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# **RELEASE NOTES BAZEPORT 8.3**



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## A NEW BAZEPORT MADE FOR YOU

The BazePort IPTV system is continually renewed and improved as part of our ongoing product design and development. When you enter into a BazePort Service Agreement you are entitled to new software releases and fixes for the software licenses you have purchased.

### ABOUT THIS RELEASE

This is the release notes for BazePort IPTV system version 8.3, with information about news and updates for the BazePort IPTV software.

BazePort 8.3 introduces the Announcement VOD, a new preview of Info channels, new Flow actions and more. All changes, enhancements and bug fixes are tested and ready for deployment. All relevant BazePort documentation has been updated accordingly. Documentation is available from within BazePort Management Studio. If you need a copy sent to you on email, please send a request to [support@bazeport.com](mailto:support@bazeport.com).

The commercial release date is 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2021.

### OUR COMMITMENT

The development of new BazePort software versions is our commitment to you. It is always recommended that you run the latest software release for best performance and experience. And, it is necessary in order for us to assist you in the best way.

We send our thanks to our customers who contribute through these agreements, and also to BazePort users, partners and highly skilled employees that have contributed in the making of the BazePort IPTV system version 8.3. It is made for you!

Please continue to let us know your opinion about our software and services. You are always welcome to give us feedback by sending an email to [support@bazeport.com](mailto:support@bazeport.com)

**Thank you!**

## BAZEPORT 8.3 HEADLINES

With the BazePort version 8.3 release, we give you the possibility to insert your video announcements before on demand content, and we launch new functionality for planning and preparation of your own published information.

The headlines of the BazePort 8.3 are:

- The new **BazePort AVOD module**. AVOD is short for Announcement Video on Demand. We now introduce AVOD functionality to let you force your in-house announcements before playback of the subscribed content. Why not take the opportunity to reach out to your audience with relevant information and important messages in a new short-form?
- **Preview of Info channel** is now available in the Publish module. You can preview your Info channel as it is presented to your audience. Play it from within Publish using the new preview functionality.
- There is also a possibility to create a **Draft version** of Info channels and Information portal content before actually launching it to any endpoints. The draft version can even include availability rules.
- We have included a new action type in Flow, the possibility to **Send remote control keypress** for a specific endpoint.
- Also, with version 8.3 we also launch a new **EPG service**. This is an optional subscription service available as an additional part of your BazePort Service Agreement.

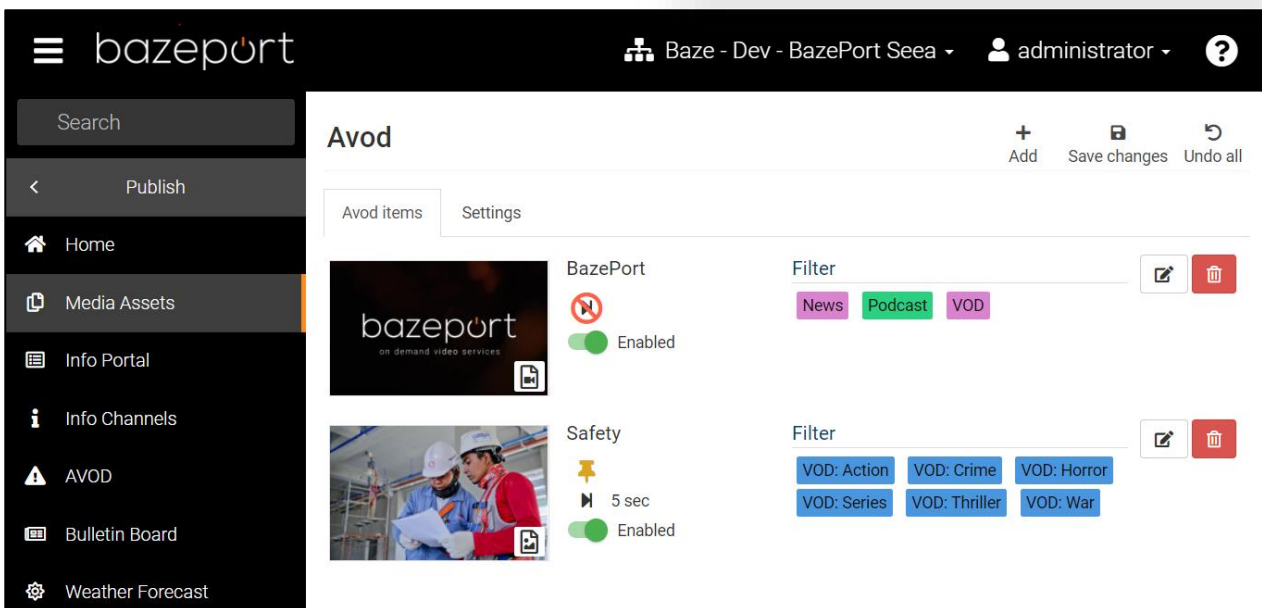


## BAZEPORT AVOD



The new **BazePort AVOD module**. AVOD is short for Announcement Video on Demand. We now introduce AVOD functionality to let you choose whether to force your announcements before playback of on demand content. A helpful tool when you want to reach out to your guests, crew or colleagues with important information?

The AVOD functionality enables you to force playback of short announcements before playback of on demand content. These short announcements can be any asset available in your Media Asset library. Automate playback of one or more announcements and target where and when to display.



There are several advanced settings for AVOD:

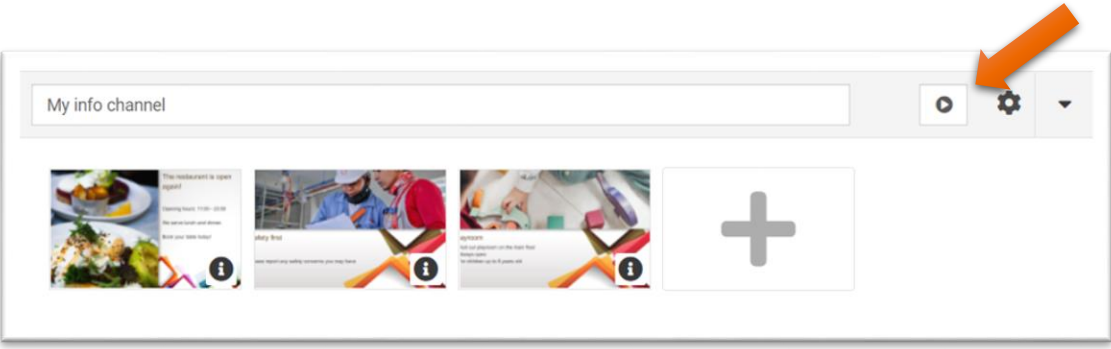
- Allow user to skip announcement after x number of seconds, or deny users to skip.
- Choose how many announcements to play before playback of on demand content.
- Select with what type of on demand content the announcement should be associated with, Movies, Series, News, Podcast and even movie categories.
- If you have more announcements for a content type than your playback rule requires, the announcements will be picked randomly. But you can decide that a specific ad should always be selected.
- Tag an announcement as Prioritized and it is always included.
- Set availability for an announcement based on a period, day of the week and more

# PREVIEW OF INFO CHANNEL



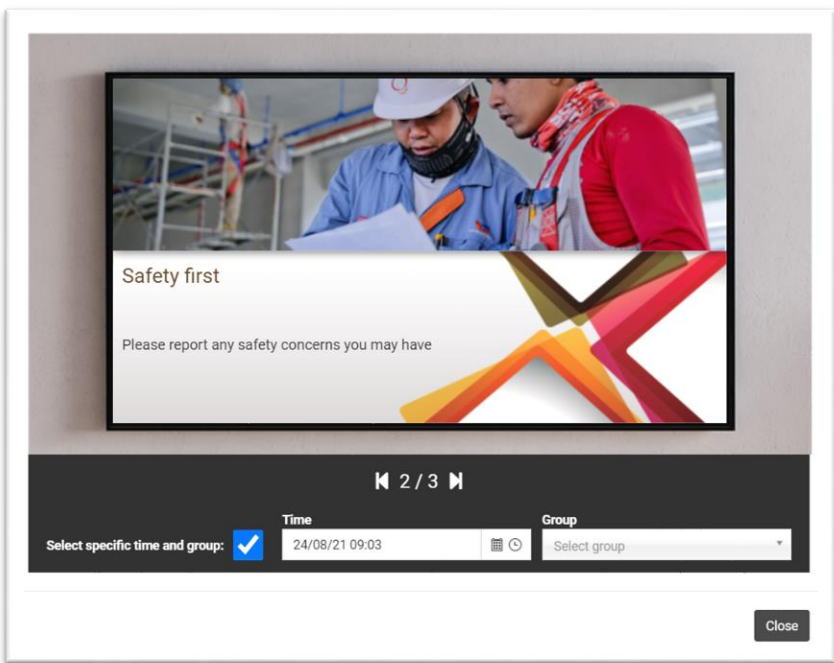
The new functionality **Preview of Info channel** in the Publish module. With this preview you can see how your Info channel is presented to your audience? Play it from within the Info channel editor using the new preview functionality.

Start preview of an Info channel from the Info Channels editor.



The preview function plays all the different signage content (Media assets) prepared for the Info channel, and in the sequence you have planned. In addition, Info channels can have availability properties set.

In combination with the draft version functionality (see next page), the preview function is an excellent tool for preparing and planning digital signage content. Combined, the draft and preview function will help you prepare and preview your signage content right at your workstation.



## DRAFT VERSION OF CONTENT



With BazePort 8.3 version you can draft Info channels and Information portal content before actually launching it to any endpoints. The draft version can even include availability rules.

### WHAT IS DRAFT VERSION OF CONTENT?

With the possibility to draft content, we make it even easier for you to prepare and plan your content.

Your Info channels and Info Portal folder and pages can be ready and complete, even with availability rules for time and group of screens, yet not launched. Whenever you are ready to launch the content, you just un-tic the Draft version checkbox.

### WHEN TO USE THE DRAFT VERSION FUNCTIONALITY?

You probably have marketing or communication plans involving many media platforms. Include BazePort in your plans, and start to prepare and schedule your content in advance, align the publishing with your other media updates.



In combination, the preview functionality (see previous page) and the draft version function are both great tools for preparing and planning your signage content. For example, you can organize all availability rules and see how it will present to different audience groups, at different times, without making a particular version for a test screen.



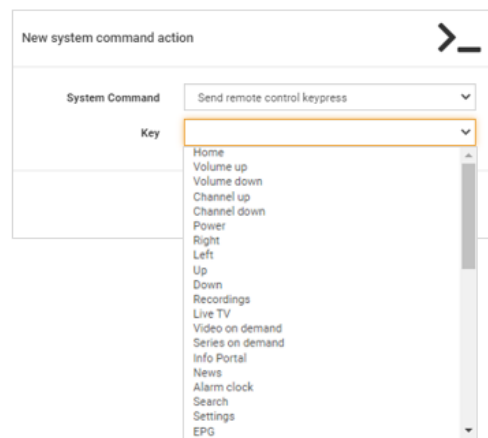
## NEW IN BAZEPORT FLOW



With BazePort 8.3 we add another helpful feature to the Flow application. The new feature is an action type found under *System Command*, called Send remote control keypress. It does what it says on the tin and sends a remote-control command to the BazePort end-point.

With Flow you can build powerful automated tasks for your IPTV system. It's easy to use and is prepared in just 3 simple steps: 1: Name the Flow, 2: Select triggers, and 3: Decide on actions.

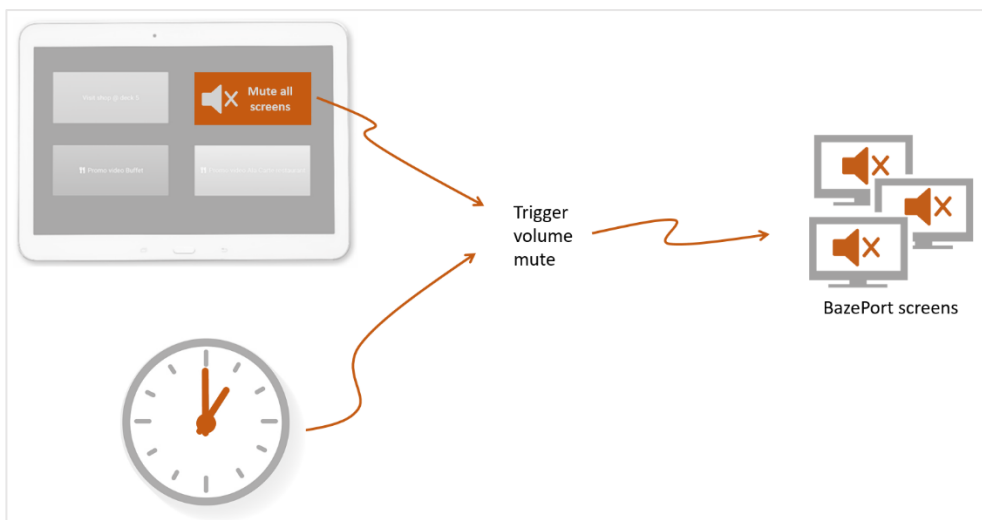
### WHAT IS SEND REMOTE CONTROL KEYPRESS?



The new action type under system command; Send remote control keypress can be used to trigger any remote control keypresses on a BazePort client, as part of a flow, without using the physical remote.

### WHEN TO USE THE REMOTE CONTROL KEYPRESS?

Let's say you want to mute the volume on one, or several TV screens, without being present at the TV's location. This action can be part of a preconfigured flow. A Flow can virtually press the mute function from a dashboard button or another action trigger at a specific time of the day. All the different buttons on a remote control are available to activate using the **Send remote control keypress** system command.



## NEW EPG SERVICE

Many of our customers have, up until now, received electronic TV guide content (EPG) as a free and complimentary service. We regret to inform you that our free EPG service is no longer possible to uphold as a stable service.



This is due to the increased complexity, cost and availability of EPG sources. Our free EPG service will therefore discontinue later in 2021, but no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> 2021.

### HOW CAN YOU THEN RECEIVE EPG?

We are happy to announce that we have entered into a partnership with a professional EPG service provider, and developed a new and improved EPG service for BazePort IPTV users. The new service will be introduced 1. September 2021 and will be available for all BazePort Service Agreement, BSA, customers at 20 EUR per month per installation. The service will require and be part of the BSA. Please contact your BazePort account responsible person for how to subscribe.

### CAN YOU ADMINISTER YOUR OWN EPG CONTENT INSTEAD OF PURCHASING THE BAZEPORT EPG SERVICE?

Yes, it will be possible for trained BazePort administrators to administer their own, free EPG service. However, BazePort support services will not cover incidents or questions regarding such setups. We recommend the new BazePort EPG service.

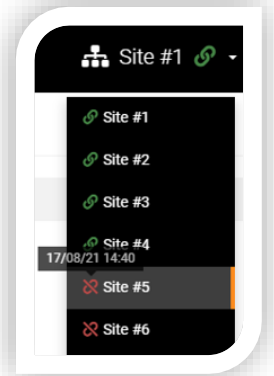
## AND SOME MORE...

### NEW FOR BAZEPORT SET-TOP BOX MODEL CT-2191:

Our standard set-top box, CT-2191, now has VP9 support. VP9 is a video coding format developed by Google for use on Google's video platform YouTube. The format is now open for royalty free use and is supported on our CT-2191, together with other formats like MPEG's HEVC formats. This will have an impact on our content processing going forward.

### NEW IN BAZEPORT CLOUD PUBLISHING, MYBAZEPORT.COM:

Mybazeport.com now includes the possibility to see the online status of every site in the dropdown list over your BazePort installs. In cases when a site is offline, the date and time for when the sites were online last will be displayed. Useful for administrators with several BazePort installs.



### NEW IN BAZEPORT SEEA SETUPS:

A primary-replica function is now available for customers running our BazePort Seea setup. The function is part of cloud publishing in mybazeport.com, and give central publishers the possibility to prepare and publish content on a primary site and allow automatic replication of this site, as exact copies, to several other sites. The replica sites cannot deviate from one another.

## UPGRADE NOW!

### WHO CAN UPGRADE?

Anyone who holds a valid BazePort Service Agreement (BSA) or BazePort Support and/or Software Upgrade Agreement (SLA), is entitled to this upgrade, as this is part of our product design and development commitment.

If you have not entered into an agreement, but are interested in upgrading your current BazePort installation, please contact us via email [support@bazeport.com](mailto:support@bazeport.com) for more information.

We recommend that you always run the latest software release for best performance and experience.

### HOW TO UPGRADE?

The BazePort 8.3 release is implemented for our clients over the air. No downtime, planning nor on-site installs are needed.

#### BAZEPORT AS A SERVICE, OR LOCAL LINUX OS SERVER

For customers running BazePort as a service, or local Linux OS server, your BazePort system is automatically updated to BazePort 8.3.

#### LOCAL MICROSOFT WINDOWS OS SERVER

For customers running local Microsoft Windows OS servers, BazePort 8.3 is available for download via the Live Update section in BazePort Management Studio. When the upgrade is applied on the server, the upgrade will deploy itself, either silently when BazePort units go idle, or by user when asked to accept upgrade.

To access BazePort Management Studio – Configure simply by browsing to <http://bazeportsrv.bazeport.lan/BazePort.ManagementStudio/> with your favorite browser. Please note that your computer must be connected to the same network/VLAN as the BazePort Server.

Please read the user manual [BP-01-UM-014 BazePort Management Studio – Configure](#) for instructions on how to use the Live Update functions. All user manuals for BazePort 8.3 are available in BazePort Management Studio by click on the question mark icon in the upper right corner of the application.

It is always recommended to thoroughly review Release Notes prior to the installation or upgrade of this product.

## SOFTWARE COMPATIBILITY

All previous versions of BazePort IPTV system can upgrade to BazePort 8.3, even systems running older versions.

For installations running BazePort version 5.x, 6.x, 7.x or 8.x this upgrade does not require a redeploy of the BazePort client (set-top box/CT-unit).

Upgrades from BazePort version 4.x to 8.3 should not be performed before consulting your system administrator, BazePort support provider, or the vendor Baze Technology. If you do not know the status of your current BazePort Service Agreement, please ask us by sending an email to: [support@bazeport.com](mailto:support@bazeport.com).

## HARDWARE COMPATIBILITY

BazePort 8.3 can be used with the following BazePort units:

- BazePort set-top box models CT-2191, CT-2151

The following set-top box models are end-of-life but can still run BazePort 8.3: CT-2152, CT-128, CT-126, CT-125 (Intel and AMD version but with reduced performance), CT-114, CT-113 (Veriton, 3600, 3700). CT-116 touch screen "all-in-one model" can also use the BazePort 8.3, however without the touchscreen facility available. BazePort 8.3 requires the use of a remote control.

- The following Philips professional hospitality TV models are end-of-life but can still run BazePort 8.3: MediaSuite 5011 series and MediaSuite 5010 series.
- BazePort Android native app in combination with Philips professional Android TV models: MediaSuite 5014/5114 series and MediaSuite 6014/6114 series.

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This is BazePort **Release document** from Baze Technology.

If you have any comments to this document, please email them to [support@bazeport.com](mailto:support@bazeport.com). Remember to include the document id: **BP-01-PRS-083\_1A Release notes BazePort 8.3**

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## About Baze Technology

Baze Technology is the leading provider of BazePort IPTV. Located in Porsgrunn, Norway. Baze Technology has delivered its products to customers all over the world since 2009. Today there are more than 600 installations with almost 60.000 users of BazePort worldwide.

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