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OrangeWare® Corporation announces a 1394 Audio Driver for Windows®

Anaheim, CA; August 30, 2004 - Today, OrangeWare Corporation, announced a Windows® based software driver for 1394 Audio supporting the IEC 61883-6 specification. The 1394 Audio Driver supports Windows 2000 and XP. It is the only driver available which facilitates the Pro Audio technology embodied by the IEC61883-6 specification. The 1394 Audio Driver permits a PC equipped with a 1394 port to send 5.1 or 7.1 surround sound down a single 1394 cable to an A/VR or amplified speaker set which supports the IEC 61883-6 specification.

The Market

The current method for PC sound cards to deliver surround sound involves a host of analog cables and the resultant loss of quality. The new 1394 Audio technology delivers high quality digital sound while using only one 1394 cable!

Applications include external 1394/FireWire speakers, A/VR, DVD players, DVHS, AVHDDs, DTVs, external sound cards and midi/mixers e.g. "Garage Band™" type pro consumer audio capture products.

Technical Information

The OrangeWare 1394 Audio driver will support both the TI iceLynx-Micro and the Oxford FW970 chip. Support is provided for 1394 streaming on 6 or 8 channels of audio at speeds up to 400 Mb/s for receiving and processing 32-bit audio data sampled at up to 192kHz.

A second phase of the driver development will culminate next month with support for an ASIO interface. This will facilitate Pro Audio applications for Midi/Mixer environments.

General

OrangeWare is a 3 year old software design company which specializes in driver development for emerging technologies. Its customers include Dell, Intel, VIA, NVIDIA and many others. It is known for its original, first to-market development of USB 2.0 drivers for Mac and Windows operating systems. OrangeWare holds additional copyrights on driver technologies for 802.11a/b/g wireless, 1394b, and Windows audio/video products.

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