



Quick Start Guide

1. iPlayer 4 Documentation

iPlayer 4 controller is an integrated hardware and software solution optimized for medium and large-scale LED lighting applications. This Quick Start Guide describes the essential steps required to set up the hardware and install the software.

Visit www.colorkinetics.com/global/products/controllers/iplayer4 for additional information and documentation.

2. Network Configuration Overview

The iPlayer 4 system is comprised of the hardware, a computer (used for initial setup and programming), one or more Controller Keypads (optional), network hardware, data interfaces, and luminaires.

Network Environment

iPlayer 4 hardware is designed for use in a switched Ethernet infrastructure. iPlayer 4 has two network ports: Port 1 for the dedicated lighting network and Port 2 for the Internet/management connection. The lighting network (connected to Port 1) must be a dedicated, isolated Local Area Network (LAN). The Internet/management network (connected to Port 2) should have access to the Internet, and can be shared with other devices on your network.

Ethernet Switches

Ethernet switches are used to connect all components of an iPlayer 4 installation, routing information between all equipment connected to the network. Since Ethernet uses a star topology to enhance data throughput, every component must be connected directly to a switch. Use a Gigabit (10/100 /1000) switch for the first layer of the network (the layer connected to the iPlayer 4), and use either Gigabit or Fast Ethernet (10/100) switches for the second and third layers of the network. If installing Ethernet Controller Keypads, use Power over Ethernet (PoE) compatible switches, or install PoE injectors from Color Kinetics. Note that the maximum cable run between any Ethernet devices is 100 m (328 ft).



3. System Requirements

A computer (PC or Mac) installed on the isolated network enables you to author shows and upload configuration files to the iPlayer 4. Verify that your computer meets the following minimum specifications:

Windows

Windows 10 or newer, 64-bit 200 MB free storage space 1 GB RAM

macOS

macOS 11 or newer 200 MB free storage space 1GB RAM

4. Hardware Installation

Install iPlayer 4

Place the iPlayer 4 in a secure indoor location that meets environment specifications and is accessible to both the lighting network, and the Internet/management networks.

Set Up the iPlayer 4

Connect the power and network cables to the iPlayer 4, leaving 152 mm (6 in) cable clearance at the back of the unit. Connect the network cables, then power on the iPlayer 4.

Set Up a Computer

Connect the power and network cables, then connect the network cable to a switch on the lighting network. The lighting network should be used for initial configuration.

Test Connectivity

To test the computer's network connectivity, open to the iPlayer 4 web interface by entering its IP address in a web browser. The default lighting network IP address is 10.1.3.140. You should be able to access the web-based interface. The system will show an initial setup page the first time it is started, which will allow you to set a password.

5. Configure Static IP Address

Static IP Address Configuration for Windows®

- 1. From the Start menu, search for "View network connections".
- 2. From the Network Connections window, double-click the Local Area Connection icon associated with your computer's network card. Disable any wireless network interface and any VPN connection.
- 3. In the Local Area Connection Status window, click Properties. The Local Area Connection Properties dialog is shown.
- 4. Select Internet Protocol (TCP/IP v4), then click Properties.
- 5. Configure a static IP address:
 - \cdot Select Use the following IP address.
 - · Enter 10.1.2.3 for the IP Address.
 - · Enter 255.0.0.0 for the Subnet Mask.
- 6. Click OK to return to the Local Area Connection Status window, and then click Close.

To connect with the iPlayer 4 web interface from the lighting network, the computer must be set up with a static IP address. See section 5 for details.



We recommend that you plug the iPlayer 4 into an uninterruptible power supply (UPS). A UPS will continue to provide power to the iPlayer 4 for a short period of time in the event of an unexpected power loss, allowing you to safely shut down the system and prevent loss or corruption of your data.

5. Configure Static IP Addressing (continued)

Static IP Address Configuration for macOS

- 1. From the Apple menu or the Dock, open System Preferences, and then click Network in the left sidebar.
- 2. Select your Ethernet device from the right pane, then click details.
- 3. Configure a static IP address:
 - · From the Configure IPv4 list, select Manually.
 - Enter 10.1.2.3 for the IP Address.
 - Enter 255.0.0.0 for the Subnet Mask.
- 4. Click Apply.

6. Installing Light System Composer Software

Windows Installation

- 1. Download the Light System Composer software from www.colorkinetics.com/global/support/lsm .
- 2. Unzip the file you downloaded, and open the Light System Composer folder.
- 3. Double-click LightSystemComposerInstaller.exe. The Light System Composer Setup Wizard window is displayed.
- 4. Click Next, and follow the prompts to proceed with the installation.
- 5. Once the installation is complete, click Finish.

macOS Installation

- 1. Download the Light System Composer software from www.colorkinetics.com/global/support/lsm .
- 2. Unzip the file you downloaded, and open the LSC Installer folder.
- 3. Right-click LightSystemComposerInstaller, and then click Open. A macOS security warning is displayed.
- 4. Click Open. The Light System Composer setup wizard launches.
- 5. Click Next, and follow the prompts to proceed with the installation.
- 6. Once the installation is complete, click Finish.

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