

# neo:

BASIC



## INSTALLATION GUIDE

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- Rack Mounting Kit
- 48V Desktop Power Supply
- UK Mains Cable

# CABLING ADVICE

## WHAT IS THE BEST TYPE OF CABLE TO USE?

You can use Cat5e, Cat6, Cat6e, Cat6a, Cat7 or Cat7a with Pulse-Eight products.

The baseline cable standard for this neo system is Cat5e. Slightly greater distances can be achieved by using Cat6, or slightly better still with Cat7, which has stricter shielding requirements and reduces potential cross talk between data pairs.

Whichever network cable type you choose, ensure that the main wiring architecture is solid core, not stranded patch cabling. Patch cabling can be used for the last few metres of a run (e.g. from a wall plate) but must be avoided over longer runs as signal transfer over stranded cores is heavily reduced.

The use of pre-made leads is not recommended unless you can be absolutely sure of their construction credentials (i.e. solid core 568B). Please note that CCA (Copper Clad Aluminium) cable is NOT supported.

## SHIELDED CABLES

Unlike other systems, shielded FTP cable is not a stipulation. If, however, you prefer this type of cable please ensure compatible shielded accessories are used. Failure to terminate cable screen at all points can induce interference rather than eliminating it.

## CABLING BEST PRACTICE

Our best practice policy is to terminate to a wall plate at either end and then use solid core patch cables (usually it is better to make your own than use pre-made) between the patch panel and the matrix and the wall plate and HDBaseT receiver.

## HDBaseT WITH PATCH PANELS AND WALL PLATES

If the patch panels are terminated correctly, there is minimal loss of distance. The use of wall plates and patch panels, however, has the potential to cause increased resistance on the cable if not done correctly, introducing pinch points for signal transmission, and could reduce advertised transmission lengths.

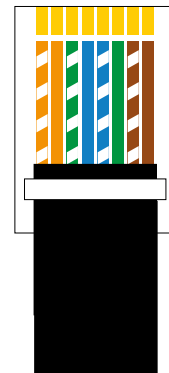
Instead of using RJ45 wall plates, you can use brush plates to maintain the neat finish.

## CONNECTION TERMINATION

Terminate the cabling using RJ45 connectors to the 568B wiring standard. (See diagram)

### IMPORTANT

Please note that local building regulations may apply to the installation of cabling in properties. It is important to check building regulations to guarantee that you are in accordance with the laws of your territory.



# IMPORTANT CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

When reading this manual we refer to devices that send video into the neo:4 Professional Matrix as source devices or sources, examples of source devices include Blu-Ray players, Set Top Boxes, Game Consoles and Media Centres. Devices that receive video from the matrix are called sink devices or sinks. Examples of these are Amplifiers (AVRs) TVs and projectors.

## SETUP

neo is designed to be on and connected to an active internet connection at all times. It will operate correctly when not connected to a network (or the internet) but certain functions will not be available.

Connect a standard Ethernet cable (while the matrix is disconnected from the mains power source) from your router or network switch, cross over cables are not supported.

Connect your source devices into the input ports using a High Speed HDMI cable or better (not supplied). It is recommended for future ease of use to connect devices from Input 1 to Input 4, although you can connect them in any order you wish.

Sink devices are connected via category cable (see cabling advise at the start of this guide) from the Output port to a receiver. You can use any HDBaseT certified PoH Class B receiver, however we recommend using the supplied receivers where possible. Complete the connection from the receiver to the Sink device (i.e. your TV) via a HDMI cable.

Once all connections have been made, turn the matrix on by connecting the power supply to the mains.

The power supply is an external 110Watt desktop style PSU with a C14 input connector. It is designed to operate in all countries, you may need to use an adapter cable for your local territory that is not supplied.

To ensure a tight fit with the chassis ensure the DC locking connector is firmly inserted and the threaded barrel is securely tightened.

*Note: There is no on/off switch on the matrix, it is designed to always be on. When connecting the power connector to the matrix, ensure the power supply is disconnected from the mains supply.*

The front panel LEDs will both illuminate along with the neo logo briefly and then the system will begin its initialisation sequence. This takes approximately 20 seconds, the system is fully initialised once the System LED is solid green. The network LED will also turn solid green if it detects an active internet connection.

If after 3 minutes and the system has not completed initialisation any other LED combination appears consult the troubleshooting guide for further help.

*Note: it is possible that a firmware update may be available the first time you power the system, in this instance the system may take longer to initialise. If both the system and monitoring LEDs flash orange and/or green together very quickly the update is being applied, please wait and do not disconnect the power until this update is complete.*

## CONNECTING RACK EARS

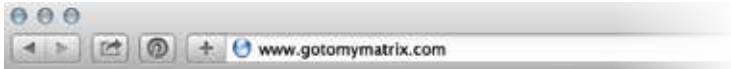
The supplied rack ears can be fitted to the front or rear of the chassis. Ensure the matrix is securely fitted to the rack using 4 rack nut/bolts. The matrix requires 1U of rack space, plus some additional shelving to secure the power supply too.

# CONNECT TO THE WEB INTERFACE

To setup neo you need to use the built in web interface. This can be accessed from any locally connected device via Wi-Fi or a fixed wire connection.

You can access the neo web interface from a mobile, tablet, laptop or desktop PC. It is designed to work on Internet Explorer 10, Microsoft Edge, Firefox, Google Chrome and Safari.

## GOTOMYMATRIX.COM



You can easily access the neo web interface by visiting [www.gotomymatrix.com](http://www.gotomymatrix.com) into any web browser, on any device, this will locate the matrix automatically on your local network.


## USING THE WEB INTERFACE

Many of the controls in the user interface (UI) are drag and drop friendly. These drag drop actions will work on most devices.

## VIDEO ROUTING

The home page of the UI displays the current routing, devices in blue are active, we have detected they are powered up\*. Select an input with a single click/press and the outputs that this input is routed to will be highlighted. Press again the same input to restore the normal display.

To change the routing of the matrix, drag the input and drop it on the output you want to send that video to. Once routing is successful a green success message will display. If for some reason this routing cannot be done a red error message will be shown explaining the reason.

You can also change the routing by click on the display icon  on the output and then selecting the input from the drop down list. You do not need to click save changes, the change is immediate.

*\*Due to certain HDMI limitations this may not be 100% accurate at all times*


## RENAMING A SOURCE DEVICE

Click on the properties  icon, enter a new name and click on Save Changes. Names must be 13 characters or less and cannot be blank, start with or end with a space, certain special characters are also not allowed.

Custom names are displayed in the source menu in a CEC enabled TV\*, updates should be reflected immediately but you may need to restart your TV to get some updates.

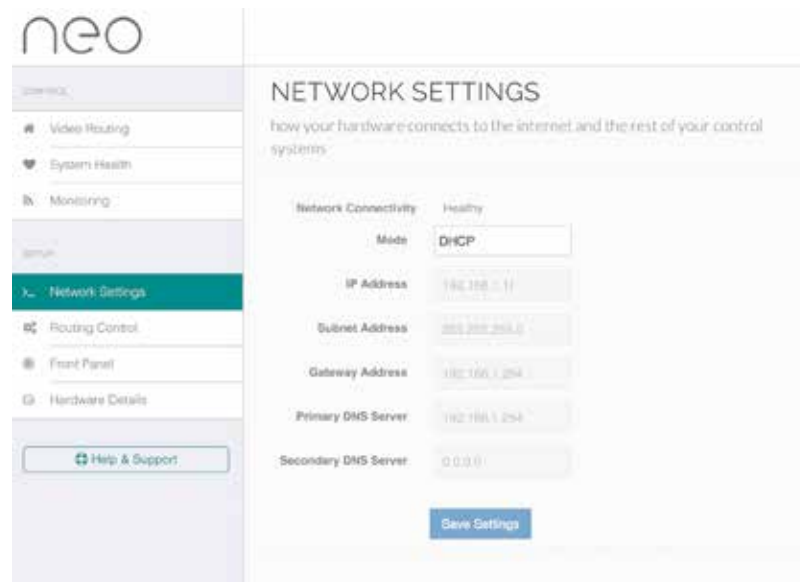
*\*where supported.*

## RENAMING SINKS

Click on the display  icon, enter a new name and click on Save Changes. This name is purely cosmetic and only used within the web interface. The length restriction of 13 characters still applies.

## CONFIGURING NETWORK SETTINGS

By default the matrix is set to retrieve an IP address via DHCP, you must connect the system to a router or server that has DHCP enabled. Once initially configured you can modify this setting and switch to a static IP address.



You must ensure that the new settings are correct before saving them as you will no longer be able to access the matrix if they are incorrect. In order for the internet based functions to operate such as the cloud based monitoring and gotomymatrix.com facility you must provide at least one valid DNS address. We recommend using the Google Public DNS address 8.8.8.8 for Primary DNS and 8.8.4.4 for Secondary DNS

# SETTING UP CEC

Consumer Electronics Control (CEC) is a built in technology within HDMI, widely supported in modern TVs, AVRs, Blu-Ray players and Media Centres.

## INTRODUCTION

neo has built in support for all CEC implementations from different vendors, where possible we have included additional vendor specific support to maximise compatibility. That said implementation varies between different brands and continues to improve, certain features described in this manual may not be available on all makes and models in your setup. If we can detect that a feature is not supported, this incompatibility will be displayed in the web interface.

## DIFFERENT BRANDS

Common brand names for CEC are, Anynet+ (Samsung), BraviaLink or BraviaSync (Sony), EasyLink (Philips), Simplink (LG), VieraLink (Panasonic) Kuro Link (Pioneer) CE-Link and Regza Link (Toshiba), RIHD (Onkyo)

More and more devices are using the common name "HDMI-CEC", often it is disabled by default, and you may need to enable it in the settings menu before continuing. (Consult the manual for your source or sink device on how to do this)

## HOW IT WORKS AND SWITCHING SOURCES

Depending on the TV you are using will depend on exactly which button you press, for example, on a Sony TV you press the "Sync Menu" button, this brings up a menu, from here select HDMI Device selection and your source devices are listed, if you have customised their names, these names will be listed.

The order in which they are displayed may change from time to time, there is no ability to specify the sort order of devices in these lists. In other brands, simply pressing the "Source" button will list all of the devices alongside other inputs (such as Network or USB media)

## THIRD PARTY CONTROL DRIVERS

You can control neo via IR, Serial or our recommended method, TCP/IP. We supply drivers for common control systems, including Control 4, AMX, Crestron, RTI and Elan. We are constantly improving our native integration with other platforms, more information and driver downloads are available at <http://monitoring.pulse-eight.com/>

## ACCESSING THE MATRIX WITHOUT AN INTERNET CONNECTION

While neo works best with an active internet connection it is possible to still configure and operate the system without one. However to configure the system from its defaults a local network connection is required. Normal operation of the CEC and IR control systems does not require any network connection, but IP based API control or Web based controlled does require a persistent network connection.

### DISCOVERY TOOL

You can download a discovery tool from your monitoring portal at <http://monitoring.pulse-eight.com/> this program will run on Windows 7 or newer only, when run it will scan your network and detect the IP address of your matrix. If you have multiple neo systems on the same network, the discovery tool will only display the last found. If you do have more than one system, it is advised that you disconnect other systems first.

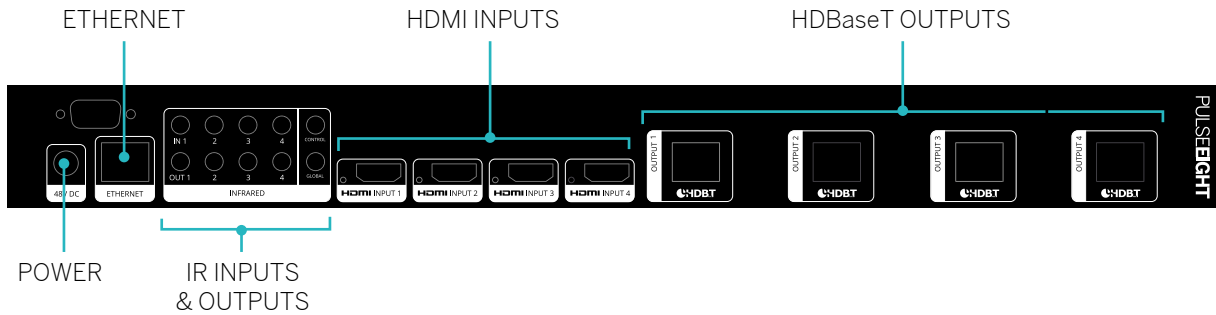
The discovery tool will display the IP address of the matrix, you can then access the matrix by typing that IP address into your web browsers address bar.



It is recommended in this mode that you configure the networking to use a static ip address, this allows for you to bookmark the page easily and return to the web interface easily without needing to run the discovery tool again.



# THE REAR PANEL



## API REFERENCE

We provide a fully documented API for neo, this is available in your monitoring portal (<http://monitoring.pulse-eight.com/>). You must be logged in to access it.

If you have questions, please speak with your installer, we are not able to provide programming support directly.

# TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

## MATRIX

1U 19" rack-mountable chassis with 4 HDMI inputs  
 4 Cat outputs  
 Width: 43 cm / 16.9"  
 Height: 4.5 cm / 1.7"  
 Depth: 14 cm / 5.5"  
 Weight: 2.05 KG / 4.5lb

## RECEIVERS

HDMI (340MHz)  
 70m / 230ft distance  
 4K ULTRA HD\* support  
 Lossless HDMI video and audio  
 IR  
 CEC  
 Power over HDBaseT (PoH similar to PoE)  
 Width: 5.5 cm / 2.1"  
 Height: 3.8 cm / 1.1"  
 Depth: 10 cm / 3.9"  
 Weight: 0.086 KG / 0.18lb

# TROUBLESHOOTING

Should you encounter installation difficulties or issues with device communication, the following checklist of common issues and causes should help resolve your issues. If you still continue to experience issues, please contact your place of purchase.

## NO OR POOR PICTURE QUALITY:

- Connected and powered? Double check all HDMI, Ethernet and power cables are firmly connected into the correct ports and all devices are correctly powered.
- Cable length? Are you approaching the maximum distance of the cable (70m) if so, adjust the picture quality or try using an additional extender kit to go further distance. Cables bundled together may cause cross talk and further degrade signal quality.
- Signal strength? The use of cable joins, stranded patch panels, wall outlands and stranded patch leads as interconnects between them, can significantly reduce signal strength. Use solid core straight through connections wherever possible.
- If you reduce the resolution of the source do you get a picture? If so, this suggests a conflicting resolution between source and display or a bandwidth capacity issue with your cable. Check all inputs and outputs share the same resolution capabilities.
- Picture 'snow' / HD 'hoise' signifies a failure to fully establish a signal and can often be caused by poorly terminated RJ45 connectors or excess cable lengths. Ensure your cable is correctly wired to 568B standards.
- Pink or off-colour picture? This could be caused by an invalid EDID or the source device failing to read the EDID from the matrix. Try re-booting matrix and all source devices to force the re-reading of the EDID.
- Cable quality and condition - HDMI cable/connectors can easily be damaged and the quality of material can vary, Always use good quality leads and cables and try swapping cables that are known to be working into the solution to see if this improves your image.

## IR CONTROL:

- Are the IR emitters and receivers correctly positioned to allow infrared signals to be transmitted and received? Emitters should be fixed firmly over infrared sensors of sources. Receivers should be attached to displays ensuring a clear line of sight to the remote control used to operate.
- Is your remote control powered and sending a signal? As IR is invisible to the naked eye, check your remote is transmitting a signal by viewing the remote handset sensor through a digital camera/camera phone. The sensor should flash when a button on the handset is held down.
- IR signal dropout can be experienced due to exterior emissions of infrared radiation. Ensure emitters and receivers are away from direct sunlight. Halogen lighting and plasma screens may also interfere with IR signals

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