Wirecast Plug-in Quick Start Guide

Introduction

This Quick Start Guide provides a basic overview of the AJA Wirecast Plug-in and its AJA Multi-Channel Configuration panel for use with Telestream's Wirecast Pro streaming production application.



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Io4K- 0	Io4K- 0								
	Map Channels	Map Channels							
	Channel 1	SDI In 1		audio on					
	Channel 2	SDI In 2		audio off					
	Channel 3	SDI In 3		audio off					
	Channel 4	output		audio on					
	output format	525129.97		will output t	o: SD	DI Out 4, SDI Monitor, HDM	I Out		
	4K options	4K options							
	4K mode disa	ble ‡	audio off \$				4K HDMI Out Primary	Primary	
Help								st	ve

Live streaming has increased in popularity and complexity. Live streams now routinely must deal with switching between multiple input sources as well as being more mobile.

AJA hardware solutions allow streaming software like Wirecast to take in multiple inputs using a single, compact hardware device without compromising quality, speed or portability and allowing users to adapt to the needs of any project.

Getting Started

1. Install Wirecast.

The AJA Wirecast plug-in supports versions 6.x and 7.x of Wirecast. The AJA Wirecast plug-in supports:

- KONA 4, KONA 3G, KONA LHi, KONA LHe Plus, KONA IP
- Io 4K, Io XT
- T-TAP
- Corvid HB-R
- NOTE: Do not open Wirecast until you have finished configuring your devices following this installation procedure.



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- 2. Install the AJA Driver Package. This will install both the AJA plug-in and, in the AJA Utilities folder, the AJA Multi-Channel Config panel. You will use this panel to configure your AJA devices for Wirecast.
- 3. Launch the AJA Multi-Channel Config panel
- 4. Configure your AJA device, mapping the inputs. This may involve selecting HDMI or SDI inputs depending on the AJA KONA/Io product you use. See below for specific details on the AJA Multi-Channel Config panel.
- 5. Save your settings by clicking on the Save button in the lower right-hand corner of the Config panel. This saves a configuration file that Wirecast references upon startup.
- 6. Run Wirecast.

If you have multiple AJA devices available in your system, they are displayed and can be selected from the list in the left-side pane of the Config panel.

AJA Multi-Channel Config Panel

AJA devices used with Wirecast, are configured using the AJA Multi-Channel Config panel rather than the AJA Control Panel used with other retail applications.

Configuring Inputs

Input pulldown menus allows you to select from the specific input options available on the AJA hardware you are using with Wirecast. Number and type of I/O channels vary across AJA devices and firmware mode selected.

NOTE: Firmware update and mode selection for the AJA device is performed using the AJA Control Panel.

Audio Enable

Individual audio on/off selections are available for each channel.

Figure 2. Input Selection Menus

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	Map Channels								
	Channel 1	✓ SDI In 1		audio on					
	Channel 2	SDI In 2		audio off					
	Channel 3	SDI In 3		audio off					
	Channel 4	output		audio on					
	output format	1080i29.97		will output t	0: SC	DI Out 4, SDI Monitor, HDMI Out			

Configuring Outputs

Channel 4 (or last Channel of your AJA device) can be designated as Program Out. Select output from the Channel 4 pulldown menu and choose the desired format from the output format pulldown (see *Figure 2*).

Figure 3. UHD/4K Output Format Selection

Channel 4	output	:	audio on	•		
output format	4Kp29.97					
4K options						
4K mode inp	ut SDI 🛟				4K HDMI Out	✓ Primary 4K Quarter
						Quadrant 1 Ouadrant 2
						Quadrant 3 Ouadrant 4

4K Mode Options

Choose from **input SDI**, **input HDMI**, or **output**. Set to **disable** when not using 4K.

Special Considerations

Be aware of these operational requirements when using the following AJA products in a multi-channel configuration.

lo XT

Can support two video inputs, however both input signals must be identical in raster and framerate. To use the HDMI input, it must always be set as Input 1.

KONA LHi

Can support two video inputs, however both input signals must be identical in raster and framerate. Additionally, audio is supported on only one of the inputs.

KONA 3G

Can support up to four inputs (when using the 4K firmware), however all four input signals must be identical in raster and framerate. The standard KONA 3G UFC firmware (non-4K support) will allow two input channels but both must be identical in raster and framerate.

KONA IP

Supports two IP inputs only. Output is not available in this release.

lo 4K

Can support up to four channels as a mix of HDMI and SDI. Each channel can be a different raster size and framerate, as long as they are in the same clock family. With the UFC firmware loaded, only two input channels are available. To use the HDMI input, it must always be set as Input 1.

KONA 4

Can support up to four channels. Each channel can be a different raster size and framerate, as long as they are in the same clock family. With the UFC firmware loaded, only two input channels are available.

Corvid HB-R

Supports one HDbaseT source. HDMI output is pass through.