

# WELCOME TO WEBINAR DANTE LEVELS 1 & 2

**We will start at 10:00**

Short pause from 11:00 to 11:30

We will proceed until 13:00 then open for Q&A

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participants before asking yours**

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# Dante Certification

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## Webinar for Levels 1 & 2



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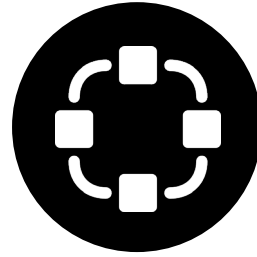
# Who is Audinate and what is Dante?

# Who is Audinate



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Headquartered in  
Sydney, Australia



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Network  
Engineers First

Serving the  
AV Industry



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Develop Dante as  
**100%**  
interoperable  
solution for all  
manufacturers.

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# What Audinate Makes

## Dante Technology

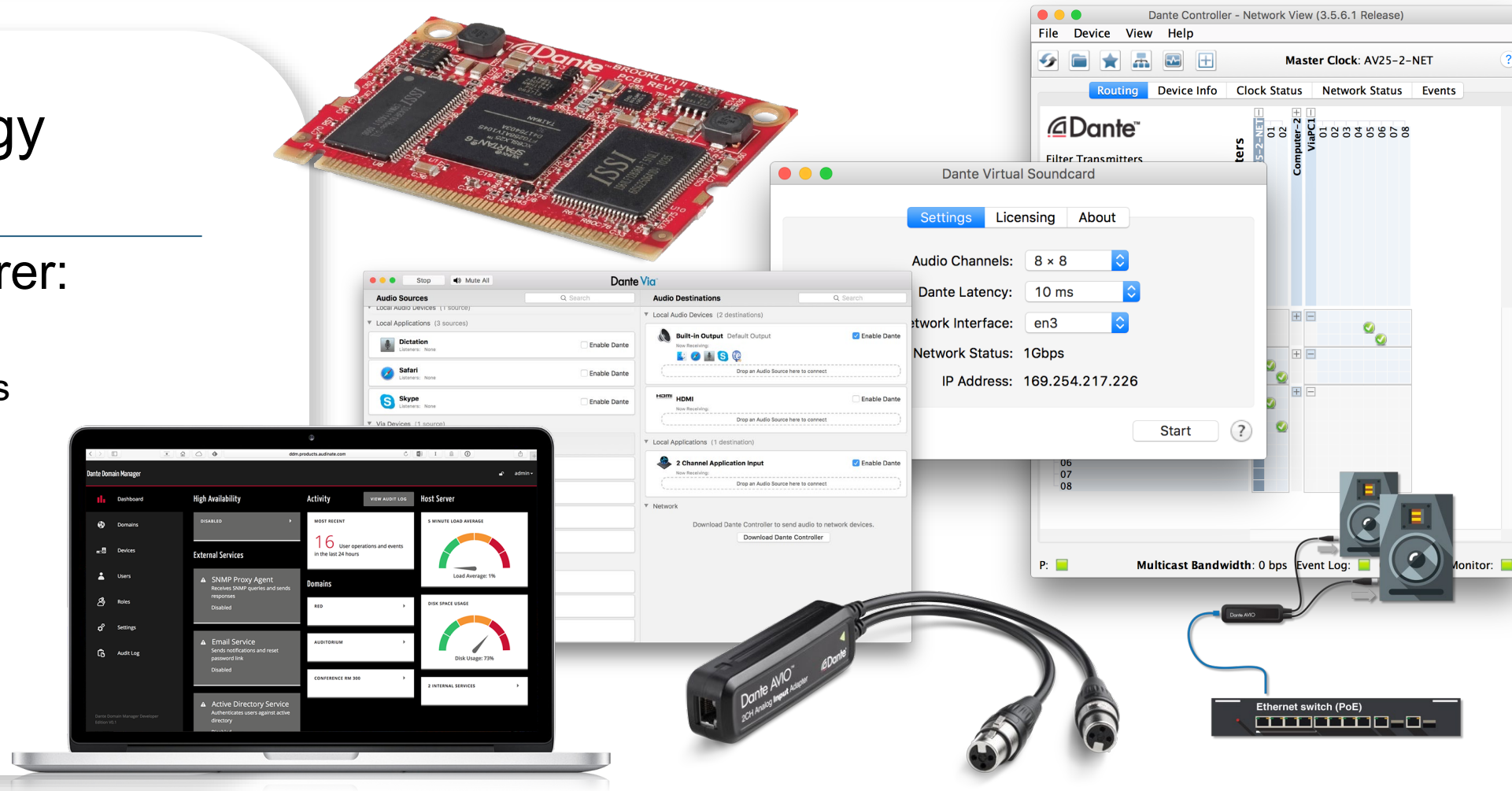
(All of it.)

### For the Manufacturer:

- ◆ Hardware Modules
- ◆ Firmware and Libraries

### For the End Customer:

- ◆ Dante Controller
- ◆ Dante Virtual Soundcard
- ◆ Dante Via
- ◆ Dante Domain Manager
- ◆ Dante AVIO Adapters



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**DANTE IS A HARDWARE AND  
SOFTWARE SOLUTION THAT  
TRANSPORTS PRECISELY TIMED  
DIGITAL AUDIO BETWEEN  
DEVICES USING STANDARD IP  
NETWORKING**

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# Dante Adoption

**450+**

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Licensed  
manufacturers  
making  
Dante-enabled  
products

**2,000+**

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Dante-enabled  
products in the  
market.

**1,000,000+**

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Dante-enabled  
products in the  
field.

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# Dante adoption

From Entry Level to Top-of-the-Line in Any Audio-Visual Market  
**Dante is an example of Audio over IP solution**



# AVIO Adapters

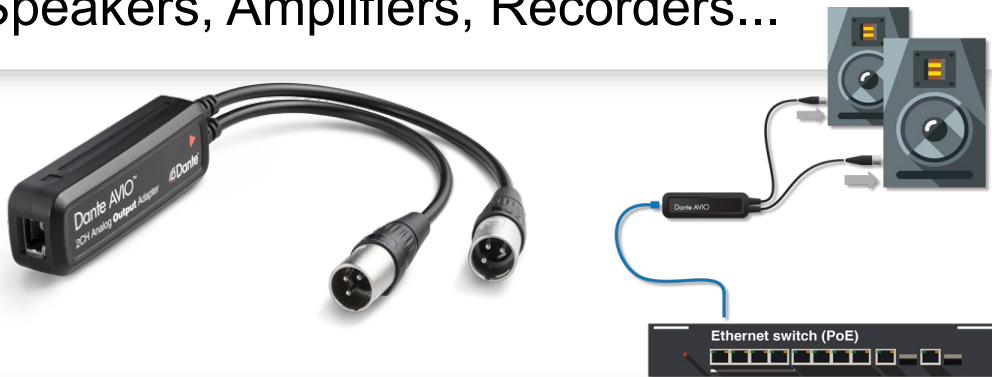
**Analog In** (1 or 2 Channels up to 96kHz)  
- Mixing Desks, Wireless Mics, EQ/Comp..



**USB 2x2 I/O** (24-bit 48kHz)  
- Conference Settings, Laptops, Mobile Devices



**Analog Out** (1 or 2 Channels up to 96kHz)  
- Speakers, Amplifiers, Recorders...



**AES3 2x2 I/O** (24-bit up to 96kHz)  
- DSP and AES3/EBU enabled devices





**100,000+**

Dante Users

**40,000+**

Dante-Certified Individuals

*Our technology's functionality is a given. We invest in people.*

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# THE DANTE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

## Level 1: Introduction to Dante

- Background
- Basic signal routing with Dante Controller
- Setting up Dante in simple systems  
(personal rig in daisy chain or 1 switch)
- Recording with Dante Virtual Soundcard





## Level 2: Intermediate Dante Concepts

- Delivered in-person
- Larger systems (multiple switches)
- Clocking options
- Understanding unicast & multicast
- Latency
- Redundancy
- Dante Virtual Soundcard and Dante Via





# Why is Professional Audio Using Networks?

# Why Do We Use Digital Audio?



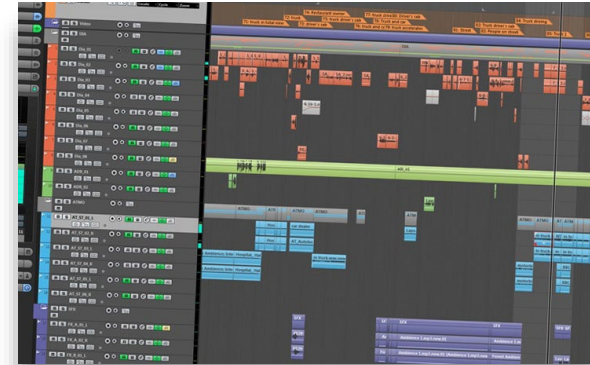
**Q: Why do we use Digital Audio?**

**... Is it just about Sound Quality?**

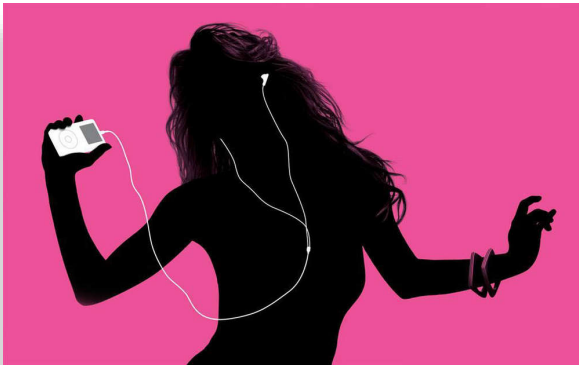
# Why Do We Use Digital Audio?



Instant Access, Polyphony/Multitimbral



Non-Linear Editing, Virtual Tracks, Undo



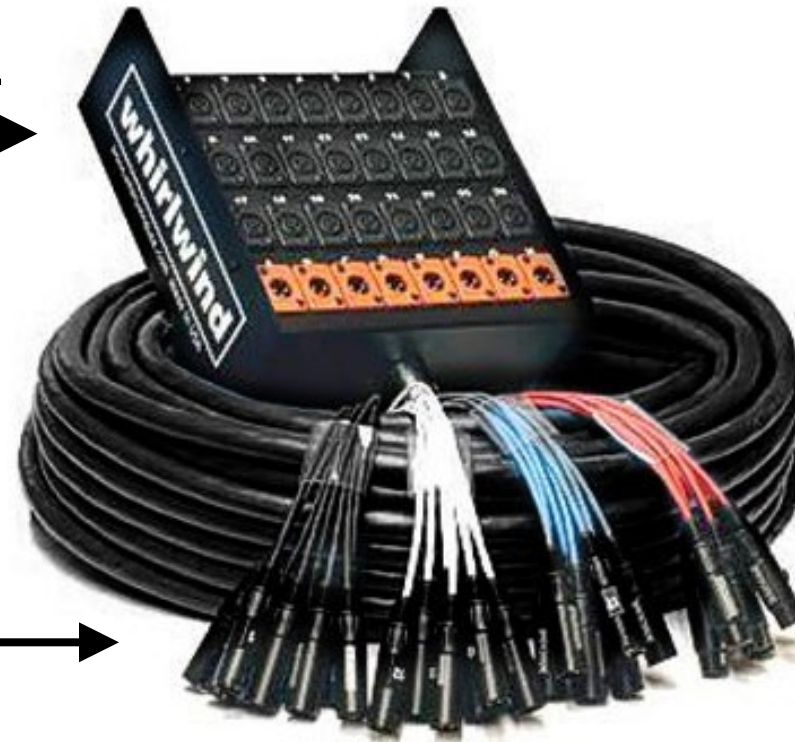
Convenience/Portability



Recall, Scalability, Compact

## “Point-to-Point” Wiring Means...

Whatever goes in here...



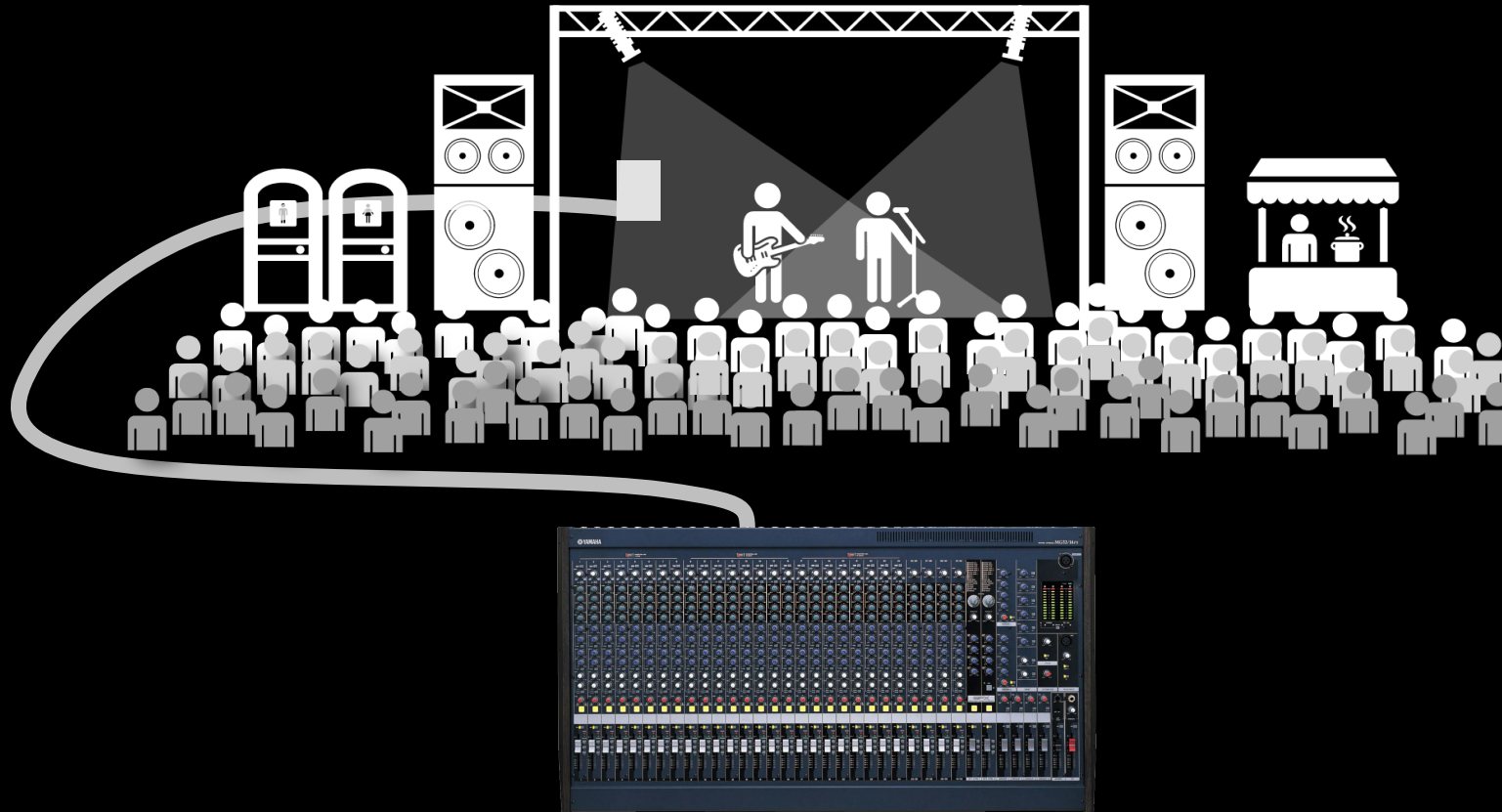
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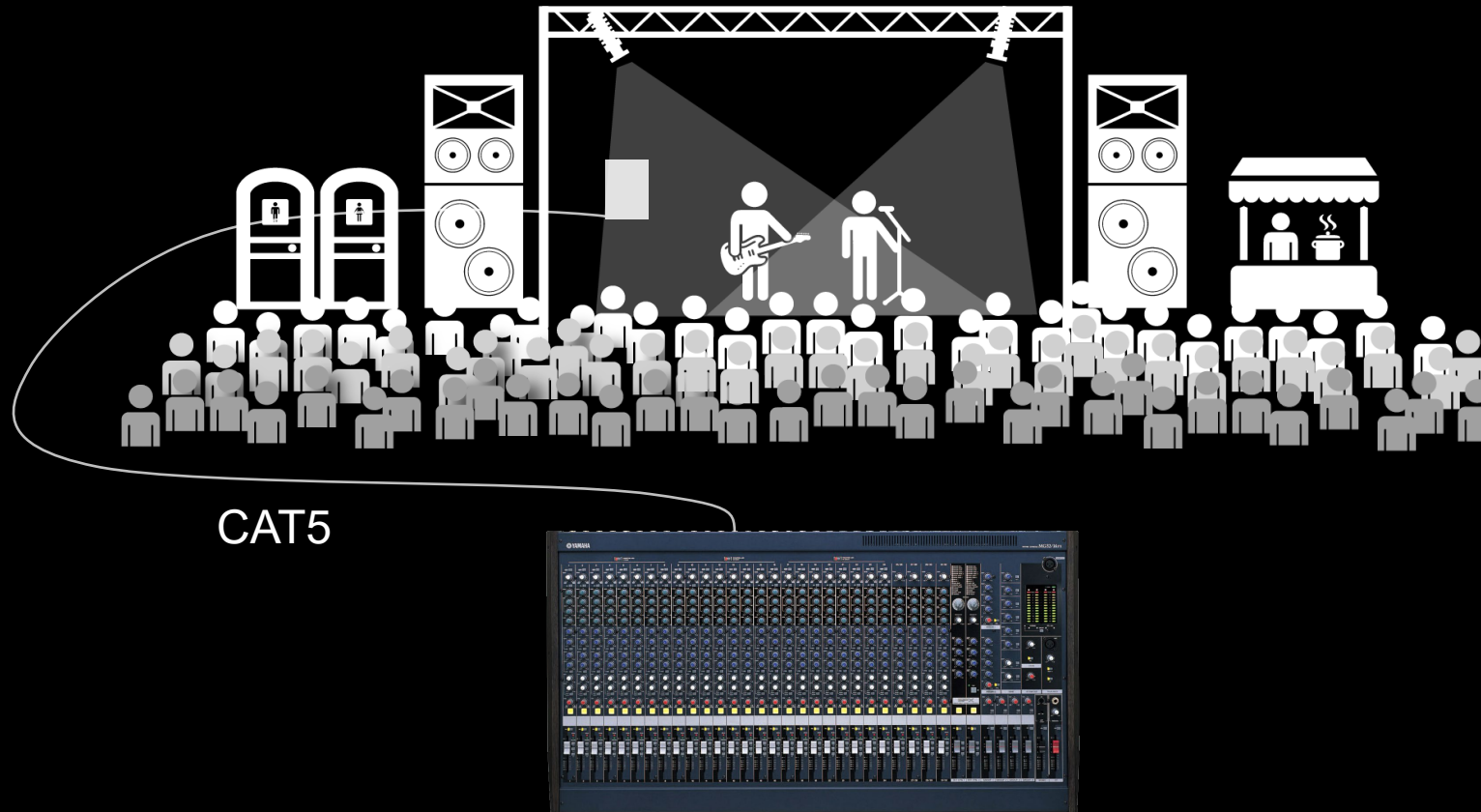
## Digital Snake $\neq$ Digital Audio Network

CAT5e Cable	✓	✓	CAT5e Cable
Digital Audio	✓	✓	Digital Audio
	✗	✓	Mac/PC Audio Integration
	✗	✓	Unlimited Signal Splitting
	✗	✓	Expandable Capacity
	✗	✓	Links Multiple Systems

# Digital Audio Snakes vs Digital Audio Networks

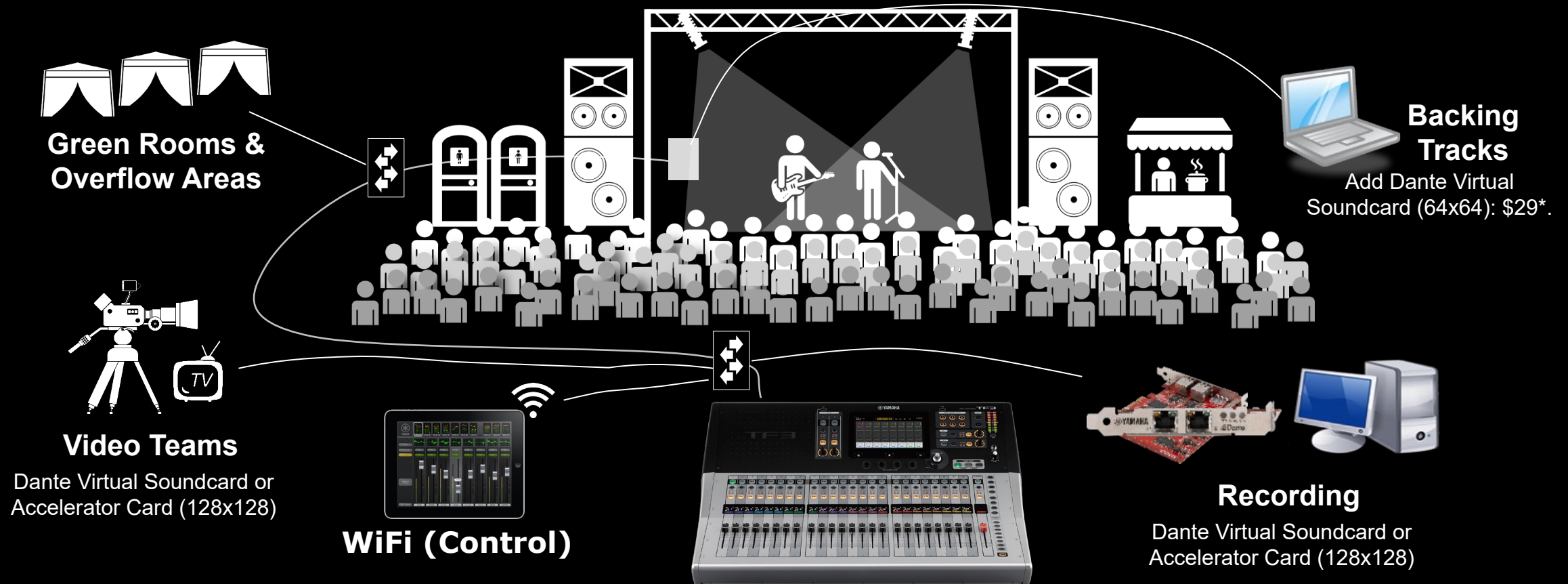


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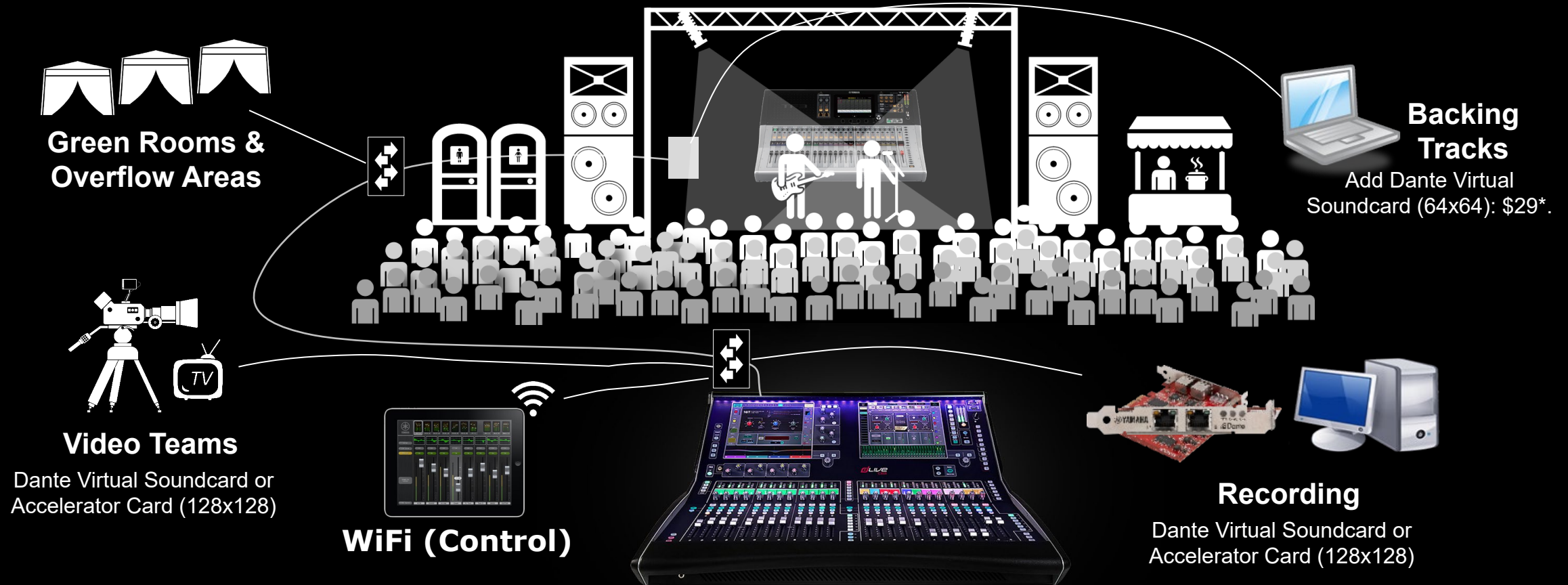


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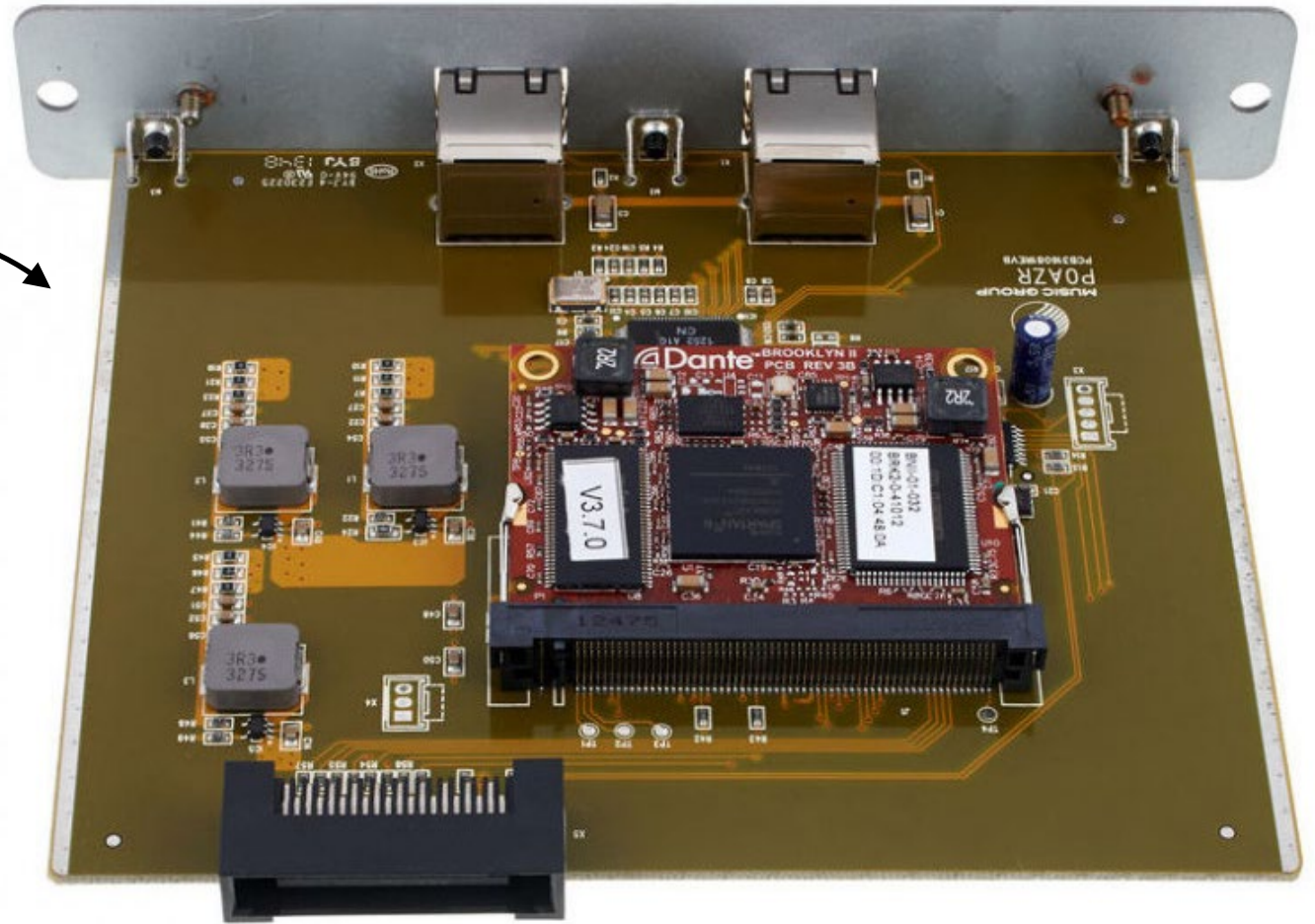
# Why Do We Use Digital Audio?



**Q: Why do we use Digital Audio Network?**

**A: It enables us to do things we couldn't do before.**

# HOW IS DANTE BUILT INTO PRODUCTS?



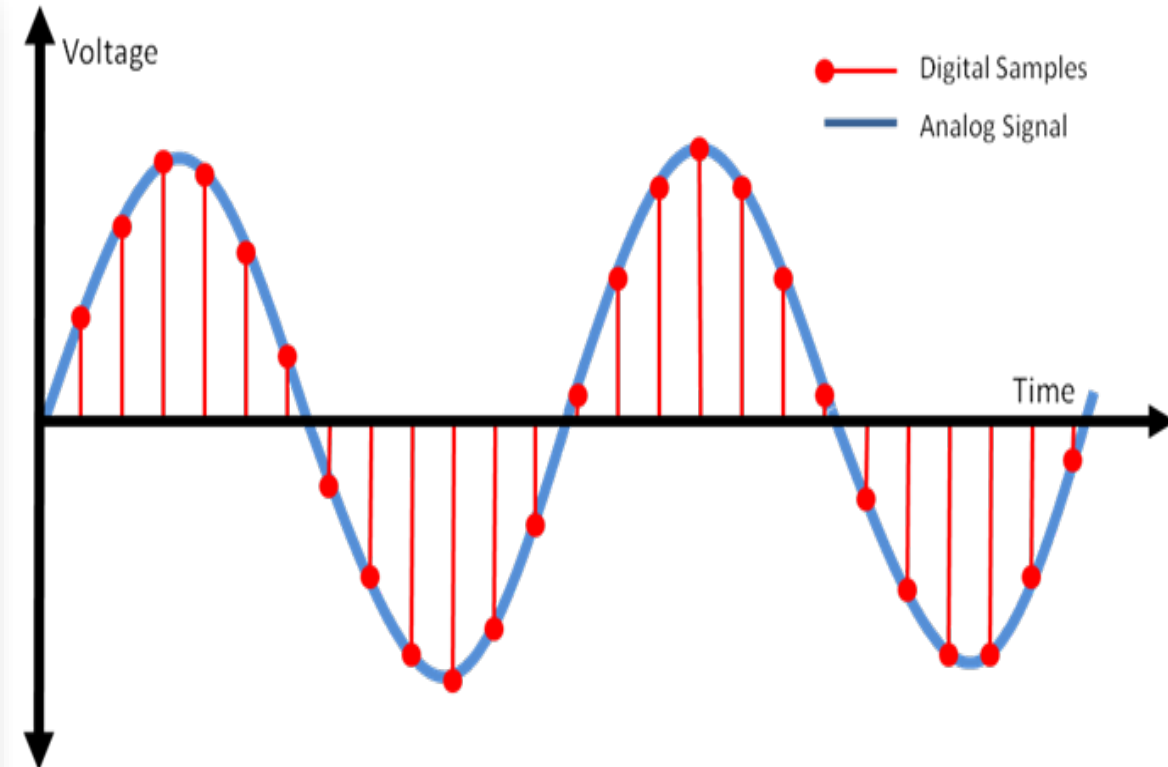
# ANALOG TO DIGITAL CONVERSION

Dante uses Pulse Code Modulation (PCM) to send **uncompressed Audio**

- Signal is sampled several times in a second (Hz)

- Nyquist Theorem:  
Samples rate must be greater than  
**2x the highest frequency**

- Humans hear from 20Hz to 20kHz  
Example: 44.1kHz CD Quality lossless



# BIT DEPTH = AMPLITUDE RESOLUTION

Bits are used to represent  
**amplitude resolution**



More bits -> more accuracy

CDs: 16 bits

Pro: 24 bits

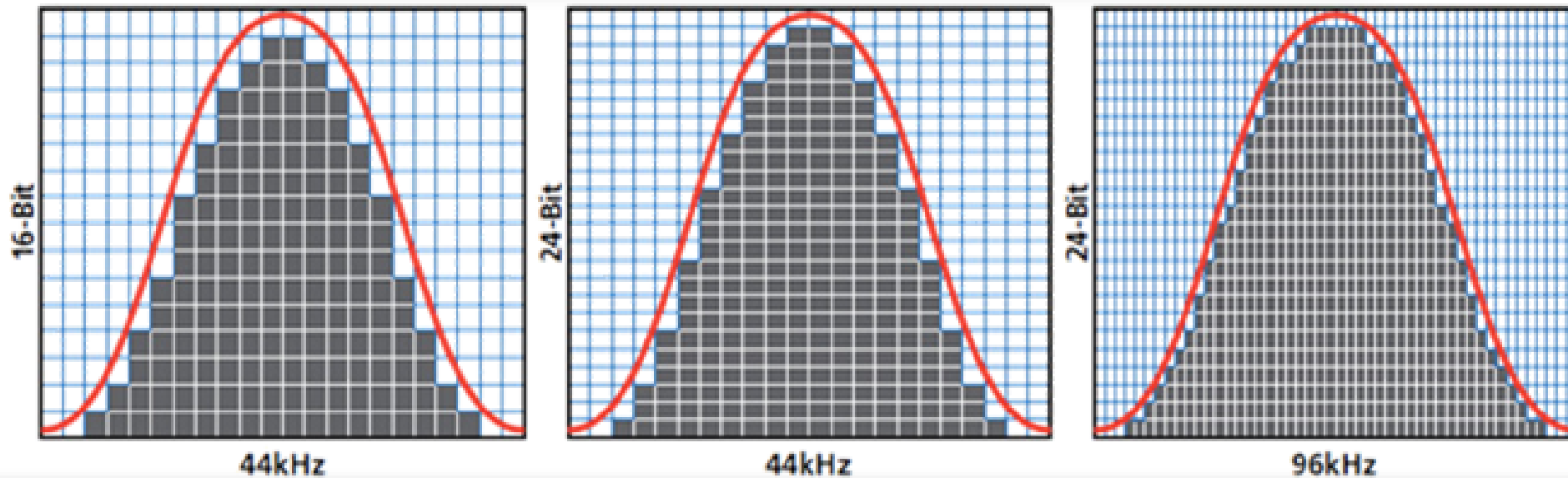
Number of Bits	Number of Values
1	2
2	4
4	16
8	256
16	65536
24	16777216
32	4294967296

# SAMPLE RATE x BIT DEPTH

More of each -> greater fidelity

- Increased bandwidth usage

- Greater sample rates -> fewer I/O channels





# SAMPLE RATE AND CONNECTION

48kHz



Only Dante channels using the **same** sample rate can connect/subscribe

- Multiple sample rates **can coexist** on the same network

- Dante supports most common sample-rates **from 44.1kHz to 192kHz**

PCM Audio Bandwidth =  
(Sample rate) x (Bit depth) x (No. of channels)

- 64 ch at 48kHz/24-bit =  $48,000 \times 24 \times 64 = \underline{74 \text{ mbits/sec}}$

- With network overhead, 64 channels  $\approx$  96mbps

- **When sample rate is increased, i.e. from 48kHz to 96kHz  
the channel count is reduced**

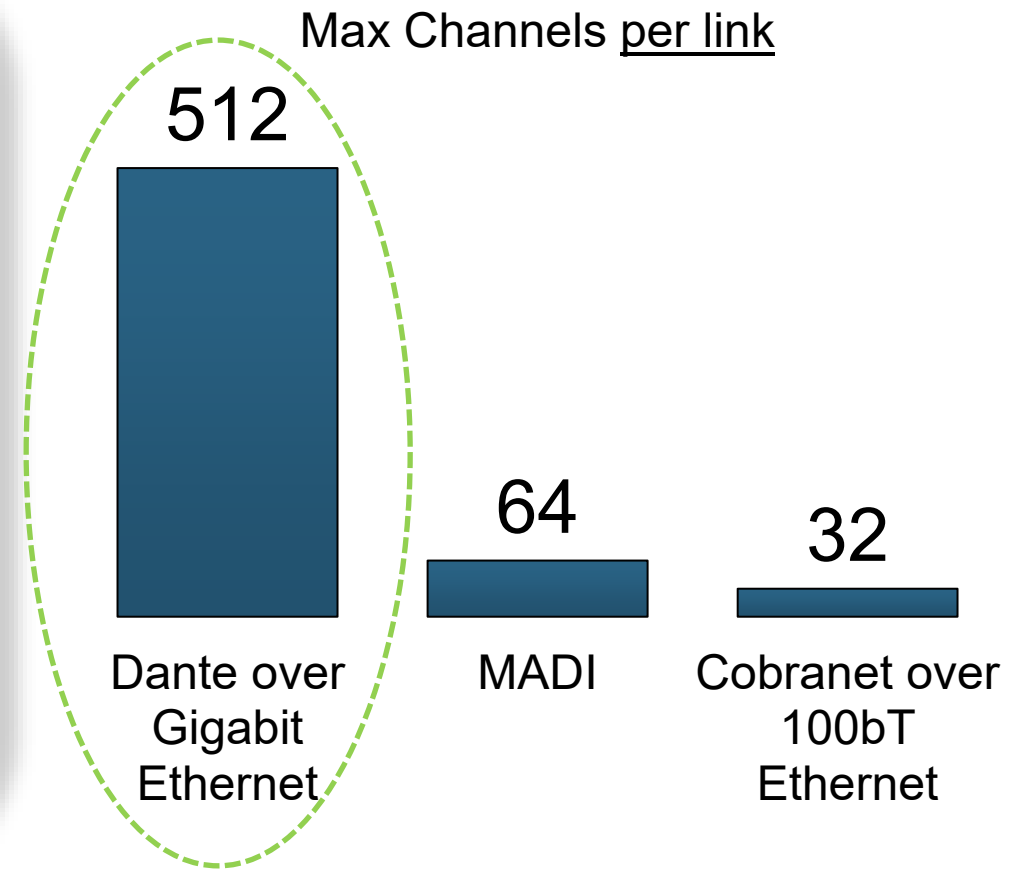


# DANTE BANDWIDTH

Legacy digital systems constrained to lower channel count

- Gigabit means Dante is capable of **512x512** at each link

- Even a large 64 channel console consumes only 1/8 capacity of a single port

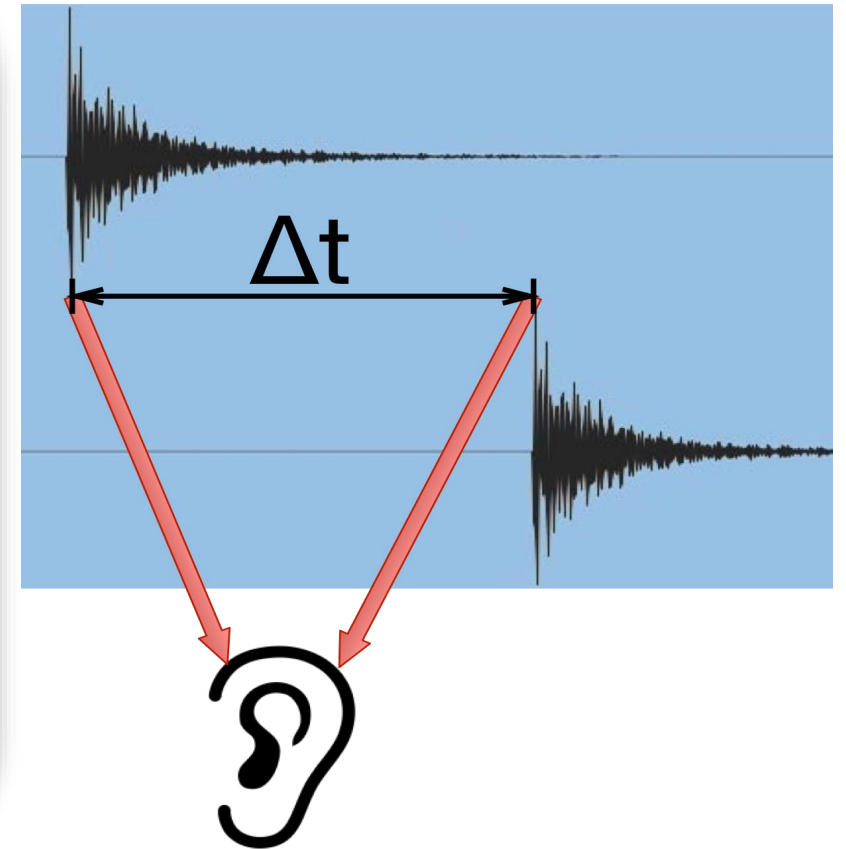


# LATENCY

**Latency is the time a signal takes to be transported and processed in any Audio System**

- Mainly a problem when we hear delayed and undelayed signal simultaneously

- Ex1: Recording Studio, overdubbing a track  
Ex2: Live Music Festival with Delay Towers



# LATENCY

On a Dante Network, Latency is **deterministic**

Always a defined well-known time to match playouts and **set per device**

**Default Latency is 1ms (ultra-fast!) up to 10 Switches**

Multiple devices **can** use different latency settings on the same Network

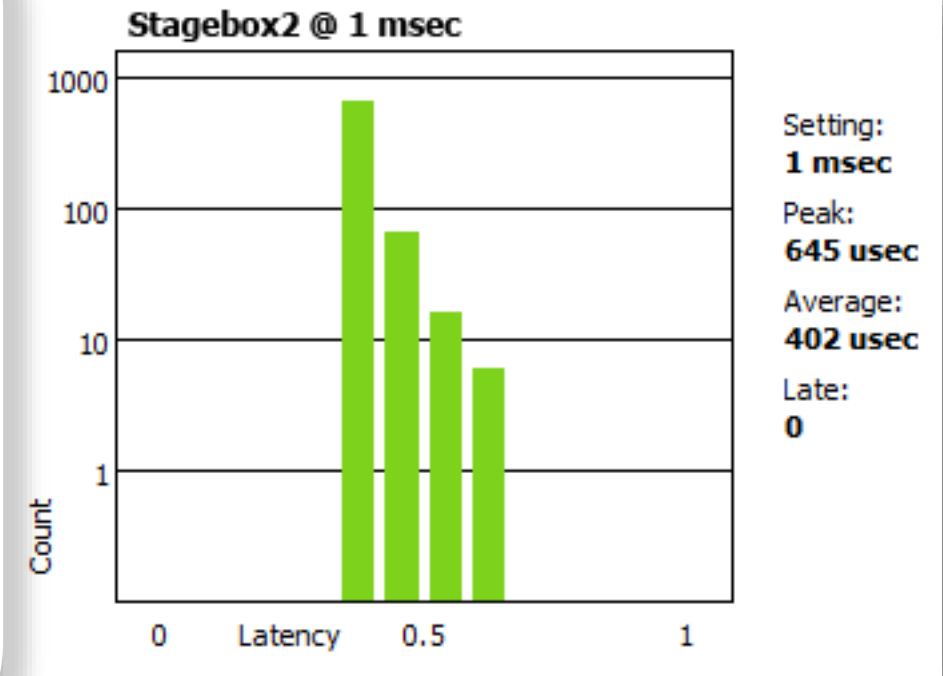
## Device Latency

Current latency: 1 msec

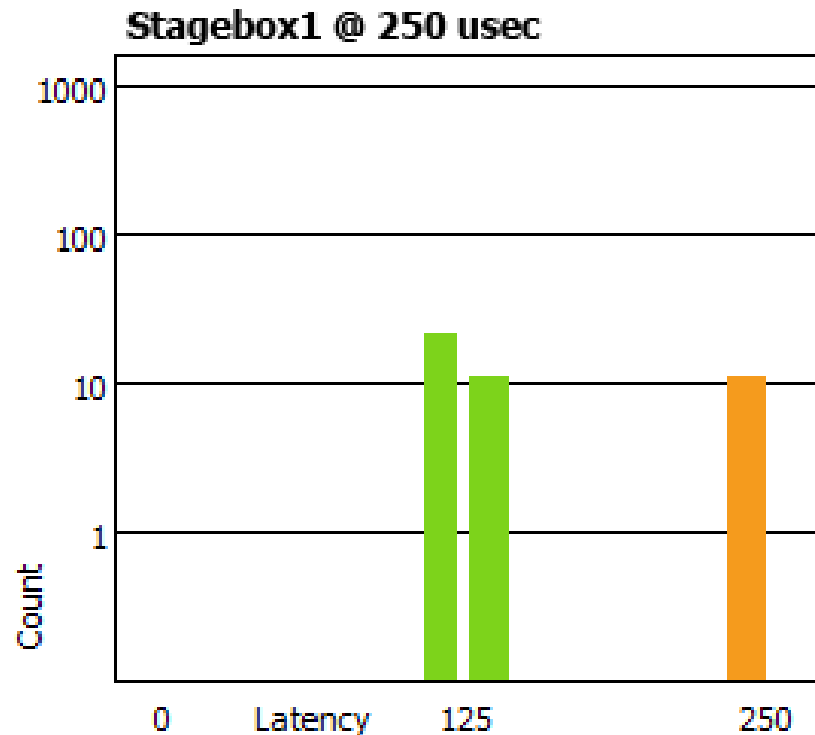
	Latency	Maximum Network Size
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<input type="radio"/>	250 usec	Gigabit network with three switches
<input type="radio"/>	500 usec	Gigabit network with five switches
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	1 msec	Gigabit network with ten switches or gigabit network
<input type="radio"/>	2 msec	Gigabit network with 100Mbps leaf nodes
<input type="radio"/>	5 msec	Safe value

# MONITORING LATENCY – GOOD EXAMPLE

- Monitor latency in Dante Controller using the Latency Tab
- Example on the image:
  - 3 switches
  - 1ms latency setting
- All packets safely inside window



# MONITORING LATENCY – BAD EXAMPLE



## Example: 250 $\mu$ s latency setting

- Some packets are dangerously close to the edge of the window
- **ISSUE: With more switch hops , the minimum latency must increase**

## Solutions: Increase latency

- Improve network performance (QoS, etc.)
- Replace faulty equipment
- Disable unneeded switch management

# WORD CLOCK

The clock that determines where the audio sample begins in the data traffic



Must be consistent for all devices in a digital system so that data is read the same way



Single Clock Master for multi-device systems



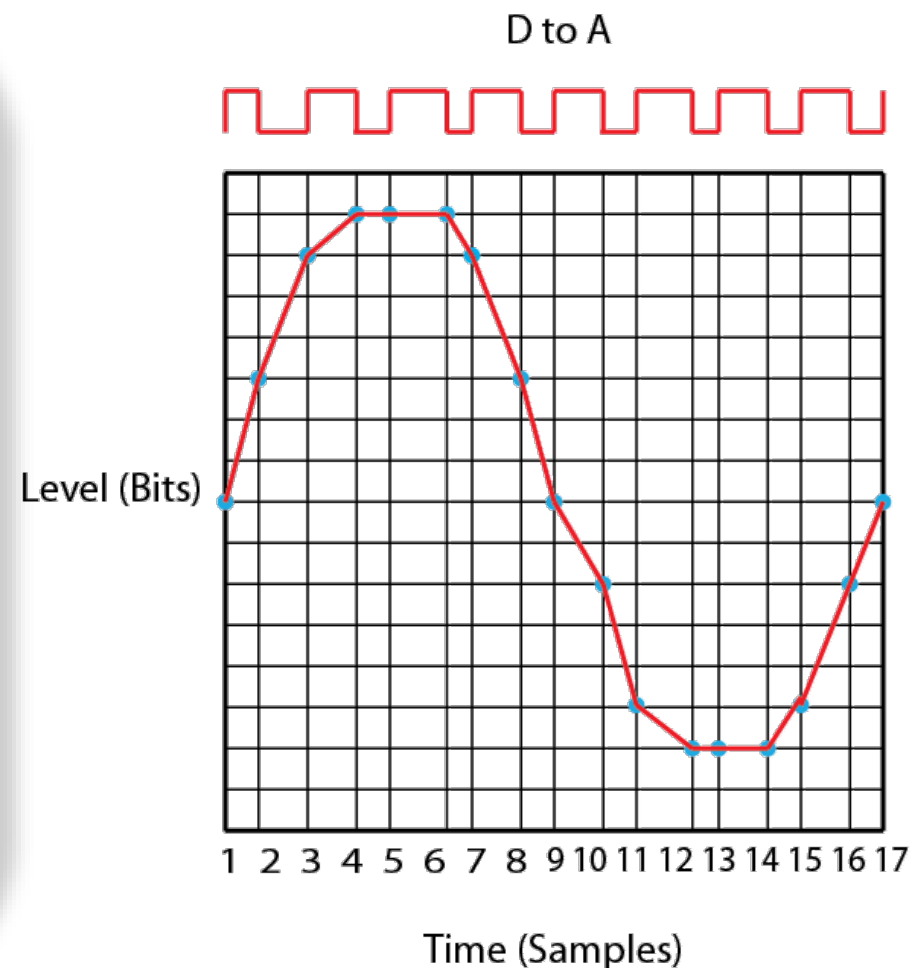
# JITTER

Distortion caused by inconsistent word clock in playout

- Exists in all Digital Audio Systems

- Very common with other formats  
AES3, MADI, ADAT, S/PDIF

- Dante ensures a Jitter-Free performance!



Dante handles clocking automatically via **election**



**Dante Clock Master provides synchronization to all Dante devices on the Network**



New Clock Master elected as needed





# CLOCK MASTERS

Clock Master determined by election  
In accordance with PTP  
(Precision Time Protocol) IEEE1588

- **Dante Controller offers the option “Preferred Master” to force a device to WIN the election**

- **Multiple devices can be assigned as Preferred Masters**



	Preferred Master	Enable Sync To External
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

# CLOCK ELECTION

WIN

**Preferred Master  
(User Intervention)**

**Enable Sync to  
External**

**Nothing checked  
(automatic election)**

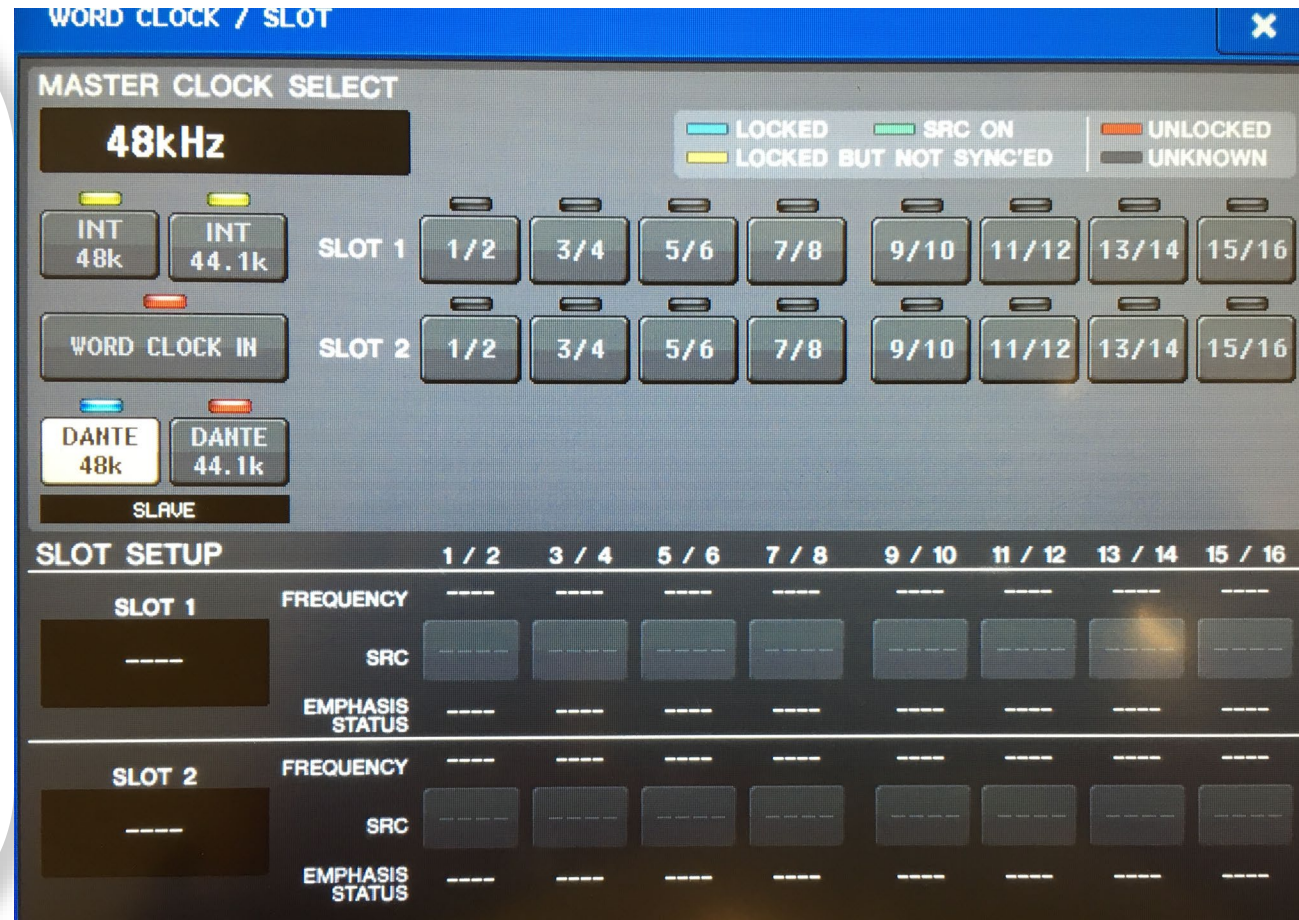
# USING EXTERNAL CLOCKS

“Enable Sync to External” allows use of console (or other) clock

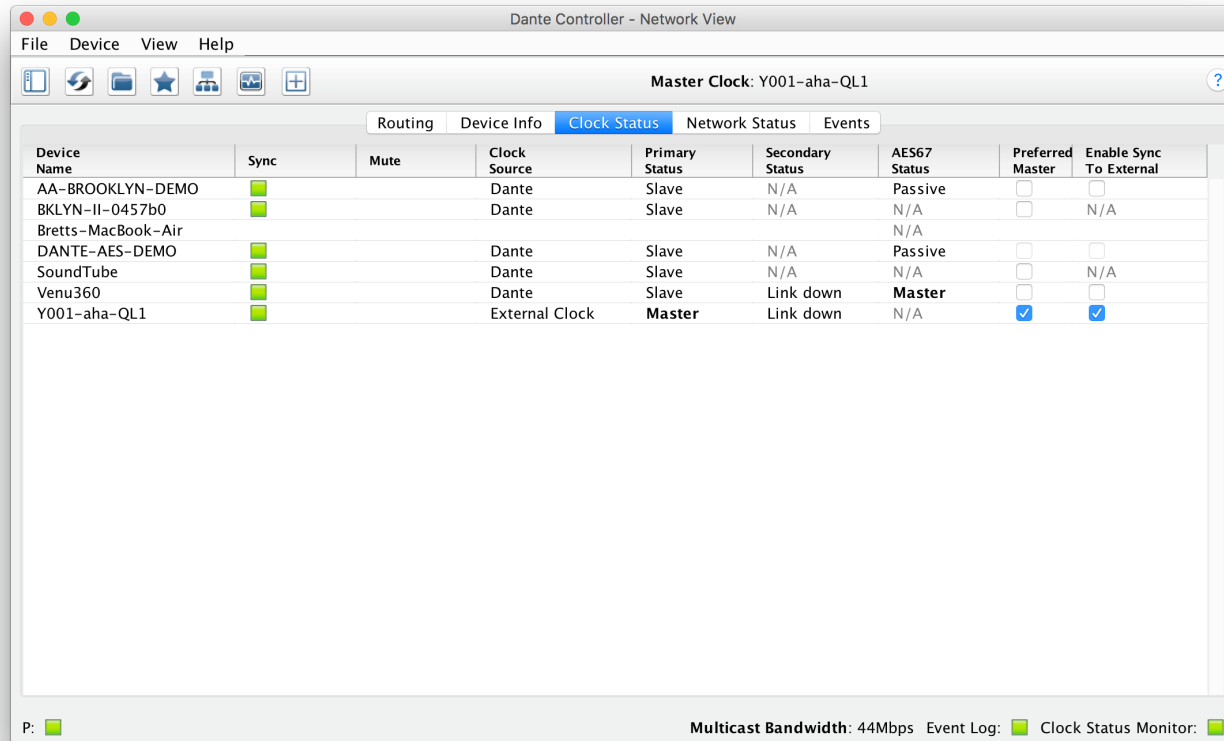
•  
Check also “Preferred Master” box

•  
Configure clock in console, too

•  
Mismatch may result in pops and clicks



# PREFERRED MASTER



Device Name	Sync	Mute	Clock Source	Primary Status	Secondary Status	AES67 Status	Preferred Master	Enable Sync To External
AA-BROOKLYN-DEMO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Dante	Slave	N/A	Passive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BKLYN-II-0457b0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Dante	Slave	N/A	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Bretts-MacBook-Air						N/A		
DANTE-AES-DEMO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Dante	Slave	N/A	Passive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SoundTube	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Dante	Slave	N/A	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Venu360	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Dante	Slave	Link down	Master	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Y001-aha-QL1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		External Clock	Master	Link down	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Dante will always elect a Clock Master without intervention

Changes to Clock Master are automatic and do not affect audio

Any hardware device can be made a “Preferred Master” clock

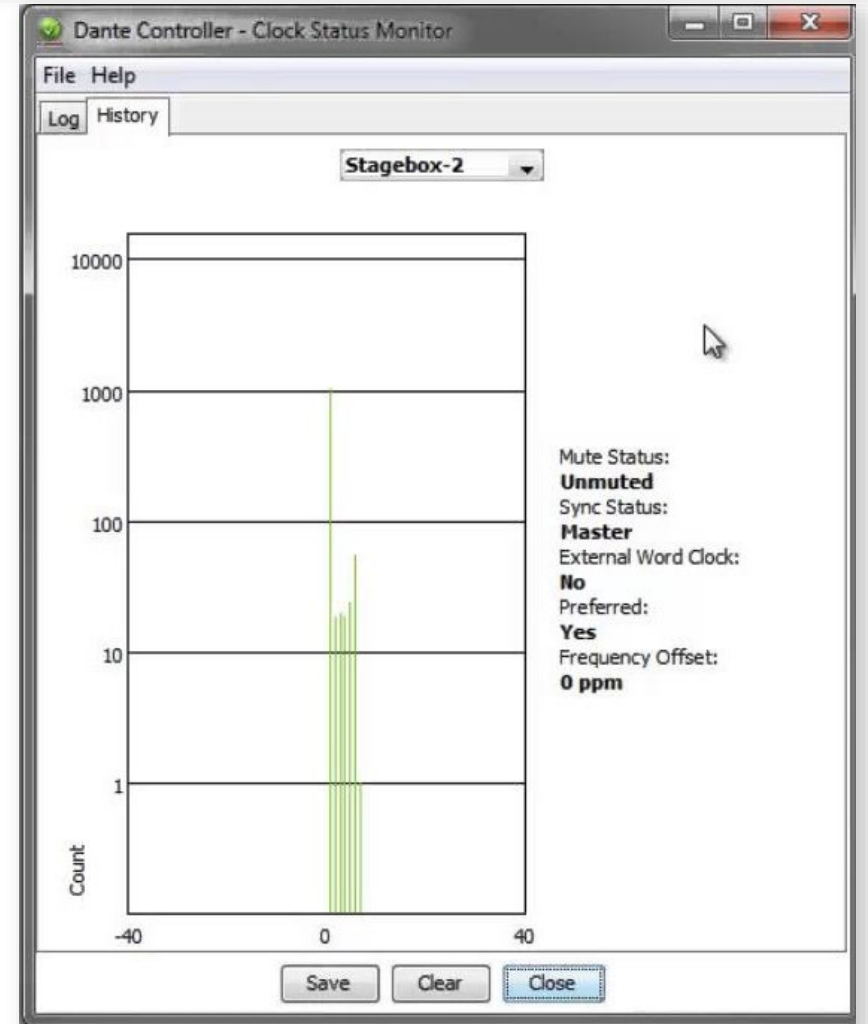
Preferred Master should be a device that is always present in system

# CLOCK MONITORING BUTTON

**Passive:** Dante Controller alerts when any changes to Clock Master

**Active:** Dante Controller is looking for Clocking problems

- *Useful for troubleshooting external clocks*
- Looks for instability
- Accumulates data over time
- Displays spread of clock frequency



Digital audio works by playing out or recording samples

Bit depth describes **amplitude resolution**

Sample rate determines **maximum analog frequency**



Word clock must be consistent and correctly sync'd



Digital audio produces data that can be transported like any other – *time* is the key that Dante provides

**How much Networking do I need to know?  
...not very much to start!**



# PHYSICAL SIDE OF NETWORKING

**End Points:** The things you are adding to a network

**Cables:** connect them together

**Switches:** provide a central bridge for connections





# WHAT KIND OF CABLE FOR DANTE?

Same as for **any regular computer network**

- Gigabit rated:  
**CAT5E, CAT6 Ethernet cables**

- (only up to 100m max per run)



# WHAT ABOUT WI-FI?

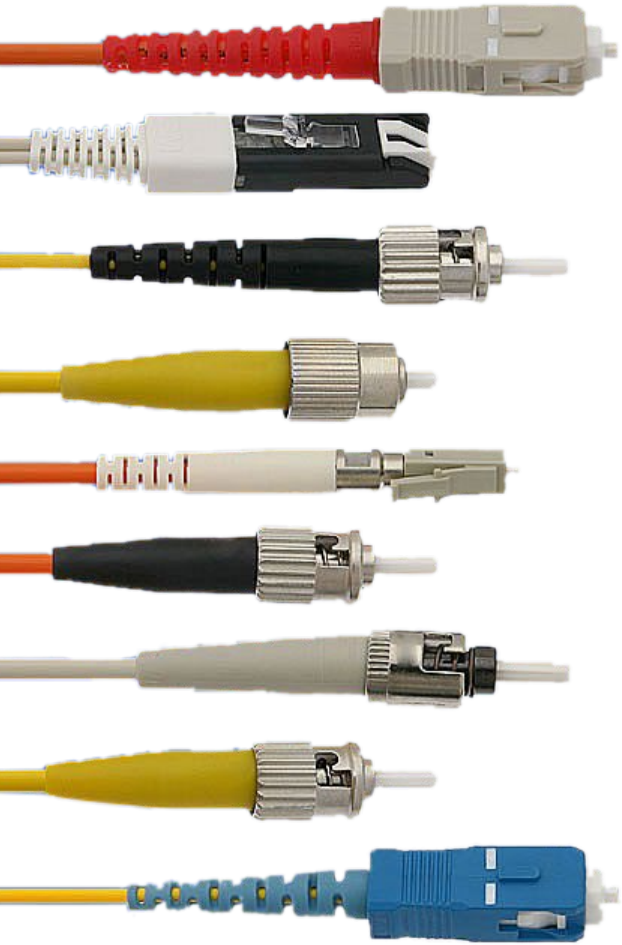


Wi-Fi is **not supported by Dante**

- Less reliable than wired Ethernet

- OK for **Dante Controller Settings only**

# WHAT ABOUT FIBER? YES, IT WORKS!



Dante  
**works** on  
Fiber  
Networks

Required for  
greater  
distances  
(**over 100m**)

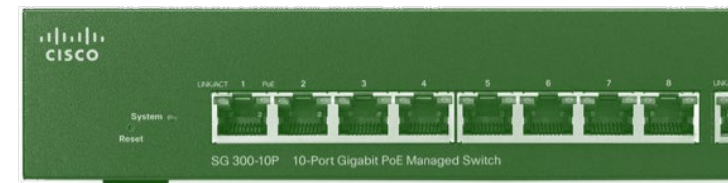
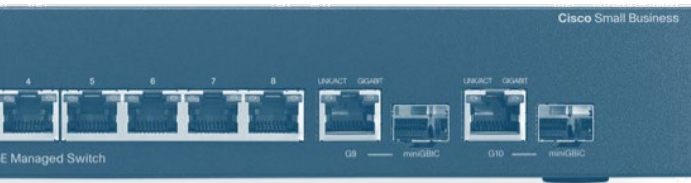
Requires switches  
with Fiber  
Connections

Small Form-factor  
Pluggable (SFP)

Dante works on **standard Switches**



**Gigabit switches are preferred for extra bandwidth**



# SWITCHES – UNMANAGED & MANAGED

**Managed**  
More expensive

- 
- Many possible settings  
(and risks)
- 
- May be required in some  
conditions (IGMP, QoS)

Dante works  
on both!

**Unmanaged**  
Less expensive

- 
- 100% plug and play
- 
- May not be appropriate in  
some situations

# THEN YOU DON'T NEED A MANAGED SWITCH

- If you use only **one** switch to connect your Dante devices...
- And you are **only** using the network for Dante audio...

# MANAGED SWITCHES (In case you need them...)

Start with the default features



Do not change settings until there is a problem that the feature may help



Resist temptation to over-configure!



In most stand-alone Dante networks, features are not required



Incorrect switch configurations are a common cause of problems

# SWITCHES – UNMANAGED & MANAGED



## Setting up a switch for use with Dante

Using the Cisco SG300-20 or Teqsas CyberTEQ-m



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Setting up a switch for use with Dante

### A4 Trouble-Shooting

When trouble-shooting a network, it must be remembered that the vast majority of problems are caused by cable faults: whether they are crushed, bent, cut, stretched, or badly terminated. Or especially in the case of fibre-optics: dirty. Problem cables will cause lost data, or errors. These can be monitored in the web browser interface of the switch.

Open the **Status and Statistics** menu, then the **RMON** menu. And select the **Statistics** page. RMON is "Remote Network Monitoring". It will show the number of errors that have occurred, and the number of packets that have passed through each port.

Statistics
Bytes Received: 2102518188
Packets Received: 130633023
CRC & Align Errors: 0
Frames of 65 to 127 Bytes: 84028
Frames of 128 to 255 Bytes: 886474
Frames of 256 to 511 Bytes: 10005032
Frames of 512 to 1023 Bytes: 395
Frames Greater than 1024 Bytes: 128

### Switch Log

If there is an intermittent connection between a cable and the switch, it could show up in the Log. Also the activity of connecting and disconnecting cables can be checked. Open the **View Log** sub-menu, and select the **RAM Memory** page.

Log Index	Log Time	Severity	Description
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2147483554	2012-Jul-19 20:39:17	Informational	%COPN-F-LECPY: File Copy - source URL running-config destination URL flash:startup-config
2147483555	2012-Jul-19 20:05:57	Warning	%COPN-W-TRAP: The copy operation has failed.
2147483556	2012-Jul-19 20:05:50	Informational	%COPN-F-LECPY: File Copy - source URL HTTP://192.168.0.202/ destination URL running-config
2147483557	2012-Jul-19 20:05:31	Notice	%COPN-N-TRAP: The copy operation was completed successfully.
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2147483564	2012-Jul-19 19:25:13	Warning	%STP-IN-PORTSTATUS: g0/3 STP status Forwarding
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If you want to know more:

## Cisco SG300 Switch Configuration Guide

- Written by Yamaha & Audinate
- 29 pages long
- Not a recipe



EEE or “Green” switches are often **not recommended** for real time media



The energy saving feature will shut down ports and prevent parts of Dante from working properly



Disable this feature, or use switches that do not support it



***Energy-Efficient  
Ethernet***

# How Do I Connect Dante Devices?

In analog, physical wiring showed signal paths



In networks, connections are “logical” – name-to-name



Each cable carries many signals for many devices

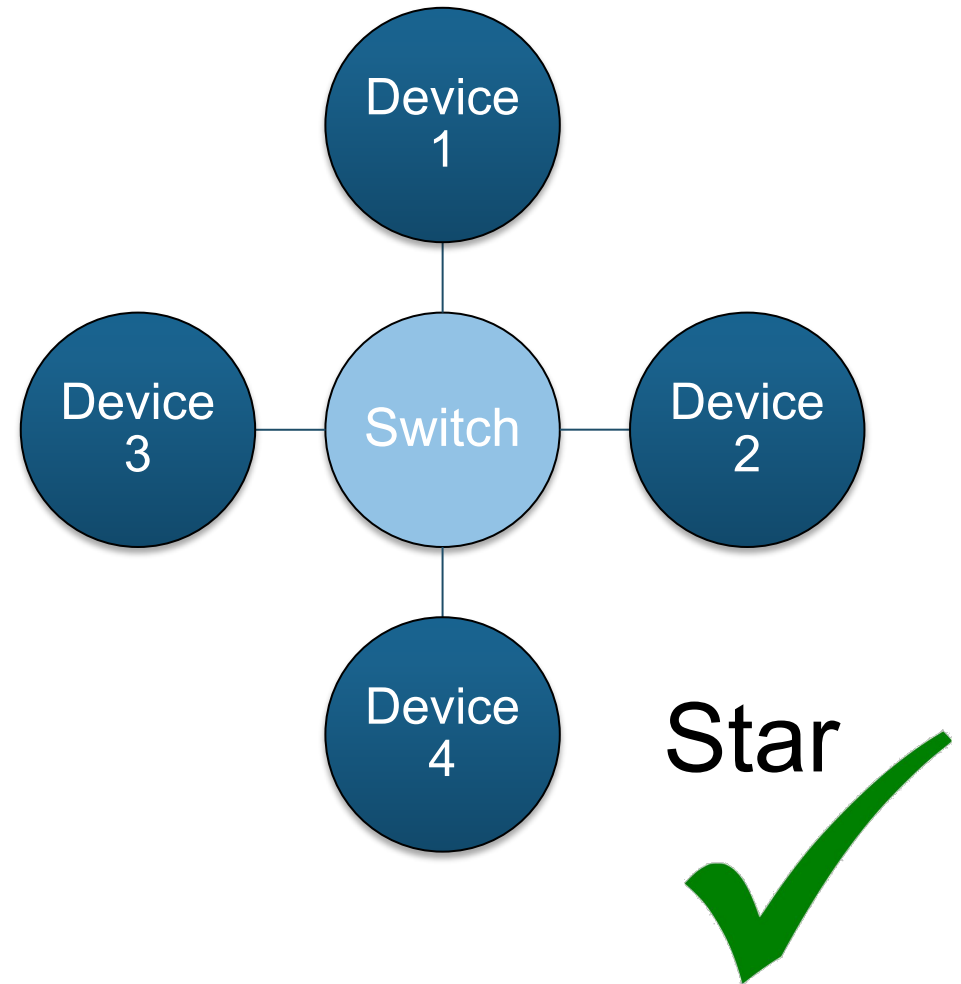
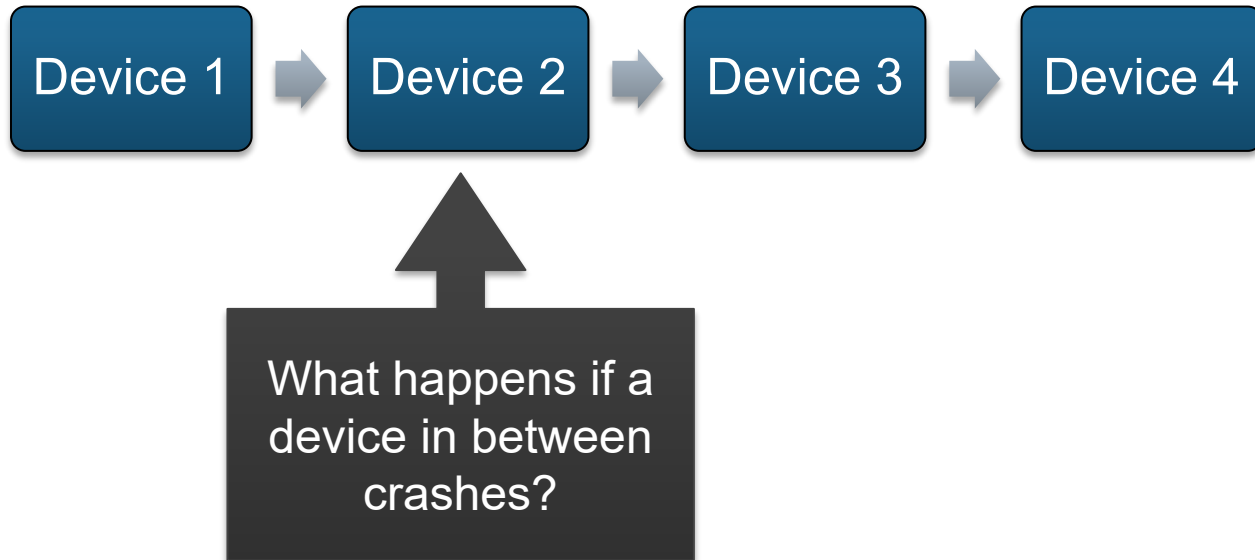


Data delivered in packets



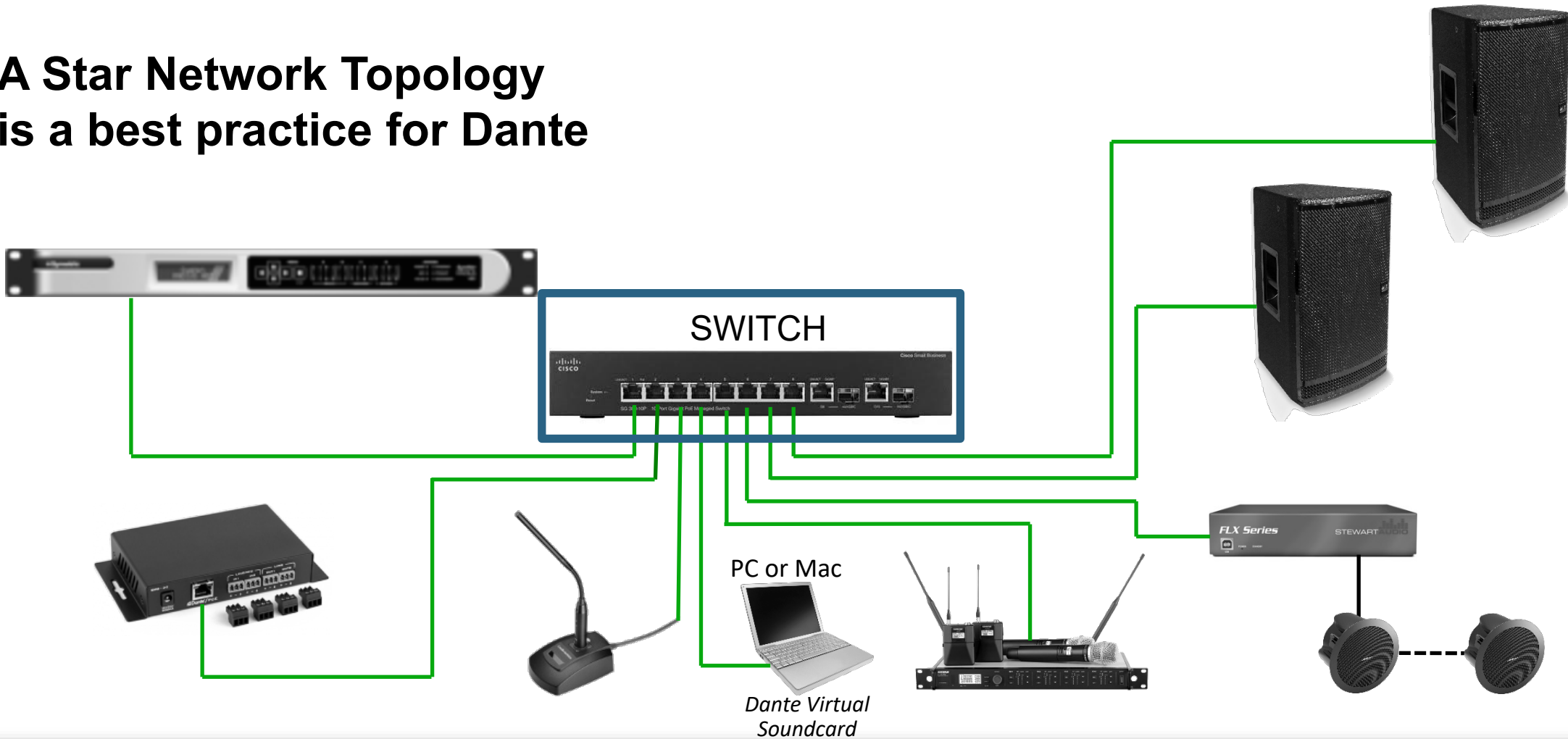
Network technology is neutral; no special gear needed  
for audio

## Daisy chain

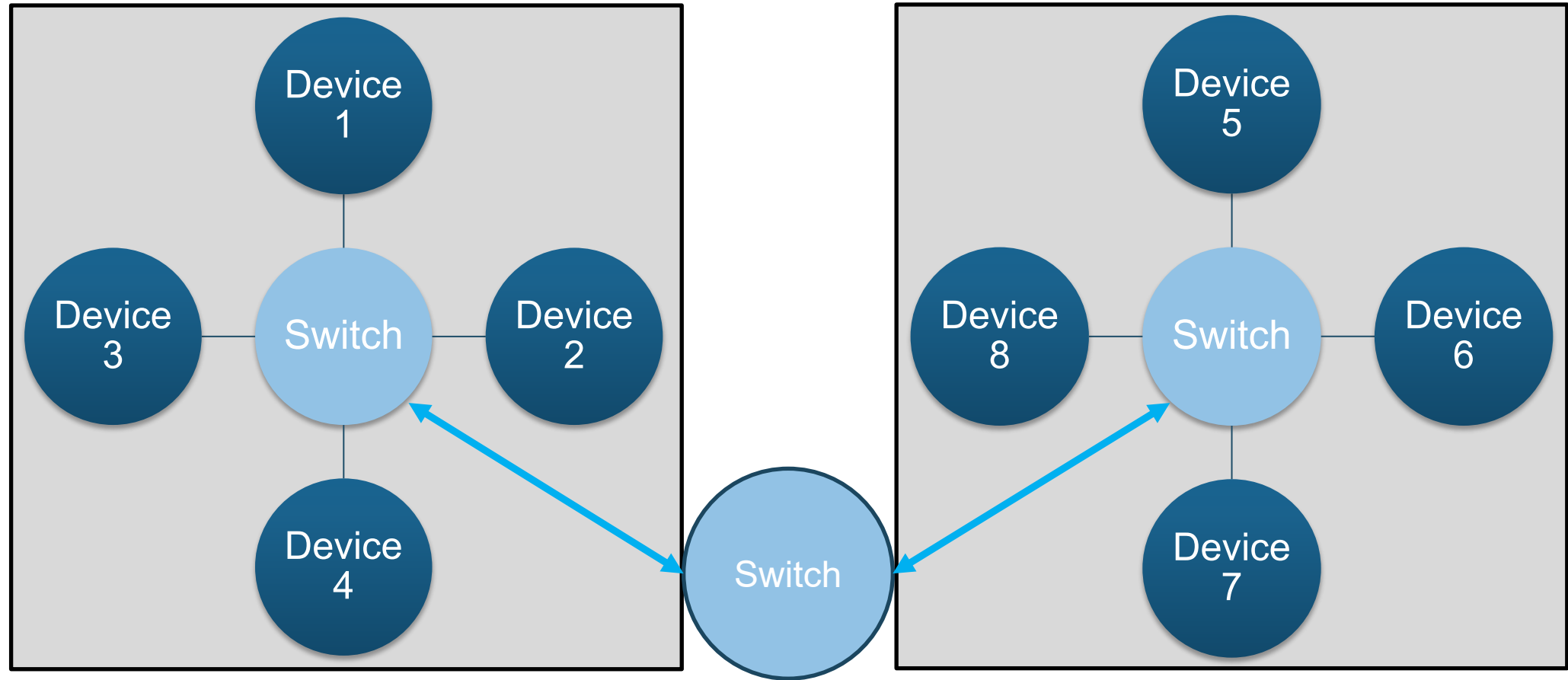


# SINGLE SWITCH STAR EXAMPLE

A Star Network Topology  
is a best practice for Dante



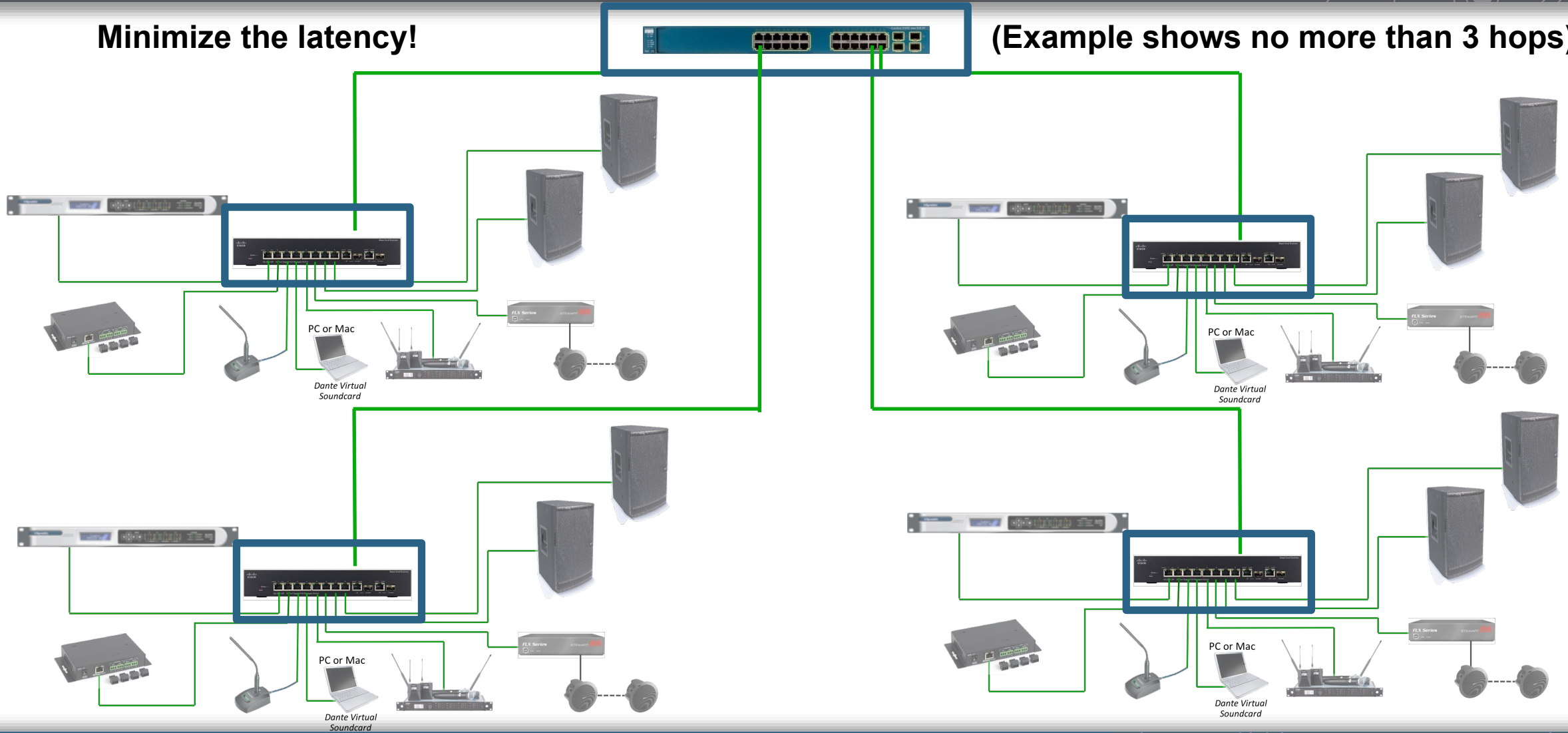
# MULTIPLE STARS SCALABILITY



# MULTIPLE STARS EXAMPLE

Minimize the latency!

(Example shows no more than 3 hops)



# A WORD ABOUT NETWORK LAYERS

Each layer passes data to the next

Layer 1: physical connections (e.g., cables)



Layer 2: devices represented by fixed hardware addresses (MAC)



Layer 3: devices represented by variable IP addresses

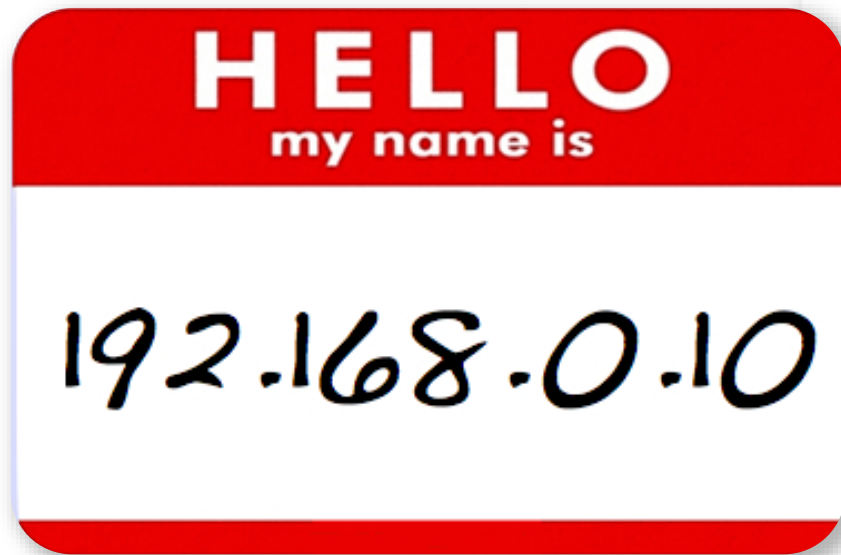
**Physical (hardware & cables)**

**Hardware addresses**

**IP addresses**



# WHAT IS AN IP ADDRESS?

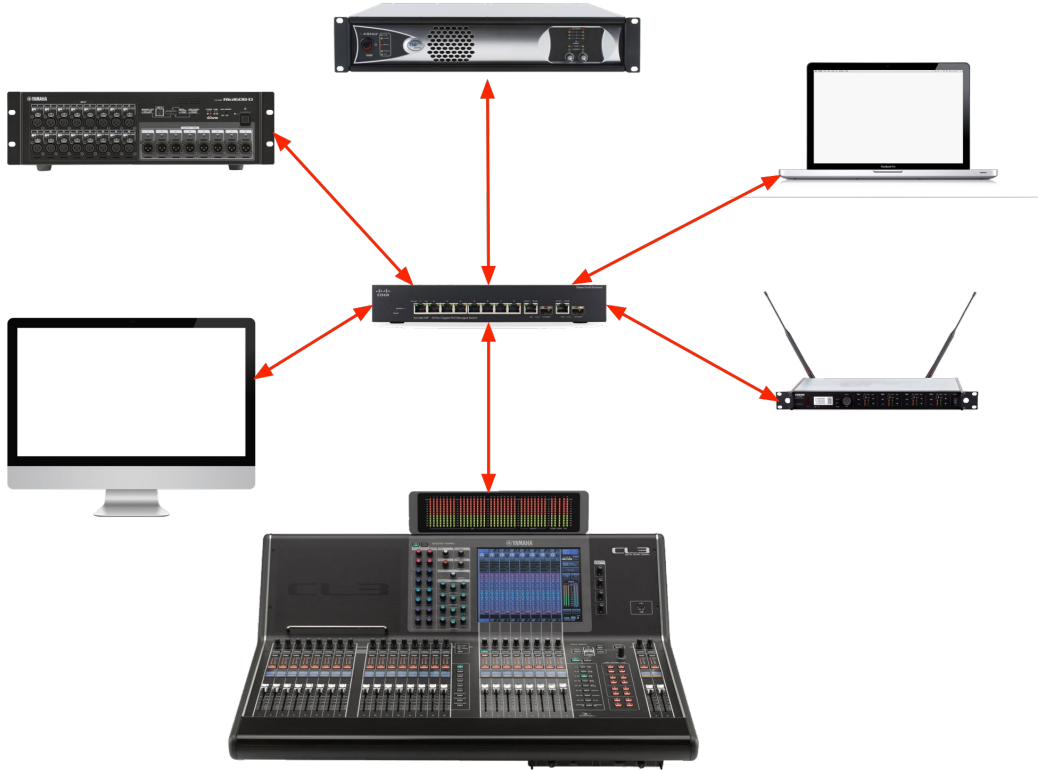


Numeric addresses to identify/map devices

## **Dante supports all commonly used IP Addressing methods:**

- Dynamic (preferred) accomplished by DHCP Server
  - Static (better avoid) as it can cause duplicates or unreachable addresses

# AUTOMATIC IP ADDRESSING

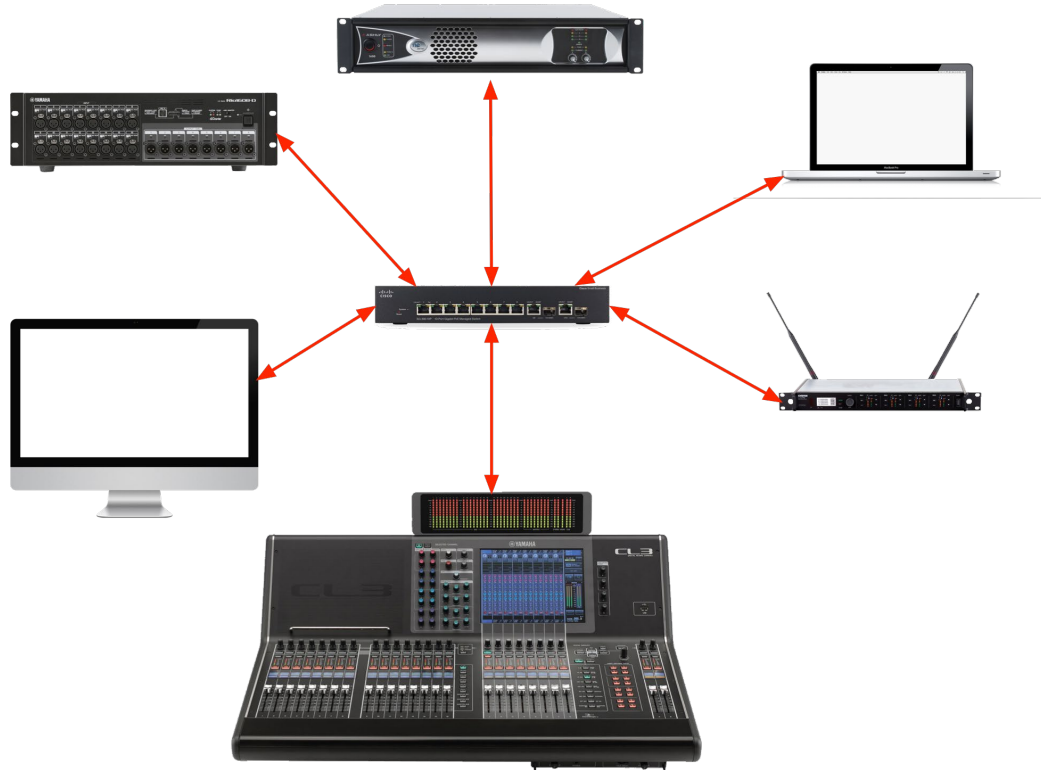


LAN connects **IP addresses**  
in a **common range**  
i.e. 169.254.X.Y

•  
**Auto IP addressing ensures**  
that **Dante devices create a**  
**working LAN**

•  
**Preferable for stand-alone**  
**Dante Networks**

# WHAT IS A "STAND-ALONE" DANTE NETWORK?



Local Area Network  
connecting only Dante devices

Not connected to the Public  
Internet, servers, etc.

Commonly used to separate  
responsibilities of AV installer

# SUMMARY

Layer 3  
networking allows  
use of IP  
addresses for  
connections

Automatic  
addressing  
enables simple  
“plug and play”  
use of Dante in  
stand alone  
networks – use it!

“Stand alone”  
networks are  
simpler to  
configure than  
**Converged  
Networks (Video,  
Phone, Internet  
Data, Audio, etc.)**

# SUMMARY

- Always use gigabit switches
- Use CAT5E or (preferably) CAT6 cable
- Use fiber for longer runs (over 100 meters)
- Use either managed or unmanaged switches for smaller networks
- Dante-only networks with one switch do not require management features and may safely use unmanaged switches.
- Use a "Star" topology to minimize switch hops
- Avoid or disable "green" or EEE features

**How do I use Dante?**

# DANTE FEATURES AND BENEFITS

All devices use human-readable names



Precise time alignment of all audio



Automatic device discovery



One-click routing

Low, deterministic latency



Virtually jitter-free



Automatic re-connection after power cycles

# WHAT DOES DANTE **NOT** DO?

Dante **does not convert** Sample-rate



Dante **does not control** Levels, EQ, etc...



Dante **does not interfere** with MIDI

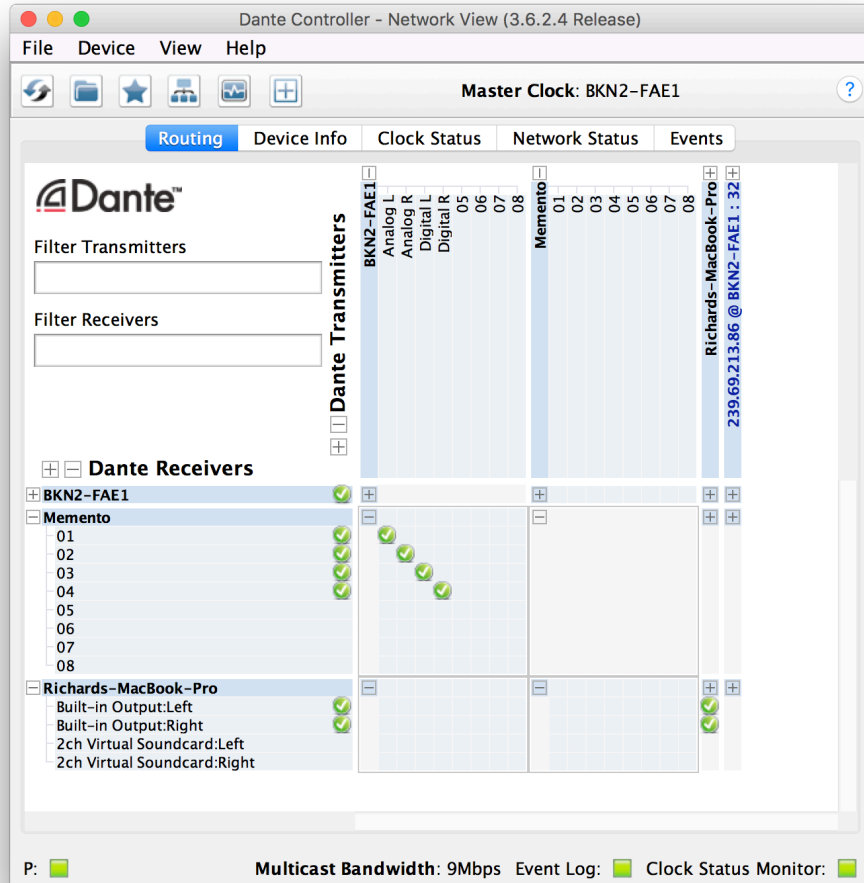


Dante **does not send SMPTE** time code  
digitally





# DANTE CONTROLLER



Primary Dante tool for:

- **Routing, naming, saving presets**
  - **Sample Rate adjustments**
- **Clocking settings and diagnosis**
- **Latency settings and diagnosis**

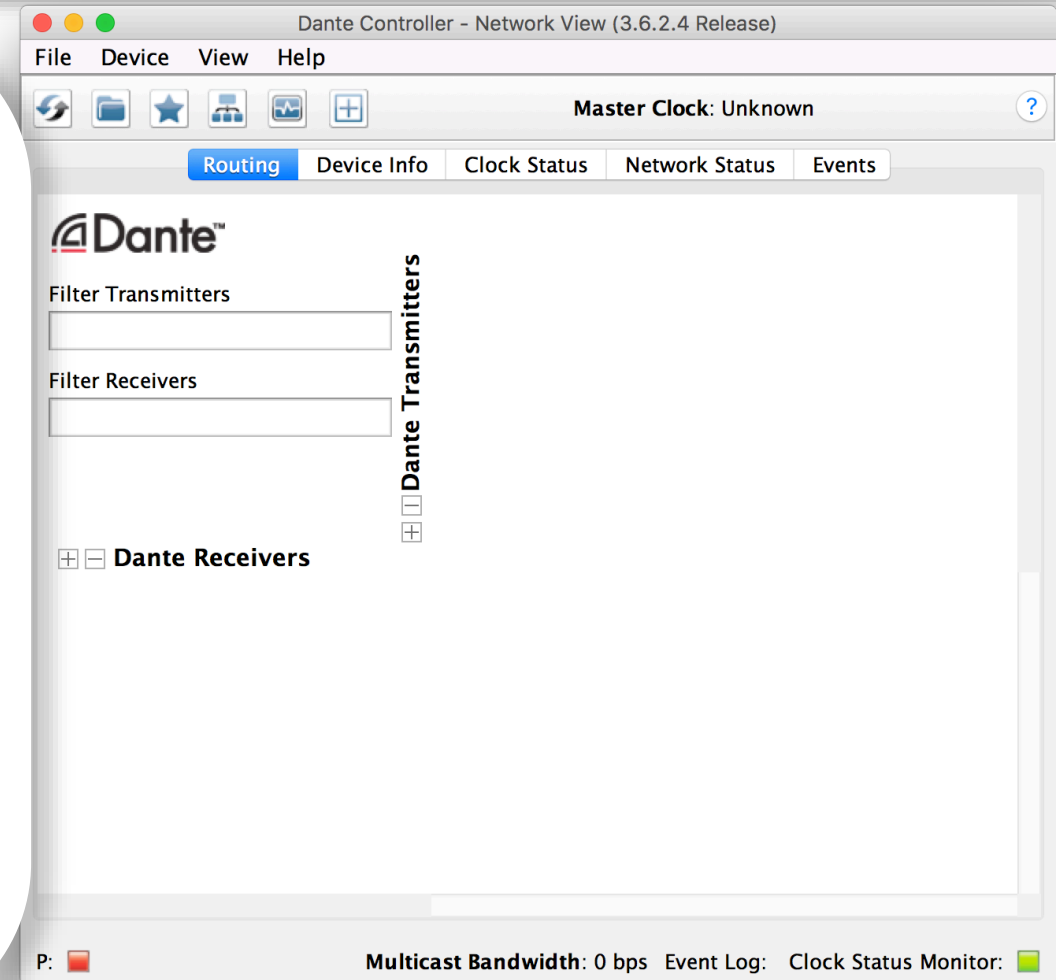
# DISCOVERY AND ROUTING

If no devices are connected, Dante Controller is empty

Dante Controller **discovers and displays devices automatically**

Dante **settings reside on the devices**, not on your computer

After settings, users can quit Dante Controller and **the system continues to work normally with no interruptions**



# DISCOVERY AND ROUTING

## CONNECTION = SUBSCRIPTIONS



**Transmitters (Tx) are Sources**  
**Receivers (Rx) are Destinations**

Click at intersection to  
subscribe a Rx to a Tx

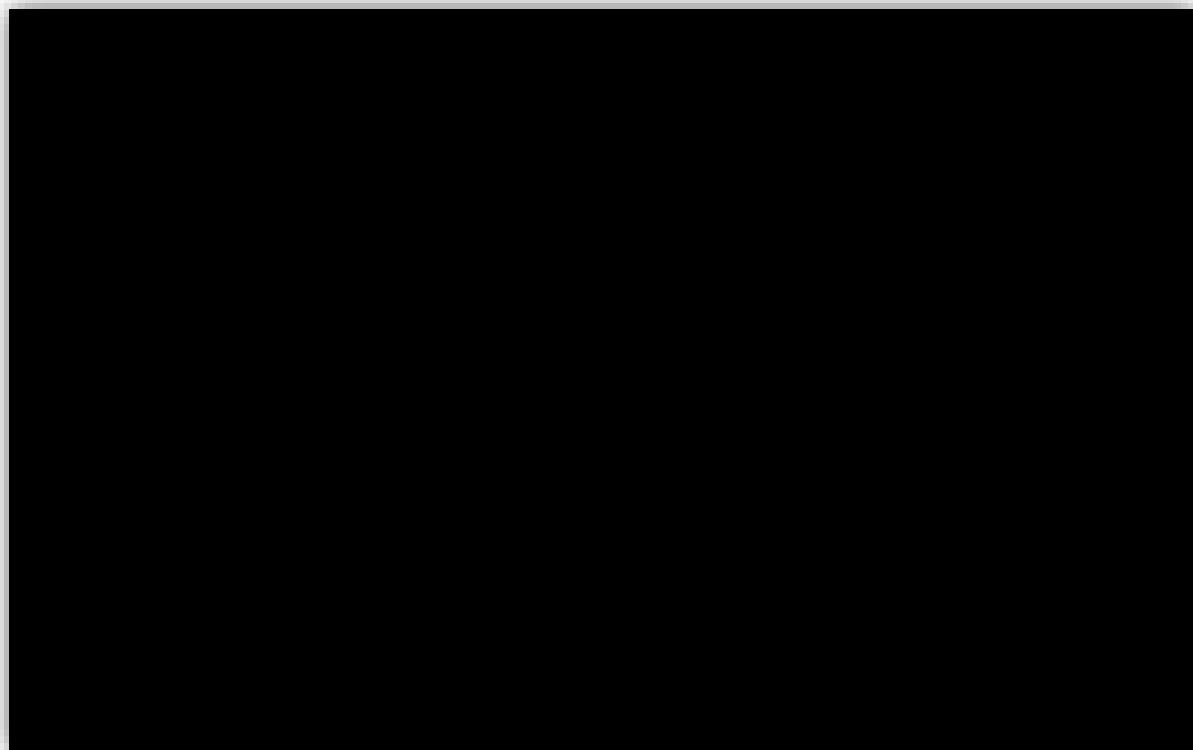
Wait for Green checkmark...  
**OK! Subscription successful**




Note: Sample rates must match

# DISCOVERY AND ROUTING

## DELETING



To delete a subscription:

1. **Expose the channels**
2. **Click on green checkmark** 
3. **Wait for it to disappear**

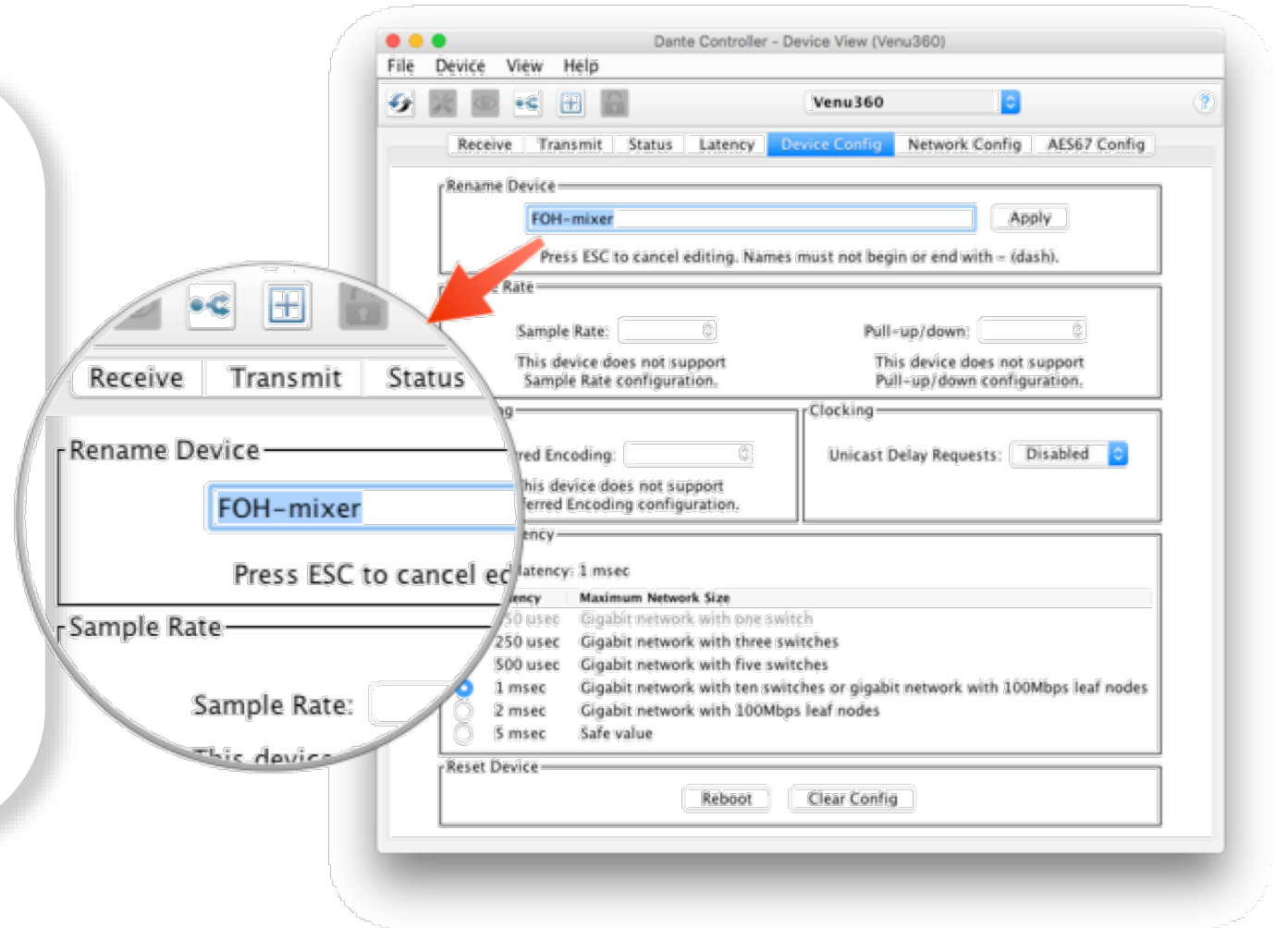
**OK! Subscription deleted**

# DEVICE NAMES

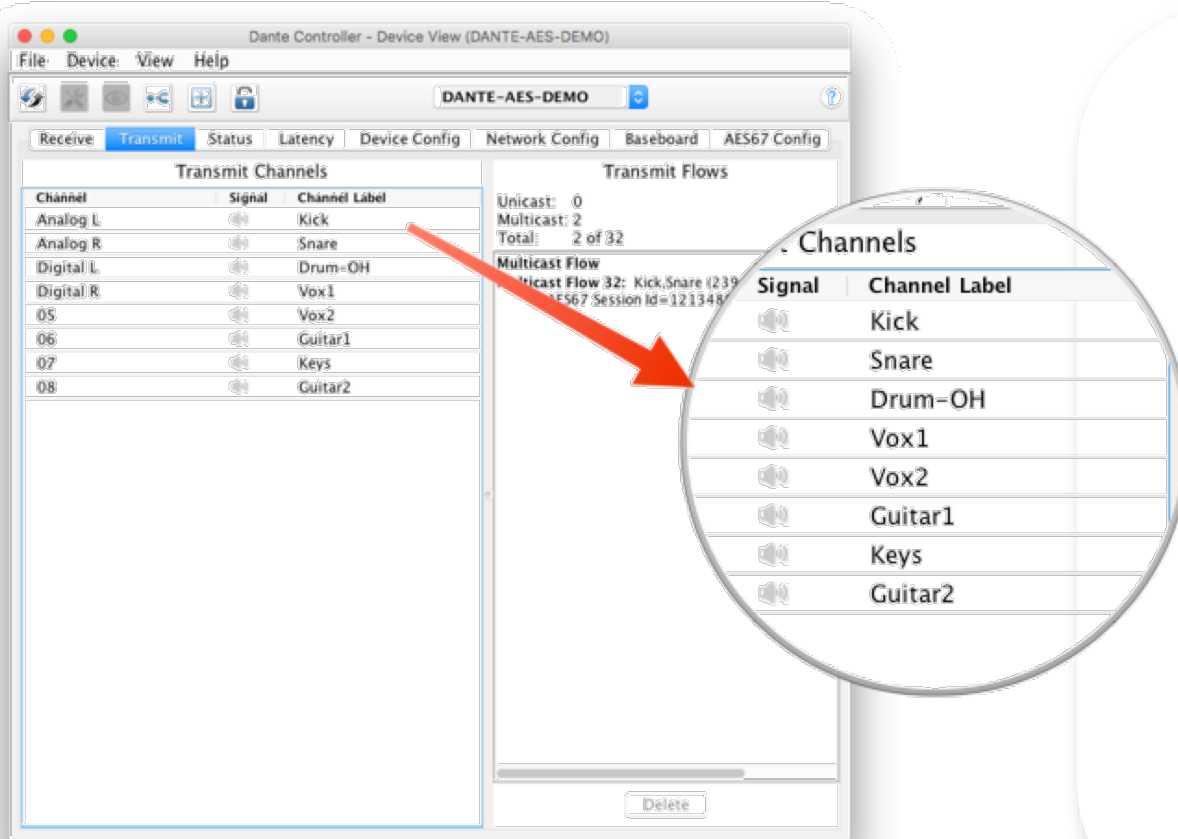
You can edit and use names of your choice

- Subscriptions are made from name to name

- Double click device in Routing view, go to Device Config tab



# CHANNEL LABELS



**Users can define the channel names**

**Names are remembered by devices**

Software version of “masking tape”



# ADJUST SAMPLE RATE

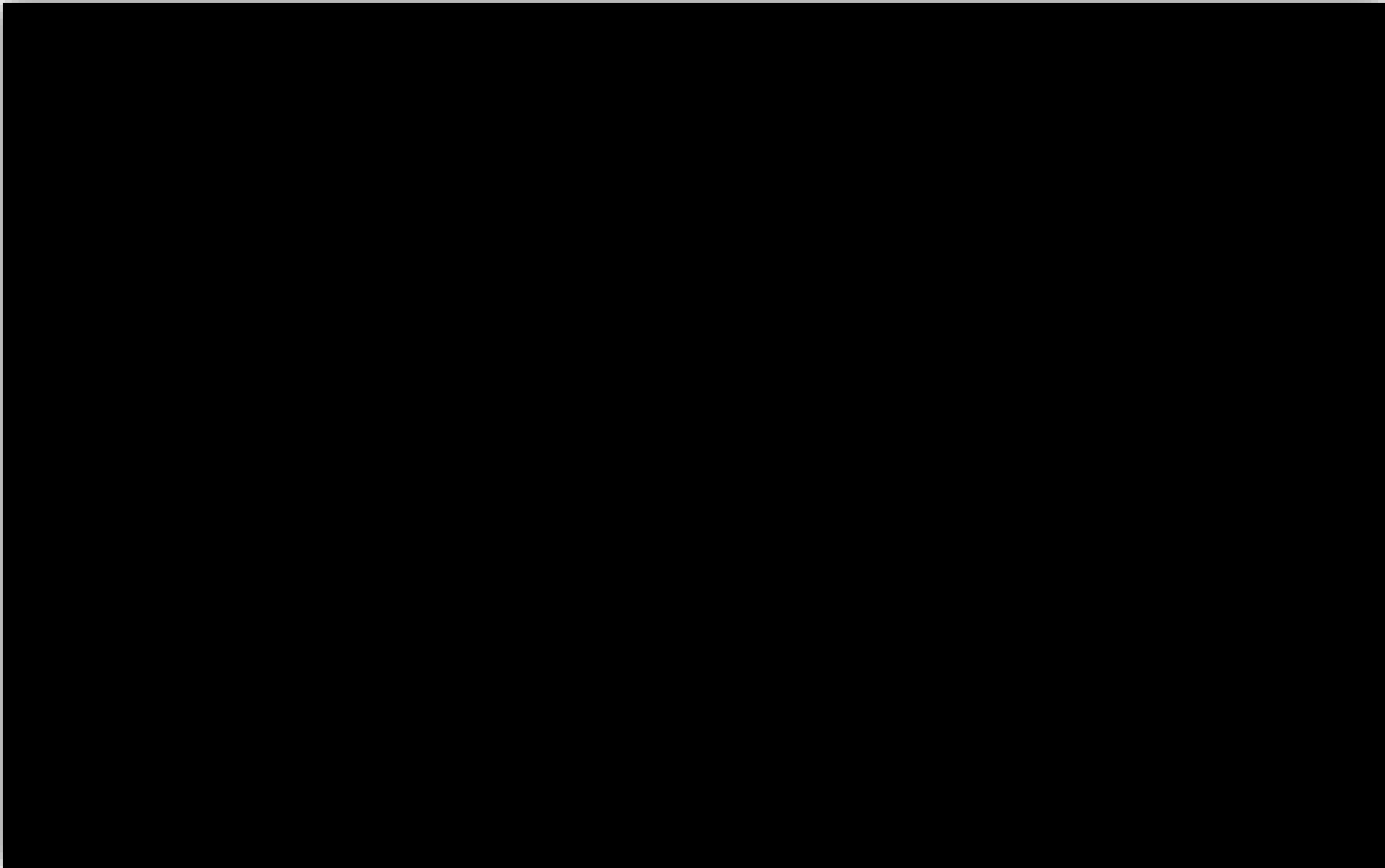
In Device View -> Device  
Config tab



Adjust sample rate and bit  
depth (Encoding) per product



Most common 48kHz / PCM 24



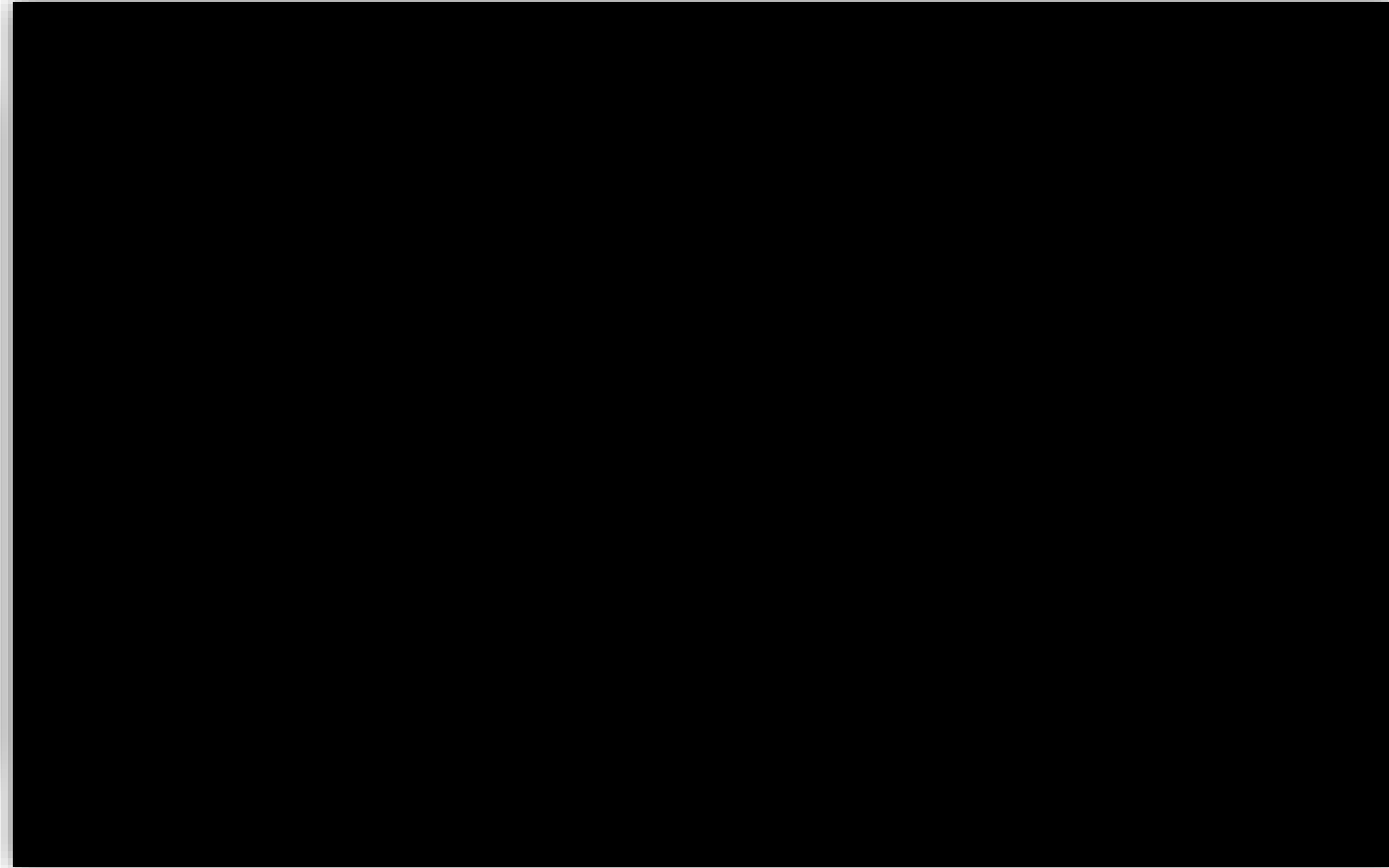
# DISCOVERY AND ROUTING

## SPLITS

Simply click at intersections of multiple receiver's channels

- Audio is sent to all subscribed devices and channels

- When splitting to **more than 3 devices**, Dante Controller will present “Fan Out” message, indicating that Multicast is recommended





# DISCOVERY AND ROUTING

## DIRECTLY CONNECT ONE DEVICE

A Dante device can be connected directly to a computer



Useful for recording using Dante Virtual Soundcard



Useful for renaming channels and adjust settings

# CREATING BACKUP DEVICES USING NAMES

Dante uses names to create subscriptions



Use this to create plug 'n play backup devices for critical gear



**Name both primary and backup devices,  
including all channels and labels, identically**



If the primary device fails, connect backup device to network  
Subscriptions are automatically re-established using names

# SUMMARY: KEY TAKEAWAYS 1

Dante Controller automatically displays connected devices



Dante devices and channels have user-definable names



Dante Controller displays both transmitter (source) and receiver (destination) channels



Channel to channel connections are called **subscriptions**



Subscriptions are made and deleted by clicking at the intersection of transmit and receive channels

## SUMMARY: KEY TAKEAWAYS 2

Subscriptions may only be made between devices running the same sample rate, adjusted in Device View



Dante devices “remember” settings and subscriptions



Dante automatically selects a Master Clock



Dante Controller does not need to remain on network

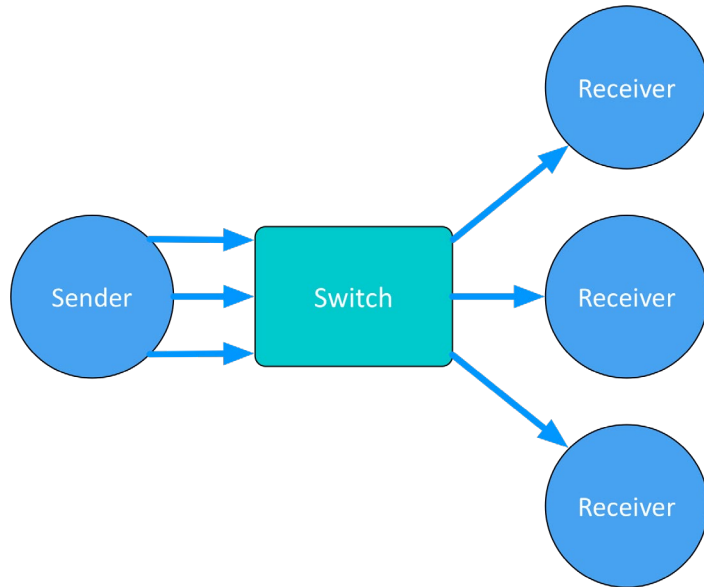


Dante does not alter audio data in any way

**Go with the (right) Flow!**

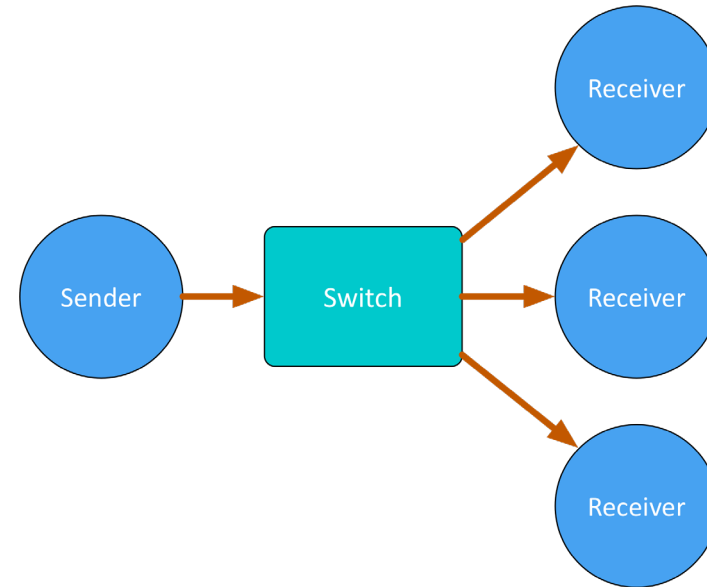
# UNICAST AND MULTICAST

## Unicast



1 data stream per receiver

## Multicast



1 data stream for all receivers

# UNICAST AND MULTICAST

## UNICAST

**One to one traffic**

- “Private conversation” – data sent uniquely from transmitter to each receiver

- **Default Dante behavior**

**Dante works  
with both!**

## MULTICAST (unmanaged)

**One to many traffic**

- “Public announcement” – messages sent to everybody on the network

- **Useful to solve “Fan Out” conditions**

# DANTE UNICAST FLOWS

1 Flow to 1 Receiver containing 1 channel of audio

Flow 1	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
	<b>Audio</b>	<b>(empty)</b>	<b>(empty)</b>	<b>(empty)</b>

1 Flow to 1 Receiver containing 4 channels of audio

Flow 2	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
	<b>Audio</b>	<b>Audio</b>	<b>Audio</b>	<b>Audio</b>

**Dante packages audio into 4-channel “Flows” when using Unicast for efficiency**

- Flows are unique to each receiver

- Flows may contain empty audio channels

- 1 channel sent to 1 receiver uses the same bandwidth as 4 channels



# DANTE UNICAST FLOWS

More receivers means more Flows

•  
More than 4 channels for the same receiver, means more Flows

•  
Small Dante devices (1 to 4 channels) support 2 Flows

•  
Large Dante devices (16 channels and up) support 32 Flows

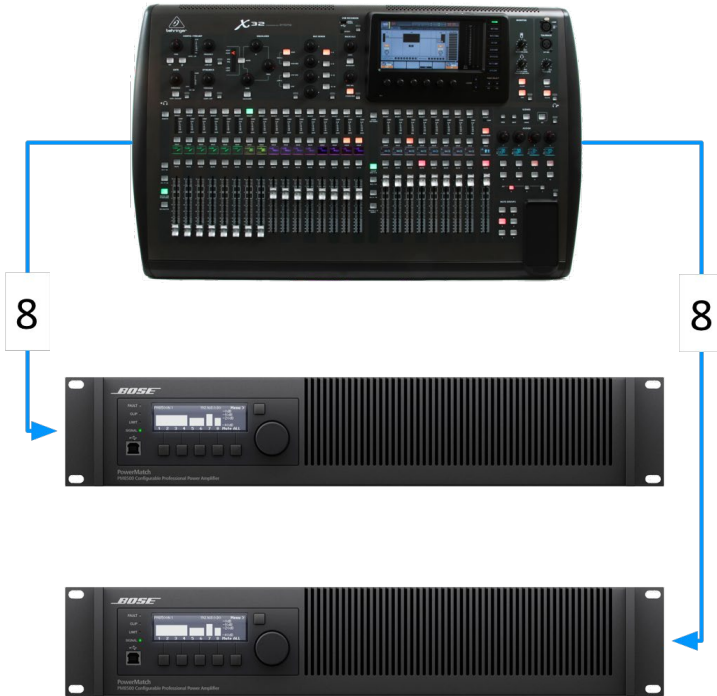


8

8 channels -> 2 flows



# DANTE AND UNICAST FLOWS

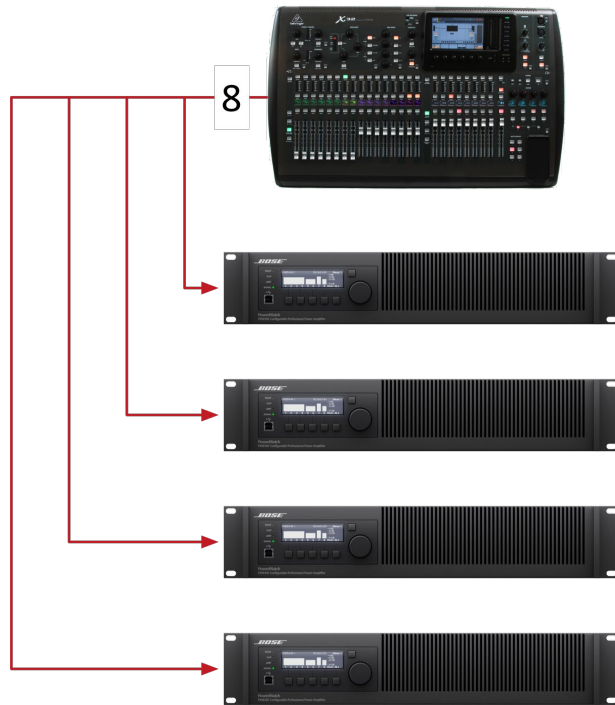


8 channels to each device  
2 flows each summing  
TOTAL of 4 flows = OK



**Dante Controller will warn “FAN OUT”**

# DANTE AND MULTICAST FLOWS



**8 channels -> 1 multicast flow**

**Multicast solves “fan out”  
condition**

- Up to 8 audio channels  
**in just 1 multicast flow**

- Configured in Dante Controller

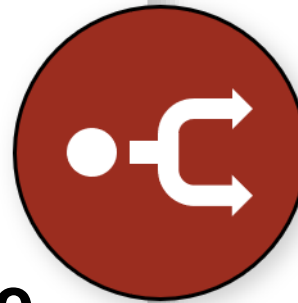
# CONFIGURING MULTICAST FLOWS

Open Device View

Click “Create Multicast Flow” button in toolbar

Choose up to **8 channels** for a single **multicast flow**

If needed, create more multicast flows



Create Multicast Flow

MainAmp supports up to **8** channels per flow.

Select one or more transmit channels to be placed in multicast flows.

Channel Name	Add to New Flow
Overhead	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Snare	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vox1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vox2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Guitar1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keys	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guitar2	<input type="checkbox"/>

Create Cancel

# DO I NEED TO CONTROL MULTICAST?

On gigabit networks, multicast traffic is unlikely to be a problem



Example: 64 channels of multicast produces approximately 100mbits/sec of traffic



If using 100mbps devices or Wi-Fi access on the same network, use multicast filter (IGMP Snooping)

# BROADCAST AND MULTICAST DIFFERENCES

**Broadcast is a common type of network traffic,**  
but cannot be managed in the same way as Multicast can

•  
If *unmanaged*, both send data out of all members of a LAN

•  
Multicast traffic can be organized to send data  
only to requesters (receivers) – **IGMP snooping**

•  
Organization of multicast receiving groups  
is done with managed switch

•  
Separate LANs or VLANs are used to manage both types

Dante uses unicast by default.



Dante audio is packaged into multi-channel flows.



Number of flows is limited (between 2 and 32)



Each receiver requires at least 1 flow



Unmanaged multicast sends data to all devices



Multicast is useful for conserving flows in one-to-many situations

# DANTE Controller Advanced Settings



# WHAT IS DEVICE LOCK?

Prevents tampering with Dante routes and settings



Requires Dante Controller 3.10 and firmware update for hardware



Supported in Dante Virtual Soundcard and Dante Via

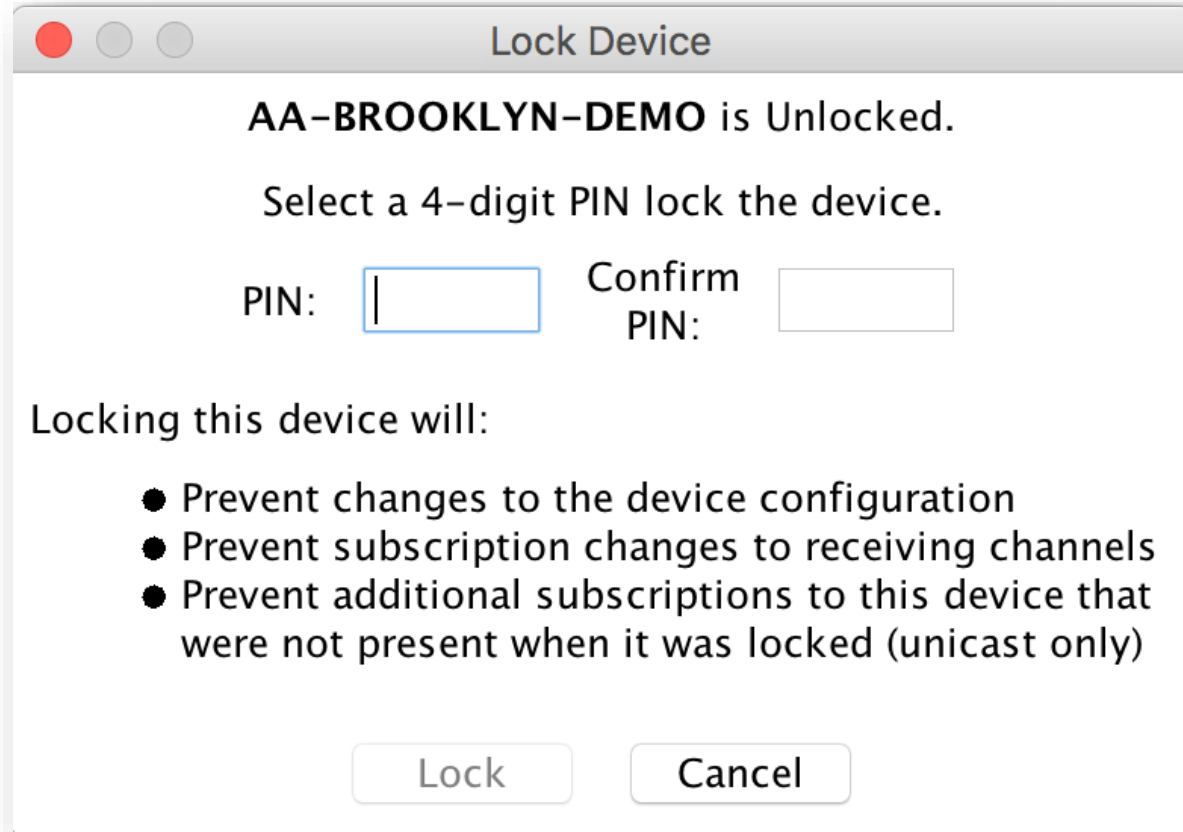


Only affects devices as seen through  
Dante Controller

Changes from inside products are not locked



# ENABLING DEVICE LOCK



Lock Device

AA-BROOKLYN-DEMO is Unlocked.

Select a 4-digit PIN lock the device.

PIN:  Confirm PIN:

Locking this device will:

- Prevent changes to the device configuration
- Prevent subscription changes to receiving channels
- Prevent additional subscriptions to this device that were not present when it was locked (unicast only)



Check to see which devices support locking

Click Lock button in Device View or check Device lock checkbox in Device Info

Select PIN in dialog box

Done

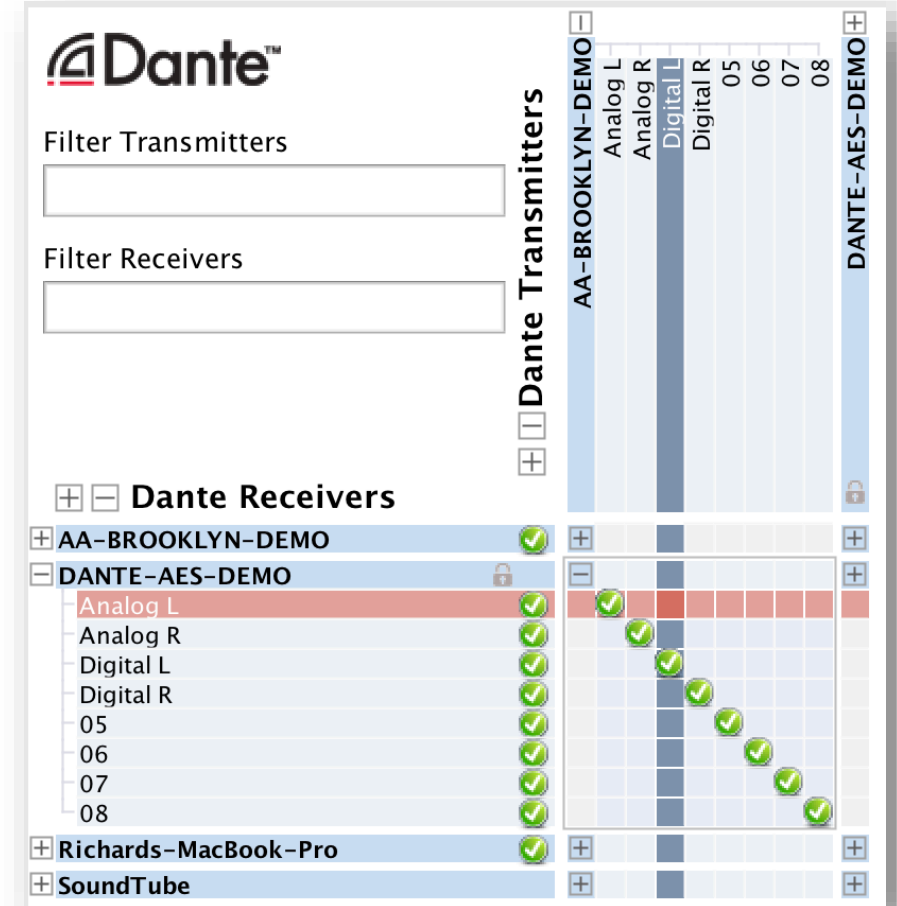
# WORKING WITH DEVICE LOCK

Locked devices have a lock icon in the name bar

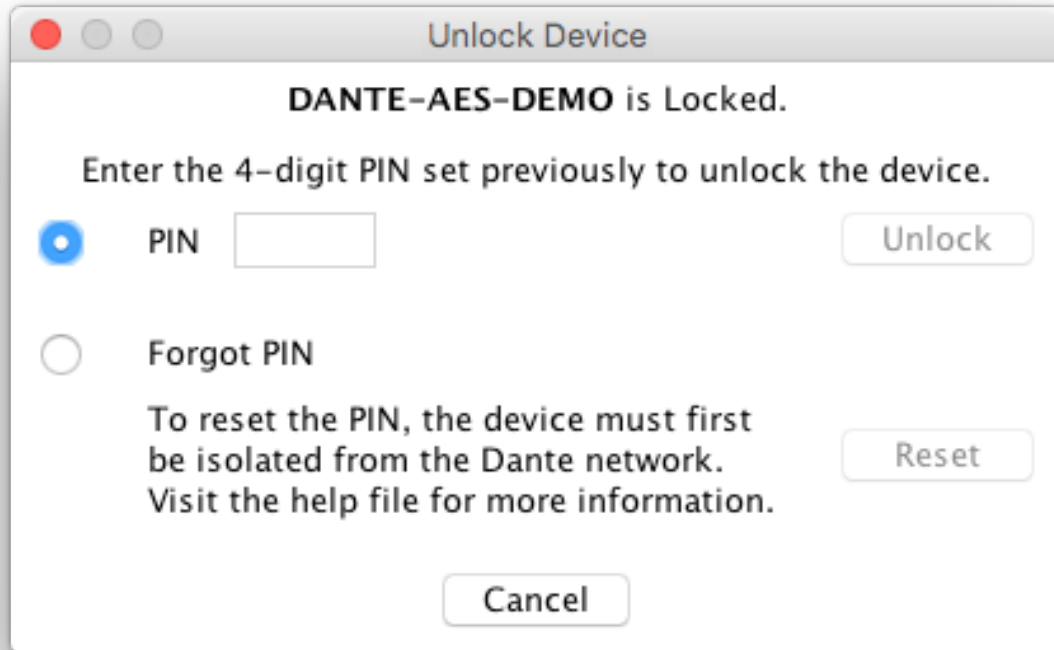
When a locked channel is selected, highlight is red

Attempts to change routes result in no action

Limit flows used by transmitters



# UNLOCKING A DEVICE



Unlock Device

**DANTE-AES-DEMO is Locked.**

Enter the 4-digit PIN set previously to unlock the device.

☒ PIN

☐ Forgot PIN

To reset the PIN, the device must first be isolated from the Dante network.  
Visit the help file for more information.



Open Device View

Click “Lock” button

Select PIN in dialog box

Unlock device

Old PIN is forgotten

Yes, there is a recovery scheme!

Best when both Transmitter and Receiver support feature  
Lock both for maximum security



A Locked Receiver prevents changes to its subscriptions



A Locked Transmitter can prevent transmitting to other  
devices only



Lockable and unlockable devices can be mixed

# DANTE PRESETS

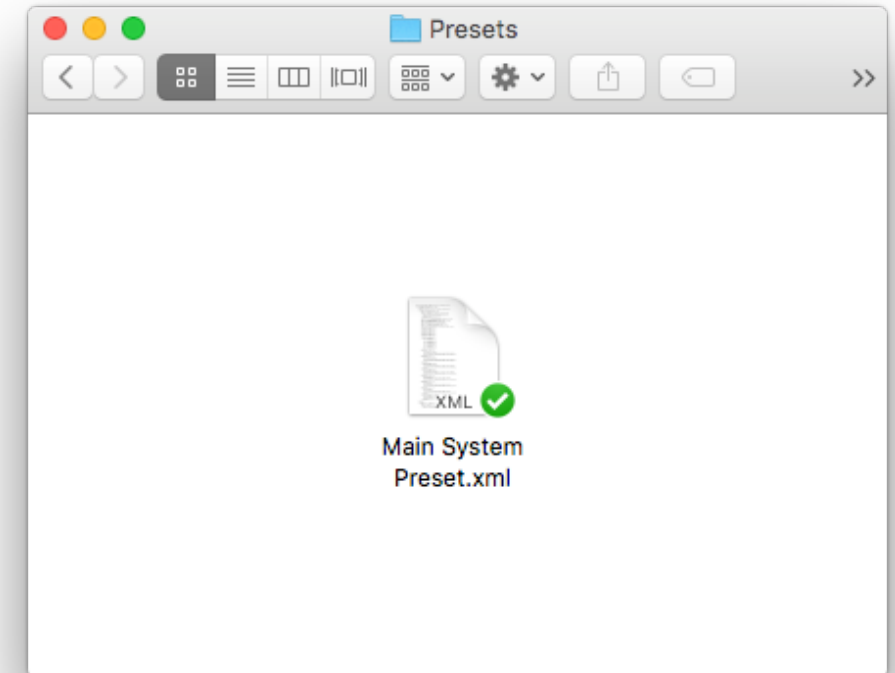
Dante network configuration can be saved in a file



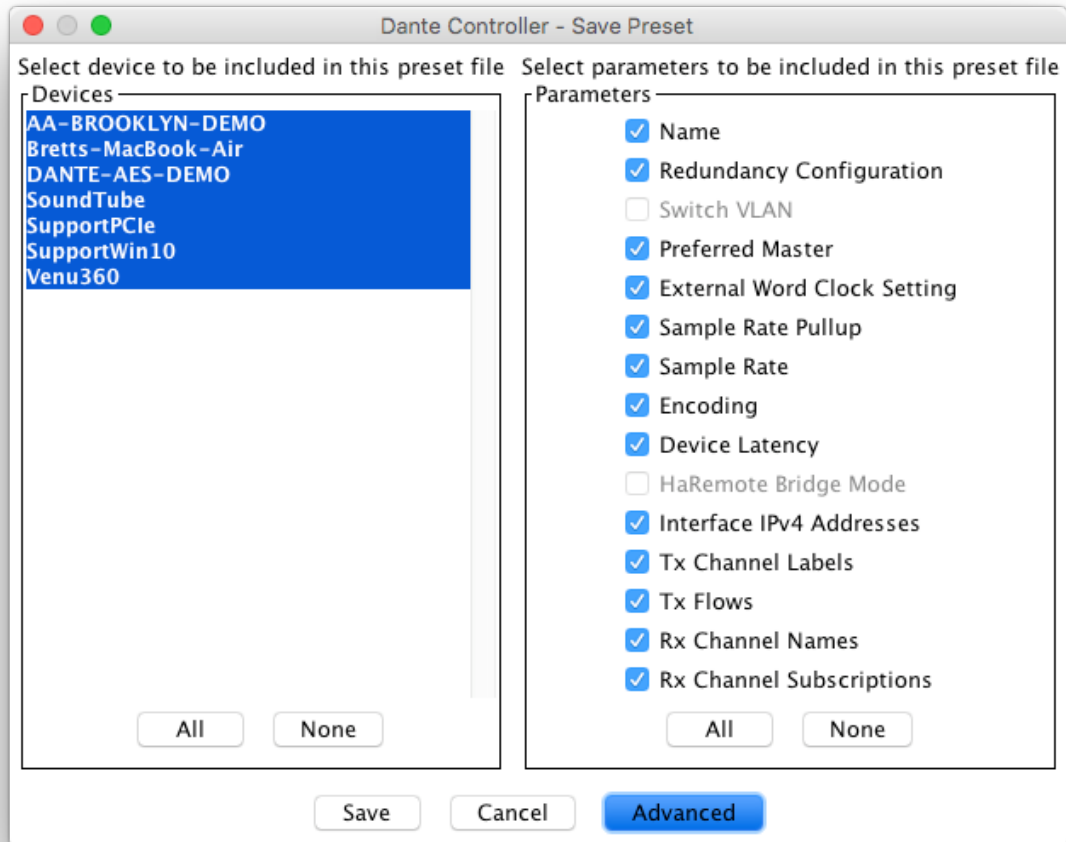
Preset may include device names and roles



Quickly reconfigure a Dante system to a known state



# CAPTURING A PRESET



Click the 'Save Preset' button in the main toolbar 

Select devices that you wish to include in the preset

Select parameters to save

Save the file in any folder

# DEPLOYING A PRESET

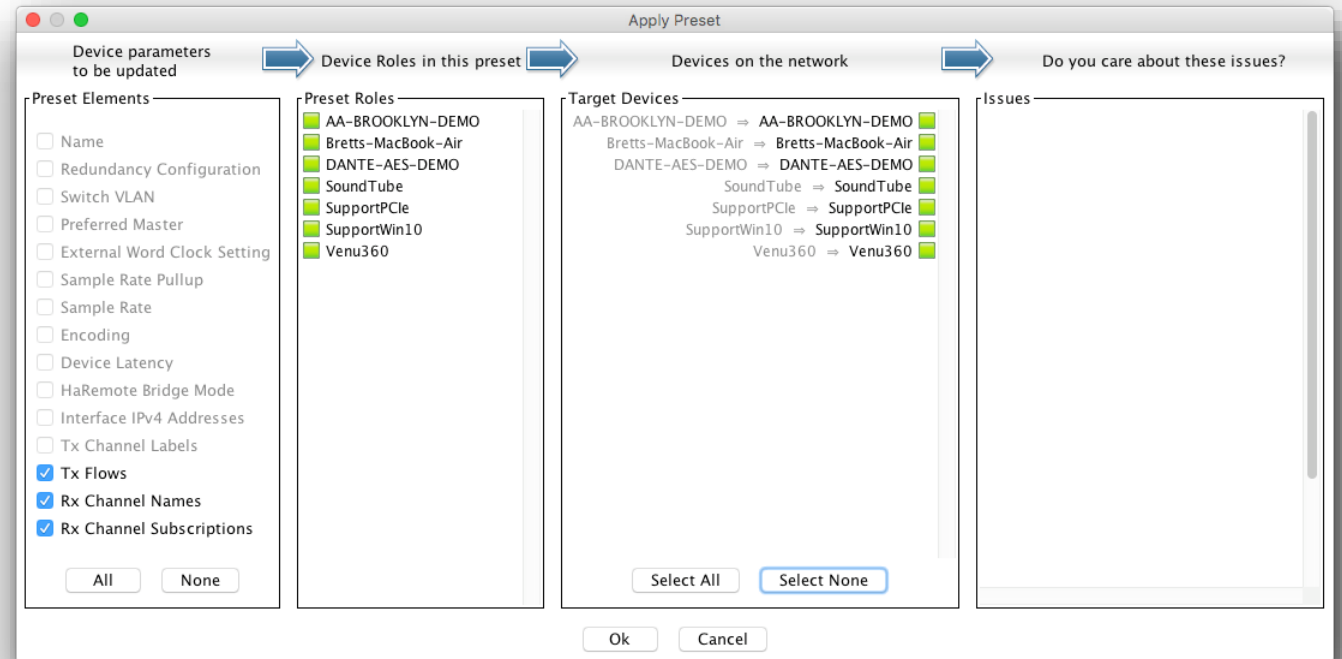
Choose “Load preset”



Select preset file

Check elements  
to apply (names,  
sample rates, etc.)

Apply





Dante Settings are stored in Dante devices – not in Dante Controller



**After power-cycle all  
subscriptions are automatically  
re-established**



**“I don’t want to miss a thing” aka. Redundancy**

# WHAT IS DANTE REDUNDANCY?

Create two physically independent networks using Primary and Secondary Dante ports



Audio flows on both networks simultaneously. There are no failover, no clicks or pops



For mission critical systems

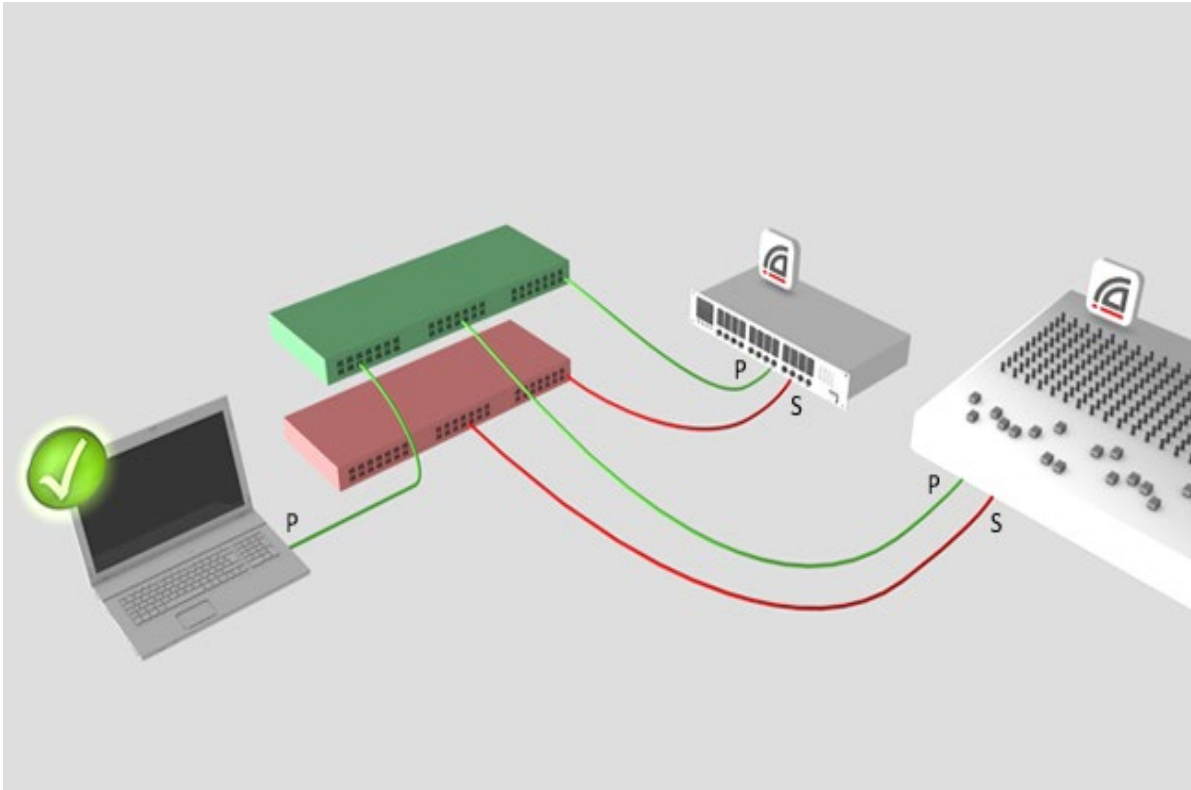
**DEPARTMENT OF  
REDUNDANCY  
DEPARTMENT**

# Dante Ports and Functions



**ATTENTION: DO NOT connect the Primary to the Secondary port on the same device as this will cause the network to fail!**

# SETTING UP REDUNDANCY



Setup Primary network first

- **Use a separate set of cables to connect the Secondary ports to an additional switch**

- No other interaction required

- Some devices have only Primary

# REDUNDANCY AND DANTE CONTROLLER

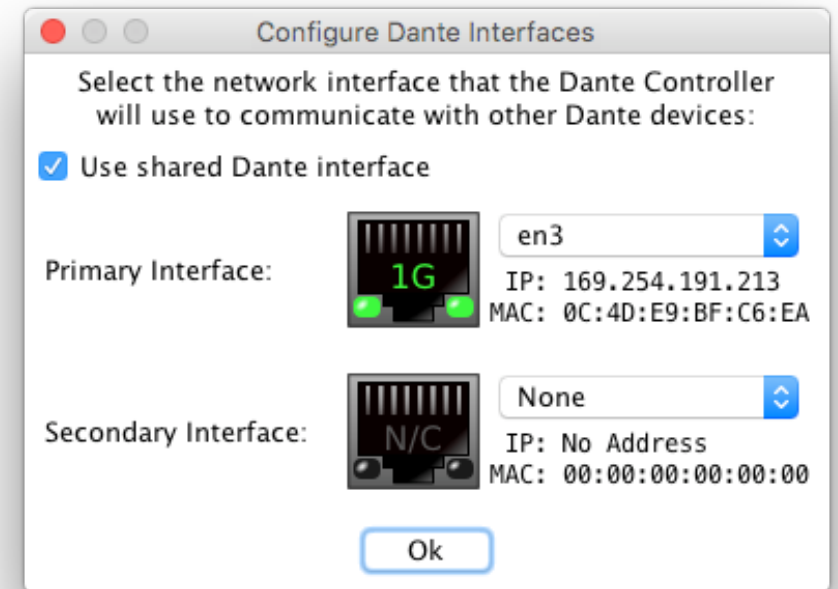
Dante Controller can be connected to both Primary and Secondary interface



Control is passed from one network to the other



If Primary fails, Dante Controller can be connected to Secondary



# Dante Ports and Functions: Redundant





# Redundant Networks – Both Run Full-Time



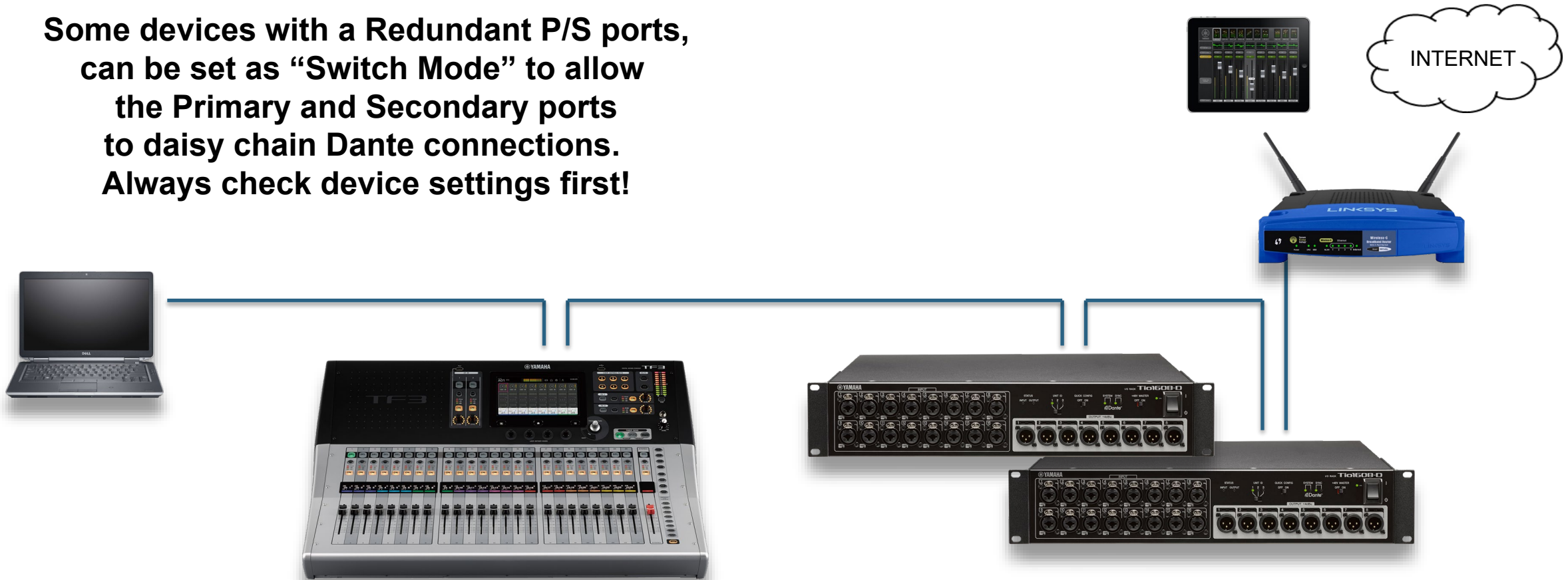


# Redundant Networks – Both Run Full-Time



# Dante Ports and Functions: Daisy Chain

**Some devices with a Redundant P/S ports,  
can be set as “Switch Mode” to allow  
the Primary and Secondary ports  
to daisy chain Dante connections.  
Always check device settings first!**



# Recording with Dante Virtual Soundcard

# WHAT IS DANTE VIRTUAL SOUND CARD? (DVS)

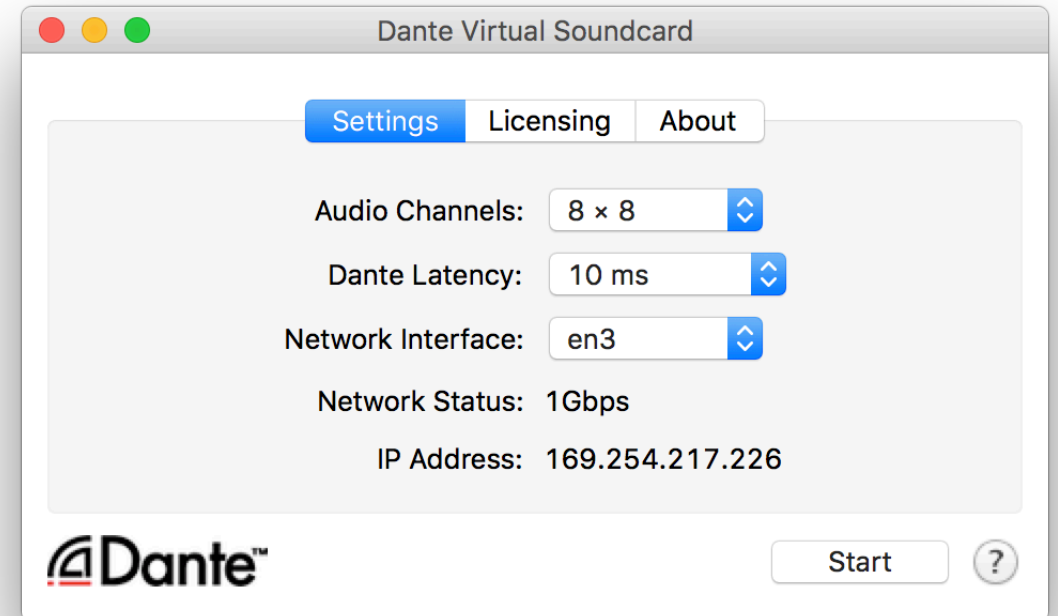
Soft Soundcard for Mac or PC



**Turns your computer into a Dante-enabled Workstation, connecting audio applications to the Dante Network**



**Record and playout from 2x2 up to 64x64 channels using any DAW software**



# SETTING UP DANTE VIRTUAL SOUND CARD

Start or Stop the service

Must be stopped to adjust



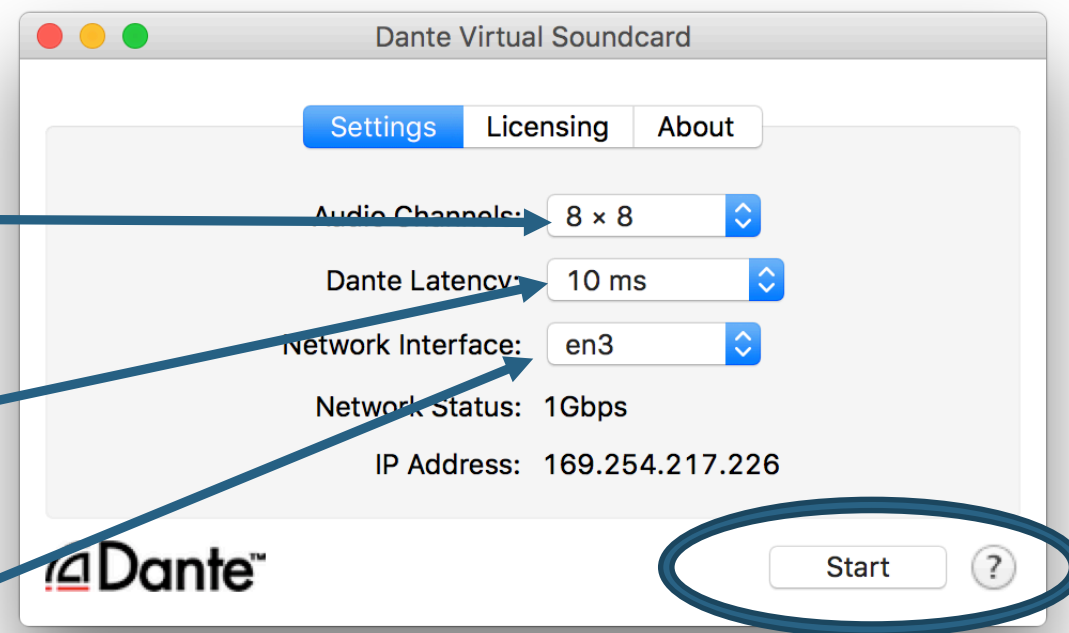
Audio channels 2x2 – 64x64



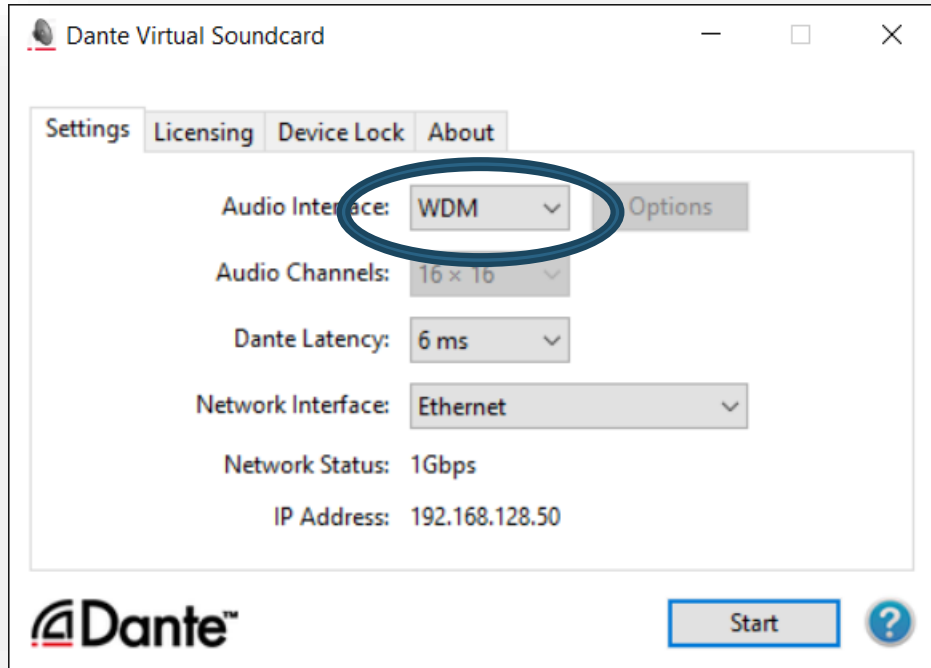
Latency – 4ms – 10ms



Choose network interface



# DANTE VIRTUAL SOUND CARD IN WINDOWS



Choice of WDM or ASIO drivers

- ASIO common in professional audio applications

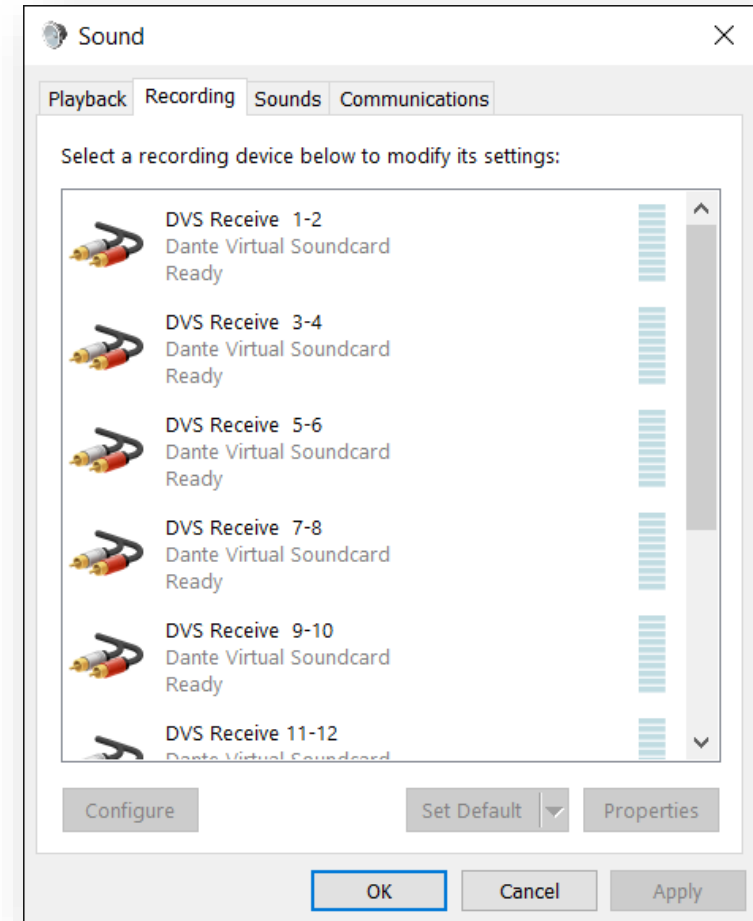
- WDM common in consumer audio products

# DANTE VIRTUAL SOUND CARD IN WINDOWS

WDM drivers 16x16 channels only

- WDM channels presented by Windows as stereo pairs

- Each stem appears as a stereo “device” in Windows Sound settings

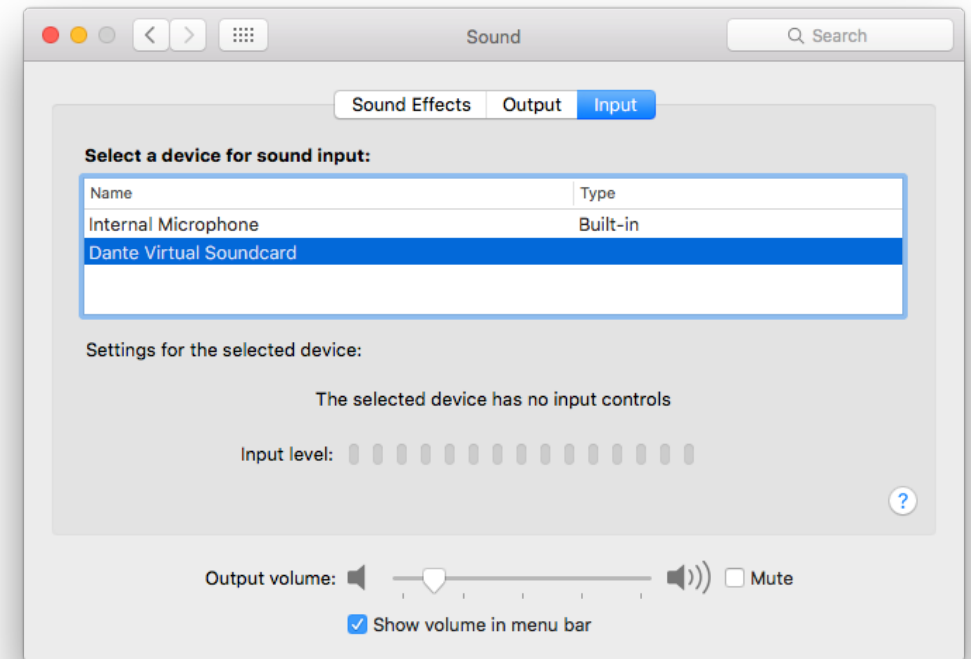


# DANTE VIRTUAL SOUND CARD IN OSX

On OS X, Dante Virtual Soundcard appears as a regular Core Audio device

- Works with both pro and consumer applications

- Can be made default sound device





# CONNECT TO A DAW

Launch Dante Virtual Soundcard

Set number of channels and Start DVS

DVS will appear as audio device on computer

Mac – Core Audio

Windows – ASIO or WDM

Select as I/O device in DAW preferences

Output Device: Dante Virtual Soundcard

Input Device: Dante Virtual Soundcard

ASIO Driver: Dante Virtual Soundcard (x64)

☒ Enable inputs:

first 1: Dante rx 1

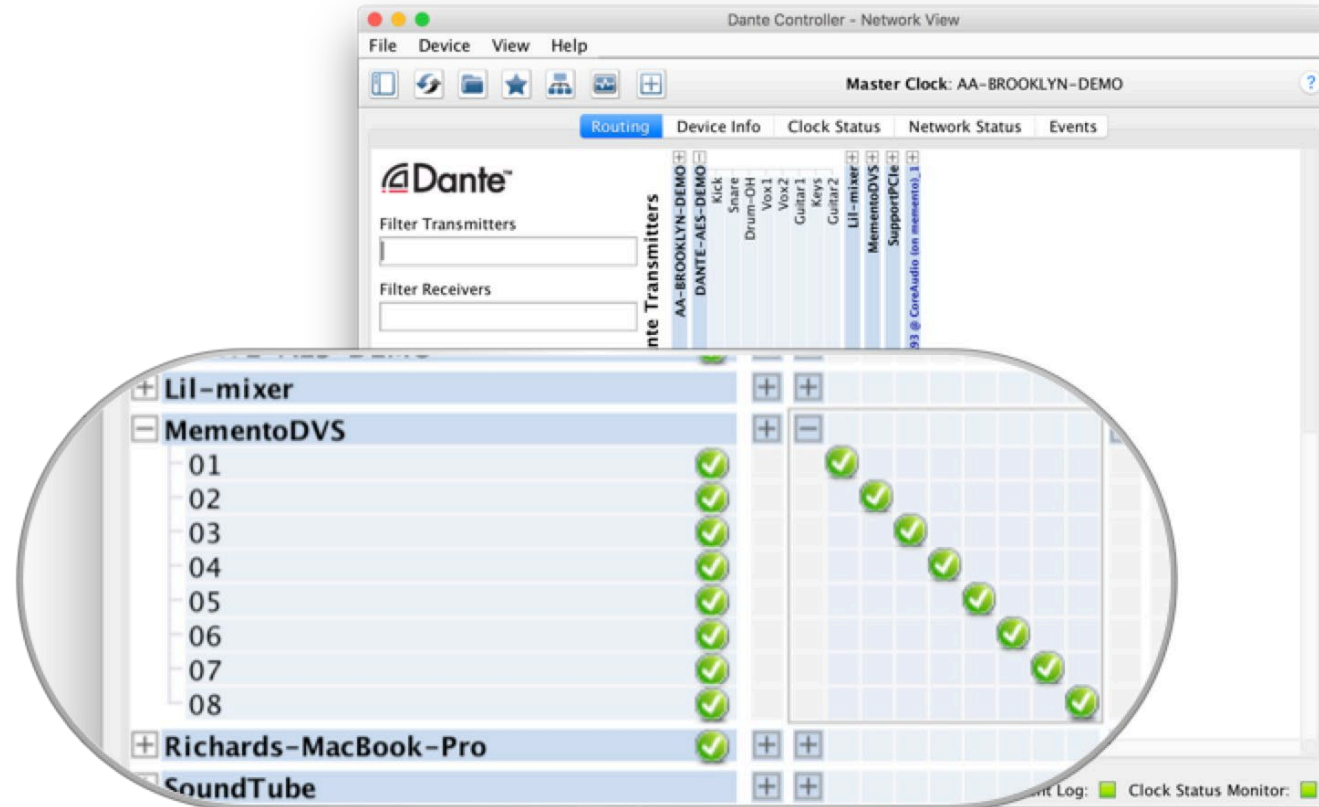
last 8: Dante rx 8

Output range:

first 1: Dante tx 1

last 8: Dante tx 8

# SUBSCRIBE CHANNELS



Computer with DVS appears  
as device in Dante Controller

Subscribe channels to Dante  
devices on network

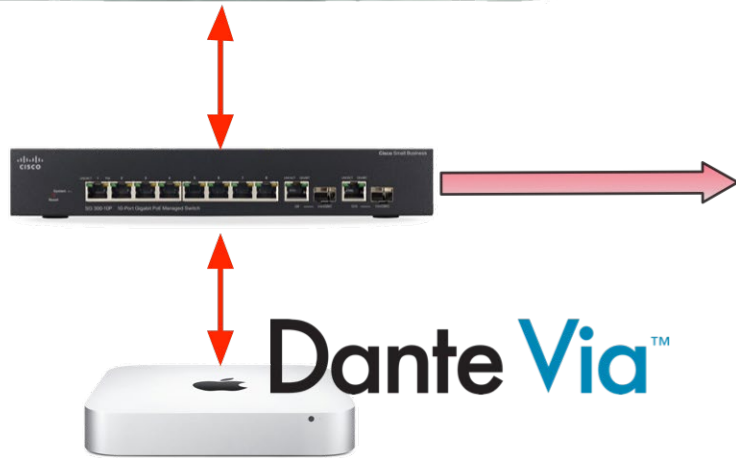
Record and Playout with  
DAW

Adjust sample rate in Dante  
Controller like other devices

# CLOCKING DANTE VIRTUAL SOUND CARD



Dante Virtual Soundcard does not contain a hardware clock  
**DVS cannot be the Clock Master**



Computer must be connected to a network with Dante-enabled hardware or another computer running Dante Via...

**...what is Dante Via?**

# WHAT IS DANTE VIA?

Software for Mac or PC



Connect any audio device to Dante network



Connect any audio application to Dante network



Drag and drop to create internal routings on computer

**Dante Via can be a Clock Master**  
Creating a software-only Dante-Via Network! 😊



**Dante Via and DVS cannot run on the  
same computer at the same time**

# DANTE VIA: EXTENDING USB I/O

Connect USB I/O



Launch Dante Via  
USB I/O discovered



Check “Enable Dante” for  
USB I/O



On second computer running  
Dante Via, USB I/O appears  
Also in Dante Controller



Drag USB I/O to destination  
in Dante Via



# DANTE VIA:

## AUDIO APPLICATION ON DANTE

Start audio application, such  
as iTunes



iTunes is auto-discovered



Select “Enable Dante” for  
iTunes



iTunes appears as labeled  
channels in Dante Controller



Application audio only - no  
system sounds





# DANTE VIA: MONITORING CHANNELS

“Enable Dante” for your  
headphone jack (built-in output)



Headphone jack appears in Dante  
Controller



Route any Dante channels  
directly to headphones without  
disturbing audio



**Now...what?**

<http://www.audinate.com/certify>

- Create Audinate account
- Take Levels 1 and 2 tests
- Level 2 has a web-simulator of Dante Controller for the practical test

# GET READY TO LEVEL 3

Prepare for Level 3



Networking Concepts

TCP and UDP

Transmission Methods

ARP, mDNS and much more



Good luck!



# Thank you!

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