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Subject: Soundcards: Poll

Posted by [lon](#) on Mon, 31 Oct 2005 05:22:51 GMT

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The Digital forum doesn't seem to have any posts, so I'm masking it where there's some readers. What kind of soundcard do you use? Mine's Turtle Beach Santa Cruz. What I've found after looking a bit was that alternatives to Creative Labs in the \$40- \$60 range is almost non-existent. A couple of off brands available at the online merchants but few brand names. Turtle Beach Not found. Hercules Digifire 7.1 not found.

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Subject: Re: Soundcards: Poll

Posted by [Bob Brines](#) on Mon, 31 Oct 2005 12:39:07 GMT

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I'm also running a Santa Cruz. Works fine for speaker testing, streaming audio and CD played through computer monitors. Thinking this one step farther, I'd like to change my roadshow system to a laptop, an external hard drive and an external sound card. The sound card doesn't have to be SOTA, just adequate for 2-channel speaker demo's. Bob

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Subject: Re: Soundcards: Poll

Posted by [lon](#) on Mon, 31 Oct 2005 21:09:01 GMT

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Hi Bob, Are you talking about a breakout box when you say external sound card? FYI there's a Hercules Game Theater at Ebay that's at \$20. Hercules Game Theater is a 3 piece rig: soundcard, cable, breakout box and it runs the same chipset and is comparable to the Santa Cruz. Hercules also has an upscale device in its dj series for mixing etc. "in the field." OTOH what you get with some of the higher end cards is a cable with a number of pigtailed on it for doing extensive plugging and unplugging. I found the link below yesterday. It gives an overview of product. A bit pricey but it shows the kind of thing available.

Dolphin Music Soundcard selector

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Posted by [Bob Brines](#) on Tue, 01 Nov 2005 13:07:56 GMT

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Actually, all I want from an external sound card is one-for-one replacement of the embedded chip

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in the laptop. All it needs to be is a 2-channel in, 2-channel out. All of the embedded chips I know of are one, too noisy, and two, roll off too early at both ends. But I don't need a multi-channel mixer or high-end game interface. Just 2-channel music. Thanks for the link. Bob

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Subject: Re: Soundcards: Poll  
Posted by [Bill Martinelli](#) on Tue, 01 Nov 2005 16:50:17 GMT  
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Do you have a preference to any of these breakout boxes? I need to get one with 8-12 inputs. Bill

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8-12 inputs would require a mixer board. Here's a recommendation from Dave Phillips who has a book on PC sound for the Linux world: Yamaha DMP11 or an item from Mackie. Bill, I have been wanting to set up home studio components for quite a while but I haven't gone beyond some crude (but efficient) speaker building. The Fitzmaurice forum has a lot of musicians in it. They may know a good direction to go if you tell them what you want to do.

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Whelp, The card will have to be on a bus. Most of the breakout box packages have three components: card, wire, box. Have you checked into the lunchbox size computers?

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Posted by [lon](#) on Tue, 01 Nov 2005 18:52:21 GMT  
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Bob, Check this out:  
Sound Blaster USB External sound card

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