

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@ XTe by ESI – High Quality 24-bit 192kHz 4x4 reference audio/MIDI interface with swappable I/O socket.

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

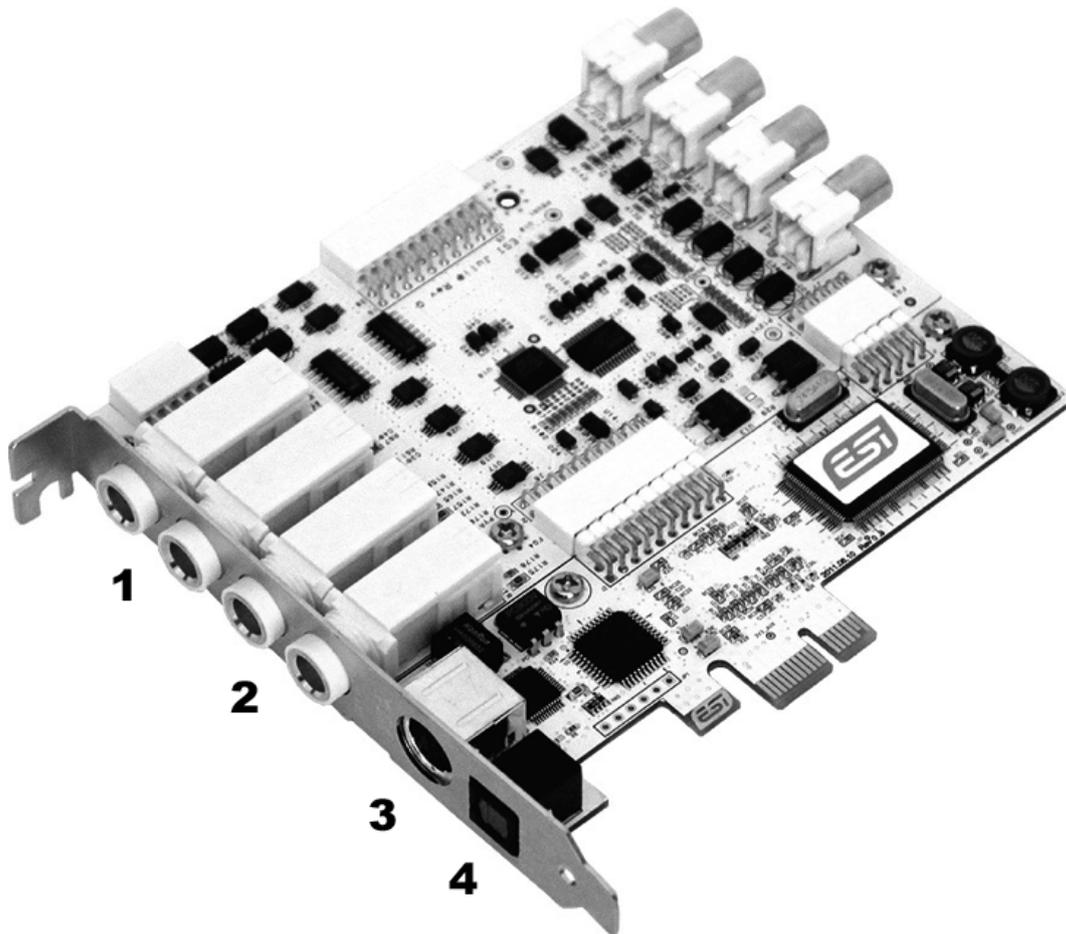
This audio card provides support for 24-bit 192kHz on 2 analog input and 2 analog output channels with a special swappable I/O socket. You can choose between –10 dBV RCA type unbalanced I/O and +4 dBu quarter inch TRS balanced I/O – depending on your requirement. Other features are S/PDIF input clock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

- 2 analog input channels, 2 analog output channels
- 24-bit/192kHz AD converter with 114dB(a) dynamic range
- 24-bit/192kHz DA converter with 112dB(a) dynamic range
- swappable socket (unbalanced RCA with -10dBv or balanced TRS with +4dBu )
- coaxial S/PDIF digital input
- synchronisation to digital S/PDIF input signals
- optical S/PDIF digital output with automatic shutter (max.96kHz specified)
- coaxial S/PDIF digital output (max 192kHz)
- 1 MIDI input (16 channels) / 1 MIDI output (16 channels)
- support for DirectWIRE 3.0
- 4 inputs and 4 outputs can be used with 24bit/192kHz simultaneously (incl. MIDI I/O) - full duplex
- independent monitoring control for analog and digital input signals and playback
- EWDM driver: MME, DirectSound and ASIO 2.0 support
- Windows XP / Vista / 7 compatible (32-bit and 64-bit)
- compatible with Mac OS X
- Cubase LE from Steinberg included

## 2. Description of Juli@ XTe

Here is a short description of Juli@ XTe'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).

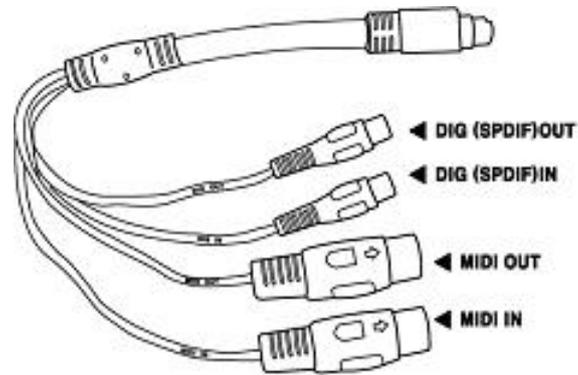
### 3. Breakout cable connection

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

### 4. S/PDIF Optical Output

This port allows you to transfer Juli@ XTe'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@ XTe 3/4') from your audio applications. The maximum sample rate for the optical output is 96kHz.

## 5. Juli@ XTe breakout cable



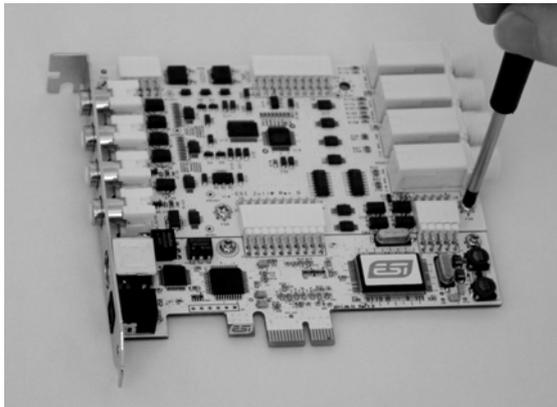
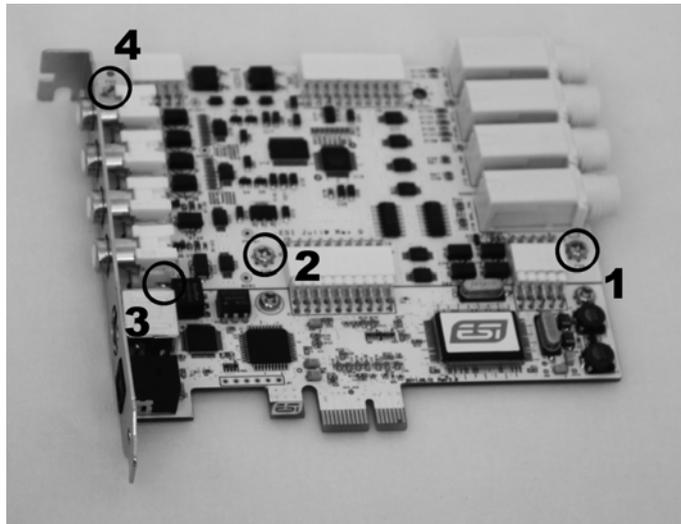
The Juli@ XTe PCIe card comes with a special breakout cable.

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@ XTe 3/4') from your audio applications. These coaxial connectors fully support up to 192 kHz.

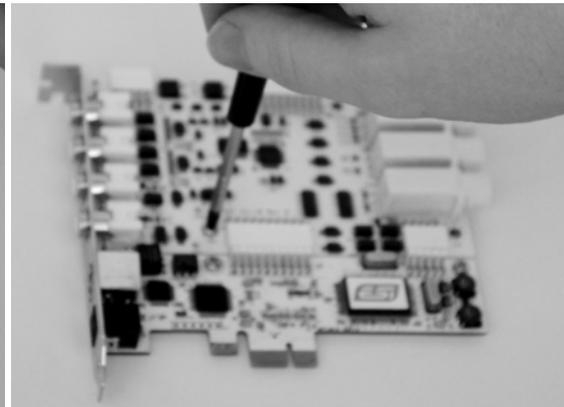
## How to swap the Connectors?

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).

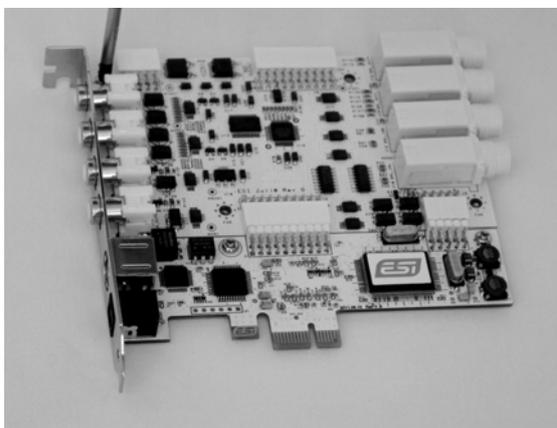
1. First, follow the order of the pictures below to remove the 4 screws carefully.



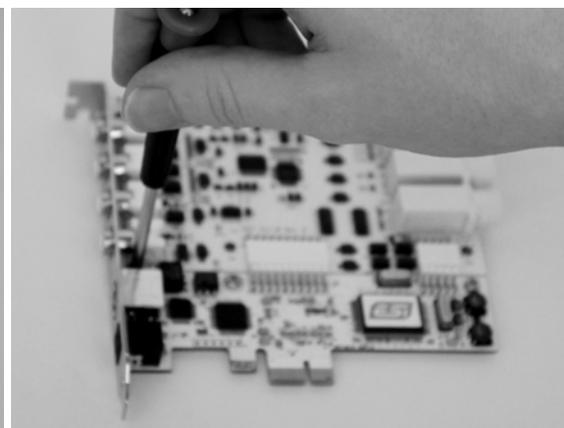
(Pic 1)



(Pic 2)

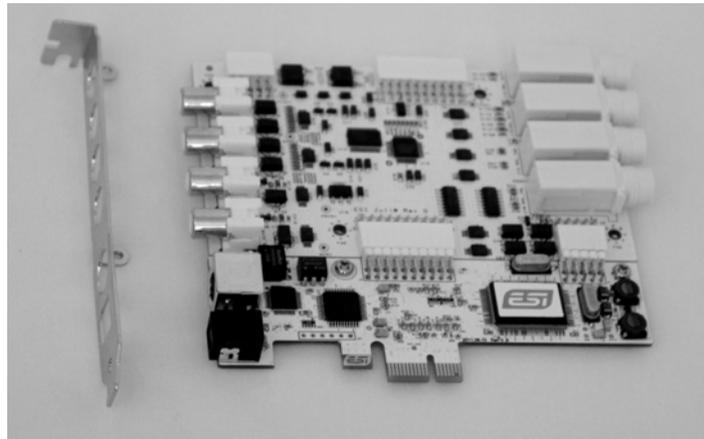


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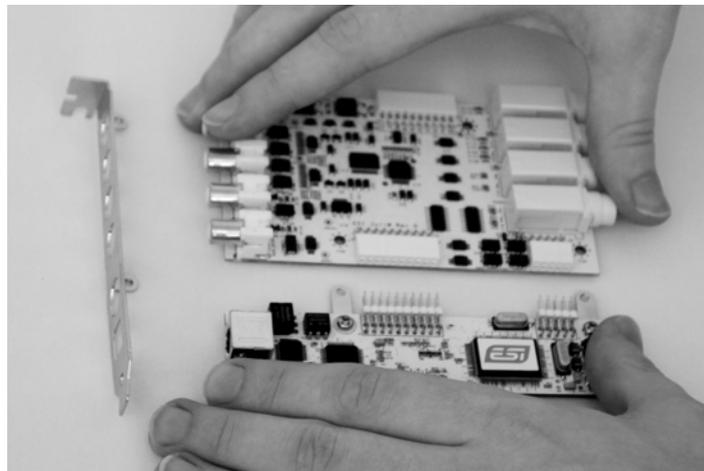


(Pic 4)

2. Detach the metal bracket from the card.

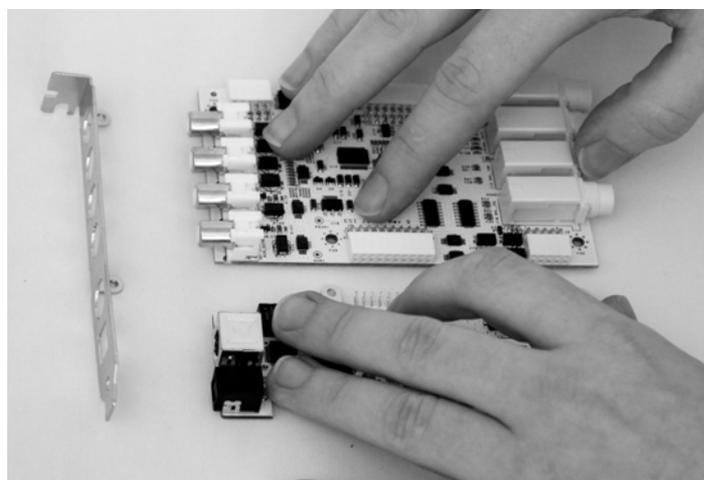


3. Hold the edges of the card and carefully separate the PCI card like shown on this picture.



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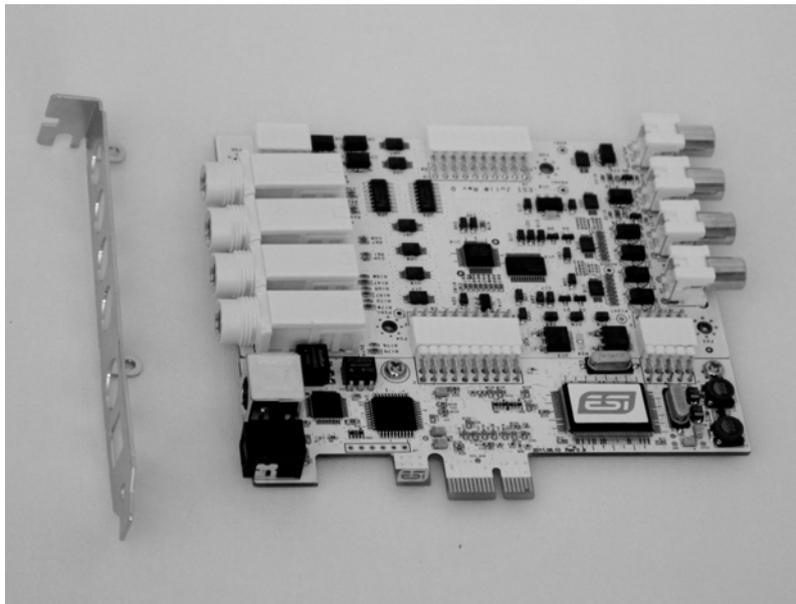
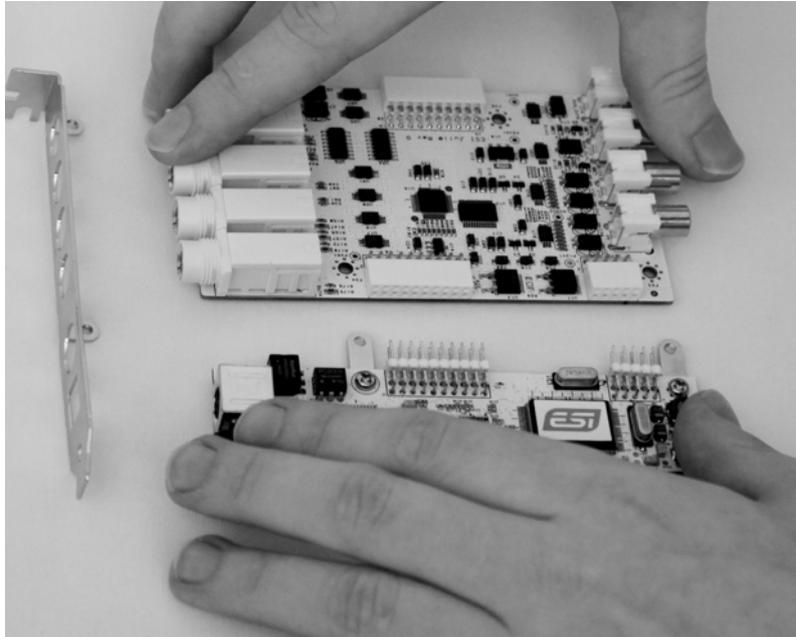
**Caution: Don't touch the chipsets on the card like shown on the following picture. Otherwise the card could be damaged.**



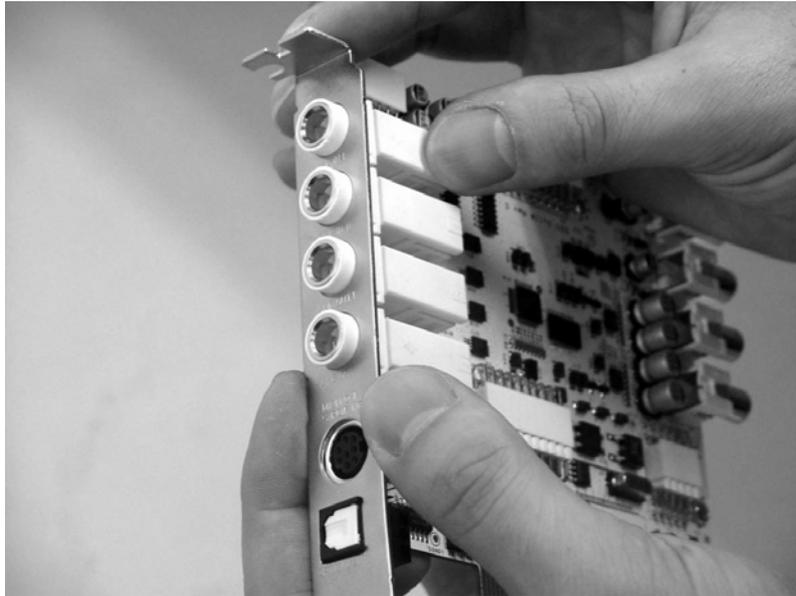
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4. Turn the TRS connector parts toward to the bracket.

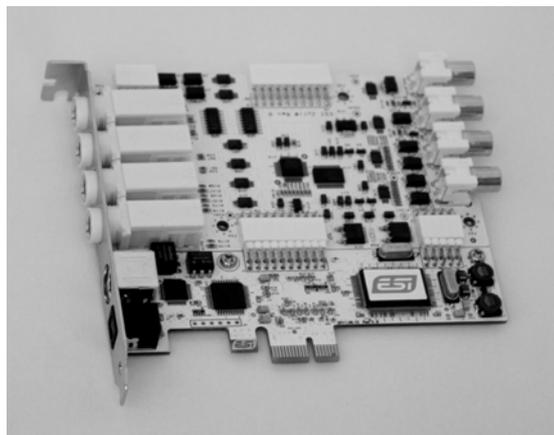
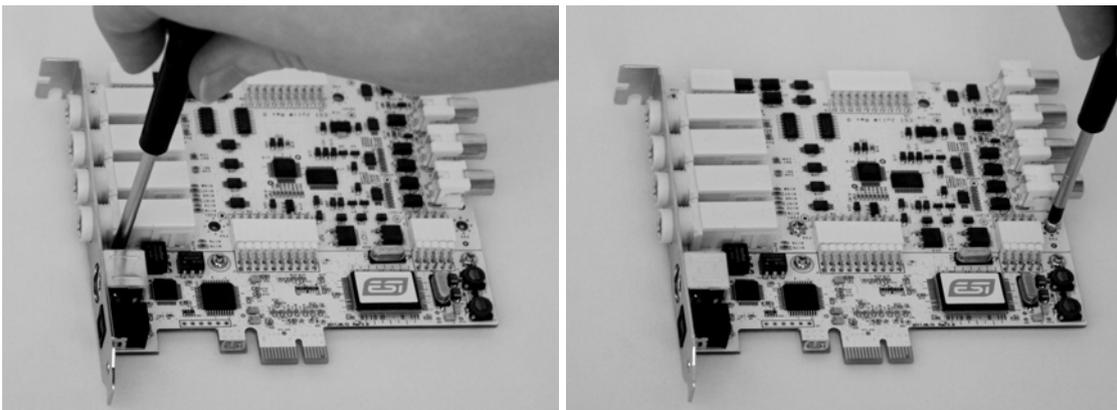
Hold the edges of the card and carefully combine PCIe card like shown on the pictures below.



5. Put the metal bracket to the card.



6. Tighten screws again (in opposite order).



### 3. Hardware Installation

#### System Recommendation

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

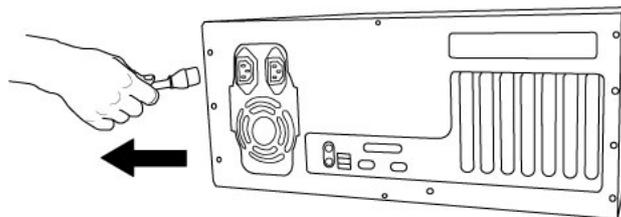
#### Minimum System Requirement

- Intel CPU or equivalent and compatible AMD CPU
- 512 MB RAM
- Direct X 8.1 or higher
- one available PCIe 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

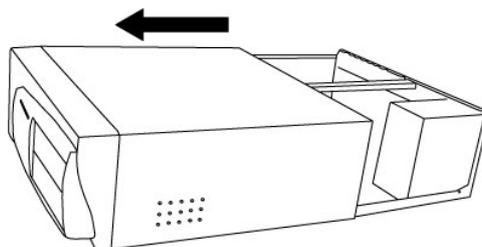
The Juli@ XTe PCIe card and other components in the computer can be damaged easily by electrical shock. You should use an anti-static device that can discharge the static electricity of your body to avoid potential static damage to the cards. If you do not feel capable of installing a PCIe card into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



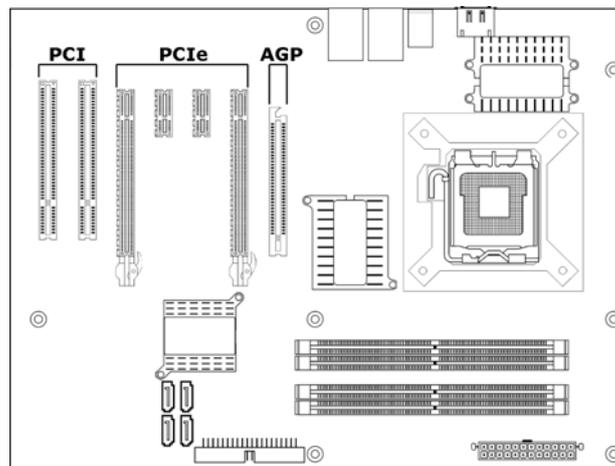
*Removing the computer cover*

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

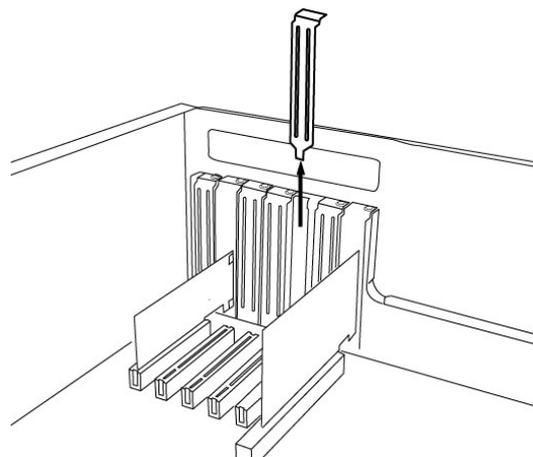
## PCIe Card Installation

Find an empty PCIe slot on the motherboard. If you are unsure, please check the manual of your mainboard or computer to identify the PCIe slot, or consult a computer specialist. There are different types of PCIe slot, Juli@ XTe will work both in a shorter PCIe x1 and in any longer higher level PCIe slot, however not in old standard PCI slots.



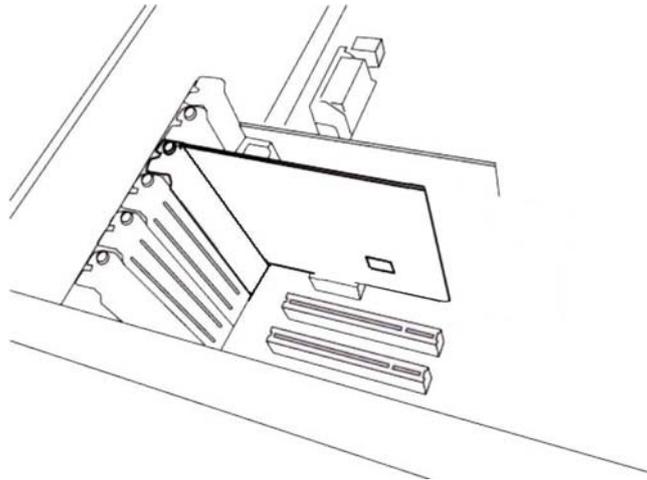
*Typical PC Motherboard Slot Configuration*

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



*Removing the slot faceplate*

Insert the Juli@ XTe card into the PCIe slot, firmly pushing the card into the slot until it is seated securely. Replace the screw, and tighten.



*Juli@ XTe Installed in a PCIe x1 slot, next to two standard PCI slots*

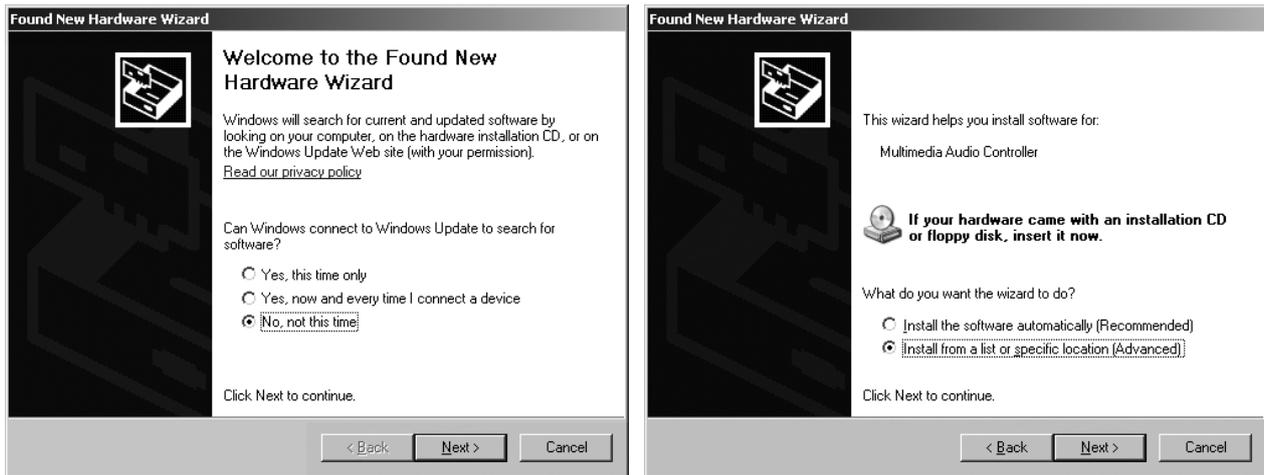
Once finished, close the computer case.

## 4. Driver Software Installation

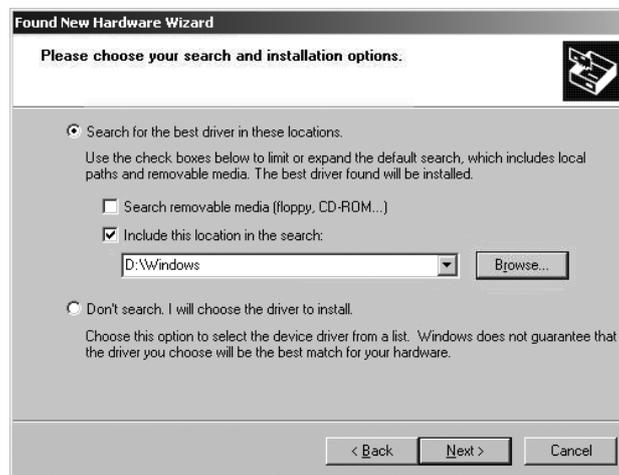
Before installing the drivers of Juli@ XTe, we recommend to check on the download section of [www.esi-audio.com](http://www.esi-audio.com) for updated drivers.

### 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@ XTe 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@ XTe Audio* device. After that is finally confirmed on the last dialog via *Finish*, the Juli@ XTe 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.



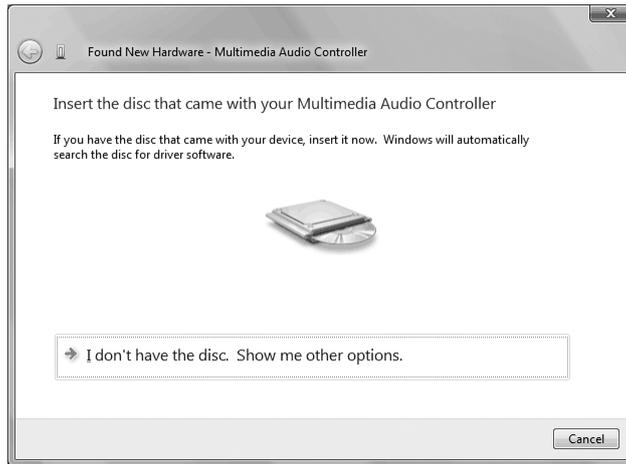
If yes, the driver installation has been completed successfully. Note that on some systems the computer has to be rebooted (Windows will display a message in that case) before everything is completed.

## Windows Vista & 7

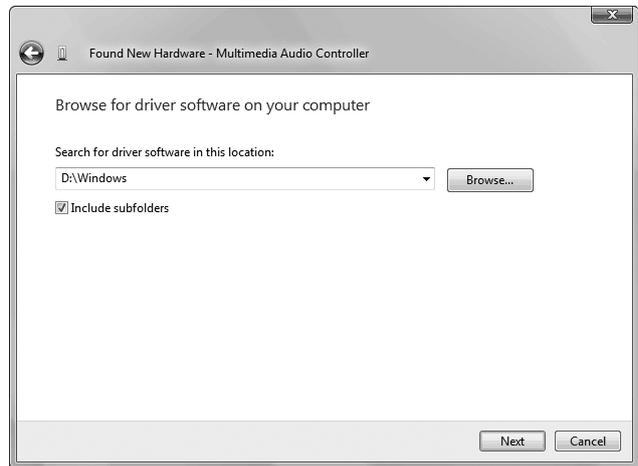
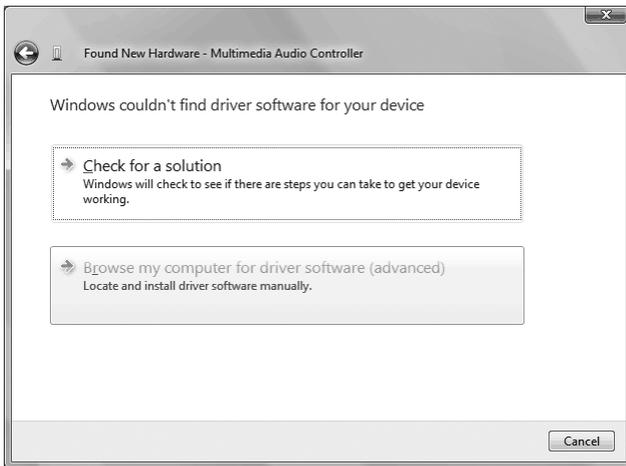
Turn on your computer. Windows will automatically detect a new device installation and the *Found New Hardware* window will appear as seen on the following picture.



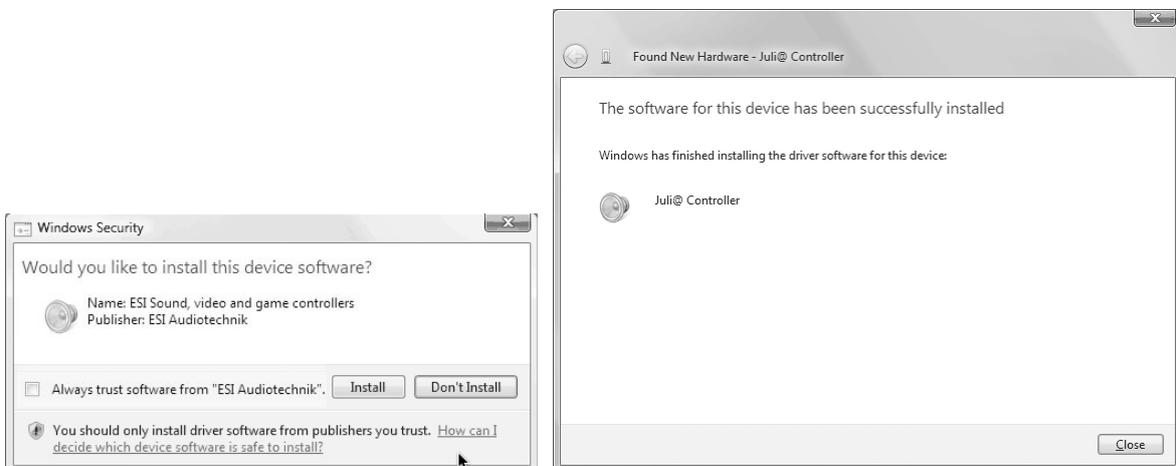
Select *Locate and install driver software (recommended)*. Insert the driver CD only if you are installing the original driver from the CD. If you are installing an updated driver from our website, proceed by clicking on *I don't have the disc. Show me other options.* on the following dialog.



If the following window on the left will appears, 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@ XTe 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.



If yes, the driver installation has been completed successfully.

## Mac OS X

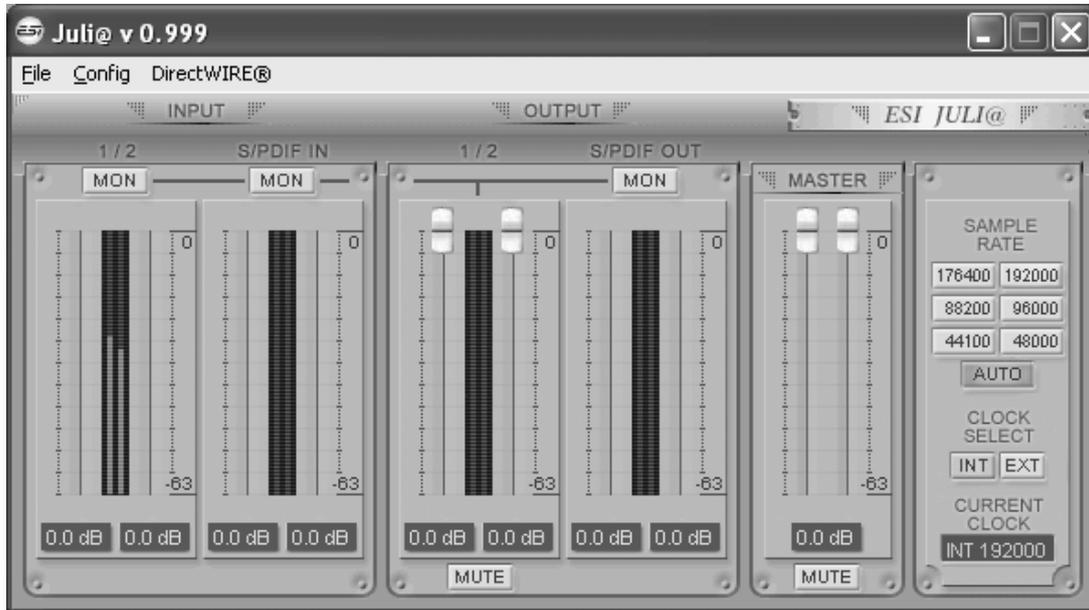
To install Juli@ XTe under Mac OS X, insert the CD into your system and navigate in Finder to the **Mac OS X** folder on the CD. Alternatively you can download the latest version of the driver from our website. You will find a file called *Juli@-Mac-vx\_yy.dmg* (where x\_yy stands for the driver version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

Now double click on the Juli@ XTe 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.

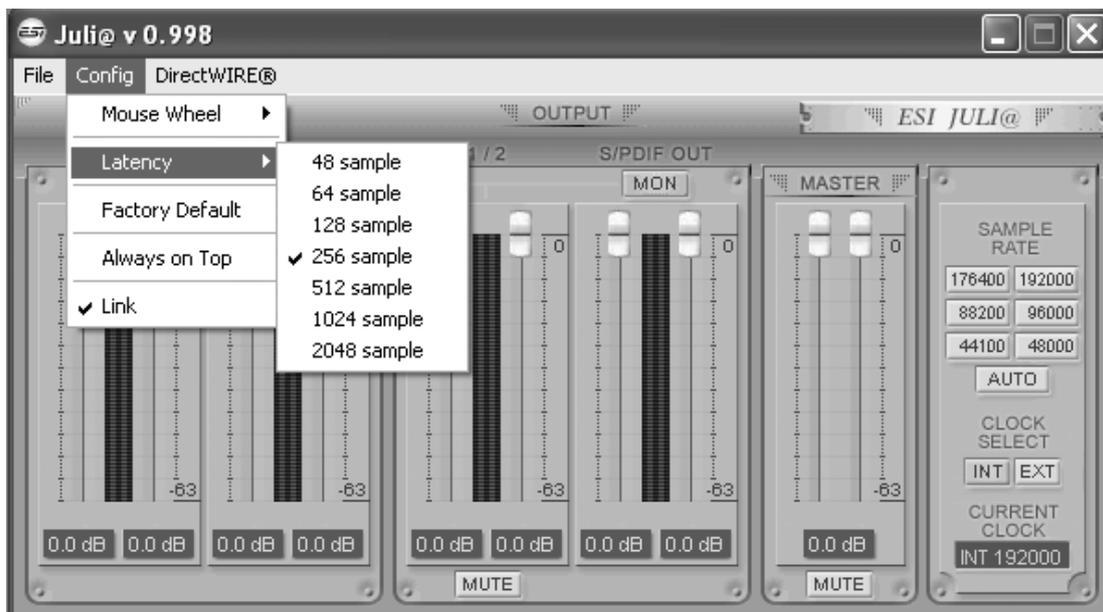
## 5. Juli@ XTe Console

This chapter describes the Juli@ XTe 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@ XTe console includes a pull down menu bar that contains the configuration menus for Juli@ XTe.



### 1. File - Exit

File – Exit will close the Juli@ XTe 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@ XTe. 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@ XTe and other music software simultaneously.

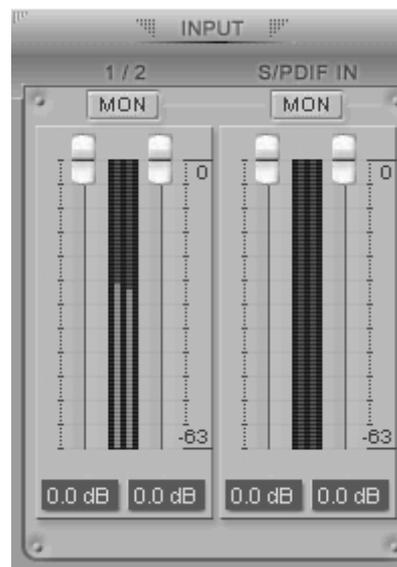
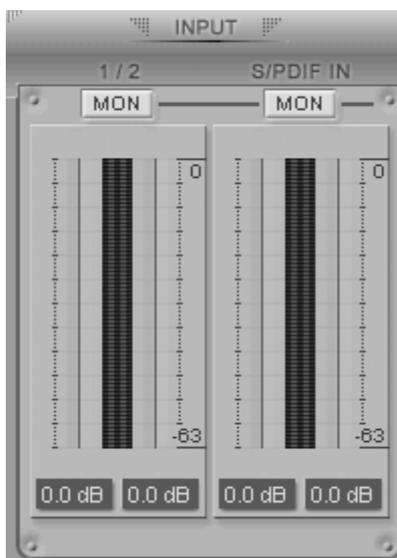
## 6. Config - Link

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 active '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 active 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.

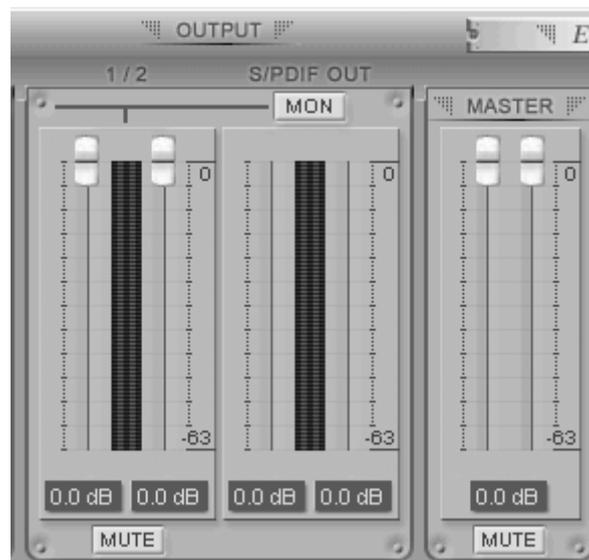
### MON

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



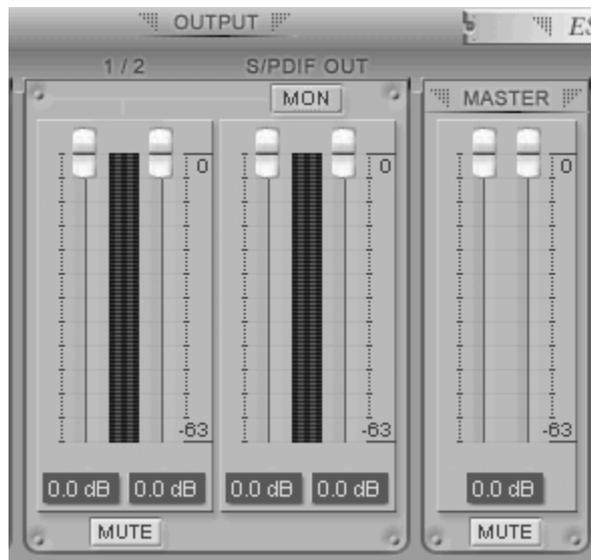
### Analog Output 1/2

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@ XTe. The green lit will indicate current sample rate. Juli@ XTe 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@ XTe.

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

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

\* In the EXT clock mode, Juli@ XTe can detect the external clock automatically. If the external 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.

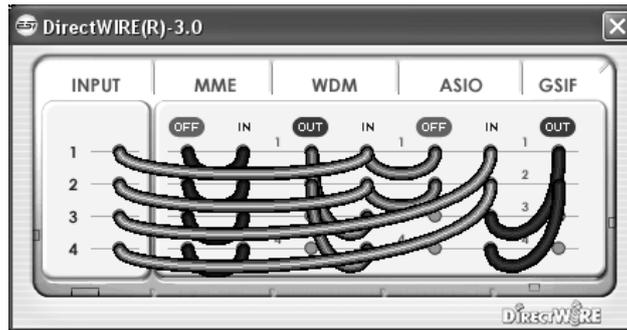
With the DirectWIRE router, an application can record from other application's audio outputs without external wiring or any loss of data when they are running at the same time.

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@ XTe 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.

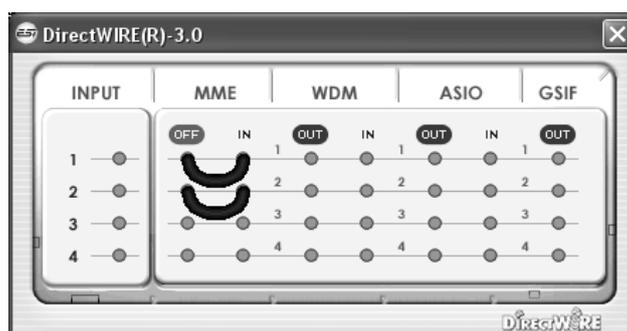
**ASIO** section represents ASIO application's I/O: Ex.) Cubase, Reason, Nuendo, SONAR (when using ASIO), Samplitude, etc.

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

Note that some applications support multiple driver modes.

### DirectWIRE Examples

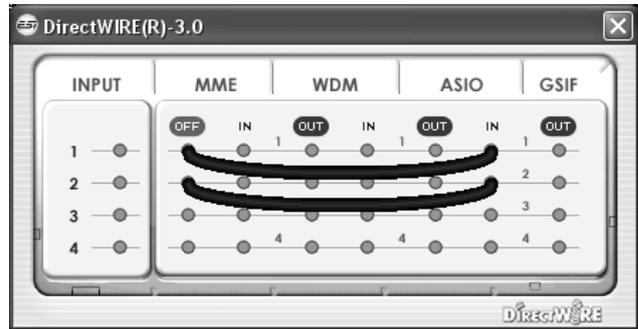
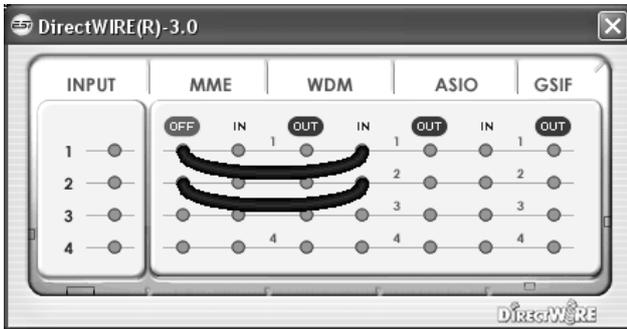
Example 1. Recording from WinAmp (MME) to WaveLab (MME).



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*.

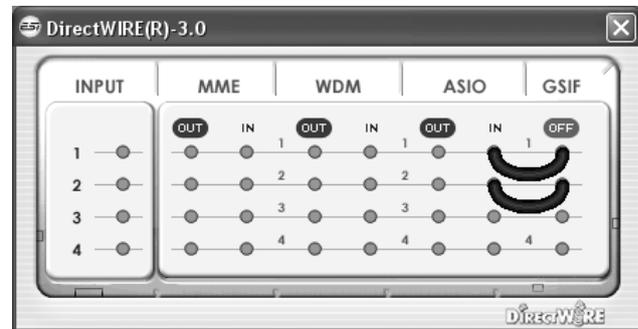
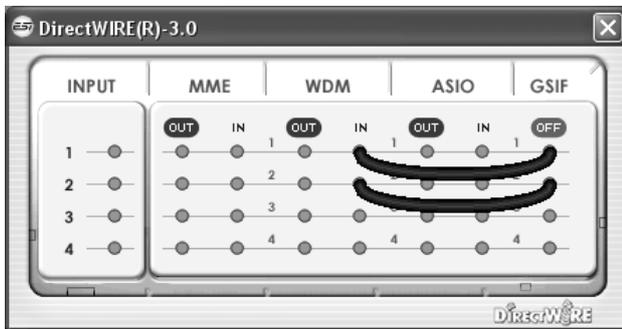
Example 2. Recording from WinAmp (MME) to SONAR (WDM).

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@ XTe 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@ XTe hardware.

Please note that some advanced properties buttons in this area will be grayed out because some of the mixer features of Juli@ XTe 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@ XTe 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@ XTe 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@ XTe 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@ XTe, 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@ XTe 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 *Synrosoft 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@ XTe. 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

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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](http://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.

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