Enter a new dimension of control
Barco CTRL
Barco CTRL:

The ideal platform for your control room


The list of requirements for control room software is long and demanding. With Barco CTRL, we provide a solid platform to answer these needs. It gives you full control over the information flow in an easy and intuitive way. Designed by the control room experts.

The right information on the right location

Getting the right information to the right location, at the right time. That is, in short, the purpose of Barco CTRL – although the system is a lot more than that. Taking care of every aspect of end-to-end content distribution, from collection and networking to visualization, Barco CTRL is the secure foundation of your control room.

Ease of deployment

Setting up a large networked visualization system used to be extremely complex and time-consuming. With Barco CTRL, this is a thing of the past. The configuration wizard guides you through all steps of the process, including the configuration of the encoders and decoders, and the arrangement of the video wall tiles.

If you value simplicity

Powerful systems tend to be complex – but they don’t need to be. Although it has the potential to create a worldwide network, Barco CTRL is surprisingly simple to set up and use. With a single keyboard and mouse, operators can interact with all needed sources. Furthermore, The user interface was designed for intuitive operation, based on our many talks with control room professionals.

I was very impressed with the ease of use for the operator and the end user. The ease of deployment and initial configuration is one of the best I have ever seen for a ProAV solution for control rooms.

Ray May, CTO, Parker Group
Perfectly synchronized audio and video
Before Barco CTRL, sound was often a frustration in control room applications. When audio and video are not synchronized, it leads to possible misinterpretations. Barco CTRL has the needed means in place to perfectly harmonize the images with the sound, adding to operator comfort and efficiency.

Made for all monitor configurations
Most operator positions feature multiple displays, and these can be arranged in any mode: portrait, landscape, or mixed. Barco CTRL welcomes any kind of monitor configuration, giving users the freedom to work the way they feel most comfortable.

One platform, multiple use cases
With Barco CTRL, you have one single platform for all control room content visualization. Serving both the video wall and the operator desk, Barco CTRL extends the same look and feel over the complete control room and beyond (including break-out rooms, remote locations, etc.), highly contributing to an intuitive workflow.
Barco CTRL:

Grows with your needs

You need to prepare for the future – even if you don’t know what it brings. Will you need to include additional sources? Add extra operator positions? Create or expand a video wall? Or even deploy subsidiary control rooms? Barco has taken these uncertainties as a prime requirement when designing CTRL.

**Designed to expand**
Barco CTRL is fully scalable and grows with your needs. This means that by simply adding additional encoders and decoders, the solution can start small and potentially expand to a global system.

**An open system**
Barco CTRL integrates easily into 3rd party video management systems through APIs. This enables users and integrators to leverage the complete power of all leading solutions in the market. What’s more, the system is fully prepared for the use of new technologies, and integrates easily into different IT networks.
Upgrades: a one-click process

Upgrading or updating a system often causes stress in the IT department. Will the system keep on working? Are all devices scheduled in the update? How much downtime is expected? With Barco CTRL, updating is a simple and smooth process with very limited downtime.

No hardware complexity

One type of encoder, one type of decoder, one type of server. It’s that simple. No stress choosing between power and budget: you definitely get a powerful device that will do the job splendidly, for a very fair price! This has the additional advantage that you have the fluidity in how you want to use the system. For example, the same decoder can be used to drive an operator workspace or 4 video wall tiles.

Preventing downtime

A critical installation is critical because it needs to perform at any time. Downtime is simply not an option. To ensure the uptime, Barco has taken all possible measures to prevent failure. This includes redundancy options of all critical components.

Upgrades: a one-click process

CTRL stands out in 3 things: trivial to implement, easy to understand and the ability and flexibility to have a personalized workplace or layout with any type of source, tailored to the operator itself.

Afonso Duarte, Solutions expert, Casa Serras
Barco CTRL:

Security by design

Cybersecurity: it is the most critical requirement for control room equipment. And it continuously gains in importance. Designed to uphold the highest levels of cybersecurity, Barco CTRL allows users to securely connect to their sources, from any location, and interact with the content on any video wall or operator desk.

An armored system
The security architecture of Barco CTRL is based on a number of clearly defined concepts:

1. **Dentity management**
   Built on a zero-trust architecture, upholding authentication and authorization.

2. **Communication protection**
   Certificate-based and using TLS1.2/1.3 for confidentiality and integrity.

3. **System protection**
   Full 360 degree protection, from booting, communication and storage, to system updates.

4. **Audit logging**
   Building audit trails for full accountability.

5. **Media protection**
   Data protection on device level.

Upholding all these steps results in the 100% secure system users expect.
Security by design
Barco CTRL was designed from scratch, strictly following the ‘Security by design’ principles. Conceived with best practices like ‘Zero Trust’ and ‘Shift Left’ in mind, Barco CTRL is a full-featured solution that can even be deployed in the most secure critical environments.

Dedicated security roadmap
Barco CTRL takes security seriously – and we have the needed mechanisms in place to uphold this. We uphold cybersecurity with state-of-the-art encryption, and protect all AV systems and workflows.

What makes CTRL stand out is the ground-up development with security infrastructure in mind. From our perspective, the ability to securely mix content from multiple classification levels on the video wall or workstations, without compromising security information, is really key.

Chris Reeve, Vice President, Diversified - Critical Infrastructure Group
From the leading global brand

Barco is a global leader in control room solutions, with an impressive installed base. We have been around since 1934, building a solid reputation as a manufacturer of innovative and qualitative visualization solutions. Our HQ is in Belgium, but our presence is global, with offices and factories located in strategic positions all around the world.

In control rooms specifically, we are active since the early 1990s, and therefore know the requirements of the market through and through.

I believe that in providing pre-sales engineering support and post-sales product knowledge support Barco is one of the best in the industry. They strive to make customer relationships longstanding and are committed to that in the long term.

Ray May, CTO, Parker Group Infrastructure Group

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