

Quick Start

There are four (fairly) simple steps to get your Sound Card/Sound Engine ready for use. If you are not an extremely confident computer user, we recommend that you review and read a detailed explanation of these steps in the "SETUP GUIDE" very carefully BEFORE you begin the assembly/installation process.

1. Verify you have what it takes, ready to go

- MIDI Output Source: Digital Piano, Portable Keyboard, MIDI controller etc.
- Amplifier/Speaker combination accepting RCA or 1/4" input—or—standard PC Multimedia sound system.
- Personal Computer should meet the following specifications:
 - 1 Available PCI Slot for soundcard installation
 - Windows XP Home or Pro Operating System
 - PIII or later processor running 800mhz or greater
 - 1 GB (gigabytes) free hard drive space
 - 256 mb RAM
 - CDROM Drive
 - Monitor/Video Capable of 1024x768 resolution
- Tools to open computer case (usually small Phillips head screwdriver)

2. Install the Soundcard & Drivers into your PC

- Open Case, Install PC Soundcard into available PCI Slot following instructions in soundcard box.
- Follow Directions provided with Soundcard to install driver.
- **NOTE: Creative Labs has distinct driver installation procedures that do not always follow Windows Plug and Play automatic procedures. Please refer to installation guide included with Soundcard.

3. Connect keyboard and speakers

- Connect your MIDI interface to your computer as recommended by manufacturer. .
- Connect your Soundcard output (green jack) to an audio amplification source. Most common choices are:
 - Digital Piano Audio inputs using RCA or 1/4" inputs—see including cables/adapters
 - Multimedia Speaker System (plugs directly into green soundcard jack)
 - Stereo System (typically uses RCA jacks).
- If Connecting a Microphone to the system, use the pink colored jack on the rear of the soundcard.

WARNING: ALWAYS BE VERY CAREFUL TO LOWER AMPLIFIER VOLUME DURING SYSTEM STARTUP.

4. Install & Configure Software Applications

- Install software programs - or configure to use the Sound Card's audio/MIDI capabilities.
- Review the Software Configuration Chart on the reverse side (over) for tips on commonly used programs
- Configure MIDI settings for each application to allow communication between your keyboard and your computer system:
 - MIDI IN: Choose: Your MIDI Input device (USB MIDI in, etc)
 - MIDI OUT: Choose: Audigy Synth A (or most similar)
- See Setup guide for recommended Final Configuration changes to Windows settings, file settings etc.

Software Settings Tips*

The following notes are provided as a guide to help configure software some commonly used software applications

| Program | How to access MIDI Settings | Other Settings | Other Program Notes |
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| Home Concert Xtreme | [>Preferences>MIDI Setup Up] | Recommend making Home Concert your default .mid player. | The [>Settings>Following] menu allows you to fine tune the software to your preferences. |
| Cakewalk Music Creator | [>Options>MIDI Devices] | Audio Properties (see Cakewalk manual) | [>Options>Global] will allow you to change file folder locations |
| Music Ace | Main Menu, Preferences, MIDI Output Driver & MIDI Input Driver | | Requires program CD for Operation |
| Piano Suite Deluxe | Automated interview to setup and test MIDI. | In Profile (from Main Menu), choose appropriate size keyboard | Requires program CD for Operation |
| Musication for ePiano | [<Input Device> & <Output Device>] (from main exercise menu) | Set folders for scores, tests, [Options >Administration>Folder Options] | Build tests customize levels in Administrator section. |
| Soundsetter | [>Edit>Options] | | |
| MusiConsole 2 | NA | Drag and Drop Applications onto to tabs and post—or right click | Choose Administrator Mode in Support/Options to allow editing of buttons. |
| <p>*The tips are provided as a general guide- please refer to Software Manuals and Help systems, as settings can be subtly different between software versions. Please call Mindware Music for additional assistance.</p> | | | |