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# Nucleus<sup>2</sup> Quickstart Guide





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## Thank you for purchasing Nucleus<sup>2</sup> Welcome to the Solid State Logic family.

Nucleus<sup>2</sup> is a complete solution for the professional project studio, with a perfect blend of advanced DAW control, console-grade SuperAnalogue<sup>TM</sup> circuitry unique to Solid State Logic, and a professional grade Dante audio interface.

Nucleus<sup>2</sup> will offer you unparalleled analogue performance, ensuring you precisely capture every subtle nuance and detail of sound, as well as a luxury control surface crafted from the same building blocks as our large format analogue consoles.



### Follow these steps to get started quickly.

This guide is intended for quick setup of Nucleus<sup>2</sup> to record and playback audio. For DAW control setup, connecting to a wider network structure, and details of Nucleus<sup>2</sup> operation, please refer to the Nucleus<sup>2</sup> User Guide and DAW setup guides on the SSL website: <u>www.solidstatelogic.com/studio/nucleus/documents</u>

#### I - Software Download and Install

- Go to <u>www.solidstatelogic.com</u> and register for an SSL account. On the *My Products* page, register your Nucleus<sup>2</sup> and click on the *Downloads* link.
- Download either the Mac Support Package or the Windows Support package.
- Run the installers found in the support package, and follow the instructions for installation.

You should now have the Nucleus<sup>2</sup> Remote application, Dante Controller, Dante Virtual Soundcard, and the iPMiDI application installed on your computer.

#### 2 - Dante Virtual Soundcard License

Dante is the audio over IP protocol used in Nucleus<sup>2</sup>, developed by Audinate. To redeem your DVS license:

- Go to <u>www.audinate.com</u> and register for an account. On the *My Products* page, enter the token code (included in the Nucleus<sup>2</sup> packaging) in the *Token* box, and click submit. A Dante Virtual Soundcard license will appear on this page under *My Dante Virtual Soundcard Licenses*.
- Open the Dante Virtual Soundcard application and enter this license in the box found under the *Licensing* tab.
- Click Activate to activate your license on the computer.

Connect the 4-pin external power supply to the power socket on the rear panel, ensuring the flat edge of the connector is facing downwards. Connect the IEC cable from a power outlet to the external power supply.



Connect microphones and instruments to the preamp inputs.

#### 3 - Network Settings

Before passing audio and connecting DAW control, you need to setup your network connection to Nucleus<sup>2</sup>. On Mac, go to System Preferences, and click on Network. On PC, go to Settings and click on Network & Internet.



- Turn off Wi-Fi DAW control and Dante audio on Nucleus2 need wi-fi and airport traffic turned off in order to work correctly.
- Select the Ethernet port / Thunderbolt Ethernet you have connected to Nucleus2, and set the Configure IPv4 to: Using DHCP.



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- On PC, click on Change adapter options, Ethernet, Properties, and then Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/ IPv4). You should make sure that Obtain an IP address automatically is enabled.

#### 4 - Recording and Playback

Open Dante Virtual Soundcard, set the Audio Channels to 2 x 2, and click Start. Now open your DAW. Set Dante Virtual Soundcard as the playback / ASIO device.

#### Recording

- Connect a microphone to PRE 1 IN. Set the input level by turning up the channel I mic preamp pot.
- Open Dante Controller. Click on the + between the Nucleus2 Transmitter and computer Receiver, then connect the Nucleus2 01 & 02 mic preamp outputs to the computer 01 & 02 inputs by clicking on the cross-points (as shown below).





In your DAW, create a new track, set the input to input I, and record the audio signal from the microphone.

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#### Playback

- Open Dante Controller. Click on the + between the computer Transmitter and Nucleus2 Receiver, then connect the computer 01 & 02 outputs to the Nucleus2 01 & 02 monitor source inputs by clicking on the crosspoints (as shown left).
- In your DAW, set the output of the audio tracks to outputs 1&2, turn up the central black monitor pot and hear playback through the Nucleus2 monitor & headphone outputs.



Connect one Ethernet port to your computer for DAW control and Dante audio interface.

#### **Connection Diagram**



#### **Troubleshooting and FAQ's**

Frequently Asked Questions can be found on the Solid State Logic Website at: <u>http://www.solidstatelogic.com/support/</u>

Can't find what you need? Ask a Question If you require technical support for your Nucleus<sup>2</sup> or other SSL Studio Products, click on the Ask a Question link on the support page to open a support ticket, and an SSL Product Support engineer will be in contact.