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Hi, Peter.

My EPoX mobo (8KDA3+) runs AC97 plus an old Sound Blaster Live! card. I can't recall exactly how I installed both when the mobo was new last summer. I think I disabled onboard sound, plugged in the SB, then installed WinXP. It detected the SB and installed the drivers from the WinXP CD. Later, I enabled the AC97 in the BIOS and then installed the AC'97 AUDIO Driver v3.57 from the CD that came with the mobo.

Now, in Control Panel | Sounds and Audio Devices, the Hardware tab lists many devices. The Audio and Voice tabs each have boxes with drop-down menus from which I can choose either the SB or the AC97 as default. Naturally, I must be sure that the cables for my microphone, speakers, etc., are plugged into the right jacks on my mobo or sound card.

Device Manager shows a dozen or so devices under Sound, video and game controllers, including Creative SB Live! (WDM) on IRQ 17 and Realtek AC'97 Audio on IRQ 21.

I hope this helps you figure out your system.

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"PeterB" <PeterB@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message

news:342D2C61-50A4-46FA-820B-593123D606A4@microsoft.com...

> I have been using onboard sound (AC97) for a few months without a problem.

> Yesterday, I picked up a sound card and installed it, wanting to have both

> the onboard and the sound card work at the same time. I'm currently doing

> this type of thing on another PC I have.

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> However, when I install the PCI card, my onboard sound is no longer

> accessible, even though its still listed as Enabled in the BIOS. When I

> remove/uninstall the PCI card, the onboard shows up again and works again.

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> It seems that I can only have 1 sound source on my PC! However, I have
> both
> of them setup fine on my other PC.
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> Both PCs are running WinXP Pro with SP2 and all major updates done.
> The PC with the problem is:
> AMD Athlon64
> 1024 PC3200 ram
> Asus K8VSE Delux motherboard
> the new PCI card being installed is a C-Media card, very basic.
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> I have searched all over and cannot find a way to get it to work. Is
> there
> some sort of flag/setting I need to do to allow me to use two sound
> sources
> at once??
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> Many many thanks!