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Pro Capture Quad SDI Technical Specification

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Supported OS

- Windows 7/8/8.1/2008/2008 R2/2012 (x86 & x64)
- Linux (V4L2 kernel driver source code under NDA, supports x86, x64 & arm architecture)

Supported APIs

- Windows
 - DirectShow
 - DirectKS
 - Wave API/DirectSound/WASAPI
- Linux
 - V4L2
 - ALSA

Supported Software

- VLC
- VirtualDub
- OBS
- xSplit
- vMix
- VidBlaster
- Wirecast
- Microsoft Media Encoder
- Adobe Flash Media Encoder
- Any other DirectShow/V4L2 encoding/streaming software

Input Interfaces

- 4x BNC
 - SD/HD/3G SDI

Output Interfaces

PCle Gen2 x4

Input Features

Support for input video resolutions up to 2048x2048 pixels

SDI Specific Features

- Integrated cable equalizer supporting cable lengths up to 230M for HD signals
- Support for SD/HD/3Ga/3Gb/3Ga-DL/3Gb-DS standards
- Support for 2K (2048x1080) mode
- Support for RGB 4:4:4, YCbCr 4:4:4, YCbCr 4:2:2 color sampling
- Support for 10/12-bit color depth
- Support for extraction of SMPTE 352 payload identifier
- Support for up to 8 audio channels at 48KHz
- Support for extraction of audio formation information & channel status data
- Limited support of 3Gb-DS: only the first stream can be captured
- Limited support of 3Gb-DL:
 - 2K YCbCr 4:2:2 10-bit 1080p 50/59.94/60: captured as 1080i 50/59.94/60
 - Other modes: full supported
- Limited support for capture of the first link of dual link interfaces:
 - YCbCr 4:2:2 10-bit 1080p 50/59.94/60: captured as 1080i 50/59.94/60
 - YCbCr 4:4:4 10-bit: captured as 4:2:2
 - RGB 4:4:4: R/B sub-sampled

Video Output Formats

- Support for output image resolutions up to 2048x2048 pixels
- Support for output frame rates up to 120fps. (Actual output frame rate can be limited by PCIe bandwidth, and at higher image resolutions above 1280x1024 by the pixel clock of the on-board video processing hardware. eg. Max frame rate at 1920x1080 = ~80fps.)
- Support for 4:2:0 8-bit output formats: NV12, I420, YV12
- Support for 4:2:2 8-bit output formats: YUY2, YUYV, UYVY
- Support for 4:4:4 8-bit output formats: V308, IYU2, V408, BGR24, BGR32
- Support for 4:4:4 10-bit output formats: V410, Y410
- More output formats are supported via Pro Capture SDK for DirectKS

Video Processing Features

- Two video processing pipelines with ~180Mpixels/s processing bandwidth for each one
- Full 10-bit video processing
- Video cropping
- Video scaling
- Video de-interlacing
 - Wave
 - Blend top & bottom field
 - Top field only
 - Bottom field only
- Video aspect ratio conversion
 - Auto or manual selection of input aspect ratio
 - Auto or manual selection of output aspect ratio
 - Three aspect ratio conversion modes: Ignore (Anamorphic), Cropping or Padding (Letterbox or Pillarbox)
- Video color format conversion
 - Auto or manual selection of input color format & quantization range
 - Auto or manual selection of output color format, quantization range & saturation range

- Support for RGB, YCbCr 601, YCbCr 709, YCbCr 2020 color formats
- Support for Limited or Full quantization range
- Support for Limited, Full & 'Extended gamut' saturation range
- Video frame rate conversion
- Video OSD composition
 - Support for PNG OSD image (up to 2048x2048)
 - Support for dynamic loading of RGBA OSD image via SDK

Multiple Cards per System

- Support for multiple cards plugged to one system
- On-board rotary switch to set card number, with 16 positions from 0 to F
- System hardware device tree will display "01: Pro Capture AlO" when rotary switch is set to 1, and so
- The video and audio device names displayed in your software will include the card number (set by the rotary switch)

Multiple Output Streams

- Unlimited output streams for any one input channel
- Independent cropping, aspect ratio, color format, resolution, frame rate, de-interlacing and color adjustment settings for each individual stream

Ultra Low Latency Support

- Latency of 64 video lines
- Partial notification mode in SDK

Timestamp & A/V Synchronization

- Hardware based 100ns high resolution clock
- Audio frames (192 audio samples) & video frames are stamped with hardware clock
- Hardware clock can be synchronized across cards (via SDK)

Video Output SG-DMA

- ~400MB/s per channel DMA bandwidth in PCle 2.0 system
- ~200MB/s per channel DMA bandwidth in PCle 1.0 system
- Support for auto detection of Intel tiled GPU surface
- Support for DirectGMA for AMD video adapter chipsets
- Support for GPUDirect for Nvidia video adapter chipsets

SDK

- Pro Capture SDK for DirectShow for easy integration (Windows)
- Pro Capture SDK for DirectKS for maximum flexibility & performance (Windows)

Windows Driver Tweaks

- All options can be controlled by three levels of registry key: global level, product level and device level
- Video, Audio, Crossbar filter names can be customized via registry keys

Firmware Upgrade

- Multiple cards in one system can be upgraded simultaneously
- Cards can be upgraded without a system power shutdown (In most cases, even a reboot is not needed)

LED Indicator

 Status LEDs indicate the working state of each channel: idle, input signal locked, memory failed or FPGA configuration failed.

Form Factor

- Normal profile PCle x1 Add-on Card
- 112.15mm x 102.92mm (without PCI bracket)

Power Consumption

- Max current at 12V ~0.6 A
- Max current at 3.3V ~2.4 A
- Max power consumption ~14.3 W

Working Environment

- Operating temperature: 0 to 40 deg C
- Storage temperature: -20 to 70 deg C
- Relative Humidity: 5% to 90% non-condensing