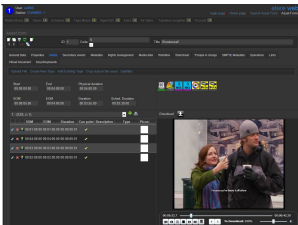


Etere - Pro Bel Compare

This document details a brief comparison between Etere's and Pro-Bel systems, paying special attention to their hardware and interface characteristics.



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Etere Web Assets Media

Pro-Bel Product Technology

Pro-Bel use the old English school approach of dedicated hardware and OS to run the system. "Morpheus does not rely solely on software when it comes to device control. Mission-critical device interfaces are handled by a real-time embedded operating system. Each controller card is linked via LAN to the core software, enabling all the benefits of modern network topologies."

So they have their proprietary hardware platform composed of different Cards running a totally proprietary OS, that try to use Ethernet to appear modern. This is one of the oldest architectures of the market. Regardless a fancy graphics interface the core system is very old, and has been proven as difficult to debug and difficult to upgrade. But this is aligned to the old English school where are customers to change workflow according automation. No web integration, no internal scheduling, only for simple on-air.



Microsoft Support

Hardware or Software

Pro-Bel provide hardware and software, this made the purchasing cost and the ownership cost higher. You need to have 2 support contracts one for the hardware and one for the software; the hardware is also customized, so after some years maintenance costs blow up. In some solutions like ICE they provide also standard windows platforms as 'special hardware' at special price. In case of software upgrade that requires a different hardware you need to purchase also the hardware platform from Pro-Bel itself.