FOR HD (HUIDU) LED SIGNS

# HDPlayer Guide

Run your sign from a Windows PC



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**HDPlayer** is Huidu's Windows program for **full colour** HD signs. Make your programs on your PC, then send them to the sign over Wi-Fi or a network cable, or take them on a USB stick.

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### WHICH PROGRAM DO I NEED?

| PROGRAM | USE IT FOR |
|---|---|
| **HDPlayer 7.11.51**<br>Windows 10 or 11 | Full colour signs with an HD player from the A, B, C, D or H series, such as the A3L, A6L, C16L or D16. **This guide shows this version.** |
| **HDSign, HD2020 or HD2018**<br>Windows | Single and two colour text signs. |

HDPlayer is for Windows only. On a Mac, use LED-Cloud in your web browser or the LedArt app on your phone. Not sure which player your sign has? Ask iCatcher.

### BEFORE YOU START

- A Windows 10 or 11 PC or laptop, with about 1.2 GB free.
- Your sign's Wi-Fi name and password (from iCatcher), or a network cable from the sign to your router.
- Your sign's size in pixels, such as 192 x 96.
- Pictures or videos made at your sign's size.

## 1 Install HDPlayer

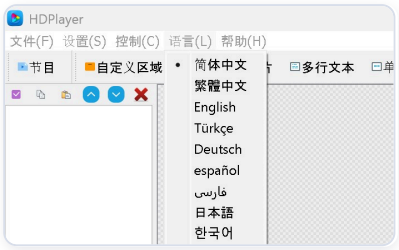
1. Go to **icatcher.com.au/downloads** and download **HDPlayer 7.11.51** (about 416 MB).
2. Right-click the zip file, choose **Extract All**, then click **Extract**. Double-click **HDPlayer.7.11.51.0** in the folder that opens. If Windows asks for permission, click Yes.
3. Choose English and click **OK**. Click **Next** twice, then **Install**.
4. Click **Finish**. Run HDPlayer is already ticked, so it opens.




Click Finish. Run HDPlayer is already ticked.

## 2 Switch to English

1. The first time, HDPlayer opens in Chinese and asks for your screen settings (屏参设置). Click **确定** (OK) for now: you'll set your sign's size in section 4.
2. Click **语言(L)** in the menu bar and choose **English**. The menus change to File, Setting, Control, Language and Help.




语言(L) is the Language menu.

## 3 Connect to your sign

HDPlayer finds your sign by itself. Connect one of two ways:

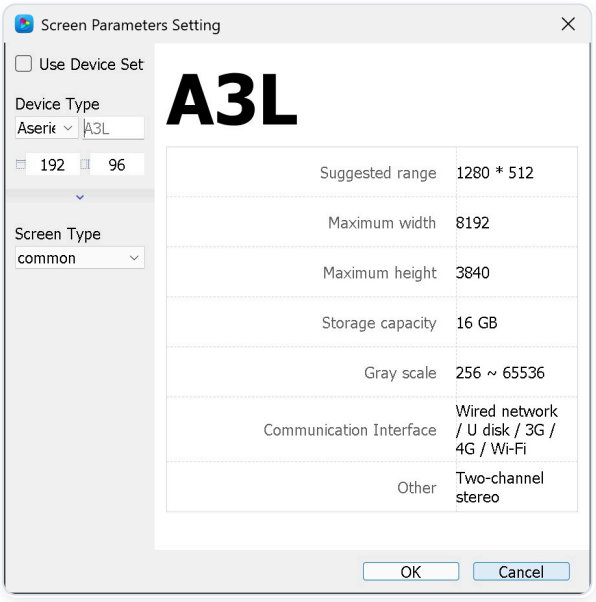
- **The sign's own Wi-Fi.** Join it on your PC like any Wi-Fi network. Its name usually starts with the player model, such as A3L. The password is from iCatcher.
- **A cable or your network.** Plug the sign into your router (or straight into your PC), or connect your PC to the same network as the sign.

Until it finds the sign, the bottom left of HDPlayer says **No Device Connected**.

> **TIP** Your PC may warn that the sign's Wi-Fi has no internet. That's normal. Stay connected.

## 4 Set up your screen

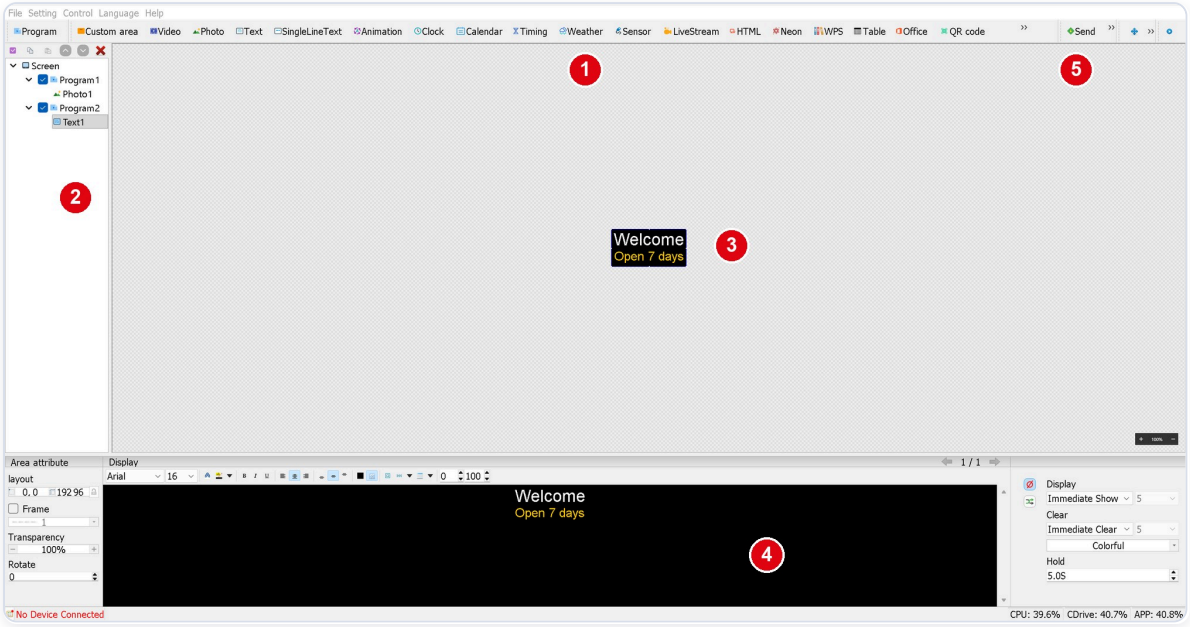
1. Click **Setting**, then **Screen Setting**.
2. If your sign is connected, tick **Use Device Setting**: HDPlayer reads the size from the sign.
3. Otherwise, under **Device Type**, pick your player's series and model (such as A3L) and type your sign's width and height in pixels.
4. Click **OK**. If a Warning says the screen size has changed, click **OK** again.




Screen Parameters Setting for a 192 x 96 sign.

# 5 Make a program

A program fills the whole sign. Programs play one after another, and everything inside one program plays at the same time.




1 **Toolbar:** add a program, then pictures, video, text, a clock and more.

2 **List:** your screen, its programs and what's in each one.

3 **Preview:** how the sign will look.

4 **Settings** for whatever you click in the list.

5 **Send:** sends your programs to the sign.

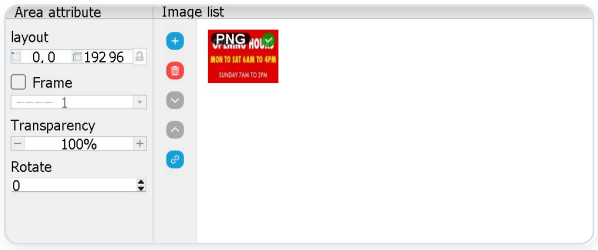
### A PICTURE OR VIDEO

1 Click the first program in the list, or **Program** on the toolbar to add one.

2 Click **Photo**. A picture area is added and fills the sign. Under **Image list**, click the blue **+** and choose your picture.

3 **Hold**, on the right, is how long it stays up: 5 seconds to start. Add more pictures with **+** to show them in turn.

4 For a video, click **Video** and add it the same way.

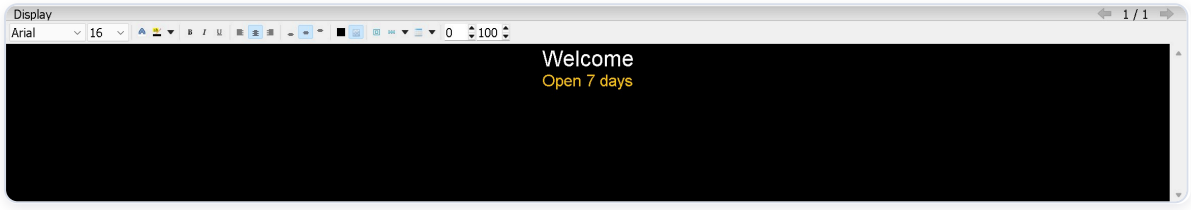



The picture area and its Image list.

# 5 Make a program (continued)

### WORDS

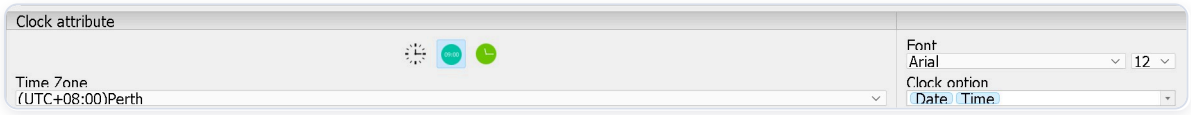
1. Click **Text** and type your words in the black box below.
2. Select the words and pick a font such as Arial (it starts on MS Shell Dlg), a size, the colour (the **A** button) and the alignment.
3. For one line of scrolling words, click **SingleLineText** instead. Its **Display** effect starts on **Continuous Move Left**, which scrolls the words.




Text, with Arial at 16 and 12 points, centred.

### CLOCK

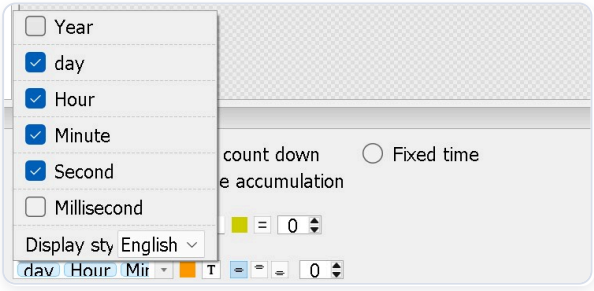
1. Click **Clock**, then the digital clock button (09:00) under Clock attribute.
2. Set **Time Zone** to **(UTC+08:00)Perth**, or your own city.
3. Under **Clock option**, tick what to show, such as Date and Time. Untick title: it shows the word LED. Then pick a font and size that fit.




A digital clock on Perth time, showing the date and time.

### COUNTDOWN

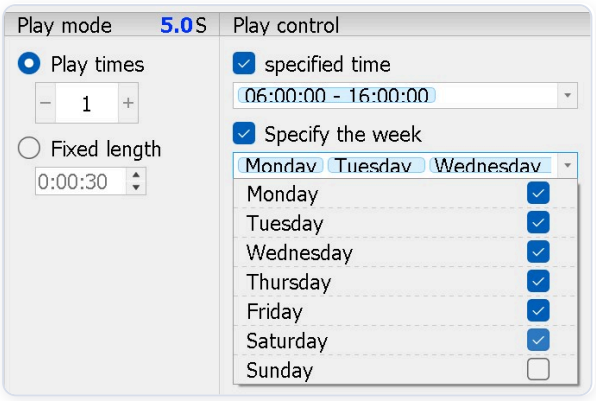
1. Click **Timing**, then **count down**. Set the date and time of your event.
2. **Top Text** (it starts as To **) shows before the numbers. Type your own words.
3. Open the **Display style** list. Untick any units you don't want, and change **Display style** to **English**: it starts in Chinese.




Days, hours, minutes and seconds, in English.

## 6 Choose when it plays Optional

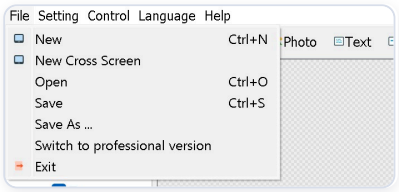
1. Click the program in the list. Its settings show below.
2. Under **Play control**, tick **specified time**, open its list, click **+** and set the Start time and End time.
3. Tick **Specify the week** and tick the days it plays. **Specify the date** sets a date range.
4. Send it again to update the sign.




Monday to Saturday, 6 am to 4 pm.

## 7 Save your work

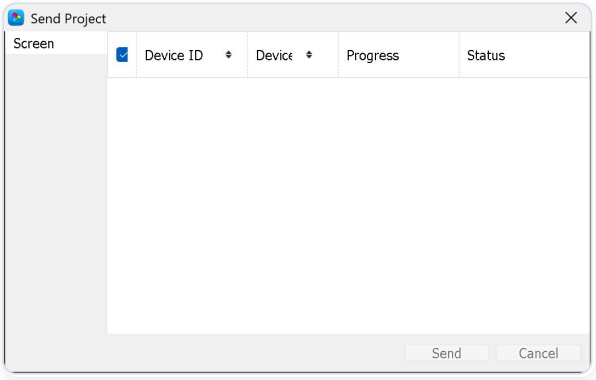
1. Click **File**, then **Save** (or press Ctrl+S).
2. **Save As ...** keeps a copy where you choose, such as Documents. **Open** brings it back.




The File menu.

## 8 Send it to your sign

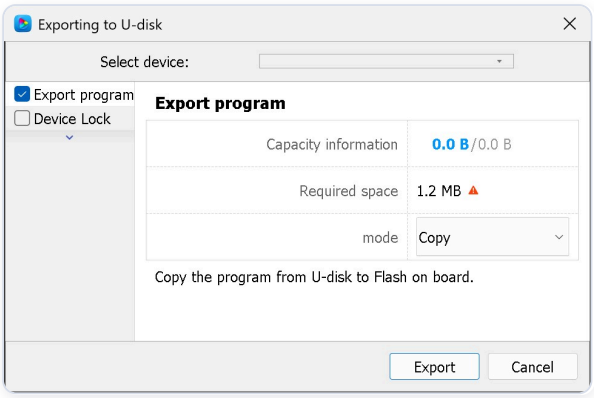
1. Click **Send** on the toolbar.
2. In **Send Project**, tick your sign and click **Send**.
3. Wait for Progress to reach 100% and a tick under Status.




Send Project. Your sign is listed once your PC is connected to it.

## 9 No network? Use a USB stick Optional

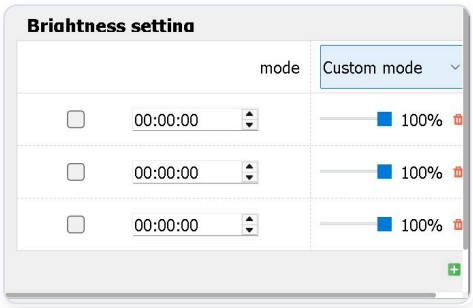
1. Plug a USB stick into your PC. Use a FAT32 stick.
2. Click **Control**, then **Exporting to U-disk**. Pick the stick under **Select device**.
3. Leave **Export program** ticked and **mode** on **Copy**: the sign copies the program into its memory, so you can take the stick out afterwards. Click **Export**.
4. Plug the stick into the sign's USB port. When it has finished copying, take the stick out.




Exporting to U-disk.

## 10 Brightness Optional

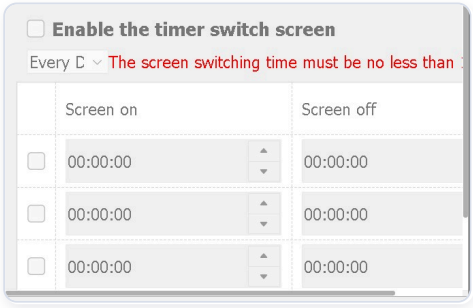
1. Click **Control**, then **Brightness Setting**. Check your sign shows under **Select device**. (No network? Tick **Brightness setting** in **Exporting to U-disk** to take it on the USB stick.)
2. Under **mode**, **Default mode** is one level. **Custom mode** sets levels by time: tick a row, set its start time and level, and add rows with the green **+**.
3. **Automatic mode** needs a light sensor. Click **OK**.




Custom mode, shown here in Exporting to U-disk.

## 11 Screen on and off times Optional

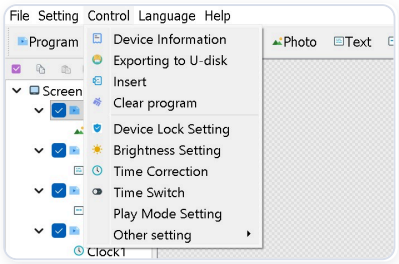
1. Click **Control**, then **Time Switch**. (For a USB stick, tick **Screen switch setting** in **Exporting to U-disk**.)
2. Tick the box to enable the timer switch screen and leave **Every Day**.
3. Tick a row and set **Screen on** and **Screen off**, such as 06:00:00 and 23:00:00. Click **OK**.
4. The screen goes black, but the sign stays powered.




Screen on and off times, shown in Exporting to U-disk.

## 12 Set the right time

1. Click **Control**, then **Time Correction**.
2. Set **System time zone** to your city, such as **(UTC+08:00)Perth**.
3. If the sign is on the internet, set **Automatic synchronization** to **NTP**. If not, tick **Time correction** and leave **Calibration mode** on **Synchronize the computer**, so the sign takes your PC's time. Click **OK**.



The Control menu.

## 13 Everyday jobs

### Change the words

1. Click the text in the list.
2. Change the words in the black box.
3. **Send**, then save.

Sections 5 and 8

### Show a poster or photo

1. Click a program.
2. **Photo**, then **+** and the picture.
3. Send and save.

Sections 5 and 8

### Play a video

1. **Video**, then add the video.
2. An MP4 made at your sign's size works best.
3. Send and save.

Sections 5 and 8

### Show several things in turn

Either add several pictures to one **Image list**, or add more programs: they play one after another.

Section 5

### Show the time and date

1. **Clock**, the digital button.
2. Time Zone: your city.
3. Send.

Section 5

### Count down to an event

1. **Timing**, **count down**.
2. Set the date, your words and Display style English.

Section 5

### Play only during opening hours

1. Click the program.
2. Tick specified time and the days.
3. Send again.

Section 6

### Dimmer at night

1. **Control** › **Brightness Setting**.
2. Custom mode, with a lower level from the evening.

Section 10

### Screen off overnight

1. **Control** › **Time Switch**.
2. Tick a row and set the on and off times.

Section 11

### Clock shows the wrong time

1. **Control** › **Time Correction**.
2. Check the time zone of the clock too.

Sections 5 and 12

# 14 Quick fixes

| IF THIS HAPPENS | TRY THIS |
|---|---|
| **It says No Device Connected** | Check your PC is on the sign's Wi-Fi or the same network as the sign, and the sign has power. Give it a minute. |
| **HDPlayer is in Chinese** | Click **语言(L)** in the menu bar and choose **English**. |
| **My sign isn't in Send Project** | HDPlayer can't see it yet: see the first row. Then check the screen size in Setting › Screen Setting. |
| **The picture is stretched or cut off** | The screen size doesn't match your sign. Fix it in Setting › Screen Setting. |
| **The words look wrong** | Select them and pick a font such as Arial. |
| **The countdown shows Chinese characters** | Open its Display style list and change Display style to English. |
| **The clock shows the wrong time** | Set the clock's Time Zone (section 5), then the sign's time with Time Correction (section 12). |

**BEST LEFT ALONE** Leave **Clear program**, **Device Lock Setting**, the hardware, firmware, Wi-Fi and network settings, and **Switch to professional version** to iCatcher. Clear program wipes everything from your sign.

Prefer your phone? Huidu's **LedArt** app updates full colour signs over Wi-Fi, and **LED-Cloud** works from a web browser. Links and our other guides are at **icatcher.com.au/downloads**.

## Need help?

Stuck on a step or forgotten a password? Get in touch and we'll help.

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Tell us which sign it is, what you were trying to do and what you saw on screen.