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Posted by [John Minnella](#) on Tue, 09 Dec 2008 16:23:20 GMT

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Posted by [Wayne](#) on Tue, 09 Dec 2008 17:12:10 GMT

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news:493e8d68\$1@linux...

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Posted by [Mike Audet](#) on Tue, 09 Dec 2008 17:46:01 GMT  
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Posted by [kerryg](#) on Tue, 09 Dec 2008 21:14:37 GMT  
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It's not a bug, it's a "feature" :D

That's one of PARIS' little peculiarities - a GUI that both Mac and PC users can feel slightly "not at home" with; you just get used to it.

- K

On 12/9/08 8:23 AM, in article 493e8d68\$1 @linux, "John Minnella" <[minnella@lfe.arizona.edu](mailto:minnella@lfe.arizona.edu)> wrote:

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Posted by [John Minnella](#) on Tue, 09 Dec 2008 23:52:36 GMT  
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Posted by [John Minnella](#) on Tue, 09 Dec 2008 23:58:08 GMT  
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Thanks Wayne and everyone for the welcome. My home email is [jjmac2@dakotacom.net](mailto:jjmac2@dakotacom.net)  
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Posted by [Paul Artola](#) on Wed, 10 Dec 2008 03:46:01 GMT  
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John -

Welcome to the world of Paris.

Since you are in Tucson, you should lookup a fella there named Doug Wellington. He posts here on occasion, and has a monster Paris rig. He can probably answer most, if not all, of your questions.

- Paul Artola  
Ellicott City, Maryland

On 10 Dec 2008 09:58:08 +1000, "John Minnella"  
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Subject: Re: new to Paris  
Posted by [mike audet\[1\]](#) on Wed, 10 Dec 2008 04:07:23 GMT  
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Hi John,

You won;t be using the mini din at all if you don't have an IF2. You will need a 75 ohm coaxial cable to go from the MEC to the 442 or vice versa.

I hope this helps.

Mike

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Posted by [EK Sound](#) on Wed, 10 Dec 2008 17:01:05 GMT  
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This is correct.

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One expansion card would give you a total of 12 channels of input or  
output (depending on the card you get). 4 of those channels (the  
onboard MEC ones) would be 20 bit while the card channels are 24 bit.

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The expansion cards simply plug into the MEC... that's it. They are  
automatically recognized. You then have to go into the patch bay to  
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Plug a CD payer in?? Not sure I understand the question.

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Posted by Erling on Wed, 17 Dec 2008 15:57:45 GMT

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The difference between a MEC and 442 are the 9 expansion cardplaces on the MEC.

You can use the MEC without any expansion card, as a 442. But with in and out expansion cards, you can use the full 24 bits bandwidth in Paris. If you want to use both a MEC and a 442 with Paris, you need 2 EDS cards and as Davis said, connected with SCSI-II cables between MEC/442 and EDS cards that's synchronized with specialcutted ribbon cables inside the computer. If you're using more than one EDS card inside the computer, all cards must be synchronized with each other with these kind of ribboncables. You can also use more than one EDS card with just one MEC/442 box.

The simplest way to check anything with Paris, hmmm, there must be many simple ways but a mixer coupled to in on the MEC, get correct patching in Paris and try recording with mic/instruments through the mixer. The manual will be a good help to learn how but if there's some problems, don't be afraid to ask more here.

Good luck

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1) [MECBooklet.pdf](#), downloaded 275 times

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