



QSC announces Q-SYS platform software release to support AES67

Networked audio interoperability standard will allow audio distribution between Q-SYS and other systems supporting AES67 without additional hardware

Media Networking Alliance, Bothell, Washington, USA, 19 December 2016. MNA member company QSC, LLC has announced that it will incorporate support for AES67 in its Q-SYS™ Platform with the forthcoming Q-SYS Designer v5.3 software release.

Implementation of the AoIP interoperability standard will enable high performance audio streaming between Q-SYS and third-party products supporting different native networked audio technologies, such as Dante, RAVENNA and Livewire, without requiring any additional hardware or license costs.

In a statement, Martin Barbour, QSC Product Manager for Installed Systems said, “The support of AES67 is yet another example of the malleable and evolutionary nature of the Q-SYS Platform, and further supports its market position as the only software-based audio/video/control platform on the market today. We are committed to making this platform the I/O agnostic, interoperable standard in the industry, which is why support of AES67 is so vital to the industry.”

AES67 offers a bridging compliance mode, available to all IP-Networked audio solutions, operating over standard Layer 3 Ethernet networks. As such, it enables the common interchange of digital media between different AoIP networking platforms. Running on modern commodity IT network infrastructure and switches, AES67 is fully routable and scalable, and can operate in parallel with existing network services.

[image link](#) Martin Barbour, QSC Product Manager for Installed Systems

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About Media Networking Alliance

The Media Networking Alliance is a non-profit organization formed to actively promote the adoption of the AES67 audio networking interoperability standard. Currently comprising 30 member companies, the MNA includes a range of professional audio equipment manufacturers, as well as public broadcast corporations. The MNA provides a forum and environment whereby the members of the organization may meet to review standards development and compliance programmes and to foster the development of new products based on the AES67 standard. This open standard is promoted by the MNA through a range of education and training initiatives, as well as through public demonstrations of audio networking interoperability. Developer support is provided by the MNA to ensure that members' products are compliant with the AES67 standard and achieve reliable interoperability with products from other manufacturers. Recent demonstrations have successfully connected together more than 20 pro audio devices from over a dozen different manufacturers.

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