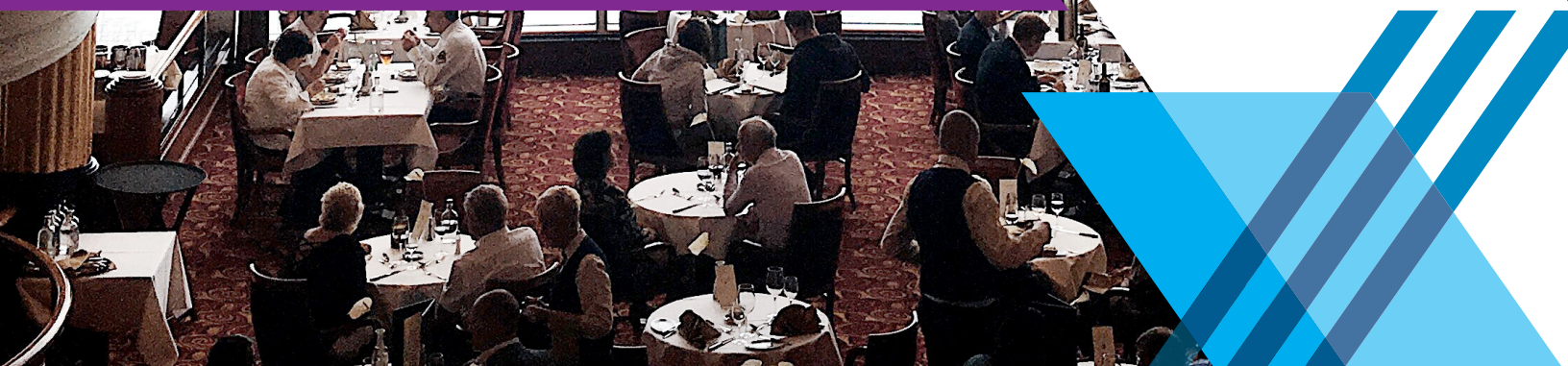




SOLARO QR

User Manual

XILICA



Important Safety Information

1. READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS

All the safety and operating instructions should be read before the product is operated.

2. KEEP THESE INSTRUCTIONS

The safety and operating instructions should be retained for future reference.

3. HEED ALL WARNINGS

All warnings on the product and in the operating instructions should be adhered to.

4. FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS

All operating and use of instructions should be followed.

5. DO NOT USE THIS APPARATUS IN WATER.

Do not use the product near water. For example, near a bathtub, wash bowl, kitchen sink, or laundry tub, in a wet basement, or near a swimming pool, and the like.

6. CLEAN ONLY WITH DRY CLOTH.

Unplug the unit from the wall outlet before cleaning.

7. DO NOT BLOCK ANY VENTILATION OPENINGS

Slots and openings in the cabinet back or bottom are provided for ventilation, to ensure reliable operation of the limit and to protect it from overheating. These openings must not be blocked or covered. The openings should never be blocked by placing the product on a bed, sofa, rug, or similar surface. This product should never be placed near or over a radiator or heat source. This product should not be placed in a built-in installation such as a bookcase or rack unless proper ventilation is provided or the manufacturer's instructions have been adhered to.

8. DO NOT INSTALL NEAR ANY HEAT SOURCES

This product should be situated away from heat sources such as radiators, stoves or other products (including amplifiers) that produces heat.

9. DO NOT DEFEAT THE SAFETY PURPOSE OF THE POLARIZED OR GROUNDING-TYPE PLUG

A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding-type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade or the third prongs are provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.

10. PROTECT THE POWER CORD FROM BEING WALKED ON OR PINCHED PARTICULARLY AT PLUGS, CONVENIENCE RECEPTACLES, AND THE POINT WHERE THEY EXIT FROM THE APPARATUS.

11. ONLY USE ATTACHMENTS/ACCESSORIES SPECIFIED BY THE MANUFACTURER.

12. USE ONLY WITH CART, STAND, TRIPOD, BRACKET, OR TABLE SPECIFIED BY THE MANUFACTURER, OR SOLD WITH THE APPARATUS. WHEN A CART IS USED, USE WITH CAUTION WHEN MOVING THE CART/APPARATUS TO AVOID INJURY FROM TIP-OVER.

Do not place this unit on an unstable cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table. The unit may fall, causing serious injury to someone, and serious damage to the appliance. A unit and cart combination should be moved with care. Quick stops, excessive force, and uneven surfaces may cause the product and cart combination to overturn.

13. UNPLUG THIS APPARATUS DURING LIGHTNING STORMS OR WHEN UNUSED FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME.

For added protection for this unit during a lightning storm, or when it is left unattended and unused for long periods of time, unplug it from the wall outlet and disconnect the antenna or cable system. This will prevent damage to the unit due to lightning and power surges.

14. REFER ALL SERVICING TO QUALIFIED PERSONNEL. SERVICING IS REQUIRED WHEN THE APPARATUS HAS BEEN DAMAGED IN ANY WAY. SUCH AS, WHEN THE POWER SUPPLY CORD OR PLUG IS DAMAGED, LIQUID HAS BEEN SPILLED, OR OBJECTS HAVE FALLEN INTO THE APPARATUS, THE APPARATUS HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO RAIN OR MOISTURE, DOES NOT OPERATE NORMALLY, OR HAS BEEN DROPPED.

15. WARNING: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS APPARATUS TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.

16. APPARATUS SHALL NOT BE EXPOSED TO DRIPPING OR SPLASHING AND NO OBJECTS FILLED WITH LIQUIDS, SUCH AS VASES, SHALL BE PLACED ON THE APPARATUS.

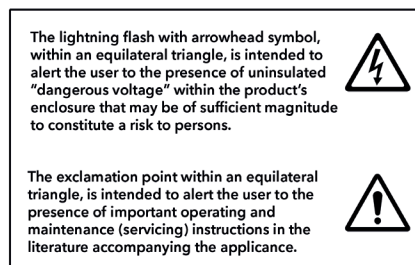
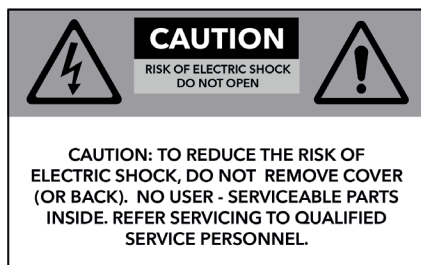
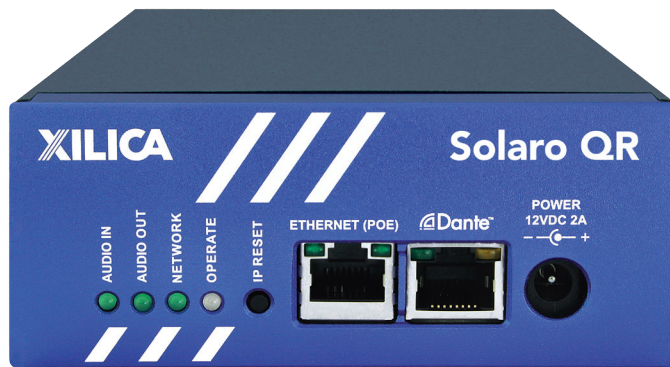


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What's in the Box

- Solaro QR hardware device
- Hard copy of the Quick Start Guide
- USB drive with Xilica Designer Software, Help File, Quick Start Guide and Spec Sheet
- 12VDC/2A detachable power supply 90-240 VAC 50-60Hz
- Detachable 3.81mm Phoenix/Euro type terminal block connectors

What you need to Provide

- Mac or PC computer with a processor 1GHz or higher
- Windows 7 or higher
- Mac OSX
- 500 MB of free space
- 1 GB graphics card
- 4 GB of RAM
- Network interface (Router, PoE switch)
 - A router is used for IP assignment and easy connectivity to computer and control devices.
 - A PoE switch is used for controllers if local power is not used.
- Ethernet cable (Cat5/6)

Getting Help

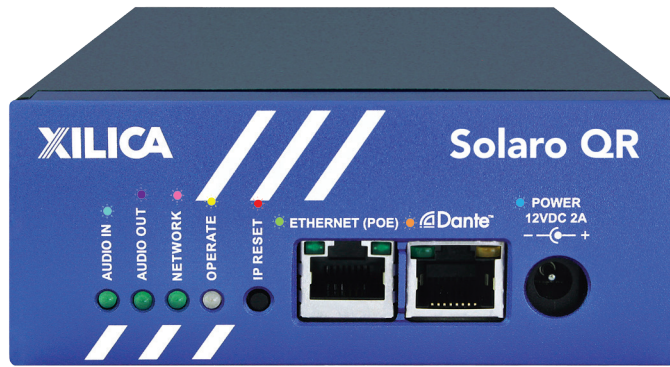
Additional Help Files and video tutorials are available at our website: www.xilica.com

For further technical support, please email: support@xilica.com and we'll connect you with a solutions engineer. Alternatively, you can call our worldwide offices for immediate assistance:

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- **Audio In LED**

The Audio In Status LED is a green LED light, which simply indicates that an audio signal is being sent in to the device.
- **Audio Out LED**

The Audio Out Status LED is a green LED light, which simply indicates that the audio signal is being sent out from the device.
- **Network LED**

The Network Status LED is a green LED light, which indicates that a Network Connection is established between the hardware device and the software. When communicating through the network, this LED will flash. If the LED is a red color, this indicates that Ethernet is not plugged in or the device is performing an IP Reset.
- **Operate LED**

The Operate Status LED is a blue LED light, which indicates that the hardware device is powered On. This LED light will flash when powering On the device or when performing a firmware upgrade.
- **IP reset**

Reset the IP Address by following the IP Reset Procedure. (Refer to connection troubleshooting: Page 14)
- **Ethernet (PoE) connector**

Connect to the device to the network using standard RJ45 (Ethernet) cable. If you are sending Power over Ethernet (PoE), the 12VDC/2A power supply is not needed.
- **Dante connector**

4x4 Dante network audio can be transported using a standard RJ45 Cat5/6 cable.
- **Power supply**

+12VDC/2A External power supply 90-240 VAC 50-60Hz.



Available Modular Plug-in Cards

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Audio input card | 2ch mic/line in |
| 2. Audio output card | 2ch analogue out |
| 3. GPIO input card | 4ch GPIO in |
| 4. GPIO output card | 4ch GPIO out |
| 5. RS232 card | 2 ports RS232 |
| 6. AES/EBU input card | 2ch AEC in |
| 7. AES/EBU output card | 2ch AEC out |

Modular Cards

WARNING!

Power down the unit before opening the device! Disconnect the device's power supply, including PoE. Solaro QR modular cards can be plugged in any combination and order.

Opening the Device

To open the device,

1. Use a Philips screwdriver to remove each screw located on the sides of the device. (Total 4 screws)
2. Lift the top plate of the device and slide the plate out.
3. Once you are done installing your modular cards, line up the top plate with the device and slide the plate back onto the device. Then secure the four screws back into place. The screws should fit easily. Do not apply excessive force to secure screws. Please check the alignment of your modular cards.

Note: When handling modular cards, the connectors are fragile. Please handle with care. Never pull straight up or push straight down.

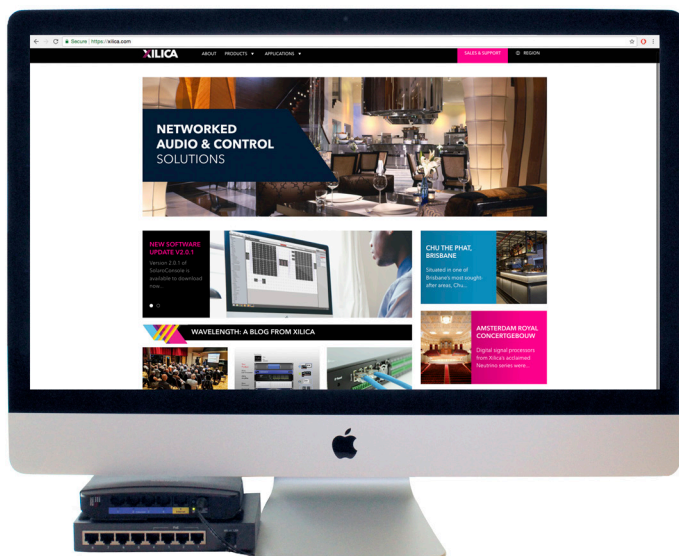
Inserting modular cards

1. Line up the modular card connectors with the pinholes in the empty card slot.
2. Using a rocking motion, push gently on each side of the modular card until the card is secured in place.
3. Installation is completed when the modular card cannot move down any further.
4. Verify the installation afterwards. The unit will not start if the cards are not properly set.

Removing modular cards

1. Using a rocking motion, gently lift each side of the modular card until the card is removed.
2. Keep loose modular cards protected in a safe and dry place.

Hardware Device Connection



What you need

- A Mac or PC computer with a processor 1GHz or higher
- Windows 7 or higher
- Mac OSX
- 500 MB of free space
- 1GB graphics card
- 4 GB of RAM

- Network Interface (PoE switch, router)
- Ethernet cable (Cat5 or 6)

Initial Device Connectivity:

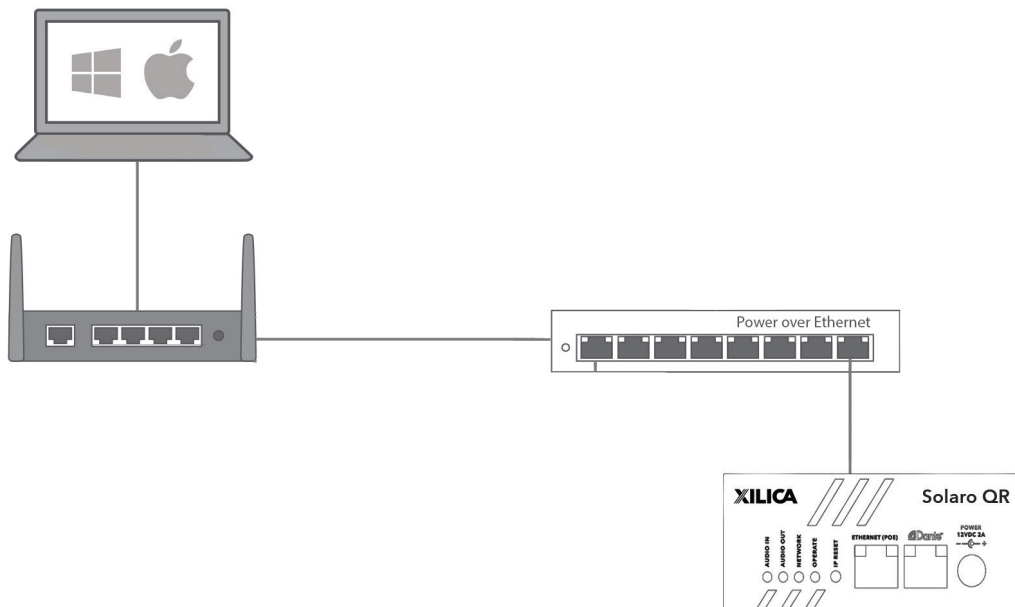
Xilica processors and control devices run on a network based infrastructure and are set up and controlled by a host computer via Ethernet using the Xilica Designer software.

A network connection can be made between the computer and processor using:

- DHCP enabled Router or Server/Router combination (Recommended)
- or a non-DHCP direct connection or indirect connection via an Ethernet switch.

Note: DHCP enabled Router/switch gear should be turned on first, with all Ethernet cables connected to the hardware prior to powering on the Hardware. This will allow for proper handling of IP address distribution to the Hardware. The IP address assignment is automatic if connected to a DHCP enabled router.

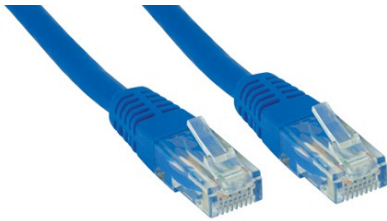
A) DHCP enabled router or server/router combination (Recommended)



B) Non-DHCP direct connection or indirect connection



All wired connections use a standard RJ45 Cat 5/6 (Ethernet) connection. Xilica Designer and XTouch Applications can also be connected via a Wi-Fi connection, but this is not recommended.



Standard RJ45 cable

A) DHCP enabled router or server/router combination (Recommended)

With DHCP enabled routers and servers, the processor will automatically obtain the IP address upon power up and connection.

When other Xilica wall controls will also be used, it is recommended to use a router and PoE switch. This combo provides DHCP as well as power to the wall controls. Linksys routers and Netgear switches are recommended.

B) Non-DHCP direct connection or indirect connection

When the processor is connected directly to a computer or indirectly via a switch or hub and DHCP is not available to assign IP addresses, the connection process is not automatic.

1. Single processor (Non-DHCP)

Once no DHCP is detected, the processor will either try to connect using the IP address last assigned and stored on the device or attempt to revert to its default IP address of 169.254.128.128.

Under some conditions, the processor may refuse to relinquish its stored IP addresses or revert to its default IP address and thus refuse to connect. We recommend performing an IP Reset (Page 14).

2. Multiple processors (Non-DHCP)

For multiple processor connected to the network with no DHCP available, the user will have to manually assign unique IP addresses to each device. (Page 15-17)



Connect Mains Power

Insert the supplied 12VDC/2A power supply into the power input connector. Connect the AC end of the cord into an AC power source of the correct voltage and frequency (90-240 VAC, 50/60 Hz). If you are using PoE, there is no need to connect the extra 12VDC/2A power supply. Simply insert the Ethernet (PoE) cable to the PoE switch.

Power On Devices

With your processors and devices connected as a network or directly to your computer, power on all devices. On power up, the processors blue Operate Status LED will flash until the device is fully powered On.

Upon power up, the processor will search for a DHCP router or server to obtain an IP address. If it locates a DHCP server or router, it will connect quickly. If not, the processor will revert to its default IP address (169.254.128.128). This may several minutes to accomplish. When the processor and software are connected and commands are being sent to the device, the green Network status LED will light.

Connecting to other associated hardware

Audio I/O connection to associated hardware is accomplished by connection to the Phoenix/Euro Block connectors wired in standard balanced (+ - G) configuration or unbalanced by combing the ground and negative connection points, in the case of Dante' connectivity a RJ45 network cable connection to the Dante' network.

GPIO Input

GPIO connections are made using Phoenix/Euro Block connections. GPIO is usually a CC connection.

Number of inputs	4
Input type	GPIO (software selectable per input)
GPIO	Short to Ground to activate
Control	0-5V Range
Connectors	6 position Phoenix plug-in 3.81 mm type

GPIO Output

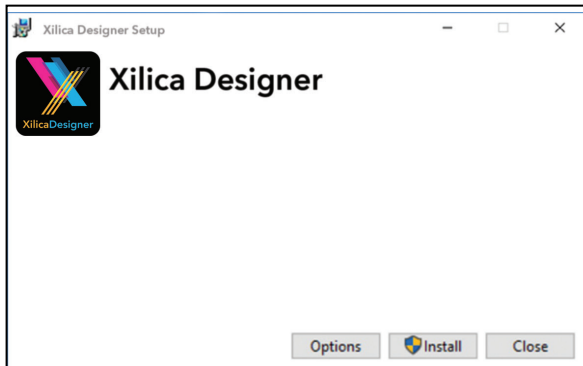
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Number of outputs	4
Output Type	LED / Source Sink (software selectable per output)
LED	3mA per output
Source Sink	300mA per output
Connectors	6 position Phoenix plug-in 3.81 mm type

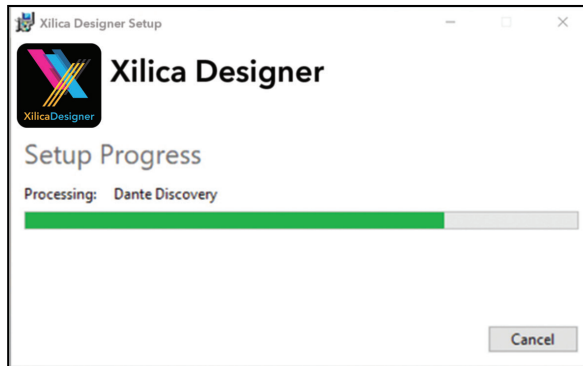
Xilica Designer Software Installation

Windows Platform Installation

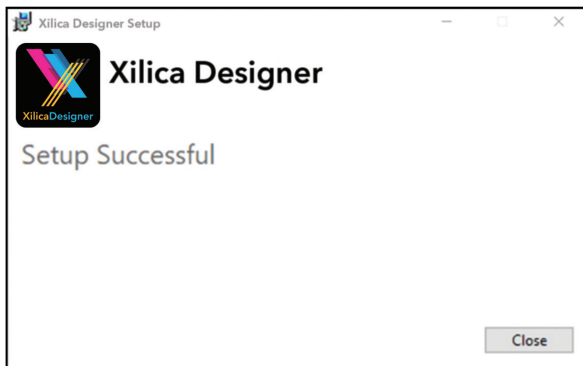
1. With the Xilica USB thumb drive included with your Xilica product, transfer the files from the USB to a memorable location on your computer. Alternatively, you can download the latest version of the Xilica Designer software from the Xilica website (www.xilica.com). It is highly recommended that you make sure you are using the latest version.
2. Double click on the 'XilicaDesigner.exe.' file saved on your computer.
3. When asked to install the file, click 'Install' to continue.



4. Allow the program to complete the installation process. This may take a several minutes.



5. When complete, Windows will ask for permission to allow firewall access. The suggested setting is to allow Xilica Designer to communicate in Private networks, such as home or work. Allow access to public networks at your own discretion. Check the appropriate boxes, then click 'Allow Access' to finish.
6. The Xilica Designer software is now installed.

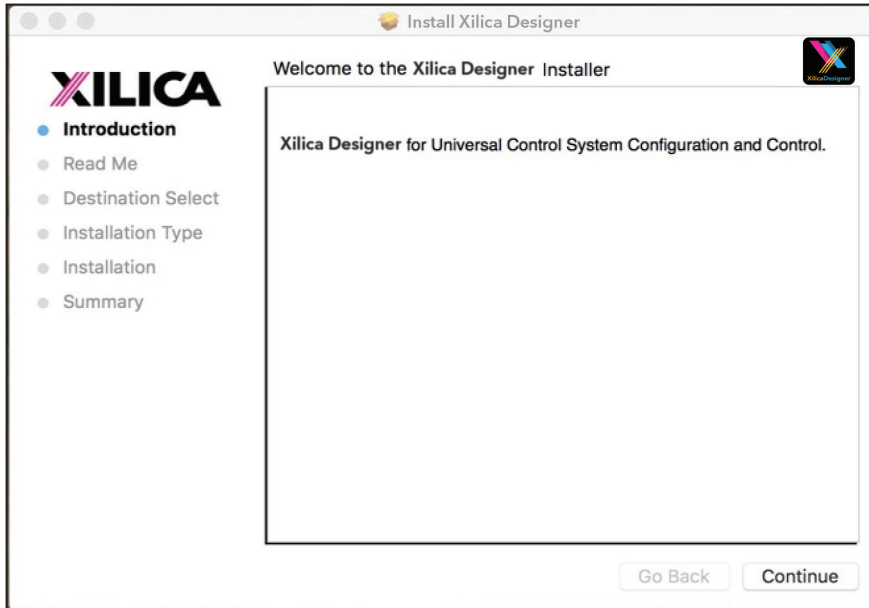


Installation Notes

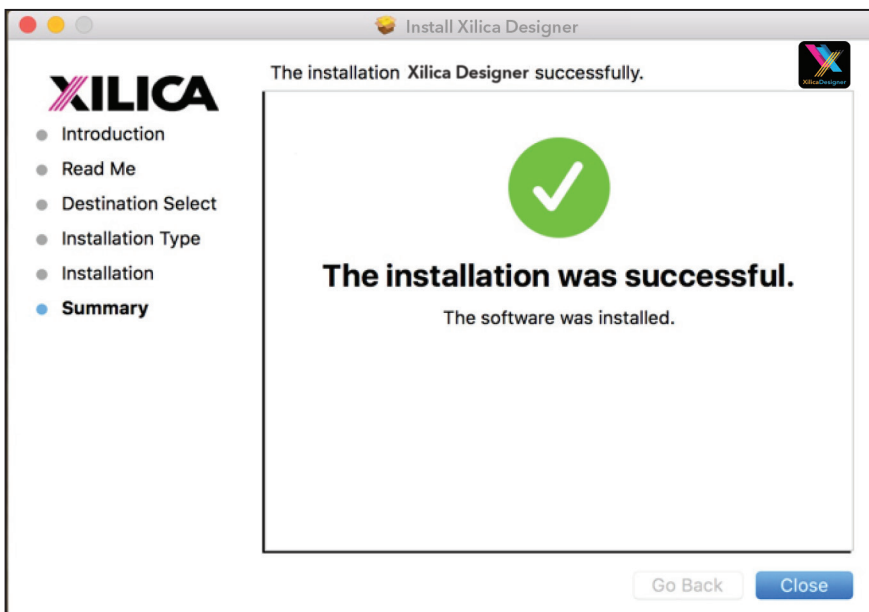
If a personal Firewall is set up on your computer, a pop-up Firewall window may ask whether users want to "Block" or "Allow" Xilica Designer from accessing the network. Select "Allow" to continue the installation.

Mac OSX Platform Installation

1. With the Xilica USB thumb drive included with your Xilica product, transfer the files from the USB to a memorable location on your computer. Alternatively, you can download the latest version of the Xilica Designer software from the Xilica website (www.xilica.com)
2. Double click on the 'XilicaDesigner.mpkg.' file saved on your computer.
3. OSX will display an installation dialogue. Read and follow each step carefully, then click 'continue' to proceed.

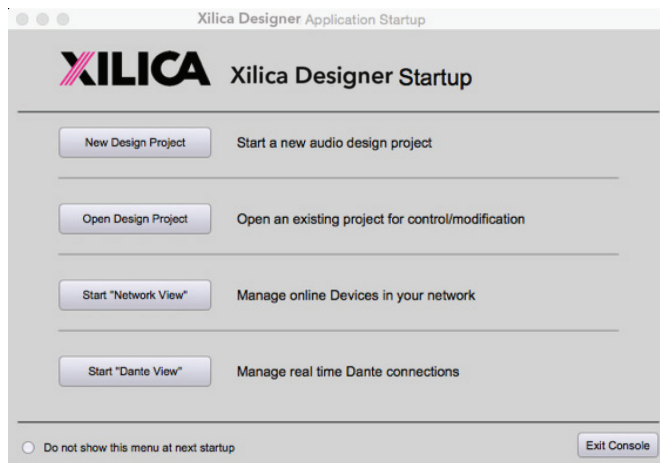


4. When the installation is successful, the following dialogue will be displayed.



Launch the Xilica Designer Software

Upon launching the Xilica Designer software, a start-up window will pop up.



You may select a 'New Design Project', 'Open Design Project', 'Start Network View' or 'Start Dante View'. (Network and Dante View are also available within the Xilica Designer software).

Select 'Start Network View'.

Network view



The Network View displays all processors and control devices on the network. The Network View displays information such as the device model, a network connection indicator, Computer address, IP address, Manufacturer and the firmware version.

In Network View, you should see your processor(s) listed.

At the top left of the device block is a network connection indicator. This indicator displays three colors: red, yellow and green. (Circled in Red)

Network Connection Indicators:

- Green: The device is Connected and operational.
- Yellow: The device is Connected and online, but not operational. Hovering over the network indicator will display a pop-up message of identified problems. (Normally this would indicate that no device design is loaded.)
- Red: The device is not connected and offline. There is no communication between the Xilica Designer software and the device. Please check all cables, modular cards, connections and power. If the processor is busy performing a firmware upgrade or is in the process of rebooting, this may be a temporary offline interruption.

At times you may just see an exclamation mark (!). This indicates that a firmware upgrade is available. Normally this is not an issue unless there are updated modules in the project file that the outdated firmware does not support.

Connection Problems?

Hardware connection problems

Device not appearing in Network View

Check your hardware device indicators. If the device Operate LED is solid Blue and the Network LED is solid Green, it is a Network problem. Please confirm the setting on your network adapter.

If the device Operate LED is solid Blue but the Network LED is solid Red, This indicates an Ethernet port error. The Ethernet port has not been properly connected.

If audio input/output LEDs are not illuminated, this indicates lack of signal. Increase input/output levels or check your physical connections.

If the audio input LED is Green or Red, and the audio output LED is not illuminated, the unit output is too low. Please check the output levels in the design.

If the audio input and output LEDs are Green or Red, this indicates that an output problem. Please check your connections.

Software connection problems

Yellow Network indicator

In Xilica Designer's Network View, if there is a Yellow network connection indicator at the top left of the device, the device is connected and online, but Not operational. To assist in identifying the problem, hover your cursor over the device network indicator and a pop-up message will identify the problems it has detected.

Probable causes include:

Non-DHCP Connection

When you are Not connected to a DHCP enabled router or server, the processor will revert to its auto-configured IP Address (169.254.128.128). In Network View, you can view the IP address displayed for your device(s).

If the default IP address is shown, the default IP address is in effect.

If the default IP address is incorrect, please follow the 'IP Reset' instructions on page 14.

For multiple processor connected to the network with no DHCP available, the user will have to manually assign unique IP addresses to each device. Please refer to 'Manual IP address assignment for devices' and 'Assigning a Static IP Address to your computer' on Page 15-17.

DHCP Connection

If you are connected to a DHCP enabled router,

1. Reboot the router.
2. Restart the processor.
3. Shut down the Xilica Designer software and restart the program again.
4. The network connection indicator should now be green, indicating that the processor is connected, online and operational.

Note: If you are Not connecting via Wi-Fi, turn off your device's Wi-Fi so the device can connect to the desired network.

If the connection indicator is still Yellow (connected but Not operational) after the reboot procedure, it is possible that the processor is holding onto a previously assigned IP address and is not allowing the processor to revert to its default IP address. To resolve this issue, the processors' network settings and password need to be reset.

IP Reset / Reset Processor Network Settings and Password

1. Shut down the Xilica Designer software.
2. Disconnect the processor's power source, including PoE.
3. At the front of the processor, you will see a small, recessed push button labelled "IP Reset".
4. Push the IP Reset button inward using a small pointed object.
5. While holding the button pushed in, power up the device by connecting power or using PoE.
6. Wait 5-10 seconds after power up until the "Network" light begins to flash, and then release the IP Reset push button.
7. Wait for the processor to power up completely. This may take up to several minutes.
8. Open the Xilica Designer software and select "Start Network View"
9. In Network View, the network status indicator should now be green (Connected and operational)

If the default IP address of 169.254.128.128 is still shown, you're either using an incorrectly configured Static IP setup, or the DHCP server still isn't available to the device.

Software network problems continued

Device Not Ready

If the pop-up message shown says Device Not ready, then the processor needs a design loaded to the unit. If the same error message persists, restart the device and reboot the Xilica Designer software.

DSP Processing Error

If the pop-up message shown says DSP Processing Error, this could be a bad pre-designed DSP project.

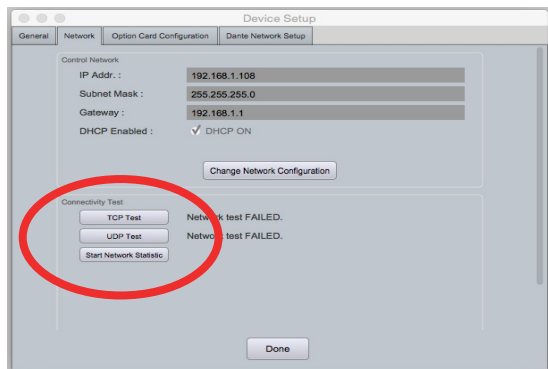
1. Retry reloading the pre-designed DSP app schematic.
2. If the connection indicator is still yellow, reboot the Xilica Designer software and restart the processor.

Error in Firmware Upgrade

The pop up message shown will print out an error code. Retry the Firmware Upgrade again.

Device can communicate to Xilica Designer with UDP but cannot communicate with TCP

1. Right click the device in Network view and select "**Device Set up**". Select the "Network tab"



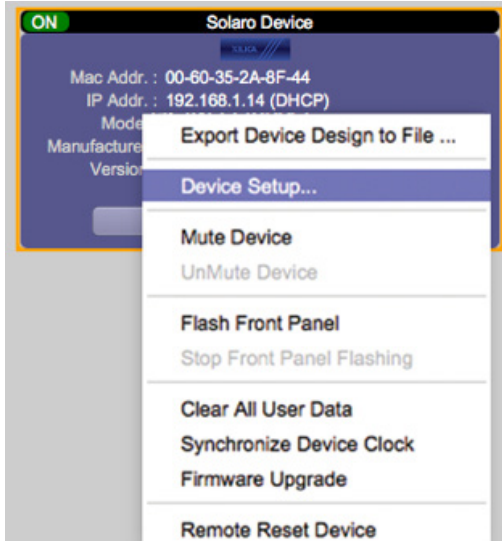
2. Click "**TCP Test**" / "**UDP Test**" to test TCP / UDP connections.
3. If failed, please check your PC's firewall or router settings. If you are not connecting via Wi-Fi. make sure that Wi-Fi is turned off.
4. Click "**Start Network Statistics**" to see network statistic information.
5. Once a change has been made, restart Xilica Designer and review your device connection.

Manual Assignment of IP Addresses for devices

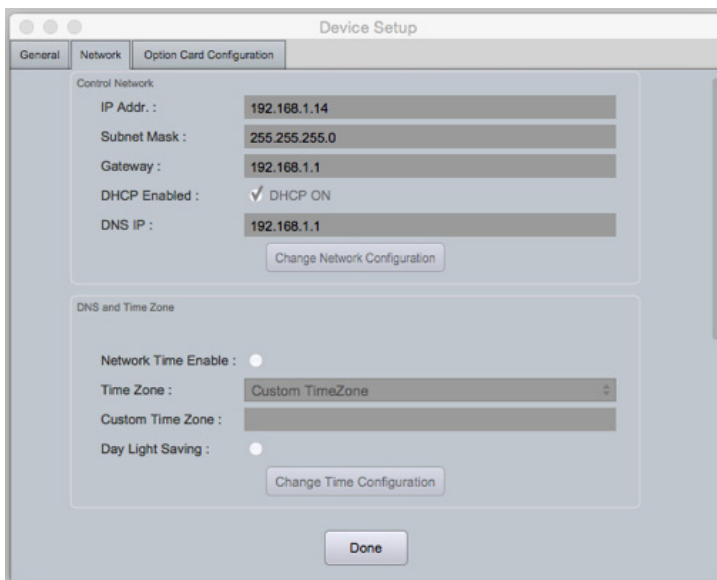
There are applications that require the IP address to be manually assigned (the same solution may apply to some connection issues).

To manually assign IP addresses,

1. In the Network View, right click the device and select '**Device Setup**'.



2. In the 'Network' tab, select "**Change Network Configuration**" to disable DHCP and to insert IP addresses manually (It also provides two built-in test procedures, device security, and device information along with Dante Configuration, if applicable).



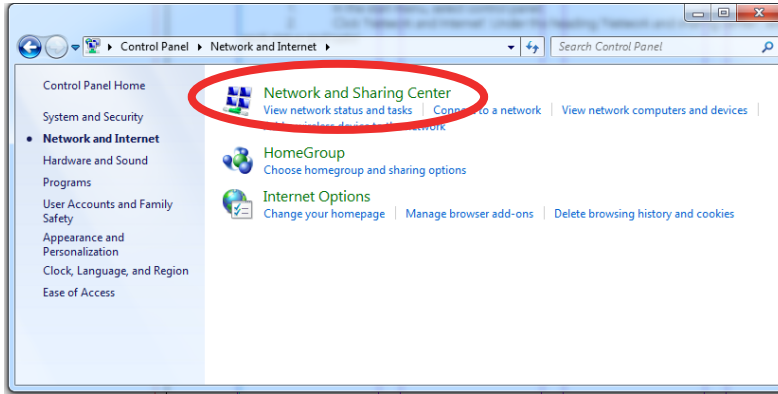
3. When finished, select "**Apply**" to save changes and then "**Done**" to exit.

Assigning a Static IP address for your computer

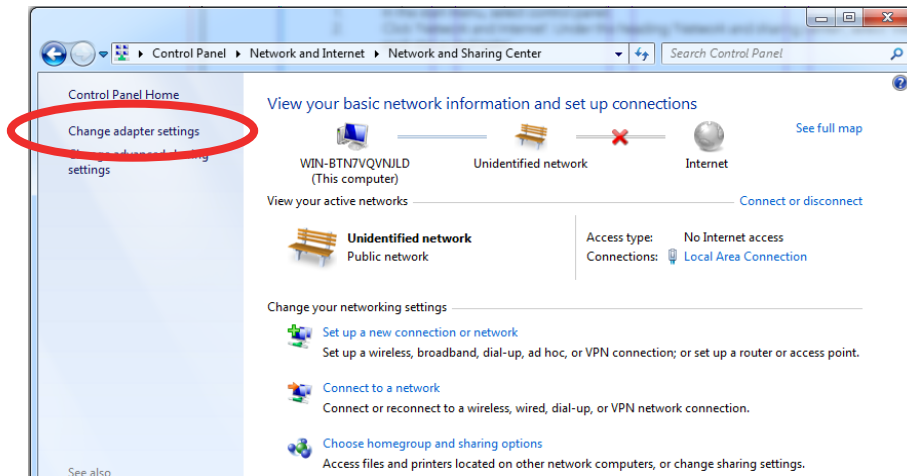
The following process applies to manually assigning a unique static IP address to your computer.

Windows platform

1. In the start menu, select **control panel**.
2. Click '**Network and Internet**'. Under the heading '**Network and sharing center**', select '**View network status and tasks**'



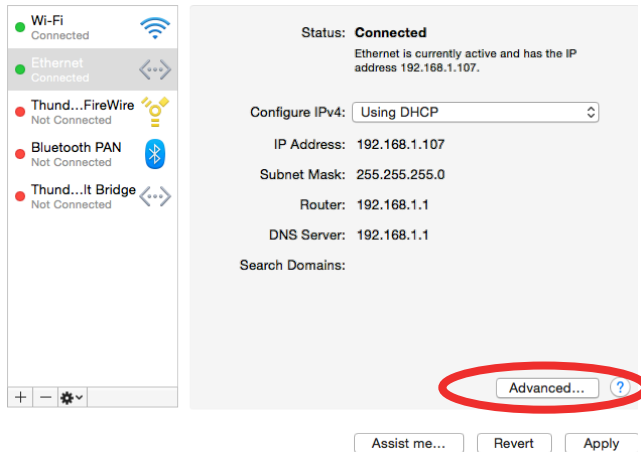
3. Click on '**Change adapter settings**' on the left tab.



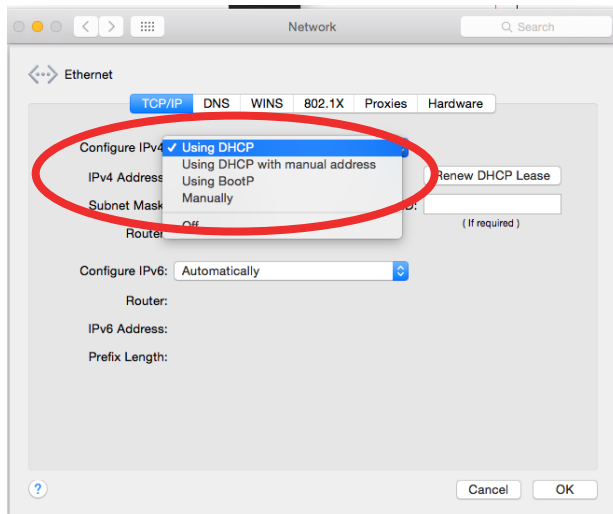
4. Select '**Local Area Connection**' and click on the **Properties** button. Select **Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)** then '**Properties**' to access the manual IP settings.
5. Set up your computer's IP address to be **192.168.1.X** where X can be any value from 0-255, but unique from other manually assigned device IP addresses.
6. Use the following settings for your PC's unique static address:
IP address: 192.168.1.X (X is any value from 0-255 but unique from other device IP addresses)
Subnet mask: 255.255.255.0
Gateway: 192.168.1.1
DNS Servers: 192.168.1.1
7. If your devices are set up following the 'Manual Device IP Assignment' and 'Assigning a Static IP Address to your computer' sections, the devices will now appear online and connected in Xilica Designer's Network view.

Mac platform

1. From the Apple menu, select **System preferences**.
2. Select '**Network**'. From the sidebar, select the network interface you are using.
3. Then click '**Advanced...**'



4. In the TCP/IP tab, set **Configure IPv4** to '**Manually**' using the drop down menu.



5. Enter a static IP address in the IPv4 Address field. Set up your computer's IP address to be **192.168.1.X** where X can be any value from 0-255, but unique from other device IP addresses.
6. Use the following settings for your computers static address:
IP address: 192.168.1.X (X is any value from 0-255 but unique from other device IP addresses)
Subnet mask: 255.255.255.0
Router: 192.168.1.1
7. Click '**Ok**' and '**Apply**' to apply your changes. Then reboot the Xilica Designer software.

If your devices are set up following the 'Manual Device IP Assignment' and 'Assigning a Static IP Address to your computer' sections, the devices will now appear online and connected in Xilica Designer's Network view.

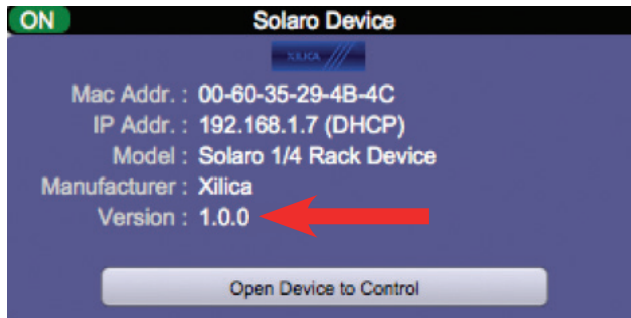
Firmware Upgrade

It is strongly recommended that you check the Xilica website (www.xilica.com) frequently for the latest software and firmware versions, as these updates may contain critical bug fixes and new features.

Note: Using an older version of software with a newer firmware or newer software with an older firmware will work but some of the features may not be available and bugs could exist.

Before you begin, check your software and firmware versions.

1. In Xilica Designer's Network View, select 'Start Network View'.



The Network View shows all processors and devices connected to the network. The device's current firmware version is displayed here. (Ex. Version 1.0.0)

2. To view the current software version, click on the "About" tab at the top of the software. This window will display your current software version.



Matching the Firmware

To assist you in determining which firmware file is appropriate for your device, refer to the chart below. Note: The file structure may be different from the date that this list was created. Always check the Xilica website (www.xilica.com) to keep updated.

#_#_# Represents the 3 digit version code of the firmware update.

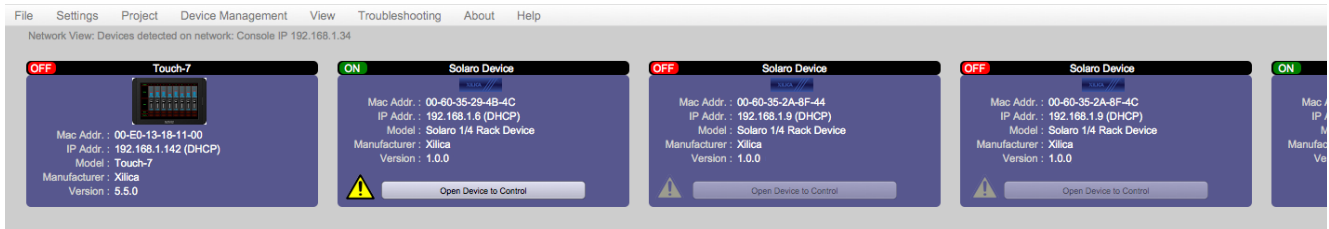
(SOLARO_#_#_#.img)	Solaro series: QR, FR
(NEUTRINO_#_#_#.img)	Neutrino series: A, A-D (AES), A-N (Dante), A-ND (Dante, AES)
(UNO_#_#_#.img)	Uno series: U, U-D (AES), U-N (Dante), U-ND (Dante, AES)
(NEUTRINO-AEC_#_#_#.img)	Neutrino AEC Series
(UNO-AEC_#_#_#.img)	Uno AEC Series
(RIO_#_#_#.img)	Rio Series
(NEUPANEL MINI_#_#_#.img)	NeuPanel Mini Series: K1, K4, S4, S8, S4K1
(NeuPanel Touch_#_#_#.zip)	NeuPanel Touch Device

Step-by-Step Firmware Upgrade Guide

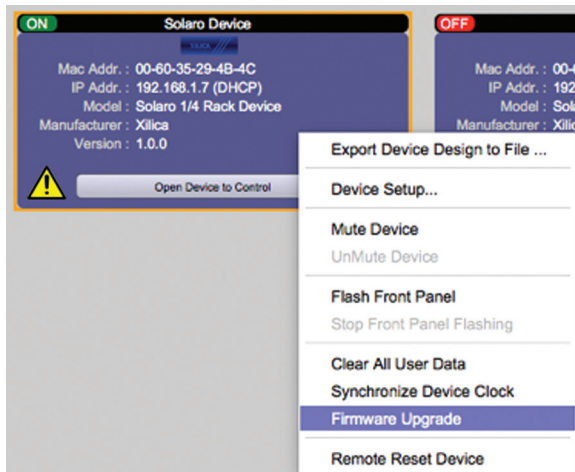
The hardware device must be connected and operational (Green indicator) before upgrading the firmware.

1. Download the latest firmware version for your device from our website. (www.xilica.com)

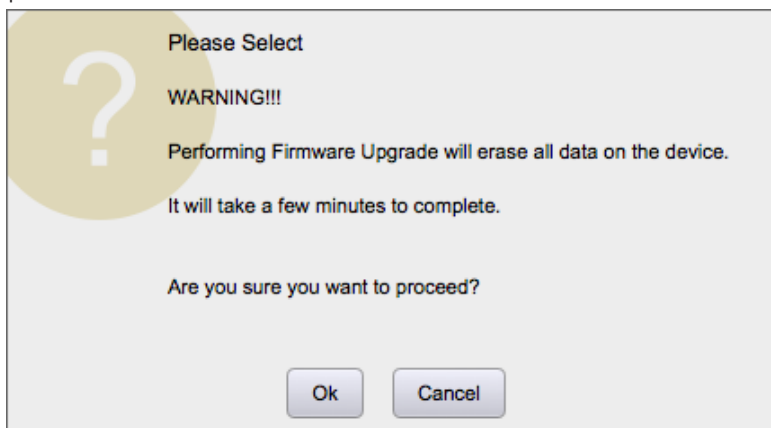
In Network View, all the units on the network are displayed. The network connection indicator is displayed at the top left of each device.



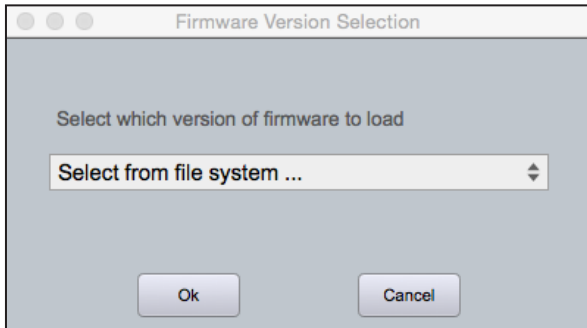
2. Save any design files from the device onto your computer. All programmed data on the device will be erased during the upgrade process. (To save, navigate to the File tab at the top left of the software and click 'Save'.)
After the firmware upgrade is complete, you may reload saved design files back into the device.
3. Right click the device that you would like to update. Select 'Firmware Upgrade'.



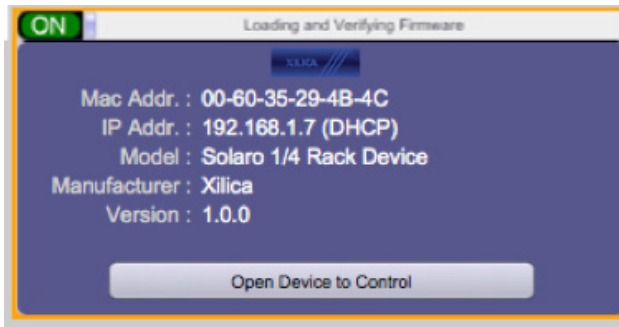
4. A pop up window will ask you if you'd like to proceed with the firmware upgrade. Select "OK" to proceed.



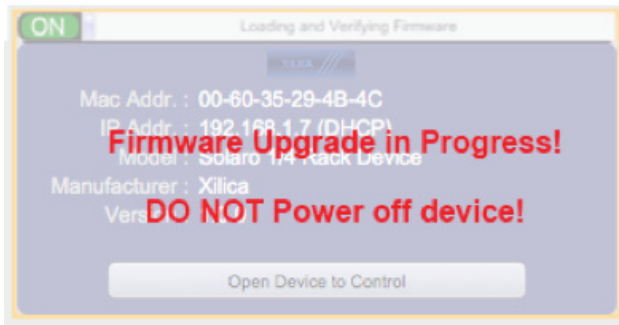
- Click 'Ok' to select a file from your computer. Then navigate to the appropriate firmware file that you have downloaded from our website. Select the correct file and click "Open".
(Ex. A Solaro QR is being updated, so the firmware file for this device at the time of this QSG is Solaro_1_0_1.img.)



- A status bar in the device window will monitor the Firmware upgrade progress.



- When the Firmware has been uploaded to the device, the device will automatically restart and update its internal data. This may take several minutes.
- During this period, the device network indicator will turn RED and appear offline. DO NOT POWER OFF THE DEVICE as the device is performing self-initialization.



- Once the device is initialized, the status indicator will become Yellow. This indicates that the device does not have a design file loaded to it yet.

NOTE: Powering Off your device during a firmware upgrade can result in a complete corruption of the processor. If this happens, please follow the 'Xilica Designer: Firmware Upgrade' guide.

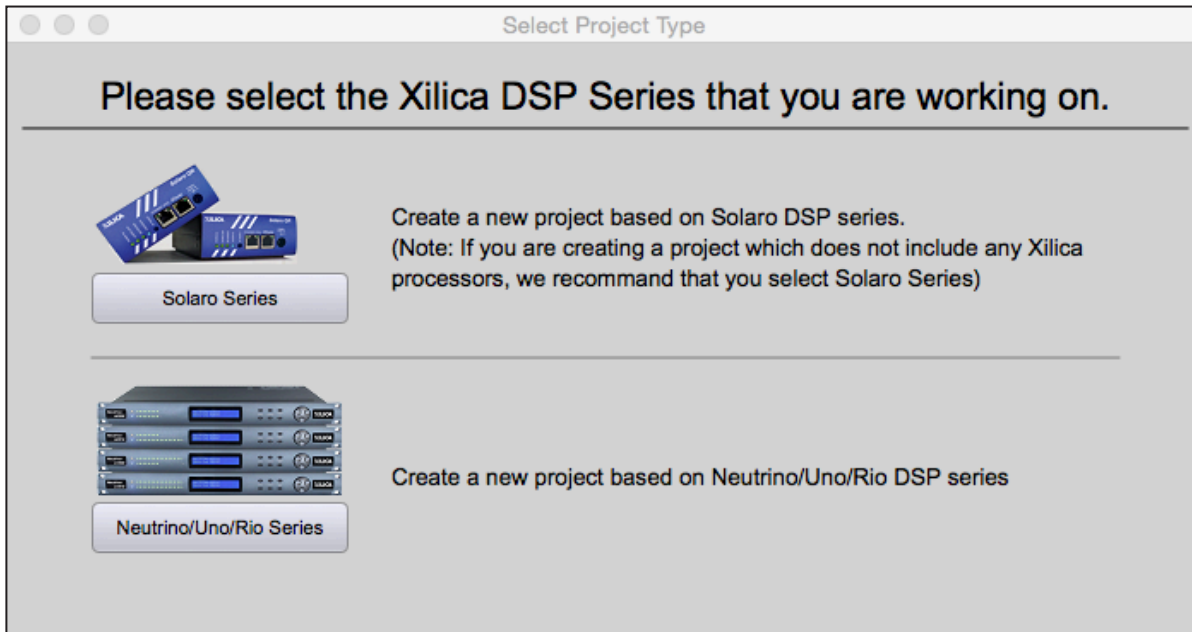
Note: If more than one unit needs a firmware upgrade, you can save time by updating them all at the same time. This can be done as long as they are the same Network and have a green network indicator (connected and operational), as displayed on the Network View page.

- The network indicator of the device should now be green and the device is ready for use.

Creating a Project

At the top left under the 'File' tab, select 'New Project'.

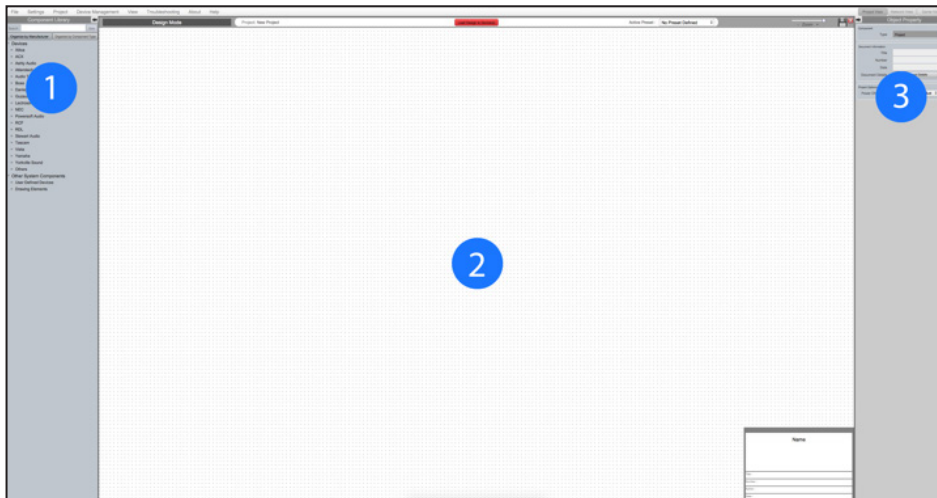
When creating a new project, Xilica Designer will ask you what DSP you are using. Neutrino series DSP is rather different from Solaro series DSP, therefore the two DSPs cannot be used in the same project file.



For more information, please visit the Xilica Designer section in the Xilica website: www.xilica.com

Switch between Xilica Designer's three windows: Project view, Network view and Dante view any time at the top right of the software.

Project view



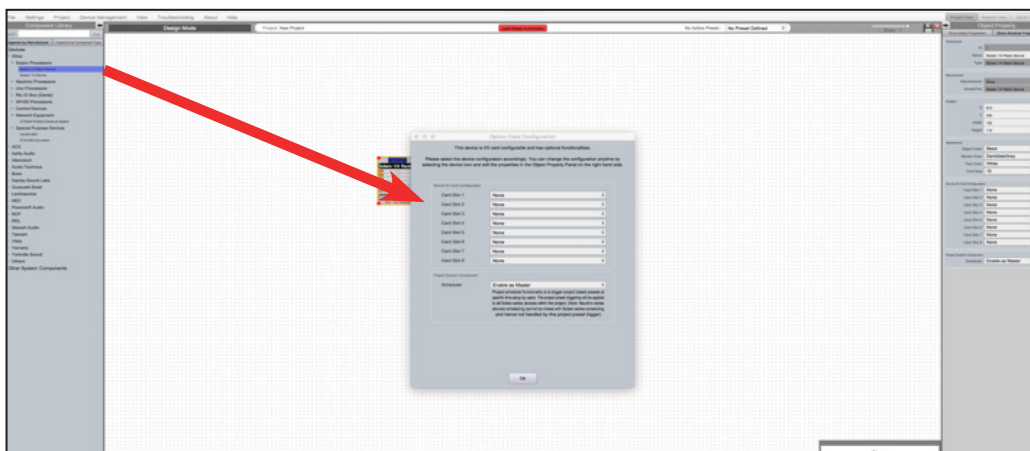
1. To the left of the screen is the Component Libraries Menu.
This menu displays a list of design modules and devices that you can use in your project.
2. The dotted grid in the centre of the screen is your work area.
This area allows you to configure, connect and organize your design modules.
3. To the right of the screen is Object Properties.
This menu allows you to customize your design modules and connections. Simply select your desired module and this menu will display different parameters that you can change in that particular module. (Ex. name, module color, I/O)

Starting a design

For the example, a single DSP hardware block will be used, but a design can be done with multiple DSP hardware items, including the Dante Digital Audio Transport.

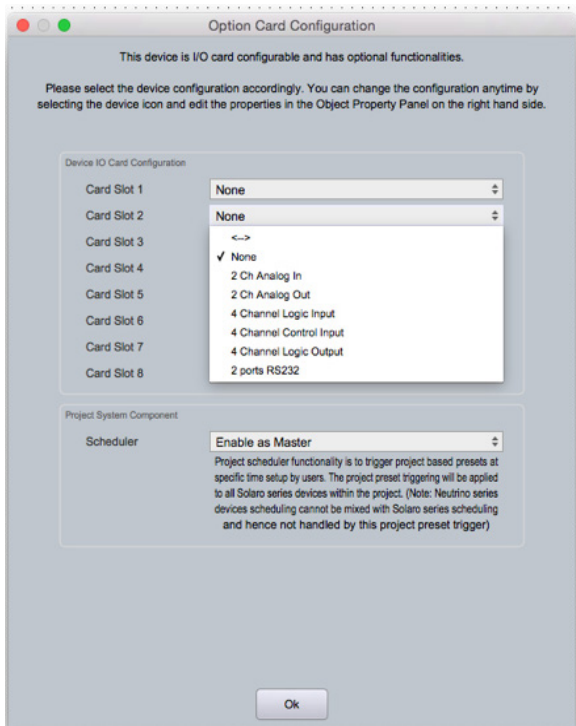
It is a good idea to have an understanding of the system design needed for the project prior to starting. Projects can be designed Offline (no devices connected) and the design can be loaded to your devices once the devices are connected and online.

1. From the Component Library, drag and drop your DSP model to the dotted work area.

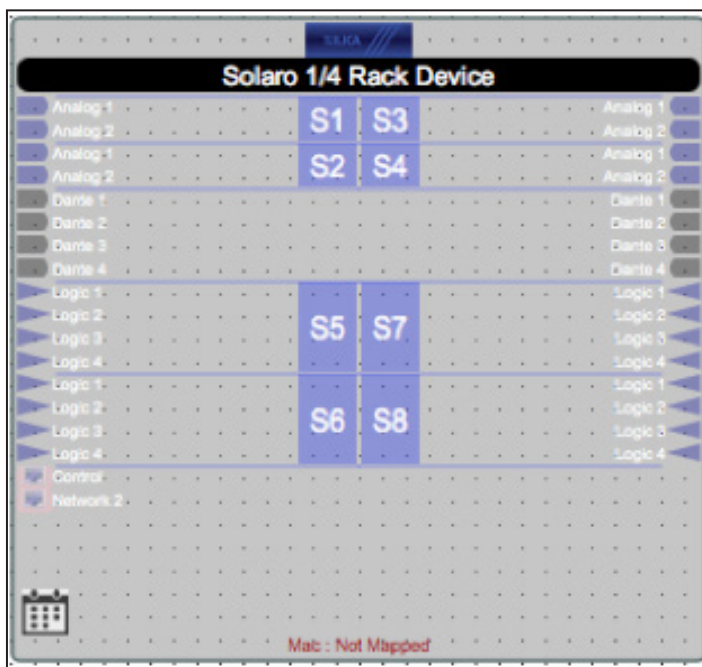


- An Option Card Configuration box will appear.
Use the drop down menus to customize your Solaro DSP device and click 'Ok' when complete.

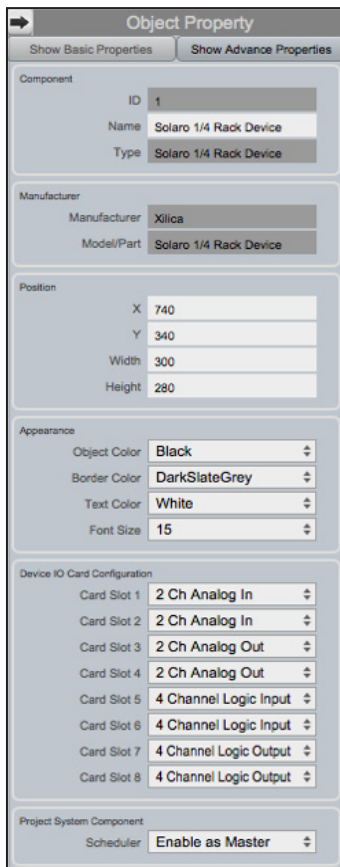
Please note that your device design must match your hardware device configuration in order to go online. Mismatched cards will not have any functionality. Solaro QR cards can be plugged in any combination and order.



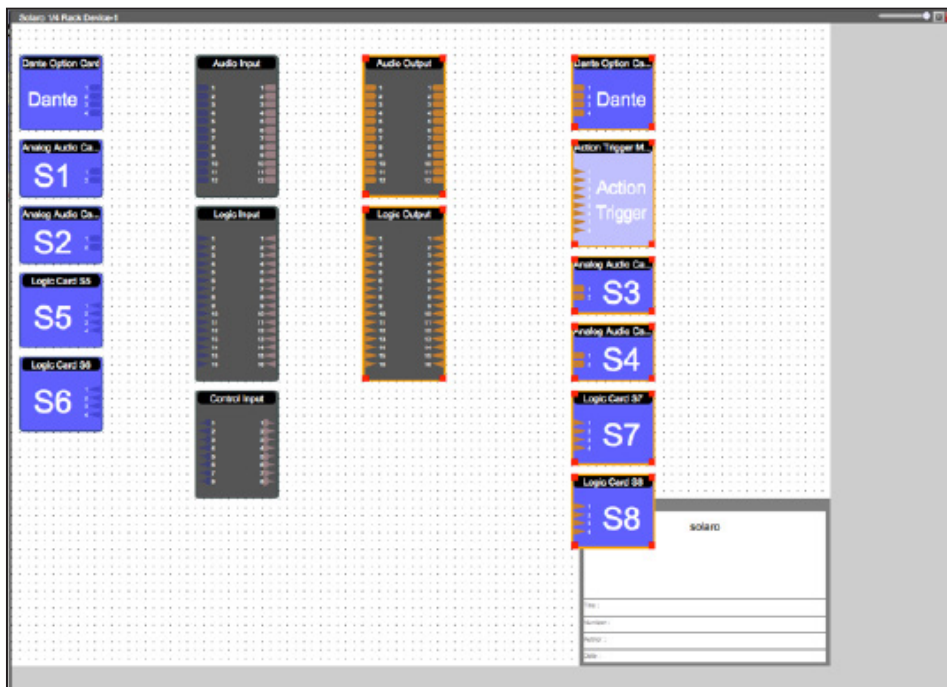
- The Solaro device will be configured according to your settings.



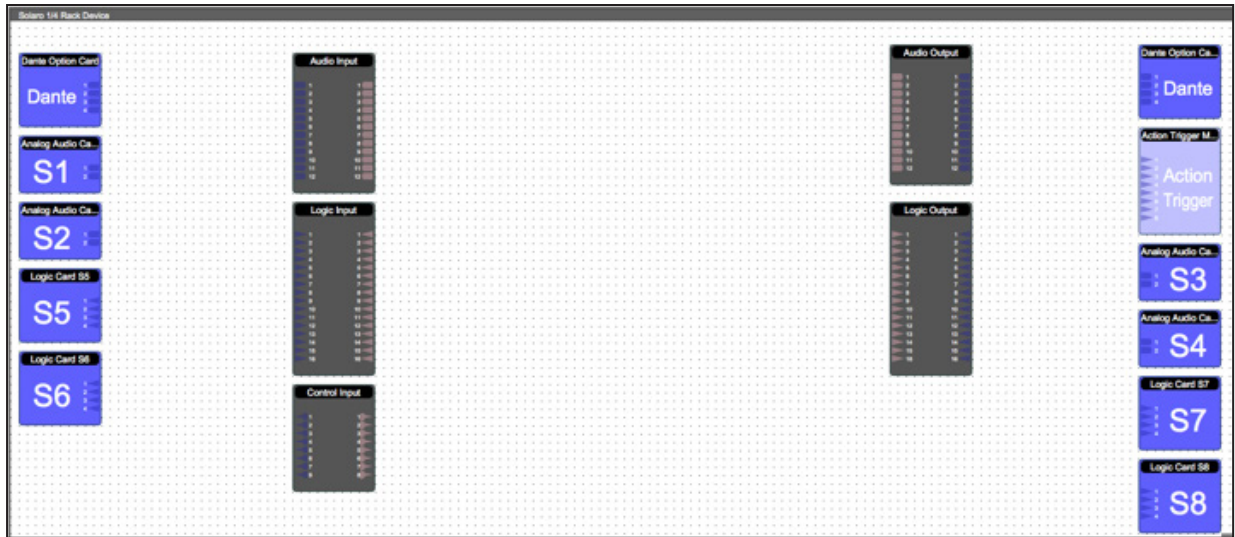
4. With the DSP module highlighted, you may adjust module parameters in the Object Property menu on the right. Object Properties differ for each module selected.



5. Double click the DSP module to open the design schematic. A new window will appear. Resize the window by clicking and dragging the corner of the window.

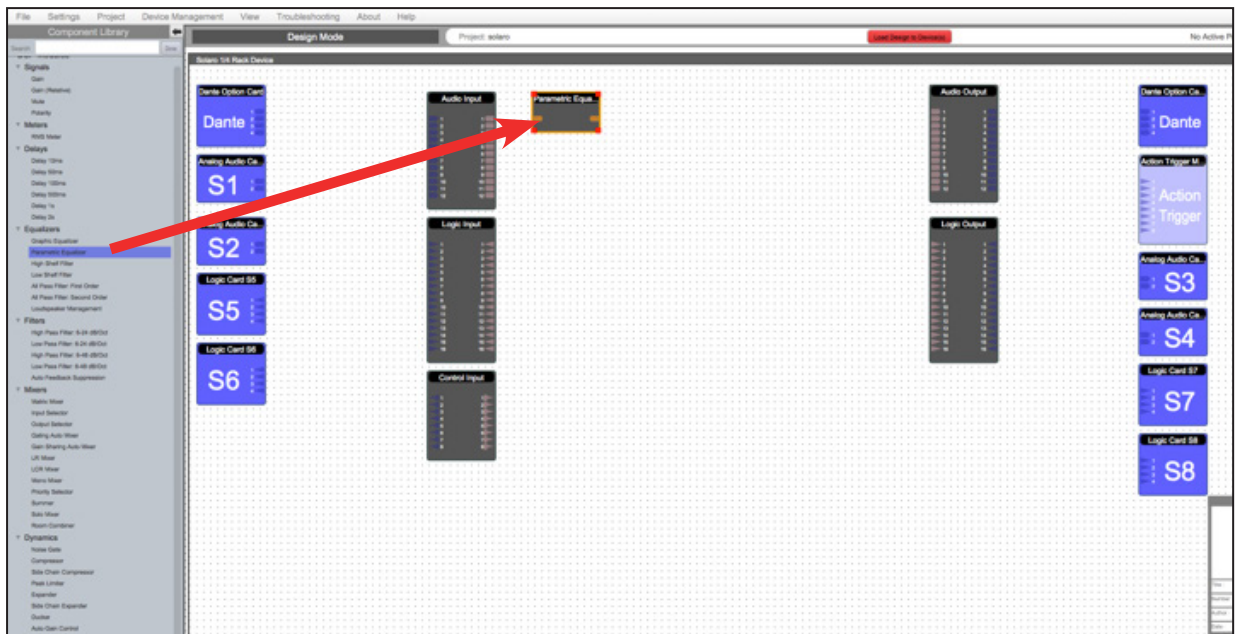


- To space out your work area, click and drag a selection box around the output modules and drag them to the right. This will extend the work area.



Notice that when this window is selected, the Component Library menu on the left, now displays a variety of DSP modules.

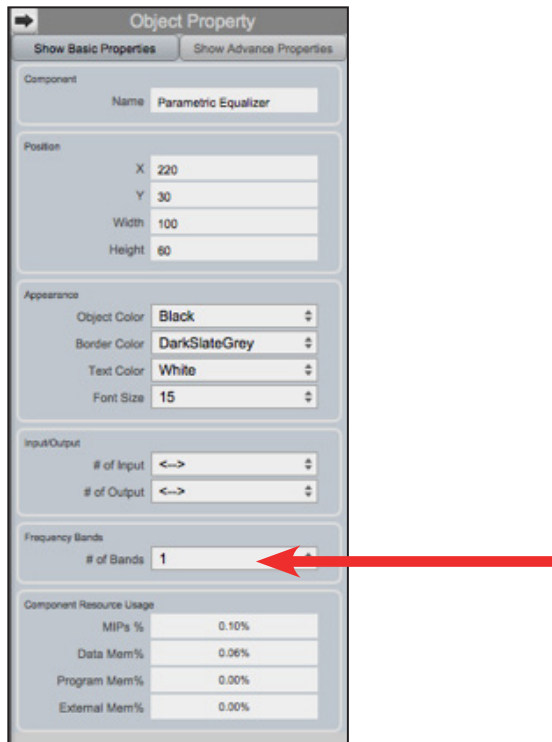
- Click and drag a DSP module into the device schematic window.



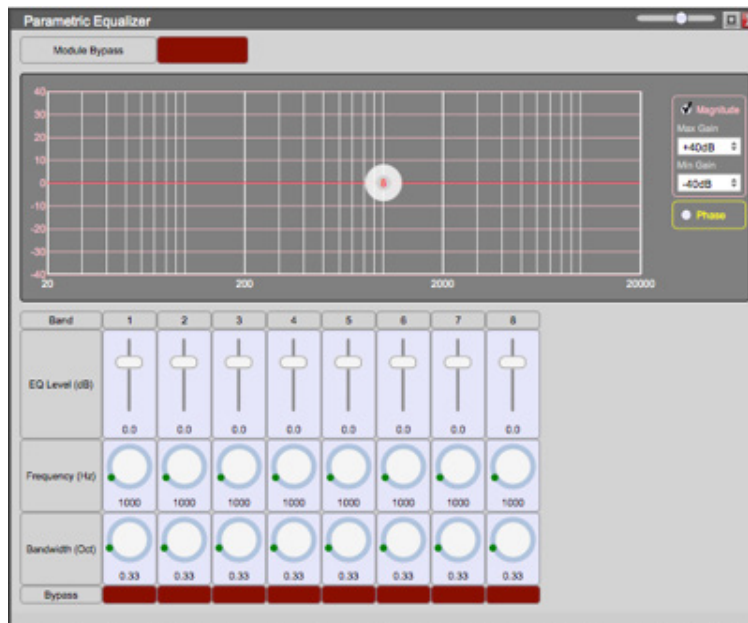
In the example, a PEQ was added.

8. In the Object Property menu on the right, you can customize your module.

For the selected PEQ, up to 8 bands are available, which is determined in the Object Property menu.

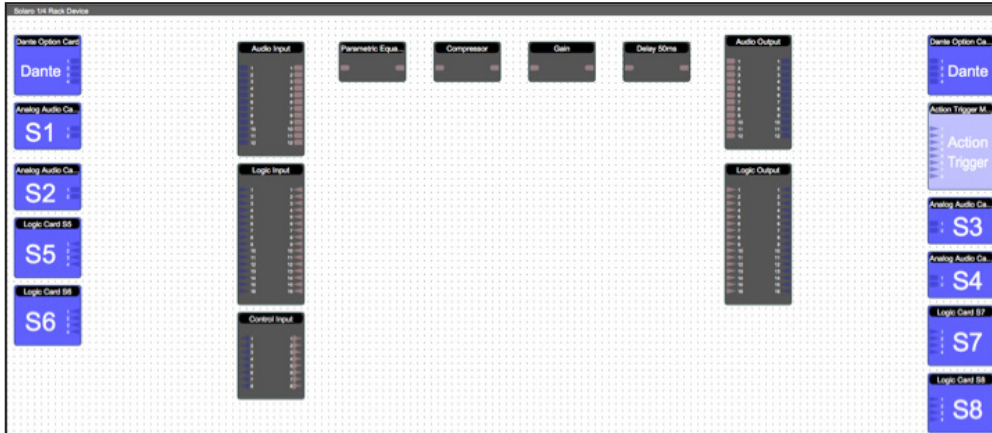


9. Double click the DSP module to open it.

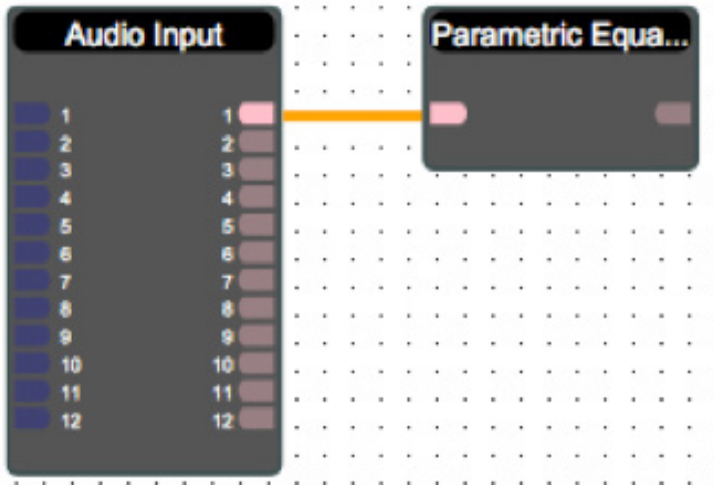


In the PEQ module, the number of bands determined in the object property menu is reflected in the DSP module.

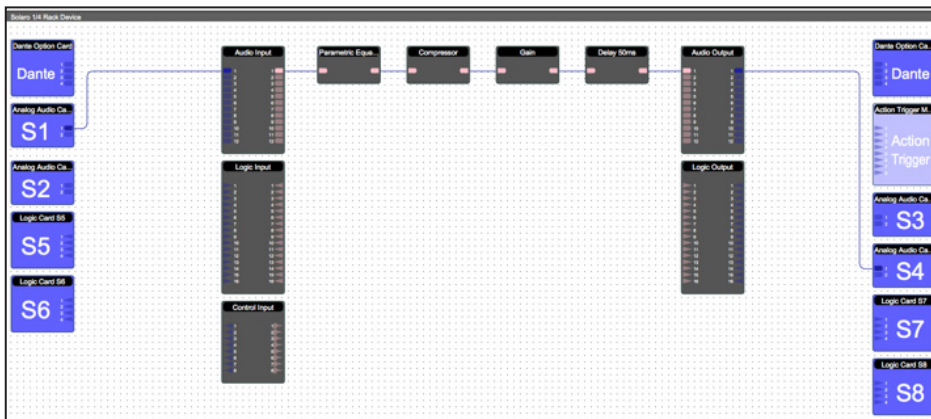
10. Drag and drop other desired modules into the device schematic work area.



11. Click and drag from the first input module node to the PEO input node. This will create a wire.



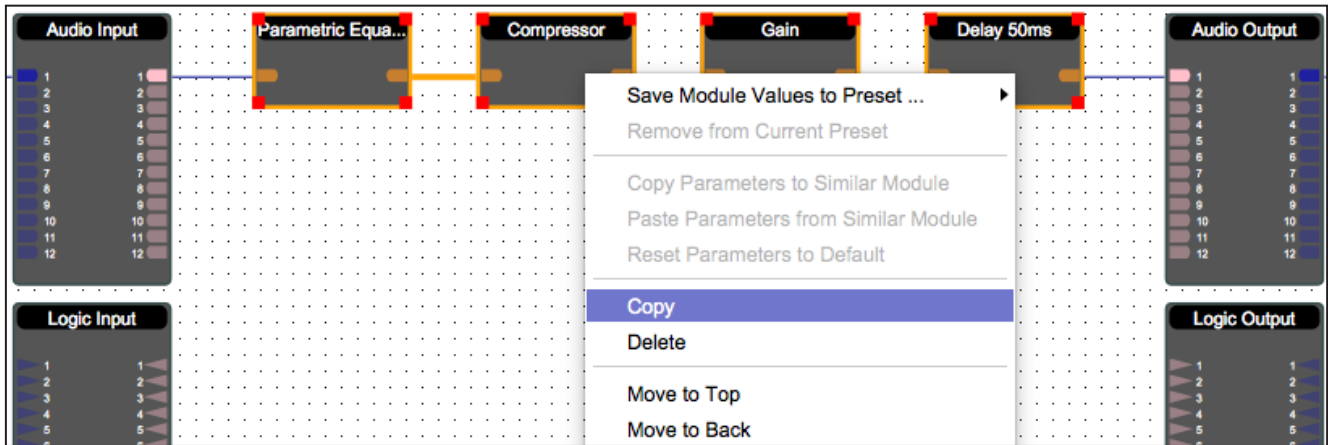
12. For this example, we will route the input to the output channel.



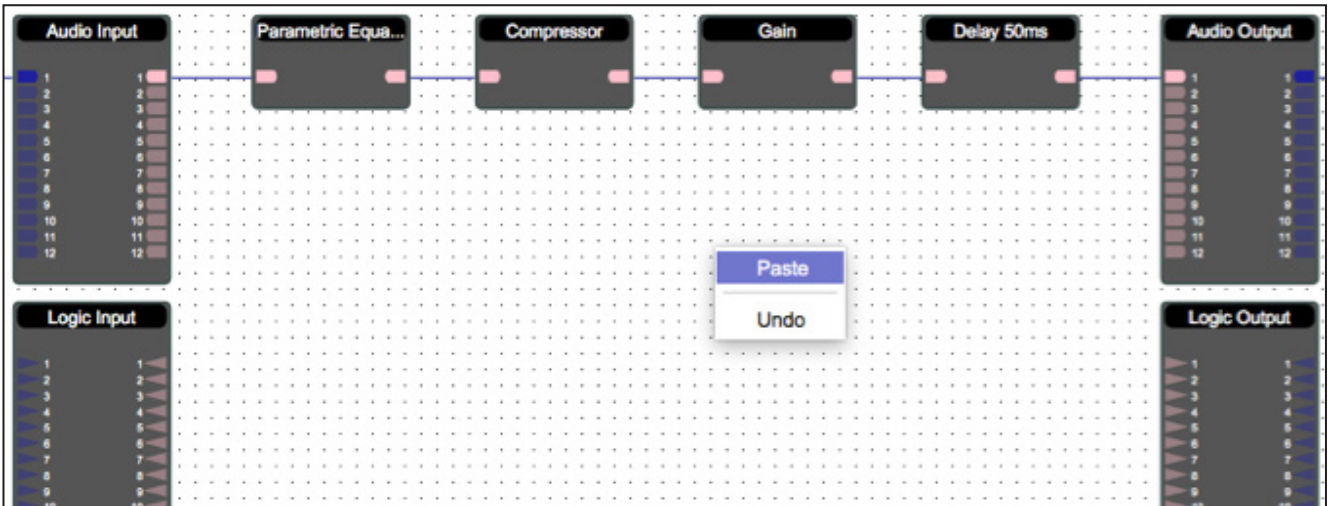
You can add different DSP blocks or duplicate the same processing chain for each channel.

To duplicate the same processing chain,

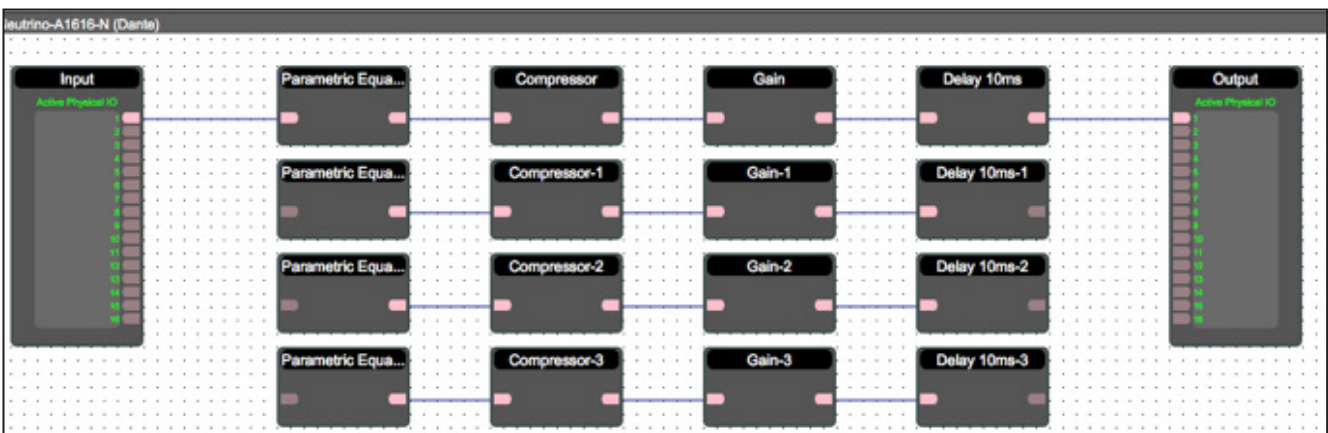
- a. Click and drag a selection box around the DSP modules. Ensure all modules are highlighted.
- b. Right click the module and select 'Copy'.



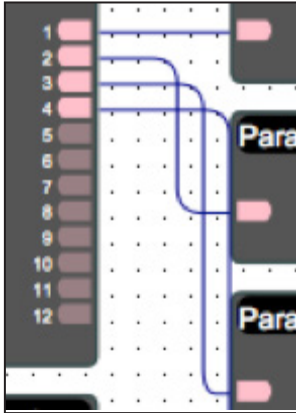
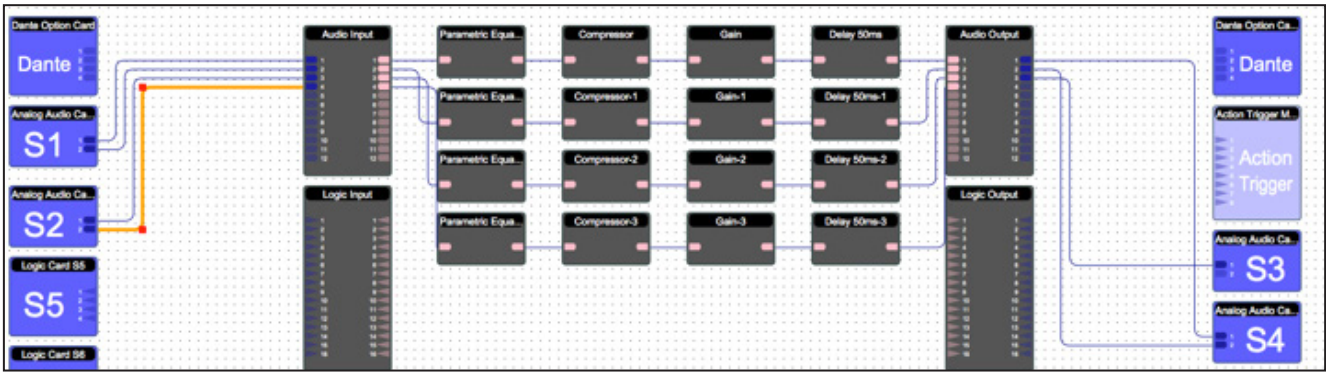
- c. Then right click the work area and select 'Paste'.



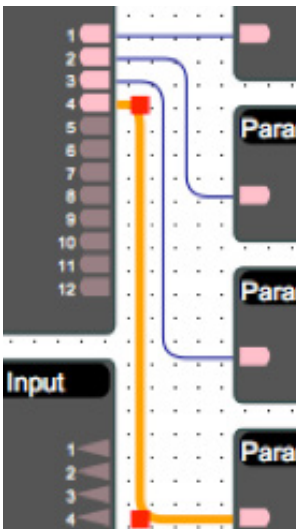
For the example, the chain is duplicated four times.



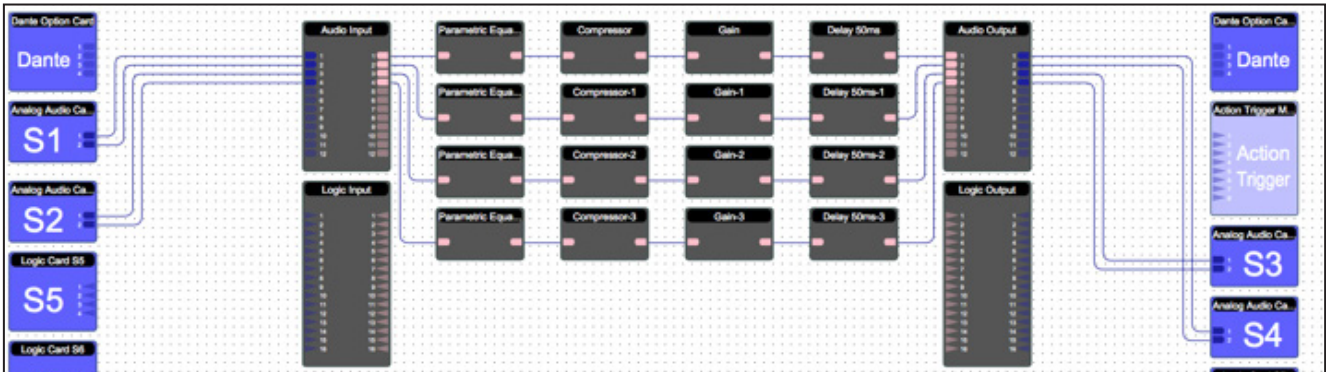
Wire the modules using the same wiring process as above.



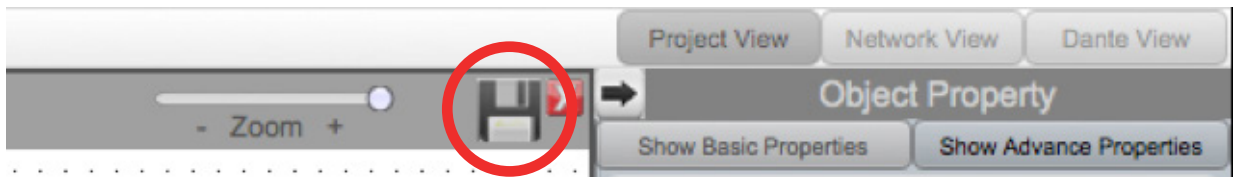
When drawing wires, wires may overlap and be difficult to read.



To move wires, click and drag the corner of a wire
Or highlight the wire and click and drag the red corner nodes.



13. To save your project, navigate to the top left of the software. Under File, click 'Save As' to save a new project file or If a project file is already created, click 'Save' to save all changes. You may also use the save icon at the top right of the work area to save changes.



It is recommended to back up your Master project file to an external location.

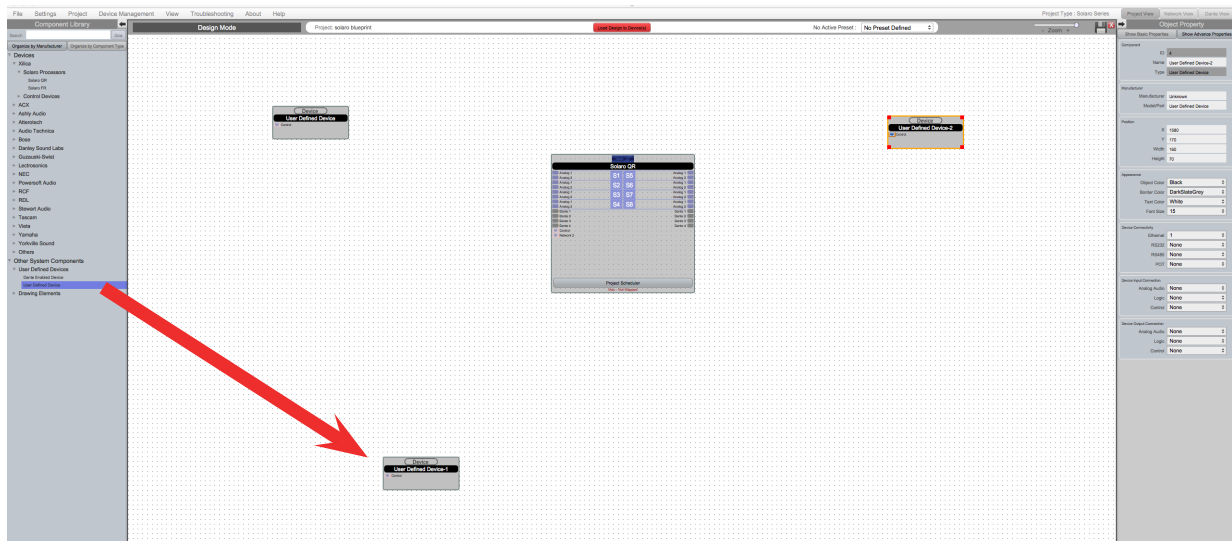
Design Blueprint

Xilica Designer allows the designer to create a Blueprint that can be used for documentation, submittals, and handed to an installation technician for use on the job site. The Blue Print page can include wire identification/type, equipment names and locations, including notes for the job.

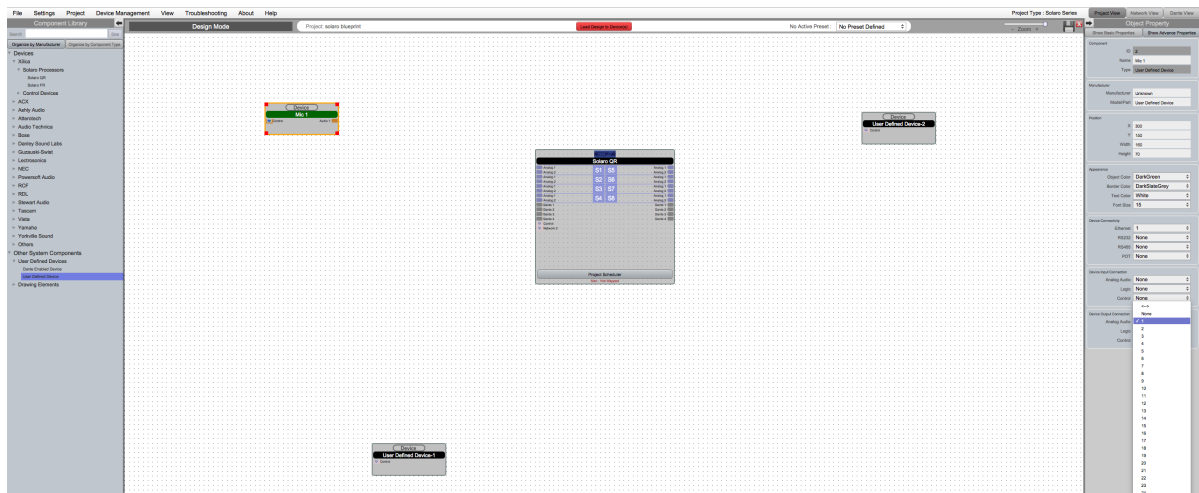
Let's begin by creating a 'Blueprint' for the above example design.

1. From the Component Libraries Menu on the left, click and drag the devices needed for your design.

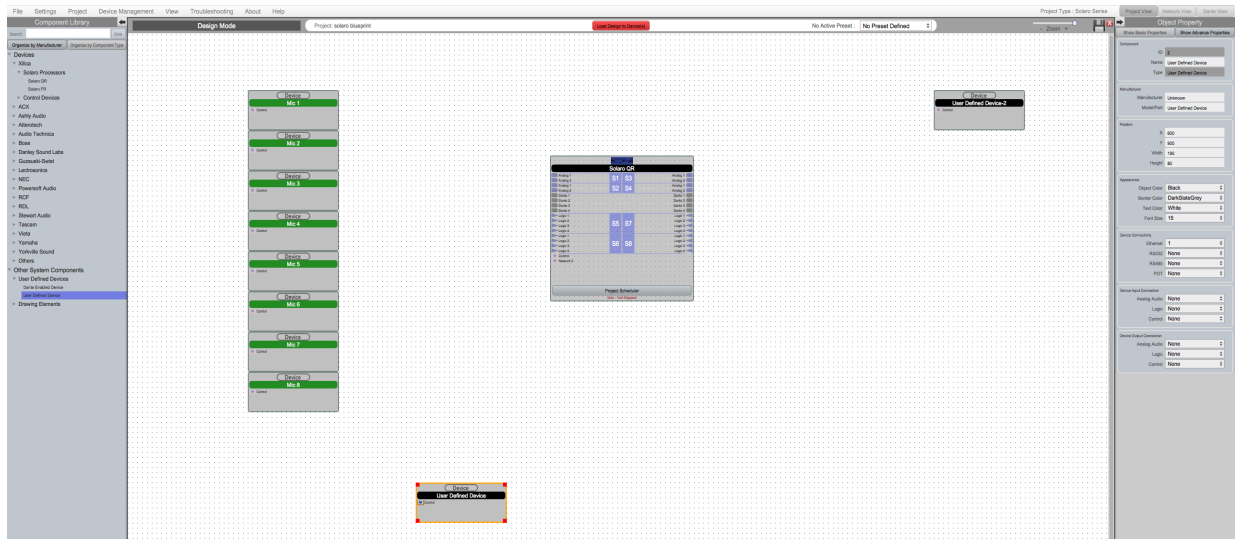
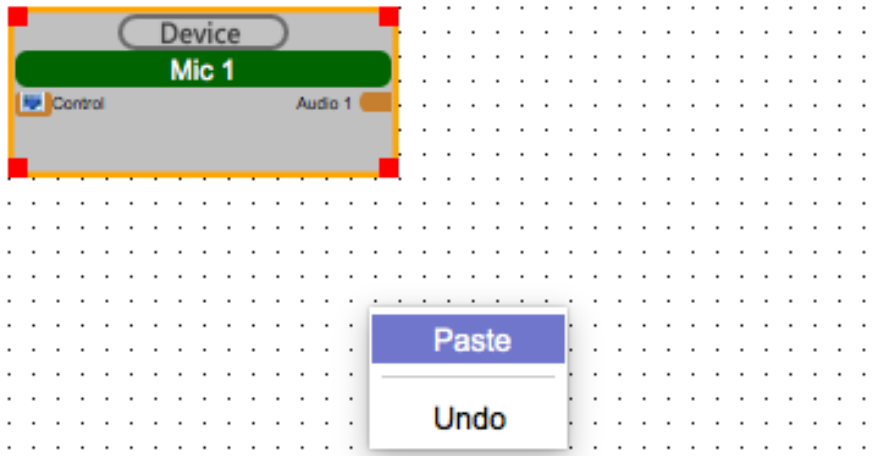
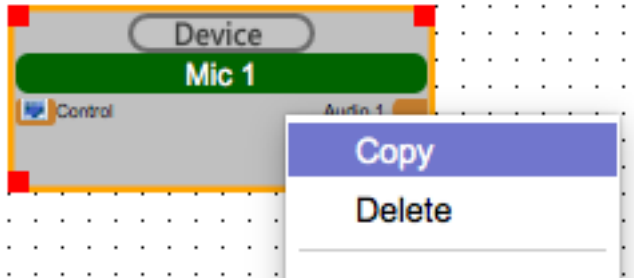
For our design example, a Solaro QR DSP and three User Defined Devices were added to the work area. Simply click and drag modules to move them and click and drag the corner of the module to resize the objects. (Alternatively, you may resize objects using the Object Property menu)



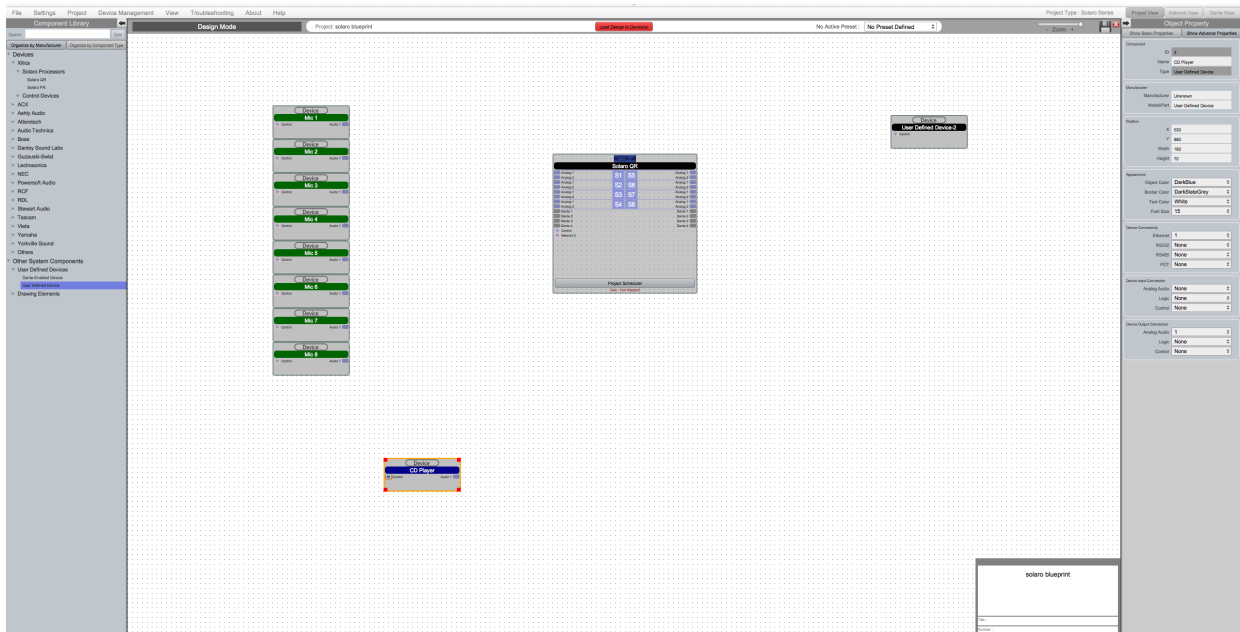
2. Select the first User Defined Device. With the device highlighted, you can change the Object Properties using the menu on the right. (Properties include: Device name, information, color, device connection and I/O options)
For this module, we will create a microphone.



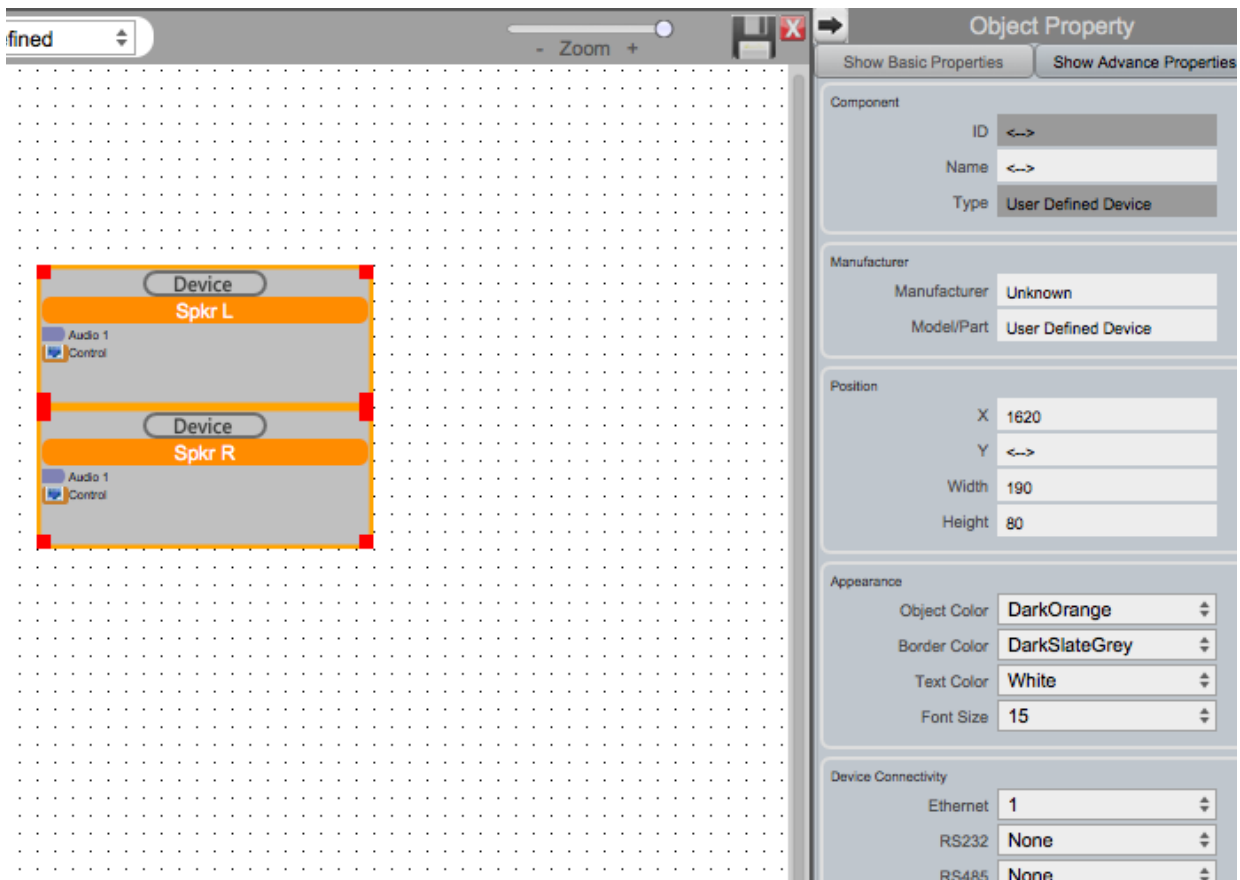
3. Since our example includes eight microphones, we will need to duplicate this module. To duplicate a device, right click the highlighted module and select 'Copy'. Then select the dotted work area and click 'Paste'. You may also copy and paste multiple modules at once.



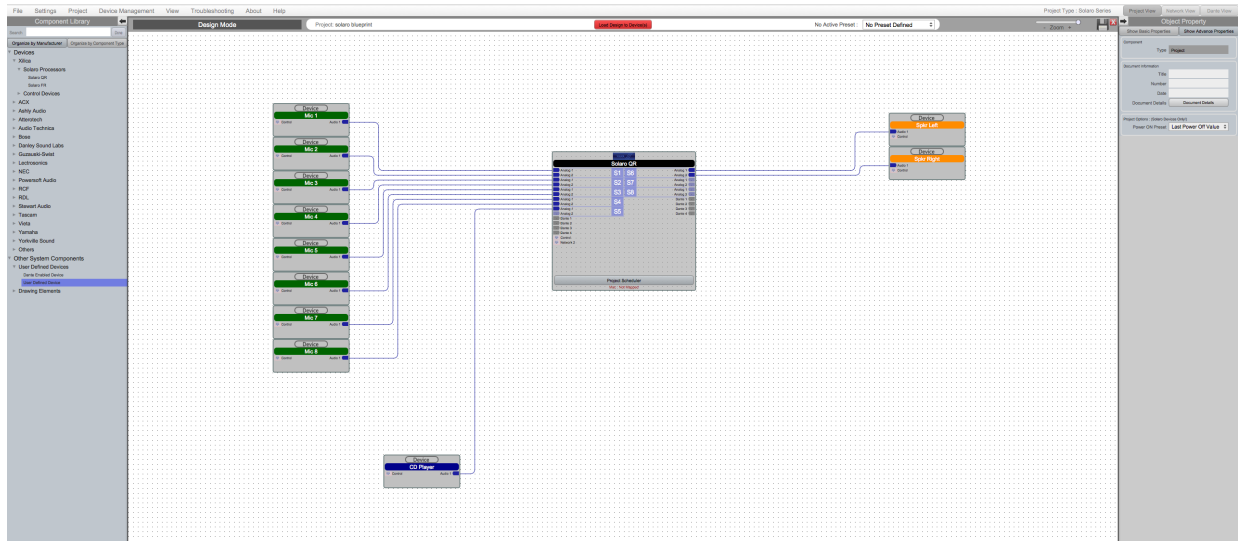
- For the next blank User Defined Device, we will create a background music source. Similarly, adjust the object properties using the menu on the right.



- For our third blank User Defined Device, we will create two output speakers. Adjust the object properties on the right and duplicate the device so that there are two speakers.

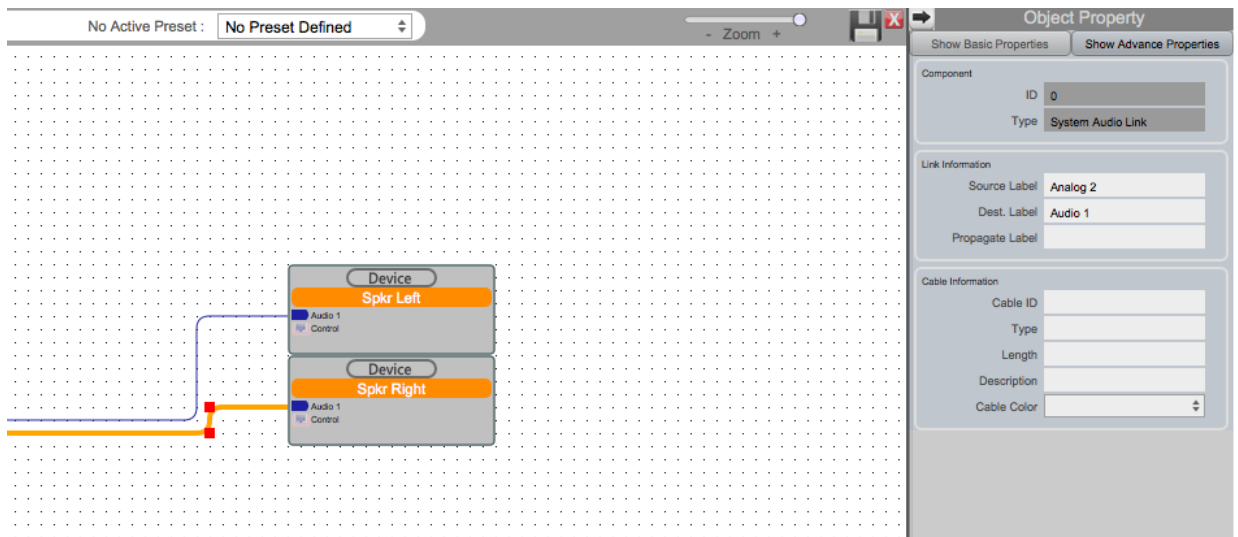


6. To connect your device modules together, simply click and drag from an output node to an input node. This will create a virtual wire.

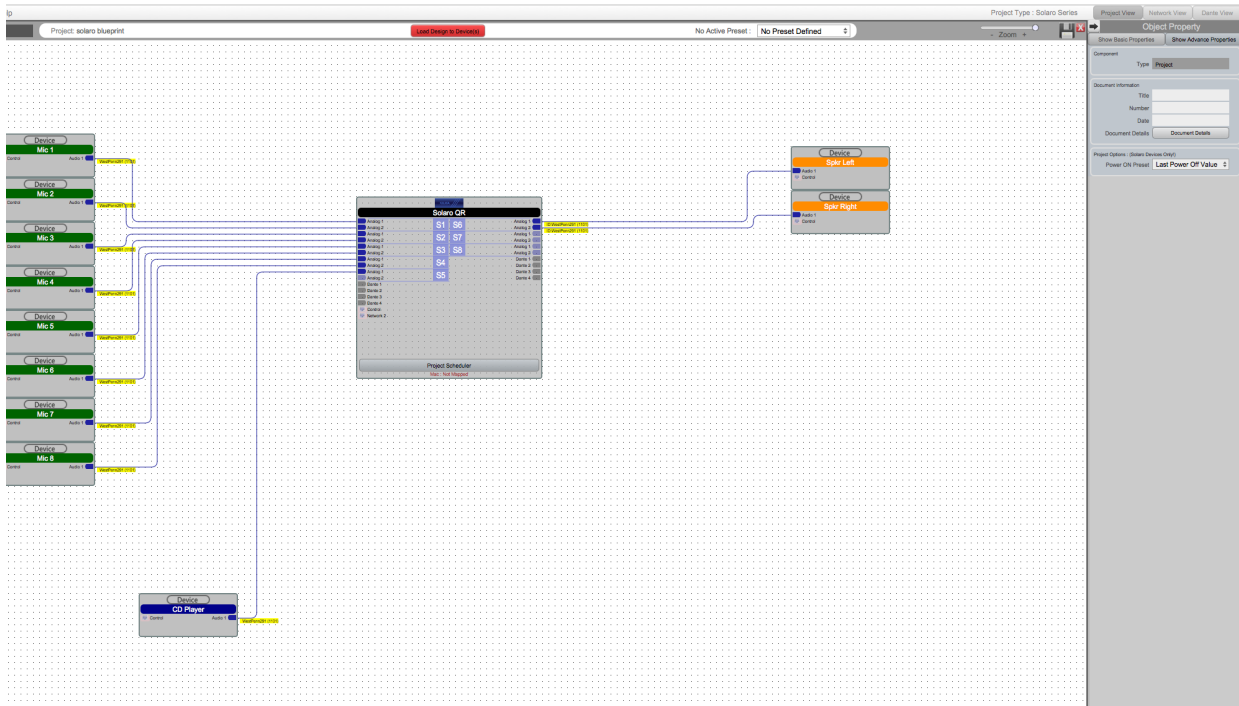


Wire adjustment may be necessary. Select the wire and use the red nodes to adjust the wire path. You may also select multiple wires and adjust them as a group.

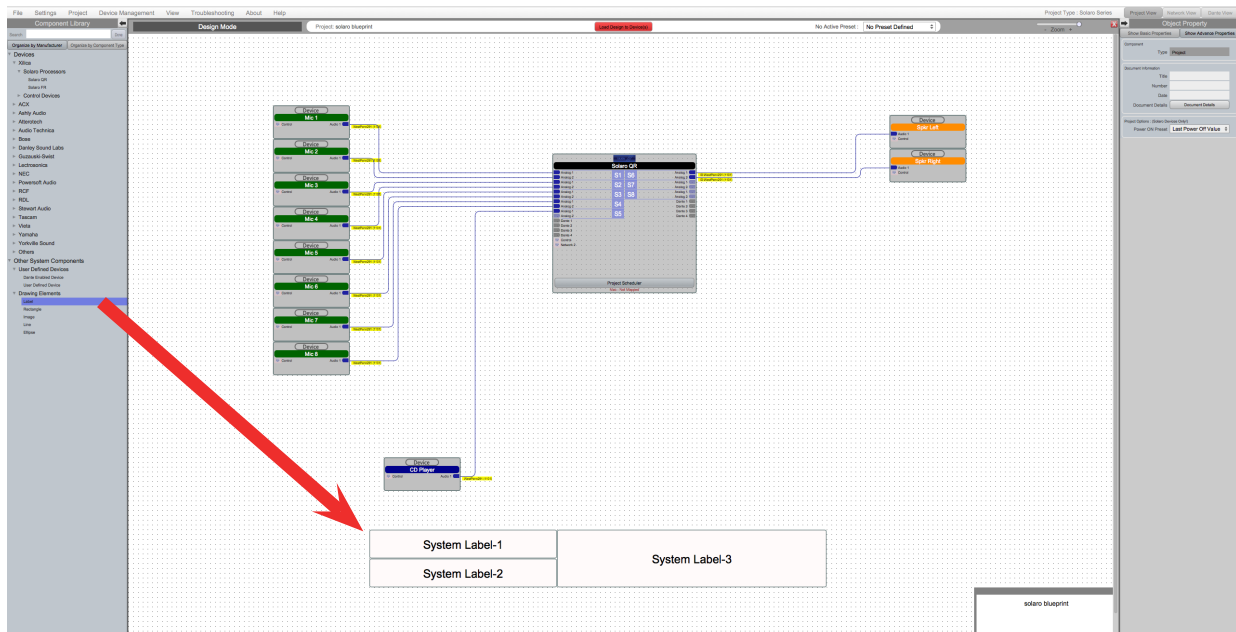
7. Wires can also be named and labelled under the Object Property menu on the right. Select a wire and change the Cable Information. Labelled wires will be displayed in the work area.



'Source Label' labels the input of the wire. 'Dest. Label' labels the wire destination.



- Under the 'Drawing Elements' in the Component Library menu, labels, shapes and lines can be added to the project work area for the finished look of the Blueprint.



9. At the bottom right of the work area displays a Project information box.

A rectangular box with a dark border. At the top center, the text "Xilica Design 1" is displayed in a bold, black font. Below this title, there are four horizontal input fields, each with a label on the left: "Title :", "Number :", "Author :", and "Date :". The fields are currently empty.

Simply edit the project information by double clicking this box. Then click 'Done' to save your changes.

A dialog box titled "Project Information" with a standard macOS-style title bar (three colored buttons on the left). The dialog is divided into two main sections: "Project Data" and "Document Data".

Project Data:

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- Company Address : (empty text area)
- Author : Xilica
- Description : (empty text area)
- Notes : (empty text area)

Document Data:

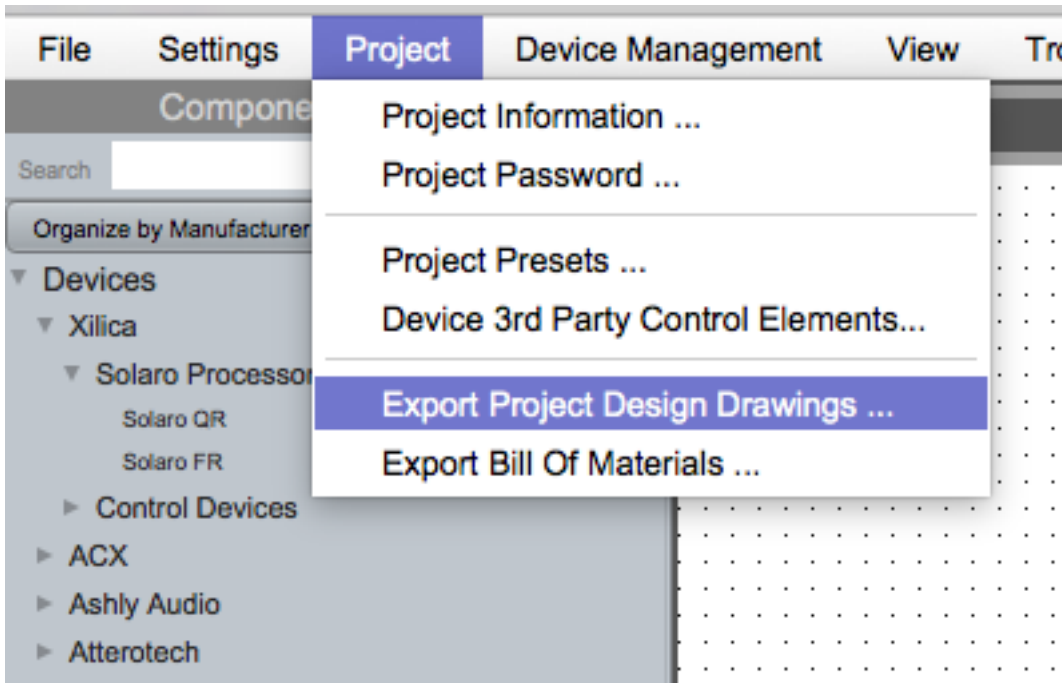
- Document Name : Xilica Design 1
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At the bottom of the dialog, there are two buttons: "Ok" and "Cancel".

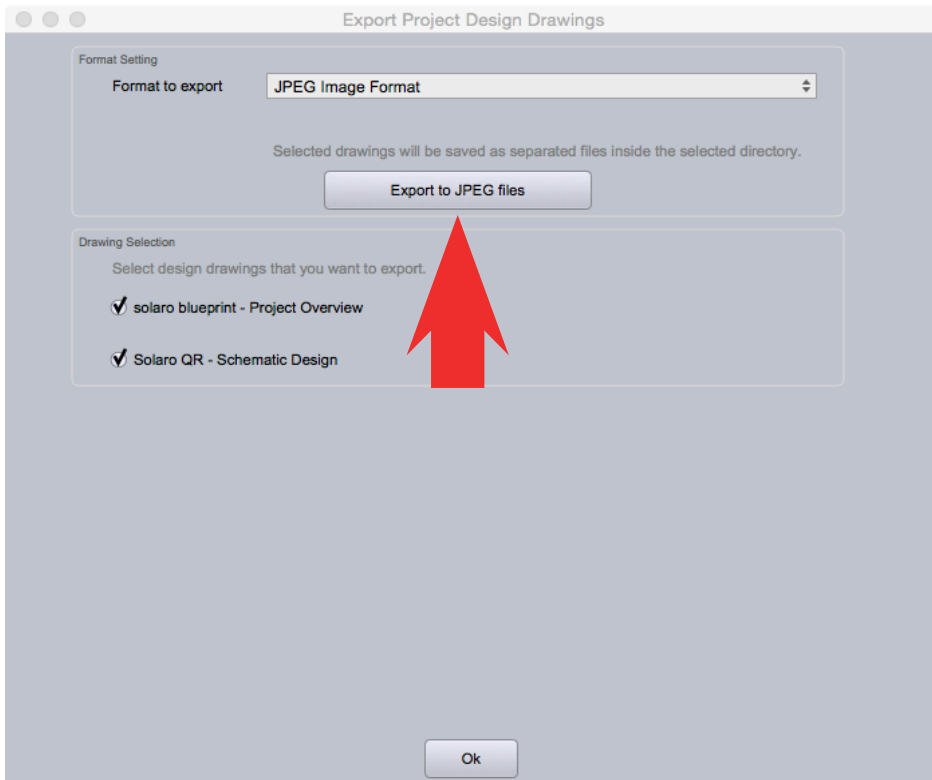
To this point only the documentation has been created for the design.

Export design to Jpeg or AutoCAD

At any point in the design process, you have the ability to print a copy of your project as a .jpg or .dfx image file.



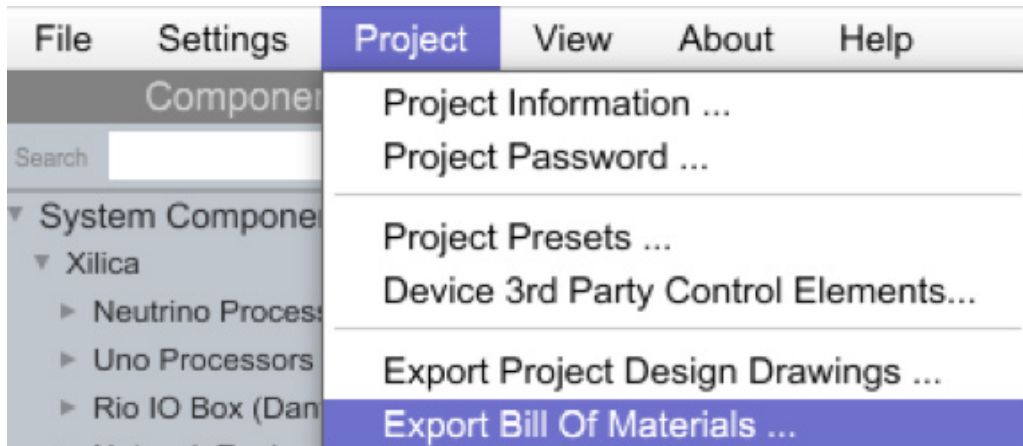
Under the 'Project' tab at the top of the software, select 'Export Project Design Drawings...'. This will print a jpeg image of the project view at a resolution of 1800 x 1200 pixels.



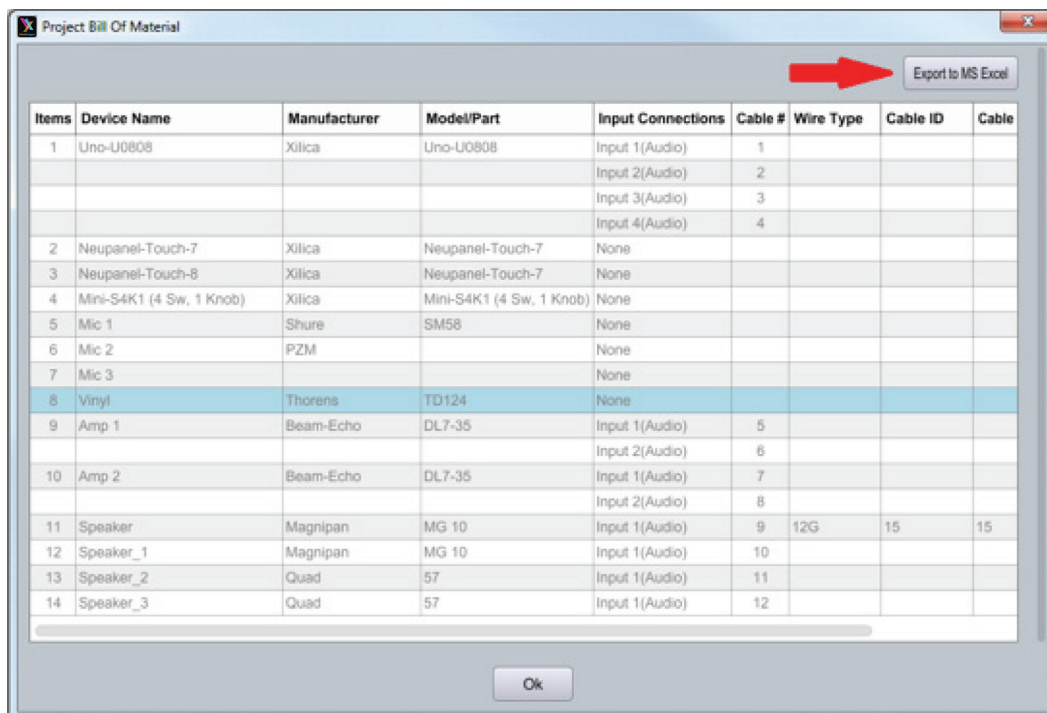
Export Bill of Materials

Export Bill of Materials generates an organized document listing all physical cabling and hardware description required for your project. Elements such as CD Players, microphones, amplifiers, and speakers, all play an important part in the compilation of the bill of materials.

Under the 'Project' tab, select 'Export Bill of Materials'.



You may need to save your project first. At the top left of the software, click 'File' and 'Save Project As'. Navigate to your destination folder, type in the file name as you wish, and then click 'Save'.



Clicking on "Export to MS Excel" will generate an XLS file with the information entered. This can be saved as desired.

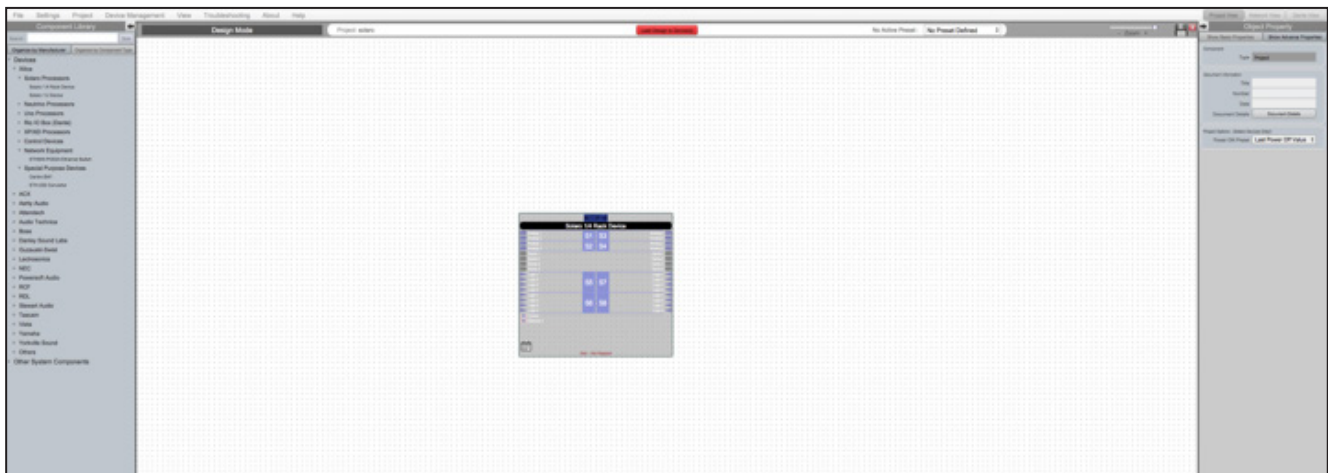
Map device(s)/Online mode

Once your Design is complete, it is time to go Online.

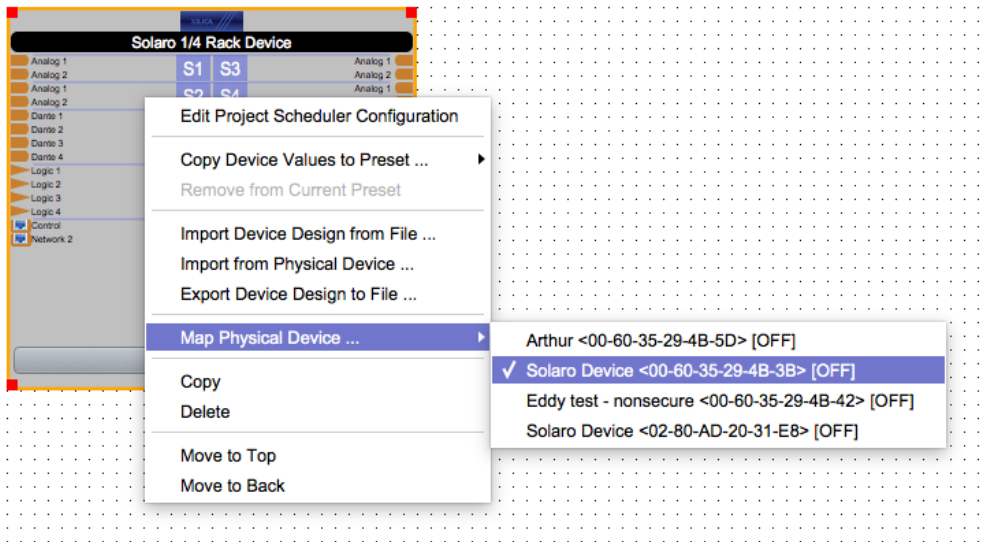
Please note that in order to go Online, all devices must be connected and online. (Displayed in Network View with a green indicator).



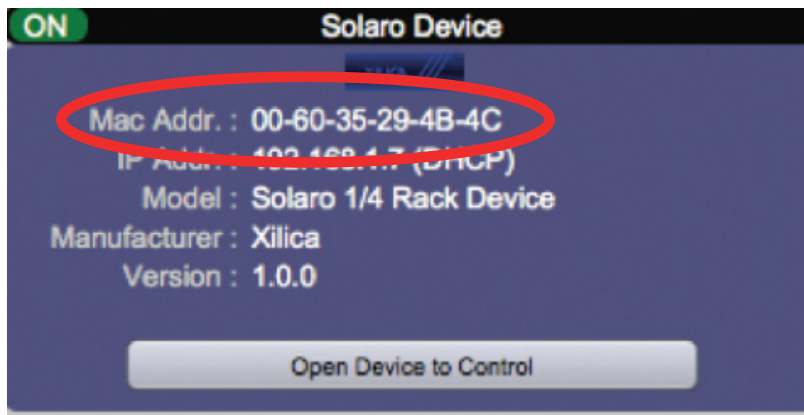
1. Navigate back to the work area that displays your device design.



2. Right click your DSP module and select 'Map to Physical Device'. This will associate the physical hardware with the hardware shown in the software.
3. Select the DSP model you would like to map to.

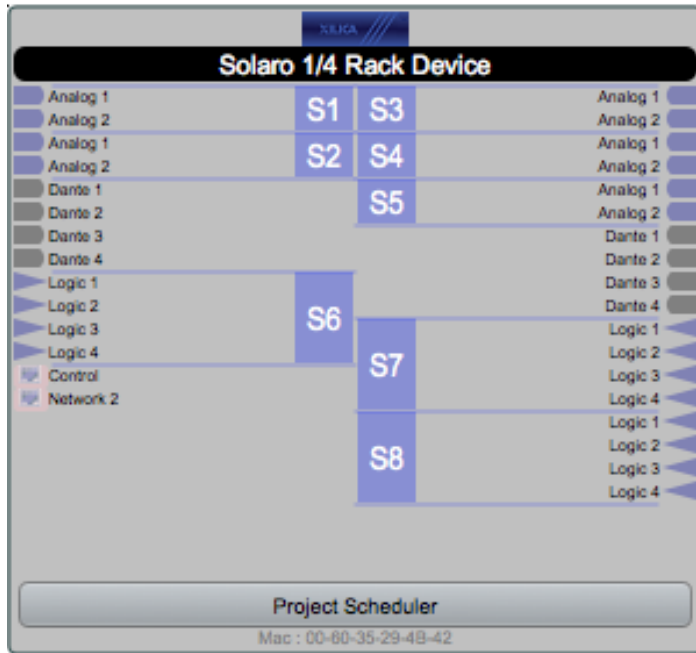


Note: If there is more than one of the same devices in the network, match the device Mac address in Network view with the device listed.

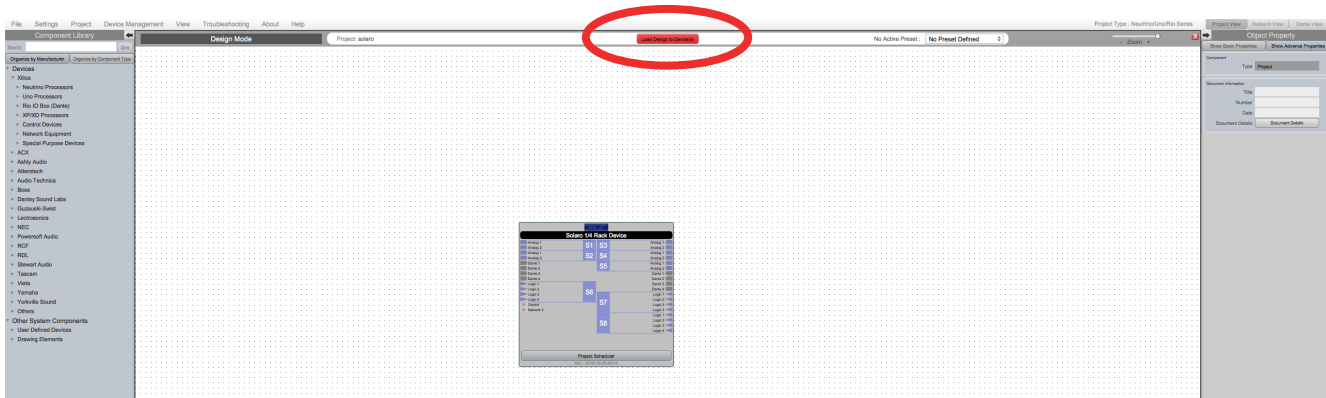


Note: It is very important to make sure the name of the DSP block in the design file matches exactly to the unit in the Network View. Otherwise you will not be able to load the design to the physical device.

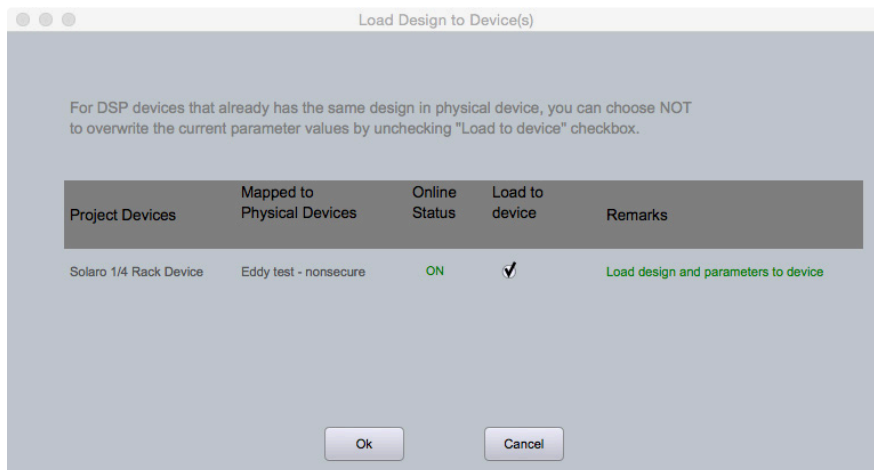
Once mapped, the module will become a solid grey colour.



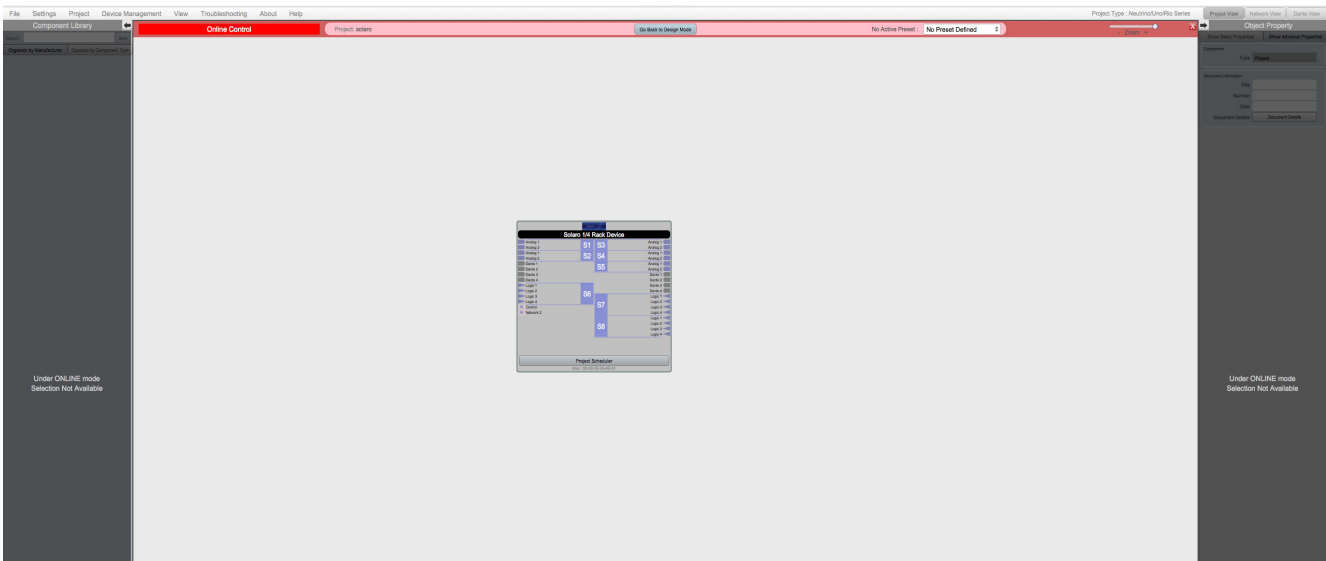
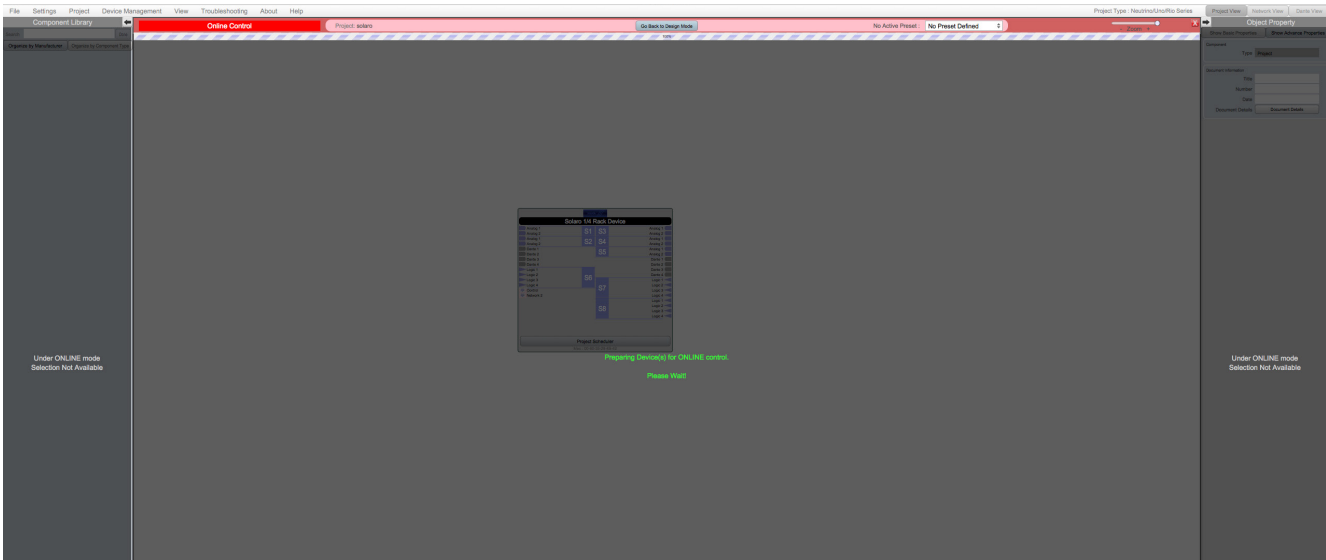
4. Then click the red 'Load Design to Device(s)' button at the top of the work area.



5. A window will pop up. Check the connected devices that you would like to load your design to. Then click 'Ok'.

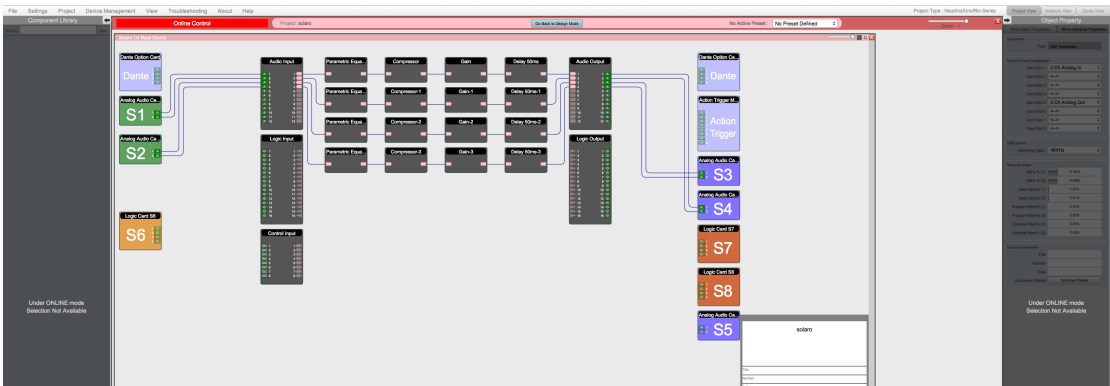


- Going online may take up to several minutes. Please do not disrupt the process. The progress bar at the top will display the overall progress percentage.

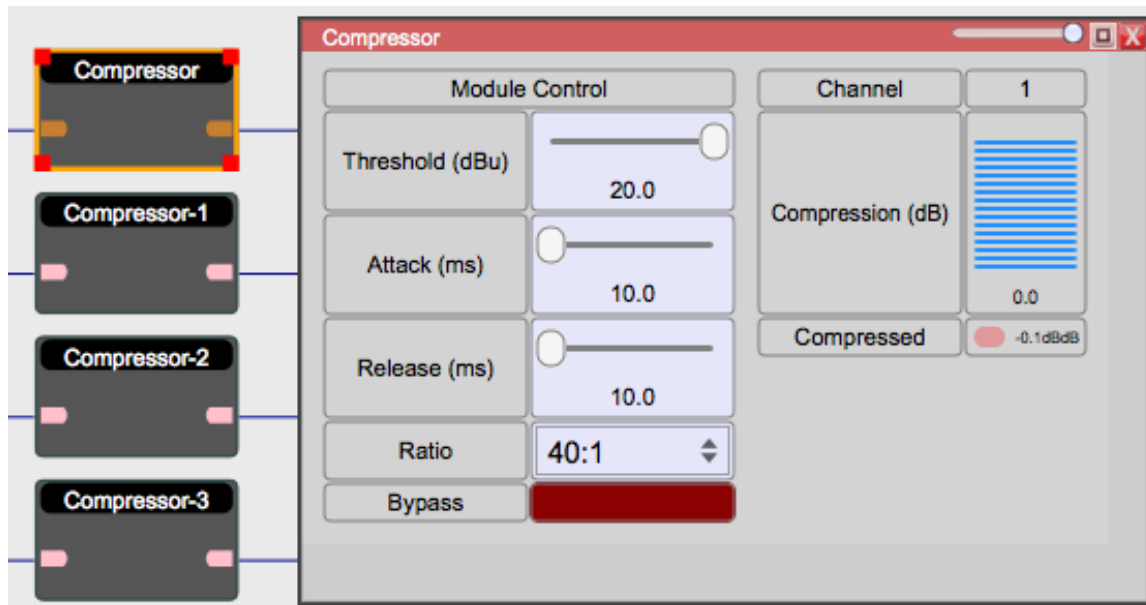


Once online, notice that the work area has become a solid color and the design menus are no longer available.

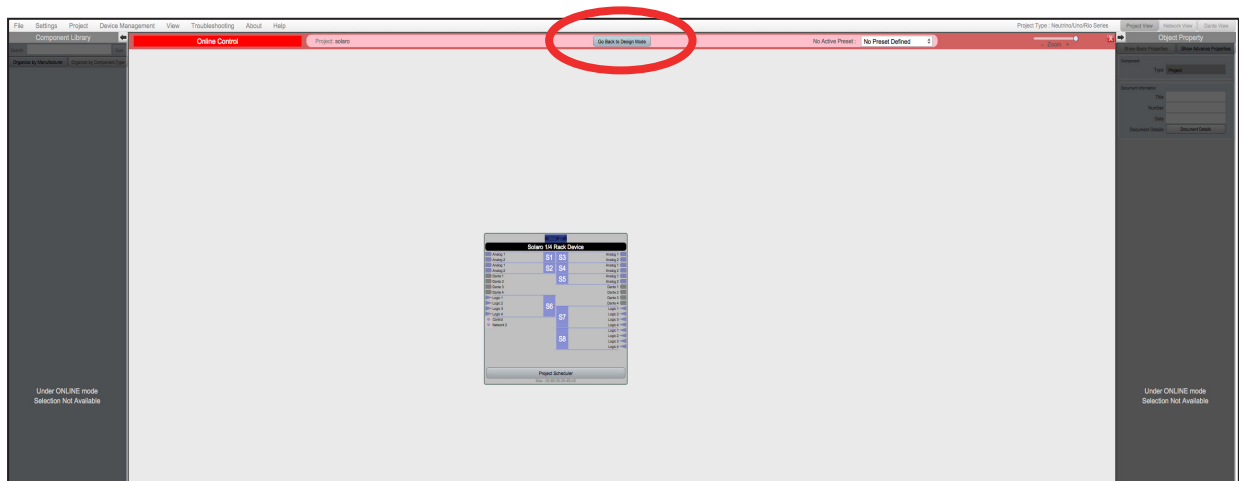
- Double click the DSP module to open up the device schematic.



You can adjust the DSP module parameters in real-time.



9. You can go back to design mode at any time by clicking the 'Go Back to Design Mode' button at the top of the work area.



For more step-by-step tutorials, please visit www.xilica.com

Dante devices

To create a Dante' network exclusively using Solaro/Uno/Neutrino Series DSP hardware, no other software is needed to control network audio signal flow. However it is recommended that Dante' Controller Software is downloaded and available for the project as the Dante' Controller software adds additional tools for completing a successful project.

Important things to consider concerning Dante' use:

When designing a network of Dante-enabled devices,

Whenever possible, use gigabit links and always use gigabit links between switches. If your Dante-enabled devices have gigabit-capable interfaces then connect them using gigabit links. Enable QoS on your Ethernet switches when using 100Mbit/s devices.

Switches that should be used when using Dante enabled hardware:

Dante provides high performance audio networking on off-the-shelf Ethernet switches. Here is a non-exhaustive list of switches that have been used successfully with Dante:

- Linksys: SRW224G4, SRW2024, SRW2016, SRW2008, SRW208G, SLM2008, SLM2024
- Dell: PowerConnect 2708, PowerConnect 5324
- HP ProCurve: Various models including ProCurve 3500 series, ProCurve 2600 series
- Cisco: Various models including Catalyst 3750 series, Catalyst 3560 Series

Important features when purchasing a switch:

Dante makes use of standard Voice over IP (VoIP) Quality of Service (QoS) switch features, to prioritize clock sync and audio traffic over other network traffic. VoIP QoS features are available in a variety of inexpensive and enterprise Ethernet switches. Any switches with the following features should be appropriate for use with Dante:

- Gigabit ports for inter-switch connections
- Quality of Service (QoS) with 4 queues
- Diffserv (DSCP) QoS, with strict priority

A managed switch is also recommended, to provide detailed information about the operation of each network link: port speed, error counters, bandwidth used, etc.

All Dante connections are made in the Xilica Designer software and there is no need to use the Audinate "Dante' Controller" software. However the Dante controller can still be used, if needed.

Dante controller is equipped with many useful functions such as: an Event Log, Clock Status to set the Master clock, Device Status including IP addresses and Routing. The Routing function allows for cross point connecting of the entire Dante audio network.

Note: If routing changes are made on the Dante Controller software, the Xilica Designer network will revert back to the original settings if there is a power cycle event. In other words, if there are routing changes that need to be permanent, the changes need to be reflected in the wiring of the Blueprint.

For a complete understanding of the Audinate Dante Platform refer to: www.audinate.com



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