CHRISTIE
MYSTIQUE

Automated camera-based alignment software

Auditoriums
Casinos, cruise ships & hotels
Enterprise venues & boardrooms
Giant screens & dome theaters
Live events & conferences

Museums & cultural attractions
Projection mapping
Rental & staging
Sports venues & theme park rides
Perfectly aligned. Day after day.

Multi-projector arrays, projection mapping and complex screen shapes and surfaces require expert image configuration, alignment, warping and blending – processes that can take hours of painstaking work.

Christie® Mystique™ is an automated camera-based alignment and recalibration solution that lets you quickly install, align, calibrate and maintain multi-projector systems.

“Mystique was a great option within (the Vegas Golden Knights) installation. They’re able to automatically realign the entire system in between 12 and 15 minutes. They can actually run it before every game to make sure alignment is perfect.”

Ian Bottiglieri, Director of Project Management, Image Engineering
CHRISTIE OFFERS FIVE EDITIONS OF MYSTIQUE

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1. Supported webcams: Logitech c920 and Logitech c920s
2. Warping and blending only. No stacking.
3. Supports up to 12 projectors in a 2 high x 3 wide configuration, double-stacked
4. Number of projectors limited by capable resolution of the single camera
5. Screens include primitive shapes including flat, curved or dome shapes, or by importing a screen model. Custom screen shapes should be smooth, continuous surfaces.
6. Requires Mystique Version 2.5 or greater and a single color camera. Supported projectors: Boxer 4K30, Mirage 304K, Griffyn 4K32-RGB, D4K40-RGB, Mirage 4K40-RGB, Mirage SST, and Mirage SST-6P
7. Christie® offers five editions of Mystique™. Each edition is designed for specific screen types and applications.
SUPPORTED SCREEN TYPES

Christie® Mystique™ works with screens and surfaces of all shapes and sizes.

Flat and cylindrical screens
For flat and cylindrical screens and surfaces, Christie Mystique Essentials and Pro Venue Editions provide easy-to-deploy, single-camera solutions to quickly warp, blend and stack projectors. With Mystique Lite and an inexpensive supported webcam, you can warp and blend up to 3 Christie projectors in a horizontal array on flat screens or surfaces.

Complex screens and dome theaters
Christie Mystique Premium and Large Scale Experience (LSE) Editions are ideal for complex and smooth screen shapes, including wave shapes, domes, or toroidal screens. Using integrated primitive screen shapes or imported 3D models of your screen shape, Christie Mystique can support the most complex projection layout, with any number of projectors.

Buildings, landmarks, objects and other surfaces
Christie Mystique LSE Edition provides automatic, multi-camera-based recalibration for 3D projection mapping without the need for marker points. This reduces complexity and costs by saving hours of labor-intensive manual alignment and blending. LSE Edition also automatically corrects for projection drift ensuring visual quality stays optimized. A robust tool, LSE Edition is indispensable for inexperienced and highly-skilled projectionists alike.

CAMERA SELECTION

Christie Mystique¹ offers a variety of cameras and lenses which are pre-calibrated as a pair to ensure maximum image quality.

The number of cameras depends on both:

› Where they can be placed in relation to your projection surface
› The resolution of the screen in relation to the camera

You can use the Christie Mystique camera calculator to estimate if a single camera and lens combination is sufficient for your screen.

Christie can help you design a layout that works for multi-camera systems.

¹ Not applicable to Mystique Lite which requires the purchase of a third-party webcam.
Manual recalibration
Recalibration is applied by manually adjusting screen points within the Christie® Mystique™ software and running the calibration process. Typically, this involves repositioning the corner and curvature points within the camera image.

Automatic recalibration (screen markers)
Screen marker recalibration is typically required for systems using multiple cameras or complex screens. You can realign a system with a single click. It requires embedding a series of LED or laser marker reference points around the projection surface. The marker reference points help against slight movements of projector or cameras.

Automatic recalibration (camera-based)
Camera-based automatic recalibration is ideal for single-camera, flat screen applications which do not require screen markers. You can realign the system with a single click and automatically adjust for slight movements of the projectors or camera.

Christie Guardian
Christie Guardian constantly monitors a blended projection system for any misalignment. If Guardian detects a misalignment, it automatically calibrates the image in real-time, quickly, invisibly, and without interruption. Because Guardian eliminates the need for visible structured light patterns, audiences are unaware of any problem. Unique to Christie, Guardian is supported by Christie D4K40 RGB, Griffyn 4K32 RGB, Boxer 4K30, Boxer 4K20, Crimson Series, Mirage 304K, Mirage 4K40 RGB, Mirage SST and Mirage SST-6P projectors.

Christie Mystique Operate
Christie Mystique Operate provides a simple, browser-based experience for initiating a camera-based or screen marker recalibration run. It supports a REST API, which allows third-party applications to trigger the recalibration process.

With 20 projectors displaying one seamless image, the river model is a perfect application for Mystique. “It was the easiest part of the installation. It was perfect. I cannot say one bad thing about it.”

Mike Rideau, Managing Partner, Operations, Interstate Electronic Systems

Projection mapping the Lower Mississippi River Model at Louisiana State University helps the Coastal Protection Restoration Authority communicate what’s at stake in what experts call the Coastal Crisis.

Photo courtesy of Louisiana State University Center for River Studies
**CONTENT LAYOUT MODES**

**Wallpaper (basic)**
Ideal for systems using a matrix projection layout, this mode is used for simple projection set-ups with a common overlap between each section and will support stacked projection systems. Users must provide a horizontal and/or vertical blend overlap expressed as a percentage or as pixels.

**Wallpaper (advanced)**
Designed for complex blended or stacked display types. Typically used for flat or curved (single axis) displays. For each content channel, the user provides left, right, top and bottom channel extents.

**Fields of view**
This is an advanced projective layout mode used in simulation of other real-time content solutions, where content is rendered from a single eye-point. Content channels are defined by providing the frustrum details (yaw, pitch, roll and field of view settings) along with the eye-point. It can accommodate complex projection layouts with irregular overlaps and other features.

**Fields of view (collimated)**
Fields of view (collimated) mode is primarily used in simulation scenarios where the user is looking at a spherical mirror showing a reflected image of the display. Content channels are defined by providing the frustrum details along with the eye-point. The system defines the placement and size of the mirror.

**Projector centric**
This mode is ideal for projection scenarios where content is pre-rendered based on the planned position of each projector channel. It can minimize the amount of warping applied to each channel on subsequent alignment runs. Christie Mystique can apply small warp adjustments to account for discrepancies between the planned projector position and the actual projector position. Projector centric mode is often used with theme park dark rides.

**UV map layout**
Use this feature for 3D projection mapping when a 2D image needs to be projected to a 3D model’s surface to act as a texture map. UV map layout mode is only available for Mystique LSE Edition.
With a broad choice of compatible projectors, it’s possible to specify a Christie® Mystique™ solution for a wide-variety of applications and budgets. The following Christie projectors support Mystique:

**Products** | **Models**
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Inspire Series | All models
HS Series | All models with Christie Twist™
Boxer Series | Boxer 4K30 and 4K20
4K40-RGB models | D4K40- RGB, Mirage 4K40-RGB
Eclipse | Christie Eclipse
Griffyn Series | Griffyn 4K32- RGB
Crimson Series | Crimson HX31 and WU31
Mirage Series | Mirage SST, SST-6P, 4K40- RGB, 304K

**Christie Pandora’s Box**

Mystique² integrates directly with Pandora’s Box Version 6 and higher, enabling automated camera-based alignment and calibration for large-scale projections, regardless of the projector you use.

**Mystique provides fast, repeatable camera-based alignment for any multi-projector scenario when you use Pandora’s Box as a media server.**

- The optional Christie Guardian feature is not supported by Christie Pandora’s Box
- Stacked projection systems require a dedicated Christie Pandora’s Box output
- Blend quality depends on projector quality and cannot be guaranteed for non-Christie projectors

³ Mystique Lite is not supported through Christie Pandora’s Box
ADDITIONAL FEATURES

Christie® Mystique™ provides the ultimate level of control for the most demanding multi-projector systems.

Dual screen mode
Ideal when content is pre-rendered to a single model and displayed across multiple screens or venues. Dual screen mode, working in conjunction with projector-centric layout mode, allows you to define two screen models. Using both models, Christie Mystique attempts to correct for error in the physical model by mapping content to the intended location.

Rear projection support
Christie Mystique supports configurations using a rear projection screen, where cameras are often positioned in front of the screen. If cameras are placed behind a rear projection screen, results are dependent on the screen material producing an expected image on the rear side of the screen, and extra steps may be required.

Alignment for 3D projection mapping
Users benefit from one-touch, automatic, camera-based, multi-projector alignment and blending on 3D surfaces such as buildings, landmarks and objects. With a single click, you can detect any changes in projector or camera position and automatically correct the blended image. This feature uses markerless calibration for 3D projection mapping, eliminating the time-consuming and often costly need for screen or object markers.

Alignment for surfaces with fixed markings
This feature is ideal for applications such as live stage performances and court or arena projection mapping. Content aligns to a surface with known, measured markings. You can define screen shape and aspect ratio by importing an image that represents the projection surface. That image is then overlaid into the correct location on top of the camera image. This is helpful where content must align to markings or when screen corners are not easily identifiable, such as a hockey rink, where face-off circles can be used as alignment points.

IMPROVE OVERALL IMAGE FIDELITY AND UNIFORMITY

In addition to quick and easy alignment and warping, Mystique Essentials and Pro Venue Editions offer 2 features that help improve overall image fidelity and uniformity.

Automated color and brightness uniformity
At the click of a mouse, you can adjust color and brightness uniformity across projectors in multi-projector blended arrays to display one seamless image, ensure a quality audience experience and save time when setting up your display.

Background compensation
Need to project on a less-than-ideal background? Using a color camera to detect large contrast differences on your screen or projection surface, Mystique makes automatic adjustments to compensate for visual imperfections such as smudges, dirt or other surface anomalies to provide a more uniform projected image and maintain image fidelity.
