

Re: Using Media Center with an external soundcard does not work

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I basically agree but I'd rather not spare Microsoft my wrath. They are a near monopoly and unresponsive to the real needs of customers.

I can't see why Media Center shouldn't have the same functionality in this area that XP Home has.

This is the kind of problem that makes the Mac so attractive. I always feel that Macs are too expensive but I guess it is true that you get what you pay for.

"Tom Scales" wrote:

So their basic position is that "Others in our industry suck as badly as we do, so we fell pretty darn justified in making false and misleading statements"

"tamagutchi" <tamagutchi@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:35600862-9EE4-470E-982F-EA6F6C50ED14@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Problem:

Windows XP Media Center compatibility alert (updated 10/6/06).

Solution:

Windows XP Media Center is a version of Windows specifically designed for integration of TV and radio features into the operating system. Microsoft gives the following information:

Windows XP Media Center Edition 2005, available preinstalled on Media Center

PCs, allows you to pause and rewind live TV or radio, digitally record an entire TV series or program category, watch DVDs and videos, organize and play your music collection, and showcase digital photos.

Windows XP Media Center Edition 2005 makes it easier to access digital

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entertainment wherever you are. Here are some of the top features:

- * Multi-tuner support (record two shows at the same time and watch another previously recorded show)
- * Support for digital and high-definition local TV
- * Built-in CD and DVD burning
- * Windows Movie Maker 2.1 with DVD burning
- * Internet radio
- * Enhanced setup wizard for easier installation

(from:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/mediacenter/evaluation/faq.mspx>)

You can also read more about it here:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windows_xp_media_center

Needless to say, these features, while useful for live media purposes, tend to significantly interfere with the vast majority of audio applications. Here is an (unofficial) list of software and hardware we have found to be unsupported in XP Media Center:

- . Digidesign Pro Tools (all versions).
- . All Steinberg software.
- . Cakewalk SONAR (all versions).
- . The iLok.
- . Focusrite interfaces.
- . Lexicon Omega.
- . All M-Audio devices
- . Edirol interfaces.
- . Alesis USB and Firewire mixers.
- . All MOTU hardware and software.
- . All E-MU hardware and software.
- . Native Instruments software.
- . Waves software.
- . Mackie Spike. Tracktion has been known to work, but is not guaranteed.
- . Novation X-Station series.
- . TC Eletric PowerCore series.
- . All RME hardware.
- . All PreSonus hardware.
- . All TASCAM software and hardware.
- . Blue Snowball and Samson C01 USB Microphones.
- . Universal Audio UAD-1 cards.

Keep in mind that this is an unofficial list. These are simply products that

we have found, through our experience and through manufacturer requirements,

to be incompatible with XP Media Center. For this reason, Sweetwater can

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only
provide support for either XP Home or XP Professional.

"tamagutchi" wrote:

Q: Can I use my M–Audio device with Windows XP Media Center Edition?

A: At this time, no M–Audio device drivers are supported under Windows XP Media Center Edition (WMCE). This means that any M–Audio device designed to interface with your computer via USB, FireWire, or PCI/PCI–X is not supported for use with WMCE. Additionally, M–Audio USB devices designed to function without installing a driver (aka "class compliant devices") are also not currently supported under WMCE.

The technical support team at Sweetwater.com deals with pro–audio recording equipment and software from most every major manufacturer. Sweetwater has compiled an unofficial list of WMCE incompatibilities that suggests an industry–wide lack of support for WMCE

"tamagutchi" wrote:

Yes, I have tried to install it. I re–installed the drivers several times and then figured out it was a bigger problem.

"David Hettel" wrote:

Interesting, have you actually tried to install it? I have an M–Audio transit USB audio card that I am using right now with

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Windows Media
Center
and Messenger. I route my
normal sound through the
main audio card,
and
messenger through the
M-Audio card. LOL Media
Player goes to a
Bluetooth
stereo Headset. The
M-Audio transit card is
working on my computer,
granted
that is not your M-Audio
card but it does show that
they can work.

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David Hettel

Please post any reply as a
follow-up message in the
news group
for everyone to see. I'm
sorry, but I don't answer
questions
addressed directly to me in
E-mail or news groups.

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"tamagutchi"

<tamagutchi@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in message

<news:B679172D-7237-4DD6-8ED9-E6DF6D56D92B@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

I have asked
M-Audio to
write a
driver that
will work in
Media

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Center. I
doubt
anything
will happen.
They are
well aware
of the
problem
and
as far
as
I can tell
have no
interest in
resolving it.

"Tom
Scales"
wrote:

"tamagutchi"

<tamagutchi@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote

in

message

news:E97FB9FC-3AA7-44AD-AFC6-9BABDE78B97D@

I
am
really
unhappy
with
Media
Center.
I
use
Ableton
Live
which
is
a
recording/sequencing
program.

I
have
an
external
guitar

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multi-effects
box
which
connects
via
usb.

The
effects
box
functions
as
an
external
sound
card
using
asio
drivers.
Unfortunately
XP
Media
Center
does
not
support
this.

Does
anyone
have
any
idea
about
how
to
get
around
this
problem
so
I
don't
have
to
wipe
my
hard
drive
and
buy

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a
copy
of
XP
Pro?

Here
is
the
message
I
got
from
the
manufacturer
of
my
external
device.

"Windows
XP
MCE
is
not
a
supported
OS
for
our
devices.
Microsoft
states
in
the
manual
for
Windows
XP
MCE
that
third-party
sound
devices
are
not
supported,
only
the
built-in
motherboard

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sound
device
or
card
that
originally
came
with
the
system.
This
does
not
mean
that
our
devices
will
"absolutely
not
work",
but
it
does
mean
that
we
cannot
support
the
use
of
our
products
on
systems
that
have
MCE
installed.
Because
many
Windows
Media
Center
PC's
will
only
support
one
sound

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card
at
a
time,
most
likely
what
you
will
need
to
do
is
disable
your
on-board
soundcard
and
see
if
your
USB
device
will
now
install
and
work
properly.
Also,
try
other
USB
ports
on
your
machine.

If
these
troubleshooting
techniques
do
not
work,
we
will
not
be
able
to

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support
you
further.
If
you
are
able
to
use
a
regular
Windows
XP
machine,
we
will
be
happy
to
assist
you."

So
my
external
USB
Soundblaster
Extigy
that
is
connected
to
my
Home
Theater
and
currently
blasting
sound
throughout
my
house
is
really
not
working?!?!?

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Your
vendor
is
full
of
SH**.
They
are
absolutely
LYING
to
you
to
hide
the
fact
that
they
are
too
STUPID
to
make
it
work.
It
is
usually
a
TRIVAL
change
because
they
have
likely
hardcoded
the
check
for
home
and/or
pro.

Call
them
back
and
challenge
them.
THEY'RE
LYING.

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Tom