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Posted by Suad on Thu, 19 Jan 2006 05:00:44 GMT
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Hello.

Actually, I have the same setup like yours.
Never had a single problem... (except that ATAT - XP stuff,,, ;-)

So, as A. Allen said, first locate the first EDS card simply by conecting
one mec into each card. If paris boots - that's a A card.
Now, connect wordclock USING T-ADAPTER(s), locate card B, connect
second MEC, and if you want 422 to card C.
....and of course, I suppose you did EDS interconections right. Did you?
....and MEC A led shows 44k and MEC B led shows 48k is a hardware bug.
If you sync them well, all will be at 44k, and belive me , you will HEAR

if MECs are working on different sample rates. ;-)

Wordclock conection theory :

"Word clock signals are usually distributed in the form of a network, split with BNC T-adapters
and terminated with resistors. We recommend using off-the-shelf BNC cables to connect all
devices, as this type of cable is used for most computer networks. You will find all the neces-
sary components (T-adapters, terminators, cables) in most electronics and/or computer stores.

To avoid voltage loss and reflections, both the cable itself and the terminating resistor at the
end of the chain should have an impedance of 75 Ohm. If the voltage is too low, synchroniza-
tion will fail. High frequency reflection effects can cause both jitter and sync failure.

The last device in a wordclock chain should be terminated using a T-adapter and a 75 Ohm
resistor (available as short BNC plug). Of course devices with internal termination do not need
T-adaptor and terminator plug. " - RME Audio

So, people are doing mistake when conecting wordclock out to in, and then another out to in
of second device, then another out to in of third, fourth... xyz device.
That way of conecting
wordclock is raising jiter in the wordclock signal espetially if device wordclock in and
out arent 100% in phase. (steady clock WC in/out of RME fireface is another story...)
Drawback of that method is weakening of wordclock signal in large networks, so
termination makes things worse in that case...
Termination is case sensitive and it helps in some cases, but not in other cases.
When using large wordclock networks like mine, termination is bad idea...
I have 6 devices in my wordclock network WITHOUT termination.
With setup connected like that, I never have a single sinhronization problem
or click or dropout.
(2xMEC + 1xFireface + 1xTC M3000 + 2xRME 9652 - all conected in a network with
T-adapters + digital ins/outs and ADAT sync) .
To make things worse, my WC master MEC is not even at the end of the chain,
but - it works flawlesly!

Lately I purchased another 2 MEC's and I'm planning to expand my system to 4 EDS cards
and 4 MECs. That will be 8 devices in a wordclock network across about 10 meters of
cable.... and I think it should work. If not, I'll use my RME fireface like WC signal
refresher somwhere in the middle of the chain, and take benefit of RMEs "steady clock"
technology.
Also, as I'am a tehnician, I have made all my cables by myself using HQ conectors, cable
and silver soldering wire....

I know that's very complicated, but that's the way it is... ;-)

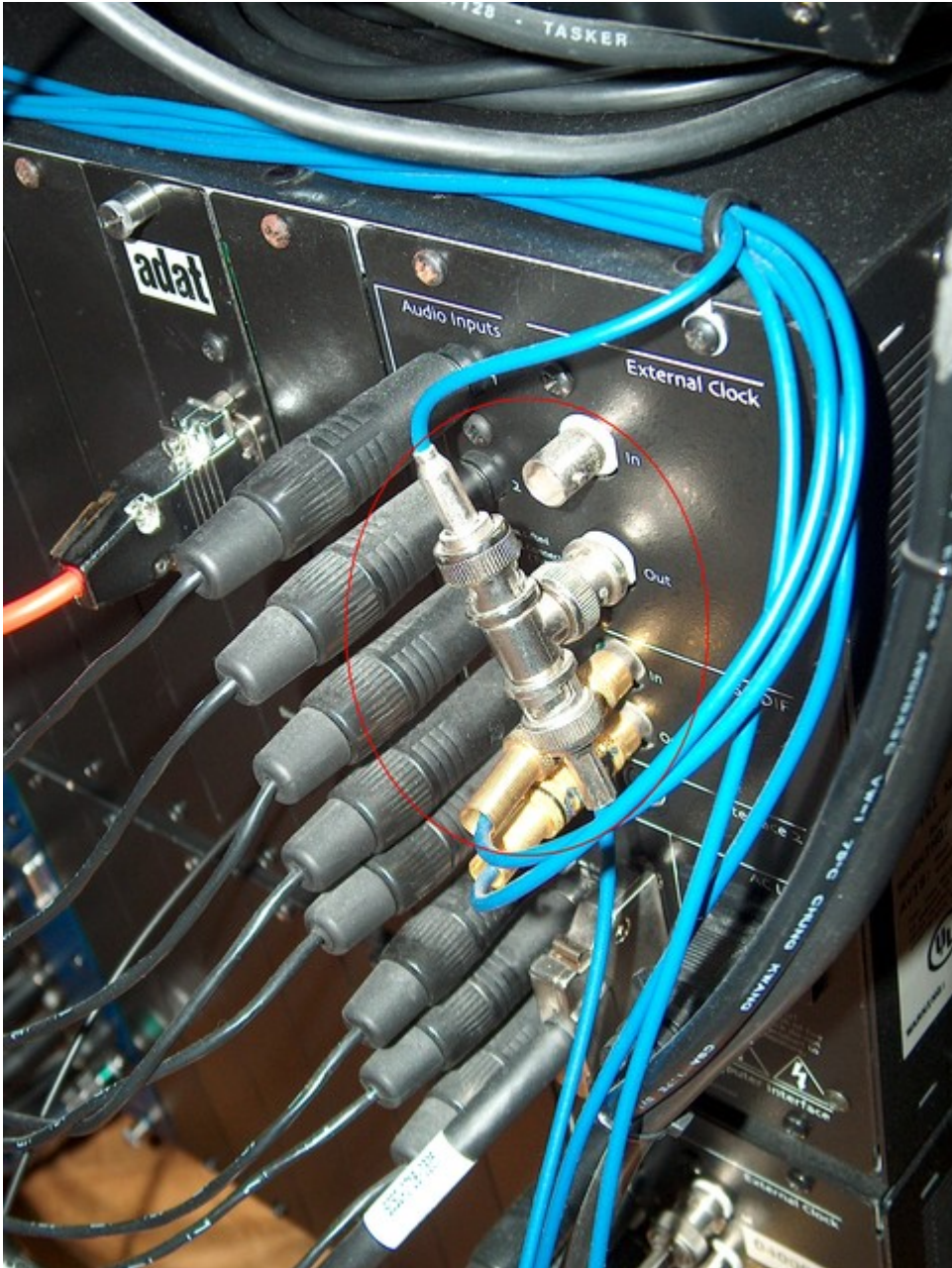Here are some pics, so you better understand...

I hope this will help to many PARIS users.

Cheers.

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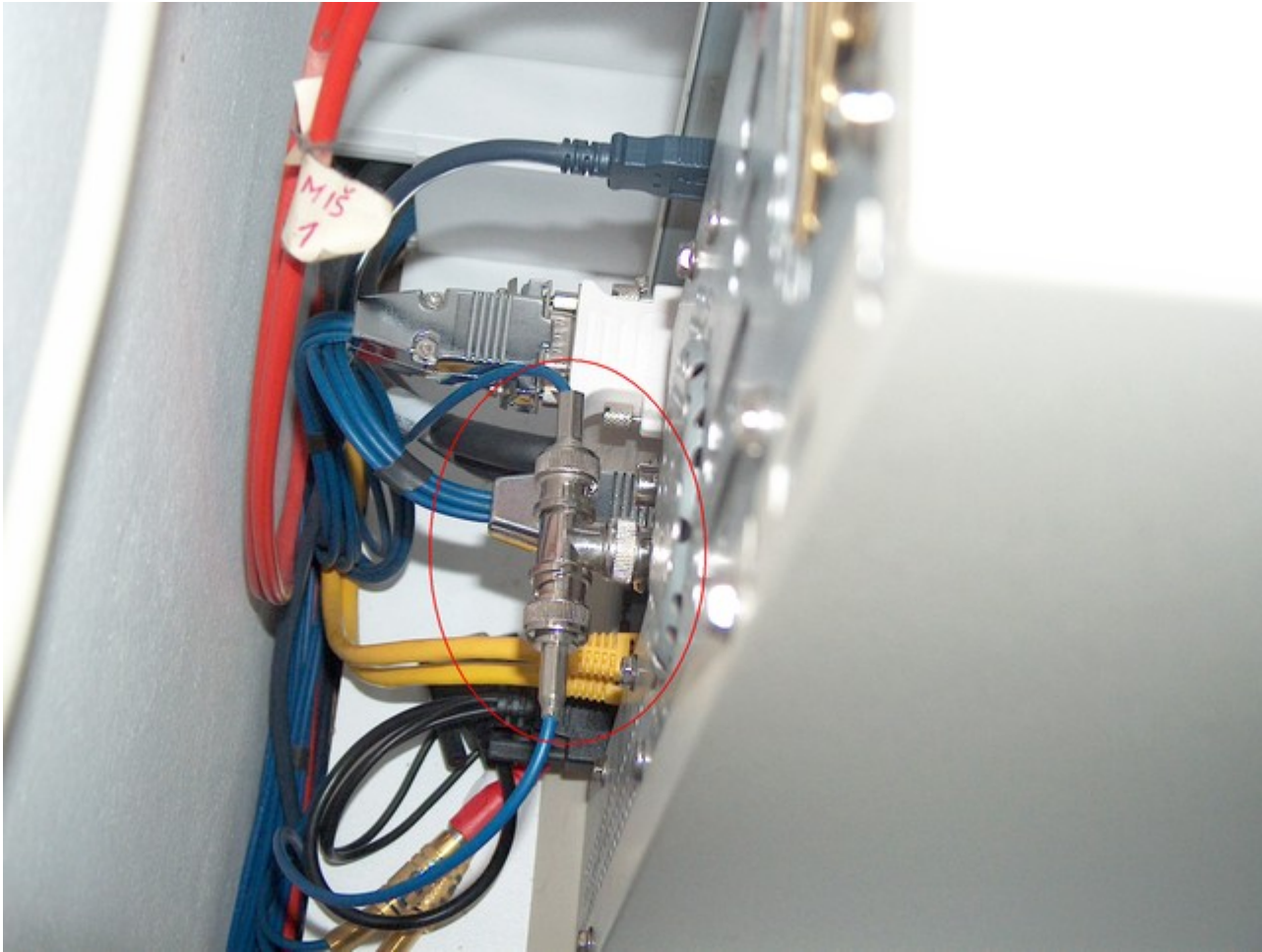
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>>>>>"Kip Sonnier" <fender36@cox.net> wrote in message
>>>>>news:43cf03be$1@linux...
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>>>>>> Ok did away with the 442
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>>>>>> Got Black Mec which is my master to Card 2 (monitors out)
>>>>>> Got Blue Mec to Card 1
>>>>>> Paris Config to Master card A
>>>>>> Gives me this
>>>>>> Error initializing Engine. No interface was connected to master card
>>>>>> so i unplugged one so i could change the Paris config Master Card
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>>>>>> When i switch Paris Config to Master card B, it boots up and in the
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>>>>>> patch
>>>>>> bay the Black Mec which is on Card 2 shows up as Mec Module A and
the
>>>> Blue
>>>>>> Mec which is on card 1 shows up as Mec Module B
>>>>>> They both show Word clock on front of mecs
>>>>>> Black shows 44.1 khz
>>>>>> Blue shows 48.0 khz
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>>>>>> When i Hook Black Mec which is my master to Card 1 (monitors out)
>>>>>> Got Blue Mec to Card 2
>>>>>> Paris Config to Master card A
>>>>>> Word Cables Hooked up
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>>>>>> and got this on the boot
>>>>>> Error initializing Engine. Error code 7/7
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>>>>>> Anybody ?
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