

Leitch (www.leitch.com) and parent company Harris combined to showcase their product portfolios together for the first time. An array of new standard- and high-definition (SD/HD) solutions for broadcast television was introduced NAB2006, designed to help broadcasters achieve greater productivity, reduced costs, new revenue streams and assured communications.

Products from the expanded Harris portfolio, including Leitch video editing and Insciber graphics systems, were exhibited, including the flagship product of the new Insciber graphics family, G-Series. An HD/SD-selectable character generator (CG) system, the Insciber G3 demonstrates Harris' commitment to providing customers with on-air broadcast graphics solutions that deliver results by providing maximum ease of use, a wide variety of key functionality and the ability to interface seamlessly in an automated or news environment.

Harris also now offers broadcasters a full range of SD/HD editing options through the integration of its renowned Leitch Velocity editing software and Leitch NEXIO server platform. Visitors saw demonstrations of the two newest systems, both based on the powerful and flexible Velocity user interface: the VelocityNX, a full-featured SD/HD promotions craft editor for NEXIO environments; and the VelocityXNG, an SD/HD news editing system designed for journalists to use as a portable news desk in remote locations.

The Harris Icon family - a full suite of SD/HD master control and branding products to meet every customer application - also debuted at NAB. Based on the industry-leading Leitch NEO modular platform, IconMaster combines critical master control functions with multi-layer integrated branding and is the only master control that can be combined with other advanced applications to create the ultimate plug-and play-system - all in

the same frame. IconStation is the first branding solution to combine logo insertion with multiple real-time data-fed crawls and a squeeze-back DVE for maximum channel branding impact. Also NEO-based, IconLogo is a modular branding solution that is ideal for channel branding applications such as time/temperature, still/animations, audio clip playback and text crawls for breaking news.

Harris also showed a full range of new fibre products in the Leitch 6800+ platform. Delivering top-quality, easy-to-use fiber solutions in a minimal amount of space, OPTO+ features a unique architecture that provides natural cost advantages to both system-wide and individual application solutions. Maximum efficiency is enabled through the platform's ability to mix and match technologies, with all fiber modules able to operate simultaneously alongside any processing and/or distribution modules within the 6800+ frame.

Also new for NAB, Leitch Ez ID control panels combine the ease of operation of a button-per-crosspoint control panel, the clarity of LCD display buttons and the flexibility of downloadable text, allowing for fast and easy changes and setup. Introducing enhancements to the Leitch NEO SuiteView, the company described a new, graphically rich GUI that greatly enhances setup and operation, as well as new discrete audio and alarm features.

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