

Release Notes, Manual, Workaround EN RTW USB Connect V1.0

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Release Notes

The RTW USB Connect software enables a direct audio connection between a TM3-Primus as a plug-in within a DAW environment. It also offers the remote control within the DAW for start/stop/reset to the TM3-Primus. With this software it is no longer necessary to define the TM3-Primus as output device. The software can also be used as a stand-alone remote control for start/stop/reset to the TM3-Primus.

Features

- Plug-in operation for a direct audio connection between DAW and TM3-Primus via USB Connect.
- Direct access of Stereo or 5.1 audio signals from the DAW without dropping the audio interface.
- Monitoring and metering at the same time.
- No need to define TM3-Primus as standard audio output device in the computer system.
- Remote control of start/stop/reset functions of the directly connected TM3-Primus via plug-in.
- Stand-alone operation for monitoring and metering of audio signals coming from media players or internet at the same time, and for remote control of start/stop/reset functions of a TM3-Primus.

Compatibility

Platforms:

- Windows® 7 and 8:
 - VST2.4 for Windows®
 - VST3 for Windows®
 - RTAS for Windows®
 - AAX for Windows®

Compatibility testing performed with:

- Sequoia 12, Samplitude Pro X, Pyramix 9 (VST2.4)
- Cubase 7, 7.5, 8, Nuendo 6.5, WaveLab 8, 8.5 (VST3)
- Pro Tools 10.3.10 (RTAS)
- Pro Tools 11.3.1, Media Composer 8 (AAX)

VST3 is not supported for Pyramix and Samplitude Pro X 2

- Mac OS X® 10.7.5, 10.8.5, 10.9.5, or 10.10.3:
 - VST3 for Mac OS X®
 - RTAS for Mac OS X®
 - AAX for Mac OS X®
 - AU for Mac OS X®

Compatibility testing performed with:

- Cubase 7.5, 8 (VST3)
- Pro Tools 10.3.10 (RTAS)
- Pro Tools 11.3.1, Media Composer 8 (AAX on Mac OS X® 10.9.5)
- Pro Tools 11.3.1 (AAX on Mac OS X® 10.10.3)
- Logic Pro X 10.10.1 (AU, 64 Bit)

VST2.4 is not supported

AU is not supported for Final Cut Pro X

System and Operation Requirements

- Software installation:**
- Dual-core processor 2.5 GHz
 - 4 GB RAM
 - 200 MB free hard disk space

Sample rates: 44.1 kHz, 48 kHz, 88.2 kHz, 96 kHz

- TM3-Primus operation:**
- RTW TM3-Primus is equipped with firmware version 1-02 or higher *)
 - "RTW Primus USB-Audio Driver v2.24.0" *) or higher is installed on Windows® operating systems
 - Input selection of TM3-Primus is set to "USB audio 2.0" or "USB audio 5.1"
 - RTW USB Connect software is installed

- with DAW:
- A Stereo- or 5.1 track is active in the DAW
 - RTW USB Connect plug-in is instanced to the track being measured
 - Active connection between plug-in and TM3-Primus

- with stand-alone:
- At least two channels are activated in the Audio Setup menu of the RTW USB Connect software
 - A sound card with Loopback function is defined as standard output device

*) : This software and the corresponding manuals are available in "Audio Monitors/TM3-Primus" section at members area on the RTW web site:
<https://www.rtw.com/en/download/manuals-software.html>

Known Issues

ID 1743	On some Mac OS X® operating systems, USB audio streaming is not supported with USB Connect. It is only available as remote control for start/stop/reset functions without any display.
Platform	Mac OS X® 10.8.5 and 10.9.5
Workaround	Create a Multi Output Device (see Workaround below) in the corresponding operating system and select it for output in order to monitor and to meter at the same time.

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The start/stop/reset functions may be inactive in some cases, if TM3-Primus is already connected via USB when starting the DAW.

Plattform

Pro Tools

Workaround

Start Pro Tools first. When it is ready for operation, then start TM3-Primus and connect it.

Notes

DAW

The following DAW's are not supported or not supported any more.

- Premiere Pro CC
- Soundtrack Pro
- Final Cut Pro X

Plug-in formats

The following plug-in formats are not supported:

- VST2.4 on Mac OS®
- VST3 for Pyramix and Samplitude Pro X 2 on Windows®

Buffer setting

Do not change buffer settings on the fly, but proceed as follows:

Procedure

- Disconnect TM3-Primus from RTW USB Connect
- Change the buffer settings
- Connect TM3-Primus to RTW USB Connect again
- Check the synchronization of the settings

RTW USB Connect

Only one instance of the plug-in should be connected resp. should send audio data to TM3-Primus. Otherwise level summing resp. variations in the measuring result may occur.

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Manual

In the following section, the installation of the RTW USB Connect software and its configuration for the use with a DAW or as stand alone application is described. The system requirements are listed above in the Release Notes section.

1 | Installation

- Check, that TM3-Primus is equipped with firmware version 1-02 *) or higher. Set Input selection to "USB audio 2.0" or "USB audio 5.1".
- On Windows® operating systems, install the RTW Primus USB Audio Driver Version 2.24. *) or higher.
- Install the RTW USB Connect software as plug-in, and as stand-alone application, if desired.

*) : This software and the corresponding manuals are available in "Audio Monitors/TM3-Primus" section at members area on the RTW web site: <https://www.rtw.com/en/download/manuals-software.html>

2 | Configuration for stand-alone operation

- Access the preferences of your sound card and activate the Loopback function.
- Define your sound card as standard output device.
- Run the RTW USB Connect stand-alone application.
- Click to the gear wheel to open the menu with the settings. The "Audio" tab with the "Audio Setup" menu is displayed. Select it, if it is not displayed.
- Select the audio device type, the device, and at least 2 active input channels.
- Synchronize the sample rate and the audio buffer size. If needed, open the preferences of the selected audio device with a click to the "Control panel" button. Possibly, the synchronization must be done manually. Therefore click the "Reset device" button.
- Click to "OK" to confirm the changes.
- The left symbol displays the state of the connection to TM3-Primus. Click to the symbol to activate the routing of the audio signal to TM3-Primus. Now, audio signals can be monitored and metered at the same time. Another click deactivates the routing.

3 | Configuration for plug-in operation

- Define a Stereo or 5.1 track in your DAW.
- Insert the RTW USB Connect plug-in into the track being measured.
- The RTW USB Connect plug-in is displayed on the screen, and DAW and TM3-Primus will be connected.
- The left symbol displays the state of the connection to TM3-Primus. Click to the symbol to activate the routing of the audio signal to TM3-Primus. Now, the audio signals from your DAW can be monitored and metered at the same time. Another click deactivates the routing.

Workaround for Mac OS X® 10.8.5 and 10.9.5

Due to characteristics of the system, some Mac OS X® operating systems don't support the RTW USB Connect software. On versions 10.8.5 and 10.9.5, corresponding error messages are displayed. USB Connect would only provide the remote control of the start/stop/reset functions without displaying any audio signal on TM3-Primus' screen.

The following workaround describes how to use a Multi-Output device for the simultaneous monitoring and metering on these operating systems.

Please proceed as follows to create and configure a Multi-Output Device:

- We assume that your TM3-Primus is equipped with firmware 1-02 or higher, its input selection is set to "USB audio 2.0" or "USB audio 5.1", and the RTW USB Connect software is installed to your system.
- Assure that no audio application is active during configuration.
- Go to "Applications -> Utilities" and open the "Audio MIDI Setup". The available audio devices are displayed.
- Click "+" at the lower left edge and select "Create Multi-Output device".
- The Multi-Output Device will be displayed and its settings are presented.
- In column "Use" enable the check box of "TM3-Primus Output".
- In column "Use" enable the check box of the main output device (output of your sound card).

- Click the "Master Device" option and select the main output device (output of your sound card).
- Disable all check boxes in column "Drift Correction". TM3-Primus synchronizes its sample rate to the main output device.
- If necessary, synchronize the sample rate manually. Set the displayed sample rate of the main output device to TM3-Primus. Check again, that the main output device is set as "Master Device", and that all check boxes of the "Drift Correction" column are disabled.
- Go back to "Applications" and select "System Preferences".
- Select "Sound", and there the "Output" tab.
- Click "Multi-Output Device" to activate it.
- If you use a DAW, define the "Multi-Output Device" as standard output in your DAW.