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Subject: Digitally patching hardware during tracking, extra conversion stage?

Posted by [n0samples](#) on Thu, 09 Apr 2015 23:41:46 GMT

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Lets say I have a mic pre connected to the MEC.

Let's also say I have a compressor whose I/O is also connected to the mec.

If I'm recording a vocal and want to send it to the hardware compressor, is the MEC rerouting the mic output signal straight to the compressor , or converting it digitally then converting it again to send it to the input and then converting the output to the computer?

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Subject: Re: Digitally patching hardware during tracking, extra conversion stage?

Posted by [Kim W.](#) on Fri, 10 Apr 2015 03:45:01 GMT

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If you use the inserts, then of course the signal is converted to analog, and then back to digital. Paris will not record the compressed signal, only the direct output of the preamp. (Unless of course you route the compressed signal into a new channel via another mec input, which defeats the purpose).

If you want to track WITH compression, then feed the preamp signal into compressor, then into a MEC input.

Cheers,

Kim

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