleware:secret --digest \
'http://pss.example.com:43971/data/epg/channel?src=0&ch=12.0.1&lang=rus&t=1715000000
↪'
```

Sample response:

```
{
  "event": [
    {"start": 1715000000, "end": 1715003400, "title": "Morning News", "desc":
↪"Overview of the day's events"},
    {"start": 1715003400, "end": 1715007000, "title": "Weather Forecast", "desc": ""}
  ]
}
```

4.14.7 Performance and scaling

Perfect Streamer server cache

Inside the PSS process there is an in-memory LRU response cache keyed by (channel_id, UTC date, language) with a hard cap of 1024 entries per EPG source. Under typical load (tens-hundreds of channels × 1-3 languages × keep-day days) all current entries fit into the cache; repeat requests are served without touching SQLite.

Order of magnitude (debug build, local loopback, no HTTPS):

Scenario	Latency (single request)	Throughput (P=8)
Cache hit	~0.3 ms	~1100 req/s
Cache miss (SQL + JSON)	~1.0-1.5 ms	~1000 req/s

In a release build with debug logging off, the numbers are roughly 2-3× better. Bandwidth — about 14 KB per response for a typical channel-day.

When an external reverse-proxy (nginx) is needed

The server cache speeds up repeat requests for the same (channel, day, language), but every request still passes through the built-in PSS HTTP server and consumes a thread from its pool. With many clients it makes sense to move caching to the edge:

- **up to ~1,000 online clients** — the internal cache is usually enough, a reverse-proxy is not required.
- **tens of thousands and more** — a caching reverse-proxy (for example, nginx) is recommended. An edge cache handles 99 % of requests without PSS, smooths out peaks (middleware startup, mass player refresh) and allows SSL termination to be moved to a separate node.
- **geographically distributed delivery** — an external CDN/proxy is needed even before counting clients.

PSS sends its own header `Cache-Control: no-cache, no-store, must-revalidate` so that end clients do not cache the EPG for long. The reverse-proxy may (and should) cache the response itself — below it is shown how to tell nginx explicitly to ignore the upstream `Cache-Control` and keep its own TTL.

Sample nginx configuration

A minimal config for an EPG edge cache aimed at tens of thousands of clients polling every 1-5 minutes:

```
# /etc/nginx/conf.d/pss-epg.conf

proxy_cache_path /var/cache/nginx/pss-epg
    levels=1:2
    keys_zone=pss_epg:32m
    max_size=2g
    inactive=30m
    use_temp_path=off;

upstream pss_admin {
    server 127.0.0.1:43971;
    keepalive 64;
}

server {
    listen 80;
    # listen 443 ssl http2; # recommended: SSL termination here
    server_name epg.example.com;
```

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```

# gzip helps: typical EPG JSON compresses ~5-8x.
gzip on;
gzip_types application/json;
gzip_min_length 512;
gzip_proxied any;

location = /data/epg/channel {
    proxy_pass http://pss_admin;
    proxy_http_version 1.1;
    proxy_set_header Connection "";
    proxy_set_header Host $host;
    proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-For $proxy_add_x_forwarded_for;

    # PSS returns no-cache; force-cache it at the edge.
    proxy_ignore_headers Cache-Control Expires Set-Cookie;
    proxy_hide_header Cache-Control;
    proxy_hide_header Pragma;
    proxy_hide_header Expires;

    # Cache key = full URL with query string. The src/ch/lang/t
    # parameters already determine response uniqueness.
    proxy_cache_key "$scheme$host$request_uri";

    proxy_cache pss_epg;
    proxy_cache_valid 200 60s; # staleness TTL
    proxy_cache_valid 400 404 10s;
    proxy_cache_lock on; # coalesce cache misses
    proxy_cache_lock_timeout 5s;
    proxy_cache_use_stale error timeout updating
    http_500 http_502 http_503;

    # Serve the JSON to the client with its own TTL
    # (the player won't recheck EPG before that).
    add_header Cache-Control "public, max-age=60";
    add_header X-Cache-Status $upstream_cache_status always;
}
}

```

Notes and recommendations

- **TTL ``proxy_cache_valid 200 60s``** — a compromise between EPG freshness and load on the upstream. The programme guide does not change in real time, so 30-300 seconds is reasonable. After importing new events PSS flushes its own cache instantly, and the edge cache catches up at the next TTL.
- **``proxy_cache_lock on``** is mandatory for many clients: on a cache miss it coalesces parallel requests for the same key into a single upstream request, shielding SQLite from peak BUSY under load.
- **``keys_zone``** and **``max_size``** are sized by the count of (channel × day × language): 32 MB of keys_zone covers hundreds of thousands of keys; 2 GB of max_size covers a month of history for hundreds of channels with room to spare.
- **gzip** significantly cuts traffic: responses compress well (repeated JSON keys, Cyrillic in UTF-8).

- ``**X-Cache-Status**`` in the response lets the middleware see HIT/MISS/EXPIRED and gauge the cache effectiveness.
- If nginx and PSS live on the same machine, the admin server does not require HTTP Digest for loopback, so the upstream block can be left without `proxy_set_header Authorization ...`. For a cross-network setup, create a dedicated viewer account and add Digest authentication to `proxy_pass`.
- **HTTPS** is best terminated at nginx: PSS supports HTTPS directly, but an edge server is usually more efficient at handling TLS handshakes with thousands of concurrent clients.

4.14.8 Related endpoints

- POST `/data/epg/sql?s=<src_id>` — arbitrary SQL query against the EPG database (in particular, to obtain a list of `channel_id`).
- POST `/data/epg/update?s=<src_id>` — force-refresh an external XMLTV source.

The complete list and detailed description of the HTTP API are given in `manual/http_data_api.txt`.

4.15 Programm optimization

If there are problems with a large CPU load or lack of memory in configuration with large number of **streams**, then you can optimize the settings.

You can disable the MPEG-TS filtering and processing features if you don't need to. By default, the **stream** has the **Clean All Unnecessary Data** function enabled, disable it if there is no unwanted data in the stream. Disabling these features completely will remove the **Original Media Information** section from the Report.

You can completely disable or change **Mosaic** settings. A completely disabling is done in the server settings. You can disable it individually for each **stream**, or change the update interval with the **Check Interval** setting.

4.15.1 Queue overload errors for DBStat and DBEPG databases

Errors occur due to insufficient databases performance - slow storage is used or the system is overloaded.

Databases location is configured by `data-dir` parameter in configuration file `pss.properties`

Possible solutions of the problem:

1. Moving database files to `/tmp`. The system memory will be used, requires an estimate of free memory and setting up the storage time of statistics (see server settings). When the system restarts, the data will be lost.
2. Reduce the statistics detalization - see `dbstat-detail`. 5 sec by default. Can be increased up to 20.
3. Locate database in memory - set the `dbepg-memory` option to true.

4.16 Transcoders

Transcoders are implemented as separate executable binaries that are run from pstreamer as separate processes.

Configuration of type 1toN are supported, so you can get several streams with different encoder settings from the one decoder.

Video and audio must be present in the source stream. The options without video or without audio are not supported.

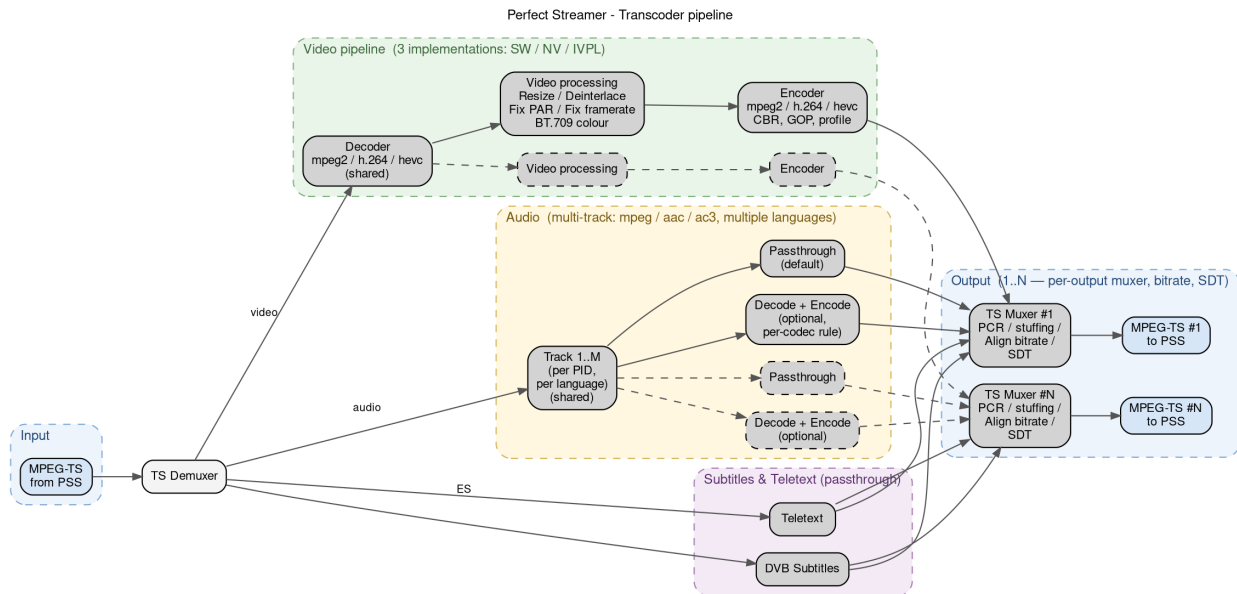


Fig. 3: Transcoder architecture: a single shared **decoder** → **N** independent **VPP + encoder** branches (1-to-N); audio is multi-track with optional per-output transcoding; subtitles and teletext are passed through.

Codecs are implemented:

- Video SW decoder: mpeg2, h.264, hevc (h.265)
- Video NW decoder: mpeg2, h.264, hevc (h.265)
- Video SW encoder: mpeg2, h.264, hevc (h.265)
- Video NW encoder: h.264, hevc (h.265)

Interlaced stream is supported on input and output.

For H.264 and HEVC decoder, interlace alternate format (two separate fields in the stream) is supported. It is converted to interlace interleaved.

For HEVC decoder, Main10 profile with bt.709 (SDR) and bt.2020 (HDR) is supported. Encoder for HEVC always uses Main profile with bt.709.

For H.264 and HEVC decoder, VBR (Variable Frame Rate) format is supported. It is converted to constant frame rate.

- Audio decoder - mpeg (layer 1,2,3), aac, ac3
- Audio encoder - mpeg (layer 2), aac

Video Passthrough mode is mode without video transcoding, audio only is processed. SW transcoder is used.

Note: To configure transcoder instance, you need to configure two or more streams, with output (decoder) and input (encoder).

To configure transcoder instance:

- **Source** - add stream output type *transcoder* (decoder). Select *SW*, *NV* or *Video Passthrough* type option.
- **Destination** - add input type *transcoder* (encoder). Select corresponding decoder source in options.
- Repeat this to configure several transcoder outputs for one decoder.

4.16.1 Transcoder output (decoder) options

- **Convert colors to BT.709** - conversion of SD BT.470-2 (PAL) and SMPTE 170M (NTSC) to BT.709
- **Trace** - enable detailed transcoder log for diagnostics.

For correct transcoder operation, the source stream must meet certain requirements, and in some cases, this can be corrected. These settings do not convert the stream; they work as hints for correct transcoder operation.

There are settings to correct the input stream data:

- **Fix PAR** - fix Pixel Aspect Ratio. Set as a fractional number in N/D format. For example, for Wide SD it is 16/9.
- **Fix Framerate** - explicitly specify framerate. In some streams, the framerate in SPS may be missing, and the corresponding error will be in the transcoder log. In these cases, you need to explicitly specify the framerate. Set as a fractional number in N/D format.

Examples of framerate values:

- PAL - 25/1
- NTCS - 30/1 or 30000/1001
- Cinema - 24/1 or 24000/1001

4.16.2 Transcoder input (encoder) options

- **Encoder Type** - video codec.
- **Align Total Bitrate** - stream stuffing bitrate (filling with null packets). It is important to set this if the stream will be used for DVB broadcasting. The bitrate must be guaranteed to be higher than the video bitrate and all audio tracks.
- **Video Profile** - for H.264 you can select encoding profile.
- **Video Bitrate** - video stream bitrate, kbps. Encoding always use CBR mode. Summary bitrate will be some higher due to audio tracks.
- **Speed Preset** - encoding options preset, values 1 - 7. Less value - better quality and more resources consuming. Default: 4.

- **GOP Interval** - GOP interval in frames (related to Key Frame Interval). Default: 25 (1 sec for 25p), it is recommended for players with random start.
- **BFrame** - select for better quality. Recommended value: 3.
- **Lookahead** - configure for better quality. Recommended value is 20 - 50 frames.
- **Resize** - picture resize.
- **Deinterlace** - converts interlace to progressive.

Crop insert (empty padding around the picture) is not supported. Setting an arbitrary image size is not supported, as this may distort the proportions.

Resize options available:

- Reduce the size by 2 and 4 times proportionally.
- Make Wide SD 16:9 format with Aspect Ratio recalculation.
- Upscale SD->HD. Applied for source format SD PAL/NTSC. Interlace is not supported, applied when deinterlacing is required.
- Set the width. The height will be recalculated proportionally.
- Set the height. The width will be recalculated proportionally.

Some parameters can be unsupported by selected transcoder. You can observe errors in transcoders logs.

4.16.3 Audio processing

By default, all audio tracks are transmitted from input to output without processing. Unnecessary tracks can be removed by configuring the PID filters in the stream.

If you need to transcode audio, you can set up the rules separately for each audio codec. The *skip* option is to remove the audio track with this codec.

If there are no audio tracks in the output stream, there will be an error, see the transcoder logs.

4.16.4 PCR and TR 101 290 formation.

MPEG-TS multiplexer generates a new PCR. If you correctly set **Align Total Bitrate** (more than the sum of video and audio bitrates), then PCR should pass the check according to the **TR 101 290** standard.

4.16.5 Transcoders processing status

If there are problems with the transcoder (there is no output stream from the encoder), you need to look at the logs in the **Transcoders** section, a list of instances is displayed here (each line is a separate transcoder instance, decoder + N encoders) and, when you click on the desired instance, the logs status dialog opens. The current log and the log from the previous launch are displayed. For a detailed log, enable *trace* in the output (decoder) settings.

5.1 SRT and third part software authorization

SRT login/password authorization between two instances of Perfect Streamer works from the box and is configured via the corresponding fields in input and output , but work with other software is not guaranteed. This functionality is not standardized and is implemented in different ways in different software.

To ensure work between Perfect Streamer and other software, an authorization mechanism has been implemented through the creation of a peer, where the peer's name will be equal to the stream ID value. For example with link:

```
srt://Stream_IP:port?streamid=!#: :u=1234567890,password=1234567890
```

Peer name:

```
!#: :u=1234567890,password=1234567890
```

Stream ID synthax doesn't matter for Perfect Streamer, any values up to 511 symbols are supported.

Different SRT-receiving software may pass the stream ID in its own format, so if reception by a particular form of stream ID does not work, you can enable the trace option on Perfect Streamer's SRT output and look in the stream's receive log for the error and the actual stream ID that the third-party software emits. Based on that you can adjust the stream ID — for example by stripping extra characters at the start of the stream ID string that hinder the transfer of the stream ID value by the other software.

5.2 RTSP and RTMP support in Perfect Streamer using FFmpeg

You can use STD input type to support RTSP, RTMP and other third-party software in Perfect Streamer out of the box. You can use FFmpeg, GStreamer, and any other applications which are supported output to stdout.

FFmpeg example:

1. Select **std** input type.
2. Specify the path to FFmpeg in Cmd: /usr/bin/ffmpeg.
3. Enter the command args for receiving the stream in Args field:

```
-loglevel error -i rtmp://192.168.1.29/channelTV/chanelSD -c copy -f mpegts -
```

or

```
-loglevel error -i rtsp://viewer:viewer200@172.31.91.197:554/play1.sdp -c copy -f ↵  
↵mpegts -
```

If the stream from camera does not contain audio track, errors will appear in stream report page. To suppress them, set **Only Video** option in stream settings.

Third-party applications support in [documentation](#).

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GStreamer example:

1. Select **std** input type.
2. Specify the path to the command shell in Cmd field: `/bin/bash`.
3. Enter the path to generator script and other args in Args field:

```
/opt/conf/pss/scripts/rtmp.sh rtmp://192.168.1.2/live/mmtv2025air
```

or

```
/opt/conf/pss/scripts/rtsp.sh rtsp://viewer1:viewer300@172.34.95.198:553/play1.sdp
```

The full description is available in the [forum thread](#).

Scripts: [scripts_gstreamer.zip](#).

5.4 Recommendations for working with UDP multicast

Task:

To reliably receive UDP multicast several hundreds of Mbps (1 Gbps and more) on one server.

Problem:

Receiving on network cards with RJ-45 interface with increasing traffic above several hundreds of megabits - multicast packet loss starts to increase. Tuning network card settings does not help (it was relevant in older versions of operating systems, in modern ones optimal settings are already used). On any network card with the best chips (Intel, Broadcom, etc.) the problem does not go away, especially after exceeding 500 Mbps of traffic. Bonding of 2 network cards does not help.

Solution:

For receiving and transmitting UDP multicast, we recommend using network cards with SFP+ interface, since they use more powerful chips. A budget network card of the Intel X520-DA1/2 (Intel 82599ES) level is sufficient, its use completely eliminates the problem of UDP multicast packet loss above 1 Gbps.

As a bonus, there is a noticeable reduction in CPU and GPU load when using a transcoder.

5.5 Recommendations for network tuning for multicast

Configure network parameters in `/etc/sysctl.conf`:

```
net.core.rmem_default=8388608
net.core.rmem_max=16777216
```

Apply:

```
sudo sysctl --system
```

5.6 Flussonic and SRT

Stream source sample link for “Flussonic”:

```
srt://Stream_IP:port?streamid=flussonic
```

streamid - “Flussonic” client login, set up in “Configuration - Peers Settings”.

When adding a new peer, it is enough to specify only the login, in sample link it is - “flussonic”. “Flussonic” software generates stream ID automatically when using SRT, so you should set up login as stream ID in stream link to receive the stream.

Similarly you can set up *streamID* in login/password format by creating a peer in “Perfect Streamer” with value in **Login or IP** field: `!#: :u=1234567890,password=1234567890`

and setting up in “Flussonic” link: `srt://Stream_IP:port?streamid=!#: :u=1234567890,password=1234567890`

You can set *streamid/login* in “Perfect Streamer” with IP address format:

- 192.168.1.1 (single IP)
- 192.168.1.1-192.168.1.254 (IP range, you should activate **Login is IP** option in peer settings)

In both cases the link for receiving by IP in “Flussonic” will look like this: `srt://Stream_IP:port?streamid=*`

In this case client will be binded to IP address and it will be possible to receive via this link only from a specific IP address (the IP range).

6.1 TS Analyze Perfect Streamer Toolkit v2.2 — TR 101 290

Part of the **Perfect Streamer Toolkit** — <https://pstreamer.tv>

Command-line **MPEG-TS transport stream analyzer** with **ETSI TR 101 290 V1.4.1** compliance checking and **ISO/IEC 13818-1 T-STD** buffer-model validation.

Reads **UDP multicast/unicast** or **TS files**, auto-discovers PCR PIDs via PAT/PMT, and prints a detailed or summary report to stdout.

6.1.1 What it checks

The analyzer walks every TS packet and reports violations of:

- **Priority 1** (TS decodability): TS sync, sync loss, PAT/PMT presence and CRC, continuity counter, PID presence
- **Priority 2** (recommended monitoring): transport error indicator, CRC errors, PCR repetition / accuracy / discontinuity, PTS interval, CAT presence
- **Priority 3** (extended monitoring): NIT/SDT/EIT/TDT intervals, unreferenced PIDs, T-STD buffer overflow / underflow

In addition, it produces:

- **PCR accuracy** to ± 500 ns precision via byte-position regression
- **PCR drift** in ppm (live mode)
- **T-STD buffer model** per elementary stream (live mode)
- **SI section size** validation against ISO/EN limits, with EIT-on-STB compatibility warnings (>1024 B)
- **UDP IAT** (inter-arrival time) statistics — datagram-level network jitter (live mode only)

6.1.2 Usage

```
ts_analyze [options] <input>
```

Inputs

Form	Description
udp://239.1.1.1:1234	UDP multicast
udp://eth0@239.1.1.1:1234	UDP multicast on a specific interface
udp://192.168.1.100:1234	UDP unicast
udp://lo@127.0.0.1:12655	UDP unicast on loopback (test source)
/path/to/file.ts	Local TS file

RTP-encapsulated UDP is auto-detected and de-encapsulated.

Options

Option	Description	Default
-t, --time <sec>	Analysis duration in seconds	30
-s, --short	Short summary report	-
-f, --full	Full detailed report	yes
-b, --bitrate <Mbps>	TS bitrate hint for file mode	38.8
-p, --pcr-pid <pid>	Analyse a specific PCR PID only (decimal or 0xHHHH)	auto
-l, --pcr-limit <ms>	PCR repetition error limit in ms	40
--no-eit	Skip EIT analysis — P3.7..P3.10 reported as N/A, EIT contributions to P2.2 / section-size totals removed	EIT enabled
--no-nit	Skip NIT analysis — P3.1, P3.2 reported as N/A, NIT contributions to P2.2 / section-size totals removed	NIT enabled
--no-color	Disable ANSI colour output	colours on
--xml	Emit structured XML on stdout (quiet stderr)	text
-h, --help	Show usage	-

Examples

```
# 30-second TR 101 290 check on a multicast stream
ts_analyze -t 30 udp://239.10.10.1:1234

# short summary, save to log (no color)
ts_analyze -s --no-color -t 60 udp://239.10.10.1:1234 > report.txt

# analyze a TS file
ts_analyze -t 30 recording.ts

# analyze only a single PCR PID
ts_analyze -p 0x0100 -t 30 udp://239.10.10.1:1234

# machine-readable XML for CI / monitoring
ts_analyze --xml -t 30 udp://239.10.10.1:1234 > result.xml

# skip EIT/NIT analysis (e.g. for streams where they are intentionally absent)
ts_analyze --no-eit --no-nit -t 30 udp://239.10.10.1:1234
```

Disabling EIT or NIT analysis

Some streams intentionally omit EIT or NIT (closed networks, lab feeds, OTT-only contribution, etc.). In that case the corresponding TR 101 290 P3 checks would always FAIL the OVERALL gate, which is just noise.

Use `--no-eit` and/or `--no-nit` to drop those checks:

Flag	Skipped checks	Side effects
<code>--no-eit</code>	P3.7 (EIT actual P/F), P3.8 (EIT other P/F), P3.9 (EIT actual schedule), P3.10 (EIT other schedule)	EIT sections are not assembled, so they contribute zero to P2.2 (CRC) and to the SI section-size summary. EIT-on-STB compatibility warning is suppressed.
<code>--no-nit</code>	P3.1 (NIT actual), P3.2 (NIT other)	NIT sections are not assembled, so they contribute zero to P2.2 (CRC) and to the SI section-size summary.

Skipped checks appear in the report as N/A with a disabled (`--no-eit`) / disabled (`--no-nit`) note, and in the XML as `applicable="false" result="N/A"`. The short report shows NIT=off / EIT=off instead of an error count.

The flags affect only EIT (PID 0x0012) and NIT (PID 0x0010) processing — every other TR 101 290 check (P1.x, P2.x, SDT, TDT, CAT, T-STD, PCR drift, IAT) runs normally.

XML output mode (--xml)

--xml makes the analyzer emit a single self-contained UTF-8 XML document on **stdout**. All informational chatter (banner, "Stream locked", "PCR PIDs discovered", per-second progress, capture summary, short-duration warnings) is suppressed; **stderr stays empty** unless something genuinely fails (input cannot be opened, no PCR data, stream too short, interrupted by signal). ANSI colours are forced off.

The exit code is the same as in text mode: 0 for OVERALL=PASS, 65 for OVERALL=FAIL, plus the standard error / signal codes (1, 2, 3, 130, 143).

Top-level XML structure:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<ts_analyze version="2.2">
  <source>udp://239.1.1.1:5000</source>
  <timestamp>2026-04-30T12:00:00+0300</timestamp>
  <duration_s>30.00</duration_s>
  <packets total="..." null="..." />
  <ts_bitrate_mbps>20.012</ts_bitrate_mbps>

  <programs>
    <program number="1" pmt_pid="0x0100" pcr_pid="0x0101">
      <es pid="0x0101" stream_type="0x1b" name="H.264/AVC"/>
      <es pid="0x0102" stream_type="0x03" name="MPEG-2 Audio"/>
    </program>
  </programs>

  <tr101290>
    <check id="1.1" name="TS Sync Byte Error" applicable="true" errors="0" result=
    ↪ "PASS"/>
    ...
    <check id="2.3" name="PCR Repetition Error"
      applicable="true" errors="0" result="PASS" soft_violations="3"/>
    ...
    <check id="3.4" name="Unreferenced PIDs" applicable="true" count="2" result="INFO
    ↪ "/>
    ...
  </tr101290>

  <si_section_size oversize_total="0" eit_stb_warn_total="12">
    <table name="EIT_actual_pf" max_bytes="1380" std_limit="4096"
      oversize="0" eit_stb_warn="12" result="WARN_STB"/>
    ...
  </si_section_size>

  <iat datagrams="33252" intervals="33251" min_ms="0.002" max_ms="5.009"
    avg_ms="0.150" stddev_ms="0.295" p95_ms="0.872" p99_ms="1.076"
    max_jitter_ms="4.272" gap_threshold_ms="100.0" gaps_over_threshold="0"/>

  <pcr_pids>
    <pcr_pid value="0x0101" sid="1" pcr_count="1500" discontinuities="0"
      estimated_bitrate_mbps="18.750">
      <interval samples="1499" min_ms="19.812" max_ms="20.195"
        avg_ms="20.001" p95_ms="20.102"
        iso_hard_violations="0" tr_soft_violations="0"
        rec_violations="0" result="PASS"/>
      <accuracy samples="1499" min_ns="-148.3" max_ns="201.7" abs_max_ns="201.7"
```

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```

        avg_ns="2.1" stddev_ns="45.6" p95_ns="102.3"
        violations="0" result="PASS"/>
<drift measured="true" ppm="0.618" limit_ppm="30"
  verdict_mode="informational" result="PASS"/>
<tstd overflows="0" underflows="0" max_fill_bytes="34218" result="PASS">
  <es_buffer es_pid="0x0101" stream_type="0x1b"
    capacity_bytes="3000000" measuring="true"
    es_bitrate_mbps="15.200" max_fill_bytes="34218"
    overflows="0" underflows="0"/>

</tstd>
</pcr_pid>
</pcr_pids>

<unreferenced_pids count="2">
  <pid value="0x01ff"/>
  <pid value="0x0200"/>
</unreferenced_pids>

<overall result="PASS"/>
</ts_analyze>

```

Key conventions:

- All PIDs are formatted as 0xHHHH (4-digit hex with 0x prefix).
- result attribute uses PASS / FAIL / WARN / N/A / INFO / SKIP / ok / WARN_STB.
- For checks that are not applicable (file mode, scrambling absent, etc.) the element still appears with applicable="false" and result="N/A" so that schema consumers see a stable shape.
- <drift> carries verdict_mode="informational" for $30 \text{ s} \leq T < 300 \text{ s}$ and verdict_mode="hard" for $T \geq 300 \text{ s}$; result="SKIP" for runs shorter than 30 s.
- <iat> is omitted for file-mode runs.
- <overall> reflects the same gate as the text report's OVERALL line and matches the process exit code.

Output is well-formed XML (validated with `xmllint --noout`); pipe directly into XSLT, Python lxml, etc., without parsing tweaks.

6.1.3 Reading the report

Status colours

Status	Colour	Meaning
PASS / ok	green	Test satisfies the standard
WARN / WARNING / WARN(STB)	yellow	Soft violation, does not affect OVERALL
FAIL / ERROR	red	Standard violation, affects OVERALL
INFO / NOTE / N/A	default	Informational only

Use `--no-color` when piping into log files or non-ANSI terminals.

Minimum analysis duration

Duration	Coverage	Exit code
< 2 s	Insufficient — analysis refused	3 (error)
2-10 s	P1 + P2 reliable; some P3 checks may lack data	0 + WARN
10-30 s	P1 + P2 + most P3; TDT (30 s) may lack data	0 + NOTE
≥ 30 s	Full coverage of all TR 101 290 checks	0

The default duration is **30 seconds** — sufficient for full TR 101 290 coverage. Use `-t <sec>` to extend (e.g. for PCR-drift acceptance) or shorten (e.g. for quick smoke tests).

While the analyzer is running, a one-line progress indicator updates every second on stderr:

```
Progress: 47.3% (14.2s / 30.0s, 330614 packets)
```

The line uses carriage-return (`\r`) so it stays on a single line in a terminal; redirect stderr to suppress (`2>/dev/null`).

PCR drift verdict — two-tier window

PCR clock tolerance per **ISO/IEC 13818-1 §2.4.2.1** and **ETSI TR 101 290** is **±30 ppm**. The drift figure printed in the report comes from a linear regression of cumulative PCR seconds against wall-clock arrival time; its statistical error decreases as $1 / T^{(3/2)}$, so the analysis window must be long enough that measurement noise is well below the **±30 ppm** boundary.

The analyzer therefore gates the drift verdict by the analysis duration:

Window	Verdict on out-of-spec drift	OVERALL impact
$T < 30 \text{ s}$	skipped (noise dominates the ±30 ppm boundary)	none
$30 \text{ s} \leq T < 300 \text{ s}$	WARN — informational only	none
$T \geq 300 \text{ s}$	FAIL	OVERALL = FAIL, exit 65

300 s is the **DVB TR 101 297** acceptance-test window — long enough that even a bursty/loopback delivery path averages below 1 ppm of measurement noise, so an out-of-spec result reflects the encoder clock, not the network. The full report shows the current tier on the Verdict mode line of the PCR DRIFT block.

To get a hard PASS/FAIL drift verdict, run with `-t 300` or longer.

Source-quality guideline (informational; does not change verdict tiers):

Source	Min window for ±5 ppm confidence	For ±2 ppm	Acceptance test
Broadcast multicast (CBR network, jitter < 100 μs)	30 s	60 s	5 min
Stable IP network (jitter < 200 μs)	30 s	2 min	5-10 min
Loopback / bursty sender (UDP unicast on lo)	5 min	15 min	30 min
Calibration / lab measurement	—	30 min	1+ hour

Examples:

```
# Quick PCR drift check on a real broadcast multicast (30 s)
ts_analyze -t 30 -s udp://239.1.1.1:5000

# Reliable check on a loopback source (5 min)
ts_analyze -t 300 -s udp://lo@127.0.0.1:12655

# Lab acceptance (30 min, full report to file)
ts_analyze -t 1800 -f --no-color udp://239.1.1.1:5000 > acceptance.txt
```

If the same stream is analysed in several short windows and the drift value varies by more than a few ppm between windows, the bottleneck is delivery jitter (sender pacing or network), not the encoder clock — extend the window.

Exit codes

Code	Meaning
0	Analysis completed and OVERALL = PASS
1	Argument or input error
2	Stream contains no PCR data
3	Stream duration below 2 s minimum
65	Analysis completed but OVERALL = FAIL — TR 101 290 / ISO 13818-1 violation
130	Interrupted by SIGINT (Ctrl+C) — analysis aborted, no report produced
143	Interrupted by SIGTERM — analysis aborted, no report produced

65 is EX_DATAERR from POSIX <sys/types.h> — “input data was incorrect”. Use it in CI / monitoring scripts to gate on stream conformance:

```
ts_analyze -s -t 60 udp://239.1.1.1:5000 || {
  case $? in
    65) echo "stream does not conform – see report" >&2 ;;
    130) echo "interrupted by user" >&2 ;;
    *) echo "tool error" >&2 ;;
  esac
}
```

Codes 130/143 follow the POSIX shell convention 128 + signal_number so that \$? after Ctrl+C matches what bash reports for any process killed by SIGINT/SIGTERM. On interruption the analyzer prints a single line to stderr (Analysis interrupted by signal N – no report produced.) and skips report generation entirely.

6.1.4 Sample output

Full report (excerpt)

```
=====
MPEG-TS ANALYZER v2.2 – TR 101 290 FULL REPORT
=====
Source      : udp://239.1.1.1:5000
Duration    : 30.00 s
```

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```

Packets      : 398936 total, 12045 null
TS bitrate   : 20.012 Mbit/s
-----
=====
TR 101 290 - PRIORITY 1 (TS decodability)
=====
| 1.1  TS Sync Byte Error      :      0 errors PASS
| 1.4  Continuity Count Error   :      0 errors PASS
| 1.6  PID Error (5s absence)   :      0 errors PASS
...
=====
TR 101 290 - PRIORITY 2 (recommended monitoring)
=====
| 2.3  PCR Repetition Error     :      0 errors PASS
| 2.5  PCR Accuracy Error       :      0 errors PASS
...
=====
OVERALL COMPLIANCE: PASS - stream is TR 101 290 compliant
=====

```

Short report

```

MPEG-TS Analyzer v2.2
TR 101 290 Summary | udp://239.1.1.1:5000 | 30.0s
-----
↪ P1: sync=0 CC=0 PAT=0 PMT=0 PID=0 P2: TEI=0 CRC=0 PTS=0 P3: NIT=0 SDT=0 EIT=0
↪ TDT=0 unref=2
↪ IAT: dgrams=33252 avg=0.150 ms max=5.009 ms p99=1.076 ms gaps>100ms=0
-----
↪
PCR PID      SID      Count   Intv max   Jitter max   Drift      Interval
↪ Accuracy  T-STD
-----
↪
0x0101      1        1500    20.195 ms  76.4 ns      0ppm      PASS      PASS
↪      PASS
-----
↪
OVERALL: PASS

```

6.1.5 Notes

- **File mode:** PCR drift, T-STD buffer model and UDP IAT are not measured — they require a real-time reference. All other checks work in both modes.
- **Single transport stream:** one MPTS or SPTS analysed at a time.

6.2 MPTS Migrate Perfect Streamer Toolkit v1.0 — MPTS identity migration

Part of the **Perfect Streamer Toolkit** — <https://pstreamer.tv>

Capture the DVB SI/PSI identity of a live MPEG-TS multiprogram stream (MPTS) and reproduce it on a Perfect Streamer (PSS) instance running on the same host. The result: consumer receivers (STB / TV) keep working **without a channel re-scan** after a migration or failover.

6.2.1 Pre-conditions

Before running the utility verify that:

- **PSS is running** on the same host (or a host reachable via `--pss-base`). The utility queries `/proc` for `pss` and reads `pss.json` for the admin port (default 43971).
- **Source MPTS is reachable** if you intend to capture (modes 1, 2, `save+apply`): the URL passed as the positional `<input>` argument must deliver an MPEG-TS stream. For UDP multicast — IGMP / firewall must allow it; for files — the path must exist.
- **Target MPTS is configured in PSS:** the utility never creates new streams. An MPTS object plus at least as many SPTS feeders as the inventory has services must already exist. Services without an available feeder are surfaced in the dialog and can be skipped.
- **HTTP admin API is open on localhost** for reading `/data/stream` (used by `verify`) and writing `/config/stream` (`apply`).

6.2.2 What gets migrated

Every receiver-visible identifier on the transport-stream and per-service level:

- **Transport stream:** TSID, ONID, network ID, network name, **provider name** (auto-applied as `mux-wide sdt-provider-name` when all source services share one), delivery descriptor (terrestrial / cable / satellite parameters), PAT/SDT/NIT versions
- **Per service:** `service_id`, `pmt_pid`, `pcr_pid`, `service_type`, service name, logical channel number (LCN), free-CA mode, EIT-present/EIT-schedule flags
- **Elementary streams:** PIDs (identity remap applied — see *Limitations*), stream types, language tags
- **Conditional access:** program-level and ES-level CA descriptors

Service / provider names in non-ASCII DVB character sets (e.g. ISO-8859-5 Cyrillic) are decoded into UTF-8 automatically.

Per-service ES PID remap is built as identity pairs (`mpegtts-pid-old` \equiv `mpegtts-pid-new`) for every PCR / video / audio / teletext / data PID, so the resulting muxed output keeps source

PIDs **byte-exact**. Legacy receivers that cache PMT after first scan continue to work without re-tune.

6.2.3 Use cases

- **Failover**: switch decoders from primary to backup MPTS, keeping every receiver locked on the same channel numbers
- **Hardware migration**: move a working mux from one PSS host to another without operator instructions to viewers
- **Pre-/post-update snapshot**: capture the mux before a PSS upgrade, re-apply after to guarantee bit-identical SI/PSI
- **Manual edit & re-apply**: capture, edit `migrate.json` (rename services, change LCN, fix `service_type`), re-apply
- **Dry-run review**: print every HTTP POST that *would* be sent, without touching PSS

6.2.4 Quick start

```
# Capture from a live stream and apply to local PSS in one run
mpts_migrate udp://239.1.1.1:1234

# Capture, save to migrate.json and apply
mpts_migrate -s udp://239.1.1.1:1234

# Capture only – write to file, do not apply
mpts_migrate -o backup.json udp://239.1.1.1:1234

# Apply a previously saved JSON
mpts_migrate -i backup.json

# No arguments – load ./migrate.json and apply
mpts_migrate

# Preview what apply would do, without changes
mpts_migrate -i backup.json --dry-run
```

6.2.5 Workflow

1. **Capture** — utility opens the stream, parses PAT / PMT / SDT / NIT / EIT for up to `-t` seconds (default 30) and builds an inventory; total stream bitrate is measured.
2. **(Optional) Save** — with `-s` or `-o` writes the inventory to JSON for later reuse.
3. **Discover PSS** — locates the running PSS instance via `/proc scan`, reads `pss.json` to find its admin port (default 43971); `--pss-base http://host:port` overrides discovery.
4. **Confirm mapping** — interactive dialog asks how to map each captured service to an existing SPTS feeder; `--non-interactive` accepts suggestions and aborts on conflict; `--target-mpts <id>` skips the MPTS-choice prompt.
5. **Auto-unpause feeders** — for each mapped SPTS / muxer-output the utility issues `{"pause": false}` if it was paused, so the muxer actually receives data after apply.

6. **Auto-adjust bitrate** — if `captured_bitrate × (1 + headroom%)` exceeds the target MPTS `mpegts-output-bitrate`, the utility raises that limit on PSS in a single POST (rounded up to the nearest 1000 kbps). Disable with `--no-bitrate-adjust`.
7. **Plan** — diffs the inventory against PSS's current `/config/stream` tree, prepares HTTP POSTs only for fields that differ. ES PID remap is generated as identity pairs (`mpegts-pid-old ≡ mpegts-pid-new`) so the muxed output keeps every source PID exactly — including PCR, video, audio, teletext, SCTE-35, DSM-CC.
8. **Apply** — sends the planned POSTs, then triggers a pause/unpause of the MPTS so PSS reloads config; with `--dry-run` only prints the plan.
9. **Verify** (default on, even when the plan is empty) — captures the resulting MPTS through one of the PSS UDP outputs and diffs against the goal; critical mismatches (TSID, ONID, `service_id`, name, type, LCN) → exit 5.

Re-running the whole pipeline is **idempotent**: a second run reports no changes needed if PSS already matches the inventory, and verify still confirms via a fresh capture.

6.2.6 CLI options

Mode selection

Option	Description	Default
<code>-f, --file <path></code>	Migration JSON path (used as default import without <code>-i</code> , and as save target with <code>-s</code>)	<code>./migrate.json</code>
<code>-s, --save</code>	Save captured inventory to migration file (combines with stream input; still applies)	—
<code>-o, --output <file></code>	Capture-only: write to file, do not apply	—
<code>-i, --input <file></code>	Apply-only: load file, do not capture	—

Capture

Option	Description	Default
<code>-t, --time <sec></code>	Maximum capture duration	30
<code>-b, --bitrate <Mbps></code>	TS bitrate hint for file-mode pacing	38.8

Apply / Verify

Option	Description	Default
--target-mpts <id>	Skip MPTS choice prompt; apply to this PSS stream id	—
--non-interactive	Auto-accept dialog suggestions; abort on conflict	—
--dry-run	Print planned POSTs, send nothing	—
--pss-base <url>	Override PSS discovery (e.g. http://host:43971)	auto-discovered
--no-verify	Skip post-apply self-capture and diff	verify on
--verify-time <s>	Verification capture window	10
--no-bitrate-adjust	Do not auto-raise mpegts-output-bitrate on the target MPTS	adjust on
--bitrate-headroom <pct>	Safety headroom above measured bitrate when adjusting	15

Misc

Option	Description
-v, --verbose	Verbose log (every HTTP POST and dialog branch)
-h, --help	Show usage and exit

6.2.7 Migration file (migrate.json)

Human-readable JSON with format_version: 1. Default location ./migrate.json; override with -f. Example shape:

```
{
  "format_version": 1,
  "tool": "mpts_migrate",
  "capture": {
    "source": "udp://239.1.1.1:1234",
    "captured_at_utc": "2026-04-30T08:15:00Z",
    "duration_s": 8.2,
    "packets": 109344
  },
  "transport_stream": {
    "transport_stream_id": 1234,
    "original_network_id": 8442,
    "network_name": "Operator",
    "delivery": { "type": "terrestrial", "frequency_khz": 522000 }
  },
  "services": [
    {
      "service_id": 1, "pmt_pid": 256, "pcr_pid": 256,
      "service_type": 1, "service_name": "Channel 1",
      "provider_name": "MyProvider", "logical_channel_number": 101,
      "free_ca_mode": false,
      "elementary_streams": [
        { "pid": 256, "stream_type": 27, "language": "rus" }
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

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```

    ]
  }
]
}

```

Edit it before re-apply: rename services, change LCN, flip `service_type`, adjust `network_name` — `mpts_migrate -i migrate.json` will push only the changed fields.

6.2.8 PSS connection

- **Auto-discovery:** scans `/proc/<pid>/comm` for `pss`, reads its `--config` file, picks `web-server.bind-port` (default 43971).
- **Manual:** `--pss-base http://host:port` skips discovery entirely. Useful for remote PSS or when `--dry-run` should produce a plan without a live PSS.
- The admin REST API requires no authentication on `localhost`.

6.2.9 Verification

When `--no-verify` is **not** specified (default), after applying the plan the utility:

1. Looks for a localhost UDP output of the target MPTS, or temporarily adds one on `127.0.0.1:<auto>` (annotated added by `mpts_migrate` for verification).
2. Captures the live MPTS through that output for `--verify-time` seconds (default 10).
3. Diffs the captured inventory against the goal: - **Critical** mismatch (TSID, ONID, `service_id`, name, type, LCN) → exit code **5**. - **Soft** mismatch (PMT PID, PCR PID, ES PID) → printed as warning, exit code 0.
4. If the target MPTS is overloaded (output bitrate \geq configured `mpegts-output-bitrate`), prints **WARNING: target MPTS is overloaded** — see *Bitrate adjust* below.

6.2.10 Dry-run

`--dry-run` prints every HTTP request the utility *would* send (path, JSON body) but issues none. Useful for:

- Reviewing the plan with the operator before commit.
- Generating reproducible change-sets in a CI / change-management workflow.
- Working when PSS is offline (combine with `--pss-base http://host:port`).

Dry-run does not run verification.

6.2.11 Bitrate adjust

By default, if `captured_bitrate × (1 + headroom%)` exceeds the target MPTS `mpegts-output-bitrate`, the utility raises that limit on PSS before applying SI/PSI changes. Without enough headroom an overloaded MPTS drops low-priority data — typical symptoms: missing audio on radio services, intermittent EIT CRC errors. Disable with `--no-bitrate-adjust`, tune the safety margin with `--bitrate-headroom <pct>` (default 15).

6.2.12 Exit codes

Code	Meaning
0	Success — apply and (if enabled) verification both clean. Also returned by successful <code>--dry-run</code> .
1	Argument / file / discovery error
2	No PAT seen in source — input is not a valid MPEG-TS, or capture window too short
3	One or more apply HTTP POSTs failed
4	Apply succeeded but the target MPTS did not return to <i>Running</i> state
5	Verification failed — captured stream differs from the goal in critical fields

6.2.13 Limitations & gotchas

- **PSS must already host the target MPTS and feeders:** the utility does not create new streams. The target MPTS plus at least as many SPTS feeders as the inventory has services must already exist; services that have no available feeder are skipped in the dialog.
- **Source MPTS must be reachable** when capturing (modes 1, 2, `save+apply`): the URL passed as the positional `<input>` argument has to deliver an MPEG-TS stream; for UDP multicast IGMP / firewall must allow it.
- **ES PID remap is applied automatically:** per-service identity remap (`mpegts-pid-old` \equiv `mpegts-pid-new`) is generated for every PCR/video/audio/teletext/data PID so the muxed output keeps source PIDs byte-exact. PMT layout stays stable across migration — even legacy receivers (pre-2015 STBs, Samsung pre-H, LG pre-WebOS 3.0) that cache PIDs do not need re-scan.
- **Delivery descriptors must match the real carrier** for receivers that re-tune via NIT (DVB-T/T2/C/S). A mismatched delivery block can send the receiver to a wrong frequency.
- **LCN consistency** between primary and backup MPTS is essential for failover — if they differ, channel positions move in the receiver’s list after the switch.
- **Provider name is mux-wide on PSS** (single `sdt-provider-name` on the MPTS muxer-input). The utility applies it automatically when all captured services share one provider; if different services have different `provider_name` values, a warning is printed and the field is left untouched — the operator must decide which one wins.
- **Not a configuration tool for PSS itself:** `mpts_migrate` only touches SI/PSI identity fields, the per-feeder pause flag, and (optionally) `mpegts-output-bitrate`. It does not configure encoders, inputs, encryption, scheduling, etc.

6.2.14 Troubleshooting

Symptom	Likely cause / fix
Error: no PAT seen in stream	source is not MPEG-TS, IGMP/firewall blocks the multicast, or -t is too short
Error: cannot reach PSS	use --pss-base http://host:port to bypass auto-discovery
Apply succeeds but MPTS stays paused	check PSS log; re-run with -v to see the full POST plan
Verification reports critical diff	compare goal vs capture in JSON; usually a feeder is mistakenly mapped to the wrong service in the dialog
WARNING: target MPTS is overloaded	raise mpegts-output-bitrate on PSS or --bitrate-headroom <higher %>; without headroom radio audio and PSI tables corrupt

CHANGELOG

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- **OTT HLS:** every *.ts* segment in *OTT* mode starts with *SPS / PPS / IDR* — compliant with *HLS RFC 8216 §3*. The empty / black frame issue at VOD session start (*?t= / ?epg=*) on *hls.js*, *Safari*, *VLC* is fixed: the MSE decoder receives the correct header NAL set in the first segment and starts without delay. Controlled by the per-stream *gop-aligned-segment* setting (default *true*; applies only when *HLS = OTT mode*).
- **OTT HLS:** the *EXT-X-VERSION* value in the playlist is chosen by default according to the HLS mode. In *OTT mode* — *EXT-X-VERSION:6* with the *EXT-X-INDEPENDENT-SEGMENTS* declaration and the *CHARACTERISTICS* attribute on *EXT-X-MEDIA TYPE=SUBTITLES* (compatible with modern players and the Apple HLS standard). In *Peer mode* — *EXT-X-VERSION:3* for compatibility with legacy peer clients. An explicit value via the *?v=* query parameter still overrides the default.
- **OTT HLS:** the *EXT-X-TARGETDURATION* value now reflects the actually observed maximum segment duration (compliant with *RFC 8216 §4.3.3.1*), rather than the configured *chunk-min-interval*. *hls.js* has stopped halving the playlist refresh interval and emitting *bufferStalledError* on valid segments rounded up due to GOP alignment.
- **OTT HEVC (H.265):** a VPS packet in the stream is now considered when choosing a chunk boundary on a par with SPS — in an HEVC stream with a separate VPS NAL, the first segment is guaranteed to contain the complete VPS+SPS+PPS+IDR without truncation.
- **HTTP/3 (QUIC) for OTT delivery:** a built-in server based on **ngtcp2** + **nghttp3** serves **HLS** and **MPEG-DASH** over **QUIC**. Enabled by a separate *HTTP/3 Enable* web-server setting (port *HTTP/3 Port*, by default matching the HTTPS port over UDP), with *0-RTT* support. The QUIC transport accepts only OTT routes (*/, /hls, /dash, /h<sessID>, /http/<stream>*); administrative paths (*/data, /config, /xmltv, /db/, authentication, restart*) remain on HTTPS/HTTP. The real client IP is passed via an internal *x-pss-peer-addr* header and is recorded in active-peer accounting without being replaced by the loopback address.
- **Active peers:** a uniform OTT-session timeout of 60 seconds independent of transport; client-record updates on scheme change happen only “upward” by priority (*http* → *https* → *quic*), so a concurrent fallback to a less secure connection does not overwrite the current type. The *ott-type* attribute in *http-clients* now carries a composite value of the form *<PROTO>/<scheme>* (*PROTO = HLS / DASH / HTTP; scheme = http / https / quic*) — the admin UI sees both the OTT protocol and the actual network transport of each client.

- **DVR:** archive index migrated to format version 2 with the time-coverage metric *gapPercent* (proportion of recording gaps in the archive, 0-100 %). Cold-start migration from the old format runs automatically — the index is rebuilt empty, while leftover *.ts/.vtt* files on disk are swept up by the background orphan-file scanner in the usual way.
- **DVR:** new per-stream statistic *storage-gap-percent* in *GET /data/stream/<id>* next to *storage-len-time* — useful for an archive “integrity” indicator in the admin UI.
- **DVR:** new endpoint *GET /data/dvrstat?s=<stream>&t1=<...>&t2=<...>&lim=<bucketCount>* — a time-axis histogram of archive fill for the “archive fill” chart in the admin UI. Parallel arrays *value* (coverage fraction of each bucket, 0..1) and *event*; window boundaries accept the form *0* (from/to the archive edge) and negative values (relative to the current moment). Bucket size is auto-selected from *lim*; at maximum zoom (one bucket = one chunk) the histogram becomes binary and is accompanied by an event array (*PMT changed, INPUT_OPEN / INPUT_CLOSE, SCRAMBLE_START / SCRAMBLE_END, BOOTSTRAP_REBUILD, CLEANER_TRIM*) — the chart shows not only the fill level but also the cause of every gap.
- **DVR:** the *Storage Hours* setting is now capped at 2160 hours (90 days). The upper limit ensures predictable memory consumption for the index and stable response time of *GET /data/dvrstat* queries over long windows.
- **PS1 output:** smooth handling of stream-input switching has been implemented on the *PS1* output. On a queue spike at source switching, the oldest packets are silently dropped, while client *seqID / TS* values remain continuous — receiving peers get by with the standard retr mechanism instead of re-initialising the connection with *StateError*. The dropped-packet counter is visible in the extended *PS1*-output statistics.
- **SQLite:** every connected database is set with *busy_timeout = 3000 ms* immediately after opening — rare *SQLITE_BUSY* errors during the *PRAGMA* prologue (*WAL, foreign_keys*) on cloned connections and on the first-run *CREATE TABLE* under heavy load have been eliminated.
- **Documentation:** *Full DVR description*; the *HTTP /data API* reference has been substantially expanded — sections on protocol-specific input/output statistics, *OTT* clients, *HTTP/3* server attributes, and the composite *ott-type* have been added; every changed and new section is marked with (*added/changed in 1.13.1.438*).
- **DVR / OTT:** a series of stability improvements and elimination of rare race conditions in the segmenter, *HTTP/3* server core, *HLS* session accounting, and the *DVR cleanup* subsystem. With no visible *API* changes, behaviour in edge regimes (on-the-fly storage *attach* retry, rapid *ott-hls / dvr-storage* changes, repeated re-opening of *VOD* sessions) has become more predictable.
- Other bugfixes and improvements.

7.2 version 1.13.1.436

12.05.2026

- Full **DVR** subsystem launch: a persistent on-disk archive is written in parallel with the built-in **HLS/DASH OTT** live segmenter, using the same segmentation and the same *OTT*-session URLs — playback mode is switched by a query parameter.
- Archive playback over **HLS** and **MPEG-DASH**: query parameters *t=<epoch>* (start moment, *t=0* — from the beginning of the archive) and *d=<sec>* (window duration, empty

or 0 — “until now”); requests beyond the archive boundaries are normalized to the available range without errors.

- Closed **HLS** VOD playlist with the required *EXT-X-PLAYLIST-TYPE:VOD* and *EXT-X-ENDLIST* markers — the player sees the duration and supports seeking.
- Static **DASH MPD** for the archive (*@type=“static”*, fixed *mediaPresentationDuration*, explicit *SegmentURL*); automatic split into multiple *Period* elements when recording gaps exist within the selected interval — players (VLC, dashjs, Shaka) seek across period boundaries without special configuration.
- Adaptive **VOD** for **HLS** and **DASH** adaptive groups: only variants bound to a DVR storage are included in the manifest, each quality is a separate *Representation* inside the shared *Period* elements, and quality switching works without re-opening the manifest.
- **VOD** bound to **EPG** via the *epg=<epoch>* query parameter: the server finds the **EPG** event active at the given moment and substitutes its *start* and *duration* as the window boundaries — convenient for a program catalog where the **UI** is not required to compute exact boundaries.
- **WebVTT** subtitle recording into the archive in parallel with TS chunks, indexed by PID; the VOD subtitle playlist is served on the same URLs, and for **DASH** the *X-TIMESTAMP-MAP* header is stripped on the fly for compatibility with **DASH** players.
- *DVR Storage* settings section: multiple concurrent storages, each with a *Max Usage* threshold, a *Cleanup Interval* period, *Disk Pressure Grace* debounce, a per-cycle deletion cap *Disk Pressure Cut*, an emergency threshold *Disk Emergency Bytes* with $\times 2$ hysteresis, and *Ready / DiskFullDegraded / Error* states.
- Stream-level settings in *Stream / OTT: Storage Hours* (archive depth in hours with sliding-window cleanup) and *Storage Min Hour* (protected lower bound — the last N hours are not removed by size-based cleanup even under disk pressure).
- Protection of active VOD sessions: while a session is open, size-based and sliding-window cleanup do not touch chunks within its window — the client is guaranteed to be able to seek within its range; protection is released automatically on timeout or *FIN*.
- Transparent VOD → live-edge transition: if the player requests a segment beyond the right boundary of the VOD window (for example, after reaching the end of the archive), the server automatically serves the segment from live memory — with no redirects and no re-authorization.
- VOD playlist cache for repeated requests of the same *index.m3u8 / index.mpd*: the response is delivered byte-for-byte identical without rebuilding — convenient for a **CDN** in front of **Perfect Streamer**.
- Background scanner for orphaned files: once an hour, each storage checks for on-disk files that are not registered in the index (with a writer-race guard based on mtime, 60-second threshold) and removes them without administrator intervention.
- Runtime per-storage statistics in *GET /data/dvr-storage-list: State, Total / Free / Used Bytes, Used %, Archived Bytes, Attached Streams, Pressure Since Sec* — for monitoring and the admin **UI**.
- Documentation: [Full DVR description](#).
- Other bugfixes and improvements.

7.3 version 1.12.3.433

09.05.2026

- DVB scanner for **DVB-S/S2**, **DVB-C** and **DVB-T/T2**: transponder discovery and program-list compilation, with the option to apply the discovered parameters directly in the DVB adapter settings.
- DVB scanner: transponder reference data is loaded from *Enigma2*-format files (*satellites.xml*, *cables.xml*, *terrestrial.xml*) located in the settings directory.
- DVB scanner: *blind scan* mode for **DVB-S/S2** and **DVB-C/T/T2** — iteration over frequencies, polarizations and symbol rates without a transponder reference.
- DVB scanner: each discovered program reports *PNR*, service name, provider, the *scrambled* flag (derived from *free_CA_mode* in the **SDT** with a fallback via **PMT**), and the main *PID* values (video, audio, *PCR*).
- Hardware **BISS-1** and **BISS-E** descrambler for receiving encrypted channels from DVB cards. Keys are assigned per program or per individual *PLP* in **T2-MI** mode; both key formats are supported (12 or 16 hex characters, with automatic verification of **BISS-1** check bytes).
- Multi-stream **T2-MI** support (*ETSI TS 102 773*): multiple *T2-MI carriers* on a single transponder, per-service *PLP* selection, automatic and manual *carrier PID* selection modes, filtering by *TSID*.
- **MPEG-DASH** support on the **HLS OTT** output: generation of an *MPD* manifest of the *mp2t-simple* profile sharing the same segments as **HLS**.
- **WebVTT** subtitle support in **HLS OTT**: automatic decoding of teletext subtitles, segmentation of the subtitle track on **HLS** segment boundaries and its publication in the playlist. Controlled by the per-stream *ott-webvtt* option.
- Teletext-based subtitle decoder (**ETSI EN 300 706**): full national-alphabet tables, correct stitching of page lines, and delivery of subtitles to the player.
- **MPTS** multiplexer: automatic *Service Type* detection from the *PMT* (HD/SD H.264, HEVC, MPEG-2, digital radio, etc.) with the option of a manual override via the *Service Type* setting.
- **MPTS** multiplexer: manual *PID* remapping (*mpepts-pid-old* / *mpepts-pid-new*) with collision protection during automatic *PID* selection for neighbouring elementary streams.
- **MPTS** multiplexer: pass-through of service elementary streams (*DSM-CC*, *AIT*, **SCTE-35**) marked with the corresponding descriptors in the *PMT* — previously such streams were unconditionally filtered out.
- **MPTS** multiplexer: the upper limit of the aggregate bitrate has been raised from 64 to 128 Mbit/s.
- *DVR Storage* settings section: attaching *DVR storages* and binding them to **SPTS** streams (the *dvr-storage* parameter) — groundwork for the recording functionality.
- Support for *ASI* devices.
- Transcoder: support for streams without *IDR* frames.
- Transcoder: 5.1 audio encoder loudness-correction profile. Loudness correction when transcoding from 5.1 to stereo/mono.

- Perfect Streamer server-side cache and external reverse proxy (nginx) for high-load systems.
- Integration with Prometheus, Telegraf / InfluxDB.
- Tools: *TS Analyze Perfect Streamer Toolkit v2.2 — TR 101 290*.
- Tools: *MPTS Migrate Perfect Streamer Toolkit v1.0 — MPTS identity migration*.
- Bugfixes and improvements.
- Version 1.2.0.95 of *pstreamer-tcsw* and *pstreamer-tcnv* is released.
- Version 1.0.0.28 of *pstreamer-ivplv* transcoder (Intel VPL) is released.

7.4 version 1.11.1.420

07.04.2026

- Reworked MPTS muxer. Bitrate is set in *input muxer*. **TR 101 290** and **T-STD** compliance.
- RTSP input.

7.5 version 1.11.1.417

31.03.2026

- SPTS Stream / MPEG-TS: *Bitrate Mode* option added.
- SPTS Stream: Restamp PCR for **TR 101 290** compliance added.
- SRT: deadlock fixes for high load.
- Bugfixes and improvements.

7.6 version 1.11.1.407

13.03.2026

- Transcoder: Variable Frame Rate support added.
- Transcoder: HEVC Main10 with bt.709 (SDR) and bt.2020 (HDR) profile support added.
- Transcoder: SD BT.470-2 (PAL) and SMPTE 170M (NTSC) to BT.709 conversion option added.
- Transcoder: Upscale SD->HD resize preset added. Applies to SD PAL/NTSC source. Interlace not supported, applies when deinterlace is needed.
- Transcoder: Critical error with encoder Nvidia hang fixed. This caused transcoding issues and required manual stream restart.
- Streamer: Critical error in video analyzer (H.264 and HEVC) fixed. This caused abnormal high CPU load and could block streamer work.
- Transcoder TCNV: interlace/alternate 8 bit/10 bit support added.

- Transcoder TCNV: image quality improvement, post-processing on Nvidia CUDA improved.
- Transcoder output: extended statistics.
- IGMP v3 SSM support added.
- Custom stream name in HLS/HTTP link, instead of ID.
- SRT input output: AES Type parameter
- Easy copying of outgoing stream links.
- Search/filter form for active peers.
- Bugfixes and improvements.
- Version 1.2.0.86 of *pstreamer-tcsw* and *pstreamer-tcnv* is released.

7.7 version 1.11.1.384

21.12.2025

- Transcoder: Interlace Alternate support added (two separate interlace fields in the stream).
- Significant CPU load reduction when receiving SRT streams (*SRT input Caller mode -> Disable TSBPD*), due to the use of Perfect Streamer's own synchronizer.
- Input stream data correction: *Fix PAR* (Pixel Aspect Ratio correction) and *Fix Framerate* (configured when framerate data is missing in the stream SPS, necessary for subsequent stream transcoding).
- New HLS/HTTP mode setting: *Auto* - mode determination by *Content-Type*.
- Subtitles and teletext handling updates.
- Playlist UDP import update.
- Bugfixes and improvements.
- Version 1.0.0.70 of *pstreamer-tcsw* and *pstreamer-tcnv* is released.

7.8 version 1.11.1

19.10.2025

- Support for Debian 13/Ubuntu 25 and RHEL 10/AlmaLinux 10.
- For *Nvidia enc* and *Software CPU* transcoders, the GLIBC version requirement is lowered from 2.34 to 2.28: support for Debian 10 and AlmaLinux 8.
- *Main* and *High* profile selection is added for H.264 transcoders.
- New *output file* feature - recording stream to ts-file or output to any device (including SDI) that is registered in */dev*.
- New *input file* feature - cyclic playback of video from ts-file.
- Transcoder improvements.

- Conditional access mpegts(CA) handling is added: ECM and EMM.
- HLS OTT buffer flush on stream disable is fixed.
- New *Jitter Auto sync* feature.
- Improved compatibility with HLS links out of standards.
- XMLTV sources compatibility improvements in EPG-server.
- Other bugfixes and improvements.

7.9 version 1.10.1.364

20.08.2025

- Test Stream generator — test signals (test patterns).
- Peer login anonymous functionality: getting streams without authorization.
- Peer authorization by range of IP addresses.
- Peer option: *Login is ip*, for authorization by IP (range of IP), instead of login.
- Adaptive HLS improvement.
- Image quality improvement for Nvidia transcoder.
- CBR fix for H.264 for Software CPU transcoder.
- OpenSSL library update to version 3.0.9.
- Stream list table scrolling is redesigned.
- Other bugfixes and improvements.
- Version 1.0.0.57 of *pstreamer-tcs* and *pstreamer-tcnv* is released.

7.9.1 Upgrade notes:

Due to changes in the authorization mechanisms by IP and range of IP addresses for reception on Flussonic software for peers created in Perfect Streamer for authorization by IP, it is necessary to use links in the format: `srt://Stream_IP:port?streamid=*`

Previously, instead of the symbol * in the link, the IP address of the receiving server with Flussonic software was used, for example: `srt://Stream_IP:port?streamid=Your_IP`

Starting from version 1.10.1.364, stream reception in this format will not work.

More details on receiving SRT from Perfect Streamer in Flussonic software [FAQ](#).

Due to changes in the video card identification mechanisms, it will be necessary to re-bind the video cards in the transcoder. To do this, you need to open the transcoder-output settings, make sure that the correct device (Device ID) is selected, and save the settings regardless of whether the selected device has changed or not.

7.10 version 1.10.1

30.06.2025

- Adaptive HLS generation. See documentation for details.
- Let's Encrypt SSL certificates auto-update functionality via certbot.
- LCN (Logical Channel Number) support is added.
- SCTE-35 tags presence and analysis support is added.
- Software transcoder improvements. Video quality is improved and CBR for MPEG-2 is fixed.
- GStreamer and codecs are already built-in in tcsnw and tcnv packages (installing GStreamer is not required anymore, it may be needed only for RTSP, RTMP functionality and Test stream table).
- Built-in GStreamer is updated to version 1.26.
- Transcoder Nvidia(tcncv) works with any CUDA version, there are no strict binding to version 12.5.
- The Nvidia transcoder Deinterlaced setting has been moved from the general video card setting to the input of each encoded stream. It is done individually, as is in the case with the software method.
- EPG server and SSL modes for EPG, HTTP improvements.
- Bugfixes.

7.11 version 1.9.2.340

07.05.2025

- *Video Passthrough* mode is added to transcoder. In this mode video remains unchanged, only audio format and bitrate are changed.
- *NV lookahead* and *bframe* settings are added for Nvidia-based transcoder.
- MPEG-1 Layer 1, 2, 3 (mp3) audio support is added for input streams.
- *Transcoders* section is redesigned and detailed in the left sidebar menu.
- Transcoder stability and compatibility with various TV channels streams is improved.
- EPG server updates.
- HTTPS server, EPG SSL and HLS SSL updates.
- Support for HLS link is added when playlist refers to another playlist with a new session.
- Other bugfixes and improvements.
- Version 0.9.6.34 of *pstreamer-tcsnw* and *pstreamer-tcncv* is released.

7.12 version 1.9.2

31.03.2025

- (Beta) Added transcoder functionality based on Nvidia Encoder and Software CPU method. HEVC(H.265), H.264, MPEG-2 formats are supported with all resolutions from 4K to SD.
- *System monitor* is updated with Nvidia devices information: GPU, memory, encoder, decoder.
- The new section *Transcoders* is added. Transcoding summary is displayed: decoders, encoders, sources, uptime, status.
- Each stream transcoding log is available in section *Transcoders* where you can find current status, warnings and errors with detailed description.
- *DVB adapters* section is restored. Here you can configure DVB receivers with DVB-S/S2, DVB-C, DVB-T2 support. Input streams analysis is available.
- RIST transport protocol updates and improvements.
- EPG server improvements.
- TV streams analyzer improvements.
- Web-interface updates and bugfixes.
- SPTS streams PIDs replacement is available now.
- TS ID and TS Net ID are displayed now in *Stream Info* section in MPTS stream report page.
- Improved work with the PID of streams.
- Other bugfixes and improvements.

7.13 version 1.9.1

10.02.2025

- Multiplexor improvements and updates.
- Stuffing Mode: PCR and Realtime (system clock) for SPTS and MPTS.
- Bugfixes.

7.14 version 1.8.1.315

02.01.2025

- Stream access lists for peers.
- Login and password options for HLS/HTTP input.
- Improved SRT login/password authentication compatibility with third-party software.
- Performance improvements.

- Bugfixes.

7.15 version 1.8.1

28.11.2024

- Improved HLS OTT performance.
- Usability improvements.
- Playlist export update.
- Bugfixes.

7.16 version 1.7.1.300

04.09.2024

- Improved SRT performance.
- Usability improvements.
- Improved compatibility with HLS.
- Group operations on streams improvement.
- Improved channel import from playlists, support for UDP and RTP transport protocols on the output side when generating outputs automatically.
- Per-PID rate indicator.
- Bugfixes.

7.17 version 1.7.1

08.02.2024

- Optimization and code refactoring, significant CPU load reduction.
- HLS modes: Peering and OTT.
- Streams exporting to m3u8-playlist using various protocols.
- Importing streams from m3u8-playlist using various protocols and configuring outputs with selected protocol and ports range.
- Streams cloning.
- Group operations: cloning and deletion.
- Usability improvements.
- Other bugfixes and improvements.

7.18 version 1.6.1

15.10.2023

- XMLTV import from external sources.
- XMLTV server.
- EIT generator for SPTS stream and multiplexor.

7.19 version 1.6

15.08.2023

- MPEG-TS multiplexor.

7.20 version 1.5.1

18.04.2023

- Peer limits - pause, date limit, sessions limit by protocol.
- Ability to use UTF8 symbols in stream display name.
- Stream sorting by disabled/enabled.
- SRT library updated.
- Bugfixes in analyzer.
- Other bugfixes and improvements.

7.21 version 1.5

28.12.2022

- OTT http/hls output.
- HTTPS support for web-server and http-server.
- Advanced stream analyzer.
- Bugfixes.

7.22 version 1.4.3

12.09.2022

- Optimization: CPU load reduction.
- Removed bitrate setting from stream.
- Removed HTTP input type, this protocol is now supported by HLS input.
- HLS: added support for <https://> and redirects.

7.23 version 1.4.2

27.05.2022

- RIST protocol support.
- PCR correction.
- SRT protocol *Listener* mode.
- Bugfixes.

7.24 version 1.4

16.12.2021

- MPEG-TS analyzer for CAT/ECM/EMM.
- Filtering options for CAT/ECM/EMM.
- Input stream losses chart.
- Web-interface improvements.
- Bugfixes.

7.25 version 1.3

14.11.2021

- DVB devices - reception and analysis of streams. Quality control.
- MPTS demultiplexing for DVB and MPTS streams.
- Web-interface contrast theme.
- Web-interface local settings: theme, timezone.
- Bugfixes.

7.26 version 1.2

01.09.2021

- EPG functionality.
- XMLTV export.
- Bugfixes.

7.27 version 1.1

26.08.2021

- Reception and transmission of MPTS streams. Content analysis.
- Scrambled streams.
- Display of additional parameters of MPEG-TS streams - EPG, Teletext, Subtitles.
- Additional filter options for MPEG-TS streams - EPG, Teletext, Subtitles.

7.28 version 1.0

11.07.2021

Initial release.