

## BrightAuthor 2.0 BETA Release Notes

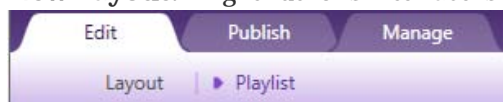
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BrightSign is pleased to announce the start of beta testing for the BrightAuthor 2.0 software. This "beta" release of software is currently under development and is not an official release. We expect to make improvements before releasing a final, official version. This beta version of BrightAuthor has been tested internally, but you may encounter some unexpected problems and we recommend that you use it with caution and report all issues you find in the forums so that we can resolve them in the final release. If you are uncomfortable with using a beta release, please wait until the final, official release.



### New Features

- **BrightSign Network Integration**
  - Log into your BrightSign Network account using BrightAuthor
  - Upload content and other presentation changes to your account using BrightAuthor
  - Create and Update Schedules for different groups
  - View unit status including last successful connection, file download and out of space errors
  - View unit information like firmware and autorun version, serial number, card size, account type
  - Change unit settings including name, IP address, time zone, time server, connection frequency, etc
  - Manage groups including adding and deleting; reassign units to different groups
  - Manage presentations and content library
- **Link Zones** – Synchronize multiple zones, coordinating content changes in one zone with others
- **Schedule Presentations** – add multiple presentations to your schedule, easily switching between layouts
- **Firmware Update** – automatically install the production or beta firmware when setting up or updating units
- **Overscan** – Allows you to compensate for displays that have overscan turned on automatically
- **File Extension** – Presentation files now use a new extension, .BPF (formerly .xml)
- **Touch Events** – When adding touch events, there's a dotted outline making it easier to see the new touch region
- **New Layout:** BrightAuthor's interface is now split into three tabs: Edit, Publish, and Manage



- **Edit** (contains Layout and Playlist sections)
  - Under Layout, you can edit, create, and save new layouts (templates); enable or Adjust overscan settings
  - Under Playlist, you can create and edit playlists as well as upload playlist to BrightSign Network
- **Publish** (contains Local Storage, BrightSign Network, and Simple Networking sections)
  - Scheduling functions are handled under the Publish tab
  - Use Local Storage to publish to a flash card or to a folder on your computer
  - Use BrightSign Network to publish to one or more groups on your account
  - Use Simple Networking to publish content for the BrightSign to download from a web folder
- **Manage** (contains Status, Presentations, and Library sections)

- View status, Manage units, groups, and library
- Use Status to view group status, unit status, unit info; add groups, change unit settings, change unit groups, remove units from a group
- Use Presentations to view scheduled presentations or delete presentations
- Use Library to view or delete content on your account
- **New Menus:** BrightAuthor includes two new menus: Tools & File > Presentation Properties
  - **Tools** (contains Setup Unit, Sign-in BrightSign Network, and Advanced)
    - Use Setup Unit to configure units use Simple Networking or the BrightSign Network including setting preferences like name, timezone, IP address, etc.
    - Use Sign-in to BrightSign Network to access your BrightSign Network account
    - Use advanced to manually update the Autorun script in one or more groups in your BrightSign Network Account.
  - **File > Presentation Properties** (replaces Sign Properties from BrightAuthor 1.x)
    - Autorun allows you to replace the standard BrightAuthor script with a custom one
    - Main, I/O, and Interactive are unchanged

### **Additional Improvements and Bug Fixes**

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- Touch regions created in one zone correctly use coordinates for that zone only for touch input
- New Video only zone correctly displays text, image, and clock overlays without flickering

### **Downloads**

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- Please download the latest software, guides and sample projects from our [Download website](#).

### **BrightAuthor Requirements**

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- PC with Windows XP or Vista or Windows 7, plus Microsoft .Net Framework 3.5 or later
- BrightSign HD110, HD210, HD410, or HD1010
- Firmware version 3.2.67 or later

### **Getting Help and Providing Feedback**

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Before you start using BrightAuthor 2.0, please download the [Quick Start Kit](#) and visit the [Tutorial Videos](#) page. To help us get the most out of testing, please provide feedback in the [BrightSign forum](#).

If you have any questions, please contact [support@brightsign.biz](mailto:support@brightsign.biz) .