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What Is AWS Elemental MediaLive?

AWS Elemental MediaLive is a real-time video service that lets you easily create live outputs for broadcast and streaming delivery.

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Related Services

AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) is a web service that helps you securely control access to AWS resources for your users. Use IAM to control who can use your AWS resources (authentication) and what resources users can use in which ways (authorization). For more information, see Setting Up AWS Elemental MediaLive (p. 2)

Amazon S3 is storage for the Internet. Use Amazon S3 to store assets that AWS Elemental MediaLive retrieves and uses when transcoding, and as a destination for output from AWS Elemental MediaLive.

Amazon CloudWatch is a monitoring service for AWS Cloud resources and the applications that you run on AWS. Use CloudWatch to track AWS Elemental MediaLive events about the progress of running channels and about metrics such as ingress and egress request count.

AWS Elemental MediaPackage is a just-in-time video packaging and origination service that runs in the AWS Cloud. Use AWS Elemental MediaPackage to package content that has been encoded by AWS Elemental MediaLive.

AWS Elemental MediaStore is a video origination and storage service that offers the high performance and immediate consistency required for live and on-demand media. Use AWS Elemental MediaStore to store assets that AWS Elemental MediaLive retrieves and uses when transcoding, and as a destination for output from AWS Elemental MediaLive.
Setting Up AWS Elemental MediaLive

This chapter provides a basic procedure for setting up identities (users) and providing access to AWS Elemental MediaLive. It describes how to create one or more users as administrators for the service, how to create one or more AWS IAM users to access the AWS Elemental MediaLive console, and how to set up AWS Elemental MediaLive itself as an AWS IAM "trusted service".

If you are completely new to AWS or if you have only been using AWS for a few weeks, we recommend that you read this entire chapter.

If you have more experience using AWS services, you could skip the sections on setting up users. But you must read the section on setting up AWS Elemental MediaLive as a trusted service.

This chapter provides steps for a basic setup. For detailed information on the many features of IAM that may be appropriate and useful to your deployment, see AWS IAM User Guide.

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Required Permissions in AWS Elemental MediaLive

There are several identities that must have permissions to work with AWS Elemental MediaLive.

- Any person who is using the console, the CLI, or the REST API (via a REST client application) must have the appropriate permissions on the desired operations of AWS Elemental MediaLive. This access is conferred by setting up people as IAM users.
- Any software application that is using the REST API or an SDK must have the appropriate permissions on the desired operations of AWS Elemental MediaLive. One way to confer this access is by setting up software applications as IAM users.
- AWS Elemental MediaLive itself must be an IAM trusted entity in order to make calls to the APIs of Amazon EC2 Systems Manager Parameter Store, Amazon S3 (if you plan to store and/or retrieve assets on this service) and AWS Elemental MediaStore (if you plan to store and/or retrieve assets on this service). It is extremely likely that AWS Elemental MediaLive will need to be set up in this way.
- The person who sets up AWS Elemental MediaLive as a trusted entity needs read/write access with Amazon IAM. See the section called "Set up Permissions for AWS Elemental MediaLive " (p. 5).

Sign Up for AWS Elemental MediaLive

If you do not have an AWS account, use the following procedure to create one.
To sign up for AWS

2. Follow the online instructions.

Create an IAM User

To create an IAM user for yourself and add the user to an Administrators group

1. Use your AWS account email address and password to sign in as the AWS account root user to the IAM console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/iam/.

   Note
   We strongly recommend that you adhere to the best practice of using the Administrator user below and securely lock away the root user credentials. Sign in as the root user only to perform a few account and service management tasks.

2. In the navigation pane of the console, choose Users, and then choose Add user.

3. For User name, type Administrator.

4. Select the check box next to AWS Management Console access, select Custom password, and then type the new user's password in the text box. You can optionally select Require password reset to force the user to select a new password the next time the user signs in.

5. Choose Next: Permissions.

6. On the Set permissions for user page, choose Add user to group.

7. Choose Create group.

8. In the Create group dialog box, type Administrators.

9. For Filter, choose Job function.

10. In the policy list, select the check box for AdministratorAccess. Then choose Create group.

11. Back in the list of groups, select the check box for your new group. Choose Refresh if necessary to see the group in the list.

12. Choose Next: Review to see the list of group memberships to be added to the new user. When you are ready to proceed, choose Create user.

You can use this same process to create more groups and users, and to give your users access to your AWS account resources. To learn about using policies to restrict users' permissions to specific AWS resources, go to Access Management and Example Policies.

Access to Amazon EC2 Systems Manager Parameter Store

The Amazon EC2 Systems Manager Parameter Store is used extensively in AWS Elemental MediaLive. It is likely that you will use this store. The store holds passwords that the AWS Elemental MediaLive needs in order to retrieve and store files externally.

Some of the features that store passwords in this way are:

- An input of type RTMP Pull or type HLS Pull. The connection to the source is always secure.
- Fields in the channel that hold the URL to an external file, if the connection is secure. Examples of this type of field are the Avail blanking image, and a source captions file that is an external file.
• The destination in an HLS output group or a Microsoft Smooth output group, if the connection is secure.

In all these cases, if the connection is secure (typically HTTPS), then AWS Elemental MediaLive needs the username and password (stored in a parameter).

How It Works

The password parameter feature ensures that you are not storing passwords in plain text on the console. Instead, you create a password parameter in Amazon EC2 Systems Manager Parameter Store. The parameter is a name/value pair where the name is something like "corporateStorlageImagesPassword" and the value is the actual password. When creating a channel or input in AWS Elemental MediaLive, you specify the password parameter name instead of the password. Then when AWS Elemental MediaLive needs the password (in order to either read or write to the external location), it sends the password parameter name to the Amazon EC2 Systems Manager Parameter Store and gets back the actual password in response.

Wherever a password field appears on the console, AWS Elemental MediaLive includes a feature that lets you:

• Specify a password parameter that has already been created in Amazon EC2 Systems Manager Parameter.
• Or create a password parameter "on the spot". You type in a name and the actual password.

Required Permissions

For any user to create a password parameter "on the spot", AWS Elemental MediaLive must have a trusted entity role that includes Amazon EC2 Systems Manager Parameter. See the section called “Setting up Trusted Entity” (p. 5).

Access to Amazon S3

Your deployment may include using files in an Amazon S3 bucket. For example:

• The source for an HLS input.
• The destination for an Archive output group.
• The destination for an HLS output group.

In all these cases, regardless of whether the connection is secure or not, AWS Elemental MediaLive must have a trusted entity role that includes Amazon S3. See the section called “Setting up Trusted Entity” (p. 5).

Access to AWS Elemental MediaStore

Your deployment may include using files in an AWS Elemental MediaStore container. For example:

• The source for an HLS input.
• The destination for an HLS output group.

In all these cases, AWS Elemental MediaLive must have a trusted entity role that includes AWS Elemental MediaStore. See the section called "Setting up Trusted Entity" (p. 5).
Setting up Trusted Entity

This permission only needs to be assigned once for all users of the console, CLI, and REST API. There are options for assigning this permission:

- Using the IAM role fields that appear in the General info pane when the first user starts creating the first channel.

  This option is very convenient, but it requires that the console user have read/write access on Amazon IAM, because that user will be sending a request to Amazon IAM to set up AWS Elemental MediaLive as a trusted entity with Amazon EC2 Systems Manager Parameter (and, incidentally, with Amazon S3 and AWS Elemental MediaStore, which are two other services that AWS Elemental MediaLive probably needs to access on your behalf).

  To set up in this way, see the section called “Step 2: Set Up the Input” (p. 27). Remember that only one user needs to perform this setup. Subsequent users can choose the existing role.

- By going into IAM and setting up AWS Elemental MediaLive as a trusted entity.

  This option also requires access to Amazon IAM, but typically an administrator who has this access will perform this setup on behalf of all users, before the users start using the console.

  To set up in this way, see the section called “Set up Permissions for AWS Elemental MediaLive” (p. 5).

Both these options result in the creation of a role and a role ARN that is shared by all users (in the AWS account) of the console, CLI, and REST API. The role is called MediaLiveAccessRole and the ARN belongs to that role.

Set up Permissions for AWS Elemental MediaLive

AWS Elemental MediaLive needs permission to make calls to the APIs of Amazon EC2 Systems Manager Parameter Store, Amazon S3 (if you plan to store and/or retrieve assets on this service) and AWS Elemental MediaStore (if you plan to store and/or retrieve assets on this service). You set this permission as follows:

- You create a role called MediaLiveAccessRole and associate one policy with that role.
- You create a second policy that gives access to more services, then associate that policy with the role.
- You modify the trust relationship between your AWS account and the AWS Elemental MediaLive service.

Step 1: Create a Role for the Service

You must create a role for AWS Elemental MediaLive. The role sets up a trusted relationship between your AWS account and AWS Elemental MediaLive.

1. Open the IAM console.
2. In the navigation pane, choose Roles.
3. On the Role page, choose Create role.
4. In the Create role page, in Select type of trusted entity, choose AWS service as the type (the default).
5. In Choose the service that will use this role, choose EC.
You are choosing EC2 because AWS Elemental MediaLive is not currently included in this list. Choosing EC2 lets you create a role; in a later step you will change this role to mention AWS Elemental MediaLive instead of EC.

6. In Select your use case, choose EC. (Again, you will later change this service to AWS Elemental MediaLive.)

7. Choose Next: Permissions in order to create a policy for this role.

8. Choose AmazonSSMReadOnlyAccess and choose Next: Review.

9. In Role name, type a name. We strongly recommend using the name “MediaLiveAccessRole”.

10. Look at the other fields: Amazon EC2 is a trusted entity and the policy attached to this role is AmazonSSMReadOnlyAccess.

11. Choose Create role.

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**Step 2: Modify the Policy**

You attached a policy that gives access to AmazonSSMReadOnlyAccess. “SSM” refers to the Amazon EC2 Systems Manager Parameter Store. You must now create a second policy to give access to Amazon S3 and AWS Elemental MediaStore:

1. From the Role list, choose the role you just created.

2. On Summary, choose Add inline policy.

3. On Set permissions, choose Custom Policy and choose Select.

4. On Review policy, in Policy name, type a suitable name such as S3andMediaStoreReadWriteAccess.

5. In Policy document, paste the following:

```json
{
   "Version": "2012-10-17",
   "Statement": [
     {
       "Effect": "Allow",
       "Action": [
         "s3:ListBucket",
         "s3:PutObject",
         "s3:GetObject",
         "s3:DeleteObject"
       ],
       "Resource": "*"
     },
     {
       "Effect": "Allow",
       "Action": [
         "mediastore:ListContainer",
         "mediastore:DescribeObject",
         "mediastore:PutObject",
         "mediastore:GetObject",
         "mediastore:DeleteObject"
       ],
       "Resource": "*"
     }
   ]
}
```

These lines allow AWS Elemental MediaLive to access Amazon S3 and AWS Elemental MediaStore.

6. Choose Validate Policy, then choose Apply Policy.
7. In the Summary page, you can see that the role MediaLiveAccessRole now has two policies: AmazonSSMReadOnlyAccess and S3AndMediaStoreReadWriteAccess. Both policies apply equally to this role.

### Step 3: Revise the Trust Relationship

When you created the role and established the trusted relationship, you chose EC2 as the service. You must now modify the role so that the trusted relationship is between your AWS account and AWS Elemental MediaLive.

1. In the Summary page for MediaLiveAccessRole (which should still be displayed), choose Trust relationships.
2. Choose Edit trust relationship.
3. In Edit Trust Relationship, in Policy Document, look at the text that is currently there. It mentions EC.
4. In Policy Document, paste the following in order to change the policy to mention AWS Elemental MediaLive instead of EC2:

```json
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
        "Service": "medialive.amazonaws.com"
      },
      "Action": "sts:AssumeRole"
    }
  ]
}
```

5. Choose Update Trust Policy.

6. On the Summary page, make a note of the value in Role ARN. It looks like this:

```none
arn:aws:siam::111122223333:role/MediaLiveAccessRole, where 111122223333 is your AWS account number.
```

You will use this Role ARN when using AWS Elemental MediaLive, so either make a note of it now, or be prepared to come back to this page to obtain it as required.
Getting Started with AWS Elemental MediaLive

This tutorial describes how to ingest a video source from an RTP source and generate one HLS output that contains one H.264 video encode and one audio encode. AWS Elemental MediaLive will send the output to AWS Elemental MediaPackage. The output will consist of the following:

- One master manifest: channel.m3u8
- One rendition manifest called channel_1.m3u8.
- TS files for each output: channel_1.00001.ts, channel_1.00002.ts, channel_1.00003.ts, and so on.

This tutorial uses the default values for most configuration fields in the channel.

**Note**
All the text marked as an example in this tutorial is just that – a sample that shows what a piece of information typically looks like. You must replace each example with the information that is valid for your situation.

Prerequisites

Before you can use AWS Elemental MediaLive, you need an AWS account and the appropriate permissions to access, create and view AWS Elemental MediaLive components. Complete the steps in *Setting Up AWS Elemental MediaLive (p. 2)* and then return to this tutorial. You will not be able to use AWS Elemental MediaLive, even as an administrator with full access, until you have performed those steps.

Step 1: Set up the Upstream System

The upstream system is the system that is streaming the video to AWS Elemental MediaLive. A contribution encode "on the ground" is a typical upstream system. You must perform some setup of your upstream system before you start working in AWS Elemental MediaLive. For the purposes of this tutorial, the upstream system must be capable of sending a video stream via RTP.

1. Set up your upstream system to perform an RTP push from a specific IP address.

   In a typical deployment of AWS Elemental MediaLive, you provide two sources of the video asset you want to encode. But for this tutorial, you have only one source that you will duplicate within AWS Elemental MediaLive. This setup is absolutely not recommended for production usage.

2. Make a note of the IP address. For example, 192.0.2.0.

3. Keep in mind that the input will need to be ready when you start the associated channel.

Step 2: Set up the Downstream System

In this tutorial, the downstream system (the destination for the output from AWS Elemental MediaLive) is AWS Elemental MediaPackage.
You must set up a channel in this service and you must set it up now because you need the input URLs that AWS Elemental MediaPackage will generate; you enter these input URLs into AWS Elemental MediaLive. You must create two channels in AWS Elemental MediaPackage because you will create two destinations in AWS Elemental MediaLive.

1. Go to the AWS Elemental MediaPackage console.
2. In a new web browser tab or window, display the Getting Started for AWS Elemental MediaPackage and follow steps 1 to 3 to create one channel and its endpoint.
3. Make a note of the input URL, name, and password that AWS Elemental MediaPackage generates. For example:
   - ue739wuty
   - due484u
   Your channel may be in a different region from the example.
4. Follow steps 1 to 3 again to create the second channel and its endpoint.
5. Make a note of the input URL, name, and password. For example:
   - https://mgu654.mediapackage.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/in/v1/xmm9s/channel
   - 883hdux
   - 634hjik
6. Do not close this web browser yet.

### Step 3: Create an Input

You must create an input; this input describes how the source video asset will be provided to AWS Elemental MediaLive. In this tutorial, you will create an RTP input.

You must also create an input security group for the input. This input security group applies the rule "only this specific IP address (an IP address that you own) can push to this input on AWS Elemental MediaLive". Without the protection of this rule, any third party could push content to an AWS Elemental MediaLive input if they knew the IP address and port of the input.

1. Using your IAM credentials, sign in to the AWS Elemental MediaLive console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/medialive?region="region".
2. In the navigation pane, choose Inputs.
3. On the Inputs page, choose Create input.
4. In the Input details section, for Input name, type "My RTP push".
5. For Input type, choose RTP.
6. In Input security group, choose Create new.
7. In New security group, type or paste the IP address that you noted in step 1. Enter the address as a CIDR. For example, 192.0.2.0/32.
8. Choose Create input security group.
9. Choose Create to create the input.

AWS Elemental MediaLive adds the input to the list of inputs and automatically creates two destinations (one primary and one redundant). These destinations include the port 5000. For example, rtp://198.51.100.0:5000 and rtp://198.51.100.44:5000. These are the two locations where the upstream system must push the source.

10. Make a note of these two addresses: you will need them in step 8.
Step 4: Attach the Input

Now you start creating a channel. The first step in creating a channel is to identify the input. The channel contains the details that instruct AWS Elemental MediaLive how to transcode (decode and encode) and package that input into specific outputs.

1. On the console, choose **Channels** in the navigation pane.
2. In the content pane, choose **Create channel**.
3. In the **Channel and input details** pane, in **General info**, in **Channel Name**, type "Test channel".
4. In **Role ARN**, type the ARN of the role you created when you set up permissions for your AWS account. For example, `arn:aws:iam::736754895224:role/AllowMediaLiveAccessRole`.
5. Select **Remember ARN**.
6. In the **Attach input** section, in **Input**, choose "My RTP push" (the input you created). More fields appear.
7. In **Audio selectors**, choose **Add audio selectors**.
8. In **Audio selector name**, type "My audio source".

There is no need to complete any other fields on this panel. Specifically:
- There is no need to create a video selector: when the channel starts, AWS Elemental MediaLive will automatically select the video (or the first video) in the input.
- In the audio selector, there is no need to specify the PID or language: when the channel starts, AWS Elemental MediaLive will automatically select the first audio, which is acceptable for this tutorial.
- There is no need to create a captions selector. Typically you will include captions in the channel configuration, but in this tutorial we are omitting them.

Step 5: Create an HLS Output Group

1. In the navigation bar, move down to **Output groups** and choose **Add**.
2. Choose **HLS** and choose **Confirm**.
3. In **Name**, type "MyHLS".
4. In **CDN settings**, choose **Hls webdav**. This is the connection that AWS Elemental MediaPackage (the downstream system for the channel output) uses.

   Leave the defaults for all the other CDN fields.
5. In **HLS group destination A**, in **URL**, type or paste the first input URL that AWS Elemental MediaPackage created for you in step 2. For example, `https://39fuo4.mediapackage.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/in/v1/88dpie/channel`.
6. In **Credentials**, in **Username**, type or paste the username that corresponds to this URL. For example, `ue739wuty`.
7. In **Password**, choose **Create new parameter**.
8. In **Name**, type "DestinationA_MyHLS".
9. In **Password**, type or paste the password that corresponds to the URL. For example, `due484u`.
10. Click **Create new parameter**.

   You have created a parameter that holds the password. The parameter is stored in the Amazon EC2 Systems Manager Parameter Store. For more information, see the section called "Access to Amazon EC2 Systems Manager Parameter Store" (p. 3).
Step 6: Set up the Output and Encodes

1. In the navigation pane, choose Output 1. This output was automatically added when you created the output group. In addition, the output was automatically set up with one video and one audio, as shown in Stream settings.
2. In Stream settings choose Video.
3. In Video description name, change the default name to "H264 video".
   Leave the remaining fields with the default values. Specifically, leave Width and Height empty in order to use the same width as the input.
4. In Stream settings choose Audio.
5. In Audio description name, change the default name to "AAC audio".
6. In Audio selector name, type the audio selector you created in step 4, that is "My audio source"
   Leave the remaining fields with the default values. Specifically, leave Codec settings as AAC.

Step 7: Save

1. At the bottom of the navigation pane, choose Create channel.

   The channel section reappears and shows the newly created channel, named "MyHLS". The State changes to Creating, then Ready.
2. Stay on this pane for now.

Step 8: Start the Upstream System and the Channel

1. In your upstream system, start streaming the video sources that you set up in step 1. Set them up to push to the two destinations you noted in step 3. For example, rtp://198.51.100.0:5000 and rtp://198.51.100.44:5000.
2. On the channels list, select the channel.
3. Choose Start. The channel State changes to Starting, then to Running.
4. Switch to the web browser tab or window where the AWS Elemental MediaPackage is displayed.
5. Choose the channel link (not the radio button). On the details page, under Endpoints, choose Play. A preview window appears. Start the video. The output from AWS Elemental MediaLive starts playing.

Step 9: Clean up

To avoid extraneous charges, delete this input and channel when you have finished working with it.

1. On the Channels page, select the channel.
2. If needed, choose Stop.
3. Choose Delete.
Components of AWS Elemental MediaLive

The key building blocks of AWS Elemental MediaLive are inputs, input security groups, and channels. A channel in turn consists of output groups, which contain outputs, which contain video, audio, and captions "encodes".

When a channel is started (run), AWS Elemental MediaLive ingests the input. It then transcodes that video (and the related audio, captions, and metadata) and creates output assets. The information about how to transcode a given input is contained in a channel.

An input security group (p. 21) is a mechanism to prevent unauthorized third parties pushing content into a channel that is associated with "push" input.

Inputs

An input is a video asset that is to be transcoded and packaged. It may be associated with an input security group, which provides protection to the input, and with a channel, which provides details about the transcoding and packaging to perform.

AWS Elemental MediaLive supports different types of stream and file inputs (for example, RTP and HLS). The service also provides two ways to ingest the inputs, either through a push model or a pull model. For more information, see Supported Containers and Codecs (p. 42).

Channels

In AWS Elemental MediaLive a channel is attached to an input (source). A channel contains the details that instruct AWS Elemental MediaLive how to transcode (decode and encode) and package that input into specific outputs. The key components of a channel are an encode, an output, and an output group.

Encodes

An encode is the smallest component on the output side of a channel. Each encode contains the instructions for one video asset, one audio asset, or one captions asset that will be created by the transcoding process. Different encodes have different characteristics. For example, one video encode produced from the input may be high resolution while another is low resolution. Or one audio encode may use the AAC audio codec while another uses the Dolby Digital audio codec.

A channel can contain multiple video, audio and captions encodes.

In the following illustration, the red circle represents a video output, the blue circle represents an audio output, and the green circle represents a captions output.
Outputs

An output contains the encodes that belong together. For example, one output will contain the combination of video, audio, and captions encodes that make sense for one purpose, while another output will contain a different combination.

The output holds packaging instructions that apply to all the encodes in that output. For example, the packaging instructions for a UDP output are different from those for an Archive output. The encodes inside the outputs may be the same or different. But the packaging instructions are different.

Output Groups

An output group contains related outputs. An output group may contain only one output or it may contain several outputs. The output group holds details about the destination for all the outputs in that group.

Input Security Groups

An input security group is a group you create and associate with specific input types, in order to prevent unauthorized third parties pushing content into a channel. See Working with Input Security Groups (p. 21).
Planning Your Workflow for AWS Elemental MediaLive

To use AWS Elemental MediaLive to transcode a video asset, you follow this basic workflow:

1. You create an input for your video asset.
2. Optionally, you associate the input with an input security group (required only for certain types of inputs).
3. You create a channel in which you identify the input to transcode and specify how AWS Elemental MediaLive should ingest and encode that input.
4. You start (run) your channel, and AWS Elemental MediaLive ingests the input.
5. AWS Elemental MediaLive encodes the input (and any associated audio, captions, and metadata), and then creates the output.
6. You send the output to a packaging and origination service such as AWS Elemental MediaPackage.

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Setting up the Upstream System

The upstream system is the system that is streaming the video to AWS Elemental MediaLive. A contribution encode "on the ground" is a typical upstream system. You must perform some setup of your upstream system before you start working in AWS Elemental MediaLive.

Here are some guidelines for setting up the upstream video source that is the input into AWS Elemental MediaLive.

- Make sure the upstream system is capable of streaming using one of the supported protocols for input. See the section called "Supported Input Types" (p. 42). If your chosen protocol is RTP push, make sure to send over RTP, not UDP. The UDP protocol is not supported as an input into AWS Elemental MediaLive.
- Determine if your chosen protocol uses a "push" or a "pull"; see the section called "Supported Input Types" (p. 42).
- Find out how the input is encoded - the video codecs, audio codecs, and captions formats it uses. Make sure that the input codecs are supported: see the section called "Supported Input Types" (p. 42). Make sure the captions formats are supported Supported Captions (p. 66).
- AWS Elemental MediaLive requires redundant sources, so you must provide two video streams. For optimized redundancy, AWS Elemental MediaLive runs each source on different encoders in different Availability Zones (AZs).
The two streams must be identical in terms of resolution and bit rate. The streams need not be completely synchronized: AWS Elemental MediaLive will accept them if they are not. But AWS Elemental MediaLive will not adjust the streams in order to synchronize them. If an input failure occurs and AWS Elemental MediaLive fails over to the redundant input, then the output maybe skip or repeat.

- For a push input, keep in mind that the input needs to be ready when you start the associated channel. It does not need to be pushing before then.
- For a push input, determine the IP addresses the two streams will be pushing from and make a note of them. You will need this information in order to set up the required input security groups for the AWS Elemental MediaLive inputs that you will create.
- For a pull input, keep in mind that the input needs to be ready to be pulled at the moment that you create the associated channel. It must be ready at this point because AWS Elemental MediaLive verifies that the input can be accessed.

Planning the Input

To plan your input, identify which individual video, audio, and captions assets that you want to extract from the input and which ones you want to omit. For example, you must extract one video file, but you can choose to omit some captions languages.

The rules for extracting input are the following:

- You must extract one and only one video file.
- You can extract zero or more audio files. Typically, you extract multiple audio files so that you can include multiple languages in the output. But you can also extract multiple audio files to extract different audio formats, for example, AAC and Dolby Digital.
- You can extract zero or more captions files. Typically, you extract multiple captions files so that you can include multiple languages in the output. But you can also extract multiple captions to extract different captions formats, for example, DVB-Sub and an external file format such as SRT.

Planning the Channel

1. For the specified input, identify the output protocols (for streaming outputs) or the number of different output file types (for archive outputs).

   For example, you could create a streaming ABR HLS output asset, a streaming non-ABR HLS output asset, and an archive version of the HLS output asset (containing the highest bitrate video). You could also create a streaming ABR Smooth output asset.

2. For the first output asset, identify the number of video encodes that you need.

   - Some output assets consist of one video encode (one set of encoding settings). In this case, you will plan to create an output group that contains one video output.
   - An ABR output asset will have more than one video encode – for example, one high-bitrate video, one medium-bitrate video, and one low-bitrate video. The encoding instructions are identical (for example, they all use H.264) except for the bitrate. In this case, you will plan to create an output group with more than one video output.

3. For the first output asset, identify the audio encodes you need.

   Typically, you need one encode for each language (English, French, etc).

4. For the first output asset, identify the captions your need.

   Typically, you need one encode for each captions language (English, French, etc).
5. Group these encodes into outputs, as described in the section called “Examples of Channel Designs” (p. 17). Make sure the groupings follow the rules for encodes in outputs (p. 17).

6. Group the outputs into one output group. For example, group the outputs for the ABR HLS outputs into one output group.

7. Repeat the design of encodes, outputs, and output group for each output asset.

Rules for Encodes in an Output

One output can contain the following:

- A video encode.
- A video encode and one or more audio encodes.
- A video encode and one embedded-type captions.
- A video encode and one or more object-type captions.
- A video encode and one or more audio encodes and one embedded-type captions.
- A video encode and one or more audio encodes and one or more object-type captions.
- An audio encode.
- A sidecar-type captions.

The Result

- Each output in the channel becomes one media asset.
- If a media asset includes manifests, AWS Elemental MediaLive creates one master manifest for each output group and one variant manifest for each output.

Examples of Channel Designs

Following are examples of channel designs. The designs progress from simple designs that where you require only one video offering, to more complex designs for "ABR stacks" where you required several video offerings.

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- ABR Asset with Captions in Sidecars (p. 19)

Non-ABR Asset with Captions Embedded in the Video

For a non-ABR asset, you create the following outputs and encodes in the channel:

One output that contains one video, as many audios as you require, and as many captions assets as you require.

For example:
Non-ABR Segmented Asset with Captions as Separate Objects

In this example, captions are separate objects, but within the media asset (they are not sidecar files). Captions such as DVB-Sub are set up as separate objects. Running this channel produces one segmented media file that contains the video, audio, and captions encodes.

Non-ABR Segmented Asset with Captions as Sidecars

Regardless of the kind of ABR stack that you create, sidecar captions are always in their own output, one captions (language) per sidecar. But for the audio, the rule is that with an ABR stack, each audio encode is in its own output, while for a non-ABR stack, the audio encodes are in the same output as the video. Running this channel produces one media file that contain video and audio, and one media file for each captions asset.

ABR Asset with Captions Embedded in the Video

For an ABR asset, you create the following outputs and encodes:
• Several video outputs, each containing one video encodes (for example, one high-bitrate video, one medium-bitrate video, and one low-bitrate video) and the same embedded captions encode.
• One or more audio encodes (for example, one for each language).

For example:

Running this channel will produce five sets of segmented media files, one set for each video output and each audio output. In outputs that have manifests, it will also produce one master manifest and five variant manifests.

ABR Asset with Captions in Sidecars

In this example, the captions (each language) is in its own output:

Running this channel will produce seven sets of segmented media files. In outputs that have manifests, it will also produce one manifest file and seven variant manifests.

Setting up the Downstream System

You must set up the device or application that will be downstream of AWS Elemental MediaLive. The downstream system is different for different outputs.

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The output from AWS Elemental MediaLive will be considered input to this downstream system. You must set up this downstream “input” now because when you are creating the AWS Elemental MediaLive channel you will need the addresses of that input.

AWS Elemental MediaLive always works in redundant mode – it always encodes the input to two destinations (which are inputs from the downstream system’s point of view).

1. In your downstream system, set up two inputs.
   - If the downstream system is AWS Elemental MediaPackage, create two AWS Elemental MediaPackage channels. Make a note of the input addresses, the input username, and input password.
   - If the downstream system is an AWS S3 bucket, create two buckets. Make a note of the full path of the buckets.
   - If the downstream system is an AWS Elemental MediaStore container, create two containers. Make a note of the full path of the container and the data plane value of the container.
   - If the downstream system is a CDN, set up so that the CDN expects output at both its inputs. Make a note of the input addresses, and of the input username and input password, if applicable.

2. Put in place some mechanism for ensuring that the output from AWS Elemental MediaLive is arriving successfully:
   - If the output is an archive input, some system downstream of AWS Elemental MediaLive must make sure that one or other of the buckets contains the complete file output.
   - If the output is a stream to AWS S3 or AWS Elemental MediaStore, some system downstream of AWS Elemental MediaLive must make sure that or other of the buckets is continually receiving the streaming output. The system downstream of AWS S3 or AWS Elemental MediaStore should only access complete content.
   - If the downstream system is a CDN, make sure it has logic for detecting a loss in input and switching from one input to the other when that loss is detected.
Working with Input Security Groups

An input security group restricts access to an input and prevents unauthorized third parties from pushing content into a channel that is associated with a "push" input. Input security groups are required with RTP and RTMP "push" inputs; they do not apply to "pull" inputs such as HLS. Without the protection of this feature, any third party could push content to an AWS Elemental MediaLive input if they know the IP address and port. Note that setting permissions on the account that owns the channel does not prevent this third-party push; only an input security group prevents it.

An input security group is a set of one or more whitelist rules. Each rule is a range of IP addresses. These IP addresses are allowed to push traffic to the input destinations of a channel (to push traffic to the channel's input).

You create an input security group and attach it to an input.

You can attach an input security group to more than one input. But each input can be associated with only one input security group. In other words, the rule is one input security group to one or more inputs.

Creating an Input Security Group

To create an input security group:

1. Open the AWS Elemental MediaLive console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/medialive?region="region".
2. In the navigation pane, choose Input security groups.
3. On the Input security groups page, choose Create input security group.
4. For New security group, type one or more IPv4 CIDR blocks. Each CIDR block must include a subnet mask. Separate the entries with commas, or type each entry on a separate line. Each item in the list represents one whitelist rule, even if it encompasses several individual addresses. For example, each of the following examples counts as one rule:
   - 192.0.2.0/24
   - 192.0.2.111/32
5. Choose Create.

Deleting an Input Security Group

Input security groups can be deleted but they cannot be edited.

Important
If you delete an input security group that is associated with an input, the input becomes unusable because the input no longer has the required input security group. Additionally, you can't attach another input security group to the input because you can't edit an input. If the channel that is associated with that input is running, it continues to run and accept input according to the input security group rule that you deleted. But if the channel is stopped (manually or because of a problem), the channel also becomes unusable.

We strongly recommend that you delete an input security group only if it's associated with an input that no longer exists.
To delete an input security group:

1. Open the AWS Elemental MediaLive console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/medialive?region="region".
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Input security groups**.
3. On the **Input security groups** page, check the group or groups to delete.
4. Choose **Delete**.
Creating Input

An input is a video asset that is to be transcoded and packaged. The source of the video asset is the "upstream system" – the system in your end-to-end workflow whose activities occur before those of AWS Elemental MediaLive.

AWS Elemental MediaLive supports specific input types. For more information on the types, see the section called “Supported Input Types” (p. 42).

You must create an AWS Elemental MediaLive input in order to provide information about the source of the video asset.

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- Creating an RTP Push Input (p. 23)
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- Creating an HLS Pull Input (p. 24)

Creating an RTP Push Input

You must create your input before you create the channel that ingests the input.

1. Open the AWS Elemental MediaLive console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/medialive?region="region".
2. In the navigation pane, choose Inputs.
3. On the Inputs page, choose Create input.
4. In the Input details section, for Input name, type a name.
5. For Input type, choose RTP.
6. In the Input security group section, specify a group to associate with this "push" input. You can choose an existing group, or you can create a group. For more information about security groups, see Working with Input Security Groups (p. 21).
7. Choose Create.
8. AWS Elemental MediaLive adds the input to the list of inputs and automatically creates two destinations (one primary and one redundant). These destinations include the port 5000. For example, rtp://198.51.100.0:5000 and rtp://198.51.100.44:5000. These are the two locations where the upstream system must push the source.

Provide the upstream system with these locations.

Creating an RTMP Push Input

1. Open the AWS Elemental MediaLive console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/medialive?region="region".
2. In the navigation pane, choose Inputs.
3. On the Inputs page, choose Create input.
4. In the Input details section, for Input name, type a name.
Creating an RTMP Pull Input

1. Open the AWS Elemental MediaLive console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/medialive?
region="region".
2. In the navigation pane, choose Inputs.
3. On the Inputs page, choose Create input.
4. In the Input details section, for Input name, type a name.
5. For Input type, choose RTMP (pull).
6. In the Input sources section, type the full URI of the two locations where AWS Elemental MediaLive
will pull the source from. Obtain these locations from the upstream system. Also, enter the user name and Amazon EC2 password key for accessing the RTMP location. These credentials are stored on the Amazon EC2 Systems Manager Parameter Store. For more information, see the section called "Access to Amazon EC2 Systems Manager Parameter Store" (p. 3).
7. Choose Create.
8. AWS Elemental MediaLive adds the input to the list of inputs. The sources don't appear in the list, but
if you choose the Name link, the details page shows these sources.

Creating an HLS Pull Input

1. Open the AWS Elemental MediaLive console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/medialive?
region="region".
2. In the navigation pane, choose Inputs.
3. On the Inputs page, choose Create input.
4. In the Input details section, for Input name, type a name.
5. For Input type, choose HLS.
6. In the Input sources section, type the full URI of the two locations where AWS Elemental MediaLive
will pull the M3U8 manifest source from. Obtain these locations from the upstream system. Enter the location of the M3U8 manifest in one of these formats:
• For a location that supports HTTP or HTTPS, type an HTTP or HTTPS URI. For example, https://203.0.113.0/newschannel/anytownusa.m3u8 and https://203.0.113.254/newschannel/anytownusa.m3u8.

• For a manifest that is stored on AWS Elemental MediaStore, the URI must include the data endpoint for the container. For example, the M3U8 file is called mlaw.m3u8 and it is stored on the container "movies" in the folder path "premium/canada". The URL for the container might be eri39n.data.mediasstore.us-west-2.amazonaws.com. The value you enter in this field would be mediatostressl://eri39n.data.mediasstore.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/premium/canada/mlaw.m3u8.

• For a manifest that is stored on Amazon S3, type the protocol as s3 or s3ssl, and then type the bucket and object for the manifest. For example, s3:/movies/mlaw.m3u8 and s3:/movies/redundant/mlaw.m3u8.

7. If you are using a secure connection (S3SSL), you must also enter the user name and EC2 password key for accessing the location. These credentials are stored on the Amazon EC2 Systems Manager Parameter Store. For more information, see the section called "Access to Amazon EC2 Systems Manager Parameter Store" (p. 3).

8. Choose Create.

9. AWS Elemental MediaLive adds the input to the list of inputs. The sources don't appear in the list, but if you choose the Name link, the details page shows these sources.
Creating a Channel

A channel contains the details that instruct AWS Elemental MediaLive how to transcode (decode and encode) and package your input into specific outputs.

There are three ways to create a channel:

- **Create from scratch.** You provide details about inputs, the number of outputs and their destinations, and the number of encodes. Many fields contain system default values.
- **Use a template.** You provide details about inputs, the number of outputs and their destinations, and the number of encodes. Many fields contain values that are specific to the template and are different from the system defaults.
- **Clone an existing channel.** Your new channel inherits all the information from an existing channel, and you can change as many values as you want. You must change some values to ensure uniqueness.

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- Creating a Channel from a Template (p. 40)
- Creating a Channel from a Clone of Another Channel (p. 40)

Creating a Channel from Scratch

To create all the component parts of a channel from scratch, without using a template or cloning an existing channel, sign in to the AWS Elemental MediaLive console and follow these steps in sequential order.

**Note**

Before you start the process to create a channel, create the input that you will attach to the channel.

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**Step 1: Get Started**

Use the following procedure to name your channel and choose a role for accessing the channel.
Note
Before you start the process to create a channel, create the input that you will attach to the channel.

To name your channel and choose a role
1. In the navigation pane of the console, choose Channels.
2. On the Channels page, choose Create channel.
3. In the Channel and input details pane, in the General info section, complete the following fields:
   a. For Channel name, type a name for your channel.
   b. For IAM role, choose one of the following options: Use existing role, Create role from template, or Specify custom role ARN. If you choose Use existing role, choose the role from the dropdown list. If you choose Create role from template, read the policy information, and then choose Create IAM role. If you choose Specify custom role ARN, type the ARN.
   c. Remember ARN: Check if you plan to use this ARN for more than one channel.
4. When you are ready, go to the next step (p. 27).

Step 2: Set Up the Input
Use this procedure to attach and configure your input.

To set up the input
1. In the Channel and input details pane, in the Attach input section, choose an input:
   • For an RTP push input, the Input destinations section appears. It shows the two locations on AWS Elemental MediaLive that the upstream system pushes the source to when the channel is running. AWS Elemental MediaLive automatically generates these locations when you create the input. The following examples show the format:

   rtp://198.51.100.0:5000 and rtp://198.51.100.44:5000

   • For an RTMP push input, the Input destinations section appears. It shows the two locations on AWS Elemental MediaLive that the upstream system pushes the source to when the channel is running. AWS Elemental MediaLive automatically generates these locations when you create the input. Each location consists of an address portion that is automatically generated, appended by the folder that you specify when you create the input. The following examples show the format:

   rtmp://198.51.100.0:1935/movies/classic and rtmp://198.51.100.45:1935/movies/classic

   • For an RTMP pull input, the Input sources section appears. It shows the locations of the source video; you specify these locations when you create the input. The following examples show the format:


   • For an HLS pull input, the Input sources section appears. It shows the locations of the source video; you specify these locations when you create the input. The following examples show the format:

   For an HTTPS pull: https://203.0.113.0/newschannel/anytownusa.m3u8 and https://203.0.113.254/newschannel/anytownusa.m3u8

   For an AWS Elemental MediaStore pull: mediastoressl://eri39n.data mediastore.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/premium/canada/mlaw.m3u8 and mediastoressl://
2. Complete the following fields in the **Input settings** section, as needed:

- **Input Settings – Network Input Settings**
  Complete this section only if the input is HLS. Complete each field as appropriate.

- **Input Settings – Other Settings**
  The fields that are not within the **Network input settings** section apply to all inputs. Complete each field as appropriate.

- **Input Settings – Video selector**
  This section contains fields relating to PID selection (used to identify the location of the video you want to extract), and relating to the optional color space feature. Complete each field as appropriate.

  There is no button to add more video selectors because you can extract only one video asset from the input.

- **Input Settings – Audio selectors**
  This section is required if you want to extract audio from the input. You create one or more audio selectors to identify the audio to extract. Typically, you identify different languages from the input, but you can also extract different audio codecs (such as AAC and Dolby).

  For each audio that you want to extract, choose **Add audio selector**. To identify the location of the audio and to specify optional handling of the audio, complete the fields that appear.

- **Input Settings – Caption selectors**
  This section is required if you want to extract captions from the input or to specify an external file as the source of the captions. You create one or more captions selectors to identify the captions to extract. Typically, you identify different languages in each selector, but you can also identify different captions formats.

  For each set of captions that you want to extract or include, choose **Add captions selector**. For detailed information about setting up an input for captions, see *Working with Captions* (p. 45), specifically the section called “Step 2: Set Up the Input” (p. 27).

3. When you are ready, go to the next step (p. 28).

**Step 3: Set Global Settings and Optional Features**

AWS Elemental MediaLive has several settings that apply globally to all outputs; these settings are therefore located in this section, rather than in individual output groups and outputs.

AWS Elemental MediaLive also has features that are optional. You can choose to enable these features.

1. On the Create channel navigation pane, choose General Settings.
2. Set these optional features and global settings as needed.
3. When done with these fields, go to the next step (p. 29).

**Avail Blanking**

Optional feature. You can set up to blank out the output video during ad avails. For details, see *SCTE-35 Message Processing* (p. 72).
Avail Configuration

Optional feature. You can modify the way that AWS Elemental MediaLive handles SCTE-35ad avail messages, or you can leave the default behavior. See *SCTE-35 Message Processing* (p. 72) for information on the default behavior and modifying that behavior.

Blackout Slate

Optional feature. You can set up to black out the output video as specified by program metadata, if that metadata is present in the input. For details, see *SCTE-35 Message Processing* (p. 72).

Global Configuration

Global configuration settings. In this section, complete the first three fields as appropriate. For details on each field, select the field and view the help pane.

Global Configuration - Input Loss Behavior

Global configuration settings. The Input Loss Behavior fields change how AWS Elemental MediaLive handles input loss. When AWS Elemental MediaLive detects that the input has not arrived within the expected time, it repeats the previous frame for a configurable number of milliseconds (from zero to forever). When that time expires, it displays a black frame for a configurable number of milliseconds (from zero to forever). When that time expires, it switches to a specified slate or to a specified color. When input resumes, the normal ingest continues.

You can change this behavior: in Input Loss Behavior, choose Input Loss Behavior. The default values are shown in the fields that appear. Change the fields as desired. If you want to later switch back to the default behavior, simply set Input Loss Behavior to Disabled.

Image Inserter

Optional feature. You can insert static graphic overlays on the output video.

Timecode Config

Global configuration settings. This section lets you specify the timecode for the output. This timecode does not have to be the same as the timecode you specified for the input. The input timecode fields are used to notify AWS Elemental MediaLive what timecode is present in the input, so that AWS Elemental MediaLive can find it, and read it or apply it correctly. The output timecode fields are used to specify the timecode format AWS Elemental MediaLive must apply to the output.

Step 4: Create Output Groups

Create the output groups you identified when you planned the channel the section called “Planning the Channel” (p. 16). AWS Elemental MediaLive supports different output types; see the section called “Supported Codecs for Outputs” (p. 44).

Creating an Archive Output Group

1. On the Create channel navigation pane, go to the Output groups section and choose Add. The content pane changes to show the Add output group section.
3. Complete the fields as described below.
4. When you have entered all the information for one output group, create another output group, if desired. Otherwise, go to the next step (p. 36).

**Archive settings**

- Enter a name for the output group. For example, "Sports Game 10122017 ABR" or "tvchannel59".
- Choose Additional Settings and complete the Rollover Interval field, if desired. This field interacts with the fields in the Archive destinations section lower down on this panel.

**Archive destinations**

You must specify the destination for this output. The destination is a bucket and object in an AWS S3 account.

Specify the URL for two destinations. You must specify two destinations because AWS Elemental MediaLive works in redundant mode for outputs: it requires two destinations.

In each URL, specify the path and base filename for the output file or files.

- For the path, specify the AWS S3 protocol, bucket and folders. For example, s3ssl://interviews/3series/Delivery/ and s3ssl://interviews/3series/Backup/.
- For the base filename, enter a value, not including the extension, for example, "3633_WangXiuLan". Or enter "/" to use the name of the input as the base filename. The URL is one piece of the information used for the location and filenames (p. 30) of the output file.

**Archive outputs**

This section contains fields related to the encoding of the video, audio, and captions in the output, and related to the packaging and delivery of the output.

- Choose Add output if you want more than one output in this output group. An Output line is added for each output. Setup of the individual outputs is described in the section called "Step 5: Create Outputs" (p. 36).
- In the Name modifier field for each output, enter a modifier, if appropriate. See the section called "About Archive Locations and Filenames" (p. 30) for uses for this field.

**About Archive Locations and Filenames**

The location of archive output files is controlled by several fields in the Archive output group and the individual outputs:

- The path portion of the URLs in the Archive destinations section. For example, "s3ssl://interviews/3series/Delivery/". Required.
- The base filename portion of URL. For example, "3633_WangXiuLan". Optional.
- The Name modifier field in the Archive outputs section. Required only in output groups with more than one output. For example, ",_high".
- The Extension field in the Archive outputs section. Optional. The default is ".ts".
- The Rollover Interval field in the Archive settings section. Optional. For example "600" to divide the output into separate files, each 600 seconds (10 minutes) long.

Typically, you complete only some combinations of these fields, as described in the examples (p. 31).
Examples of Archive Output Groups

Example 1

You want to create an archive of the streaming output from TV channel 59. You want to store the output in the S3 bucket named "channel59" and want to break up the stream into 10 minute chunks.

- In Archive settings, in Rollover interval, enter 600.
- In Archive destinations, set up with the primary and backup URLs as s3ssl://channel59/delivery/2017October and s3ssl://channel59/backup/2017October.
- In Archive outputs, in Name modifier, enter _$dt$.
- In Archive outputs, leave Extension blank in order to use the default (.ts).
- Choose the Settings link for the output and set up as desired. For example, set up one video, one audio, and one captions asset.

Result: the output will be broken into files of 10 minutes each. Each file will have a filename of "2017October" plus the time, with the time incrementing by 10 minutes in each file. For example "2017October_20171012T0331622", then 10 minutes later "2017October_20171012T0332622", and so on. Each file will be stored in both s3ssl://channel59/delivery and s3ssl://channel59/backup.

Example 2

You want to create an archive of a short interview that is also being streamed (in a separate HLS output group). You want to store the output in the AWS S3 bucket named "interview_3633_WangXiuLan". You want to create one file for the entire interview.

- In the Archive destinations section, set up with the primary and backup URLs as s3ssl://interviews/3series/Delivery/3633_WangXiuLan and s3ssl://interviews/3series/Backup/3633_WangXiuLan.
- In Archive outputs, leave Name modifier blank.
- In Archive outputs, in Extension, enter ".m2ts"
- Choose the Settings link for the output and set up as desired. For example, set up one video, one audio, and one captions asset.

Result: the file 3633_WangXiuLan.m2ts will be stored in s3ssl://moviesDelivery and s3ssl://moviesBackup.

Example 3

You want to create an archive of highlights from the curling game that are also being streamed (in a separate HLS output group). You want to create three outputs: high, medium, and low bitrate. You want to store the outputs in the AWS S3 bucket named "sports/highlights/curling". You want to create one file for each output.

- In Archive destinations, set up the primary and backup URLs as s3ssl://sports/delivery/highlights/curling/10312017 and s3ssl://sports/backup/highlights/curling/10312017 (where the first part of the URL is the bucket and folder, and 10312017 is the date).
- In Archive outputs, choose Add output twice: two more Output lines are added to this section, for a total of three lines. In each line, enter a modifier: _high, _medium, and _low.
- In Archive outputs, leave Extension blank in order to use the default (.ts).
- Choose the Settings link for each individual output and set up as desired. For example, set up one video, one audio, and one captions asset for each output.
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Result: three separate files will be created for each output. Each file will have a filename of "10312017" plus the modifier, so "10312017_high.ts", "10312017_medium.ts" and "10312017_low.ts". The files will be stored in s3ssl://sports/delivery/highlights/curling and s3ssl://sports/backup/highlights/curling.

Creating an HLS Output Group

1. On the Create channel navigation pane, go to the Output groups section and choose Add. The content pane changes to show the Add output group section.
3. Complete the fields as described below.
4. When you have entered all the information for one output group, create another output group, if desired. Otherwise, go to the next step (p. 36).

HLS settings

- Enter a name for the output group. For example, "Sports Game 10122017 ABR" or "tvchannel59".
- In CDN Settings, set the value to specify the type of connection that being used to write to the destination URLs (specified in the HLS destinations section lower down on this panel). When you have done that, more fields appear, appropriate to the type of connection. For details on a field, select the field and view the help pane.
- Change the value of Input loss action, if desired.
- Complete the Caption language mappings fields only if the output includes embedded captions.
- Complete the Location section to specify the location and organization of the manifest and asset files at the publishing point. The fields in this section work with the fields in the HLS destinations.
- Complete the Manifest and segments section to change the default setup of the HLS manifest and the segmentation of output.
- Complete the DRM section only if you are setting up for DRM using a static key to encrypt the output. In Key provider settings, choose Static key and complete all the other fields as appropriate. For details on a field, select the field and view the help pane.

In a static key setup, you enter an encryption key in this section (along with other configuration data) and then give that key to the other party (for example, by sending it in an email). Static key is not really a DRM solution and is not particularly secure.

AWS Elemental MediaLive supports only static key as an encryption option. To use a DRM solution with a key provider, you must deliver the output to AWS Elemental MediaPackage (in other words, set up AWS Elemental MediaPackage as the destination for the output). See the documentation for AWS Elemental MediaPackage.

- Complete the Ad Marker section if you are including SCTE-35 ad messages in the output. See SCTE-35 Message Processing (p. 72) and specifically the section called "Enabling Decoration – HLS" (p. 78).
- Complete the Captions section.
- Complete the ID3 section if applicable.

HLS destinations

You must specify two destinations for this output. The destination can be one of the following:

- A CDN that uses HTTP (or HTTPS) PUT.
- A CDN that uses HTTP or HTTPS WebDAV.
- An Akamai CDN (this always uses HTTP or HTTPS).
- An AWS Elemental MediaStore container (mediastoressl://).
• An AWS S3 bucket (s3:// or s3ssl://).

(More details about communicating with the destination are specified in the CDN fields in the HLS settings section higher up on this panel.)

Specify the URLs for two destinations. You must specify two destinations because AWS Elemental MediaLive works in redundant mode for outputs: it requires two destinations.

Include the protocol type but do not include a port number.

Specify the path and base filename for manifests and media files. For the folder, give the absolute path to the base filename (but not including the base filename). For example, "http://northamerica/sports". For the base filename, enter a value, for example, "curling", or enter "/" to use the name of the input as the base filename. The URL is one piece of the information used for the location and filenames (p. 33) of the manifest and media files.

HLS outputs

This section contains fields related to the encoding of the video, audio, and captions in the output, and related to the packaging and delivery of the output.

• Choose Add output if you want more than one output in this output group. An Output line is added for each output. Setup of the individual outputs is described in the section called “Step 5: Create Outputs” (p. 36).

• In the Name modifier field for each output, enter a modifier, if appropriate. See the section called “Example of an HLS Output Group” (p. 34) for uses for this field.

About HLS Locations and Filenames

HLS output consists of a manifest, one rendition manifest for each output in the output group, and media files: one set of .ts files for each output, and optionally one or more captions files for each output. For example, one manifest file called curling.m3u8, one rendition manifest called curling_high.m3u8, and many .ts files containing the video and audio (each file containing one segment of a specified number of seconds) and three .vtt files for English, French, and Spanish Web-VTT captions.

The location of these files is controlled by several fields in the HLS output group and the individual outputs:

• The path portion of the URLs in the HLS destinations section. For example, "https://sports". Identifies the location of the manifest and media files.

• The base filename portion of URL. For example, "curling". Used in the manifest filenames and media filenames.

• The Name modifier field in HLS outputs section. Required only in output groups with more than one output. For example, "_high". Used in the rendition manifest filenames and in media filenames.

For example, the manifest file would be "curling", rendition manifest files would be "curling_high" and "curling_low". Media video files would by "curling_high.00001.ts", "curling_high.00002.ts", and so on for output 1, and "curling_medium.00001.ts", "curling_medium.00002.ts", and so on for output 2.

• The Segment modifier field in Output settings section of each individual output. Always optional. For example, "_high". Used only in the media filenames. Typically used instead of Name modifier, when you have only one output in the output group and you want a modifier in the media but not in the manifest.

For example, the manifest file would be "curling", the rendition manifest file would be "curling", and media video files would by "curling_high.00001.ts", "curling_high.00002.ts".

• The Base URL manifest field and Base URL in the Location section. Always optional. These fields are typically used only for non-standard manifests.
• The Directory structure field in the Location section. Optional. Used only to create subdirectories for the media files. Creates one subdirectory for each output, then creates sub-subdirectories according to the Segments per subdirectory field.

For example, the high-resolution media files would go in subdirectories with the same name as each rendition manifest: “curling_high” and “curling_low”. Inside each subdirectory would be a sub-subdirectory named “00001” (for the first set of media files), “00002” (for the next set of media files), and so on.

Example of an HLS Output Group

You want to stream the curling game to AWS Elemental MediaPackage. You want to create three outputs: high, medium, and low bitrate.

• In HLS settings, set CDN Settings to HLS WebDAV; this is the type of connection that AWS Elemental MediaPackage uses. Change the CDN fields that appear, or leave the defaults.
• In HLS settings, choose Location; more fields appear. Leave the defaults in all the fields; these fields are not used in this example.
• In HLS destinations, set up the primary and backup URLs using the https protocol. The URLs are the Input URLs from the channel in AWS Elemental MediaPackage. As discussed in the section called “Setting up the Downstream System” (p. 19), the input in AWS Elemental MediaPackage is identical to the output from AWS Elemental MediaLive. This input URL must already exist in AWS Elemental MediaPackage. For example, https://62e3c93793c034c.mediapackage.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/in/v1/9378dje8/channel for one destination and https://60dei849783734c.mediapackage.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/in/v1/6da5ba717b557a/channel for the other. Note that in AWS Elemental MediaPackage, URLs always end in "channel", so the base filename in AWS Elemental MediaLive must be "channel".

The protocol is SSL, therefore complete the username and EC2 Parameter store name field.
• In HLS outputs, choose Add output twice: two more Output lines are added to this section, for a total of three lines. In each line, enter a modifier: _high in output 1, _medium in output 2, and _low in output 3.
• Choose the Settings link for each individual output and set up as desired.

Result: Files will be created with the following names:

• One master manifest: channel.m3u8
• One rendition manifest for each output: channel_high.m3u8, channel_medium.m3u8, channel_low.m3u8
• TS files for each output: channel_high.00001.ts, channel_high.00002.ts, channel_high.00003.ts, and so on. And channel_medium.00001.ts, channel_medium.00002.ts, channel_medium.00003.ts, and so on. And channel_low.00001.ts, channel_low.00002.ts, channel_low.00003.ts, and so on.

The files will be published to both URL inputs on AWS Elemental MediaPackage.

Creating a Microsoft Smooth Output Group

1. On the Create channel navigation pane, go to the Output groups section and choose Add. The content pane changes to show the Add output group section.
3. Complete the fields as described below.
4. When you have entered all the information for one output group, create another output group, if desired. Otherwise, go to the next step (p. 36).
Microsoft Smooth settings

- Enter a name for the output group. For example, "Sports Game 10122017 ABR" or "tvchannel59".
- Choose General configuration if you want to change the default setup of the Microsoft Smooth manifest and fragments. For details on a field, select the field and view the help pane.
- Choose Event configuration if you want to change the configuration of the event information that is sent to the Microsoft IIS server. For details on a field, select the field and view the help pane.
- Choose Timecode configuration if you want to change the default setup of the timecode and timestamp that will be used in all the outputs in this output group. For details on a field, select the field and view the help pane.
- Choose Sparse track if you want all the outputs in this output group to include the SCTE-35 messages that are already present in the input. The messages will be included in a sparse track. For details on a field, select the field and view the help pane.

Microsoft Smooth destinations

Specify the URLs for two destinations. You must specify two destinations because AWS Elemental MediaLive works in redundant mode for outputs: it requires two destinations. The URLs must use the HTTP or HTTPS protocol. Do not include the port.

Specify the path portion of the destination as /folders/basefilename. The basefilename will be used as the first part of the filename of all the files for all outputs in this output group. Or specify it as /folders/. In this case, the name of the input will be used for the filenames.

Microsoft Smooth outputs

This section contains fields related to the encoding of the video, audio, and captions in the output, and related to the packaging and delivery of the output.

- Choose Add output if you want more than one output in this output group. An Output line is added for each output. Setup of the individual outputs is described in the section called "Step 5: Create Outputs" (p. 36).
- In the Name modifier field for each output, enter a modifier, if appropriate. See examples (p. 35) for uses for this field.

Example of a Microsoft Smooth Output Group

You want to stream the curling game to an origin server that supports Microsoft Smooth. You want to create three outputs: high, medium, and low bitrate.

- In Microsoft Smooth settings, leave or change the defaults, as desired.
- In Microsoft Smooth destinations, set up the primary and backup URLs using the https protocol. For example, https://192.0.2.0/sports/curling/$d$ and https://192.0.2.230/sports/curling/$d$. The protocol is SSL, therefore complete the username and EC2 Parameter store name field.
- In Microsoft Smooth outputs, choose Add output twice: two more Output lines are added to this section, for a total of three lines. In each line, enter a modifier: _high in output 1, _medium in output 2, and _low in output 3.
- Choose the Settings link for each individual output and set up as desired. Assume you are setting up one video, one audio, and one captions asset for each output.

Result: Assuming the channel is run on November 30, 2017, then files will be created with the following names:

- One master manifest: 20171130.isml
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- A set of video, audio and captions for output 1: 20171130_high.ismv, 20171130_high.isma, 20171130_high.ismt
- A set of video, audio and captions for output 2: 20171130_medium.ismv, 20171130_medium.isma, 20171130_medium.ismt
- A set of video, audio and captions for output 3: 20171130_low.ismv, 20171130_low.isma, 20171130_low.ismt

The files will be published to both destinations: s3ssl://sports/delivery/highlights/curling and s3ssl://sports/backup/highlights/curling.

Creating a UDP Output Group

1. On the Create channel navigation pane, go to the Output groups section and choose Add. The content pane changes to show the Add output group section.
3. Complete the fields as described below.
4. When you have entered all the information for one output group, create another output group, if desired. Otherwise, go to the next step (p. 36).

UDP settings

- Enter a name for the output group. For example, "Sports Game 10122017 ABR" or "tvchannel59".
- Change the value of Input loss action, if desired.
- Complete the ID3 fields if applicable.

UDP destinations

Specify the URLs for two destinations. You must specify two destinations because AWS Elemental MediaLive works in redundant mode for outputs: it requires two destinations. The URLs must use the RTP or UDP protocol and must include a port number.

If FEC is enabled (this field is in the Output panel, not the Output group panel), then leave space between the port numbers for the two destinations. For example, if one destination is rtp://192.0.2.0:5000, then assume that FEC will also use port 5002 and 5004. So the lowest possible port number for the other destination is 5005: rtp://192.0.2.230:5005.

UDP outputs

This section contains fields related to the encoding of the video, audio, and captions in the output, and related to the packaging and delivery of the output.

Choose Add output if you want more than one output in this output group. An Output line is added for each output. Setup of the individual outputs is described in the section called “Step 5: Create Outputs” (p. 36).

Step 5: Create Outputs

Every output group contains one or more outputs. Each output contains the individual video, audio, and captions encodes as well as configuration information for the type of output. For example, it contains configuration information specific to an HLS output.

This section describes how to create and configure the outputs and assumes you have created the output group (p. 36).
1. On the Output group panel, the Output section is set up by default with one output. If you need to create more outputs (as determined when you planned the channel (p. 16), then choose Add Output as many times as required. A new output line is added.

2. Choose the settings link beside the first output line. The content panel shows the fields for that output. The panel for all output types shows two sections: Output settings and Stream settings. The fields in Output settings are different for each output type. The fields in Stream settings are the same for all output types.

3. Complete both sections as described below.

4. When done, go to the next output in this output group. When you have set up all the outputs in the output group, go to the outputs in the next output group.

When you have set up all outputs, go to the next step (p. 39).

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Settings for an Archive Output

Output Settings Section

1. Complete the Name modifier field as described in the section called “Archive destinations” (p. 30).
2. Leave Extension blank; it will always be set to m2ts.
3. In the fields under Container Settings, change any values as desired. For details on a field, select the field and view the help pane.
4. In the fields under PID settings, change any values as desired. For details on a field, select the field and view the help pane.

Streams Section

In Stream settings, decide if you need to create more encodes for this output, based on the workflow you planned (p. 16). By default, each output is set up with one video encode and one audio encode. Select the appropriate Add button or Delete button to set up the output with the encodes – video, audio, captions – you planned for this output.

For example, in one output you may want one video and two audios, in another output you may want one captions, and in a third output you may want just one captions.

See the section called “Step 6: Set Up the Video Encode” (p. 39), the section called “Step 7: Set Up the Audio Encodes” (p. 39), and the section called “Step 8: Set Up the Captions Encodes” (p. 40) for information on the fields in each type of encode.

Settings for an HLS Output

Output Settings Section

1. Complete the Name modifier and Segment modifier fields as described in the section called “HLS destinations” (p. 32).
2. Set HLS Settings field as appropriate:
   - If this output is a regular output with video and audio encodes, then choose Standard HLS. More fields appear. Leave Audio Rendition Sets as is (the value is ignored), and complete the fields under M3U8 as desired; the default value is often desireable. For details on a field, select the field and view the help pane.
   - If this output is an output that contains only a video encode and the output is part of an output group that includes an audio rendition group, then choose Standard HLS. More fields appear.
Complete Audio Rendition Sets as required. Complete the fields under M3U8 as desired; the default value is often desirable. For details on a field, select the field and view the help pane.

- If this output is an output that contains only an audio encode and the output is part of an output group that includes an audio rendition group or is part of an output group that has only audio encodes (no video at all), then choose Audio only HLS. A special set of fields appear for configuring the audio. For details on a field, select the field and view the help pane.

**Streams Section**

In Stream settings, decide if you need to create more encodes for this output, based on the workflow you planned (p. 16). By default, each output is set up with one video encode and one audio encode. Select the appropriate Add button or Delete button to set up the output with the encodes – video, audio, captions – you planned for this output.

For example, in one output you may want one video and two audios, in another output you may want one captions, and in a third output you may want just one captions.

See the section called “Step 6: Set Up the Video Encode” (p. 39), the section called “Step 7: Set Up the Audio Encodes” (p. 39), and the section called “Step 8: Set Up the Captions Encodes” (p. 40) for information on the fields in each type of encode.

**Settings for a Microsoft Smooth Output**

**Output Settings Section**

Complete the Name modifier field as described in the section called "Microsoft Smooth destinations" (p. 35).

**Streams Section**

In the Stream settings section, decide if you need to create more encodes for this output, based on the workflow you planned (p. 16). By default, each output is set up with one video encode and one audio encode. Select the appropriate Add button or Delete button to set up the output with the encodes – video, audio, captions – you planned for this output.

For example, in one output you may want one video and two audios, in another output you may want one captions, and in a third output you may want just one captions.

See the section called “Step 6: Set Up the Video Encode” (p. 39), the section called “Step 7: Set Up the Audio Encodes” (p. 39), and the section called “Step 8: Set Up the Captions Encodes” (p. 40) for information on the fields in each type of encode.

**Settings for a UDP Output**

**Output Settings Section**

1. Choose a value for FEC Output Settings.
2. In the fields under Network Settings, change any values as desired. For details on a field, select the field and view the help pane.
3. In the fields under PID settings, change any values as desired. For details on a field, select the field and view the help pane.

**Streams Section**

In Stream settings, decide if you need to create more encodes for this output, based on the workflow you planned (p. 16). By default, each output is set up with one video encode and one audio encode.
Select the appropriate Add button or Delete button to set up the output with the encodes – video, audio, captions – you planned for this output.

For example, in one output you may want one video and two audios, in another output you may want one captions, and in a third output you may want just one captions.

See the section called “Step 6: Set Up the Video Encode” (p. 39), the section called “Step 7: Set Up the Audio Encodes” (p. 39), and the section called “Step 8: Set Up the Captions Encodes” (p. 40) for information on the fields in each type of encode.

Step 6: Set Up the Video Encode

The output section for every type of output group (Archive, HLS, Microsoft Smooth, and UDP) contains a Stream settings section. In the Stream settings section, you create "encodes" for the video, audio, and captions in the output and specify the details of how you want these assets encoded.

This section describes how to set up a video encode and assumes you have created the output (p. 36) that will hold the video. Note that the configuration options for a video encode are identical for all output group types.

1. In the Create channel navigation panel, find the output group (which you have already created (p. 29)).
2. Under that output group, find the output (which you have already created (p. 36)) where you want to set up a video encode.
3. Choose the link for the video encode. The fields for video encoding appear. Complete each field as appropriate. For details on a field, select the field and view the help pane.
4. Continue setting up the audio encodes (p. 39), video encodes, and captions encodes (p. 40) for all outputs in all output groups. When done, go to save the channel (p. 40).

Step 7: Set Up the Audio Encodes

The output section for every type of output group (Archive, HLS, Microsoft Smooth, and UDP) contains a Stream settings section. In the Stream settings section, you create "encodes" for the video, audio, and captions in the output and specify the details of how you want these assets encoded.

This section describes how to set up an audio encode and assumes you have created the output (p. 36) that will hold the audio. Note that the configuration options for an audio encode are identical for all output group types.

1. In the Create channel navigation panel, find the output group (which you have already created (p. 29)).
2. Under that output group, find the output (which you have already created (p. 36)) where you want to set up the audio encode.
3. Choose the link for one of the audio encodes (you may have created more than one encode).
4. In the Codec settings field, select the codec to use to encode this audio asset. The remaining fields change to match this codec.
5. Complete each field as appropriate. For details on a field, select the field and view the help pane.
6. Complete the fields in the Remix settings section if desired, or leave the defaults (to omit remixing).
7. Complete the fields in the Audio normalization settings section if desired, or leave the defaults (to omit normalization).
8. Repeat for each audio encode in this output, if any.
9. Continue setting up the audio encodes, video encodes (p. 39), and captions encodes (p. 40) for all outputs in all output groups. When done, go to save the channel (p. 40).
Step 8: Set Up the Captions Encodes

The output section for every type of output group (Archive, HLS, Microsoft Smooth, and UDP) contains a Stream settings section. In the Stream settings section, you create "encodes" for the video, audio, and captions in the output and specify the details of how you want these assets encoded.

Before setting up captions, see Supported Captions (p. 66). There are rules about:

- What caption formats can be generated, depending on the format of the input captions and container. For example, ARIB can only be generated from ARIB input captions, which can only appear in a TS input.
- What caption type (embedded, object, sidecar) apply to which caption format. For example, DVB-Sub is an object type of format.
- Which format can be included in which type of output asset. For example, HLS can take Web-VTT (a sidecar type), 608 (embedded) and burn-in.

For detailed information on setting up captions, see Working with Captions (p. 45).

Continue setting up the audio encodes (p. 39), video encodes (p. 39), and captions encodes for all outputs in all output groups. When done, go to save the channel (p. 40).

Step 9: Save

You can save the channel only when you have configured and created everything you require. As soon as you save, the configuration of the channel is validated and messages are displayed for any errors. You cannot save a draft and you cannot save a channel that contains error messages.

At the bottom of the navigation pane, choose Create Channel.

The Channel panel reappears and shows the newly created channel in the list of channels. The State changes to Creating, then Ready.

Creating a Channel from a Template

This procedure assumes that you are familiar with all the steps in creating a channel from scratch.

1. On the console, choose Channels in the navigation pane.
2. In the content pane, choose Create channel. The Create channel page appears.
3. In the Channel and input details pane, in Channel template, choose a template.

   The entire Create channel page is populated with values from the template.

Creating a Channel from a Clone of Another Channel

To follow this procedure, you should be familiar with all the steps in creating a channel from scratch.

1. On the console, choose Channels in the navigation pane.
2. In the Channel page, select the channel to use as a base.
3. Choose Clone.
The Create a channel page appears with all fields showing the values from the base channel.
## Supported Containers and Codecs

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### Ways of Ingesting: Push and Pull

- A push input works as follows: the source attempts to deliver to an endpoint that is specified in the AWS Elemental MediaLive input. In the case of RTP protocols, the source is unaware of whether the content is being ingested by the AWS Elemental MediaLive channel. In the case of RTMP, there must be a handshake between the source and the AWS Elemental MediaLive channel so that the source will have knowledge of the status of the input.

  When the channel (that is connected to this input) is started, AWS Elemental MediaLive reacts to the source (RTP) or responds to the handshake message (RTMP) and ingests it. When the channel is not running, AWS Elemental MediaLive does not react; the source continues to publish to the endpoint (RTP) or goes into a paused state (RTMP), but AWS Elemental MediaLive does not pay attention.

- A push input works only with a streaming source.
• A pull input works as follows: the source continually publishes to an endpoint that is outside of AWS Elemental MediaLive. When the channel (that is connected to the input) is running, AWS Elemental MediaLive connects to the input and ingests the content.

When the channel is not running, AWS Elemental MediaLive does not connect to the input. (There might be other applications that do connect.)

A pull input works with a streaming input (where the source is continually being published) or a file input (where the source is put on the endpoint and then does not change until the next time it is put).

### Supported Codecs for Inputs

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<tr>
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<tr>
<td>RTP (MPEG TS)</td>
<td>H.264 (AVC), HEVC (H.265),</td>
<td>AAC, Dolby Digital, Dolby Digital Plus, MPEG Audio, PCM</td>
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<td>MPEG-2</td>
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<tr>
<td>HLS</td>
<td>H.264 (AVC)</td>
<td>AAC, Dolby Digital, Dolby Digital Plus</td>
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### Supported Codecs for Outputs

#### Supported Codecs for File Outputs

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<td>H.264 (AVC)</td>
<td>AAC, Dolby Digital, Dolby Digital Plus, MPEG-1 Layer II</td>
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<td>HLS</td>
<td>H.264 (AVC)</td>
<td>AAC, Dolby Digital, Dolby Digital Plus</td>
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#### Streaming Outputs for Streaming Outputs

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Working with Captions

You can set up AWS Elemental MediaLive to include captions when it ingests the source (either captions present inside the video source or captions from an external file) and include those captions in the output in either the same or a different format. You can include several captions in the output. For example, you can include captions for several languages. You can take a source captions asset and convert it to one format in one output and another format in a different output.

You perform the setup for captions in your AWS Elemental MediaLive channel.

Note
The information in this captions section assumes that you are familiar with the general steps for creating a channel, as described in Creating a Channel (p. 26). It also assumes that you have started creating a channel, including associating an input with the channel.

Rules for Handling Captions

Your ability to output captions in a given format depends on the following factors:

- The type of input container
- The format of the input captions
- The type of output container

For a given input container, AWS Elemental MediaLive can parse certain captions formats. For a given captions format in the source, AWS Elemental MediaLive can create one or more output captions. A given output caption can appear only in specific output containers.

Looking at the rule the other way round – starting from the output container you want to produce:

- A given output container supports a given set of output caption formats. So your choice of output captions is constrained by the output container.
- Furthermore, each output caption format can be produced only from some source formats and not from others. And some source formats can appear in some input containers and not in others. So your choice of output caption formats is further constrained by the original input container and format.

Supported Features

Topics

- Supported Formats (p. 45)
- Supported Captions Categories (p. 46)
- Support for Languages (p. 46)
- Support for Font Styles in Output Captions (p. 46)

Supported Formats

See Supported Captions (p. 66) for the following information:
Supported Captions Categories

Different formats are grouped into the same category. For example, TTML and WebVTT are grouped in the "sidecar" category. AWS Elemental MediaLive supports several categories of captions. The main ones are the following:

- **Embedded.** The captions are carried inside the video encode.
- **Captions Object.** The captions are in their own "captions encode." They are not part of the video encode. But they are in the same output as their corresponding video and audio encodes.
- **Sidecar.** The captions are each in their own output, separate from the output that contains the video and audio. There can be several "captions-only" outputs, for example, one for each desired language.

You need to be aware of captions categories when you set up captions in the output. For more information about all categories and which category each captions format belongs to, see the section called "Step 3: Match Formats to Categories" (p. 54).

Support for Languages

If the source includes captions in multiple languages, you can include multiple languages in the output as follows:

- **Embedded-to-Embedded.** For any of the embedded source formats, if you are doing “embedded in, embedded out” (also known as embedded-to-embedded), all languages that are in the input are included in the output. You can't remove any of the languages.
- **Embedded In, Other Out.** For any of the embedded source formats, if you are doing “embedded in, other out,” you can specify which languages to extract and include in an output.
- **Teletext-to-Teletext.** For teletext source, if you are doing “teletext in, teletext out” (also known as teletext-to-teletext), all languages (pages) are included in the output. You can't strip out any languages. In fact, the entire teletext content is included in the output; you can't strip out any of the pages. Furthermore, teletext-to-teletext is supported only in TS outputs.
- **Teletext In, Other Out.** For teletext source, if you are doing “teletext in, other out,” you can specify which languages to extract and which languages to include in an output.
- **Any Other Combination.** For all other sources, you always specify the language to extract from the input and the language to include in an output, regardless of the source format and output format.

Support for Font Styles in Output Captions

Depending on the scenario, you can specify the style for fonts, including color, outline, and background color.

**Font Style Options**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Source Caption</th>
<th>Output Caption</th>
<th>Options for Font Style</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ARIB</td>
<td>ARIB</td>
<td>None. The font styles in the input are automatically passed through in the output.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Source Caption</td>
<td>Output Caption</td>
<td>Options for Font Style</td>
</tr>
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<td>---------------</td>
<td>-----------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SCTE-27</td>
<td>SCTE-27</td>
<td>None. The font styles in the input are automatically passed through in the output.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DVB-Sub</td>
<td>DVB-Sub</td>
<td>None. The font styles in the input are automatically passed through in the output.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Teletext</td>
<td>Teletext</td>
<td>None. The font styles in the input are automatically passed through in the output.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Any Supported Caption</td>
<td>Burn-in</td>
<td>You can specify font styles in the output. If you don’t specify styles, the AWS Elemental MediaLive defaults are used.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Any Supported Caption</td>
<td>DVB-Sub</td>
<td>You can specify font styles in the output. If you don’t specify styles, the AWS Elemental MediaLive defaults are used.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>An Embedded Combination (Embedded, Embedded +SCTE-20, SCTE-20+Embedded)</td>
<td>TTML</td>
<td>The font information in the source can be copied to the output, or the output can be “simplified.”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Teletext</td>
<td>TTML</td>
<td>The font information in the source can be copied to the output, or the output can be “simplified.”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Any Other</td>
<td>Any Other</td>
<td>No control: the font style is always “simplified.”</td>
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**Typical Scenarios**

**Topics**

- Use Case: One Input Format to One Output and Not Converted (p. 47)
- Use Case: One Input Format Converted to One Different Format in One Output (p. 48)
- Use Case: One Input Format Converted to Different Formats, One Format for Each Output (p. 48)
- Use Case: One Captions Output Shared by Multiple Video Encodes (p. 49)

**Use Case: One Input Format to One Output and Not Converted**

The input is set up with one format of captions and two or more languages. You want to maintain the format in the output. You want to produce only one type of output and include all the languages in that output.
Use Case: One Input Format Converted to One Different Format in One Output

The input is set up with one format of captions and two or more languages. You want to convert the captions to a different format in the output. You want to produce only one type of output and include all the languages in that output.

For example, the input has embedded captions in German and French. You want to convert the captions to DVB-Sub and include these captions in both languages in a UDP output.

Use Case: One Input Format Converted to Different Formats, One Format for Each Output

The input is set up with one format of captions and two or more languages. You want to produce several different types of output. In each output, you want to convert the captions to a different format but include all the languages.

For example, the input has teletext captions in Czech and Polish. You want to produce a Microsoft Smooth output and an HLS output. In the Microsoft Smooth output, you want to convert both captions to TTML. In the HLS output, you want to convert both captions to WebVTT.
Use Case: One Captions Output Shared by Multiple Video Encodes

This use case deals with captions in an ABR workflow.

For example, there are three video/audio media combinations: one for low-resolution video, one for medium, and one for high. There is one output captions asset (English and Spanish embedded) that will be associated with all three video/audio media combinations.

Setting Up for Captions

When you create a channel, you must specify the format of the input captions, then specify the desired format of the captions for every output. When you save the channel, your choices are validated according to the supported combinations of input container, source caption, and output container.

Topics
- Step 1: Create Caption Selectors in the Input (p. 50)
Step 1: Create Caption Selectors in the Input

You must identify the captions that you want to use and assign each to a caption selector. If you don’t create any caption selectors, you will not be able to include captions in the output. All the captions will be removed from the media.

Identify the Captions You Want

1. Identify which captions are in the input and which captions are available to you as external files. Identify the caption formats and, for each format, the languages.
2. Identify which of those formats and languages that you want to use.
3. Determine how many caption selectors to create in the input in the channel, using the following guidance:
   - For embedded-to-embedded, create a single caption selector for all languages. All languages are passed through; there is no other option. For details, see the section called “Information for Embedded” (p. 51).
   - For teletext-to-teletext, create a single caption selector for all languages (in fact, one caption selector for the entire content). All languages are passed through; there is no other option. For details, see the section called “Information for Teletext” (p. 52).
   - In all other cases, create one caption selector for each language and format combination.

You end up with a list of caption selectors to create. For example:

- Caption Selector 1: Teletext captions in Czech
- Caption Selector 2: Teletext captions in Polish

Create Caption Selectors

In AWS Elemental MediaLive, extract the desired captions by adding a caption selector in the channel. Each extracted caption is contained in one caption selector.

1. In the channel that you are creating, in the navigation pane, choose Channel and input details.
2. For Input settings, choose Add caption selectors.
3. For Caption selector name, type a suitable name. For example, TTML Czech.
4. For Selector settings, choose the format of the source captions.
5. For most formats, more fields appear. For details about a field, choose the field and view the help pane. In addition, see extra information on DVB-Sub or SCTE-27 (p. 50), on Embedded (p. 51), or on Teletext (p. 52).
6. Create more caption selectors, as required.

Information for DVB-Sub or SCTE-27

DVB-Sub and SCTE-27 formats are supported only in TS inputs. You must specify the location of the captions by completing the PID and/or Language code fields in one of these ways.
### Information for Embedded

Read this section if the input captions are any of the following: embedded (EIA-608 or CEA-708), embedded+SCTE-20, SCTE-20+embedded, or SCTE-20.

#### How Many Caption Selectors?

- If you are doing embedded-to-embedded, create only one caption selector, even if you want to include multiple languages in the output. With this scenario, all languages are automatically extracted and are automatically included in the output.
- If you are doing embedded-to-other, create one caption selector for each language that you want to include in the output, to a maximum of four selectors.
- If you are doing embedded-to-embedded in some outputs and embedded-to-other in other outputs, create one caption selector for the embedded-to-embedded, then create up to four more selectors for the embedded-to-other, one for each desired language.

#### Caption Selector Fields

- **Selector settings:**
  - Choose embedded if the source captions are embedded (EIA-608 or CEA-708), embedded+SCTE-20, or SCTE-20+embedded.
  - Choose SCTE-20 if the source captions are SCTE-20 alone.

- **EIA-608 channel number:** This field specifies the language to extract. Complete as follows:
  - If you are doing embedded-to-embedded captions (you are creating only one caption selector for the input embedded captions), this field is ignored, so keep the default.
  - If you are converting embedded to another format, (you are creating several caption selectors, one for each language), specify the number of the CC instance (from the input) that holds the desired language.

- **Convert 608 to 708:** The embedded source captions can be EIA-608 captions, CEA-708 captions, or both EIA-608 and CEA-708. You can specify how you want these captions to be handled when AWS

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<th>PID</th>
<th>Language Code</th>
<th>Result</th>
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<tr>
<td>Specified</td>
<td>Blank</td>
<td>Extracts captions from the specified PID.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Blank</td>
<td>Specified</td>
<td>Extracts the specified language, whichever PID that happens to be in.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Specified</td>
<td>Specified</td>
<td>Extracts captions from that PID; the language is informational.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Blank</td>
<td>Blank</td>
<td>Valid only if the source is DVB-Sub and the output is DVB-Sub. With this combination of PID and Language, all input DVB-Sub PIDs will be included in the output. Not valid for SCTE-27.</td>
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</table>
Elemental MediaLive is ingesting content. The following table describes the behavior for various scenarios.

<table>
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<th>CEA-708 in Source</th>
<th>Convert Field</th>
<th>Result</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Upconvert</td>
<td>CEA-708 data is created based on the EIA-608 data and EIA-608 data is added as 608-compatibility bits in the CEA-708 data.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Disabled</td>
<td>Original EIA-608 is preserved.</td>
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<tr>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Upconvert</td>
<td>Original CEA-708 is preserved.</td>
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<tr>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Disabled</td>
<td>Original CEA-708 is preserved.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Upconvert</td>
<td>CEA-708 data is discarded. New CEA-708 data is created based on the EIA-608 data, and EIA-608 data is added as 608-compatibility bits in the CEA-708 data. The new CEA-708 data will not include any CEA-708 formatting features. Not recommended.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Disabled</td>
<td>Original EIA-608 is preserved and original CEA-708 is preserved.</td>
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</table>

- **SCTE-20 detection**: If the source captions combine embedded (EIA-608 or CEA-708) and SCTE-20, you might want to set this field to Auto. AWS Elemental MediaLive will give preference to the 608/708 embedded captions but will switch to use the SCTE-20 captions when necessary. If you set this field to Off, AWS Elemental MediaLive will never use the SCTE-20 captions.

**Information for Teletext**

Teletext is a form of data that can contain several types of information, not just captions. Teletext can be present in TS input, in which case it might be referred to as “DVB Teletext.” Teletext can be handled in one of the following ways:

- If you want to include the entire teletext input, you must do teletext-to-teletext. The entire teletext can never be converted to another format. Teletext-to-teletext is supported only in a TS output.
• Individual captions pages (the captions in a specific language) can be extracted and converted to another captions format.
• Individual captions pages (the captions in a specific language) cannot be extracted and kept in teletext. If you want to extract individual captions pages, you must convert them to another format.

**How Many Caption Selectors?**

• If you are doing teletext-to-teletext captions, create only one caption selector, even if you want to include multiple languages in the output. With this scenario, all languages are automatically extracted and are automatically included in the output.
• If you are doing teletext-to-other, create one caption selector for each language that you want to include in the output. For example, one selector to extract English teletext, and one selector to extract Swedish teletext.
• If you are doing teletext-to-teletext in some outputs and teletext-to-other in other outputs, create one caption selector for the teletext-to-teletext, and then create individual selectors for the teletext-to-other, one for each language being converted.

**Caption Selector Fields**

• **Selector settings**: Choose Teletext.
• **Page number**: This field specifies the page of the desired language. Complete as follows:
  • If you are doing teletext-to-teletext captions (you are creating only one caption selector for the input captions), leave blank: the value is ignored.
  • If you are converting teletext to another format (you are creating several caption selectors, one for each language), specify the page for the desired language. If you leave this field blank, you will get a validation error when you save the channel.

**Step 2: Plan Captions for the Outputs**

If you followed the instructions in the section called “Step 1: Create Caption Selectors in the Input” (p. 50), you should have a list of the caption formats and languages that will be available for inclusion in the outputs.

You must now plan the caption information for the outputs:

1. Identify the types of output media that you plan to create in the channel. For example, Microsoft Smooth and HLS.
2. Identify the combinations of video and audio that you plan to create for each output media.
3. For each output media, identify which input captions will be converted to which output formats. For example, you will convert teletext captions to TTML for the Microsoft Smooth output media, and those same teletext captions to Web-VTT for the HLS output media.

   The output formats that are possible depend on the input formats and the type of output media. See *Supported Captions* (p. 66) to determine which output captions are possible given the input format.
4. Identify the languages for each output format:
   • In general, count each language separately.
   • Exception: For embedded-to-embedded, count all languages as one.
   • Exception: For teletext-to-teletext, count all languages as one.

**The Result**

You end up with a list of outputs, and the captions formats and languages for each output. For example:
Step 3: Match Formats to Categories

Outputting Multiple Formats

You can include captions from two or more different formats in an output. For example, you can include both embedded captions and WebVTT captions in an HLS output, to give the downstream system more choices about which captions to use. The only rules for multiple formats are the following:

- The output container must support all the formats. See *Supported Captions* (p. 66).
- The font styles in all the captions that are associated with an output must match. This means that the end result must be identical, not that you must use the same option to get that result. For example, all captions that are associated with the output must be white for the first language and blue for the second language.

Managing this style matching can be a little tricky. For information about the font style options, see *Support for Font Styles in Output Captions* (p. 46).

Step 3: Match Formats to Categories

There are different procedures to follow to create caption encodes in the output. The correct procedure depends on the "category" that the output captions belongs to. There are five categories of captions, described in the following table.

On the list of outputs that you have created, make a note of the category that each captions option belongs to.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Captions Format</th>
<th>Category of This Format</th>
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<td>ARIB</td>
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<td>Burn-in</td>
<td>Burn-in</td>
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<td>DVB-Sub</td>
<td>Object</td>
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<td>Embedded</td>
<td>Embedded</td>
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<td>Embedded+SCTE-20</td>
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<td>SCTE-27</td>
<td>Object</td>
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<tr>
<td>SMPTE-TT</td>
<td>Stream in Microsoft Smooth</td>
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<tr>
<td>Teletext</td>
<td>Object</td>
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<tr>
<td>TTML</td>
<td>Sidecar</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WebVTT</td>
<td>Sidecar</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For example, your list of outputs might now look like this:
• Microsoft Smooth output with TTML captions (sidecar) in Czech.
• Microsoft Smooth output with TTML captions (sidecar) in Polish.
• HLS output with Web-VTT captions (sidecar) in Czech.
• HLS output with Web-VTT captions (sidecar) in Polish.

Embedded in Video

The captions are carried inside the video encode, which is itself in an output in the output group. There is only ever one captions asset within that video encode, although that asset might contain captions for several languages.

Captions Object

The captions are in their own "captions encode" in an output in the output group. They are not part of the video encode. However, they are in the same output as their corresponding video and audio encodes. There might be several captions encodes in the output, for example, for different languages.

Sidecar

The captions are each in their own output in the output group, separate from the output that contains the video and audio. Each captions output contains only one captions asset (file). The output group might contain several "captions-only" outputs, for example, one for each language in the output group.

SMPTE-TT in Microsoft Smooth

The captions are handled as a separate stream in Microsoft Smooth.

Burn-in

The captions are converted into text and then overlaid on the picture directly in the video encode. Strictly speaking, once the overlay occurs, these are not really captions because they are indistinguishable from the video.

Step 4: Create Captions Encodes

Go through the list of outputs you created and set up the captions in each output group, one by one.

Follow the procedure that applies to the format category of the captions output:

• the section called “All Captions except Sidecar or SMPTE-TT in Microsoft Smooth” (p. 55).
• the section called “Sidecar Captions” (p. 56).
• the section called “SMPTE-TT Captions in Microsoft Smooth” (p. 56).

All Captions except Sidecar or SMPTE-TT in Microsoft Smooth

Follow this procedure if the format of the captions asset that you want to add belongs to the category of embedded, burn-in, or object.

1. In the channel that you are creating, in the navigation pane, find the output group (which you have already created). For example, find the HLS output group.
2. Find the output where you want to add the captions, or create a new output. This output might already be set up with video and audio, or you could set up the video and audio after setting up the captions.
3. Choose the output.
4. For Stream settings, choose Add caption.
5. For Caption description name, type a name for this captions asset that is unique in the channel. For example, Embedded. Or accept the default (which is autogenerated).
6. For Caption selector name, type the name of the caption selector that you created in step 1 (p. 50). Specify the selector that identifies the captions asset that is the source for the captions in this output.
7. For Caption settings, choose the captions format for the output captions.
8. Complete the fields that appear for the selected format. For details about a field, choose the field and view the help pane. For tips about font styles in DVB-Sub or burn-in, see Font Styles for Burn-in or DVB-Sub Output (p. 57).
9. If the output format is embedded and the output group is HLS, you can include caption language information in the manifest. You perform this setup in the output settings (separate from the captions encode). See HLS manifest (p. 58).
10. If the output format is ARIB or DVB-Sub or SCTE-27, you must perform some extra setup in the output settings (separate from the captions encode). See PIDS for ARIB output (p. 57) or PIDs for DVB-Sub output (p. 57) or PIDs for SCTE-27 (p. 58) or PIDs for Teletext output (p. 58).
11. Repeat these steps to create captions in more outputs and output groups, as applicable.

Sidecar Captions
Follow this procedure if the format of the captions asset that you want to add is a sidecar, as identified in the section called “Step 3: Match Formats to Categories” (p. 54).

1. In the channel that you are creating, in the navigation pane, find the output group (which you have already created). For example, find the HLS output group.
2. Find the output where you want to add the captions, or create a new output. This output might already be set up with video and audio, or you could set up the video and audio after setting up the captions.
3. Choose the output.
4. For Stream settings, remove the video and audio encodes from this output by choosing the encode and selecting Remove video or Remove audio.
5. Choose Add caption. This output should now contain one caption section and no video or audio sections.
6. For Caption description name, type a name for this captions asset that is unique in the channel. For example, webvtt Czech. Or accept the default (which is autogenerated).
7. For Caption selector name, type the name of the caption selector that you created in step 1 (p. 50). Specify the selector that identifies the captions asset that is the source for the captions in this output.
8. For Caption settings, choose the sidecar format for the output captions.
9. Complete the fields that appear for the selected format. For details about a field, choose the field and view the help pane.
10. Repeat these steps to create sidecar captions in this or another output group, as applicable.

SMPTE-TT Captions in Microsoft Smooth
Follow this procedure to add output captions in the SMPTE-TT format (only possible in a Microsoft Smooth output group).

1. In the channel that you are creating, in the navigation pane, find the Microsoft Smooth output group (which you have already created).
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2. Find the output where you want to add the captions, or create a new output. This output might already be set up with video and audio, or you could set up the video and audio after setting up the captions.

3. Choose the output.

4. For **Stream settings**, remove the video and audio encodes from this output by choosing the encode and selecting **Remove video** or **Remove audio**.

5. Choose **Add caption**. This output should now contain one caption section and no video or audio sections.

6. For **Caption description name**, type a name for this captions asset that is unique in the channel. For example, SmpteTT Czech. Or accept the default (which is autogenerated).

7. For **Caption selector name**, type the name of the caption selector that you created in step 1 (p. 50). Specify the selector that identifies the captions asset that is the source for the captions in this output.

8. For **Caption settings**, choose SMPTE-TT.

9. Complete the fields that appear for the selected format. For details about a field, choose the field and view the help pane.

10. Repeat these steps to create more SMPTE-TT captions in the Microsoft Smooth output group, as applicable.

### Font Styles for Burn-in or DVB-Sub

You can specify the look of the captions if the output captions are Burn-in or DVB-Sub.

If you are using the same caption source in several outputs and both those outputs use the same format, then you must set up the font style information identically in each output. If you do not, you will get an error when you save the channel.

For example, output A might use Caption Selector 1 with the Destination Type set to Burn-in. And output B might also use Caption Selector 1 with the Destination Type set to Burn-in. You set the font information once in output 1 and again in output 2. But you must make sure to set up all the font information identically in both outputs.

### Complete the PIDs for ARIB

Complete this step if the output group is UDP/TS and the output caption is ARIB.

1. In the relevant UDP output group, choose the output that has the ARIB captions.

2. For **PID settings**, complete **ARIB captions PID control** and **ARIB captions PID** as follows:

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<th>Result</th>
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<tr>
<td>Auto</td>
<td>Ignore</td>
<td>A PID will automatically be assigned during encoding; this value could be any number.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Use Configured</td>
<td>Type a decimal or hexadecimal.</td>
<td>This PID will be used for the captions.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Complete the PIDs for DVB-Sub

Complete this step if the output group is UDP and the output caption is DVB-Sub.
1. In the relevant UDP output group, choose the output that has the DVB-Sub captions.
2. For **PID settings**, in **DVB-Sub PIDs**, type the PID for the DVB-Sub caption in this output. Or keep the default.

**Complete the PIDs for SCTE-27**

Complete this step if the output group is UDP and the output caption is SCTE-27.

1. In the relevant UDP output group, choose the output that has the SCTE-27 captions.
2. For **PID settings**, in **SCTE-27 PIDs**, type the PID for the SCTE-27 caption in this output. Or keep the default.

**Complete the PIDs for Teletext**

Complete this step if the output group is UDP and the output caption is Teletext.

1. In the relevant UDP output group, choose the output that has the Teletext captions.
2. For **PID settings**, in **DVB teletext PID**, type the PID for the Teletext captions in this output. Or keep the default.

**Set up the HLS Manifest**

If the captions are embedded captions and the output is HLS, you can choose to include caption language information in the manifest.

1. In the HLS output group, for **Captions**, in **Caption language setting**, choose **Insert**. Choosing this option inserts lines in the manifest for each embedded captions language. It inserts as many lines as the mappings that you will add in the next step.
2. For **HLS settings**, in **Caption language mappings**, choose **Add caption language mappings**.
3. Choose **Add caption language mappings** to add more groups, one for each embedded captions asset, to a maximum of four groups.
4. Complete each group to identify the CC (caption channel) number and its language. For example, if caption channel 1 is French, then set up the three fields with "1", "FRE", and "French".

   The order in which you enter the languages must match the order of the captions in the source. For example, if the captions are in the order French, then English, then Spanish, then Portuguese, then set up CC1 as French, CC2 as English, and so on. If you do not order them correctly, the captions in the manifest will be tagged with the wrong languages.

**Examples**

The following examples describe how to implement the use cases from the section called “Typical Scenarios” (p. 47).

**Use Case: One Input Format to One Output**

This example shows how to implement the first use case (p. 47) from the typical scenarios. The input is set up with one format of captions and two or more languages. You want to maintain the format in the output. You want to produce only one type of output and include all the languages in that output.
For example, the input has embedded captions in English and French. You want to produce an HLS output that includes embedded captions in both English and French, plus one video and one audio.

This example illustrates two important features of an embedded-to-embedded workflow. First, you do not create separate caption selectors; all of the languages are all automatically included. Second, if you are outputting to HLS, there is an opportunity to specify the languages and the order in which they appear.

**Setup**

1. In the channel that you are creating, in the navigation pane, choose Channel and input details.
2. For Input settings, choose Add caption selector to create one caption selector. Set Selector settings to Embedded source.
3. Create an HLS output group.
4. Create one output and set up the video and audio.
5. In that same output, create one captions asset with the following:
   - Caption selector name: Caption selector 1.
   - Caption settings: One of the Embedded formats.
   - Language code and Language description: Leave blank; with embedded captions, all the languages are included.
6. In the HLS output group, in Captions, in Caption language setting, choose Insert.
7. For HLS settings, in Caption language mappings, choose Add caption language mappings twice (once for each language).
8. Complete the first group of mapping fields with "1," "ENG," and "English" and the second group with "2," "FRE," and "French."
9. Finish setting up the channel and save it.

**Use Case: One Input Format Converted to One Different Output Format**

This example shows how to implement the second use case (p. 47) (p. 48) from the typical scenarios. The input includes two captions languages, and the single output will convert those captions. For example, the input has embedded captions in German and French. You want to produce a UDP output with both captions converted to DVB-Sub, plus one video and one audio.
Use Case: One Input Format Converted to Different Formats, One Format for Each Output

Setup

1. In the channel that you are creating, in the navigation pane, choose **Channel and input details**.
2. Choose **Add caption selector** twice, to create Caption selector 1 (for German) and Caption selector 2 (for French). In both cases, set **Selector settings** to **Embedded source**.
3. Create a UDP output group.
4. Create one output and set up the video and audio.
5. In this output, choose **Add caption** to create a caption encode.
   - **Caption selector name**: Caption selector 1.
   - **Caption settings**: DVB-Sub.
   - **Language code** and **Language description**: German.
   - Other fields: Keep the defaults or complete as desired.
6. Choose **Add caption** again to create another caption encode. Set up this encode for the French captions. Make sure that you set up the font fields for German and French in exactly the same way.
7. Finish setting up the channel and save it.

Use Case: One Input Format Converted to Different Formats, One Format for Each Output

This example shows how to implement the third use case (p. 47) (p. 48) from the typical scenarios. The input is set up with one format of captions and two or more languages. You want to produce several different types of output. In each output, you want to convert the captions to a different format but include all the languages.

For example, the input has teletext captions in Czech and Polish. You want to produce a Microsoft Smooth output and an HLS output. In the Microsoft Smooth output, you want to include one video and one audio and you want to convert the captions to TTML. In the HLS output, you want to include one video and one audio and you want to convert the captions to WebVTT.
1. In the channel that you are creating, in the navigation pane, choose **Channel and input details**.
2. Choose **Add caption selector** twice to create the following caption selectors:
   - Caption selector 1 for Teletext Czech. Specify the page that holds the Czech captions.
   - Caption selector 2 for Teletext Polish. Specify the page that holds the Polish captions.

   Although you are including the captions in two different outputs (Microsoft Smooth and HLS), you need to extract them from the input only once, so you need to create only one caption selector for each language.

3. Create a Microsoft Smooth output group and configure it as follows:
   a. Create one output and set up the video and audio.
   b. Create a second output that contains one captions encode and no video or audio encodes, and with the following settings:
      - **Caption selector name**: Caption Selector 1.
      - **Captions settings**: TTML.
      - **Language code** and **Language description**: Czech.
      - **Style control**: Set as desired.
   c. Create a third output that contains one captions encode and no video or audio encodes, with the following settings:
      - **Caption selector name**: Caption Selector 2.
• Captions settings: TTML.
• Language code and Language description: Polish.
• Other fields: same as the second output (the Czech captions).

4. Create an HLS output group and configure it as follows:
   a. Create one output and set up the video and audio.
   b. Create a second output that contains one captions encode and no video or audio encodes, and with the following settings:
      • Caption selector name: Caption Selector 1.
      • Captions settings: WebVTT.
      • Language code and Language description: Czech.
      • Other fields: Set as desired.
   c. Create a third caption output that contains one captions encode and no video or audio encodes, and with the following settings:
      • Caption selector name: Caption Selector 2.
      • Captions settings: WebVTT
      • Language code and Language description: Polish.
      • Other fields: same as the second output (the Czech captions).

5. Finish setting up the channel and save it.

Use Case: One Captions Output Shared by Multiple Video Encodes

This example shows how to set up captions in an ABR workflow. The first setup shows how to set up an ABR workflow when the captions are in the same output as the video, meaning that the captions are either embedded or captions style.

The second setup shows how to set up an ABR workflow when the captions belong to the sidecar category, in which case each captions is in its own output.

Setup with Embedded or Object-style Captions

This example shows how to implement the fourth use case (p. 47) (p. 49) from the typical scenarios. For example, you want to produce an HLS output with three video encodes (one for low-resolution video, one for medium, one for high) and one audio. You also want to include embedded captions (in English and Spanish) and associate them with all three video encodes.
1. In the channel that you are creating, in the navigation pane, choose **Channel and input details**.
2. Choose **Add caption selector** to create one caption selector. Set **Selector settings** to **Embedded source**.
3. Create an HLS output group.
4. Create one output and set up the video and audio for low-resolution video.
5. In that same output, create one captions asset with the following:
   - **Caption selector name**: Caption selector 1.
   - **Caption settings**: One of the Embedded formats.
   - **Language code** and **Language description**: Leave blank; with embedded-to-embedded captions, all the languages are included.
6. Create a second output and set up the video and audio for medium-resolution video.
7. In that same output, create one captions asset with the following:
   - **Caption selector name**: Caption selector 1.
   - **Caption settings**: One of the Embedded formats.
   - **Language code** and **Language description**: Leave blank; with embedded captions, all the languages are included.
8. Create a third output and set up the video and audio for high-resolution video.
9. In that same output, create one captions asset with the following:
   - **Caption selector name**: Caption selector 1.
   - **Caption settings**: One of the Embedded formats.
   - **Language code** and **Language description**: Leave blank; with embedded captions, all the languages are included.
10. Finish setting up the channel and save it.

**Setup with Sidecar Captions**

This example shows an ABR workflow where the captions are in sidecars. For example, you want to produce a Microsoft Smooth output with three video encodes (one for low-resolution video, one for medium, one for high) and one audio. These encodes are in a Microsoft Smooth output. You want to ingest embedded captions (in English and Spanish) and convert them to TTML captions, one for English and one for Spanish.

1. In the channel that you are creating, in the navigation pane, choose **Channel and input details**.
2. Choose **Add caption selector** twice to create the following caption selectors:
   - Caption selector 1: for Embedded English.
   - Caption Selector 2: for Embedded Spanish.
3. Create a Microsoft Smooth output group.
4. Create one output that contains one video encode and set it up for low-resolution video.
5. Create a second output that contains one video encode and set it up for medium-resolution video.
6. Create a third output that contains one video encode and set it up for high-resolution video.
7. Create a fourth output that contains one audio encode and no video encode.
8. Create a fifth output that contains one captions encode and no video or audio encodes, and with the following settings for the captions encode:
• **Caption selector name**: Caption selector 1.
• **Caption settings**: TTML.
• **Language code and Language description**: English.

9. Create a sixth output that contains one captions encode and no video or audio encodes, and with the following settings for the captions encode:
   • **Caption selector name**: Caption selector 2.
   • **Caption settings**: TTML.
   • **Language code and Language description**: Spanish.

10. Finish setting up the channel and save it.
Supported Captions

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- How Captions Are Supported (p. 66)
- Supported Formats (p. 66)
- Formats Supported in an HLS Outputs (p. 68)
- Formats Supported in an MPEG2-TS File Outputs or MPEG2-UDP Streaming Outputs (p. 69)
- Formats Supported in an Microsoft Smooth Outputs (p. 70)

How Captions Are Supported

AWS Elemental MediaLive supports specific captions formats that you can include in your content. For a given input container, the AWS Elemental MediaLive encoder can parse certain captions formats. For a given input captions format, the AWS Elemental MediaLive encoder can create one or more output captions. A given output caption can appear only in specific output containers.

Looking at the rule the other way around, starting from the output container you want to produce:

A given output container supports a given set of output captions formats. So your choice of output captions is constrained by the output container.

Furthermore, each output captions format can be produced only from some input captions formats and not from others. And some input captions formats can appear in some input containers and not in others. So your choice of output captions formats is further constrained by the original input container and format.

When you create an event, job, or profile, you must select a format that is valid for your output captions.

Supported Formats

The following table shows the supported formats, specifies whether they are supported in inputs or outputs, and specifies the standard that defines each format.

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<tr>
<td>Ancillary data</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td></td>
<td>From MXF input, data that is compliant with “SMPTE 291M: Ancillary Data Package and Space Formatting” and that is contained in ancillary data.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ARIB</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Captions that are compliant with ARIB STD-B37 Version 2.4.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Burn-in</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>From input: It is technically impossible for the encoder to read burn-in captions.</td>
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<td>Therefore, from an input viewpoint, they cannot be considered to be captions.</td>
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<td>For output: Burn-in captions are captions that are converted into text and then overlaid on top of the picture directly in the video stream.</td>
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<td>DVB-Sub</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Captions that are compliant with ETSI EN 300 743.</td>
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<td>Embedded</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Captions that are compliant with the EIA-608 standard (also known as CEA-608 or SMPTE-259M or “line 21 captions”) or the CEA-708 standard (also known as EIA-708).</td>
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<td>Embedded+SCTE-20</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Captions that have both embedded and SCTE-20 in the video. The embedded captions are inserted before the SCTE-20 captions.</td>
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<td>Captions that are compliant with the standard “SCTE 20 2012 Methods for Carriage of CEA-608 Closed Captions and Non-Real Time Sampled Video.”</td>
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<td>Captions that are compliant with SCTE-43. The SCTE-20 captions are inserted in the video before the embedded captions.</td>
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<td>SCTE-27</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Captions that are compliant with the standard “SCTE-27 (2011), Subtitling Methods for Broadcast Cable.”</td>
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### Formats Supported in an HLS Outputs

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SCTE-35 Message Processing

SCTE-35 messages are messages that are embedded in the video input. These messages provide information about advertisement availability, also known as ad avail events, and other non-ad avail events.

You can include (pass through) or remove the cueing information that is conveyed by these messages in the output streams (video, audio, closed captioning, data) and any associated manifests. AWS Elemental MediaLive does not support processing of manifests that are present in the input. The information in input manifests is not ingested by AWS Elemental MediaLive or included in the output or the output manifest.

You can also blank out the video, audio, and captions within the cueing information.

To use the ad avail features of AWS Elemental MediaLive, you should be familiar with the SCTE-35 standard and optionally with the SCTE-67 standard. You should also be familiar with how the input that you are encoding implements those standards.

**Note**

The information in this SCTE-35 section assumes that you are familiar with the general steps for creating a channel, as described in *Creating a Channel* (p. 26). It also assumes that you have started creating a channel, including associating an input with the channel.

**Topics**

- About Message Processing (p. 72)
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About Message Processing

AWS Elemental MediaLive works with the SCTE-35 messages in MPEG-2 transport stream (TS) inputs. These messages might or might not include segmentation descriptors.

**Processing Features**

**Blanking and Blackout**

The “cue out” and “cue in” instructions in SCTE-35 messages line up with specific content in the video, audio, and captions streams. You can set up so that this content is blanked out in the output:

- The content for ad avails is blanked out using the ad avail blanking feature.
- The content for other messages is blanked out using the blackout feature.

The behavior you want must be set up in the channel.

For more information, see the section called “Enabling Ad Avail Blanking” (p. 81) and the section called “Enabling Blackout” (p. 85).
Manifest Decoration

- HLS outputs can be set up so that their manifests include instructions that correspond to the original SCTE-35 message content. Decorate the HLS manifest with one or more of the following types of ad markers:
  - Adobe
  - Elemental
  - SCTE-35 enhanced
- Microsoft Smooth outputs can be set up so that the sparse track includes instructions that correspond to the original SCTE-35 message content.

The desired behavior must be set up in the channel. For more information, see the section called "Enabling Manifest Decoration" (p. 78).

SCTE-35 Passthrough

You can include (pass through) all the SCTE-35 messages in the output data stream in any TS output. Or you can remove them.

Removing messages does not prevent you blanking or blacking out video content. The two options do not depend on each other.

The desired behavior must be set up in the channel. For more information, see the section called "SCTE-35 Passthrough or Removal" (p. 88).

Blanking Compared to Passthrough and Manifest Decoration

It is important to understand that the logic for blanking ad content works on the video content associated with the ad avail event, while the logic for passthrough and manifest decoration works on the actual SCTE-35 message. The video content and the SCTE-35 message are different entities.

This means that you can blank ad avails and not pass through SCTE-35 messages, or not blank ad avails and not pass through SCTE-35 messages and decorate the manifest, or any combination. The actions are independent.

The only exception to this rule is for HLS outputs: manifest decoration and passthrough are either both enabled or both disabled.

Processing Features – Default Behavior

The default handling of SCTE-35 by AWS Elemental MediaLive is the following:

- No passthrough – Do not pass through SCTE-35 messages in any data stream outputs.
- No blanking or blackout – Do not blank out video content for any events. Leave the content as is.
- No manifest decoration – Do not convert any SCTE-35 messages to event information in any output manifests or data streams.

If this is the desired behavior, you do not need to read any further in this SCTE-35 section.

Scope of Processing by Feature

The SCTE-35 features have different scopes in terms of the output groups and outputs that they affect:
**Ad avail blanking**

Ad avail blanking applies at the global output level. All the ad avails in every output in every output group are blanked.

**Blackout**

Blackout applies at the global output level. All the relevant content in every output in every output group are blanked.

**Decoration**

Manifest decoration applies at the output group level. All the outputs in that output group have their manifests decorated.

**SCTE-35 Passthrough or Removal**

SCTE-35 passthrough or removal applies at the output level. The messages are passed through or removed only in a specific output.
Output Types and Features

The table below summarizes which features apply to the various types of output.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Output</th>
<th>Passthrough in TS Outputs</th>
<th>Manifest Decoration</th>
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<tr>
<td>Archive</td>
<td>Applicable</td>
<td>Not applicable.</td>
<td>Applicable</td>
<td>the section called “Archive Output with MPEG-2 Container” (p. 75)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HLS</td>
<td>Applicable</td>
<td>Applicable</td>
<td>Applicable</td>
<td>the section called “HLS Output” (p. 76)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Microsoft Smooth</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>Applicable</td>
<td>Applicable</td>
<td>the section called “Microsoft Smooth Output” (p. 76)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UDP</td>
<td>Applicable</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>Applicable</td>
<td>the section called “UDP Output” (p. 77)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Archive Output with MPEG-2 Container

A transport stream in an MPEG-2 container supports passthrough of the SCTE-35 messages, but it does not support creation of a manifest. Therefore, the processing options that are valid are shown in the following table.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SCTE-35 Passthrough</th>
<th>Manifest Decoration</th>
<th>Blanking and Blackout</th>
<th>Effect</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Enabled</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>Yes or No</td>
<td>Turn on passthrough of SCTE-35 messages. You could also implement blanking and blackout.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Disabled            | Not applicable      | No                    | Turn off passthrough in order to remove SCTE-35 messages from the video stream. Do not implement blanking or blackout.  
Choose this option only if, in a downstream system, you do not want to replace video that was originally marked by cues. |
HLS Output

HLS output supports both passthrough of the SCTE-35 messages and manifest decoration. In fact, with HLS outputs, passthrough and manifest decoration are either both enabled or both disabled.

Therefore, the processing options that make sense are shown in the following table.

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<tr>
<td>Enabled</td>
<td>Enabled</td>
<td>Yes or No</td>
<td>Turn on passthrough of SCTE-35 messages and manifest decoration. You could also implement blanking and blackout.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disabled</td>
<td>Disabled</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Turn off passthrough in order to remove SCTE-35 messages from the video stream. Turn off manifest decoration. Do not implement blanking or blackout. Choose this option only if, in a downstream system, you do not want to replace video that was originally marked by cues.</td>
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</table>

Microsoft Smooth Output

Microsoft Smooth output does not support passthrough of the SCTE-35 messages, but does support instructions in the sparse track. Therefore, the processing options that make sense are:

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<th>Manifest Decoration</th>
<th>Blanking and Blackout</th>
<th>Effect</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Not applicable (SCTE-35 messages are never included in output)</td>
<td>Enabled</td>
<td>Yes or No</td>
<td>SCTE-35 messages are removed from the video stream. But instructions are included in the sparse track. You could also implement blanking and blackout.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>Disabled</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>SCTE-35 messages are removed from the output. The sparse track doesn’t include instructions. Don’t implement blanking or blackout because without SCTE-35 messages in the</td>
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</table>
Getting Ready: Set the Ad Avail Mode

Follow this procedure if you want to support one or more of the following features:

- Manifest decoration
- Ad avail blanking

If your processing does not involve at least one of these features, the ad avail mode is ignored.

The Procedure to Set Mode

You must set the Ad Avail mode to notify AWS Elemental MediaLive of the ID type of SCTE-35 messages that the input is using to indicate ad avail events.

1. In the channel that you are creating, in the navigation pane, choose **General settings**.
2. Choose **Avail configuration**.
3. Set the **Avail settings**:

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### UDP Output

UDP output supports passthrough of the SCTE-35 messages, but it does not support creation of a manifest. Therefore, the processing options that make sense are shown in the following table.

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<th>Manifest Decoration</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Enabled</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>Yes or No</td>
<td>Turn on passthrough of SCTE-35 messages. You could also implement blanking and blackout.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disabled</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Turn off passthrough in order to remove SCTE-35 messages from the video stream. Do not implement blanking or blackout. Choose this option only if, in a downstream system, you do not want to replace video that was originally marked by cues.</td>
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Getting Ready: Set the Ad Avail Mode

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The Procedure to Set Mode

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1. In the channel that you are creating, in the navigation pane, choose **General settings**.
2. Choose **Avail configuration**.
3. Set the **Avail settings**:
Enabling Manifest Decoration

You can choose to interpret SCTE-35 messages from the original input and insert corresponding instructions into the output manifest for the following outputs:

- HLS
- Microsoft Smooth (the instructions are inserted in the sparse track).

Manifest decoration is enabled at the output group level. If you enable the feature in a given output group, all the outputs in that group have their manifests decorated.

To include manifest decoration in some outputs and not others, you must create two output groups of the specified type, for example, two HLS output groups.

Enabling Decoration – HLS

Manifest decoration is enabled at the output group level, which means that the manifests for all outputs in that group include instructions based on the SCTE-35 content.

1. In the channel that you are creating, make sure that you have set the ad avail mode. See the section called “Getting Ready: Set the Ad Avail Mode” (p. 77).
2. In the navigation pane, find the desired HLS output group.
3. In Ad Marker, choose Add ad markers.
4. For HLS ad markers, select the type of ad marker. For information about the different types of markers, see Sample Manifests - HLS (p. 89).
5. Repeat to add more types of markers, as desired.

The manifest for each output will include a separate set of tags for each type that you select.

Enabling Decoration – Microsoft Smooth

With Microsoft Smooth, if you enable manifest decoration, instructions are inserted in the sparse track.

Manifest decoration is enabled at the output group level, which means that the sparse tracks for all outputs in that group will include instructions based on the SCTE-35 content.

The Procedure to Enable Decoration
1. In the channel that you are creating, make sure that you have set the ad avail mode. See the section called “Getting Ready: Set the Ad Avail Mode” (p. 77).
2. In the navigation pane, find the desired Microsoft Smooth output group.
3. For Sparse track, for Sparse track type, choose SCTE_35.
4. Complete Acquisition point ID, only if encryption is enabled on the output. Enter the address of the certificate.

How SCTE-35 Events Are Handled in Manifests and Sparse Tracks

When manifest decoration or sparse track is enabled, AWS Elemental MediaLive inserts up to three types of information. The triggers for inserting this information depend on the mode.

Types of Information

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type of Instruction</th>
<th>When Inserted</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Base64</td>
<td>Information about all SCTE-35 messages in the output is incorporated into the manifest; the entire SCTE-35 message is added in base64 format.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cue-out, Cue-in</td>
<td>SCTE-35 messages that are ad avails result in the insertion of cue-out, cue-in instructions.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Blackout</td>
<td>Only applies to the SCTE-35 Enhanced ad marker style (for HLS output; see the section called “Enabling Decoration – HLS” (p. 78)). SCTE-35 messages that are not ad avails result in the insertion of blackout start/end instructions, assuming that blackout is enabled. If blackout is not enabled, these instructions are not inserted.</td>
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Splice Insert Mode

Message Type ID: Splice Insert

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>No segmentation descriptor present</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Provider advertisement</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Distributor advertisement</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Placement opportunity</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Other: Programs, Chapters, Network, Unscheduled</td>
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For example, read the first line in the first table as follows: When a splice insert (with no segmentation descriptor) is encountered, the base64 and cue-out, cue-in information will be inserted in the manifest; blackout information will not be inserted.

### Timesignal APOS Mode

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For example, read the first line in the first table as follows: When a splice insert (with no segmentation descriptor) is encountered, the base64 information will be inserted in the manifest, and cue-out, cue-in information and blackout information will not be inserted.
Enabling Ad Avail Blanking

You can enable ad avail blanking to blank out the content for an SCTE-35 message that is considered an ad avail (as defined by the ad avail mode in Getting Ready: Set the Ad Avail Mode (p. 77)).

A similar feature is blackout (p. 85).

Blanking involves the following processing:

- Replace the video content associated with this event with an image that you specify or is with a black image.
- Remove the audio that is associated with this event.
- Remove the captions that are associated with this event.

Comparison to Manifest Decoration and Passthrough

Ad avail blanking applies to all outputs. You cannot choose to blank out for some outputs (for example, the HLS output) and not blank out for others (for example, the Microsoft Smooth output). It is an all-or-nothing decision.

Manifest decoration and passthrough have a smaller scope: they apply only to outputs that support these features.

Take important note of this fact, because if you do not do passthrough and do not do manifest decoration in a given output (because they are not supported or because you choose not to) but you do implement blanking, there will be no markers for where the blanked content occurs. The only way to identify where this blanking is occurring will be to look for the IDR i-frames that identify where the SCTE-35 message used to be.

The Procedure to Enable Blanking

1. In the channel that you are creating, in the navigation pane, choose General settings.
2. In Avail configuration, set Avail settings, if you have not already done so:
   - SCTE-35 splice insert (default): Select this mode if the input uses splice inserts to indicate ad avails. The input might also contain messages for other events such as chapters or programs.
   - SCTE-35 time signal APOS: Select this mode if the input contains time signals of segmentation type Placement opportunity. The input might also contain messages for other events such as chapters or programs.

   The mode identifies which of all possible events are treated as triggers for ad avails and as triggers for blackouts. In turn, these triggers affect how manifests are decorated (p. 79), when video is blanked (p. 82), and when video is blacked out (p. 86).
3. For Ad avail offset, set a value, if desired. See the help for this field.
4. In web_delivery_allowed_flag and no_regional_blackout_flag, choose appropriate values. For information about these fields, see the section called “Triggers for Ad Avail Blanking” (p. 82).
   - Follow (default): Observe the restriction and blank the content for the ad avail event.
   - Ignore: Ignore the restriction and do not blank the content for the ad avail event.

   Warning
   Never set both fields to Ignore.

   In Avail blanking, in State, choose Enabled.
5. In **Avail blanking image**, choose the appropriate value:
   - Disable: To use a plain black image for blanking.
   - Avail blanking image: To use a special image for blanking. In the **URI** field, type the path to a file in an S3 bucket. The file must be of type .bmp or .png. Also enter the user name and EC2 password key for accessing the S3 bucket. See the section called “Access to Amazon EC2 Systems Manager Parameter Store” (p. 3).

**Triggers for Ad Avail Blanking**

For ad avail blanking, the ad avail mode that you set controls which SCTE-35 events result in the blanking of the content.

**Triggers in Splice Insert Mode**

This section describes which message type and segmentation type combination is blanked by ad avail blanking when the Ad Avail mode is Splice Insert mode.

**Message Type ID: Splice Insert**

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**Triggers in Timesignal APOS Mode**

This section describes which message type/segmentation type combination is blanked by ad avail blanking when the Ad Avail mode is Timesignal with APOS mode.
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Ad Avail Blanking Restriction Flags

Restrictions in the Input

SCTE-35 messages of type time_signal always contain segmentation descriptors.

SCTE-35 messages of type splice_insert might or might not include segmentation descriptors.

If the input has SCTE-35 messages that do include segmentation descriptors, these segmentation descriptors always include two types of flags. Each flag has a value of "true" or "false" and provides additional information as guidance for blanking in specific situations:

- web_delivery_allowed_flag
  - True means that there is no restriction on including the ad avail event’s content in a stream that is intended for web delivery: there is no need to blank out content in streams intended for web delivery.
  - False means there is a restriction: the content should be blanked out.
- no_regional_blackout_flag
  (The wording of this flag is confusing. Think of it as the "regional_delivery_allowed_flag").
  - True means that there is no restriction on including the ad avail event’s video in a stream that is intended for regional markets: there is no need to blank out content in streams intended for regional markets.
• False means there is a restriction: the content should be blanked out.

If neither flag is present (usually the case with splice_inserts), then both are considered to be false. Blanking should occur.

If both flags are present (which is usually the case; it is unusual to have only one flag present), then a “false” for one flag takes precedence over a “true” for the other flag. Blanking should occur.

Typically, in any given message in the input only one of these flags is ever set to false, so only one restriction is ever in place. There would typically never be both a regional delivery restriction and a web delivery restriction. This is because if content is considered restricted for regional delivery, then it would not also be considered restricted for web delivery (where the concept of a region makes no sense).

To summarize, this is the blanking logic that applies to each ad avail event that is encountered.

**Blanking Logic for Ad Avail Events**

<table>
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<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Content of corresponding SCTE-35 message: Web delivery allowed?</th>
<th>Content of corresponding SCTE-35 message: Regional delivery allowed?</th>
<th>Result</th>
<th>Comment</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>S1</td>
<td>Flag is not present</td>
<td>Flag is not present</td>
<td>Blanking occurs</td>
<td>This combination can only occur in a message type splice_insert (where the segmentation descriptor is optional).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S2</td>
<td>Flag is set to “true”</td>
<td>Flag is set to “true”</td>
<td>Blanking doesn’t occur</td>
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<td>S3</td>
<td>Flag is set to “true”</td>
<td>Flag is set to “false”</td>
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<td>S4</td>
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<td>Flag is set to “true”</td>
<td>Blanking occurs</td>
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**AWS Elemental MediaLive Handling of Restrictions**

You can modify this default blanking behavior by instructing AWS Elemental MediaLive to ignore a restriction flag that is set to false, so that blanking not occur for this ad avail event. In other words, to use this logic, "Even if the message indicates to blank content because a regional blackout is in place, do not follow this instruction. Ignore the fact that a regional blackout is in place and do not blank content".

You modify the behavior by setting fields in the channel. See the section called “The Procedure to Enable Blankings” (p. 81).

**Restriction Flags with “Splice Insert”**

If you select Splice Insert as the Ad Avail mode, then there is an assumption that the SCTE-35 ad avail message does not include the two restriction flags that are described earlier in this section. There is an assumption that every SCTE-35 ad avail message should result in an ad avail.

Therefore, if you know that the input contains splice inserts (not time signals), you should leave both restriction fields unchecked.
Enabling Blackout

You can enable blackout to blank out the content for an SCTE-35 message that is of type “other event” (as defined by the mode in Getting Ready: Set the Ad Avail Mode (p. 77)). For example, chapters and programs.

(A similar feature is described in the section called “Enabling Ad Avail Blanking” (p. 81).)

Blackout involves the following processing:

- Replace the video content associated with the event with an image that you specify or is with a black image.
- Remove the audio that is associated with the event.
- Remove the captions that are associated with the event.

Comparison to Manifest Decoration and Passthrough

Blackout applies to all outputs. You cannot choose to black out for some outputs (for example, the HLS output) and not black out for others (for example, the Microsoft Smooth output). It is an all-or-nothing decision.

Manifest decoration and passthrough have a smaller scope: they apply only to outputs that support these features.

Take important note of this fact, because if you do not do passthrough and do not do manifest decoration in a given output (because they are not supported or because you choose not to) but you do implement blanking, there will be no “markers” for where the blanked content occurs. The only way of identifying where this blanking is occurring will be to look for the IDR i-frames that identify where the SCTE-35 message used to be.

The Procedure to Black out

1. In the channel that you are creating, in the navigation pane, choose General settings.
2. For Avail configuration, set Avail settings, if you have not already done so:
   - SCTE-35 splice insert (default): Select this mode if the input uses splice inserts to indicate ad avails. The input might also contain messages for other events such as chapters or programs.
   - SCTE-35 time signal APOS: Select this mode if the input contains time signals of segmentation type Placement opportunity. The input might also contain messages for other events such as chapters or programs.

   The mode identifies which of all possible events are treated as triggers for “ad avails” and as triggers for “blackouts.” In turn, these triggers affect how manifests are decorated (p. 79), when video is blanked (p. 82), and when video is blacked out (p. 86).
3. For Ad avail offset, set a value, if desired. See the help for this field.
4. For web_delivery_allowed_flag and no_regional_blackout_flag, choose appropriate values. For information about these fields, see the section called “Triggers for Blackout” (p. 86).
   - Follow (default): Observe the restriction and blank the content for the ad avail event.
   - Ignore: Ignore the restriction and do not blank the content for the ad avail event.

   Warning
   Never set both fields to Ignore.
5. In Blackout slate, in State, choose Enabled.
6. For Blackout slate image, choose the appropriate value:
**Triggers for Blackout**

The blackout feature is triggered only by `time_signal` messages of segmentation type Other. It is not triggered by `splice_insert` messages of any segmentation type, and is not triggered by `time_signal` messages of any type except Other.

SCTE-35 messages of type ID "splice insert" and messages of type ID "time signal" can both include "Other" `time_signal` messages. Therefore, when enabling blackout, the ad avail mode (p. 77) is not relevant. Blackout works the same with either mode.

The segmentation ID triggers blackout based on "events," as shown in the following table.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SCTE-35 Segmentation Type</th>
<th>Blacked out</th>
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<tr>
<td>Chapter Start</td>
<td>Start blacking out</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chapter End</td>
<td>End blacking out</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Network Start</td>
<td>End blacking out</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Network End</td>
<td>Start blacking out</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Program Start</td>
<td>Start blacking out</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Program End</td>
<td>End blacking out</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unscheduled Event Start</td>
<td>Start blacking out</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unscheduled Event End</td>
<td>End blacking out</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For example, if the blackout feature is enabled, then blanking always occurs when a Program Start message is encountered and always ends when a Program End message is encountered.

Note that the triggers for blackout on a Network event are different from the other events:

- With Network, blanking starts when the Network *End* instruction is encountered.
- With other events, blanking starts when the "Event Start" instruction is encountered.
End Event Trigger Hierarchy

Events have the following "strength hierarchy."

<table>
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<tr>
<th>SCTE-35 Segmentation Type</th>
<th>Strength</th>
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<tr>
<td>Network</td>
<td>1 (Strongest)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unscheduled Event</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Program</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chapter</td>
<td>4 (Weakest)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

A blackout can be ended only by an event of equal or greater strength than the event that started it.

For example, if the blackout is started by a Program Start, it can be ended by a Network Start, an Unscheduled Event End or a Program End. It cannot be ended by a Chapter End. AWS Elemental MediaLive ignores the "end blackout" instruction implied by the Chapter End.

Blackout Restriction Flags

Restrictions in the Input

The segmentation descriptors in messages that are blackout triggers always include two types of flags. These flags provide additional information as guidance for blackout in specific situations:

- web_delivery_allowed_flag
  - True means that there is no restriction on including the event's content in a stream that is intended for web delivery. There is no need to black out content in streams intended for web delivery.
  - False means that there is a restriction. The content should be blacked out.
- no_regional_blackout_flag
  - True means that there is no restriction on including the event's video in a stream intended for regional markets. There is no need to black out content in streams intended for regional markets.
  - False means that there is a restriction. The content should be blacked out.

If both flags are present (which is usually the case; it is unusual to have only one flag present), then a "false" for one flag takes precedence over a "true" for the other flag. Blackout should occur.

Typically, in any given message in the input only one of these flags is ever set to false, so only one restriction is ever in place. There would typically never be both a regional delivery restriction and a web delivery restriction. This is because if content is considered restricted for regional delivery, then it would not also be considered restricted for web delivery (where the concept of a region makes no sense).

To summarize, this is the blackout logic that applies to each event that is encountered.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Content of corresponding SCTE-35 message: Web delivery allowed?</th>
<th>Content of corresponding SCTE-35 message: Regional delivery allowed?</th>
<th>Result</th>
<th>Comment</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>S1 Flag is not present</td>
<td>Flag is not present</td>
<td>Blackout occurs</td>
<td>Never occurs in messages that are blackout triggers</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### AWS Elemental MediaLive Handling of Restrictions

You can modify this default blackout behavior by instructing AWS Elemental MediaLive to ignore a restriction flag that is set to false, so that blackout will not occur for this event. In other words, to use this logic, "Even if the message indicates to black out content because a regional blackout is in place, do not follow this instruction. Ignore the fact that a regional blackout is in place and do not black out content".

You modify the behavior by setting fields in the channel.

### SCTE-35 Passthrough or Removal

You can set up the AWS Elemental MediaLive channel so that SCTE-35 messages from the input is passed through (included) in the data stream for the following outputs:

- Outputs in an Archive output group.
- Outputs in an HLS output group.
- Outputs in a UDP output group.

#### Alignment with Video

The PTS of the SCTE-35 message is adjusted to match the PTS of the corresponding video frame.

#### Passthrough Is at the Output Level

SCTE-35 passthrough or removal applies at the output level. The messages are passed through or removed only in a specific output. The default behavior (if you do not change the configuration fields) is to remove the messages.

#### The Procedure for Archive

1. In the channel that you are creating, find the **Archive** output group that contains the output that you want to set up.
2. Choose that output.
3. In **PID settings**, complete the following fields:
   - **SCTE-35 control**: Set to **Passthrough**.
   - **SCTE-35 PID**: Leave the default PID or enter the PID where you want the SCTE-35 messages to go.
4. If appropriate, repeat for other outputs in this or other Archive output groups.

All SCTE-35 messages from the input are included in the data stream of the outputs that you have set up.

**The Procedure for HLS**

1. In the channel that you are creating, find the HLS output group that contains the output that you want to set up.
2. Choose that output.
3. In **PID settings**, complete the following fields:
   - **SCTE-35 behavior**: Set to **Passthrough**.
   - **SCTE-35 PID**: Leave the default PID or enter the PID where you want the SCTE-35 messages to go.
4. If appropriate, repeat for other outputs in this or other HLS output groups.

All SCTE-35 messages from the input will be included in the data stream of the outputs that you have set up.

**The Procedure for UDP**

1. In the channel that you are creating, find the UDP output group that contains the output that you want to set up.
2. Choose that output.
3. In **PID settings**, complete the following fields:
   - **SCTE-35 control**: Set to **Passthrough**.
   - **SCTE-35 PID**: Leave the default PID or enter the PID where you want the SCTE-35 messages to go.
4. If appropriate, repeat for other outputs in this or other UDP output groups.

All SCTE-35 messages from the input will be included in the data stream of the outputs that you have set up.

**Sample Manifests - HLS**

AWS Elemental MediaLive supports the following HLS manifest styles:

- Adobe
- Elemental
- SCTE-35 Enhanced

This section describes the ad marker tagging for each style.

**Ad Marker: Adobe**

Inserts a CUE: DURATION for each ad avail. Does not insert any CUE-OUT CONT (continuation tags) to indicate to a player joining midbreak that there is a current avail. This does not insert a CUE-IN tag at the end of the avail.
Ad Marker: Elemental

Structure

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<tr>
<th>Segment</th>
<th>Tag</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Each succeeding segment.</td>
<td>CUE-OUT</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Segment in which the ad avail starts.</td>
<td>CUE-OUT-CONT</td>
<td>0-n</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Segment in which ad avail ends.</td>
<td>CUE-IN</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Tag Contents

- CUE-OUT contains DURATION
- CUE-OUT-CONT contains Elapsed time and Duration
- CUE-IN has no content

Example

```
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT:30.000
.
.
.
# EXT-X-CUE-OUT-CONT: 8.308/30
.
.
.
# EXT-X-CUE-OUT-CONT: 20.391/30
.
.
.
```
Ad Marker: SCTE-35 Enhanced

Structure

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<td>Segment in which the ad avail starts.</td>
<td>OATCLS-SCTE35</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Segment in which the ad avail starts.</td>
<td>ASSET</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Segment in which the ad avail starts.</td>
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Tag Contents

- OATCLS-SCTE35 containing the base64 encoded raw bytes of the original SCTE-35 ad avail message.
- ASSET containing the CAID or UPID as specified in the original SCTE35 message.
- 1 CUE-OUT per ad avail.
- CUE-OUT-CONT containing the following:
  - The elapsed time of the avail.
  - The duration declared in the original SCTE35 message.
  - SCTE35 containing the base64 encoded raw bytes of the original SCTE-35 ad avail message.

These lines repeat until the ad avail ends.
- CUE-IN to indicate the end of the avail.

Example

```
#EXT-OATCLS-SCTE35:/DA0AAAAAAAABQb+ADAQ6QAeAhxDVUVJQAAAA3/PAAEUrE0ICAANAAAg+2UBNAANvrtoQ==
#EXT-X-ASSET:CAID=0x0000000020FB6501
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT:201.467
  ...
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT-CONT:ElapsedTime=5.939, Duration=201.467, SCTE35=/DA0AAAAA...AAg+2UBNAANvrtoQ==
  ...
#EXT-X-CUE-IN
```
Starting, Stopping, and Deleting a Channel

Topics
- Starting a Channel (p. 92)
- Stopping a Channel (p. 92)
- Deleting a Channel (p. 92)

Starting a Channel

1. Open the AWS Elemental MediaLive console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/medialive?region="region".
2. In the navigation pane, choose Channels.
3. On the Channels page, choose the channel that you want to start.
4. Choose Start. The channel state changes to one of the following:
   - Starting
   - Recovering (indicates that encoding has started on one of the destinations but not the other)
   - Running (encoding on both destinations)
5. Choose the channel name. The details for the channel appear. The content pane shows these sections:

Stopping a Channel

You can stop a channel that is running.

1. Choose the channel.
2. Choose Stop.

Deleting a Channel

You can delete a non-running channel from the Channels list or the details view.

1. Select the channel.
2. If the channel is running, choose Stop.
3. Choose Delete.
Handling AWS Elemental MediaLive Alerts

AWS Elemental MediaLive provides feedback to you on the status of channels. It does this by creating Amazon CloudWatch events that hold alert information. You can manage these events using Amazon CloudWatch event rules and deliver them in emails or SMS messages. You can deliver events to a number of destinations; this chapter describes how to deliver them via the Amazon Simple Notification Service (SNS).

For complete information about the options for managing events using Amazon CloudWatch, see the Cloudwatch User Guide.

For complete information about using SNS, see the SNS Developer Guide.

Option 1: Send all AWS Elemental MediaLive Events to an Email Address

This option shows how to set up is to send all events to a single email address. The drawback of this setup is that the email account will receive a large volume of emails. Therefore this setup is not recommended in a production environment.

You must perform this setup in each region where channels are running.

Step 1: Create a Subscription

You create a subscription to set up a specific email address so that it automatically receives email notifications when any event occurs in AWS Elemental MediaLive. You need to identify an email recipient for the emails.

We illustrate this procedure with the example of setting up to send emails with the sender appearing as "MediaLive" and the subject line as "MediaLive_alert".

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Simple Notification Service console.
2. In the navigation panel, choose SNS dashboard, then choose Topics.
3. On the SNS dashboard page, choose Create new topic.
4. In Topic name, type the name you want for the subject of the email. For example, "MediaLive_alert".
5. In Display name type the name you want for the sender of the email. For example "MediaLive".
6. Choose Create topic.
7. SNS creates the topic and displays the ARN in the Topic details panel. For example, arn:aws:sns:us-west-2:111122223333:MediaLive, where 111122223333 is your AWS account.
8. Copy this ARN to your clipboard.
9. In the navigation panel, choose Subscriptions.
10. In the Subscriptions page, choose Create subscriptions.
11. In the Create subscriptions pane, in Topic ARN, type or paste the ARN.
12. In Protocol, choose Email.
13. In **Email address**, type the email address of the recipient. You must be able to log onto this email account because you will be sending a confirmation email to this address.
14. Choose **Create subscription**.

SNS sends a confirmation email to the address you specified.
15. Log onto that email account and display the email. Choose the Confirm subscription link in the email to enable the subscription. A confirmation window appears in a web browser. You can close this window.

**Step 2: Create a CloudWatch Rule**

You now create a rule that says "When CloudWatch receives any event from aws.medialive, invoke the specified SNS topic – in other words, send an email to the subscribed email address.

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon CloudWatch console.
2. On the navigation pane, choose **Events**.
3. In **Welcome to CloudWatch Events**, choose **Create Rule**.
4. In **Step 1**, in **Event Source**, choose **Event Pattern**.
5. Change **Build event pattern to match** to **Custom event pattern**.
6. In the entry box, type the following:

   ```json
   {
      "source": [
         "aws.medialive"
      ]
   }
   
   ```

7. From the right-hand panel, choose **Add target**.
8. Choose **SNS topic**.
9. In **Topic**, choose the topic you created, for example, "MediaLive_alert".
10. Choose **Configure details**
11. In **Configure input**, choose **Matched event**.
12. Type a name and optional description, then choose **Create rule**.

Now, whenever an alert occurs in AWS Elemental MediaLive, an event will be sent to Amazon CloudWatch. This event will trigger the rule that instructs CloudWatch to send an email to the email address specified in the SNS subscription.

**Option 2: Send Events for Specific Channels to an Email Address**

You can set up to send all events for a specific channel (or channels) to one email. You must perform this setup in each region where channels are running.

Create as many subscriptions and rules combinations as required. Follow the steps for Option 1, with these differences:

- When creating the SNS subscription, you may want to fine-tune the topic, for example "MediaLive_notifications_channel_1234567".
• When creating the CloudWatch rule, you create a rule with an event pattern that identifies aws.medialive as the “event source” and the ARN for the specific channel as “the resource” within that event source, as follows:

```json
{
  "source": [
    "aws.medialive"
  ],
  "resources": [
  ]
}
```

The resource is the ARN for the desired channel. You can obtain this ARN from the channels list in the AWS Elemental MediaLive console.

This rule that says “When CloudWatch receives any event from aws.medialive for channel 1234567, invoke the specified SNS topic – in other words, send an email to the subscribed email address.”

If desired, you can enter more than one channel in the resources section. For example:

```json
"resources": [
]
```
Limits in AWS Elemental MediaLive

The following table describes limits in AWS Elemental MediaLive. For information about limits that can be changed, see AWS Service Limits.

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Document History for User Guide

The following table describes the documentation for this release of ServiceName.

- **API version:** latest
- **Latest documentation update:** November 27, 2017

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