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Posted by [Tom Bruhl](#) on Sat, 22 Nov 2008 17:54:18 GMT

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Posted by [Tom Bruhl](#) on Sat, 22 Nov 2008 20:39:05 GMT

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Hey Deej,

That looks similar to what I've been using with less success.
Maybe mine isn't USB 2.0? I bought it about one year ago.
I'll have to check. Maybe that's the problem.

Maybe my problems aren't USB related but wireless
USB key/mouse related?

Thanks,
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Posted by [audioguy_editout_](#) on Sun, 23 Nov 2008 03:51:30 GMT

If you get a USB2 rated repeater you should be fine. These are the ones we are using:

<http://sewelldirect.com/Gefen-Active-USB-2-16-ft-Cable.asp>

Not from that supplier mind you, that's just the first link google turned up.

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<http://www.exposquare.com/es/facilities/pavilion.asp>)

The XTi I've had personal experience with using it for my live band, and it's been pretty bullet proof so far. But then again, a noisy club wouldn't show much noise floor issue really.
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"Stephen Stecyk" <smp@smppro.com> wrote in message news:492ecf8a@linux...

> I'm actually in a similar dilemma. Unfortunately, I need just the box
> without any cabling attached. Does anyone know of such a product?
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> I'd hate to have to open up a wall - really hate!!
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> Stephen
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> "Tom Bruhl" <arpeggio@comcast.net> wrote in message news:49284b33@linux...

>> If you guys know of better and/or less expensive products please tell me.

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>> I have a usb mouse, keyboard and midi patchbay.

>> These all need a 25'-40' run. I also plan to eventually

>> run 4 DVI about the same distance.

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>> These are the products I'm looking at for usb:

>> <http://www.tigerdirect.com/applications/SearchTools/item-details.asp?EdpNo=2893288&CatId=444>

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>> or if that won't be stable, this is lots more money:

>> http://www.gefen.com/kvm/dproduct.jsp?prod_id=2218

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>> These are the long run DVI products:

>> <http://www.tigerdirect.com/applications/SearchTools/item-details.asp?EdpNo=2815509&CatId=79>

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>> or:

>> <http://www.tigerdirect.com/applications/SearchTools/item-details.asp?EdpNo=1643055&CatId=1163>
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>> I was hoping for a less expensive alternative. My existing USB extension
>> (\$30) is suspect. I lose
>> my midi patchbay within Cubase at least once in an 4-8 hour session.
>> Often times the computer
>> locks up too.
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>> Any other ideas folks?
>> Tom
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