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Paris has SPDIF, wordclock ADAT sync and Toslink

Lightbridge has SPDIF, Wordclock Midi and Toslink

and from my understanding transport control is done via either SMPTE or MTC and Paris can generate it but not output it directly

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>> *NEED* a MIDI interface for Paris. You *SHOULD* buy a wordclock generator

>> to save what little hair you have left... ;-)

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>> David.

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>>> So to clarify I'll need to purchase a MTC interface and a wordclock

>>> generator as well as the lightbridge and PT

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Subject: Re: M-Audio follow up question - MTC  
Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2008 02:19:07 GMT  
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Posted by [Rod Lincoln](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2008 05:12:45 GMT  
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Posted by [JeffH](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2008 07:58:55 GMT  
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Jeff

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Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2008 11:05:26 GMT  
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Unfortunately with no 9 pin ADAT sync port I'm stuck with using a MIDI interface to pass along MTC from Paris to control PT's transport

As I would be using this setup for mixing only I can't see how this would have an effect on the real time transfer of audio between the two machines.

Maybe I'm wrong

Comments?

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Subject: Re: M-Audio follow up - MIDI interface  
Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2008 11:59:43 GMT  
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So what do you folks recommend for a MIDI interface

Absolutely nothing fancy - one or two ports as I don't do much midi recording anymore.

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Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2008 12:05:34 GMT  
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Subject: Re: 2 Audio Cards sharing computer  
Posted by [EK Sound](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2008 14:26:23 GMT  
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I have had Paris and Nuendo running simultaneously and in sync on the \*same machine\* before... so it is possible. And that was on a PII-450.

David.

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Subject: Re: 2 Audio Cards sharing computer  
Posted by [Tom Bruhl](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2008 15:31:16 GMT  
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Don,

Two DAWs can work as long as there's room for all your hardware interfaces and the irqs are sharing nicely. The Midisport is a good low budget midi interface. 2x2 is more than enough. They probably have a smaller one. They are USB but that will do well enough except for sample accurate transfers. That's almost never needed here.

I personally have been using SMPTE from Paris (free from BT). It will cost you an audio track in paris and a analog out. This however will need to be converted to MTC with hardware. I have been using a Midisport 8x8 in my Cubase rig to do this. There are less expensive devices though I'll bet.

Tom

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Subject: Re: 2 Audio Cards sharing computer  
Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Thu, 04 Dec 2008 04:27:04 GMT  
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WinXP & AMD 1900+, have internally synced an old program called Master Tracks Pro. Much, much tighter than using external MIDI/MTC for transport IME. However, Vegas version 1,3 & 4 all sucked bad trying this. Like, BSOD crash bad for version 4. MT Pro was shaky, but worked most of the time and when locked it was right on target. FWIW and probably 4 or 5 years ago.

AA

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Subject: Re: 2 Audio Cards sharing computer  
Posted by [Tom Bruhl](#) on Thu, 04 Dec 2008 04:48:07 GMT  
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Aaron and Kim,

Maybe there's something better about 'in the same box' with Paris?

Tom

"Kim W." <no@way.com> wrote in message news:4937581d\$1@linux...

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> Dakota and Maudio 1010LT in same machine here.

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Subject: Re: M-Audio follow up question - MTC  
Posted by [Martin Harrington](#) on Mon, 08 Dec 2008 01:30:12 GMT  
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Paris DEFINITELY sees a USB midi interface.  
I was using one all the time, (and I mean "all the time") when I was using Paris.  
I was locking to Digital Betacam for post production, and Paris was the slave...all through a Digi SMPTE slave driver....always worked.

Martin H  
Lend An Ear Sound

On 3/12/08 1:19 PM, in article 4935f078@linux, "Don Nafe" <dnafe@rogers.com> wrote:

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