

Off-Line QuickGuide

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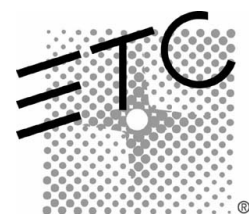


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Introduction

Obsession Off-Line is a DOS program that runs on an IBM® compatible personal computer and emulates system software for all Obsession® II models. This QuickGuide explains how to install and use Off-Line for Obsession systems running version 5.0.2 or later software.

Obsession Off-Line provides the same commands, displays, prompts and help information available in Obsession. For example, in Off-Line you can patch a show, create groups, write cues, create a label and print just as you can when working online with the console.

Shows produced in Off-Line may be stored on the computer's hard drive or on a floppy diskette for transfer to the Obsession system.

Obtaining Off-Line

You can obtain Obsession Off-Line either on diskette from ETC® or as a download from ETC's website. Several versions are available to match the software version of your Obsession system. Also available at the website is a keyboard command template and several versions of Obsession user manuals, all in portable document format (pdf). If you don't have Adobe® Acrobat® Reader™, click the link at the ETC website to transfer to a site where you can download the program.

Computer requirements

- Pentium® processor recommended, 133MHz or greater
- DOS 6.2, Windows® 95, 98
- 20MB available hard drive space
- 64MB available RAM
- Color monitor

Incompatible with:

- PC-DOS, Windows NT®, Windows 2000 and Windows Me and XP
- SMARTDRV older than 5.0
- Virtual PC® SoftWindows® and any other DOS emulator for the Macintosh®

Installing Obsession Off-Line

Follow a procedure below to install Off-Line into your computer. Off-Line installs automatically into Obsn502, a subfolder of C:\Etc. The installation also creates an icon in the ETC folder that you can reach from the Start menu to launch the program. If any or all of these folders don't already exist, they are created in the installation process.

From a downloaded file

This procedure assumes that you downloaded Obsession Off-Line from the ETC website. During the download procedure you will be asked to specify where you want to store the file in your computer. Remember that storage location for step 1 below.

1. Navigate in Windows Explorer to the location of the downloaded file.
2. Double-click the filename (should be **ObsOff502.exe**).
3. Follow the onscreen instructions, clicking **Next** or **Finish** as needed.

***NOTE:** While installing, you will be asked to approve recommended folders. If you need to change these locations, please call ETC Technical Services for additional instructions.*

From diskettes

Use this procedure if you obtained Obsession Off-Line on diskettes.

***NOTE:** If you need to reinstall this program, first uninstall Obsession Off-Line 5.0.2 in the Windows **Add/Remove Programs** control panel. For instructions, see your Windows documentation.*

1. Insert installation diskette 1 into the disk drive.
2. Double click **My Computer**.
3. Double click the icon for your diskette drive.
4. Double-click **Setup.exe**.
5. Follow the onscreen instructions, removing and inserting additional installation diskettes as directed and clicking **Next**, **OK** or **Finish**.

***NOTE:** While installing, you will be asked to approve recommended folders. If you need to change these locations, please call ETC Technical Services for additional instructions.*

Starting Obsession Off-Line

Start Obsession Off-Line from the Windows Start menu.

1. On the **Start** menu, click **Programs** then **ETC Software**.
2. Open the **Obsession Off-Line 5** folder and click on **Obsession Off-Line 5.0.2**.

Note: A Windows shut down procedure begins, accompanied by warnings and normal exiting procedures by any Windows applications running at that time. After Windows shuts down, Off-Line starts.

Working with the program

To use your computer keyboard with Obsession Offline you need to set the Scroll Lock ON when entering Obsession commands or command arguments and OFF when entering labels or memo text. Since both the Obsession and keyboard contain numerical keys, set the Scroll Lock ON when entering numerical information such as channel or cue numbers.

A list of keyboard equivalents appears in the back of this QuickGuide and is also available online by pressing [Shift-F1]. For added convenience, a keyboard template **Obsession Off-Line Keyboard Template v.4.0** is available from ETC's website (www.etcconnect.com).

Some keyboard equivalents may only be reached after you first open a window by typing a function key. Those windows are discussed below.

Faders Window [F7]

Press [F7] to open the Faders Window. Use [→] and [←] to select a fader and [↑] and [↓] to adjust the slider's level. The [PageUp] and [PageDown] keys adjust levels in 10% increments.

Submasters Window [F8]

Press [F8] to open the Submasters Window. Use [→] and [←] to select a submaster slider and [↑] and [↓] to adjust the slider's level. The [PageUp] and [PageDown] keys adjust levels in 10% increments. Press [F9] to select [Blackout].

Wheels Window [F9]

Press [F9] to open the Wheels Window. Use [→] and [←] to select the level or rate wheel and [↑] and [↓] to adjust settings. The [PageUp] and [PageDown] keys adjust levels in 10% increments. Press [F9] to select [All Manual]. Press [F1] to select the playback [Rate] key.

Display Modes [F10]

Press [F10] to open the Display Modes Window. Then press one of the [F1]–[F8] function keys to select that display. Press [F9] to select Memo. Press [F10] to quit Off-Line. The [F1]–[F8] keys toggle between conventional and moving light (ML) displays. If you don't get the display you want after pressing a toggling key in the Display Modes Window, enter the window a second time and press the toggling key again.

NOTE: *The Live and Blind toggles are also available by pressing [F5] and [F6], respectively, without entering the Display Modes Window. If you are already in a conventional display (Live, Blind or Group), you can switch to another conventional display just by pressing the display key once. Similarly, if you are already in an ML display (ML Live, ML Blind or ML Group), you need only press a display key once to go to another ML display. You can switch between modes and also to another display type by pressing the [F5] or [F6] key twice.*

Working with shows in Off-Line

Creating a show

Off-Line always starts as if it were running an Obsession II - 4600 console. In that configuration, Obsession supports up to 4608 channels and 8192 dimmers. If you are creating a show for an Obsession model that supports fewer channels and dimmers, you need to reset the channel and dimmer count. Failure to reset these counts will allow you to create patches that may not operate properly in your Obsession system. Your settings of channel and dimmer count are saved with the show.

Use the information in the table below to set the proper channel and dimmer counts for your purposes. To make these changes in Off-Line, press [F10] [F8] [1] [Enter] and select options 1 or 2.¹

Obsession II System	Channels	Dimmers
Obsession II - 750	750	1536
Obsession II - 1500	1536	1536
Obsession II - 4600	4608	8192

Loading a saved show

Your previously-saved show may be loaded into Off-Line either from your computer's hard drive or from a diskette.

Loading from diskette

1. Insert the diskette into the disk drive.
2. Press [F10], then [F8] to bring up the Setup menu.
3. Select 3, **Diskette Functions**, and press [Enter].
4. Select 4, **Read Show**, and press [Enter] [Enter] to load the show.

Loading from the hard drive

1. Press [F10], then [F8] to bring up the Setup menu.
2. Select 4, **Hard Drive Functions**, and press [Enter].
3. Press [S6], **Read Show**, and press [Enter] [Enter] to load the show.

¹. Scroll Lock must be ON to insert Obsession commands.

Saving a show

You can save a show either to the computer's hard drive or to diskette. Off-Line does not save shows automatically, so if you want it saved you need to perform one of the two procedure below before exiting.

Saving to diskette

1. Insert the diskette into the disk drive.
2. Press [F10], then [F8] to bring up the Setup menu.
3. Select 3, **Diskette Functions**, and press [Enter].
4. Select 1, **Store Show**, and press [Enter] [Enter] to save the show.

Saving to the hard drive

1. Press [F10], then [F8] to bring up the Setup menu.
2. Select 4, **Hard Drive Functions**, and press [Enter].
3. Press [S2], **Store Show**, and press [Enter] [Enter] to save the show.

Printing from Off-Line

Off-Line will print to whatever printer you have connected to the parallel port of your computer. If you do not have a printer connected to your computer, Off-Line displays an error message saying it can't locate the printer. At the same time, Off-Line creates a file named PRN01.*** in the Off-Line directory, C:\Etc\OBSN502.² Disconnect or shut down your printer if you want to create this file.

You can read and edit PRN01.*** with any word processor or with Microsoft Notepad. Just double-click the file and Windows will ask you what file you want to use to read it. Or, change the file's extension from *** to whatever your word processor uses, for example doc for Microsoft Word, and double-clicking will force it to open automatically there.

NOTE: Every printfile created as explained above is named the same thing and stored in the same place. New printfiles overwrite existing ones by the same name. If you want to reserve a printfile while making another, change the name of the first one to avoid having it overwritten.

Quitting Off-Line

Press [F10] [F10] [ESC] to quit Obsession Off-Line. Windows restarts.

Offline editing with Obsession II

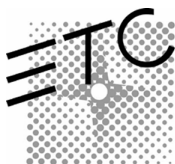
The Offline editing option on the Hardware menu of an Obsession II system has nothing to do with this Obsession Off-Line application. That selection allows you to use actual Obsession hardware to create or edit shows, whereas this application emulates an Obsession system but allows you the same capability to create or edit Obsession shows.

² You can get this error message if your computer sends printfiles through a network rather than to its parallel port. The result is the same.

Obsession Off-Line keyboard equivalents

For help with any Obsession command, type [?] and then type the command's keyboard equivalent.

About.....	Z	Live Display	Toggle F5
All Manual	F9 then F2	Load Cue	F4
And	+	Load Sub	C
At.....	A	Macro	M
Attribute List]	Macro 1-7	Alt F1- F7
Beam	Alt B	M*	Alt F8
Blackout	F8 then F9	Memo.....	F10 then F9
Blind Display	Toggle F6	ML Blind Display	Toggle F6
Clear	Backspace	ML Live Display	Toggle F5
Color	Alt C	ML Group Display.....	F10 then F3
Continue Macro.....	Alt F10	Minus	-
Cue	Q	Mirror	Shift F3
Cue List.....	\	More Soft Keys	=
Cue Only/Track	^	Next	PgUp
Dimmer.....	D	Out.....	O
Edit command line.....	→ ←	Page +	Shift-F5
Effect.....	E	Page -.....	Shift-F6
Effects Display	F10 then F5	Park	N
Encoder Pages 1 - 6	Ctrl 1-6	Park Display	F10 then F6
Expand	Shift F7	Part.....	P
Faders 1 - 8	F7 then F1 thru F8	Patch Display	F10 then F7
Fader sliders	F7 then ↑→←↓	Position	Alt P
Focus Group	Alt G	Profile.....	L
Channel/Fixture	Alt F	Quit Off-Line.....	F10 then F10
Fixture List	{	Rate (Playbacks).....	F9 then F1
Follow	Y	Record	R
Full.....	F	Rem Dim	H
Go	F1	S1 - S8	Ctrl F1 - F8
Go To Cue.....	F2	Setup Displays	F10 then F8
Go to Page	Shift F8	Sneak	X
Grandmaster	F8 then ↑↓	Stop/Back	F3
Group	G	Store Macro	Alt F9
Groups Display	F10 then F3	Sub.....	S
Group List	[Sub bumps	F8 then F1 - F8
Help.....	?	Sub Display.....	F10 then F4
Home	Alt H	Sub List]
Image	Alt I	Sub Page	J
Keyboard Help.....	Shift F1	Sub sliders	F8 then ↑ → ← ↓
Label	B	Swap	Shift F2
Last	PgDn	Thru	T
Letters (A-Z)	Scroll Lock A-Z	Time	I
Learn	Shift F9	Track/Cue only	^
Level	V	Undo.....	U
Level/Rate wheel	F9 then ↑↓	Wait	W
Library	Alt L	0-9	0-9
Library List	}	. or /	or /
Link	K	+10%	Ctrl PgUp
		-10%	Ctrl PgDn



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