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Subject: VirtuaVia Chassis discontinued

Posted by [mikeaudet](#) on Fri, 25 Oct 2013 00:10:06 GMT

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Hi Everyone,

We've had a setback today. The VirtuaVia chassis has been discontinued and is sold out. This leaves the more expensive Magma P7NE board set with the pehifx1 PCIe host card that is also discontinued, but can be purchased on ebay from time to time.

I tried to order the ExpressCard adapter for the VirtuaVia chassis this morning. My thinking had been that I could use it with a thunderbolt to ExpressCard adapter to make an affordable OSX option for PARIS via ASIO.

VirtuaVia actually didn't get back to me, but Stephen was told today that the boards are out of stock and discontinued.

Does anyone know of an alternative supplier for keeping PARIS going in a Thunderbolt/PCIe world?

To be honest, the latest bunch of AMD motherboards with PCI slots are damn fast. If many of us are stuck at this motherboard generation, it really isn't so bad. I'd hoped to keep things moving forward, though.

Let me know what you guys think.

All the best,

Mike

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Subject: Re: VirtuaVia Chassis discontinued

Posted by [mikeaudet](#) on Fri, 25 Oct 2013 14:06:36 GMT

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I ordered one of these yesterday:

[http://www.ebay.com/itm/271262056943?ssPageName=STRK:MEWNX:IT&\\_trksid=p3984.m1439.l2649](http://www.ebay.com/itm/271262056943?ssPageName=STRK:MEWNX:IT&_trksid=p3984.m1439.l2649)

It looks like each adapter will supply enough power for one EDS card. I'll post my findings once I try it.

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Subject: Re: VirtuaVia Chassis discontinued  
Posted by [excelav](#) on Thu, 07 Nov 2013 01:00:38 GMT  
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Hey Mike, did you get a chance to test that adapter?

Thanks!  
James

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Subject: Re: VirtuaVia Chassis discontinued  
Posted by [mikeaudet](#) on Thu, 07 Nov 2013 01:58:35 GMT  
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Hi James,

I'm still waiting for it to arrive. I've found that things shipped from Hong Kong can take a month to arrive.

I asked the seller, and he said that with a SATA power plug connected, it will deliver 100 watts to the two slots. I'm a little suspicious that he is mistaken, but even if he is, I bet it will work with an old Magma PCI chassis. And, those old 7 slot Magma PCI chassis are cheap.

I'll let you know when I get a chance to try it out.

All the best,

Mike

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Subject: Re: VirtuaVia Chassis discontinued  
Posted by [inkyku](#) on Thu, 07 Nov 2013 02:41:11 GMT  
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Interesting adapter...I don't think I have enough room in my tower to fit any more EDS 1000 cards even though I have an open PCI-e...Is it possible to connect a ribbon cable from an internal EDS1000 to an external EDS1000?

Here's my MoBo: Asus AM3 E5888\_M4A88TD-V-EVO-USB3\_V2...It has 3 PCI slots.

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Subject: Re: VirtuaVia Chassis discontinued  
Posted by [mikeaudet](#) on Thu, 07 Nov 2013 16:05:03 GMT

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I imagine that you couldn't use a ribbon cable long enough to fit some cards in the case and some outside of it.

I think this would be useful for putting a couple of cards inside a case, either below or above a micro atx board or in a 5 1/4 drive bay.

Or, it might be useful with something like this:

[http://www.ebay.com/itm/AVID-PCI-EXTENDER-/120509443356?pt=LH\\_DefaultDomain\\_0&hash=item1c0eec2d1c](http://www.ebay.com/itm/AVID-PCI-EXTENDER-/120509443356?pt=LH_DefaultDomain_0&hash=item1c0eec2d1c)

I'm not sure that listing includes the host card and cable, but these units are cheap even when complete. If a motherboard has no PCI slots, this could keep us going on new PCs.

All the best,

Mike

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Subject: Re: VirtuaVia Chassis discontinued  
Posted by [inkyku](#) on Thu, 07 Nov 2013 18:32:07 GMT  
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Hi Mike,

For me this PCI-e to PCI adapter could be used to power my PCI sound/midi sound card. That would open a one of the 3 PCI slots so I can add another EDS-1000.

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Subject: Re: VirtuaVia Chassis discontinued  
Posted by [excelav](#) on Thu, 07 Nov 2013 20:26:01 GMT  
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Hey Mike, thanks! I spoke to tech support about that FoxConn MOBO, they told me that their MOBO is to PCI standards, so I'm going to give this MOBO a try. This could be an affordable answer for some Paris users. I need to upgrade my systems now, however I am in a bit of a financial crisis right now so this may take me some time to do.

If this MOBO works, it could be the answer for a lot of people for now. It has 6 PCI slots and will take up to an i7 slot 1155 SandyBridge or IvyBridge processor and up to 16 GB of RAM. One person did report that he had an Irq issue running more than three things with PCI cards, being a Mac guy, I don't know if this is going to be a real problem or not. Your thoughts on all of this would really be appreciated. By the way, the cost of the MOBO is about \$65.00 US., at that price, Paris users might want to stock up if it works. I ordered mine today and will start looking for a deal on a processor, memory etc.

I also wanted to ask, do you think it makes sense to have Paris and UAD-1 cards on the same system?

Anyways, here is the MOBO info:

Foxconn H61AP LGA 1155 Intel H61 ATX Intel Motherboard

The tech support number I have is 714-626-6909, or 714-626-6900

<http://www.foxconnsupport.com/>

I hope this helps.

James

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Subject: Re: VirtuaVia Chassis discontinued  
Posted by [excelav](#) on Thu, 07 Nov 2013 20:55:53 GMT  
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Mike, by the way, when you were talking about an OSX option for Paris via ASIO, did you mean using Paris hardware with a Mac running another software like Logic or Reaper? Or are you talking about a Mac OSX version of Paris?

As I have mentioned in the past, when I was a Paris dealer Edmond did demonstrate an OSX version of the Paris software on a lap top at Sweetwater sound, and it played a QuickTime video in the Paris window. I tried to get Edmond to release it, he wasn't interested in doing that at the time.

We should talk sometime, I might be able to give you some insight as to why things are, and are not. I think it might be helpful in the future.

James

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Subject: Re: VirtuaVia Chassis discontinued  
Posted by [mikeaudet](#) on Thu, 07 Nov 2013 21:35:31 GMT  
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Hi James,

I just sent you a PM.

I like the Foxconn board for the PCI slots, but the max memory speed is 1333 vs. 1600 on most motherboards. That probably doesn't mean much in terms of real performance, but it's something. It's also been discontinued.

I'd like to have options that allow us to use PARIS on any computer.

As for the Mac, I was thinking of porting the ASIO driver after I get it finished on the Windows side.

All the best,

Mike

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Subject: Re: VirtuaVia Chassis discontinued  
Posted by [laurent](#) on Fri, 08 Nov 2013 19:59:57 GMT  
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hi all  
the new paris asio driver !!!yes yes  
thanks mr mike

laurent

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Subject: Re: VirtuaVia Chassis discontinued  
Posted by [mikeaudet](#) on Wed, 27 Nov 2013 03:17:10 GMT  
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I just got the cheap two slot PCIe to PCI expansion unit today. I haven't tried to run PARIS from it, but the voltage regulator on the board is only rated for 5 amps, so it won't handle two EDS cards. One card should work fine, though. I'll post my results as soon as I get a chance to try it out.

All the best,

Mike

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Subject: Re: VirtuaVia Chassis discontinued  
Posted by [dnafe](#) on Wed, 27 Nov 2013 11:53:09 GMT  
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As always we await your comments

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Subject: Re: VirtuaVia Chassis discontinued

Posted by [mikeaudet](#) on Sun, 08 Dec 2013 19:38:01 GMT

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Hi Everyone,

I tried to install the cheap 2 channel PCIe to PCI adapter, but the SATA power plug blocks the PCI slots. I'm going to have to try to find some kind of low profile SATA power adapter. If I can't find one, I'll try plugging in my old Avid branded Magma chassis to see if the host card for that is short enough to fit.

All the best,

Mike

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Subject: Re: VirtuaVia Chassis discontinued

Posted by [Studio111](#) on Thu, 12 Dec 2013 05:46:45 GMT

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Isn't this the same "VirtuaVia Chassis" you are talking about? It doesn't appear to be discontinued...or is this the wrong item??

<http://www.virtuavia.eu/shop/pcie-4-x-pci-expansion-atx-kit.html?sl=EN>

Don

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Subject: Re: VirtuaVia Chassis discontinued

Posted by [mikeaudet](#) on Thu, 12 Dec 2013 13:43:40 GMT

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Hi Don,

It's the right item, but Stephen tried to order one, and they told him it was out of stock and they wouldn't be getting any more.

I've called them and emailed them repeatedly, and they haven't replied to me at all.

They also have netsor products listed on their main page, but if you click on them, there are no netsor products in the store. It's been that way for months, too. I'm not sure what is going on over there.

All the best,

Mike

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