

## 8x8 4K HDMI Matrix Switch VM0808HA User Manual



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## **Package Contents**

The VM0808HA package consists of:

- 1 VM0808HA 8x8 4K HDMI Matrix Switch
- 1 Power Cord
- 1 IR Remote Control
- 1 IR Receiver
- ◆ 1 Mounting Kit
- 1 User Instructions\*

Check to make sure that all the components are present and that nothing got damaged in shipping. If you encounter a problem, contact your dealer.

Read this manual thoroughly and follow the installation and operation procedures carefully to prevent any damage to the unit, and/or any of the devices connected to it.

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#### **About this Manual**

This User Manual is provided to help you get the most from your VM0808HA system. It covers all aspects of installation, configuration and operation. An overview of the information found in the manual is provided below.

**Chapter 1, Introduction,** introduces you to the VM0808HA system. Its purpose, features and benefits are presented, and its front and back panel components are described.

Chapter 2, Hardware Setup, describes how to set up your VM0808HA installation.

**Chapter 3, Local Operation,** explains the fundamental concepts involved in operating the VM0808HA at the local site via the front panel LCD display, using pushbuttons and the IR remote control.

**Chapter 4, Browser Operation,** provides a complete description of the VM0808HA's Browser Graphical User Interface (GUI), and how to use it to remotely configure and operate the VM0808HA.

**Chapter 5, RS-232 Protocol Commands,** provides a complete list of the serial control protocol commands used when utilizing the RS-232 Serial Port so that an extra source device can function further as transmitter and receiver.

**An Appendix,** provides specifications and other technical information regarding the VM0808HA.

## **Conventions**

This manual uses the following conventions:

Monospaced	Indicates text that you should key in.
[]	Indicates keys you should press. For example, [Enter] means to press the <b>Enter</b> key. If keys need to be chorded, they appear together in the same bracket with a plus sign between them: [Ctrl+Alt].
1.	Numbered lists represent procedures with sequential steps.
•	Bullet lists provide information, but do not involve sequential steps.
$\rightarrow$	Indicates selecting the option (on a menu or dialog box, for example), that comes next. For example, Start → Run means to open the <i>Start</i> menu, and then select <i>Run</i> .
٨	Indicates critical information.

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# Chapter 1 Introduction

## Overview

The ATEN VM0808HA, an 8x8 4K HDMI Matrix Switch, supports up to 4K resolutions, including UHD (3840 x 2160) and DCI (4096 x 2160), and refresh rates of 30 Hz (4:4:4) and 60 Hz (4:2:0). Ready for future high-definition video trends, the VM0808HA is ideal for applications where the routing of up to 4K digital video signals is required, such as in classrooms, auditoriums and department stores.

This matrix switch offers an easy and affordable way to route any of 8 HDMI video sources to any of 8 HDMI displays and can be controlled and operated through front-panel pushbuttons, IR, RS-232 and Ethernet connections, ensuring optimum control capabilities. Moreover, with a built-in, intuitive Web GUI, the VM0808HA can be easily accessed via a web browser for remote setup and customization of source/display switching.

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#### **Features**

- Connects any of 8 HDMI sources to any of 8 HDMI displays
- Supports 4K resolutions of UHD (3840x2160) and DCI (4096x2160) with refresh rates of 30 Hz (4:4:4) and 60 Hz (4:2:0)
- ◆ EDID Expert<sup>TM</sup> selects optimum EDID settings for smooth power-up, high-quality display, and use of the best video resolution across different screens
- Multiple Control Methods system management via front-panel pushbuttons, IR, RS-232, and Ethernet (Web GUI) connections
- Supports Dolby True HD and DTS-HD Master Audio
- Signaling rates up to 3.4 Gbits for flawless 4K output
- HDMI (3D, Deep Color) and HDCP 2.2 compatible
- Consumer Electronics Control (CEC) allows interconnected HDMI devices to communicate and respond to a single remote control
- ◆ Supports ATEN's LockPro™ HDMI cable lock for secure HDMI cables
- Supports Power on Detection
- ESD protection for HDMI
- Firmware upgradeable
- Rack-mountable (1U design)

## Requirements

The following devices are required for a complete VM0808HA installation:

## **Source Devices**

HDMI Type A output connector(s)

Note: A DVI/HDMI adapter is required when connecting a DVI source device.

## **Display Devices**

• Display devices or receivers with an HDMI Type A input connector

## **Cables**

- 1 HDMI cable for each source device you will be connecting
- 1 HDMI cable for each display device you will be connecting

**Note:** No cables are included in this package. We strongly recommend that you purchase high-quality cables of appropriate length since this will affect the quality of the audio and video display. Contact your dealer to purchase the correct cable sets.

## **Source Device Operating Systems**

Supported operating systems are shown in the table, below:

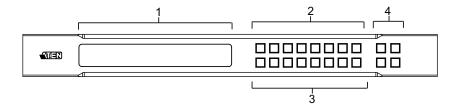
	os	Version
Windows		2000 and higher
Linux	RedHat	6.0 and higher
	SuSE	8.2 and higher
	Mandriva (Mandrake)	9.0 and higher
UNIX	AIX	4.3 and higher
	FreeBSD	3.51 and higher
	Sun	Solaris 8 and higher
Novell	Netware	5.0 and higher
Мас		OS 9 and higher
DOS		6.2 and higher

**Note:** For Windows 7 64-bit systems, the following must be installed first:

- 1) Microsoft Office 64-bit Access Database software; and
- 2) Microsoft 64-bit ODBC and OLEDB driver

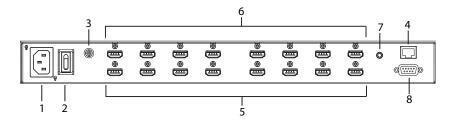
## Components

## **Front View**



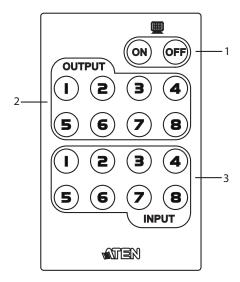
No.	Component	Description
1	LCD Display	The LCD Display gives a quick view of all port connections, and shows the various options for configuring and operating the VM0808HA. For full details, see <i>Main Screen</i> , page 17.
2	Input Pushbuttons	These pushbuttons refer to the HDMI Input ports found on the VM0808HA rear panel. Press to select the Input port. These pushbuttons may also correspond to menu options, connection profiles (P1–P8) and so on.
		<b>Note:</b> The <b>INPUT</b> (1–8) front panel pushbuttons have built-in LEDs that light to indicate they have been selected.
3	Output Pushbuttons	These pushbuttons refer to the HDMI Output ports found on the VM0808HA rear panel. Press to select the Output port. These pushbuttons may also correspond to connection profiles (P9–P16).
		<b>Note:</b> The <b>OUTPUT</b> (1–8) front panel pushbuttons have built-in LEDs that light to indicate they have been selected.
4	Function Pushbuttons	The function pushbuttons (MENU, PROFILE, ENTER and CANCEL) are for navigating the LCD built-in configuration utility. For full details, see <i>Front Panel Pushbuttons</i> , page 15.
		<b>Note:</b> The <b>MENU</b> and P <b>ROFILE</b> front panel pushbuttons have built-in LEDs that light to indicate they have been selected.

## **Rear View**



No.	Component	Description
1	Power Socket	This is a standard 3-pin AC power socket. The power cord from an AC source plugs in here.
2	Power Switch	This is a standard rocker switch that powers the unit on and off.
3	Grounding Terminal	The grounding wire attaches here. See <i>Grounding</i> , page 11, for further details.
4	Ethernet Port	In order to access the VM0808HA's Browser Graphical User Interface (GUI), the VM0808HA must be connected to your network. The cable that connects the VM0808HA to your LAN plugs in here. See <i>Cable Connection</i> , page 12, for further details
5	HDMI Input Ports	The cables from the HDMI source devices plug into these ports.
6	HDMI Output Ports	The cables from the HDMI display devices plug into these ports.
7	External IR Receiver Port	This 3.5 mm Mini Stereo Jack connects to the IR Receiver unit included with your product.
8	RS-232 Serial Port	This serial remote port is for input source selection and high-end system control.

## **IR Remote Control**



No.	Component	Description
1	Power ON/OFF	Use the <b>ON</b> and <b>OFF</b> pushbuttons to turn the Output displays on or off – by individual port, or all ports (see <i>IR Remote Control Operation</i> , page 32).
2	Output Pushbuttons 1–8	Press <b>Output</b> display pushbuttons 1–8 to select the Output display you want to configure (see <i>IR Remote Control Operation</i> , page 32).
3	Input Pushbuttons 1–8	Press <b>Input</b> source pushbuttons 1–8 to select the Input source you want to display on a selected output (see <i>IR Remote Control Operation</i> , page 32).

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# Chapter 2 Hardware Setup

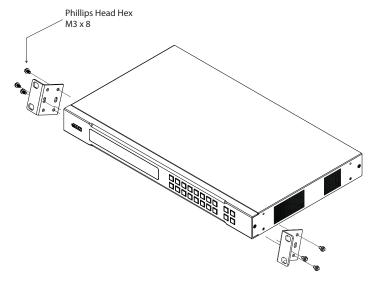


- Important safety information regarding the placement of this device is provided on page 83. Please review it before proceeding.
- 2. Make sure that the power to all devices connected to the installation are turned off. You must unplug the power cords of any computers that have the Keyboard Power On function.

## **Rack Mounting**

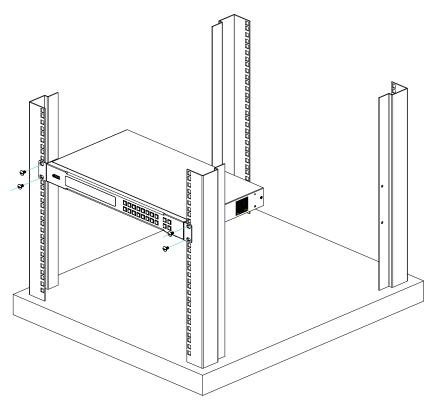
The VM0808HA can be mounted in a 19" (1U) system rack. For the most convenient front panel pushbutton configuration and operation at the local site, mount the unit at the front of the rack, as follows:

1. Use the M3 x 8 Phillips head hex screws supplied with the Rack Mount Kit to screw the rack mounting brackets onto the front of the unit.



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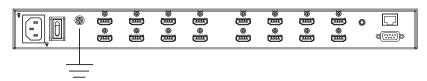
- 2. Position the unit in the front of the rack and align the holes in the mounting brackets with the holes in the rack.
- 3. Screw the mounting brackets to the rack.



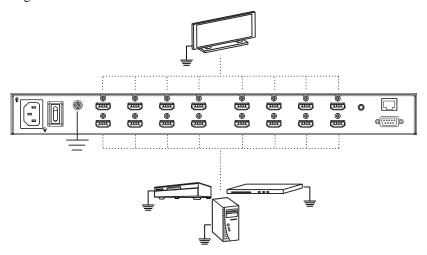
## Grounding

To prevent damage to your installation, it is important that all devices are properly grounded.

1. Use a grounding wire to ground the VM0808HA by connecting one end of the wire to the grounding terminal, and the other end of the wire to a suitable grounded object.



2. Make sure that all devices in your VM0808HA installation are properly grounded.



#### **Cable Connection**

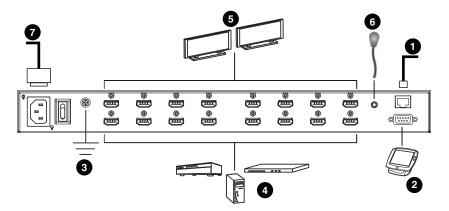
Installation of the VM0808HA is simply a matter of connecting the appropriate cables. Refer to the installation diagram on the following page (the numbers in the diagram correspond to the steps below), and do the following:

- 1. If using the Remote Operation features, plug a Cat 5e cable from the LAN into the VM0808HA's **Ethernet** port.
- 2. If you are using the serial control function, use an appropriate RS-232 serial cable to connect the computer or serial controller to the VM0808HA's female **RS-232** port.
- 3. Use a grounding wire to ground the unit by connecting one end of the wire to the grounding terminal, and the other end of the wire to a suitable grounded object.

**Note:** Do not omit this step. Proper grounding helps to prevent damage to the unit from surges or static electricity.

- 4. Connect up to 8 HDMI video sources to the **HDMI Input** ports
- 5. Connect up to 8 HDMI display devices to the **HDMI Output** ports
- 6. Connect the IR Receiver into the **External IR Receiver** input Port
- 7. Plug the power cord supplied with the package into the VM0808HA's 3-prong AC socket, and then into an AC power source.
- 8. Power on the VM0808HA and all devices in the installation.

## **Installation Diagram**



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# Chapter 3 Front Panel Configuration

#### **Overview**

The VM0808HA can be configured and operated locally via the front panel LCD/pushbuttons and IR Remote Control; remotely over a standard TCP/IP connection via graphical user interface (GUI) using a web browser; via a remote terminal session using Telnet; or by a RS-232 serial controller.

The local front panel operation is discussed in this chapter. Web GUI Operation is discussed in Chapter 4, and RS-232 serial control is discussed in Chapter 5.

#### **Front Panel Pushbuttons**

The front panel features an LCD display and pushbuttons for convenient operation locally. This allows users to perform operations such as selecting which source shows on which display, viewing the IP settings, configuring the serial port, setting the EDID Mode / CEC / OSD /Output Status, selecting security settings, and loading/saving profiles.

Note the following front panel pushbutton functions:

- Use the **MENU** pushbutton to access the Menu page options: IP Setting, Serial Port Setting, Operation Mode, Security Mode, and Save to a Profile (see *LCD Menu Organization*, page 21).
- Use the **PROFILE** pushbutton to switch between the connection profiles which have been added to the Profile List (see *Profile List*, page 37).
   Pressing this pushbutton for longer than 3 seconds displays the Save to a Profile page (see *Save to a Profile*, page 29).
- Use the CANCEL pushbutton to go back to a previous page, return to the Main Screen, stop or exit an operation.
- Use the **ENTER** pushbutton to select options and confirm operations.
- Use the INPUT / OUTPUT (1–8) Pushbuttons to select the Input/Output port. These pushbuttons may also correspond to menu options, connection profiles, and so on.
- Use pushbuttons 7/8 (Prev/Next) to navigate the VM0808HA menus.

#### **Enter Password**

Upon VM0808HA startup, check the front panel LCD to view the loading progress. If the Password screen / LCD Menu fails to load, an error message displays. Reset the unit and try again.

If you are accessing the VM0808HA for the first time, the Password screen appears as soon as the LCD loading process is done. Enter the default password 1234 to continue to the Main Screen (see *Main Screen*, page 17).



Additionally, the Password Screen appears if the VM0808HA has been configured to require a password for Front Panel operation (see *Security Mode*, page 27).

To enter a password, do the following:

- 1. In the **Enter Password** field, check that the cursor is at the first asterisk (\*) and flashing.
- 2. Use the front panel Input Port pushbuttons (1–8) to enter the 4-digit password. After the fourth digit has been entered correctly, the Main Screen displays.
- 3. Press **Cancel** to clear the password. The digits revert to 4 asterisks and the cursor goes back to the first asterisk.
  - **Note:** 1. The VM0808HA password can be any four digit combination between 1111 to 8888 (VM0808HA). The default password is 1234.
    - If you enter an incorrect password, the cursor goes back to the first digit and reverts to flashing. The Incorrect Password message displays at the bottom of the screen, but clears as soon as a new password is entered.
    - 3. If Password option is Enabled (see *Security Mode*, page 27), the LCD display time-out is 5 minutes by default.

#### Main Screen

The Main Screen shows the Input ports in the top row, which are tied to the Output ports shown in sequential order (1-8) at the bottom row.



- The front panel pushbutton label (1–8) corresponds to the **Input** ports and **Output** ports on the unit's rear panel.
- Use the **Menu** pushbutton to view the LCD Menu (see *LCD Menu Organization*, page 21).
- Use the **Profile** pushbutton to switch between profile connections (see *Profile List*, page 37).

## **Port Switching**

From the Main Screen, users can configure the Input-to-Output port connections to associate an Input source device to an Output display.

#### **Input Port Selection**

Use the Input Port pushbuttons to select the Input port you want to configure.



To select which input source displays on each output port, do the following:

1. Press any Input port pushbutton (1–8). The Output port LED(s) tied to the said Input port will begin to flash. Available output port LED(s) will light up (steady).

In the example below, pressing Input port 1 shows it is tied to Output ports 1 and 2.



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2. To disconnect an Output port from an Input port, press the corresponding Output port pushbutton.

In the example below, Output port 2 has been disconnected from Input port 1



3. To switch to another Input port, press any Input port pushbutton. The Output port LED(s) tied to the said Input port will flash.

In the example below, pressing Input port 2 shows it is tied to Output ports 3 and 4.



4. To connect Output port 2 to Input port 2 in the example above, then press the Output port 2 pushbutton. The Output port 2 LED will also begin to flash (0.5 sec on, 0.2 sec off). This indicates that Input port 2 is now connected to Output ports 2, 3 and 4.



Once the signal from the selected Input port is successfully tied to the Output port, the LEDs turn off and the LCD information is updated.

Note: 1. Pressing an Input port a second time deselects it.

- 2. Input ports that are not configured or tied to any output port do not in the LCD screen.
- Pressing the Cancel pushbutton once stops the Input Port Selection operation and the LCD displays the active setting. Pressing the Cancel pushbutton again turns all LEDs off.
- 4. After 10 seconds of inactivity, all the LEDs turn off.

#### **Output Port Selection**

Use the Output Port pushbuttons to select the Output port you want to configure.



To select which output display corresponds to each input source device, do the following:

1. Press any Output port pushbutton (1–8).

In the example below, Output port 1 pushbutton has been pressed. Available Input ports light up. Because no Input LEDs are flashing, Output port 1 is not tied to any Input port.



- 2. If an Output port pushbutton is pressed a second time, it is deselected and the LED turns off.
- 3. To connect the selected Output port(s) to an Input port, press the Input port pushbutton to which you want the Output port(s) tied. The newly selected Input port LED flashes (0.5 sec on, 0.2 sec off), and the LCD information is updated.

In the example below, pressing Input port 2 ties it to Output ports 2, 3 and 4.



4. To switch Output ports **2**, **3** and **4** to another Input port (and disconnect it from Input port **2**), press another Input port pushbutton to which you want them tied.

In the example below, Input port 3 has been pressed and is now connected to Output ports 2, 3 and 4.



Note: 1. Pressing an Output port a second time deselects it.

- 2. Pressing the **Cancel** pushbutton once stops the Output Port Selection operation, and the LCD displays the active setting. Pressing the **Cancel** pushbutton again turns all LEDs off.
- 3. After 10 seconds of inactivity, all the LEDs turn off.

## LCD Menu Organization

The VM0808HA has a built-in configuration utility via the front panel LCD, which can be controlled by pressing the **MENU** and front panel Input pushbuttons (1–8). User can cycle through the menu options, starting from IP Setting page, in the order shown in the table below:

Sub-Menu Page(s)		
IP Address		
Subnet Mask Gateway		
EDID Mode	Default / Port 1 / Remix / Customized	
CEC	On / NA	
Output Status	Video	On / NA
Mode	None	
	Password Enable	
	Lock Screen	
Change Password	Old Password	New Password
Save to a Profile No.	1-8	
	Subnet Mask Gateway Baud Rate Setting EDID Mode CEC Output Status Mode Change Password Save to a Profile No.	Subnet Mask

Play/Stop the Profile Schedule

**Note:** The highlighted values are the default settings of the VM0808HA.

## **Menu Pushbutton**

Press the **MENU** pushbutton to switch between the Main Screen and LCD Menu page. When the Menu is active, the MENU pushbutton's built-in LED lights up:



From the Menu page:

- Press 1 to go to the IP Setting page (see *IP Setting*, page 22)
- Press 2 to go to the Serial Port Setting page (see Serial Port Setting, page 23)

- Press 8 or Next to go to the next page(s) for the sub-menu pages
- Press **Menu** or **Cancel** to return to the Main Screen

## **IP Setting**

The IP Setting page displays the VM0808HA's IP configuration. The values in the LCD Menu are read-only and can be edited via the Browser GUI (*Network*, page 51).

#### IP Address / Subnet Mask

To view the VM0808HA's IP address and Subnet Mask, do the following:

 From the Menu page, press 1 to see the IP Setting submenu. The IP address and Subnet Mask are then shown.



**Note:** The VM0808HA default IP address is 192.168.0.60. The default Subnet Mask is 255.255.255.0

- 2. Press 8 or Next to go to the next page.
- 3. Press **Menu** to return to the Menu page.
- 4. Press **Cancel** to return to the previous page without saving.

## Gateway

To view the VM0808HA's gateway address, do the following:

 From the Menu page, press 1 to see the IP Setting submenu, then press 8 or Next to get to the next page. The gateway address displays.



**Note:** The default Gateway is 192.168.0.1.

- 2. Press 7 or **Prev** to go to the previous page.
- 3. Press **Menu** to return to the Menu page.
- 4. Press **Cancel** to return to the previous page without saving.

## **Serial Port Setting**

To configure the VM0808HA's baud rate for its serial port connection, select Serial Port Setting from the Menu page.



## **Baud Rate Setting**

To set the VM0808HA's baud rate, do the following:

1. Select **Baud Rate Setting** from the Serial Port Setting submenu by pressing 1:



2. Press pushbuttons 1–4 to make your selection.



Baud Rate options are:

- **1:** 9600
- **2**: 19200
- **3**: 38400
- **4**: 115200

**Note:** The default band rate is 19200.

- 3. Press **Menu** to return to the Menu page.
- 4. Press **Cancel** to return to the previous step without saving.

## **Operation Mode**

The EDID Mode, CEC, OSD and Output Status features can be configured from the Operation Mode page.

- EDID (Extended Display Identification Data) is used to have the VM0808HA automatically apply a preset video configuration or EDID Mode, which utilizes the best resolution across different monitors
- Consumer Electronics Control (CEC) allows interconnected HDMI devices to communicate and respond to one remote control

To configure the VM0808HA's operation mode settings from the Main Screen, use the **Menu** pushbutton to access the Menu page, press **8** or **Next** to navigate to the next page, then press pushbutton **1** to access the Operation Mode page.



#### **EDID Mode**

To configure the EDID Mode, do the following:

1. From the Operation Mode page, press pushbutton 1:



2. Press pushbuttons 1–4 to make your selection.



#### EDID Mode options are:

EDID Option	Description	
1: Port 1	The EDID from port1 is passed to all video sources.	
2: Default	The default EDID is passed to all video sources.	
3: Remix	Uses the EDID of each connected display according to its connection when the VM0808HA is first powered on, or immediately after pressing 3 to select the Remix option.	
4: Customized	Automatically retrieves and saves the EDID settings of a connected monitor/display device to an input source port. This can be configured using the Browser GUI. See <i>Customized EDID Settings</i> , page 56.	

- 3. Press **Menu** to return to the Menu page.
- 4. Press Cancel to return to the previous step without saving.

#### **CEC**

To configure the CEC setting, do the following:

1. From the Operation Mode page, press pushbutton 2:



2. Press pushbuttons (1–8) to enable (**ON**) or disable (**NA**) the CEC feature for the output port. If the port does not support CEC, an **NA** is shown.



Note: The default CEC setting is NA.

- 3. Press **Menu** to return to the Menu page.
- 4. Press Cancel to return to the previous page without saving.

### **Output Status**

To configure the Output Status of each port, do the following:

1. From the second Operation Mode page, press pushbutton 1:



2. From the Output Status page, press pushbutton 1:



3. Press pushbuttons (1–8) to enable (**ON**) or disable (**NA**) the Video Output for each output port.



Note: The default Video Output Status setting is On.

- 4. Press **Menu** to return to the Menu page.
- 5. Press Cancel to return to the previous page without saving.

# **Security Mode**

The Security Mode page allows users to manage the VM0808HA's security-related settings. Three security modes are available: None, Password Enable and Lock Screen. The VM0808HA's password can also be changed here.

To configure the VM0808HA's security settings from the Main Screen, use the **Menu** pushbutton to access the Menu page, press **8** or **Next** to navigate to the next page, then press pushbutton **2** to access the Security Mode page.



#### Mode

1. To change the VM0808HA's security mode, press pushbutton **1** in Security Mode.



2. In the Mode menu, to disable security settings, press pushbutton 1. The menu will then return to Security Mode. To require a password after the LCD display times out or is powered off/on, press pushbutton 2. The menu will then return to the home screen.



**Note:** If Password is Enabled, the LCD display's default time-out is 5 minutes. The VM0808HA's default password is 1234.

3. To enable a lock screen, press 8 or **Next** to navigate to the next page, then press pushbutton 1. The menu will then return to the home screen. When Lock Screen is enabled, pressing any pushbutton from the home screen will trigger the following message: *Please press "Menu" to start*.



- 4. Press **Menu** to return to the Menu page.
- 5. Press **Cancel** to return to the previous step without saving.

### **Change Password**

1. To change the password for accessing the unit, press pushbutton 2.



2. In the Old Password field, the cursor flashes at the first digit. Enter the old password (see *Enter Password*, page 16). If the old password is entered correctly, you can proceed to the next step.



**Note:** If you entered an incorrect password, an error message appears and the cursor goes back to the first digit (flashing). The Incorrect Password message clears as soon as a new digit is entered.

3. In the New Password field, the cursor flashes at the first digit. Enter the new password using the front panel number pushbuttons (1111–8888).



4. Re-enter the new password in the following screen. The new password is applied by the VM0808HA immediately.



If the password you entered does not match the one entered in the previous screen, an error message appears. Enter the new password correctly.

- 5. Press **Menu** to return to the Menu page.
- 6. Press Cancel to return to the previous step without saving.

### Save to a Profile

The switch allows users to store up to 16 (numbered P1–P16) different connection profiles that can be saved and recalled later.

The active Input-to-Output port connections on the LCD Main Screen is the configuration saved to a profile. When a user loads a profile, the change is immediate and the profile number is shown on the lower right corner of the LCD screen.

To save a profile once the desired port connections are set, do the following:

1. Press the **Menu** pushbutton to access the Menu page, then **8** or **Next** to navigate to the next pages. Press pushbutton **1** to open the select Save to a Profile page.



2. On the page that opens, you are asked to give the profile a number. Use the front panel number pushbuttons to select a profile number into which you want to save the configuration.



Options are P1–P16 (when saving a profile via the LCD), where:

- Input port pushbuttons 1–8 correspond to Profile P1 to P8
- Output port pushbuttons **1–8** correspond to Profile **P9** to **P16**
- 3. Press **Enter** to store the configuration the LCD shows Profile Saved.
- 4. Press Menu to return to the Menu page,
- 5. Press **Cancel** to return to the previous step without saving.

**Note:** Access the Save to a Profile page quickly by pressing the **Profile** pushbutton for longer than 3 seconds.

# Play/Stop the Profile Schedule

Inputting port pushbutton 2 will Play or Stop the active Profile Schedule.

# **Profile Pushbutton**

The **PROFILE** pushbutton lets users conveniently switch between connection profiles that have been saved or added to the Profile List (see *Profile List*, page 37).

When a Profile is in use, its profile number (P1–P16) is shown on the lower right corner of the LCD display.



The Profile pushbutton functions as follows:

- After pressing the Profile pushbutton, available profile numbers will light up. The active profile number will flash. use the Input/Output pushbuttons to switch to a specific profile (P1 to P16) or (P1 to P8). Note that:
  - Input ports 1–8 correspond to Profile P1 to P8
  - Output ports 1–8 correspond to Profile **P9** to **P16** (where Output Port 1=Profile 9, Output Port 2=Profile 10... Output Port 8=Profile 16)

The selected pushbutton's light flashes, and the VM0808HA immediately applies the port connections configured in the selected profile. If the light changes to a steady state, it means the profile is valid.

- After pressing the Profile pushbutton, pressing it again will change to next profile in Profile Scheduling (see page 40), not the profile list. This feature is only available while a schedule is playing.
- Press the Cancel pushbutton to exit

**Note:** If there are no profiles configured on the VM0808HA device, an error message "*No Available Profile*" is displayed when the Profile pushbutton is pressed.

A Profile's port connections can be edited using the front panel pushbuttons (see *Port Switching*, page 17) or from the *Connections* page of the Browser GUI (see *Connection Profiles*, page 42). Additionally, the Profile List can be configured via the Profile page of the Browser GUI (see *Profile List*, page 37).

# **IR Remote Control Operation**

The IR remote control (*IR Remote Control*, page 7) included with the VM0808HA can be used to:

- change the Input source of any Output display
- power on/off individual Output displays; or
- power on/off all Output displays simultaneously

Before using the remote control, a user must first plug the IR External Receiver into the rear panel of the VM0808HA and place the receiver where the IR signal can be reached (see *External IR Receiver Port*, page 6).

# Change the Input source of an Output display

To change the Input source of an Output display, using the remote control, do the following:

- 1. Press the **Output** port number (1–8) you want to change.
- 2. Within 2 seconds press the **Input** port number (1–8) you want the Output port to display.\*
- 3. Repeat steps 1-2 to change additional ports.

\*For the change to occur the Input number must be pressed within 2 seconds of pressing the Output number.

# Power on/off individual Output displays

To power on/off individual Output displays, using the remote control, do the following:

- 1. Press the **Output** port number (1–8) you want to power on/off.
- 2. Within 2 seconds press the **ON** or **OFF** pushbutton.\*
- 3. Repeat steps 1-2 to change the power status back on/off.

\*If the **ON** or **OFF** pushbutton is pressed *after* 2 seconds of pressing the Output port number, all the displays are powered on or off instead of just the intended Output port.

# Power on/off all Output displays

To power on/off all Output displays simultaneously, with the remote control, do the following:

- 1. Press the **ON** or **OFF** pushbutton.\*
- 2. Repeat step 1 to simultaneously change back the power status of all Output ports, to on or off, respectively.

\*The **ON** or **OFF** pushbuttons bring all displays to the same power status, regardless of the individual power statuses.

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# Chapter 4 Browser Operation

#### Overview

The VM0808HA can be configured over a standard TCP/IP connection via its built-in Graphical User Interface (GUI). Because it can be accessed from anywhere over a network or the Internet, operators can easily log in via web browser. Security is ensured by password protection and user-configurable time-out. The VM0808HA supports three levels of remote users with various privileges, and up to 32 users can log into the GUI at one time. For full details, see the sections that follow.

# Logging In

To access the GUI, type the VM0808HA's IP address into the address bar of any browser. If a Security Alert dialog box appears, accept the certificate – it can be trusted. The login screen appears:

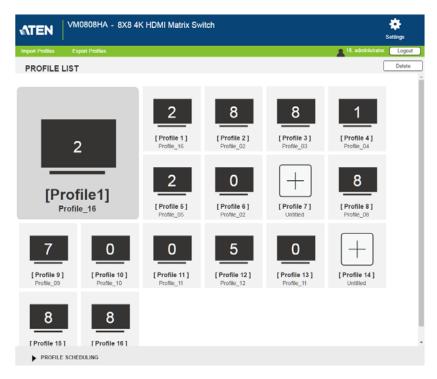


- The default IP address is http://192.168.0.60
- The default Username and Password are: administrator / password
- Enter the username and password, then click **Login**.
- The same user can not be logged in simultaneously.
- Use the drop-down menu to select the GUI language
  - English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Simplified Chinese and Traditional Chinese

**Note:** The username supports lower case letters only.

# Main Page

The Main Page opens to the **Profile List**. This is where you configure the input to output connections by creating profiles. The page is divided into three parts: the *Menu Bar*, *Profile List*, and *Profile Scheduling*.



# Menu Bar

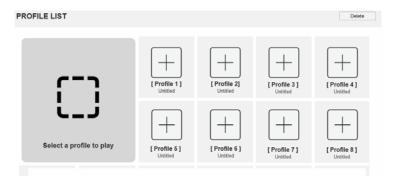
The Menu Bar consists of the Settings icon and Logout button.



- Click **Settings** to enter the System Settings (see page 45).
- Click the **Logout** button to log out of the GUI.

# **Profile List**

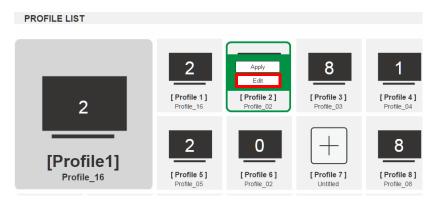
The *Profile List* lets you configure the input to output port connections by creating profiles to use. You can store up to 16 differently configured profiles that can be saved and played by two methods: locally via the unit's front panel pushbuttons and via the web GUI.



## Adding/Playing a Profile

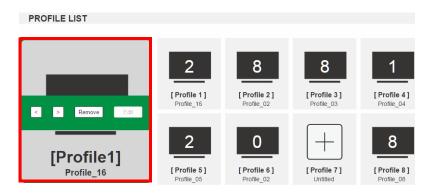
To configure a connection profile, do the following:

- 1. From the Profile List, click a [Profile].
- 2. Select **Edit**, as shown here:



To play a connection profile, do the following:

- 1. Select the profile and click **Apply**.
- 2. The profile appears in the large **Play** window and the connections start:



**Note:** More information about Profile List page options are provided on the next page.

# **Importing/Exporting a Profile**

To export the VM0808HA's connection profiles, do the following:

1. Click **Export Profiles**. A configuration file will then begin downloading.

To import connection profiles to the VM0808HA, do the following:

- 1. Click Import Profiles.
- 2. Browse to the configuration file, select it and click **Open**.

**Note:** Importing a connection profile database will overwrite the current profiles.



# **Profile List Options**

Clicking a *Profile* or the *Play* window opens a pop-up menu with options.

### **Profile**



Option	Description
Apply	Click <b>Apply</b> to put the profile in the Play window. This allows you to start the profile connections.
Edit	Click <b>Edit</b> to configure the profile's input to output connections.

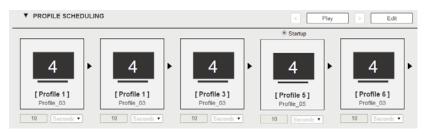
# **Play Window**



Option	Description
<	Click < to go back to the previous profile in the sequence, when Profile Scheduling is in use. Only available with <i>On Sequence</i> .
>	Click > to advance to the next profile in the sequence, when Profile Scheduling is in use. Only available with <i>On Sequence</i> .
Remove	Removes the profile from the Play window.
Edit	Click <b>Edit</b> to configure the profile's input to output connections.

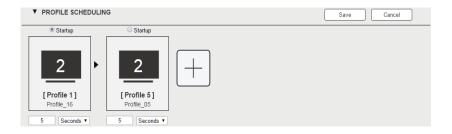
# **Profile Scheduling**

*Profile Scheduling* is located below the Profile List. Scheduling allows you to queue and play connection profiles in sequence for a specific amount of time.



Option	Description
	Click to edit profile schedule.
Edit	
	Click to play profile schedule.
Play	
	Click to stop profile schedule.
Stop	
	Click to change to next or previous profile.
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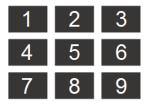
After selecting **Edit**, you will be presented with the following options.



Option	Description
+	Click to add profiles to the schedule in the order to be played, left to right, then set the amount of time each profile plays.
® Startup  Replace Remove  [Profile 6] Profile_03	<ul> <li>Click a profile for a pop-up menu to appear:</li> <li>Select Startup to use the profile as the starting point for the schedule.</li> <li>Click Replace to replace the selected profile with another profile.</li> <li>Click Remove to delete the profile from the schedule.</li> <li>Use &lt; &gt; to change the profile's position in the schedule.</li> </ul>
Repeat ▼	Use the drop-down menu to select the duration (Hours, Minutes, or Seconds) and enter the amount of time for the profile to play. After the time expires, the schedule switches to the next profile.  Use <b>Repeat</b> to stop switching between schedules and stay on the currently selected profile. If <b>Repeat</b> isn't used, the schedule will loop back to the first profile. If <b>Repeat</b> is used, a specific number of hours, minutes and seconds cannot be set and later profiles will not be played.
Save	Click <b>Save</b> to save the schedule as it appears. After saving, the Profile Scheduling window will close.  When a Profile Schedule is playing the <i>On Sequence</i> box will appear in the Play window.
Cancel	Click <b>Cancel</b> to discard changes and return to the Profile Schedule page.

### **Connection Profiles**

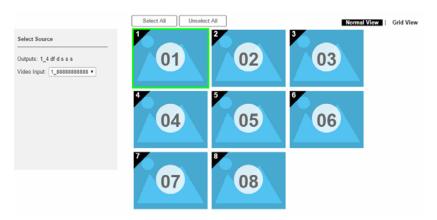
**Digital Signage** profiles are for displays where video is viewed on separate monitors.



**Digital Signage** 

### **Digital Signage Profile**

Each icon represents an output port and the connected display. The large number is the **Input** port selected for the display. The small number (upper-left corner) is the **Output** port for the display. Click the icons to select options.



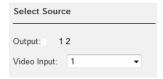
- Select icons to choose the **Video Input** from the *Select Source* menu.
- Click the PEN icon or name to edit the profile name.
- Click Select All to select all outputs.
- Click **Unselect All** to unselect all outputs.
- Click Save to save the profile or Save as to save as a different profile number.
- Click *Grid View* to use an alternate method for configuring connection profiles (see page 43).

# **Output Icon**



Option	Description
Output Icon	Click an Output icon(s) to highlight it in green and use the Select Source menu to set the video options (see Select Source below). The large number is the Video Input port selected for the display. The small number (upper-left corner) is the Output port of the display.

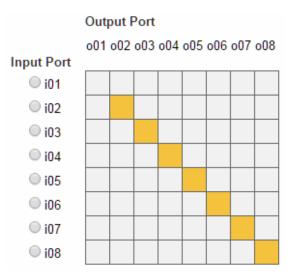
# **Select Source**



Option	Description
Select Source	The Select Source menu appears when you click an <b>Output</b> icon.
Output	Displays the Outputs that are selected for the configuration change.
Video Input	Use the drop-down menu to select the <b>Video Input</b> .  Click <b>Save</b> or <b>Save as</b> to save the changes.

#### **Grid View**

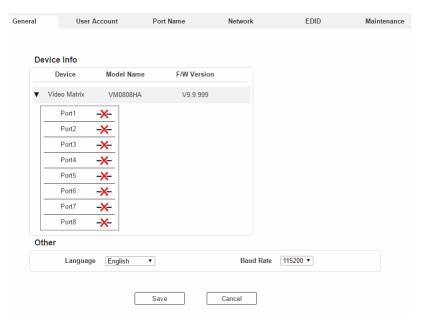
The Grid View allows you to select the **Input** to **Output** connections using a simple grid.



- Select a box to coordinate *Input Ports* to *Output Ports*. By default, ports will be aligned so that *i01* will correspond to *o01*, etc.
- Uncheck a box to disable the video for that Output Port. The column will no longer contain a yellow box.
- Check an Input Port radio button to align all Output Ports to that Input Port.
- Click **Test** to play current profile without saving.
- Click **Save & Apply** to save a profile and begin playing it.
- Click **Save** to save the profile.
- Click **Save as** to save the profile as a different profile number.
- Click Cancel to undo all unsaved changes.

# **System Settings**

Click the *Settings* link from the Main page for the System Settings to open on the **General** page:



- The *General* page allows you to edit Baud and Language settings and view device information.
- The *User Account* page allows you to add and edit user accounts.
- The *Port Name* page allows you to name each input and output port.
- The *Network* page allows configuration of the network settings.
- The *EDID* page is used to set the EDID modes.
- The *Maintenance* page is for upgrading the device's firmware.
- The *HDCP* page is lets users view and set HDCP key settings.
- The *CEC* page allows users to control port CEC settings.
- Click **Back to Profile List** to return to the Main page.

### General

The General page has two sections: Device Info and Other.

### **Device Info**

 This section lists the device's type, Model Name, Firmware Version and port statuses.



#### Other

- Use the **Language** drop-down menu to select a preferred user interface language.
  - Options include: English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Simplified Chinese and Traditional Chinese.
- Use the **Baud Rate** drop-down menu to select a serial port setting.
  - Options include: 9600, 19200, 38400 and 115200.
- Click Save to save the settings or Cancel to exit without saving the settings.

### **User Account**

The *User Account* page lets you add, edit, or delete users and change the password for accessing the VM0808HA's GUI.

Note: This is an Administrator only function.



- Add account Click the *Add account* button to add another user to the list. The VM0808HA supports up to 32 users at one time (see page 47 for more details).
- Edit Click the *Edit* button to change user information. This option allows an Administrator to edit individual accounts.



- Edit Rename the user account, set the password, add a description, and set the user's permission level (see page 49 for more details).
- Delete Removes the user account.



• The default username and password are: administrator/password.

#### Add Account

Use the Add Account / Edit buttons to create a user account, set the user's password, add a description, and set the user's permission level (see , page 48) when accessing the VM0808HA's GUI.



- Fill in a username or edit an existing one.
- Enter a password and re-type the password to confirm.

**Note:** Usernames and passwords accept multi-lingual characters, and must be 5–16 alphanumeric characters (excluding :;=[]+=/?\|). Passwords are case sensitive. Usernames only support lower case letters.

- Add or edit the description for the user.
- Select the permission level that you want to grant the user (see, page 48).
- Click Create User to save the data.
- Click Cancel to discard the changes and exit.
- If a user is logged into the VM0808HA's GUI, their user settings cannot be edited, and the fields in this screen are grayed out.

### **Permission Level**

At the bottom of the New/Edit User page is the permission section, which is used to set a user's permission level.

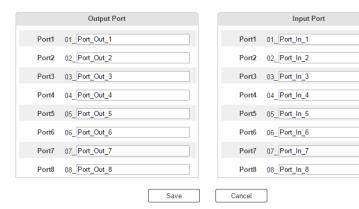


The three available permission levels are as follows:

- Administrator this level provides full access and control of the VM0808HA, in addition to full User Management privileges.
- Advanced User this level provides full access and control with no User Management privileges.
- Basic User this level only provides basic functions (connections and open profiles).

### **Port Name**

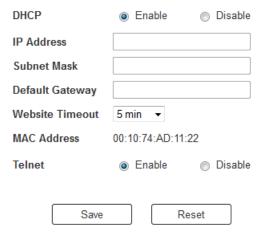
The *Port Name* page lets you name the input and output ports for easy identification.



- ◆ To name an Input/Output port, enter a descriptive name of up to 16 multi-language characters (excluding :;=[]+=/?\|) in the corresponding field and click **Save.**
- Language characters available include: English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Simplified Chinese and Traditional Chinese.
- To change an Input/Output port's name, enter another value and click Save.
- Input and Output port names can be the same.
- Press **Cancel** to go back a level, return to the initial screen, or exit.

### Network

The *Network* page lets you configure the IP settings, website timeout, and Telnet settings for connecting to the VM0808HA.



**Enable** DHCP to allow the DHCP server to assign an IP address to the VM0808HA. Select **Disable** to enter your own static IP address settings for the device.

Click **Reset** to use the following default values:

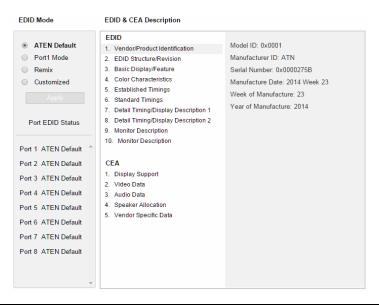
- IP Address 192.168.0.60
- Subnet Mask 255.255.255.0
- Default Gateway 192.168.0.1
- ◆ Website Timeout\* 5 minutes
- Telnet Enabled

Enter the values, then click **Save**. Changes may take a few seconds and after refreshing the page automatically redirects you to the IP address specified.

<sup>\*</sup> This option controls how long an inactive web connection stays logged into the VM0808HA. Use N/A to disable this option. Other options include 5, 10, 30 and 60 minutes. Any changes will take effect immediately.

### **EDID**

The *EDID Settings* page lets users view and select an EDID Mode so that the VM0808HA can use the best resolution for its display(s).

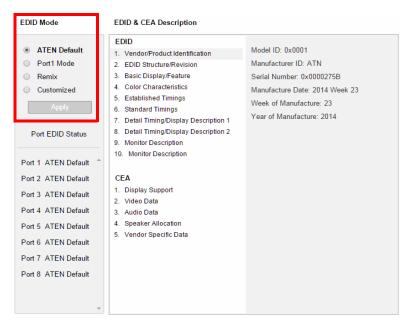


**Note:** The EDID Mode can also be selected via the Front Panel pushbuttons – see *EDID Mode*, page 53.

Extended Display Identification Data (EDID) is a data format that contains a display's basic information and is used to communicate with the video source/system.

#### **EDID Mode**

In the left panel of the page, users can select a pre-configured EDID Mode using the **EDID Mode** radio buttons.



Select the EDID Mode to use and click **Apply**. The VM0808HA uses the settings configured for that EDID mode.

### Options are:

- ATEN Default: All ports' EDID are the same as the hardware default EDID.
- Port 1 Mode: All ports' EDID are the same as Port1's EDID.
- **Remix**: All ports' EDID use the best display resolution.
- Customized: See Customized Mode, see page 56.

#### **Customized Mode**

Use the *Customized* Mode to automatically retrieve and save the EDID settings of a connected monitor/display device to an input source port.



- In the left-most panel of the page, select Customized from the EDID Mode section and click Apply.
- **Port EDID Status**: Select which input source port you want to store the EDID configuration (01–08).
- Retrieve EDID: Click and a pop-up window appears to retrieve the EDID settings of a stored EDID configuration: Customized EDID 01-08, or ATEN Default. Select the port to retrieve:

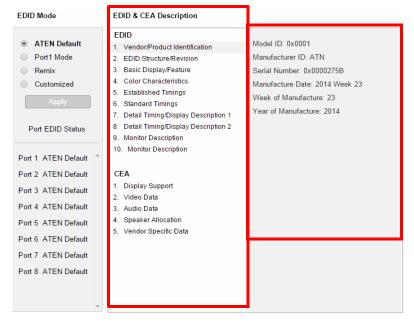


 The right panel displays a summary of the acquired EDID settings that you can edit. Click Save and select the configuration for the Current or All Ports for the duration of the session.



### **EDID & CEA Description**

The right panel of the screen lets users view the configuration of the *EDID* and *CEA* Modes selected:



- From the left column, click the option that you want to view and/or edit. There are two categories: EDID (Extended Display Identification Data) and CEA (Consumer Electronics Association).
- When you highlight the menu items on the left column, the right column displays the current settings for the corresponding EDID configuration. Some of the screens are read-only.
- See Customized EDID Settings, page 56 for more information on these two columns.

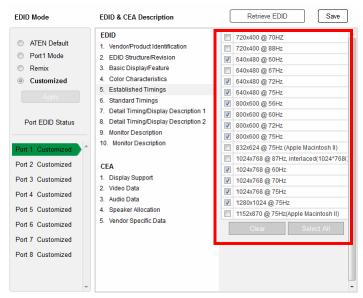
### **Customized EDID Settings**

The EDID structure is comprised of 128 bytes in total – each heading shown in the left column corresponds to a specific number of bytes.

The pages for the pre-configured EDID Modes (Port 1, Default and Remix) cannot be edited. The pages for the Customized EDID, which can be edited, are discussed in the proceeding sections:

### **Established Timings**

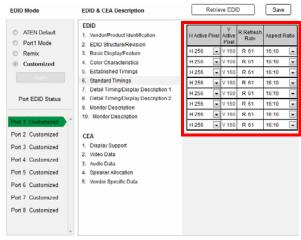
This page lists video resolutions/timings that display devices can support.



- Select the resolution(s) you want to use for the attached monitor/ display device.
- Click Clear to deselect all the items.
- Click Select All to check all the items.
- Click Save to apply the changes.

### **Standard Timings**

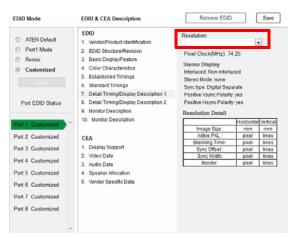
This page shows eight resolutions/timings that display devices can support in addition to those listed in the Established Timings page.



- Select the *H Active Pixel* from the drop-down menu.
- Select the Aspect Ratio from the drop-down menu.
- Click **Save** to apply the changes.

### **Detail Timing / Display Description**

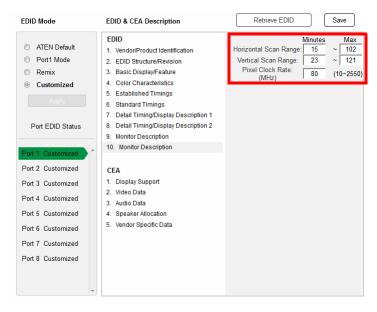
This screen gives more video resolution options, and provides resolution/timing details.



In the drop down menu, choose a resolution with values that fit the attached monitor/display device and click **Save**.

### **Monitor Description**

This screen lets you specify the viewing specifications, namely horizontal and vertical scan ranges and pixel clock rate, of your monitor/display device.



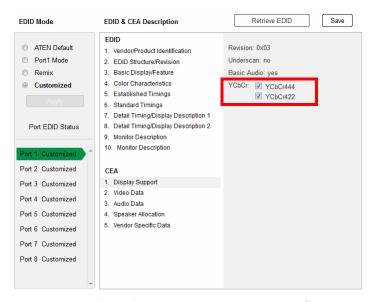
Enter the values that correspond to your device and click **Save** to apply the changes.

### **CEA Settings**

CEA is an extension data of the EDID structure, which further extends the standard definitions of EDID to support advanced features of monitors/display devices.

### **Display Support**

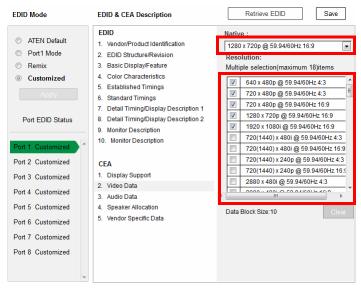
This screen describes the display's basic digital components.



Select the YCbCr mode applicable to your display and click Save.

#### Video Data

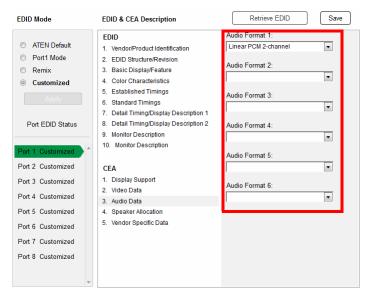
This screen lists additional video resolution/timing displays that may be supported by devices other than PC monitors (for example, 1080i).



- Select the native resolution of the attached display device.
- Select the resolutions that work with the attached monitor/display device.
- Click Clear All to deselect all the items.
- Click **Save** to apply the changes.

#### **Audio Data**

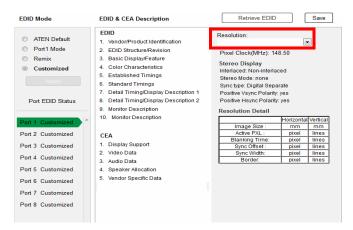
This screen lets you select advanced audio configurations for your device.



Use the drop down menu to select the **Audio Format**  $(1\sim6)$  applicable to your audio output device, and click **Save** to apply the changes.

### **Detail Timing / Display Description**

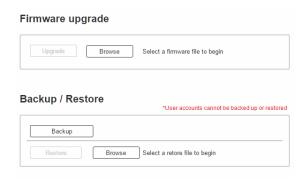
This screen gives more video resolution options, and provides resolution/timing details (in addition to those specified in the EDID structure).



In the **Resolution** drop down menu, choose a resolution with values that fit the attached monitor/display device and click **Save**.

#### **Maintenance**

The *Maintenance* page lets users upgrade the VM0808HA's firmware and back up or restore system settings. This is an Administrator only function.



To upgrade the VM0808HA's firmware, do the following:

- 1. Use the **Browse** button to locate the firmware upgrade file. Make sure you have the correct file saved on your PC.
- 2. Click **Upgrade** to begin the upgrade procedure.

**Note:** After updating the firmware, it's recommended that you clear your web browser's cache and then close and reopen the web browser. This will ensure the GUI refreshes and functions properly.

To back up the VM0808HA's system settings, do the following:

1. Click **Backup**. A configuration file will then begin downloading.

To restore the VM0808HA's system settings, do the following:

- 1. Use the **Browse** button to locate the configuration file. Make sure you have the correct file saved on your PC.
- 2. Click **Restore** to begin the restoration procedure.

Note: User accounts cannot be backed up or restored.

### **HDCP**

The *HDCP* page lets users view and set HDCP key settings for input ports. This is an Administrator and Advanced User only function.



### Input

Here users can view whether port content is HDCP 2.2, HDCP 1.4 or non-HDCP enabled.

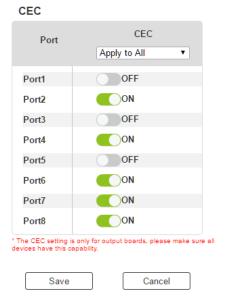


#### Connection

Here users can find a visual display of connection paths between inputs and outputs. When selecting an input, its path is displayed in green.

# **CEC**

Consumer Electronics Control (CEC) allows interconnected HDMI devices to communicate and respond to one remote control.



To set the CEC for each port, do the following:

- Use the drop-down menu to apply options to all ports.
- Use the On/Off buttons to enable/disable CEC for individual ports.

# **Telnet Operation**

The VM0808HA can be operated and configured via a remote terminal session using Telnet.

To log into the VM0808HA by means of a Telnet session, do the following:

- 1. On your computer, open a terminal (command line) session.
- 2. At the prompt, key in the VM0808HA's IP address in the following way: telnet [IP address]:23
- Press Enter. The login screen appears. At the login prompt, provide your Username and Password.

**Note:** If a user logs on using a Username that is already in session, the newest login takes effect and the previous session is replaced.

#### **Configuration Menu**

Once a Telnet connection to the VM0808HA is established, the device's text-based Configuration Menu comes up, with the following items:

#### 1. H - Call up the command list for help

Command list:

- GT Set gateway address
- IM Set IP subnet mask
- IP Set IP address
- LO Load connections from profile *nn*
- PW Change password
- RI– Read what input is connected to *nn* output
- RO Read what output is connected to *nn* input
- SB Set the serial port baud rate
- SS Switch input to specified port
- SV Save the current connections into profile *nn*
- TI Set timeout
- VR Software version information
- Ctrl-Q Quit

### 2. GT - Set gateway address

GΤ

Old gateway address: 192.168.0.1

New gateway address:

#### 3. IM - Set IP subnet mask

IM

Old IP subnet mask: 255.255.255.0

New IP subnet mask:

#### 4. IP - Set IP address

ΙP

Old IP address: 192.168.0.60

New IP address:

# 5. LO - Load connections from profile

LO 01

Load profile 01 OK.

# 6. PW - Change password

PW

Old password: \*\*\*\*\*\*

New password:

# 7. RI – Read what input is connected to *nn* output

RI 01

Input port 02 04 08 is connected to output port 01

# 8. RO - Read what output is connected to nn input

RO 01

Output port 02 is connected to input port 01

#### 9. SB - Set serial port baud rate

SB 96

Serial port baud rate is set to 9600

#### 10. SS - Switch input to specified output

SS 01,03

Switch input 01 to output 03

#### 11. SV - Save the current connections into a profile

SV 01

Save the current connections into profile 01

#### 12. TI - Set timeout

TT 30

Set 30 minute timeout

#### 13. VR - Software version information

VR

Software version 1.0.

**Note:** All RS-232 commands in this manual are also applicable in Telnet mode, see *RS-232 Commands*, page 69.

**Note:** For further information about these functions, please reference the equivalent Browser GUI functions earlier in this chapter.

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# Chapter 5 RS-232 Commands

#### Overview

This chapter provides a complete list of the serial control protocol commands used when utilizing the RS-232 Serial Port so that an extra source device can function further as transmitter and receiver.

# **RS-232 Control Tool**

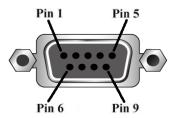
RS-232 serial operations in a VM0808HA installation can be managed via a Graphical User Interface (GUI) on systems that are running Windows. In order to use this Control Tool, two separate items of software must be installed on all of the PCs in your installation – .NET Framework 2.0 and the Control Tool AP. Please download the VM0808HA RS-232 Control Tool AP and user instructions from the ATEN website (www.aten.com).

**Note:** For Windows 7 64-bit systems, the following must be installed first:

- 1) Microsoft Office 64-bit Access Database software; and
- 2) Microsoft 64-bit ODBC and OLEDB driver.

# **RS232 Pin Assignment**

Pin	Description	Pin	Description
1	Not connected	6	Not connected
2	RXD	7	Not connected
3	TXD	8	Not connected
4	Not connected	9	Not connected
5	GND		



# **Configuring the Serial Port**

The controller's serial port should be configured as follows:

Baud Rate	19200 (Default)
Data Bit	8 bits
Parity	None
Stop Bit	1 Bit
Flow Control	None

# **Switch Port Commands**

The formula for Switch Port commands is as follows:

Switch Command + Input Command + Port number + Output Command + Port Number + Control + [Enter]

- 1. For example, to switch input port 02 to output port 05, type the following: sw i02 o05 [Enter]
- 2. To turn off output on port 03, type the following: **sw o03 off [Enter]**
- 3. To switch output port 04 to the next port, type the following: sw o04 + [Enter]

The following table shows the possible values for switch commands:

Command	Description
SW	Switch command
Input Command	Description
i	Input command
Input Port Number	Description
XX	01-08 port (default is 01)
Output Command	Description
•	
0	Output Command
Output Port Number	Description
уу	01-08 port (default is 01)
*	All output ports
Control	Description
on	Turn on
off	Turn off
+	Next port
-	Previous port
Enter	Description
[Enter]	Enter and send out the command

The following table shows the available command list:

Cmd	In	N1	Out	N2	C2	Enter	Description
SW	i	xx	0	уу *		[Enter]	Switch Input Port xx to Output Port yy (xx:01~08; yy:01~08, *)
SW			0	уу *	on off	[Enter]	Turn on Output Port yy Turn off Output Port yy (yy:01~08, *)
sw			0	уу *	+	[Enter]	Switch Next Input to Output Port yy Switch Previous Input to Output Port yy (yy:01~08, *)

Note: 1. Each command string can be separated with a space.

2. The **Port Number** command string can be skipped, and the default value will be used.

# **EDID Commands**

You can set up which EDID mode the VM0808HA uses, select one of the 14 available ATEN default EDID configurations and copy the EDID of any connected display to the input source with the following command:

#### **EDID Command + Input + Num + Control + [Enter]**

For example, to change EDID to use the port1 setting, type the following: edid i 01 port01 [Enter]

The following tables show the possible values and formats for the commands:

Command	Description
edid	Enable EDID selection
Input	Description
i	Implement the EDID of the connected display to Port yy, and pass it to the video source
	(Note: yy: 01-08)
Num	Description
XX	Enable EDID selection
Control	Description
portyy	Implement the EDID of the connected display to Port yy, and pass it to the video source
	(Note: yy: 01-08)
remix	Implement the EDID of all connected displays. The VM0808HA uses the best resolution for all displays
defaultyy	Implements the specified ATEN default EDID configuration (Note: yy: 00-17, default is 00)

**Note:** For the port and default command strings, the *yy* variable must be entered for the command to work.

The ATEN default EDID configuration can be selected via the RS-232 command line:

Default EDID No.	Configuration	Remark
00	4K2K video, 2 ch audio (default)	
01	1080p video, 2 ch audio	
02	1080p video, 5.1 ch audio	
03	1080p video, 7.1 ch audio	
04	1080i video, 2 ch audio	
05	1080i video, 5.1 ch audio	
06	1080i video, 7.1 ch audio	
07	3D 1080p, 2 ch audio	
08	3D 1080p, 5.1 ch audio	
09	3D 1080p, 7.1 ch audio	
10	1024 x 768 DVI format	DVI mode
11	1280 x 1024 DVI format	DVI mode
12	1920 x 1080 DVI format	DVI mode
13	1920 x 1200 DVI format	DVI mode
14	3840x2160 @ 30 7.1ch audio	
15	3840x2160 @ 60 7.1ch audio	
16	4096x2160 @ 30 7.1ch audio	
17	4096x2160 @ 60 7.1ch audio	

# **Save / Load Profile Commands**

The formula for Save/Load Profile commands is as follows:

#### **Command + Profile + Number + Control + [Enter]**

1. For example, to save the current connection configuration to profile 12, type the following:

#### profile f 12 save [Enter]

2. To load profile 12, type the following:

#### profile f 12 load [Enter]

The following table shows the possible values for Save/load Profile commands:

Command	Description
profile	Save / Load profile
Profile	Description
f	Profile
Profile Number	Description
уу	00-31 (default is 00)
Control	Description
save	Save the current connection configuration
load	Load a saved profile

Note: Each command string can be separated with a space.

The following table shows the available command list:

Command	Profile	Num1	Control	Enter	Description
profile	f	уу	save	[Enter]	Save current connection configuration to profile yy (yy:00~31) (Default: 00)
profile	f	уу	load	[Enter]	Load saved profile yy (yy:00~31) Default: 00)

## **Power On Detection Commands**

Enabling Power On Detection means that the VM0808HA automatically switches to the next powered on device when one of the HDMI source devices is powered off.

The formula for Power On Detection commands is as follows:

#### **Power On Detection + Control command [Enter]**

For example, to turn on the Power On Detection feature, input the following: **pod on [Enter]** 

The following tables show the possible values for the Power on Detection commands:

Command	Description
pod	Power On Detection function
Control	Description
on	Enable power on detection function
off	Disable power on detection function (default)

The following table shows the available command list:

Command	Control	Enter	Description
pod	on	[Enter]	Turn on power on detection
pod	off	[Enter]	Turn on power off detection (default)

# **Read Commands**

The Read command enables you to view information from the device using the following command:

### Read Command [Enter]

To Reads and displays information from the device, type:

### read [Enter]

The following table show the possible values and formats for the command:

Command	Description
read	Reads and displays information from the VM0808HA, including the input/ output connections, audio/video and CEC status, EDID settings and the firmware version

# **CEC Commands**

Consumer Electronics Control (CEC) allows interconnected HDMI devices to communicate and respond to one remote control. The formula for CEC mode selection commands is as follows:

# CEC Command + Output Command + Port Number + Control (Off / On) [Enter]

For example, to enable CEC function on output port 1, type the following: **cec o01 on [enter]** 

The following tables show the possible values and formats for the **Control** command:

Command	Description
cec	CEC control
Output Command	Description
0	Output command
Port number	Description
1 011 114111501	2000 I paio II
уу	01-08 port (default is 01)
*	All output ports
Control	Description
off	Disable CEC (default)
on	Enable CEC

**Note:** Each command string can be separated with a space.

The following table shows the available command list:

Command	Output Port	Control	Enter	Description
cec	уу *	off	[Enter]	CEC off for output port yy (default) (yy:01~08, *)
cec	уу *	on	[Enter]	CEC on for output port yy (yy:01~08, *)

# **Baud Rate Setting**

You can select the RS-232 Baud Rate you want the VM0808HA to use. Options are 9600, 19200 (default) 38400 and 115200.

The formula for Baud Rate setting command is as follows:

#### **Baud Command + Control [Enter]**

For example, to select 38400 as your baud rate, type the following:

#### baud 38400 [enter]

The following tables show the possible values and formats for the **Control** command:

Command	Description
baud	Sets the RS-232 baud rate
Control	Description
9600	Use 9600 baud rate
19200	Use 19200 baud rate
38400	Use 38400 baud rate
115200	Use 115200 baud rate

**Note:** Each command string can be separated with a space.

The following table shows the available command list:

Command	Control	Enter	Description
baud	9600 / 19200 / 38400 / 115200	[Enter]	Sets the RS-232 baud rate

# **Mute Command**

Mute allows you to enable or disable an output port(s) audio.

The formula for the Mute command is as follows:

#### Command + Output + Number + Control + [Enter]

1. For example, to mute the audio coming from output port 1, type: mute o01 on [enter]

The following tables show the possible values for the Mute command:

Command	Description
mute	Mute command
Output Command	Description
0	Output command
Port number	Description
уу	01-08 port (default is 01)
*	All output ports
Control	Description
on	Mute on; audio from HDMI output port is disabled
off	Mute off; audio output enabled (default)

**Note:** 1. Each command string can be separated with a space.

2. Skip the output port command to mute or enable the audio of all output ports.

The following table lists the available Mute commands:

Command	Output Command	Output Port	Control	Enter	Description
mute	0	уу *	on	[Enter]	Audio on for output port yy (yy:01~08, *)
mute	0	yy *	off	[Enter]	Audio off for output port yy (default) (yy:01~08, *)

# **Echo Commands**

If the Echo feature is enabled: for each action from the front panel (pushbuttons), web GUI or IR interface, the VM0808HA sends a corresponding acknowledgment message to the attached controller or management device via the RS-232 port.

The formula for the Echo command is as follows:

#### Echo Command + Control (on/off) + [Enter]

For example, to enable the Echo function, type the following:

#### echo on [enter]

The following tables show the possible values and formats for the **Control** command:

Command	Description
echo	Enable / Disable Echo function
Control	Description
<b>Control</b> on	Description  Echo function on

**Note:** Each command string can be separated with a space.

The following table shows the available command list:

Command	Control	Enter	Description
echo	on	[Enter]	Echo on
echo	off	[Enter]	Echo off

### Reset

You can reset the VM0808HA to default factory settings. The formula for the Reset command is as follows:

#### **Reset Command [Enter]**

The following tables show the possible values and formats for the **Control** command:

Command	Description
reset	Reset the device settings

The following table shows the available command list:

Command	Enter	Description
reset	[Enter]	Reset the device settings

# **Acknowledge**

After commands are sent acknowledge messages are returned.

Ack	Description
Command OK	Command is correct and function executed
Command Incorrect	Unavailable command or parameters

# **Appendix**

# **Safety Instructions**

#### General

- Read all of these instructions. Save them for future reference.
- Follow all warnings and instructions marked on the device.
- This product is for indoor use only.
- Do not place the device on any unstable surface (cart, stand, etc.). If the device falls, serious damage will result.
- Do not use the device near water.
- Do not place the device near, or over, radiators or heat registers.
- The device cabinet is provided with slots and openings to allow for adequate ventilation. To ensure reliable operation, and to protect against overheating, these openings must never be blocked or covered.
- The device should never be placed on a soft surface (bed, sofa, rug, etc.) as
  this will block its ventilation openings. Likewise, the device should not be
  placed in a built in enclosure unless adequate ventilation has been provided.
- Never spill liquid of any kind on the device.
- Unplug the device from the wall outlet before cleaning. Do not use liquid or aerosol cleaners. Use a damp cloth for cleaning.
- The device should be operated from the type of power source indicated on the marking label. If you are not sure of the type of power available, consult your dealer or local power company.
- The device is designed for IT power distribution systems with 230V phase-to-phase voltage.
- To prevent damage to your installation it is important that all devices are properly grounded.
- The device is equipped with a 3-wire grounding type plug. This is a safety feature. If you are unable to insert the plug into the outlet, contact your electrician to replace your obsolete outlet. Do not attempt to defeat the purpose of the grounding-type plug. Always follow your local/national wiring codes.
- Do not allow anything to rest on the power cord or cables. Route the power cord and cables so that they cannot be stepped on or tripped over.

- If an extension cord is used with this device make sure that the total of the
  ampere ratings of all products used on this cord does not exceed the
  extension cord ampere rating. Make sure that the total of all products
  plugged into the wall outlet does not exceed 15 amperes.
- To help protect your system from sudden, transient increases and decreases in electrical power, use a surge suppressor, line conditioner, or un-interruptible power supply (UPS).
- Position system cables and power cables carefully; be sure that nothing rests on any cables.
- Never push objects of any kind into or through cabinet slots. They may touch dangerous voltage points or short out parts resulting in a risk of fire or electrical shock.
- Do not attempt to service the device yourself. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.
- If the following conditions occur, unplug the device from the wall outlet and bring it to qualified service personnel for repair.
  - The power cord or plug has become damaged or frayed.
  - Liquid has been spilled into the device.
  - The device has been exposed to rain or water.
  - The device has been dropped, or the cabinet has been damaged.
  - The device exhibits a distinct change in performance, indicating a need for service.
  - The device does not operate normally when the operating instructions are followed.
- Only adjust those controls that are covered in the operating instructions.
   Improper adjustment of other controls may result in damage that will require extensive work by a qualified technician to repair.

### **Rack Mounting**

- Before working on the rack, make sure that the stabilizers are secured to the rack, extended to the floor, and that the full weight of the rack rests on the floor. Install front and side stabilizers on a single rack or front stabilizers for joined multiple racks before working on the rack.
- Always load the rack from the bottom up, and load the heaviest item in the rack first.
- Make sure that the rack is level and stable before extending a device from the rack.
- Do not overload the AC supply branch circuit that provides power to the rack. The total rack load should not exceed 80 percent of the branch circuit rating.
- Make sure that all equipment used on the rack including power strips and other electrical connectors is properly grounded.
- Ensure that proper airflow is provided to devices in the rack.
- Ensure that the operating ambient temperature of the rack environment does not exceed the maximum ambient temperature specified for the equipment by the manufacturer.
- Do not step on or stand on any device when servicing other devices in a rack.

# **Technical Support**

#### International

- For online technical support including troubleshooting, documentation, and software updates: http://eservice.aten.com
- For telephone support, see *Telephone Support*, page iii:

### **North America**

Email Support		support@aten-usa.com
Online Technical Support	Troubleshooting Documentation Software Updates	http://www.aten-usa.com/support
Telephone Support		1-888-999-ATEN ext 4988

When you contact us, please have the following information ready beforehand:

- Product model number, serial number, and date of purchase.
- Your computer configuration, including operating system, revision level, expansion cards, and software.
- Any error messages displayed at the time the error occurred.
- The sequence of operations that led up to the error.
- Any other information you feel may be of help.

# **Specifications**

	Function	VM0808HA
Video Input	Interface	8 x HDMI Type A Female (Black)
	Impedance	100 Ώ
	Max. Distance	1.8 m
Video Output	Interface	8 x HDMI Type A Female (Black)
	Impedance	100 Ώ
	Max. Distance	15 m
Video	Max. Data Rate	10.2 Gbps (3.4 Gbps Per Lane)
	Max. Pixel Clock	340 MHz
	Compliance	HDMI (3D, Deep Color, 4K) HDCP 2.2 Compatible Consumer Electronics Control (CEC)
	Max. Resolution	Up to 4096 x 2160 / 3840 x 2160 @60Hz (4:2:0); 4096 x 2160 / 3840 x 2160 @30Hz (4:4:4)
	Max. Distance	Up to 15 m
Control	RS-232	Connector: 1 x DB-9 Female (Black) Baud rate and protocol: Baud Rate: 19200, Data Bits: 8, Stop Bits:1, Parity: No, Flow Control: No
	IR	1 x Mini Stereo Jack Female (Black)
EDID Settings		EDID Mode: Default / Port1 / Remix / Customized
Power	Connectors	1 x 3-Prong AC Socket
	I/P Rating	100-240 VAC; 50-60 Hz; 1.0A
	Consumption	110 VAC, 24W; 220 VAC, 24.4W
Environment	Operating Temp.	0-40°C
	Storage Temp.	-20-60°C
	Humidity	0–80% RH, Non-condensing
Physical Properties	Housing	Metal
Froperties	Weight	3.86 kg
	Dimensions (L x W x H)	43.24 x 26.23 x 4.40 cm

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