

Re: sound configuration on etch??? (usb)

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On Tuesday 19 December 2006 15:50, Johannes Wiedersich wrote:

Hi all!

I have some trouble making my usb sound card work as I would like. My laptop also has a built-in sound card that works ok, but has `_very_`
`_limited_` input sound quality.

What is the proper way to set up and configure sound/alsa on debian etch?

According to the fine manual [1] there's a script to configure sound:
sndconfig – configure sound system

This seems to be gone in etch.

There's also `alsaconf`, but that doesn't recognize my usb sound card (it just finds the built-in one of my laptop).

The sound card basically works ok, ie. I can record and play via `'arecord'` and `'aplay'`. (The best strategy is to have the card plugged in at boot, to kill `artsd` once `kde` is up and then to reload `alsa` as root.)

However I cannot make `audacity` work with the sound card. AFAIK, `audacity` would use `/dev/dsp` but though

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johannes2:~# cat /proc/asound/cards
0 [USB1648 ]: USB-Audio – PHASE 26 USB(16/48)
TerraTec PHASE 26 USB(16/48) at
usb-0000:00:1d.1-2, full speed
1 [Modem ]: ICH-MODEM – Intel 82801DB-ICH4 Modem
Intel 82801DB-ICH4 Modem at 0x2400, irq 11
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the usb is 0, `audacity` only works when the usb sound card is not present and when the built-in card is 0. Well, the whole idea about the usb-card was to get better sound quality for `audacity` et al.

Thanks for any help and/or links to get this work!
Johannes

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[1] /usr/share/doc/Debian/reference/reference.en.pdf.gz

It might be worth asking on the alsa-user list. A while back with someone having problems with a sound card problem on a laptop, I suggested a USB one, but the reply was that USB ones need a bit of extra work to get them going. Either look on the archives or post to the list. I think the reply to get them working was something to do with dmix.

<https://lists.sourceforge.net/lists/listinfo/alsa-user>

and to post to the list, but you have to register

alsa-user@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Hope you get it fixed.

Nigel.

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