

# MediaBand VX Quickstart Guide V3.2

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# 1. Introduction

This document is a basic guide for configuring a new Patapsco MediaBand VX. A full User Manual for configuring all settings on the unit is supplied on the DbManager Installation Disk. Patapsco offers an optional Pre-Configuration Service and optional Telephone Support Agreements at minimal cost. Information on these options can be found in the Support document on the DbManager installation disk.

## 1.1. Transition Networks - Patapsco

Patapsco MediaBand products allow the delivery of synchronous TDM and Serial data streams across asynchronous fibre or copper links. MediaBand will packetize traffic for transport across the IP link and transparently depacketize it at a remote site. The traffic will then be played out to the data interfaces. MediaBand must be used as a two-ended solution, and an existing system can easily be expanded with more MediaBand units to allow links to new sites and devices.

## 1.2. Safety warnings



**Caution:** Danger of electric shock. The device may be connected to mains voltages. Switch to power-off state before working on the device.



**Caution:** Danger of electrostatic discharge. Electronic components are sensitive to electrostatic discharges that might damage the device. Protect the device from electrostatic discharges by wearing an electrostatic wristband.



**Caution:** Interruption of data transmission. Data transmission will be interrupted during any work on the transmission line and/or deactivation of the power supply. Make sure that any work will only be carried out on inactive lines (without data transmission) or during quiet times to reduce interference to live systems.



**Caution:** Danger of damage to devices or service interruption. Access by unauthorized third persons may cause damage to devices and/or interrupt services. Make sure that subracks are only installed in lockable locations.



**Caution:** Danger of overvoltage. During faults, dangerous unprotected voltages may be present. Ensure sufficient grounding of the housings, i.e. by connecting the grounding contact.






- Safety requirements are not fulfilled unless this equipment is connected to a wall socket outlet with a protective earth (PE) contact.
- The power cord used to connect this equipment must be HAR marked and fitted with an IEC320 connector and an ASTA approved moulded plug.
- There are no user serviceable parts in this equipment. All servicing and repair tasks must be undertaken by qualified service personnel.
- Isolation from mains power is achieved by the removal of the main power cord.

# 2. Getting Started

This section will describe how to make the physical connections between MediaBand VX and the other system devices, and install the Patapsco management application, DbManager.

## 2.1. Rack Mounting Instructions

The Rack Mounting Kit is comprised of the following:

Photo	Description	Quantity
	<b>L-Bracket</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>Long Patapsco case screw</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>Cage Nut</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>washer</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>Rack Mount Screw</b>	<b>4</b>

All Patapsco units can be mounted in a standard 19" rack housing. To allow units to fit into a 19" rack, a Rack Mounting Kit must be purchased for the unit (s). There are various rack mounting options depending on the size of the unit ordered. The following guide will explain how to use the Rack Mounting Kit with Patapsco units.

1. Remove the four short screws near the front or rear panel on the left and right hand sides of the Patapsco unit. The unit can be mounted with the front panel facing forward or with the ports facing forward as required.
2. Fit one of the **L-Brackets** to the side of the unit. The four small fixing holes allow the unit to protrude forward or sit further back depending on the desired position of the unit. The bracket may also face forwards or backwards depending on the desired position of the unit.
3. Fix the **L-Bracket** in place using the **Long Patapsco case screws**.
4. Fix the second **L-Bracket** to the other side of the case in the same way.
5. Put the **Rack Mount screws** through the **Rack Mount washers**.
6. Offer the unit up to the rack and fix it in place using the **Rack Mount Screws** and **Rack Mount cage nuts**.

## 2.2. Accessories

The following accessories are supplied with all Patapsco units:

Item	Description			
DbManager CD	Installable DbManager application, technical documents and manuals			
Controller Cable	Management cable. Connects to MediaBand VX's Terminal port	Cable Spec		
		RJ12		DB9S
		<b>Pin</b>	<b>Function</b>	<b>Pin</b>
		1	Rx	3
		2	Tx	2
		3	Gnd	5
IEC Mains Cable	Connects MediaBand VX to the mains supply			

## 2.3. Optional Accessories

The following items can be ordered from Patapsco, or will be supplied with some units depending on the nature of the device.

- Serial Cables -** Cables to connect the Patapsco device to a CPE or network. Please see the full manual for cable specs on all Patapsco cables
- Rack Mounting Kit -** All Patapsco units can be mounted in a 19" rack using this kit
- SFP Modules and Cables -** Please see the MediaBand VX user manual for instructions and precautions to take when using SFP modules

## 2.4. Making Connections

First, connect the Serial cables to MediaBand VX followed by the Terminal Port management cable (if required), PKT Port cable and lastly the Mains cable. If the unit has a DC power supply connection, use the screw terminals to connect the DC power source.



**Warning:** The -48VDC power terminals are marked **0V**, **-48V**, and **GND**. Patapsco -48VDC products are designed for use with negative voltage DC supplies, and therefore expect the positive voltage to be connected to the **0V** terminal, and the negative connected to **-48V**. Please be sure about the polarity of this connection before connecting power to the terminals. Units which have a positive +24VDC power source will be marked **+24VDC**, **0V** and **GND** respectively. Please ensure that the positive connection is made on the **+24VDC** terminal.

## 2.5. Installing DbManager

DbManager is required in order to monitor and manage Patapsco devices. Management can be made using the Terminal (serial) port, or using TCP/IP over a LAN or WAN. DbManager is installed using the CD provided with Patapsco equipment.

1. Insert the DbManager Installation Disk into the drive of the PC which will be used for management of MediaBand VX.
2. InstallShield Wizard will start up. Follow the steps to install DbManager.
3. Serial Number – Enter the Serial Number on the case of the DbMgr Disk.



**Info:** DbManager is supplied as a 'Lite' version by default. This allows configuration and monitoring of devices, but only allows configuration of a single device node and a single user account. To use DbManager in 'Lite' mode, do not enter a serial number during installation. Please see the full DbManager User Manual for more information on configuring and using DbManager.



**Warning:** If an older version of DbManager is already installed on the management PC, it is necessary to update to the version supplied on the new DbManager CD. This can be done by consulting the 'Upgrade' folder on the DbManager CD. The 'readme.txt' file explains how to upgrade to the new DbManager without reinstalling the program.

## 3. Configuring MediaBand VX

Follow these steps to connect to MediaBand VX with DbManager and configure the unit for use.

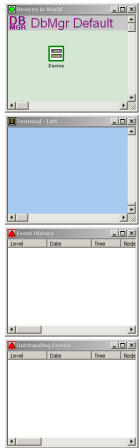
Configuration of MediaBand VX is carried out by setting up DbManager to make a management connection, and then setting up the elements of MediaBand VX in this order:

**Name and Ethernet settings -**  
**Serial Port Settings -**  
**Clock Sources -**

The IP address settings and Name of the unit  
Settings for the Serial port  
configure which interface MediaBand VX is to take synchronisation clock from

## 3.1. Connecting to MediaBand VX

1. Start up the DbManager Application
2. Login as **Super User** (no password required)
3. Four windows will be displayed:



### Map

A network map showing Nodes and Links between Patapsco devices

### Terminal

A view of the communications between DbMgr and MediaBand VX

### Event History

All events which occur while connected to MediaBand VX

### Outstanding Events

Current events

4. Select **View → Properties → Terminal** from the DbMgr toolbar.
5. Choose the COM port which is in use. Leave the **Serial Port Rate** at the default setting of 19200bps. Click **OK**.
6. Select the **Devices in World** window and double click the **Device** node
7. The **Connected to Device** window should appear, showing the front and rear panels of MediaBand VX. If it does not, check the COM port settings and re-try



**Warning:** If management via the Terminal port is not possible, it could be that the management PC has another application running which uses the COM ports of the PC. Even when some programs which use the COM ports are closed down, other programs cannot access the COM ports. Rebooting the PC is required in order to release the COM ports so that DbManager can use them.

If the PC and MediaBand VX are connected to the same LAN, management is possible using TCP/IP. All Patapsco products use the default IP settings:

<b>IP Address</b>	<b>192.168.0.1</b>
<b>Subnet Mask</b>	<b>255.255.0.0</b>
<b>Gateway</b>	<b>0.0.0.0</b>

To configure DbManager to access MediaBand VX using TCP/IP, please follow these steps:

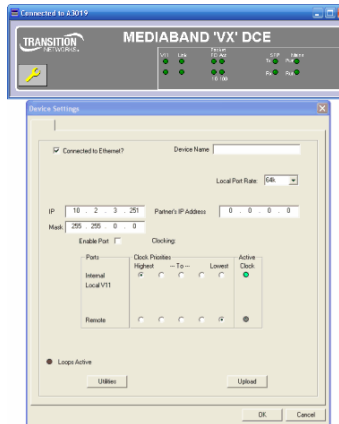
1. Select **View → Properties → Terminal → Device IP Addresses** from the DbMgr toolbar
2. 192.168.0.1 should already be configured. If using another IP address, add it to the list using the **Add** button
3. Click **OK → OK**
4. Select the **Devices in World** window and double click the Device node
5. The Connected to Device window should appear, showing the front and rear panels of MediaBand VX

The Device node can be made to connect to other IP addresses configured in the **Device IP Addresses** list by right-clicking the node, selecting **Properties** and choosing an IP address from the **IP List**.



**Info:** TCP/IP management requires TCP port 3001 (dec) to be open between the management PC and MediaBand VX. Any switches, hubs or routers must be configured to allow communication on this port in order to manage MediaBand VX via TCP/IP.

A successful management connection will open up the **Connected to Device** window:



## 3.2. Notes on configuring MediaBand VX

### Uploading

Changes to config can be made on each window and saved using the **OK** key when exiting each window. When happy with the configuration, it must be uploaded to MediaBand VX for the new settings to come into effect.

To upload, go to **File → Upload** or press the **Upload** button on the config window and wait until the progress bar completes.

### Saving Files

Configuration files can be saved in order to backup settings or copy settings across to another unit. Once configuration has been uploaded, go to **File → Save File** and choose a location to save the file to. The file extension of any saved config files is **.dbc**

### Loading Files

Once connected to a unit, an existing configuration file can be loaded to the device. Go to **File → Open File** and navigate to the saved file. Click **Open**. Now the file must be uploaded to MediaBand VX. Go to **File → Upload** or press the **Upload** button on the config window and wait until the progress bar completes.



**Warning:** When loading existing configuration files to a unit, please ensure that the correct configuration files are used for the unit type in use. MediaBand VX configuration files are not compatible with other Patapsco platforms.

## 3.3. Name and Ethernet Settings

MediaBand VX has two options for its Ethernet settings. If management and monitoring of the units once installed is not required, the **A** and **B** options can be used.

1. Set one unit as **A** and the other as **B** if management is not required. Alternatively, set the **Connected to Ethernet?** option and configure an **IP Address** and **Subnet Mask** for the unit. Also enter the **Partner's IP Address**, which is the IP address of the partnered MediaBand VX unit.
2. Enter a **Device Name** for the unit. This name will be used for event reporting between MediaBand VX and DbManager

## 3.4. Serial Port Configuration

Set the required **Local Port Rate**. MediaBand VX can support any speed from 64kbps up to 2048kbps in steps of 64kbps.

the LED states are as follows:

Top LED on -	Control signal 'C' present on interface
Bottom LED on -	Channels active on interface

## 3.5. Clock Sources

MediaBand VX must be configured to either receive clock from an Serial interface, a connection to another MediaBand VX or generate clock internally. Different priorities can be set for each port, so if one port is unavailable, MediaBand VX will clock from the next available port in the Clock Source hierarchy.

1. Choose the clocking priorities from the table by clicking on the radio buttons. The higher priorities are to the left of the table while the lower priorities are to the right
2. **Active Clock** shows where MediaBand VX is currently clocking from



**Warning:** Clock Sources must be configured correctly to ensure error-free operation when MediaBand VX is connected to any other clock-locked system or network. Please consult the full MediaBand VX manual if unsure how to configure Clock Sources.

## 3.6. Utilities

The **Utilities** menu gives access to a number of diagnostic tools and information about the MediaBand VX device. Please see the full user manual for details on each option. The **SFP** menu is used to configure the SFP module as **100** or **1000** base. This setting is key in order for the SFP interface to work correctly.

Click on **Utilities** and select **SFP**

Configure **100 Base FX** or **1000 Base X** according to the type of SFP module which is in use.



**Note:** Please check the datasheet for the SFP modules in use to find out whether they run at 100 or 1000 base. Also please be sure to use the correct Multi-mode or Single-mode cables with the SFP modules.

## 3.7. Finishing Configuration



**Note:** Please remember to **Upload** when configuration of MediaBand VX is complete. To upload, go to **File** → **Upload** or press the **Upload** button on the config window and wait until the progress bar completes.

## 3.8. More Resources

All Patapsco products and the DbManager application have their own User Manuals which can be found in the 'Documents & Manuals' folder on the DbManager installation disk. Please consult these manuals for more detailed information on any aspect of using Patapsco products. All documentation can also be obtained by registering at the Patapsco website:

[http://www.patapsco.co.uk/Top\\_Level/Login\\_Register.asp](http://www.patapsco.co.uk/Top_Level/Login_Register.asp)

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