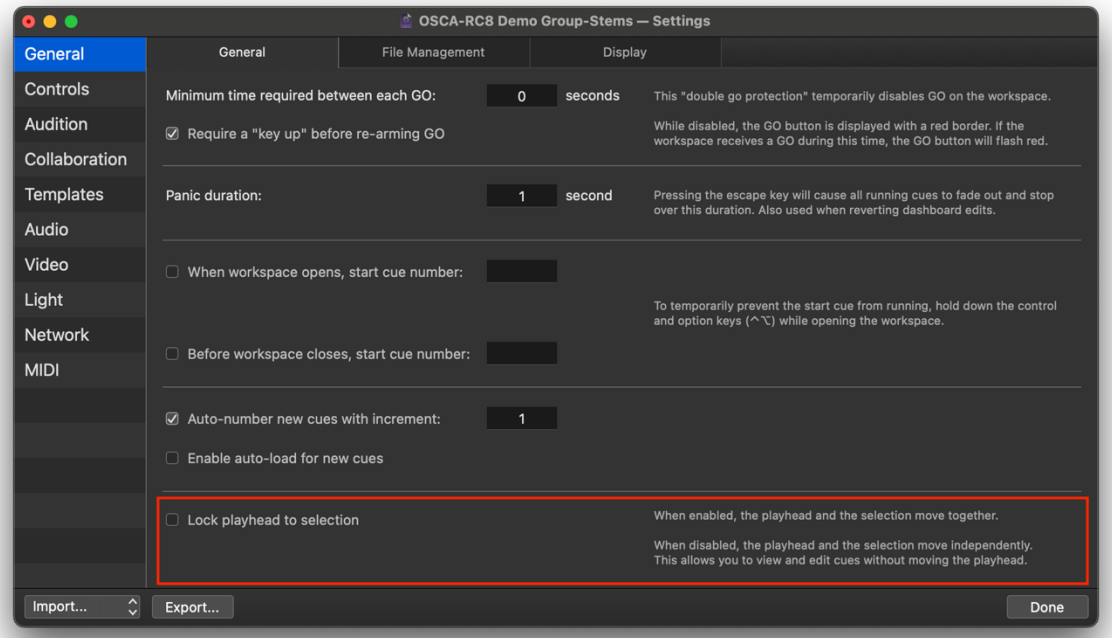
OSCA Remote Control-8 QLab Tech Notes

Overview

This document outlines how Remote Control-8 can be used most effectively to control QLab, where QLab is being operated by both a Musical Supervisor remote from the QLab system in conjunction with a sound operator. This assumes the Remote Control-8 has already been synced with QLab to control a specific cue list.

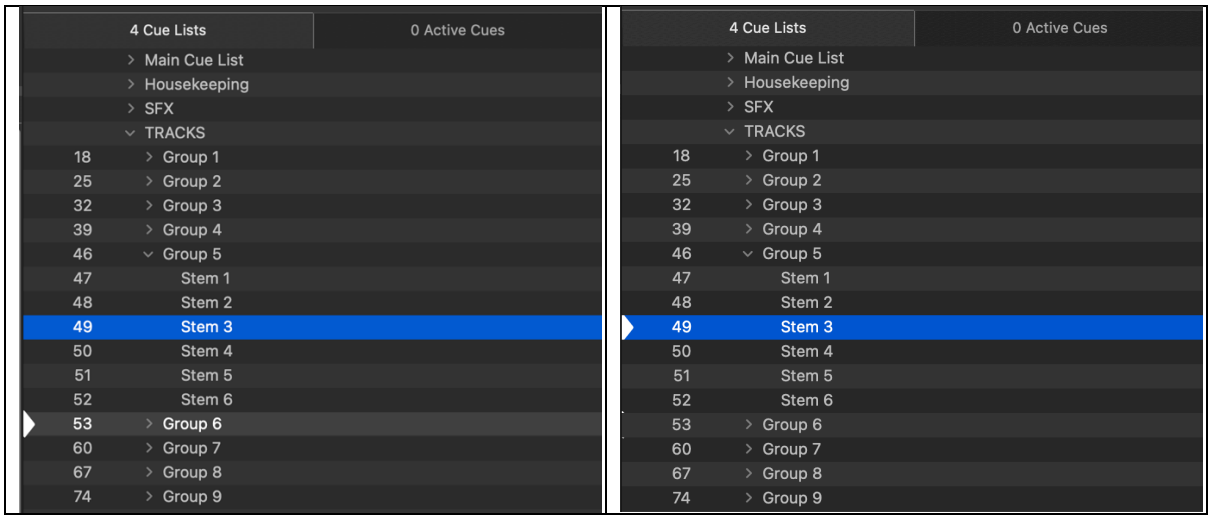
QLab Settings



By default, QLab has a workspace setting to ***Lock playhead to selection***. It is recommended this is disabled when using QLab with Remote Control-8

Whilst this is a useful feature when operating QLab standalone, it can be confusing where a second device or user is controlling a specific cue list.

In the screenshot below, the sound operator has selected Stem 3 to make some edits during a rehearsal when Group 5 finished playing. On the left, the playhead (a light-coloured, right-pointing triangular indicator) remains on the next group cue, ready for the Remote-Control 8 to fire the next track. On the right the playhead has moved with the selection, and the next Remote-Control 8 fire will play Stem 3, then Stem 4, until it reaches Stem 6 and exits the group cue.



The playhead can be moved if needed by the Sound operator using the keyboard shortcuts below, or the right click menu

Move playhead to cue…	⇧⌘J
Move playhead to next cue	⇧⌘↓
Move playhead to previous cue	⇧⌘↑

If the playhead position is moved in QLab sending an OSC message /refresh to the Remote Control-8 will cause it to query QLab for the current playhead position and update its TFT screen. This can also be done by clicking the refresh button on the Remote Control-8 settings page.

It is possible for the Remote Control-8 to Auto refresh QLab playhead position by periodically sending itself /refresh however this may result in unnecessary OSC network traffic.

Playhead Override

OSCA Remote Control-8 can be used with Playhead Override enabled.



In this mode, when firing a QLab cue, Remote Control-8 will query QLab for the cue Id of the next cue. On the next Go button press, Remote-Control 8 will start that cue Id, irrespective of the selected cue or playhead position within QLab.

Resources

https://www.nemesis-research.com/product-manuals
https://qlab.app/docs/v5/