High Quality 24-bit 192kHz 4x4 reference audio interface with swappable I/O socket

User’s Guide
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1. Introduction

Congratulations on your purchase of Juli@ by ESI – High Quality 24-bit 192kHz 4x4 reference audio/MIDI interface with swappable I/O socket.

Juli@ is the perfect reference audio interface for home studio recording applications.

This audio card provides support for 24-bit 192kHz on 2 analog input and 2 analog output channels with a special swappable I/O socket. You can choose between –10 dBV RCA type unbalanced I/O and +4 dBu quarter inch TRS balanced I/O – depending on your requirement. Others features are S/PDIF input clock detection, auto sync and individual real time monitoring support for analog and digital input signals. Juli@ provides 24bit 192kHz coaxial digital I/O and a 24-bit 96 kHz optical output, 16 channel MIDI I/O and an EWDM driver with DirectWIRE 3.0 functionality.

Key Features

- Depending on the I/O requirements, the user can select between balanced (+4dBu nominal) and unbalanced (-10dBV nominal) connectors (both cannot be used simultaneously).
- S/PDIF digital signal input clock detection
- Shutter type optical output jack
- DirectWIRE 3.0
- 4x4 up to 24-bit/192kHz, full-duplex recording interface with MIDI I/O
- Universal Board (compatible for both of 3.3V and 5V PCI slots)
- Independent monitoring control for analog in, digital in and digital out signals
- 16 Channel MIDI I/O
- 5.1 channel Digital Pass thru
- Supports EWDM driver: MME, DirectSound, ASIO 2.0 and GigaStudio support
- OS: Microsoft Windows® 7/Vista/XP/2000/ME/98SE
2. Description of Juli@

Here is a short description of Juli@’s connectors.

1. 2. Analog Inputs 1/2 (top) and Analog Outputs 1/2 (bottom)

These are analog Line inputs and outputs. Depending on your requirements, you can select between balanced (+4dBu nominal TRS) and unbalanced (-10dBV nominal RCA) connectors (both cannot be used simultaneously).

3. Breakout cable connection

This port allows you to connect Juli@’s breakout cable.

4. S/PDIF Optical Output

This port allows you to transfer Juli@’s audio data digitally without loss, directly to devices like a DAT, MD, CD-recorder with digital input. The optical output sends out signals from output channel 3/4 (‘Juli@ 3/4’) from your audio applications. The maximum sample rate for the optical output is 96kHz.
5. Juli@ breakout cable

The Juli@ PCI card comes with a special breakout cable.

This cable provides 24bit/192kHz coaxial inputs and outputs and 16 MIDI I/O channels. The coaxial I/O port sends and receives the signals from channel 3/4 (‘Juli@ 3/4’) from your audio applications. These coaxial connectors fully support up to 192 kHz.
How to swap the Connectors?

The following example shows you how to change from RCA I/O to TRS I/O connectors. Usually you change the setup of the card once before you install it and before you start to use it (both I/O connector types cannot be used simultaneously).

1. First, follow the order of the pictures below to remove the 4 screws carefully.

2. Detach the metal bracket from the card.
3. Hold the edges of the card and carefully separate the PCI card like shown on this picture.

Caution: Don’t touch the chipsets on the card like shown on the following picture. Otherwise the card could be damaged.
4. Turn the TRS connector parts toward to the bracket.

Hold the edges of the card and carefully combine PCI card like shown on the pictures below.
5. Put the metal bracket to the card.

6. Tighten screws again (in opposite order).
3. Hardware Installation

System Recommendation

Juli@ is not simply a standard digital audio interface card, but a high-resolution device capable of advanced processing of audio content. Even though Juli@ is built to have low-CPU resource dependability, system specifications play a key part in the Juli@ ’s performance. Systems with more advanced components are generally recommended.

Minimum System Requirement

- Intel CPU or equivalent and compatible AMD CPU
- 512 MB RAM
- Direct X 8.1 or higher
- one available PCI x1 (or higher) slot
- DVD-ROM drive (for Cubase LE 6 installation)
- internet connection (for Cubase LE 6 activation)
- recent version of Microsoft Windows XP (SP2 or higher) or Windows Vista/7 (32-bit & 64-bit) or Mac OS X (10.6 or higher)
- the latest chipset and mainboard utility drivers and system updates must be installed

Preparation for Hardware Installation

The Juli@ PCI card and other components in the computer can be damaged easily by electrical shock. You should use an anti-static device that can discharge the static electricity of your body to avoid potential static damage to the cards. If you do not feel capable of installing a PCI card into your computer please contact a computer specialist.

Turn off the computer power and remove the power cable from your computer power supply.

Disconnecting the Power Cord

Refer to your computer user’s manual and remove the computer cover. Make sure that you have an available PCI slot on your motherboard to install the Juli@.

Removing the computer cover
To avoid possible static shock damage to the computer parts, discharge it by touching the computer case or something grounded. We recommend you use an anti-static device such as an anti-static wristband.

When holding the Juli@ card, touch only the guide or the edge of card. Do not grab the card by the board or connector.

**PCI Card Installation**

Find an empty PCI slot on the motherboard

![Typical PCI Motherboard Slot Configuration](image)

*Typical PC Motherboard Slot Configuration*

If the PCI slot is covered by a faceplate, you can remove it by removing the screw holding it in place or by prying it off with a screwdriver.

Insert the Juli@ card into the PCI slot, firmly pushing the card into the slot until it is seated securely. Replace the screw, and tighten it.
Close the computer case.
4. Driver Software Installation

Before installing the drivers of Juli@, we recommend to check on the download section of www.esi-audio.com for updated drivers.

Windows XP

Turn on your computer. Windows will automatically detect a new device installation and the Found New Hardware Wizard window will appear as seen on the following picture on the left.

Select No, not this time and click Next. On the following dialog select Install from a list or a specific location (Advanced) and click Next. The dialog below will appear.

Make sure to select Search for the best driver in these locations and below that only select Include this location in the search. Via Browse, you can select the folder that contains the driver data. If you install from the original CD, select your CD-/DVD-drive and the Windows XP folder. Otherwise select the folder that contains the unzipped driver data from our website. Once done, click Next.
Windows will now prompt you to confirm the Windows Logo testing in the Hardware Installation dialog with Continue Anyway before the driver installation proceeds. After some time, the installation of the ESI Juli@ Controller device will be completed and you need to click Finish.

Once this is done, the Found New Hardware Wizard will automatically appear again. Please follow the exact steps one more time, this time to install the ESI Juli@ Audio device. After that is finally confirmed on the last dialog via Finish, the Juli@ driver software has been completely installed. To confirm this, please check if the ESI icon is displayed in the taskbar notification area as shown below.

If yes, the driver installation has been completed successfully. Note that on some systems the computer has to be rebooted (Windows will display a message in that case) before everything is completed.

**Windows Vista & 7**

Turn on your computer. Windows will automatically detect a new device installation and the Found New Hardware window will appear as seen on the following picture.

Select *Locate and install driver software (recommended)*. Insert the driver CD only if you are installing the original driver from the CD. If you are installing an updated driver from our website, proceed by clicking on *I don’t have the disc. Show me other options.* on the following dialog.
If the following window on the left will appear, click on *Browse my computer for driver software (advanced)* in order to show Windows where the driver files are located. The dialog on the right will appear.

Via *Browse*, you can select the folder that contains the driver data. If you install from the original CD, select your CD-/DVD-drive and the *Windows Vista-7* folder. Otherwise select the folder that contains the unzipped driver data from our website. Once done, click *Next*. 
Windows will now prompt you to confirm the installation in the *Windows Security* dialog with *Install* before the driver installation proceeds. After some time, the installation of the *ESI Juli@ Controller* driver will be completed and you need to click *Close*.

To confirm the completion of the installation, please check if the ESI icon is displayed in the taskbar notification area as shown below.

![ESI icon](image)

If yes, the driver installation has been completed successfully.

**Mac OS X**

To install Juli@ under Mac OS X, insert the CD into your system and navigate in Finder to the *Mac OS X* folder on the CD. Alternatively you can download the latest version of the driver from our website. You will find a file called *Juli@-Mac-vx_yy.dmg* (where x_yy stands for the driver version number). Double click on this file and a new window with the installer opens.

Now double click on the Juli@ driver installer and follow the instructions on screen. Once the installation is completed it is recommended to reboot your system.

Via *Utilities -> Audio MIDI Setup* you can check if the driver has been installed correctly.
5. Juli@ Console

This chapter describes the Juli@ Control Panel. To open the panel double click on the ESI icon in the task notification area (or by double clicking on the icon in the Applications folder when using Mac OS X). The following dialog will appear:

Pull down Menu

The Juli@ console includes a pull down menu bar that contains the configuration menus for Juli@.

1. File - Exit

File – Exit will close the Juli@ Console window but it will not shut down the Console. You can always launch the Console by clicking ‘ESI’ icon on the system tray.
2. **Config – Mouse Wheel**

Controls the increment at which the volume is adjusted when using a mouse wheel. The adjustment step is from 1 to 8.

3. **Config – Latency**

Adjust the latency (also often referred as buffer size) of the Juli@. A faster latency is achieved by selecting smaller sample size which is ideal for software synthesizer and precise timing recording. However, the latency is also limited by your system performance. For recording, you would typically select a sample size between 64 ~ 512. Sample sizes of 48, 1024 and 2048 are used in special circumstances of which 48 is reserved for very fast and reliable ASIO driver working environments. The factory default setting is 256.

4. **Config – Factory Default**

It resets the Console to default settings.

5. **Config - Always On Top**

This enables to place the Console on top of every open window, which makes it easy to work with Juli@ and other music software simultaneously.

6. **Config - Link**

Links the L-R faders for stereo operation. Un-select the button, if you need to control the left and right levels independently.

7. **DirectWire**

(explained later in detail)

**Input Panel**
**Analog Input 1/2**

This is where you can adjust the input monitoring level for the analog input 1/2. When you activate ‘MON’ button of 1/2, the input monitoring level fader appears (displayed on the right picture). Now the analog input signal is routed to output 1,2 and you can monitor (listen to) the analog input signal in real-time. The monitoring level can be set using the mouse, mouse wheel, or cursor keys.

**S/PDIF Input**

This is where you can adjust the input monitoring level of the S/PDIF input. When you activate the ‘MON’ button of S/PDIF, the input monitoring level fader appears (displayed on the right picture). The S/PDIF input signal is then routed to output 1,2 and you can monitor the S/PDIF input signal in real-time. The monitoring level can be set using the mouse, mouse wheel, or cursor keys.

**MON**

When you activate this button, input monitoring (for monitoring via the analog output 1,2) level fader will appear for this channel.

**MUTE**

Select this button to mute each signal source.

**Output Panel**

**Analog Output 1/2**

This is where you can control the output signal. The level can be set using the mouse, mouse wheel, or cursor keys.

**S/PDIF Out**

This is where you can adjust output-monitoring level of the S/PDIF out/playback signal. When you active ‘MON’ button of S/PDIF Out, the S/PDIF output level fader will appear (displayed on the next picture). Now the S/PDIF out/playback signal will be routed to the analog output 1/2 and you
can listen to the signal via the analog output in real-time. The monitoring level can be set using the mouse, mouse wheel, or cursor keys.

**MASTER FADER**

Allows you to change the level of the final output signal. The level can be set using the mouse, mouse wheel, or cursor keys.

**MUTE**

Select this button to mute each signal source.

**Sample Rate and Clock**

**Sample Rate**

Selects the sample rate for Juli@. The green lit will indicate current sample rate. Juli@ supports 44.1, 48, 88.2, 96, 176.4, 192 (kHz) as sample rates. Select ‘AUTO’ to match the sample rate of the played audio source automatically (a red light shows that AUTO is on). Deselecting Auto mode allows you to set the sample rate manually (red light AUTO is off). This selection might not work
in some versions of Windows – in that case, the sample rate is selected from inside your audio application.

Clock Select

Selects the digital clock source for the Juli@.

(INT): Selects Juli@’s internal clock, which becomes the master clock. This mode must be selected when Juli@ is used alone or any other digital device is configured as slave device.

(EXT): Selects the digital clock or audio data from an ernal device as the clock source. The ernal device will be set as the Master device and the Juli@ will be set and operate as the Slave device.

* In the EXT clock mode, Juli@ can detect the ernal clock automatically. If the ernal clock is not correct, the Console displays the message ‘Out Of Range’ like shown below.

DirectWIRE

What is DirectWIRE?

DirectWIRE is a driver technology, developed by ESI, which can be used for routing audio streams internally within applications using EWDM Audio MIDI Drivers exclusively developed by ESI.

With the DirectWIRE router, an application can record from other application’s audio outputs without ernal wiring or any loss of data when they are running at the same time.

DirectWIRE also allows you to easily rip any audio stream in real time by transferring data thru DirectWIRE from MP3s, live On-line Broadcast and On-demand content, and more.

DirectWIRE is not available under Mac OS X.

DirectWIRE Panel

Click on DirectWIRE on the Juli@ control panel. The DirectWIRE dialog as shown below will appear. DirectWIRE digital virtual wiring technology, developed by ESI, routes audio streams internally within applications using standard audio drivers such as WDM, ASIO and MME, even when they are running at the same time.
The number on the row represents the input or output port. The columns represent ins and outs (on and off) of the respected drivers. Patch the virtual cables from one point to another as you drag your mouse point.

**INPUT** section: It's used to route signals from the card's hardware inputs.

**MME** section represents general application's I/O: Ex.) WinAmp, WaveLab (non ASIO mode), Cakewalk, Audition, Vegas, etc.

**WDM** section represents Multi-MME application’s I/O: Ex.) SONAR (when using WDM/KS), PowerDVD, WinDVD, etc.

**ASIO** section represents ASIO application’s I/O: Ex.) Cubase, Reason, Nuendo, SONAR (when using ASIO), Samplitude, etc.

**GSIF** section represents GSIF application like GigaStudio.

Note that some applications support multiple driver modes.

**DirectWIRE Examples**

Example 1. Recording from WinAmp (MME) to WaveLab (MME).

If you want to record what's played back in WinAmp, but don't want to hear the sound, you should click the **OUT** button in the MME section so it'll change to **OFF**.
Example 2. Recording from WinAmp (MME) to SONAR (WDM).

Example 3. Recording from WinAmp (MME) to Cubase, Logic, Nuendo (ASIO).

Example 4. Recording from GigaStudio (GSIF) to SONAR (WDM).

Example 5. Recording from GigaStudio (GSIF) to Cubase (ASIO).
6. Setting in Applications

This chapter contains basic configuration examples for some software applications. Please also refer to the manual of the audio software you use for detailed information.

Windows Multimedia Setup

The Windows multimedia setup is required if you want to use your Juli@ as the main sound device for Windows multimedia applications. Go to My computer -> Control panel -> Sounds and Audio Device Properties -> Audio. Select the Juli@ entry as your playback device to make sure that all standard signals are played via the Juli@ hardware.

Please note that some advanced properties buttons in this area will be grayed out because some of the mixer features of Juli@ are not compatible with the functions provided by the Windows default mixer that was designed for consumer audio hardware. However, this does not mean you do not have any advanced options – the Juli@ control panel described in the previous chapter includes all professional audio features that you might need and which are simply not always compatible with the basic mixer control from Windows.

Mac OS X Audio MIDI Setup

The Audio MIDI Setup application can be found in the Utilities folder on your system. When you launch it, you can setup Juli@ as your Default Input, Default Output or System Output device – if required.

While audio production and editing applications usually provide an option inside their preferences to select Juli@ as recording and playback device, many general standard applications such as iTunes for example are usually accessing the Default Output device, selectable in the Audio MIDI Setup dialog.

If you want to change settings of Juli@, you need to select it under Properties For. You can change the default sample rate under Audio Input -> Format or Audio Output -> Format or you can change the main playback volume under Audio Output -> Volume Slider -> M.

Cubase LE 6

Juli@ ships with a DVD-ROM with Cubase LE 6 from Steinberg. If you are using a different recording software, you can skip this section.

Installation

To install Cubase LE 6, insert the DVD-ROM into the DVD-ROM drive of your computer. Under Windows, the installation will normally start automatically – if not, you can launch it manually by starting the installer from the DVD-ROM drive. To install Cubase LE 6 under Mac OS X, double click on the installer icon.

To proceed with the installation, follow all instructions on screen. During the installation the Syncrosoft License Control software will be installed as well. To use Cubase LE 6 for more than 30 days, you need to activate it with this software via the internet. This means that you need an active internet connection on the computer you are installing Cubase LE 6. We recommend you to activate the software as early as possible.
Initial Setup

As most digital audio applications, Cubase LE 6 requires some initial configuration, before it can be used properly with a new audio interface like Juli@. Start Cubase LE 6 and select Device Setup from the Devices menu. Select VST Audio System on the tree structure on the left part of the window and then make sure to select ESI Juli@ ASIO as ASIO Driver entry. You can verify your selection by selecting the ESI Juli@ device on the left. The dialog, now lists all input and output channels. Note that the Control Panel button has no effect. Confirm your changes by clicking OK.

After that its time to select the input and output channels. From the Devices menu, select VST Connection. The VST Connections window appears. Configure your input bus in the Inputs tab and your output bus under Outputs. A bus can be either mono or stereo and added with Add Bus.

After that you can start using Cubase LE 6 by opening an existing project or creating a new project. The input and output busses you have created can be assigned to the individual tracks of your project.
7. Specifications

>Analog Audio<

1. Analog Inputs
   * Unbalanced Part
     1) Connector Type : Gold-plated RCA female (line in 1 and 2)
     2) Peak level    : 0dBFS @ +6dBV (-10dBV nominal)
     3) Impedance    : 10k ohms minimum
   * Balanced Part
     1) Connector Type : 1/4" female TRS-type, balanced or
                        unbalanced (line in 1 and 2)
     2) Peak level    : 0dBFS @ +20dBu (+4dBu nominal)
     3) Impedance    : 10k ohms minimum

2. Analog Outputs
   * Unbalanced Part
     1) Connector Type : Gold-plated RCA female (line out 1 and 2)
     2) Peak level    : +6dBV @ 0dBFS (-10dBV nominal)
     3) Impedance    : 100 ohms minimum
     4) Attenuation Control : -63dB ~ 0dB (0.5dB step size)
   * Balanced Part
     1) Connector Type : 1/4" female TRS-type, balanced or unbalanced
                        (line out 1 and 2)
     2) Peak level    : +20dBu @ 0dBFS (+4dBu nominal)
     3) Impedance    : 100 ohms minimum
     4) Attenuation Control : -63dB ~ 0dB (0.5dB step size)

3. Monitor
   1) Monitor Control : Analog input, Digital input, Digital output
   2) Attenuation Control : -63dB ~ 0dB (0.5dB step size)

>Digital Audio<

4. Samplerate : 44.1, 48, 88.2, 96, 176.4, 192KHz

5. A/D Converter (AK5385A)
   1) Signal to Noise Ratio : 114dB (A-weighted) @ fs=48kHz
   2) Dynamic Range : 114dB (-60dBFS with A-weighted) @ fs=48kHz
   3) Inter channel Isolation: -120dB
   4) Resolution : 24-Bit

6. D/A Converter (AK4358)
   1) Signal to Noise Ratio : 112dB (A-weighted) @ fs=44.1kHz
   2) Dynamic Range (S/N) : 112dB (60dBFS with A-weighted) @ fs=44.1kHz
   3) THD+N    : -94dB @ fs=44.1kHz
   4) Inter channel Isolation: -100dB
   5) Attenuation Control : -63dB ~ +0dB (0.5dB Step Size)
   6) Resolution : 24-Bit

7. Digital Input
   1) Connector Type : RCA (provided via breakout cable)
   2) Format : IEC-60958 Consumer (S/PDIF coaxial)
   3) Sampling Rate : 44.1, 48, 88.2, 96, 176.4, 192KHz
   4) Resolution : 24-Bit

8. Digital Output
   1) Connector Type : RCA (provided via breakout cable), Optical (on board)
   2) Format : IEC-60958 Consumer (S/PDIF coaxial)
   3) Sampling Rate : 44.1, 48, 88.2, 96, 176.4, 192KHz (optical out: 96kHz max.)
   4) Resolution : 24-Bit

>MIDI<

9. MIDI I/O
   1) 1-in, 1-out; 16 MIDI channels in and out
   Connector Type : Standard MIDI 5-pin DIN (provided via breakout cable)
8. General Information

Trademarks

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The FCC and CE Regulation Warning

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation. Caution: Any changes or modifications in construction of this device with are not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance, could void the user's authority to operate equipment.

Note: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense. If necessary, consult an experienced radio/television technician for additional suggestions.

Correspondence

For technical support inquiries, contact your nearest dealer, local distributor or ESI support online at www.esi-audio.com. Please also check our extensive Knowledge Base with Frequently Asked Questions, installation videos and technical details about our products in the support section of our website.

Disclaimer

All features and specifications subject to change without notice.

Parts of this manual are continually being updated. Please check our web site www.esi-audio.com occasionally for the most recent update information.