

ASI5812

LOW PROFILE PCI EXPRESS AUDIO ADAPTER

1 DESCRIPTION

The ASI5812 is a professional PCI Express (PCIe) audio adapter designed for use in radio broadcast FM MPX generation.

PC based audio processing software for radio broadcast, such as Omnia SST and Stereo Tools, have the ability to generate both an FM multiplex signal (MPX) and a HD-Radio baseband signal.

In the past this would have required two audio cards, one to generate the MPX signal at a 192kHz sample rate and a separate card to generate the HD-Radio signal in the digital domain at a 44.1kHz sample rate.

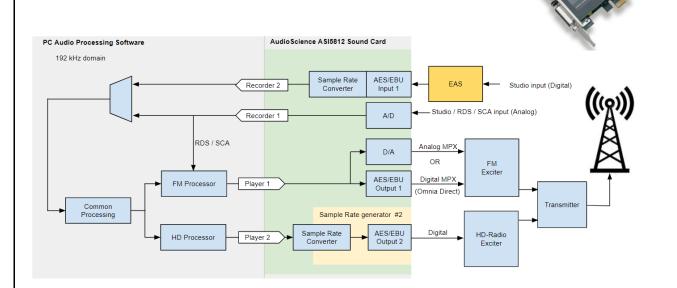
The ASI5812 enables this functionality using just one half-height sound card, instead of two. To accomplish this, the ASI5812 adds a secondary AES/EBU digital output (compared with the ASI5810). This output is fed from the sound card via a sample rate converter (SRC) allowing it to output audio at an independent sample rate from the analog line output and the primary AES/EBU output.

The adapter also includes GPIO in the form of four opto-isolated inputs and two relay isolated outputs.

Breakout cable CBL1313 with BNC and XLR connectors is supplied.

2 FEATURES

- Four stereo streams of PCM playback
- Two stereo streams of PCM record
- Balanced stereo analog input and output with +24dBu I/O.
- PCI Express interface.
- GPIO: Four opto inputs and two relay outputs.
- One AES/EBU digital input with hardware Sample Rate Converter (SRC).
- Two AES/EBU digital outputs. 2nd output has SRC with independent sample rate clock
- 24bit analog-to-digital and digital-to-analog converters -100dB SNR and 0.0025% THD+N
- 11 to 192kHz sample rates
- MRX™ multi rate mixing technology supports digital mixing of multiple sample rates
- SoundGuard™ transient voltage suppression protects against lightning and other high voltage surges on all I/O
- DC Coupled
- Up to 8 cards in one system
- Windows 11, 10, 7, Server 2008/2012 and Linux drivers available





SPECIFICATIONS

BALANCED INPUT/OUTPUT

Connector DB-26HD Female with XLRs on breakout cable CBL1313.

Input Level -10 to +24dBu in 1dBu steps

Input Impedance 20K ohms

Output Level -10 to +24dBu in 1dBu steps

Load Impedance 600ohms or greater

Output Impedance 50ohms

Dynamic Range [1] >=100dB (record or play)

=<-94dB (0.002%)(record or play) THD+N [2]

Sample Precision 24bit Oversampling

Frequency Response 20Hz to 20kHz +/-0.5dB @ 48kHz (play/record) 20Hz to 40kHz +0.5/-1dB @ 96kHz (play/record)

20Hz to 80kHz +0.5/-3dB @ 192kHz (play) 20Hz to 67kHz +0.5/-3dB @ 192kHz (record)

Channel Crosstalk -120dB Channel phase mismatch 1.25degrees Channel level mismatch 0.4dB

DIGITAL INPUT/OUTPUT

AES3-1992 (EIAJ CP-340 Type I / IEC-958 Professional) Type

Connector DB-26HD Female with XLRs and BNC on breakout cable CBL1313.

Sample Rates 32, 44.1, 48, 88.2, 96, 176.4 and 192kHz

Sample Precision 24bit

GPIO

Opto-isolated inputs

Isolation

Input Drive 4mA typical with internal 5V supply and internal 1K current limiting resistor Between 3.3V and 12V. Add external resistor above 12V to limit current Input voltage range

Relay-isolated Outputs

1500VRMS between relay contacts and coil Isolation **Contact Rating** Up to 220VDC/250VAC and 2A, 60W maximum

SAMPLE RATE CLOCK

Internal 32, 44.1, 48, 88.2, 96, 176.4 and 192kHz AES/EBU In 32, 44.1, 48, 88.2, 96, 176.4 and 192kHz AES/EBU Out 2 32, 44.1, 48, 88.2, 96, 176.4 and 192kHz

SIGNAL PROCESSING

DSP Texas Instruments TMS320DM8147@600MHz

Memory 32MB

8 bit unsigned PCM **Audio Formats** 16bit signed PCM

32bit IEEE floating point PCM

BREAKOUT CABLE (INCLUDED)

Analog+AES/EBU+GPIO CBL1313: DB-26HD to 2 in / 2 out XLR with BNC adapters (Analog), 1 in / 2 out

XLR (AES/EBU) and DB15 Male (GPIO)

GENERAL

Bus X1 PCI Express.

Dimensions Low profile PCI form factor – 4.375" x 2.75" x 0.6" (111mm x 70mm x 15mm)

Weight 8 oz (227g) max 0C to 60C Operating Temperature

Power Requirements +3.3V @ TBD, +12V @ TBD

Certifications CE: EN55022, EN55024 Class A, FCC: Part 15 Subpart B Class A

Compliance RoHS 2011/65/EU Coupling DC Coupled

^{[1] -} Dynamic Range is the difference between a 1kHz digital full-scale sinewave and digital zero using an A weighting filter

^{[2] -} THD+N measured using a +20dBu 1kHz sinewave sampled at 48kHz and A weighting filter

^{[3] -} Using a 96kHz sampling rate



4 REVISIONS

Date	Description		
16 June 2017	1 st draft		
19 September 2017	Updates		
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30 July 2019	Added note on DC Coupling		
12 Dec 2019	Modify operating temp spec from 0-70 to 0-60c		
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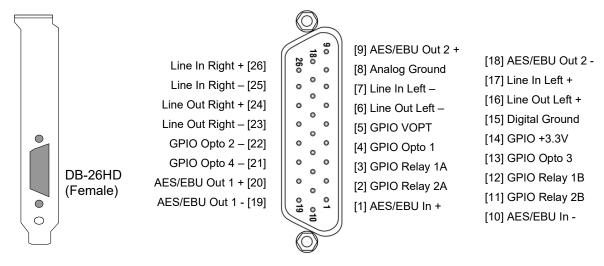


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6 CONNECTORS

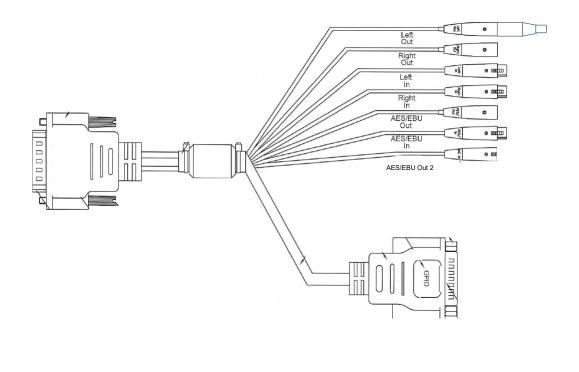
6.1 DB-26HD: Analog, AES/EBU and GPIO



7 BREAKOUT CABLE

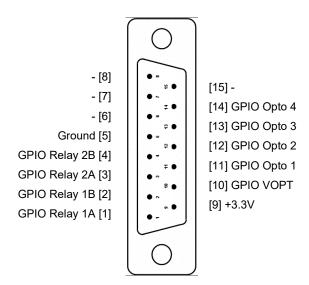
The ASI5812 breakout cable has p/n CBL1313. It breaks out the DB-26HD connector into the following:

- Left & Right Line Input on XLR female
- Left & Right Line Output on BNC (left channel) XLR male (right channel)
- AES/EBU Input on XLR female
- AES/EBU Outputs on XLR male
- GPIO on DB-15



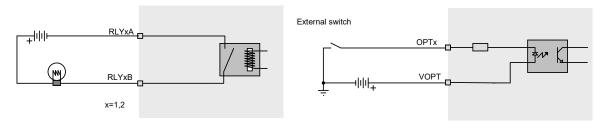


7.1 GPIO DB15 Pinouts and Connections

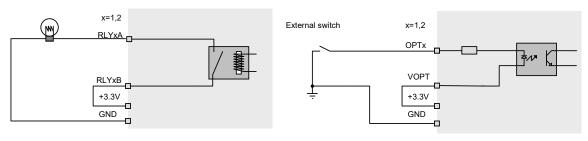


The following diagrams show how to connect the GPIO for isolated and non-isolated cases

Isolated



TTL Compatible Non-isolated





HARDWARE INSTALLATION

This section explains how to install one or more AudioScience adapters in a computer.

Setting Adapter Index – One Adapter in the PC

- 1. Make sure your computer is turned off.
- 2. PCI adapters should be installed in any empty PCI slot and PCIe adapters should be installed in any x1 (or greater) PCIe slot.
- 3. Make sure the adapter jumper is set to adapter index #1, the factory default. For a new card no changes need to be made. For an AudioScience adapter from another installation, check that it is set to adapter index #1.

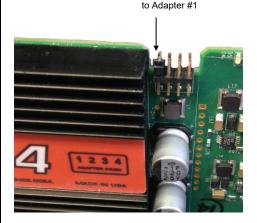
Depending on the adapter family, there are different ways of setting the adapter index.

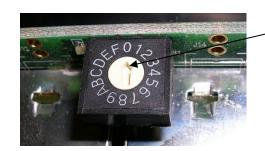
For ASI5000 and ASI6000 families, there is an adapter jumper that must be set. The left most position represents adapter index #1.

Adapter Jumper set

For ASI5300, ASI6300, ASI8700, and ASI8900 families, there is a rotary switch.

NOTE: Position 0 (zero) represents adapter #1, position 1 is adapter #2, etc.





Adapter Index switch set to Adapter #1

4. Turn on the computer and let it boot. Under Windows, a dialog box will pop up informing you that the computer has detected a new Multimedia Audio card. Cancel out of this dialog box and proceed to the software installation section of this datasheet.

8.1.1 Setting Adapter Index - Two or More Adapters in the PC

- 1. Make sure your computer is turned off.
- 2. PCI adapters should be installed in any empty PCI slots and PCIe adapters should be installed in any x1 (or greater) PCle slots. Different adapter types can coexist in the same computer; for example, an ASI6416 and ASI8921 will work correctly if installed in the same PC. Different adapter types still require unique adapter index numbers.
- 3. Each adapter in the PC needs to have its adapter jumper/rotary switch position set to unique numbers. For example if you are installing two adapters, the first one would be set to adapter index #1 and the second to adapter index #2.
- 3.1. For ASI5000 and ASI6000 families, the position to the right of index #1, when jumpered, represents adapter index #2. The next position represents #3, and the rightmost position, when jumpered, represents #4.
- 3.2. For ASI5300, ASI6300, ASI8700, and ASI8900 families, rotate the rotary switch to indicate what position is required.



9 SOFTWARE INSTALLATION

AudioScience makes audio adapters and drivers for various operating systems. Enhancements to an adapter's utility come from the integrators software that uses the audio driver to implement sophisticated audio playback and recording functions.

9.1 Drivers for Windows 10, 7, Server 2008, Server 2012

Typically, drivers are not included with the hardware and will need to be downloaded from the AudioScience website. They can be found here: http://www.audioscience.com/internet/download/win_drivers.htm

The first step is to determine what type of driver is needed for your operating system. Drivers are available for 32-bit and 64-bit Windows systems.

Driver 3.10 and later present the user with three install options during installation:

- Install Standard PCI/PCIe Driver.
- Install Standard + Network Audio Driver.
- Remove all driver components

Traditional installs should select the first of these options. Users of AudioScience CobraNet and AVB products should select the second option with the "+Network Audio Driver." in the text.

9.1.1 Combo Driver

The Combo driver installs WDM devices by default and presents an option to "Install legacy 32-bit WAVE driver" in case your application requires it. Download the file named ASICOMBO_xxxxxx.EXE from www.audioscience.com and run it (_xxxxxx is the version number). After the EXE has run, reboot your computer and the audio adapter will be operational. If the cover is off the computer, one can see one or two blinking LEDs on top of the card indicating its DSP is running and communicating with the driver.

Verify that the adapter is running using ASIControl (see ASIControl section in this document).

9.1.2 ASIO

All AudioScience drivers also install an ASIO driver interface. It is installed by default.

9.1.3 Driver Failure

In the event that an adapter's driver fails to load correctly, the OS's event viewer should be checked. The event log is accessed from the Administrative Tools applet in Windows Control Panel under Event Viewer. The Windows Logs\System view should be selected.

If two or more adapters are installed in the same system, the first thing to check is that the adapters were assigned unique adapter numbers. If issues persist, please email support@audioscience.com.

9.2 Drivers for Linux

The latest Linux driver can be downloaded from the AudioScience website – www.audioscience.com

9.3 Applications for Windows

AudioScience provides ASIControl for adapter set-up and configuration.

9.3.1 ASIControl

All Windows drivers install an AudioScience application called ASIControl that can be used to setup and verify functionality of adapters. ASIControl provides a common interface for users across all driver types.

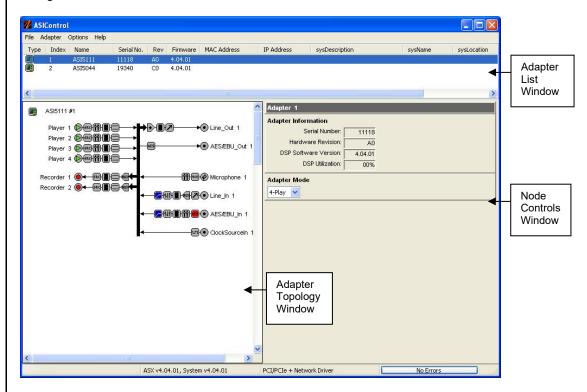
From the Windows Start menu, navigate to Start→Programs→AudioScience and run the ASIControl program.





10 OPERATION USING ASICONTROL

Using ASIControl, the ASI5812 will look similar to this:



11 USER INTERFACE

11.1 ASIControl Layout

ASIControl consists of three main windows: the adapter list in the top portion of the window, the adapter topology view on the left hand side, and the node control list on the right hand side.

11.1.1 Adapter List Window

The top portion of ASIControl shows a list of all the adapters that the application has found. By default, only bus based (i.e. PCI and/or PCI Express) adapters will be shown. If the network portion of the driver is installed (by selecting "Install Standard + Networked Audio Driver" after running the driver installer) and "Local PCI(e) + Networked adapters" is selected from ASIControl's Options→Configure adapter interface, then AudioScience and other third party CobraNet devices will be shown.

Adapters are listed in order of adapter index. For bus-based adapters, this is determined by the adapter index jumper on the card. For AudioScience CobraNet devices this is calculated from the unit's MAC address. Third party CobraNet devices are listed last as they have no AudioScience index.

11.1.2 Adapter Topology Window

The left hand side of ASIControl contains the topology view of the adapter. It is essentially a block diagram of the device showing the available physical inputs and outputs on the right hand side of the black, vertical 'bus' line. On the left hand side of the bus line, bus-based adapters show player and recorder streams, while CobraNet adapters show their network connections.

Each of the inputs and outputs is referred to as a node and each Node contains one or more controls. The topology shows each control as a small icon. A non-exhaustive list of nodes follows:

Line In Player CobraNet In Line Out Recorder CobraNet Out

AES/EBU In Tuner

AES/EBU Out Clock Source In

Hovering the mouse over a particular node will highlight it. Clicking on a node will bring up the controls resident on that node in the right hand control list.



There is an adapter node in the top left corner of the topology window. Clicking on this will show adapter-specific controls and properties on the right hand side. Not all adapters have all nodes.

11.1.3 Node Controls Window

The right hand side of ASIControl shows the controls associated with the selected node in the topology view. The controls are arranged, from top to bottom, in order of audio signal flow, i.e. the audio signal can be viewed as entering the node at the top control and leaving at the bottom control. Controls may be used to either manipulate the audio as it passes through the node, or report back control status information.

For a comprehensive listing of controls and how to operate ASIControl, please see the ASIControl manual available from www.audioscience.com and also installed by the driver. Not all adapters have all controls. The section below lists some common and any specific controls, as seen in ASIControl, for this adapter.

11.2 Controls

11.2.1 Adapter Mode

The Adapter_Mode control changes the number of players/recorders/lineouts that an adapter has. On certain adapters, not all sample rates/formats are supported; changing the mode of the adapter allows for best functionality with certain sample rates/formats. Different adapters will have different modes available, and not all adapters have modes. Please see datasheets on specific adapters, available at www.audioscience.com for more.

11.2.1.1 Interface



The ASI5812 supports three adapter modes: 1-Play, 4-Play and Low Latency.

11.2.1.2 1-Play

This mode supports 1 Play stream and 1 record stream.

11.2.1.3 4-Play

This mode supports 4 Play streams and 2 Record streams with full mixing capabilities.

11.2.1.4 Low Latency

This mode supports a single multichannel audio stream enabling live sound processing in ASIO and Core Audio applications. See the <u>Low Latency Mode datasheet</u> for further information.

11.3 Plaver

The Player control supports playback of an audio file from the computer's hard drive.

11.3.1 Interface

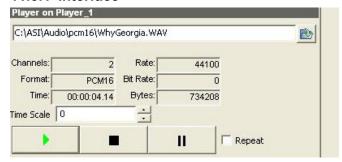


Figure 1. A player in ASIControl.

The first line of static text contains the selected playback file. Below the filename is the file information; playback time and playback bytes, the timescale select options, the player control buttons and the file repeat option.

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11.3.2 How To Play a File

The first step in playing a file is to select the file to play. Use the **file icon button** to navigate to the desired file. After opening the file, the complete filename, including the path, will appear immediately to the left of the file open icon. The file information is also filled in and contains the following fields: **Channels**, **Rate**, **Format**, and **Bit Rate**. Most of these are self-explanatory. The **Rate** refers to the sample rate of the audio recorded in the file. The **Bit Rate** applies only to MPEG compression and is set to 0 for all other formats.

The percentage time scaling without pitch shift can be set if desired. The default of 0 indicates that time scaling is disabled. The valid range of settings is +/- 20 percent.

The **Repeat** check box indicates whether the file should be played again after playback has completed. It can be set either before playback has begun, or while playback is underway.

The file is now ready to be played. To start playback press the **play button**. At this point the **Time** and **Bytes** fields report playback time and the number of bytes of the file that have been played.

Once playback has started the **stop** and **pause buttons** can be used to stop or pause the playback.

11.3.3 Using embedded sine wave generator

Manually typing in a filename of "~" and pressing play will cause a full-scale 1 kHz sine wave to be played at 48 kHz. The format of the filename string is: "~w, c,f,a,m,s,t".

```
w = waveform = SINE (default=SINE)
c = channels = 1...8 (default = 2)
f = frequency = 1000 for 1kHz (default=1000)
a = amplitude = -1 for -1dBFs (default=0dBFS, i.e. full scale)
m = channel mask = 10 for left only, 01 for right only, 11 for stereo, etc. (default=1 for all channels)
t = sample type = (PCM8, PCM16, PCM24, PCM32, FLOAT32) (default=FLOAT32)
s = sample rate = positive integer (default=48000) [validity depends on adapter]
```

Defaults can be used if the complete string is not specified, i.e. "~" becomes "~wSINE,c2,f1000,a0,m11,s48000,tFLOAT32"

Any subset of the options may be specified, the remaining options will be set to the defaults. e.g. "~f500" = 500Hz stereo sine wave at 0dBFS, 48kHz sample rate.

11.3.4 Developer

11.3.4.1 Windows APIs

Wave - waveOutOpen(), waveOutWrite(), waveOutClose() etc.

HPI – Output stream functions documented <u>here</u>.

ASX – ASX Player control functions documented here.

11.3.4.2 Linux APIs

HPI – Output stream functions documented <u>here</u>.

ASX – ASX Player control functions documented <u>here</u>.

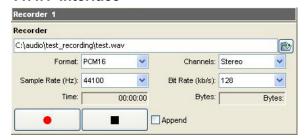
ALSA - https://www.alsa-project.org/alsa-doc/alsa-lib/

11.4 Recorder

The Recorder control supports recording of an audio file.



11.4.1 Interface



A recorder in ASIControl.

The first box contains the name given to the recorded file and the location where it is to be saved. Below that is the file information, the record time and record bytes, the recorder control buttons and the file Append option.

11.4.2 How To Record a File

The first step in recording a file is to have audio coming into the adapter. This can be from a line-in or from one of the players in ASIControl. See appropriate sections in this datasheet to accomplish this. Next, the new file needs a name and place to be saved, or an existing audio file can be selected to be overwritten or appended to. Use the **file icon button** to navigate to the location to create the file and to give it a name, or to open a previously recorded file to overwrite or append to it. Next, from the dropdown arrows, select the number of "**Channels**", the "**Sample Rate**", the "**Format**", and the "**Bitrate**" that the file should be recorded in.

Check the **Append** checkbox to save the audio to the end of an already existing file.

The file is now ready to be recorded. To start recording, press the **record button**. At this point the "**Time**' and "**Bytes**' fields report record time and the number of bytes of the file that have been recorded.

Once recording has started the **stop** and **pause buttons** can be used to stop or pause the playback.

11.4.3 Developer

11.4.3.1 Windows APIs

Wave – use waveInOpen(), waveInStart() etc.

HPI – use <u>HPI InStreamxxx</u>() functions.

ASX - use ASX Recorder xxx() functions.

11.4.3.2 Linux APIs

HPI – use HPI InStreamxxx() functions.

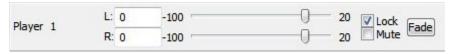
ASX - use ASX Recorder xxx() functions.

ALSA – https://www.alsa-project.org/alsa-doc/alsa-lib/

11.4.4 Volume

The Volume control allows the audio signal's gain to be altered in the range of –100 to +20dB.

11.4.4.1 Interface



A Player volume in ASIControl.

Left and Right display boxes:

Displays the gain settings that the slider bars are set to.

Slider Bars:

Click on the bar with the mouse and drag to desired gain. Once the bars are selected, the left and right arrow keys can also be used to change the settings.

Lock:



When checked, locks the left and right channels to the same gain value. When unchecked, allows the left and right channels to have independent gains. (Note that if an adapter is in SSX2 mode, the Player volumes cannot be unlocked to move the left and right channels independently.)

Mute:

Check this box to mute the volume.

Fade:

When pressed, automatically fades the volume to the opposite end of the scale.

11.4.4.2 Developer

11.4.4.2.1 Windows APIs

Wave/Mixer - MIXERCONTROL_CONTROLTYPE_VOLUME

This is a Windows standard volume control. Settings are in the range of 0 to 65535, where 0 completely mutes the output and 65535 is the maximum volume.

HPI - HPI Volume APIs.

ASX - ASX Volume APIs.

11.4.4.2.2 Linux APIs

HPI -HPI Volume APIs.

ASX -ASX Volume APIs.

ALSA - https://www.alsa-project.org/alsa-doc/alsa-lib/

11.5 Meter

Meters in ASIControl are located on audio nodes and display the audio level as the audio signal passes through the node. Most AudioScience devices return both RMS and peak level readings and ASIControl displays both simultaneously.

11.5.1 Interface

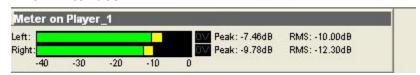


Figure 2. A stereo peak meter display. The RMS is the green bar and the peak is the yellow bar.

To the right of the peak meter is the absolute readings in dBFS. These can be useful when testing input tones of a specific known level.

11.5.2 Developer

11.5.2.1 Windows APIs

Wave/Mixer – Meters are read using mixerGetControlDetails() on a control of type signed and with type "Peak" the name "Peak Meter". A minimum value is 0 and maximum is 32767. The interface returns the peak readings only, not the RSM level. It confirms to expected Windows functionality.

HPI - Meters are read using the HPI Meterxxx() API.

ASX – Meters are read using the ASX Meter xxx() API.

11.5.2.2 Linux APIs

HPI – Meters are read using the HPI Meterxxx() API.

ASX – Meters are read using the ASX Meter xxx() API.

ALSA – https://www.alsa-project.org/alsa-doc/alsa-lib/



11.6 Channel Mode

The channel mode is a mechanism for handling mono to stereo conversions and directing the output to either left or right channels, as well as outputting left to stereo and right to stereo.

11.6.1 Interface



ASIControl view of a player's channel mode control.

Default playback of either mono or stereo files causes audio to be output from the player on both the left and right audio channels. The channel mode control can allow the audio to be directed to either the left only or the right only. Select a channel mode setting from the dropdown list. Valid settings are:

Normal – left channel out left channel, right channel out right channel



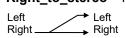
Swap - left channel out right channel and right channel out left channel



Left to stereo - left channel out to both left and right channels



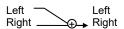
Right_to_stereo - right channel out to both left and right channels



Stereo_to_left - left and right channels out to left channel



Stereo_to_right – left and right channels out to right channel



11.7 ClockSourceIn

In the topology pane of ASIControl, click on Clock Source 1



and in the node pane, select where the adapter is to get its clock source from using the Clock Source dropdown list, as well as the sample rate to use if clocking from adapter.

Note that for CobraNet and Livewire devices, the sample rate is fixed at 48kHz.

11.7.1 Interface



Clock Source information as seen in ASIControl.

Local Rate:

Select from the dropdown list the supported rates of the adapter.

Clock Source:



From the dropdown list, select the source for the adapter's clocking. Selections, depending on the adapter, include:

- Local adapter rate is used; select a supported sample rate in Local Rate dropdown list
- Word Word clock from Word clock BNC connector on digital cable loom (or BOB1024)
- WordHeader Word clock from header on adapter (ASI61xx only)
- AES/EBU Sync AES/EBU Sync from AES/EBU Sync XLR connector on digital cable loom (or BOB1024)
- AES/EBU In 1-4 rate taken from specific digital input
- AES/EBU Auto rate taken from first valid digital input; looks at digital input 1 first, then up to digital input 4
- Blu link

Adapter Rate: Displays the current adapter operating rate

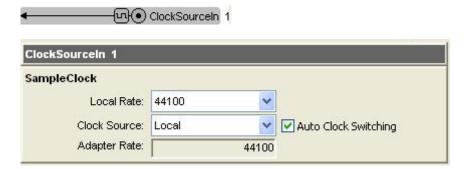
11.8 Adapter Sample Rate Clock and MRX Mixer

The ASI5812 adapter sample rate clock is used to drive the MRX digital mixer, Analog to Digital Converter (ADC), Digital to Analog Converter (DAC) and the 1st AES/EBU output. There are two sources of sample rate clock – internal and the AES/EBU input.

The internal adapter clock is generated from a low jitter frequency synthesizer and may be set to 32, 44.1, 48, 88.2, 96kHz and 192kHz.

Note that the sample rate clock does not determine the sample rates of the audio streams that may be played and recorded. These are independently set using the MRX multi rate mixer, so that, for instance, you can have the adapter running at 96kHz, but be playing files of 44.1 and 48kHz and recording files of 32 and 88.2khz.

In ASIControl, click on the ClockSourceIn 1 node in the topology pane to access the Local Rate, Clock Source, and Adapter Rate. Local Rate is used to select the internal adapter rate.



11.9 AES/EBU Output 2 Sample Rate Clock

The ASI5812's 2nd AES/EBU output has an independent sample rate clock. The audio from the mixer (running at the Adapter Sample Rate) passes through a sample rate converter (SRC) before being output at this rate. In ASIControl, click on the AES/EBU Output 2 node to access its Sample rate Clock





11.9.1 Developer

11.9.1.1 Windows APIs

HPI – Use the HPI_SampleClock_XXXX APIs.

12 AUDIO FORMATS

The ASI5811 supports record and play of the following formats:

Format	HPI format	Windows format
8 bit unsigned PCM	HPI_FORMAT_PCM8_UNSIGNED	WAVE_FORMAT_PCM, wBitsPerSample=8
16 bit signed PCM	HPI_FORMAT_PCM16_SIGNED	WAVE_FORMAT_PCM, wBitsPerSample=16
32 bit signed PCM	HPI_FORMAT_PCM32_SIGNED	WAVE_FORMAT_PCM, wBitsPerSample=32
32 bit floating point PCM (+/-1.0)	HPI_FORMAT_PCM32_FLOAT	WAVE_FORMAT_IEEE_FLOAT



13 REFERENCES

13.1 Specifications

SPCWAVX.PDF - WavX - AudioScience Windows Multimedia Extensions

SPCHPI.PDF - Hardware Programming Interface (HPI) Specification

All these documents are available from www.audioscience.com in the Technical Info section