



CueSurge

Quick Start Guide

PLAY · CONTROL · INSPIRE

From install to your first live cue in under 10 minutes.

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1 Install & License

Get CueSurge running on your Windows machine and unlock the trial.

Download & Install

- Head to **cuesurge.com/download** and grab the latest **CueSurge Setup** installer.
- Double-click to install — NSIS is a one-click installer, no admin prompt needed.
- CueSurge lives at `%LOCALAPPDATA%\Programs\NxtPulse\CueSurge.exe` and creates a Start Menu shortcut.

Sign In & Activate

- Launch CueSurge. On first run, the **License Gate** asks for your email.
- Enter your email — we send a one-time sign-in link (no password required).
- Click the link in your inbox; CueSurge activates with a 7-day free trial (no card required).
- Your machine becomes one of your **2 allowed devices**. Manage devices any time at **license.cuesurge.com**.

TIP

Subscribe later from **license.cuesurge.com** — \$40/mo or \$399/yr. Trial runs full-feature; no nag screens.

System Requirements

- Windows 10 / 11, 64-bit
- 16 GB RAM minimum, 32 GB recommended for multi-output rigs
- Dedicated GPU strongly recommended for video playback to external displays

Open a Show

Tour the operator window using the bundled demo show.

Load the Demo

- Click **Open** in the top toolbar and pick **demo-show.slate** from your downloads, or click **New** to start blank.
- The demo ships with a full Acme Summit 2026 run-of-show — sections, slides, video, lighting, ATEM cuts.

The Operator Window — Five Key Zones

- **Top toolbar:** show controls (New / Open / Save), system status badges (Voice / Mobile / Captions / Theme / AGC / LIVE / REC).
- **Left nav rail:** Program View, Show Control, Agenda, Automation, SuperSource, Switcher, Mixer, PTZ, Teleprompter, Lighting, Admin.
- **Preview + Program tiles:** two large 16:9 monitors showing the armed cue (Preview, left) and the live cue (Program, right). Click **TAKE** between them to fire.
- **Cue list:** the show timeline. Cues are grouped into sections, color-coded by type, and fire on **GO**.
- **Inspector panel (right):** Cue / Graphics / AI / Control / Output tabs — edit the currently-selected cue or run live tools.

LIGHT OR DARK

Theme toggle is in the top toolbar. Dark for FOH, light for stations near bright LED walls. Choice persists across launches.

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Fire Your First Cue

Understand cue targets and the GO button — the whole show runs on this loop.

The Arm → Take Loop

- Click a cue in the list. It becomes **armed** (its tile lights up in the Preview monitor).
- Press the big green **GO** button at the bottom (or hit **Space**) — the armed cue fires, becomes the new Program, and the next cue auto-arms.
- Use **TAKE** between Preview and Program tiles to swap them without advancing the list.

Cue Targets — Where the Cue Goes

Each cue has a target. The row of buttons under the cue picks where it routes:

- 1 Program 1** — main stage / audience-facing output.
- 2 Program 2** — secondary output, often a second screen or streaming feed.
- 3 Confidence** — what the on-stage talent sees (with optional timer, lower-thirds).
- 1+3 Combined** — same cue to two buses at once (e.g. Program + Confidence).
- ALL All buses** — fire everywhere.

Add Media to a Cue

- Drag a PNG / JPG / PDF / PowerPoint / MP4 / MOV into the cue list — CueSurge imports it as the right cue type automatically.
- For video and audio, the **PulseEditor** opens — trim, set fades, adjust speed, detach audio, save as a cue.

PAUSE-AWARE AUTOMATION

Schedule a cue to fire at a specific time. Hit **PAUSE** mid-show and every remaining cue slides by the pause duration — no math required.

Outputs, Shortcuts & Help

Wire up your displays, learn the essentials, and know where to go next.

Assign Displays

- Open **Admin** → **Output**. Each program (1 / 2 / Confidence) shows its current display and a dropdown of every connected display.
- Pick a display per program. CueSurge auto-swaps if two programs want the same external display.
- Use **Identify** to flash a number on each physical display so you know which is which.

Essential Keyboard Shortcuts

GO (fire next cue)	Space	TAKE (swap PVW/PGM)	T
Arm previous cue	↑	Arm next cue	↓
Top of show	Home	Black out	B
Freeze program	F	Mute audio	M
Test pattern	Shift + T	Save show	Ctrl + S
Undo / Redo	Ctrl + Z / Y	All stop	Esc

Where to Go Next

- cuesurge.com/features — full feature tour with screenshots.
- cuesurge.com/releases — what shipped in every version.
- cuesurge.com/support — get help, file a bug, request a feature.
- license.cuesurge.com/account — manage devices, billing, downloads.

YOU'RE LIVE

Open a show, arm a cue, hit GO. Everything else — graphics, ATEM cuts, mixer scenes, lighting, PTZ — works the same way. One cue list, every screen.

