

Roundshot Livecam Multimedia Platform

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Image: Livecam Hotel Belvedere Grindelwald
12 April 2016 - 13:20 - belvederegrindelwald.roundshot.com

“Publish or perish” could also be a motto for our Livecam Multimedia Platform. Every month we face new browser and security issues that require our attention. We also receive a fair amount of new customer ideas and feedback which make our development effort interesting and challenging. In other words: we will not rest!

Since our last Newsletter of October 2015 many things have changed. We are therefore happy (and proud) to present a summary of the latest features and improvements of our Livecam Multimedia Platform through this Newsletter.

Do you have burning questions or perhaps some new feature requests? Get in touch with us. We will be happy to hear from you.

Best regards,

from the Seitz Roundshot team

Our new apps



An app for every customer

We provide every Livecam customer with his own smart phone and tablet app (IOS + Android), marketed with his own logo! This is a unique feature of our product and has received very positive feedback by many Livecam customers and users worldwide.

For our Livecam Multimedia Platform **we detect a mobile usage of up to 50% already**, in some instances even more! So our mobile html4 fall back website and our apps (Roundshot Livecam + Roundshot Livecam Global) are crucial tools to provide consistent image display and an exciting user experience for all Livecam visitors.

Redesign

In December 2015 we launched our redesigned apps (version 1.1.1). They are now even more customised and allow new features. Major improvements include:

- Automatic reduction of carousel menu for one-camera customers (“Livecam”, “Links”, “Map”)
- New “search” function
- Initial image view “fill screen”
- Optional live ticker text
- Option to display “top right sponsors”
- Ask for “location services access” permission

For a complete list of new features please consult the Release Notes at the back of this Newsletter.

Request your app now!

Is the Roundshot Livecam app not yet activated for your Livecam? Then please get in touch with us so we can prepare it for you.



Roundshot Livecam app

with customer-specific activation key



Roundshot Livecam Global app

without activation key promotes all Livecams worldwide



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In more detail:

New image patches



Following a request by one of our French customers we developed a tool to insert image patches inside the Livecam panoramas. This is a great solution to cover mast poles or other less attractive items. Also, this feature could be used to create additional sponsoring space. These patches are permanently saved with the images and are visible across all media.

Get your analytics up



We all know that Livecam images are a true magnet for website traffic. But can you measure it? Make sure to send us the google analytic tracking codes for every Livecam property, allowing the tracking of Livecam traffic consistently and in great detail through well-established google tools. The tracking is available for html5 (browsers) and html4 / mobile.

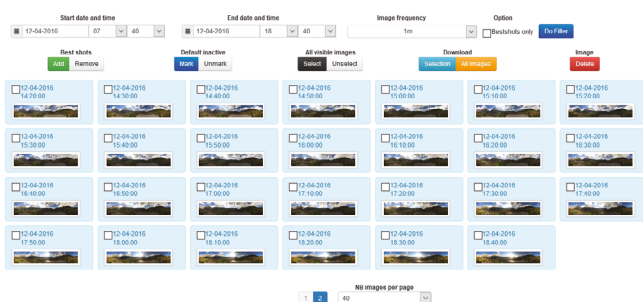
Speed improvements



As you might have seen in our "release notes" we have improved the loading speed of images and interface throughout the last months step-by-step. Once this optimisation was completed, we also boosted the bandwidth of our server, thus coping with the massive traffic we usually experience during the winter months for our ski resort customers.

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New mass download feature



Our new mass download feature is now ready!

When logging into our admin tool (backend.roundshot.com), our customers can now download a large set of images in one go. It is even possible to download all images of a particular camera!

This feature is practical to retrieve images for the creation of a timelapse movie or simply to back up all images on a computer.

Our server prepares the images overnight and sends an FTP link to your email. The images can then be downloaded within a week using Filezilla software (or similar FTP software).

As this feature creates a heavy load on our server, the service is restricted to one request per camera per week.

Welcome!

New Livecams in the Roundshot Network

We are happy to welcome the following new Livecam customers in Switzerland, beyond and as far as New Zealand since October 2015:

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Welcome Roundshot France!

We also send a warm welcome to our French Livecam customers. The Seitz team has already given technical support for France throughout 2015. Starting in 2016, all requests for French Livecam customers (sales, after sales service, on site service, remote support as well as invoicing) will be provided directly from Switzerland. Soyez les bienvenus!



Preview – Next Updates

New Livecam hardware and software updates coming soon

Our team is working hard on some new hardware and software solutions that will become available in summer 2016. This will be exciting news for our current and new customers, allowing completely new possibilities!

As soon as these developments are ready we will publish the news on our website and through this newsletter. Be surprised!



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Multimedia Platform Updates «2015 / 2016»



Image: Squaw Valley High Camp - 28 February 2016 - 06:16 - squawalpine.roundshot.com/squaw



Multimedia Platform: Release Notes

1 21.10.2015

Website (front-end)

- Faster loading speed of Livecam images
- Updated weather logos
- Improved behaviour for zooming with small images
- Replication of google analytics code for html5 / html4 (mobile)
- Additional options for facebook sharing

Administration tool (CMS)

- Redesign of image database:
 - tree structure
 - consistent image order and page numbering
 - improved structuring of functions
 - consistent file naming for downloads
- Weather module: units in US/ imperial standard

2 24.11.2015 - new apps

Camera view

- Initial image view "fill screen"
- New: optional live ticker text
- Option to display "top right sponsors"
- Set Livecam as "favourite"
- Support of images of smaller or larger resolution

Carousel menu

- New "search" function
- Automatic reduction of carousel menu for one-camera customers ("Livecam", "Links", "Map")

Around me

- Ask for "location services access" permission
- Display of Livecams from nearest to farthest
- Maximum search range: 300km

General

- Apps now compatible with iphone 6+
- Camera lists with "customer name" + "camera name"
- Units selection now possible in metric or US/imperial (distance + date)

3 2.12.2015

Website (front-end)

- Improved interface loading speed (optimisation of tile loading)
- Significantly improved bandwidth to cope with very strong traffic in peak months
- Initial zoom level in maps set to 1km perimeter for one-camera situations
- Improved hot spots behaviour (hidden hot-spots, overlaps, hot-spot links)
- Enhanced behaviour of html4 / mobile interface on I-OS Safari

Administration tool (CMS)

- New mass download feature in image database - all images can now be downloaded for a selected time-frame through an FTP-link

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Website (front-end)

- Ecard copyright year updates automatically
- Bottom-left sponsors are now also displayed in full-screen mode
- F11 + full-screen icon will now behave consistently on all browsers
- Html5 interface now also loads on UNBUNTU browsers
- Hot-spots adapt now dynamically when resizing browser window

General

- Performance optimisation for website loading
- "Livecam not working" email alerts now functional

5 17.2.2016

Administration tool (CMS)

- Improved detection of working / non-working Livecams for email alerts
- Image upload file types now restricted to .png, .jpg and .jpeg

General

- New Roundshot Image Uploader with enhanced detection of corrupt file types

6 1.3.2016

Website (front-end)

- Carousel behaviour - consistent behaviour of image display
- Improved consistency of image download
- Support of .swf files in bottom sponsor banner
- Display of weather station name + GPS coordinates in weather module

Administration tool (CMS)

- Improved behaviour of forms for hot-spots and sponsors
- Improved display of hot-spots for TV layouts

7 29.3.2016

Website (front-end)

- New behaviour of mouse scroll: zoom follows the exact position of the cursor
- Small graphical improvements for timelapse menu and for display of weather data

Administration tool (CMS)

- New possibility to add patch images to the panorama using image extractor

General

- Display offline icon for non-working cameras on thumbnail images

Every software release (sprint) includes as well a fair amount of bug-fixing.

