

# ALTA 4K

# AWJ Protocol Programmer's Guide

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## 1. Presentation

### 1.1. Description

The AWJ protocol for Alta 4K is a powerful way for you to automate your interaction with the Alta 4K seamless switchers. The AWJ protocol for Alta 4K is based on TCP/IP communication (port 10606) and uses JSON Patch commands to interact with the device. Up to 5 concurrent TCP clients can be connected to the same device. Before connecting to this port, please check that it has not been disabled by security on the Web RCS and that a firewall is not blocking it.

An Alta 4K device should be considered as a state machine whose values are stored and organized inside a large JSON object. Changing a value in this JSON object immediately changes the state of the machine. The current state of the machine is always available by reading the JSON object properties. It is possible to use an AWJ command to read or modify one or more properties of the device.

The objective of this document is not to describe the entire Alta 4K device JSON object model nor to list all the possible commands allowing to read or modify the corresponding values. The objective is however to list the most frequently used commands such as preset recall, transition, layer source change, etc. This document refers to Alta 4K firmware v1.0 or higher.

### 1.2. Syntax

JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) is a common format for the exchange and storage of structured data. JSON Patch is a format for expressing a sequence of operations to apply to a target JSON document.

AWJ protocol read or write commands must be surrounded by { } and must be terminated by the ASCII 0x04 character.

The commands MUST have exactly one "op" member, whose value indicates the operation to perform. Its value MUST be one of "get" (read command) or "replace" (write command).

Additionally, the commands MUST have exactly one "path" member, whose value MUST be a string containing a JSON path value that references the location within the device Alta 4K JSON object to perform the operation.

The AWJ write commands MUST also have exactly one "value" member, whose value corresponds to the new value to be applied to the property or object defined by the "path" member. For example:

```
{"op": "replace", "path": "/a/b/c", "value": "foo"}\0x04
```

Once an AWJ read command has been received and processed by the device, it will return a JSON string containing the value of the requested property or object. This string is surrounded by { } and is terminated by the ASCII 0x04 character as for the read or write commands.

This answer has exactly one "path" member, whose value is a string containing a JSON path value that references the location within the device JSON object for which the value was requested.

This answer has also exactly one "value" member, whose value corresponds to the value defined by the "path" member. For example:

```
{"path": "/a/b/c", "value": "foo"}\0x04
```

### 1.3. Error messages

If the AWJ command you have sent cannot be processed, the device will return a message describing the reason, for example

```
{"error":{"code":"E12","message":"Unexpected path \\\"DeviceObject/system/@props  
/div\\\""}}\0x04
```

The message contains an error code as well as message describing the error. The most common error codes are:

Code	Description
E09	Unexpected command JSON token
E10	Unexpected keywords. Keywords supported are "op", "path" and "value"
E11	Unexpected operator. Operators supported are "get" and "replace"
E12	Unexpected path
E13	Unexpected value

### 1.4. Subscribing to machine state change notifications

By default, when the current state of the machine changes, the corresponding values are not forwarded to the connected TCP clients. But it is possible to subscribe to some of the machine state change notifications to be automatically notified when the value of one or more machine properties changes (new preset label, new layer source, etc..).

The TCP client's subscription list is empty by default, meaning that this TCP connection won't receive any value/changes from the device. If the TCP client needs to receive some notifications/values from the device, the client must subscribe to the corresponding JSON path.

#### Reading subscription filters

```
{"op":"get","path":"Subscriptions"}\0x04
```

The machine returns:

```
{ "path": "Subscriptions", "value": [] } \0x04
```

### Subscription filters modification

```
{ "op": "replace", "path": "Subscriptions", "value": ["DeviceObject/$screen/@items/1/control/@props", "DeviceObject/$screen/@items/2"] } \0x04
```

The machine returns:

```
{ "path": "Subscriptions", "value": ["DeviceObject/$screen/@items/2", "DeviceObject/$screen/@items/1/control/@props"] } \0x04
```

As soon as a PATH starts with one of the subscriptions, it will be sent to the client. If the PATH does not check any subscriptions, it will be filtered.

### Example:

As soon as a Screen Label is modified for Screen 1 with the Web RCS, the "DeviceObject/\$screen/@items/1/control/@props/label" will be transmitted.

And the machine returns:

```
{ "path": "DeviceObject/$screen/@items/1/control/@props/label", "value": "My_new_Label" } \0x04
```

Other modifications on Screen 1 will be filtered as not part of the requested subscription.

**Important:** A GET made directly on a property is never filtered.

## 2. System commands

### 2.1. Reading the device type

Poll the type of the device

```
{"op":"get","path":"DeviceObject/system/@props/dev"}\0x04
```

The machine returns:

```
{"path":"DeviceObject/system/@props/dev","value":"ZEN200"}\0x04
```

Possible returned values are:

**ZEN100** for the Zenith 100

**ZEN200** for the Zenith 200

### 2.2. Reading the device serial number

Poll the serial number of the device (ZZ9999 for exemple for the simulator)

```
{"op":"get","path":"DeviceObject/system/serial/@props/serialNumber"}\0x04
```

The machine returns:

```
{"path":"DeviceObject/system/serial/@props/serialNumber","value":"ZZ9999"}\0x04
```

### 2.3. Reading the device firmware version

Poll the firmware version of the device (1.0.10 for exemple)

```
{"op":"get","path":"DeviceObject/system/version/@props/updater"}\0x04
```

The machine returns:

```
{"path":"DeviceObject/system/version/@props/updater","value":"1.0.10"}\0x04
```

### 2.4. Restarting the device

Perform a soft reboot of the unit

```
{"op":"replace","path":"DeviceObject/system/shutdown/@props/xReboot","value":true}\0x04
```

The device will not return a string

## 2.5. Shutting down the device (standby mode)

### Power the unit down to standby mode

```
{"op":"replace","path":"DeviceObject/system/shutdown/standby/control/@props/xRequest",  
"value":"STANDBY"}\0x04
```

The device will not return a string

## 2.6. Shutting down the device (switch off)

### Power the unit down (must be restarted manually)

```
{"op":"replace","path":"DeviceObject/system/shutdown/standby/control/@props/xRequest",  
"value":" SWITCH_OFF"}\0x04
```

The device will not return a string

## 2.7. Resuming the device from standby mode

### Resume the unit from standby mode

```
{"op":"replace","path":"DeviceObject/system/shutdown/standby/control/@props/xRequest",  
"value":"WAKE_UP"}\0x04
```

The device will not return a string



### 3. Screen/Aux commands

#### 3.1. TAKE: Transitioning a Preview content to the Program

##### Take Screen 1

```
{"op":"replace","path":"DeviceObject/transition/$screen/@items/1/control/@props/xTake",  
"value":true}\0x04
```

The device will not return a string

##### Take Aux 1

```
{"op":"replace","path":"DeviceObject/transition/$auxiliaryScreen/@items/1/control/@props/xTake",  
"value":true}\0x04
```

The device will not return a string

#### 3.2. Recalling a Screen Preset

##### Recall preset 33 on the preview of screen 1

```
{"op":"replace","path":"DeviceObject/preset/bank/control/load/$slot/@items/33/$screen/@items/1  
/$preset/@items/PREVIEW/@props/xRequest","value":true}\0x04
```

The device will not return a string

##### Recall preset 13 on the program of screen 2

```
{"op":"replace","path":"DeviceObject/preset/bank/control/load/$slot/@items/13/$screen/@items/2  
/$preset/@items/PROGRAM/@props/xRequest","value":true}\0x04
```

The device will not return a string

### 3.3. Recalling an Aux Preset

Recall Screen preset 25 on the preview of Aux 1

```
{"op":"replace","path":"DeviceObject/preset/auxBank/control/load/$slot/@items/25/$auxillaryScreen/@items/1/$preset/@items/PREVIEW/@props/xRequest","value":true}\0x04
```

The device will not return a string

Recall Aux preset 13 on the program of Aux 1

```
{"op":"replace","path":"DeviceObject/preset/auxBank/control/load/$slot/@items/13/$auxillaryScreen/@items/1/$preset/@items/PROGRAM/@props/xRequest","value":true}\0x04
```

The device will not return a string

### 3.4. Recalling a Master Preset

Recall master preset 15 to preview

```
{"op":"replace","path":"DeviceObject/preset/masterBank/control/load/$slot/@items/15/$preset/@items/PREVIEW/@props/xRequest","value":true}\0x04
```

The device will not return a string

Recall master preset 3 to program

```
{"op":"replace","path":"DeviceObject/preset/masterBank/control/load/$slot/@items/3/$preset/@items/PROGRAM/@props/xRequest","value":true}\0x04
```

The device will not return a string

### 3.5. Reading Preset information

Poll for the name of Master Preset 3, which is labeled "Preset3"

```
{"op":"get","path":"DeviceObject/preset/masterBank/$slot/@items/3/control/@props/label"}\0x04
```

The device returns:

```
{"path":"DeviceObject/preset/masterBank/$slot/@items/3/control/@props/label","value":
"Preset3"}\0x04
```

**Poll for the name of Screen Preset 12, which is labeled "ScreenPre12"**

```
{"op": "get", "path": "DeviceObject/preset/bank/$slot/@items/12/control/@props/label"}\0x04
```

The device returns:

```
{"path":"DeviceObject/preset/bank/$slot/@items/12/control/@props/label","value":
"ScreenPre12"}\0x04
```

**Poll for the name of Aux Preset 4, which is labeled "Aux4"**

```
{"op": "get", "path": "DeviceObject/preset/auxBank/$slot/@items/4/control/@props/label"}\0x04
```

The device returns:

```
{"path":"DeviceObject/preset/auxBank/$slot/@items/4/control/@props/label","value":"Aux4"}\0x04
```

### 3.6. Changing the source in a layer

The change of layer parameters is a bit more complex as the corresponding command set is indexed by preset **A/B**.

Preset A corresponds to the parameter set when the virtual TBAR is at the bottom (Down) and preset B corresponds to the parameter set when the virtual TBAR is at the top (Up).

It is therefore necessary to determine where the TBAR (Up or Down) is located before changing any layer parameter(s). For Screen 1, the following command must be sent to the device:

```
{"op": "get", "path": "DeviceObject/transition/$screen/@items/1/status/@props/transition"}\0x04
```

If the device returns:

```
{"path":"DeviceObject/transition/$screen/@items/1/status/@props/transition","value":
"AT_DOWN"}\0x04
```

This means that the TBAR of screen 1 is at the bottom. If you want to modify any layer parameters on the Program, you must therefore change DOWN parameters (or UP to change layer parameters on the Preview)

If the device returns:

```
{"path":"DeviceObject/transition/$screen/@items/1/status/@props/transition","value":
"AT_UP"}\0x04
```

This means that the TBAR of screen 1 is at the top.

If you want to modify any layer parameters on the Program, you must therefore change UP parameters (or DOWN to change layer parameters on the Preview):

Transition status	To work on PGM	To work on PRW
AT DOWN	DOWN	UP
AT UP	UP	DOWN

#### Load Live 3 source on layer 2 of the screen 1 program (with TBAR at DOWN)

```
{"op":"replace","path":"DeviceObject/$screen/@items/1/$preset/@items/DOWN/$liveLayer/@items
/2/source/@props/input","value":"INPUT_3"}\0x04
```

The device will not return a string

#### Load Live 5 source on layer 1 of the screen 2 preview (with TBAR at DOWN)

```
{"op":"replace","path":"DeviceObject/$screen/@items/2/$preset/@items/UP/$liveLayer/@items
/1/source/@props/input","value":"INPUT_5"}\0x04
```

The device will not return a string

**Important:** A global update is required to consider all the changes on the layers, mainly on Foreground Layer

```
{"op":"replace","path":"DeviceObject/preset/control/@props/xUpdate","value":true}\0x04
```

The device will not return a string

### 3.7. Changing screen background source

**Important:** Preview and Program are indexed to the TBAR, such that the current position of the TBAR will need to be known to correctly route to Preview or Program. See “Changing the source in a layer” for more details.

#### Load Background Set 2 to screen 1 program (with TBAR at DOWN)

```
{"op":"replace","path":"DeviceObject/$screen/@items/1/$preset/@items/DOWN/background/source/@props/set","value":"2"}\0x04
```

The device will not return a string

#### Load Background Set 3 to screen 2 preview (with TBAR at DOWN)

```
{"op":"replace","path":"DeviceObject/$screen/@items/2/$preset/@items/UP/background/source/@props/frame","value":"3"}\0x04
```

The device will not return a string

### 3.8. Changing foreground layer source

**Important:** Preview and Program are indexed to the TBAR, such that the current position of the TBAR will need to be known to correctly route to Preview or Program. See “Changing the source in a layer” for more details.

#### Load Top Source 3 to screen 1 program (with TBAR at DOWN)

```
{"op":"replace","path":"DeviceObject/$screen/@items/1/$preset/@items/DOWN/top/source/@props/frame","value":"3"}\0x04
```

The device will not return a string

### 3.9. Changing Auxiliary output source

**Important:** Preview and Program are indexed to the TBAR, such that the current position of the TBAR will need to be known to correctly route to Preview or Program. See “Changing the source in a layer” for more details.

#### Load Live source 2 to Aux 1 background layer on program (with TBAR at DOWN)

```
{"op":"replace","path":"DeviceObject/$auxiliaryScreen/@items/1/$preset/@items/DOWN/background/source/@props/content","value":"INPUT_2"}\0x04
```

The device will not return a string

### 3.10. Reading the last loaded preset

**Important:** Preview and Program are indexed to the TBAR, such that the current position of the TBAR will need to be known to correctly read the Preview or Program status. See “Changing the source in a layer” for more details.

#### Poll for the last recalled preset to program on screen 1 (last recalled was preset 3, with TBAR at DOWN)

```
{"op":"get","path":"DeviceObject/$screen/@items/1/$preset/@items/DOWN/status/@props/memoryId"}\0x04
```

The device returns:

```
{"path":"DeviceObject/$screen/@items/1/$preset/@items/DOWN/status/@props/memoryId", "value":3}\0x04
```

#### Poll for the last recalled preset to preview on Aux 1 (last recalled was preset 2, with TBAR at DOWN)

```
{"op":"get","path":"DeviceObject/$auxiliaryScreen/@items/1/$preset/@items/UP/status/@props/memoryId"}\0x04
```

The device returns:

```
{"path":"DeviceObject/$auxiliaryScreen/@items/1/$preset/@items/UP/status/@props/memoryId","value":2}\0x04
```

### 3.11. Reading the last loaded master preset

**Poll for the last recalled master preset to program (last recalled was master preset 3)**

```
{"op":"get","path":"DeviceObject/preset/masterBank/status/lastUsed/$presetMode/@items/PROGRAM/@props/memoryId"} \0x04
```

The device returns:

```
{"path":"DeviceObject/preset/masterBank/status/lastUsed/$presetMode/@items/PROGRAM/@props/memoryId","value":3} \0x04
```

**Poll for the last recalled master preset to preview (last recalled was master preset 2)**

```
{"op":"get","path":"DeviceObject/preset/masterBank/status/lastUsed/$presetMode/@items/PREVIEW/@props/memoryId"} \0x04
```

The device returns:

```
{"path":"DeviceObject/preset/masterBank/status/lastUsed/$presetMode/@items/PROGRAM/@props/memoryId","value":2} \0x04
```

### 3.12. Changing screen audio source

The audio source list includes live inputs, Dante input blocks, analog inputs, and custom sources. See the table below for a full list.

Channel Type	Channel Names
No source	NONE
Live inputs	IN1 to IN16
Dante input blocks	IN_DANTE_CH1_8, IN_DANTE_CH9_16, IN_DANTE_CH17_24, IN_DANTE_CH25_32
Analog	IN_ANALOG_1, IN_ANALOG_2
Custom	CUSTOM_1 to CUSTOM_10

**Route audio from live input 5 to screen 1**

```
{"op":"replace","path":"DeviceObject/$screen/@items/1/audio/control/directRouting/@props/source","value":"IN5"} \0x04
```

The device will not return a string

### Set the audio to follow the live layer on screen 1 layer 2

```
{"op":"replace","path":"DeviceObject/$screen/@items/1/audio/control/followLiveLayer/@props/layer","value":"2"}\0x04
```

The device will not return a string

### 3.13. Changing Aux audio source

The audio source list includes live inputs, Dante input blocks, analog inputs, and custom sources. See the table under “Changing screen audio source” for a full list.

#### Route audio from live input 5 to aux 1

```
{"op":"replace","path":"DeviceObject/$auxiliaryScreen/@items/1/audio/control/directRouting/@props/source","value":"IN5"}\0x04
```

The device will not return a string

### 3.14. Enabling the Quick Preset function

#### Enable the Quick Preset function once already configured

```
{"op":"replace","path":"DeviceObject/quickPreset/control/@props/enable","value":true}\0x04
```

The device will not return a string

## 4. Multiviewer commands

### 4.1. Recalling a Multiviewer Preset

#### Recall multiviewer preset 15

```
{"op":"replace","path":"DeviceObject/multiviewer/$bank/control/load/$slot/@items/15/@props/xRequest","value":true}\0x04
```

The device will not return a string



## 4.2. Changing multiviewer widget source

Load live source **3** to multiviewer widget **5**

```
{"op":"replace","path":"DeviceObject/multiviewer/$widget/@items/5/control/@props/source",  
"value":"INPUT_3"}\0x04
```

The device will not return a string

## 5. Using thumbnails

### 5.1. Introduction

Thumbnails of live inputs, still images, outputs and multiviewer outputs are available. These thumbnails are regularly refreshed (except still images thumbnails which are refreshed only on change).

Snapshot request rate must not be more than 1 per second.

Picture size is 256 pixels (width) by up to 256 pixels (height). Black borders are automatically added, depending on aspect ratio. Picture type is PNG.

### 5.2. Live inputs thumbnails URL

<http://<ipaddress>/api/device/snapshots/inputs/1>

up to

<http://<ipaddress>/api/device/snapshots/inputs/16>

### 5.3. Outputs thumbnails URL

<http://<ipaddress>/api/device/snapshots/outputs/1>

up to

<http://<ipaddress>/api/device/snapshots/outputs/6>

### 5.4. Foreground Images thumbnails URL (per Screen)

<http://<ipaddress>/api/device/snapshots/screens/{screenId}/top/1>

up to

<http://<ipaddress>/api/device/snapshots/screens/{screenId}/top/4>

### 5.5. Background Images thumbnails URL (per Screen)

<http://<ipaddress>/api/device/snapshots/screens/{screenId}/back/1>

up to

<http://<ipaddress>/api/device/snapshots/screens/{screenId}/back/4>

### 5.6. Multiviewer thumbnails URL

<http://<ipaddress>/api/device/snapshots/multiviewer>

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