

New Upgrade to Bridge

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A recent equipment upgrade provides a new features that will significantly increase videoconferencing capabilities. The new feature allows the user the ability to adjust the conference view during an event

This new feature will be available in conferences when three or more sites are connected using H.323/IP technologies. These features will not be available or necessary for analog events.

Here's a brief thumbnail of the new service:

1. Adjusting the Conference View

Once connected to a conference, users have the ability to change "how they see" the other sites. Display options vary from one site at a time to a number of continuous presence displays (see figure 1).



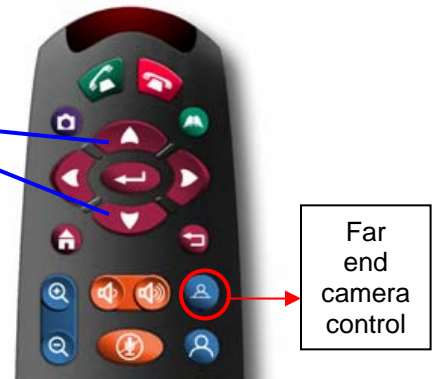
Figure 1

To adjust the conference view, users need to:

1. Change the camera control to "FAR"
2. Then use the up/down navigation keys to toggle through the available format options.

A change to the conference view only affects the local site. It does not change the views at any of the other sites in the conference.

This feature is available for all IVN bridged events, whether conferences are originally scheduled as switched or continuous presence. Table 1 provides additional information for adjusting the conference view.



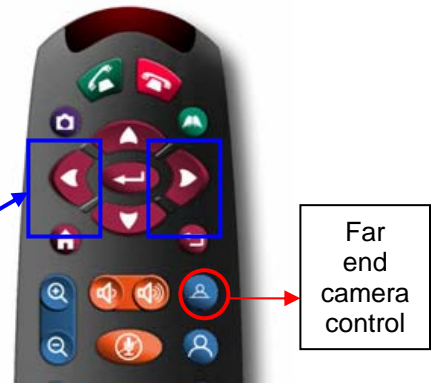
When adjusting the conference view, the following icons will appear in the upper left hand corner of the video monitor:	
Icon	Icon Description
	You are scrolling up through the layout views.
	You are scrolling down through the layout views.
	You have stopped scrolling through the layout views.
The site speaking will be outlined in red.	

Table 1

2. Focusing on a Specific Site

Once connected to a conference, users have the ability to focus on any particular site within the conference. To focus on a site:

1. Change the camera control to "FAR"
2. Choose a conference view layout (see Feature #1 above for more on conference view options)
3. Use the left/right navigation keys to scroll through the sites connected to the conference. The focused site will be the image in the largest screen or upper left screen



Changing the focus to a different site only affects the locally displayed image. It does not change the image displayed at any of the other sites connected to the conference.

This feature is available for all IVN bridged events, whether conferences are originally scheduled as switched or continuous presence. Table 2 provides additional information.

When focusing on a specific site, the following icons will appear in the upper left hand corner of the video monitor:




Icon	Icon Description
	<p>You are scrolling through the participant list in a counter-clockwise direction.</p>
	<p>You are scrolling through the participant list in a clockwise direction.</p>
	<p>Speaking participant has the focus. To return to the "switching" mode, scroll through all sites until you reach this icon.</p>

Table 2