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Posted by [Edna Sloan](#) on Sat, 11 Feb 2006 00:54:30 GMT

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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Sat, 11 Feb 2006 03:38:12 GMT

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Thanks DJ, I will check out the Lynx. These other 2 cards can be gotten for less than a C. Well, except for the 1212 which touts as having the same converters as the PT HD(-120 db).

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SPDIF carries it's own imbedded clock signal. You can, in theory, set Paris to receive *digital* clock in the Paris control panel, and it *should* sync to the spdif output of another device which is feeding it's signal to the Paris spdif input. This won't lock up the timelines of two DAWs, (only ADAT

or midi sync will do this) but if you're just inputting audio into PARIS via spdif, it *should* prevent timing errors like clicks and pops.

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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Sun, 12 Feb 2006 01:02:15 GMT
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Understood. This reminds me that I still have to do some ADAT transfers for a project.....ugh!

I'm not too crazy about this either.

;o)

"Bill Lorentzen" <bill@lorentzen.ws> wrote in message news:43ee7a34@linux...

> Deej,

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> Yeah, I'm hip to that (I bought 3 ADATs practically the week they came out).

> My point was that it is no better than spdif unless you need to lock up

> ADATs to Paris (something I never enjoyed doing!)

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> Best,

> Bill

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> news:43ee3f41@linux...

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>> ADAT sync carries it's own clock signal irregardless of whether is it

> > timeline locked via the 9 pin serial cable. I have heard that the signal
> > that is imbedded in the bitstream of the ADAT output (using a fibre
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> > cable sending 8 channels) of the EMU card may not be reliable.
> > This was being discussed on the RME website a while back so consider the
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Posted by [Bill Lorentzen](#) on Sun, 12 Feb 2006 15:13:26 GMT
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Hey Jeff, thiose other options I was referring to are for other types of systems - not for a sequencer. Sorry! Your best bet for tight sync might be ADAT sync, but you would need an ADAT card in a MEC and an ADAT compatible sound card like the RME 9652.

Bill

"Jeff hoover" <jkhoover@excite.com> wrote in message
news:43ee8238\$1@linux...

> So what are the few other ways?

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> Been wanting to do the sync tighter than MTC but wondering what other
> options could be explored (running Paris and Cubase SX3).

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> Jeff

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> Bill Lorentzen wrote:

>> OK, I get what you are doing. First I should clarify: there are 2 kinds
>> of sync here. There is wordclock, which locks the digital clocks for
>> accurate transfer of audio, then there is play/stop sync, which moves the

>> DAW/sequencer play line. The first one is carried by either a wordclock
>> cable (best), or embedded in the spdif or ADAT lightpipe digital stream
>> (OK). The second one can be from MIDI timecode via a MIDI cable (OK), or
>> if you have it, a 9 pin ADAT sync cable (very accurate) (or a few other
>> ways, but we won't worry about those now).
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>> If you are moving VSTi audio tracks from a sequencer into Paris, or just
>> want them to play along with Paris, you should do fine with MIDI timecode
>> for the sync and spdif for the audio (2 tracks at a time). I would
>> recommend that approach - someone else who still uses Paris correct me if
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Subject: Re: Inexpensive sound card
Posted by lamont[1] on Sat, 18 Feb 2006 02:01:59 GMT
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<http://www.rme-audio.com/english/hdsp/digifa.htm>

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