

Subtitle App



Introduction.

If playing audio files or streaming live TV you may be required to show subtitles. This is particularly important in busy, noisy locations or in a hospital waiting room. Using this app subtitles can be assigned to a particular video or audio file when it is displayed on the screen and can be set to play at specific times. The position and style of the subtitles can also be specified. By updating a file in which the subtitles are stored, Acquire will make automatic updates to the content displayed on the screens.

Uses.

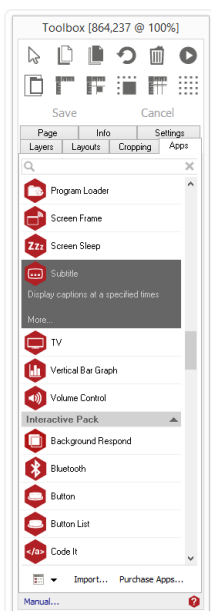
This page plug-in displays subtitles at specified times starting from when a page is first displayed.

Subtitles can shown on multiple lines and have different text styles. An editor lets you create new subtitle files and place subtitles at desired positions in a video.

Using Text Animate app.

To access the app open an existing or new page and select the **'App'** tab of page editor **'Toolbox'** (shown below). Apps are grouped within their relevant app packs and are displayed red if they have been licenced. For more information about licensing apps go to [Licencing apps.](#)

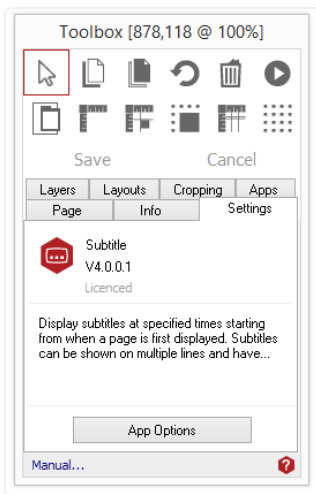
Select the app from the list or search for it using the search bar. When an app is selected it will be highlighted as shown.



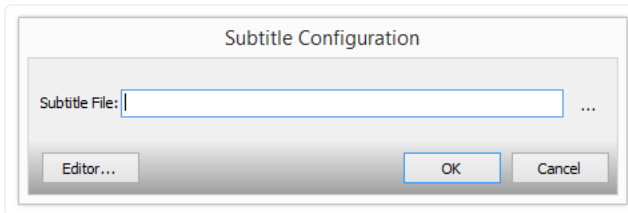
Once you have selected your app draw an area on your page where you would like to use the app.

The **'Settings'** tab within the Toolbox will automatically open when the app is added to the page.

From here you can set your app up by going to **'App Options.'**



Subtitle Configuration.



This window allows you to select an existing subtitle file from the media folder or go to the editor.

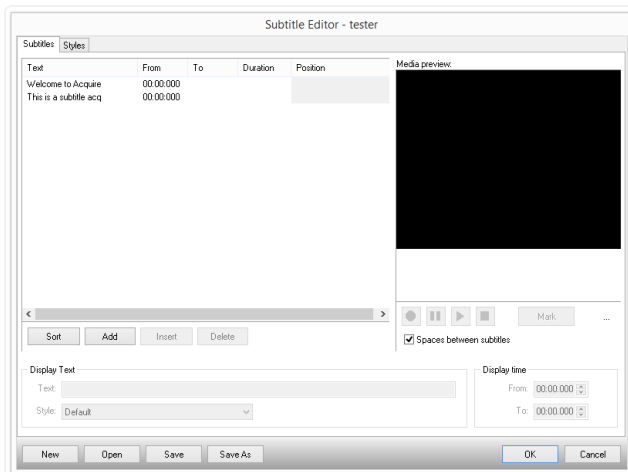
Subtitle file: This shows the file that will be loaded and played when your page starts.

Press the "... " (browse) button to select a new subtitle file from the media folder.

Editor: Opens the Subtitle Editor to change the currently selected file or create a new one. See below.

Subtitle Editor: The Subtitle Editor allows you to manage subtitle files. You can create, open and save. It has two tabs, one for editing the subtitles and one for editing text styles, which can be assigned to those subtitles.

Subtitles tab.



Here is where all the subtitle files are listed. As well as the text it shows the display time (From/To), Duration and Position.

The display time is the period that the subtitle is visible for.

The Position is a graphical representation of where the subtitle will be visible in a file loaded into the Media Previewer (3). The bar is shown in red to indicate that the subtitle overlaps another, which can be confusing as only one subtitle can be visible at a time.

Clicking an item will move to its position in a video loaded into the Media Previewer.

Use the buttons to manage this list. Here is an overview of what each button does:

Sort: Arranges the list in display time order. The list is not automatically sorted to avoid the lines jumping around during recording (see below).

Add: Appends a new subtitle to the end of the list. It's From time will be the end of the previous line, it will have zero duration and no text.

Insert: Inserts a new subtitle at the selected line. It's From time will be the end of the previous line, it will have zero duration and no text.

Delete: Removes the selected subtitle. You can also press the Delete Key to remove the focused subtitle.

Display Text



You can edit the text above by using this section.

Text: Edit the subtitle's text. Text will automatically wrap in the plug-in area. To force a line break insert a pipe "|" character in this text.

Style: Select a style from the list to apply to the subtitle's text. Styles are edited using the Styles tab (see below) and are part of the current subtitle file.

Display Time: From/To Use these to set the period that the line is visible.

The Media previewer.

Allows you to load a video and see where the subtitles will appear.

Also, in addition to manually editing subtitle's times in the Display Time box, you can use the controls record those times.



Browse: Load a video from the media folder. It will then be shown in the top part of the previewer

The Slider: Changes the video position. A bar will be shown in the slider when a subtitle is displayed which reflects its display time. This is the same as in the Position column of the subtitles list.



Play: Run the video.



Record / Mark Allows you to set the subtitle times to the positions in the loaded video:

Select a subtitle line.

Press the Record button. The video will start playing from its current position and the Mark button will be enabled.

Press Mark once to set the subtitle's From time, and again to set it's To time.

The next item will be selected and you can repeat c) for each line.

You can press pause and/or move the Slider at any point in this process to allow more precision.

To set just one line press Pause immediately after Record. Move the slider to the where you want it to appear and press Mark. Move to where you want the subtitle to end, press Mark again then press Stop.

While recording the Space Bar will also press the Mark button.



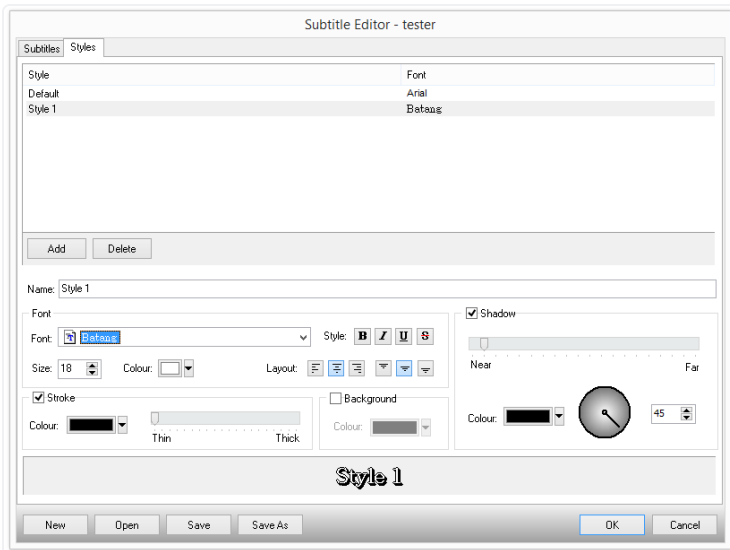
Pause: Pauses playback or recording.



Stop: Stops playback or recording.

Spaces between subtitles If this is not selected Mark only sets the Subtitle's From time. The To time is automatically set to the start of the next subtitle i.e. there are no spaces between them.

Styles tab.



Styles list: A list of the styles that are part of the loaded subtitle file. The style name and font are shown. Use the Add and Delete buttons to manage the list. Pressing the Delete Key will also remove the selected style.

Style editing area: This area contains the properties of the selected Style for you to edit.

Font and Stroke are standard text attributes. You can also add a shadow.

If a background colour is selected the subtitle panel will be opaque and in this colour, otherwise it will be transparent.

A preview of the style is shown at the bottom.

Bottom panel.



New: Create a new subtitle file.

Open: Load an existing subtitle file for editing.

Save: Save the current subtitle file.

Save As: Save the current subtitle file at a new location or with a new name.