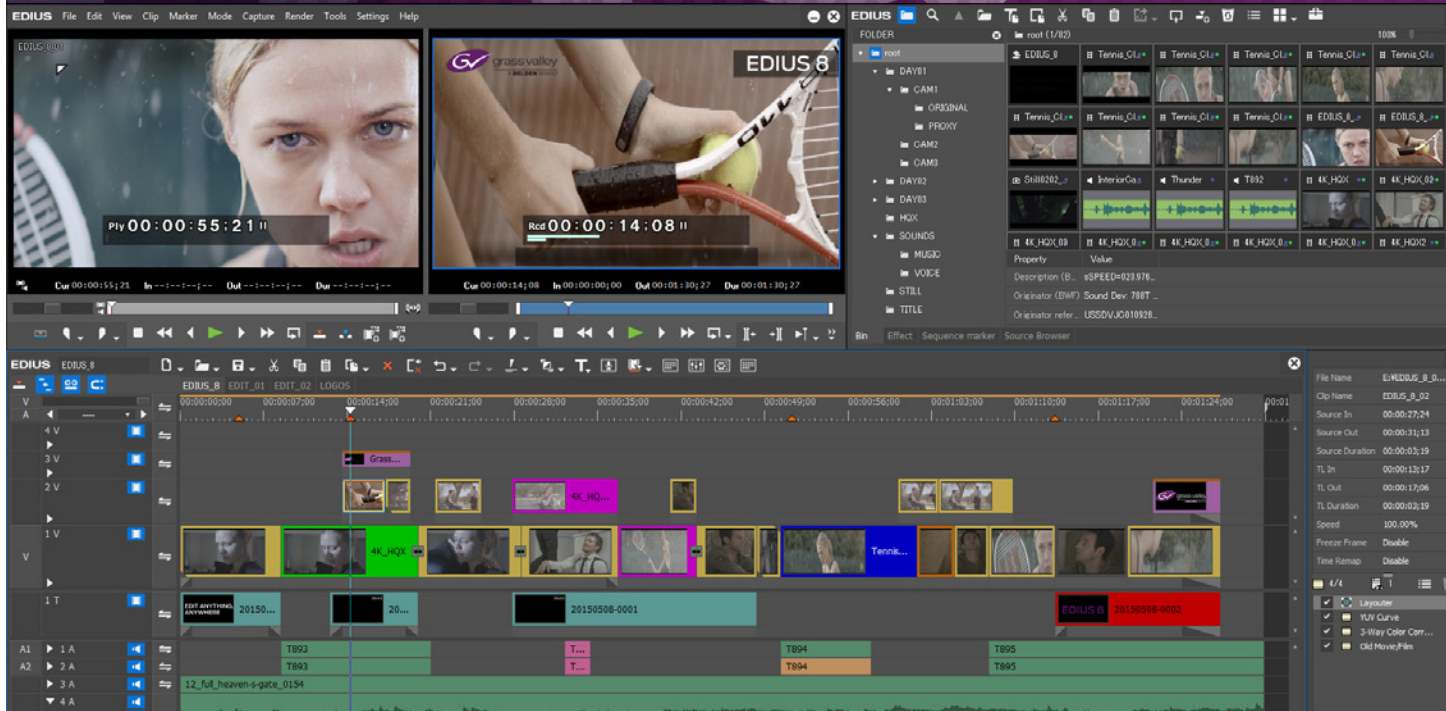# EDIUS 8

1. What is the difference between EDIUS Pro 8 and EDIUS Workgroup 8?

Grass Valley EDIUS Pro 8 is targeted at the professional production user. EDIUS Workgroup 8 is aimed at editors working within a broadcast-based, collaborative editing environment that might require GV STRATUS or third-party MAM connectivity, or to edit-in-place on K2 server/storage. The major differences between the two software versions are shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Functionality Comparison between EDIUS Pro 8 and EDIUS Workgroup 8

Function	EDIUS Pro 8	EDIUS Workgroup 8	EDIUS Workgroup 8 + GV STRATUS Option	EDIUS Workgroup 8 + K2 Option
System SDK support	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Edit growing files	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Avid DNxHD codec	Optional*	Yes	Yes	Yes
EDIUS watch folder	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
EDIUS XRE support	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dolby E pass-through	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
ANC data (captioning) pass-through	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Audio monitoring mode	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Loudness monitoring	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Connect to external storage via FTP	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Generic MXF export	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
K2 GXF export	No	No	Yes	Yes
Connect to GV STRATUS (news, field editing)	No	No	Yes	No
Connect to K2 SAN, K2 Dyno (SNFS)	No	No	No	Yes
Dolby Plus/Professional license	No	Optional*	Optional*	Optional*
Requires occasional network connection	Yes	No	No	No
STORM 4K I/O	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

* Purchased as a separate serial number

2. Can I upgrade from EDIUS Pro 7 to EDIUS Workgroup 8 at a later date?

Yes. Until December 31, 2015 there is a special promotion available for EDIUS Pro 8 users so they can upgrade to EDIUS Workgroup 8 for just US$399 (€399) excluding local sales taxes.

3. What hardware I/O is available for EDIUS Pro 8 and EDIUS Workgroup 8?

For assured performance and reliability, Grass Valley designs and manufactures a range of editing hardware. With the introduction of EDIUS 8, all software/hardware bundles have been discontinued to provide complete flexibility for Grass Valley resellers and customers.

Table 2: Grass Valley I/O Hardware for EDIUS Pro 8 & EDIUS Workgroup 8

Name	Form Factor	Input/Output
STORM 3G Elite	External*	HD-SDI I/O + HDMI I/O + Analog I/O + RS-422
STORM 3G	Internal	HD-SDI I/O + HDMI out + RS-422
STORM Mobile	External*	HDMI I/O + Analog I/O
STORM Pro	Internal	HD-SDI I/O + HDMI output

* Select either desktop (PCIe) or laptop (ExpressCard/34) connection

In addition, the following third-party hardware is supported:

- Blackmagic Design:
    - PCI Express: DeckLink SDI, DeckLink Studio 2, DeckLink SDI 4K, DeckLink Studio 4K, DeckLink 4K Extreme
    - USB 3.0: Intensity Shuttle, UtraStudio SDI, UltraStudio Pro
    - Thunderbolt: Intensity Shuttle, Intensity Extreme, UltraStudio Mini Monitor / Recorder, UltraStudio Express, UltraStudio 4K
- Matrox:
    - MXO2 LE, MXO2 mini, MXO2, MXO2 Rack, Mojito MAX
- AJA Video Systems:
    - KONA 4, KONA 3G

4. How has the activation system changed?

Prior to the introduction of EDIUS 8, we allowed users to activate EDIUS three times — one installation for a desktop PC, one installation for a notebook PC and one installation for emergencies. Unfortunately this system was prone to abuse, so we have modified the activation system to enable us to deactivate software which is installed illegally.

Bona fide users will notice little, if any, difference, although we will from time to time (once every 30 days) poll your system to verify your User ID. For this reason you should ensure that your editing system is connected to the Internet at least periodically. Your User ID will also enable you to check your serial number and see online a summary of your installation(s).

Long term, we would like to tie the EDIUS license to the user, not the device, and also have a means of deterring abuse. The process being introduced with EDIUS Pro 8 is a first step towards this.

5. What is new about the Intel Quick Video Sync support?

Previously we have taken advantage of Intel's Quick Video Sync — a feature of all current Core processors (Core i7/i5/i3) — to encode H.264 files for super-fast export to Blu-ray, AVCHD or SONY XAVC S). Now, in EDIUS 8, we have optimized the software to use QVS to decode H.264 files, for super-smooth timeline playback, even for 4K files.

6. What is GV Browser?

GV Browser is a new workflow tool introduced in EDIUS Pro 8; it is a powerful personal file management application, which lets you sort, tag and search all of your video, audio and still files in your system. The sorted files are automatically displayed in the EDIUS Source Browser, for easy access to edit. GV Browser also has a feature to send clips for web distribution, to YouTube, Vimeo and generic FTP destinations.

7. What are the recommended system requirements for EDIUS Pro 8 & EDIUS Workgroup 8?

For SD/HD projects, an Intel Core 2 or Core iX CPU, or any Intel or AMD single core CPU with a 3 GHz processor speed or faster (multiple CPUs and/or multi-core CPUs are recommended) should be sufficient.

For working with 4K content, a higher specification workstation is necessary — based on Intel Core i7 or Xeon E5-26xx processors for example.

EDIUS 8 (Pro or Workgroup) requires Windows 7 (64-bit) SP1 or later, or Windows 8/8.1 (64-bit).

An Internet connection is required for activation and use of EDIUS Pro 8; thereafter Internet connection is required once per month to maintain usage. This is not the case for EDIUS Workgroup.

8. I just purchased EDIUS Pro 7. Can I get a free upgrade?

Customers who purchased EDIUS Pro 7 between April 1, 2015 to July 31, 2015 (inclusive) are entitled to a free upgrade. An online application form will be available on the Grass Valley website. Proof of purchase is required. This free upgrade includes Upgrade/Jump Upgrade versions. Jump Upgrade customers also require proof of ownership for applicable EDIUS Pro or Neo versions. The application period is from July 1, 2015 to August 31, 2015 (inclusive).

9. What is happening to EDIUS Neo?

Currently we do not have any plans to release a new version of EDIUS Neo.

10. When will GV STRATUS/K2 connectivity be available for EDIUS Workgroup 8?

This connectivity will require a new version of GV STRATUS, which is scheduled for release around the September 2015 timeframe. In the interim, users should continue to use EDIUS Elite 7.x and GV STRATUS 4.0x.

11. Is there a Trial Version for EDIUS Workgroup 8?

EDIUS Workgroup 8 trial serial keys are available upon request — please ask your regional Grass Valley Account Manager for more details.

In the future we plan to add a trial version of EDIUS Workgroup 8 to the EDIUS ID portal.