

Crispin Corporation + Myers

Seamless Integration between Traffic and Automation.

Better Workflows, Less Work

Myers, a leading developer of broadcast management software, and Crispin Corporation, a pioneer in broadcast automation, have partnered since 2001 to ensure their mutual customers have a robust and seamless integration point between traffic and automation. Utilizing the latest industry standards, their solution facilitates the bi-directional exchange of metadata across business and technical systems. This approach eliminates redundant and time-intensive manual tasks, resulting in a more efficient, accurate, and consistent workflow.

According to Jon Edmonds, Director of Engineering, Oregon Public Broadcasting, the ProTrack/Crispin solution has been critical in creating cross-departmental efficiencies that ensure quality of service to viewers across the state.

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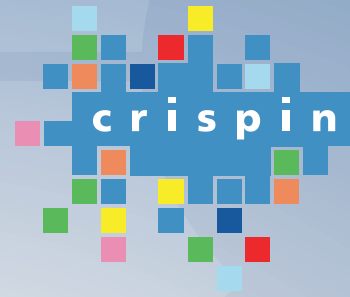
Speaking the Same Language

One of the major strengths of the Myers/Crispin solution is rooted in the fact that the two companies were among the first in the industry to partner and bring the advantages of the Broadcast Exchange Format (BXF) – a SMPTE standard for data exchange in the broadcast industry – to their customers. Through BXF, Myers and Crispin essentially “speak the same language.” By doing so, it increases the amount of metadata the two systems can share and act upon. In addition, it supports dynamic messaging which streamlines communications between systems resulting in near real-time status updates and confirmations.



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Record & Dub/Ingest Orders

Pre-registers metadata to automation



Media Updates

Provides traffic frame accurate media timings

Pull Lists

Advanced program schedule items for pull to playout



Play Lists

Detailed schedule lists for playout



As Run

Live feedback of playout events

Purge List

Provides a user selected list of assets for final purge



Purge Confirmation

Confirms media deletion, with the results of end-dating media in traffic

As workflows within multimedia facilities continue to evolve, the need for flexibility within software solutions are imperative. One of the advantages of the BXF format is that it has the ability to expedite last minute changes coming down from the Traffic Department, freeing up the Master Control. Traditional changes are very much the norm, but allowing for near real-time changes to be automatically implemented without operator intervention can make a big difference in how many facilities structure their work flow.

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ABOUT MYERS: Founded in 1982, Myers has been a pioneer in developing broadcast management software for the rapidly evolving media landscape. Myers' extensive domain knowledge and systems integration expertise has served as an integral part in the development of a suite of software products and services that drive distribution workflows across multiple departments and systems. Media facilities large and small utilize and benefit from our unique, scalable broadcast management solution, helping them improve operational efficiency and profitability. For more information, please visit: www.myersinfosys.com.



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