

# Apogee Duet

# **User's Guide**

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# Overview

# Introduction

Thank you for purchasing Duet. This users guide describes how to set up Duet with your Mac and iPad, connect speakers or headphones to play back music and connect mics and instruments to record your own creations.

### Duet for iPad/Mac The Industry Standard for Personal Recording

Apogee Duet is an award-winning audio interface, headphone amp and MIDI interface making it easy to create professional recordings anywhere on your iPod touch, iPhone, iPad or Mac. With Apogee's legendary digital audio conversion and world-class mic preamps, Duet is the best way to capture your music with incredible dimension and detail.

The new Duet for iPad and Mac features special circuitry designed to deliver professional performance for iPad use along with low latency USB 2.0 performance for Mac. And with the addition of MIDI I/O you can connect and power a Core MIDI compatible keyboard/controller while using Duet with your iPad or iOS device.

### Legendary Sound Quality

#### Why Apogee Duet is the best choice for your studio

Apogee is an award-winning industry leader in digital recording technology with over 25 years of experience. Preferred by recording pros around the world, Apogee products like Duet, Ensemble and Symphony I/O have been instrumental in creating countless GRAMMY® and OSCAR® winning recordings and have set the industry standard in professional recording for over two decades. Duet is built solidly on this reputation.

### **Package contents**

#### The following items are included in the Duet box:

- Duet
- Breakout cable with:
  - 2 combination line/mic/instrument inputs
  - 2 balanced line outputs
- 2 meter USB cable
- 30-pin iOS cable
- Universal power supply with NA, EU, UK, AU, JP
- QuickStart Guide



Please register your product and download the latest installer here:

http://www.apogeedigital.com/downloads

Please note: this user's guide is for Duet iPad/Mac, if you would like to download Duet 2 user's guide please go to the link above and look for Duet 2 downloads.

# **Duet panel tour**



#### Full Color interactive OLED Display

Duet's OLED display provides full color visual feedback and metering.

#### **Multi-function Controller Knob**

Duet's multi-function controller knob allows you to easily switch between Inputs and Outputs as well as adjust their levels.

#### **User Assignable Touchpads**

Duet's two assignable touchpads can be assigned to control many of Duet's settings and parameters. Use them to setup advanced muting functions when recording yourself or to toggle between outputs.

#### 1/4" Stereo Headphone Output

Duet includes a 1/4" stereo headphone output that is separate and independently controlled from the stereo speaker line outputs.

#### MIDI

Duet provides a single USB MIDI connection for your CoreMIDI compatible keyboard, synth, or DJ controller. This eliminates the need for an external MIDI interface and promotes an all-in-one music creation solution where Duet and Maestro manage all audio and MIDI. On iPad, Duet's MIDI connection allows both Duet and a keyboard or DJ controller to be connected at the same time to the iPad's single 30-pin dock port.

#### Analog In and Out

This port is for connecting Duet's breakout cable. The breakout cable includes 2 combination mic/instrument connectors (XLR and 1/4" built into a single connector) and 2 balanced 1/4" connectors for speakers. The elegant single cable-to-junction design allows for easy cable management and the locking connection to Duet is robust and stylish.

#### **DC Power**

Duet is easily powered by any available USB port on your Mac in most applications. However there may be scenarios where connecting the external AC power adaptor is preferred or required.

There are two factors contributing to increased power consumption:

- Output volume into low impedance headphones
- Phantom power for condenser mics.



This will appear on the OLED if the external power is necessary with Mac

If you have Duet set at a reasonable volume, you are not drawing a significant amount of power over the USB bus and will be able to connect any microphones that require phantom power. When you are using low impedance headphones and your volume is very high, you are drawing more power over the USB bus and may need the AC adaptor to use power hungry condenser mics.

When connected to iPad, iPod Touch, or iPhone, the DC power supply for Duet MUST be used. Duet will charge your iPad while you record so your work will not be interrupted.

#### USB

Duet includes a single connection with two included cables, providing connectivity to either a USB port on your Mac or to a 30-pin connection on your iPad/iOS device. Connection to iOS devices with Apple's Lightning connector requires Apple's Lightning to 30pin adapter. Sold separately.

### **OLED Screen Tour**

### **Home View**



### **Detail View (Output)**



**Detail View (Input)** 



### **Home Lock View**

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# **Connecting to your Mac**

#### System Requirements

- Computer: Intel Mac 1.5GHz or faster
- Memory: 2 GB RAM minimum, 4 GB recommended
- OS: 10.6.8, 10.7.5 or greater
- Connection and power: Any available USB port on a Mac
- USB bus powered; DC power optional (DC power supply included)

#### **Install Duet Software**

1. Connect Duet's USB port to a USB port on your Mac using the supplied USB 2 cable.

http://www.apogeedigital.com/downloads

- 2. Go to http://www.apogeedigital.com/downloads
- 3. Download the latest Duet for iPad & Mac Installer.
- 4. Once you have downloaded the package, double-click the Apogee icon to run the firmware updater.
- 5. After the firmware update has completed, double-click the open-box icon to run the software installer
- 6. You will be required to restart your computer after the install is complete.

### Choosing Duet for Mac Sound I/O

After connecting Duet, installing the software and restarting your Mac, a dialog box will prompt you to choose Duet for Mac sound input and output. **Click Yes.** 

Would you like to choose	Duet USB for Mac sound input and outp	put?
Yes No		🗌 Do not ask again

### Connecting to your iPad System Requirements

- iPhone 4, iPhone 4S, iPad, iPad 2, iPad (3rd gen.)
  - Connection: 30-pin dock connector
- iPod Touch (5th gen.), iPhone 5, iPad (4th gen.), iPad Mini
  - Connection: Apple's Lighting to 30-pin adapter (sold separately)
- iOS version: 5.1.1 or greater
- DC power required: DC power supply included

### Install Maestro from App Store

 Connect the provided external power supply to Duet. When connecting to iPad/iPhone, the external power supply is required.



 Connect Duet to your iPad/iPhone using the provided 30-pin iOS cable.



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\* Or you can go to APP store and search for the app.

The App Store will open and navigate automatically to the Apogee Maestro app.



4. Once you've signed in to the App Store, download Apogee Maestro.

Note: it's possible to record through the mic inputs and play back audio without installing Maestro. To change the input source, enable phantom power, or to access advanced hardware controls, you'll need to install Maestro app.



# **Analog Inputs**

1. Connect the provided breakout cable to the Analog I/O port on the rear of the unit



2. Connect your analog input source(s) to either of the 2 combination connectors on Duet's breakout cable:



**Microphone:** XLR connection to Duet's combination connector



**Instrument:**1/4" connection to Duet's combination connector



+4 dBu/-10 dBV line level device: XLR connection to Duet's combination connector

### Note: Input source must be selected within Apogee's Maestro application. <u>See Configuring Inputs</u> <u>Section></u>





 To adjust the volume, press Duet's Multi-function Controller Knob until either the microphone or instrument icon is lit on the Duet's display and turn the knob clockwise to increase the volume.



Learn more about adjusting input/output levels here>

# **Analog Outputs**

 Connect the provided breakout cable to the Analog I/O port on the rear of the unit



 Connect your left and right speakers to the respective 1/4" output connectors on Duet's breakout cable.



 Connect headphones to the 1/4" headphone jack on Duet's front panel.



Learn more about adjusting input/output levels here>

clockwise to increase the volume.
 Playback audio from iTunes to verify output

4. To adjust the volume, press Duet's Multi-function

Controller Knob until the speaker or headphone icon

is lit on the display's Home View and turn the knob

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# MIDI

Duet's USB MIDI input/output provides a MIDI connection between class compliant Core MIDI devices such as keyboards and other controllers and Apple's Mac OS X.

A class-compliant MIDI device works with Core MIDI without the need to install drivers or other additional software. To confirm that your MIDI device is class-compliant:

- 1. Using a standard USB cable, connect the device directly to a Mac.
- 2. On the Mac, open Audio MIDI Setup, found in the Applications > Utilities folder.
- 3. In Audio MIDI Setup, choose Window > Show MIDI Window.
- 4. Verify that the MIDI device is detected in the MIDI window. Click Rescan MIDI if the device isn't initially detected.
- 5. If the device is detected, it's class-compliant and will be available to MIDI software.



# Maestro Software



Apogee Maestro is the first audio interface control application made for Mac and iOS. Featuring a single window design, and multiple tab interface for quick access to all device and system settings, Maestro makes software control of ONE, Duet, Quartet and Symphony I/O\* easy. (\*Symphony I/O is Mac only).

The all new Maestro iOS is optimized for all resolutions and devices from the retina display on iPhone 5 and iPad 4th generation, to previous devices like iPhone 4 and iPad 2. Maestro for Mac is installed automatically as part of the Duet for iPad & Mac Installer, which can be downloaded from the Apogee website in the support section. Maestro for iOS is free and available in the Apple App store.

# Input

### Input Tab for Mac



### Input Tab for iOS



- Device Icon & ID Button (Mac only) A device icon and ID button is placed adjacent to each row of parameters to identify the hardware unit to which the row belongs. By clicking on the ID button, the corresponding hardware unit's front panel will illuminate. Each hardware unit is assigned a Peripheral Prefix which is displayed on the ID button.
- 2. **Analog Level** Use this menu to select microphone, instrument, or line input.
- 3. Soft Limit Use this menu to engage Soft Limit. Soft Limit is Apogee's proprietary analog process for taming transients before A/D conversion. By gently rounding transients in a transparent manner, it's possible to maximize level BEFORE the A/D conversion stage. Soft Limit is most effective with signals with large transients such as drums, percussion and plucked instruments. Soft Limit may not be the appropriate choice for signals such as bass or organ.
- 4. **Input Level** The gain of each input is controlled with these software knobs. The gain level is indicated in the value box below the knob.

- 5. **Analog Input Meter** This meter displays the level of the analog input after A/D conversion.
- Group On/Off Use this to group the gain setting of both inputs so that the multi- function knob on Duet or one software gain knob controls both input gains simultaneously. If a gain offset is present between inputs when Group is set to On, this offset is preserved.
- 7. Phase Check this box to reverse the polarity of the input signal. Under certain circumstances, when two mics are used on one source, reversing the polarity of one mic may result in a fuller sound. For example, when top and bottom mic'ing a snare drum, a fuller sound is obtained when the polarity of the bottom mic is reversed.
- 48 V / Phantom Power Engage this button for 48 volts phantom power on the XLR connections. Condenser mics require phantom power to operate.

# Output

### **Output Tab for Mac**



### **Output Tab for iOS**

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- 2. **Analog Output Meter** This meter displays the level of the analog output before D/A conversion, in the range -48 to 0 dBFS.
- 3. **Speaker Out Selection** This menu selects the output source that is sent to the speaker outputs.
- 4. **Speaker Out Level** This knob controls the speaker output level.
- 5. **Headphone Out Selection** This menu selects the output source that is sent to the headphone outputs.
- 6. **Headphone Level** This knob controls the output level of the front panel HP 1 output.
- 7. Dim Engage dim if you want to lower the output level by 15 dB. This function is convenient when you want to briefly lower the playback volume in the speakers or headphones in order to hold a conversation without completely muting the output. Duet's top panel touch buttons may be set to engage Dim on the Speaker outputs, the headphone outputs or both at the same time. See <u>Device Settings Tab Window</u>.
- 8. Sum to Mono Engage this to sum the left and right channels of the output to mono. At many points of the production process, this function is useful to check mono compatibility. For example, when recording with a stereo pair of mics, it's always a good idea to sum both channels to mono and check for unevenness in the frequency range caused by phase cancellation and reinforcement of particular frequencies. If the sound changes significantly or sounds "hollow" when summed to mono, this may indicate phase issues caused by a less than optimal mic placement. When mixing, it's also a good idea to check mono compatibility. Beyond questions of phase, any masking caused by overlapping frequencies is most easily heard when listening in mono. Try starting a mix with Sum to Mono engaged - once you have something that sounds good, then disengage Sum to Mono and revel at the beautiful stereo mix you've created! Duet's top panel touch buttons may be set to engage Sum to Mono on the Speaker outputs, the headphone outputs or both at the same time. See Device Settings Tab Window.
- 9. Mute Engage this to mute the output.

### Mixer

### Mixer Tab on Mac



#### Mixer Tab on iOS



- Device Icon & ID Button A device icon and ID button is placed adjacent to each row of parameters to identify the hardware unit to which the row belongs. By clicking on the ID button, the corresponding hardware unit's front panel will illuminate. Each hardware unit is assigned a Peripheral Prefix which is displayed on the ID button.
- Pan This rotary knob pans the input signal between the left and right sides of the Maestro mixer's stereo output.
- 3. **Input Level fader** This slider sets the level of the input signal in the Maestro mixer's stereo output.
- 4. **Meter** This bargraph style meter displays the pre-fader input level.

- Input Level value Window The Input Level fader value is displayed in this window. Fader values between 6 and -48 may be directly entered.
- 6. **Solo** This button mutes all other channels whose Solo buttons are not engaged.
- 7. Mute This button mutes the input channel.
- 8. **Software Return Fader** This stereo input channel provides level control, metering, and mute/solo functions for the signal from the software application containing playback. Match your recording software application's mixer output and the Software Return menu selection. In most cases, the recording software mixer output and Maestro's Software Return will be set to 1-2.
- 9. **Mixer Master** This is the level control and meter for the mixer's output.

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## **Device Settings**

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- Peripheral Prefix (Mac only) Use this drop down menu to assign a letter prefix (A-Z) to each peripheral device displayed in the Devices Sidebar. The letter prefix is included in all graphic representations of the peripheral as well as I/O labels in Maestro and Core Audio compatible applications.
- Touchpad Assignment Use these menus to select the parameter controlled by the user assignable touchpads.
  - **Mute outputs**: To mute the speaker and headphone outputs, assign one of the user assignable touchpads in Maestro to the desired mute function.
  - **Dim outputs**: The Dim function lowers the output volume by 15 dB. This function is convenient when you want to briefly lower the playback volume in the speakers or headphones in order to hold a conversation without completely muting the output.
  - Sum to Mono: The Sum to Mono function is used to examine phase relationships on stereo tracks. When it is engaged, phase errors become more noticeable.
  - **Toggle Headphone source**: Used to switch the Headphone output between Out 1-2, Out 3-4 and Mixer. This function is especially useful for digital DJs to switch the headphone output between the House output (sent to Out 1-2) and a cue output (sent to Out 3-4).
  - Clear Meters: The Clear Meters function will remove held peak and over indicators on software and OLED meters when Peak Hold or Over Hold (in the System Setup tab window) is set to Infinite.

- 4. Lock Home view When Lock Home view is checked, the OLED display doesn't jump to the Detail view when the Controller knob is turned. If Lock Home view is not checked, the OLED display shows details for the selected input or output when the Controller knob is turned.
- 5. **Peak Hold (on iOS)** This pop-up menu sets the time that peak indications are held on software and front panel meters.
- Over Hold (on iOS) This pop-up menu sets the time that over indications are held on software and front panel meters.

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# System Setup (Mac only)

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- 2. Setting Sample Rate This drop down selects the sample rate. Under certain circumstances, (for example, when a DAW session is open) this setting will be overridden by software sample rate settings.

- 3. **Peak Hold** This pop-up menu sets the time that peak indications are held on software and front panel meters.
- 4. **Over Hold** This pop-up menu sets the time that over indications are held on software and front panel meters.
- 5. **Keyboard Volume Control** The Audio Output drop down menu sets the hardware output that's controlled by the Mac keyboard volume control.

# Maestro Menu Bar



**About Apogee Maestro** - Choose this menu item to display version information.

**Preferences** - Choose this menu item to display Maestro's Preference panel.

Check Launch Maestro automatically when connecting a device to launch Maestro when the Mac is started. Check Display Pop-ups to show top panel encoder adjustments.

**Hide Apogee Maestro 2** - Choose this menu item to hide the Maestro application.

**Hide Others** - Choose this menu item to hide all other open applications.

**Show All** - If any open applications have been hidden, choose this menu item to reveal all open applications.

**Quit Apogee Maestro 2** - Choose this menu item to quit Maestro.

### File Menu



**Rescan** - Choose this menu item to re-initialize the link between Maestro software and Apogee hardware connected to the Mac, in the case where the hardware is correctly connected and powered on but not detected in Maestro.

### Window Menu

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**Minimize** - Choose this menu item to minimize the Maestro window to the OS X Dock.

**Zoom** - Choose this menu item to maximize the size of the Maestro window.

Open any of the currently active tabs by typing Command + number.

### Help Menu

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**Help** - Choose this menu item to open Maestro Help for any Apogee hardware devices connected to your Mac

# iOS Main Menu

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- 1. Apogee Device Select device in use to access Maestro tab windows.
- 2. **Register Product** Please register your Apogee Duet for free technical support and to receive product updates and notifications via email.
- 3. **Knowledge Base** The Apogee KnowledgeBase is your number one resource for Frequently Asked Questions regarding your Duet. If you have a question, search the KnowledgeBase. If your question has not been answered, please contact technical support.

# Operation

# **Configuring the Input**

#### Mac

- 1. Connect your input source (see analog inputs section>)
- 2. Open Apogee Maestro software (found in your Mac's Applications folder), and select the Input tab.



3. Select the Analog Level setting that corresponds to the device you have connected to Duet's input(s).



+4 dBu: line level
-10 dBV: line level
Mic: XLR microphone (dynamic, condenser or ribbon)
Inst: 1/4" Instrument (electric guitar, bass, keyboards)

4. If you are using a condenser microphone that requires phantom power, select the 48V box on the Input tab of the appropriate channel in Maestro. Phantom power is indicated on Duet's display by a red dot above the microphone icon.



48V Phantom power button in Maestro



48V Phantom power indicator on OLED Display

# **Configuring the Input (continued)**

### iPad

- 1. Connect your input source (see analog inputs section>)
- 2. Open Apogee Maestro app, choose Duet from the main menu and select the Input tab.



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48V Phantom power indicator on OLED Display

# **Configuring the Output**

### **Speaker Output level**

#### Mac

- 1. Connect Duet to the Mac.
- 2. Open Apogee Maestro software (found in your Mac's Applications folder), and select the Output tab.



Go to Speaker Output drop down menu and select your Output source for desired playback (1-2, 3-4 or Mixer).
 1-2 is usually the default Output source on most recording software.



### Headphone Output level

To change Duet's headphone output level (i.e the listening level of connected headphones):

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# **Adjusting Input & Output Levels**

Levels can be adjusted from hardware or software

The controller knob operates in parallel with Maestro's speaker and headphone control.





### Input level

To change Duet's input level (i.e the preamp gain of microphones and instruments):

 Push the Multi-function Controller Knob until the microphone or instrument icon is lit on the Duet's display



If you are using +4dB or -10dBV Line Levels, no volume control is provided since it's a fixed gain level and the Mic Preamps are bypassed.

2. Turn the Controller Knob until the desired recording level is obtained.



### **Speaker Output level**

To change Duet's speaker output level (i.e the listening level of connected speakers):

1. Push the Multi-function Controller Knob until the speaker icon is lit on the Duet's display





2. Turn the controller knob to the desired listening level.



### Headphone Output level

To change Duet's headphone output level (i.e the listening level of connected headphones):

1. Push the Multi-function Controller Knob until the headphone icon is lit on the Duet's display



2. Turn the controller knob to the desired listening level.



### **Low Latency Mixing**

While recording, if you notice a delay between the moment you play or sing a note and when you hear it in your headphones you are experiencing latency.

How to configure Low Latency Mixer:

- 1. Once all inputs are set up, disable software monitoring in DAW.
- 2. Go to Output Tab in Maestro and choose Mixer under Speaker or Headphone Out selection.
- 3. Input signal should be heard in Speakers or Headphones.
- 4. Go to Mixer Tab to control volume, mute and solo of input.



## **Maestro Low Latency Mixing**

A bit of background information concerning latency and computer-based digital recording setups will help you better understand these functions.

When recording with most computer-based digital audio applications, the delay between the input and output of the recording system often disturbs the timing of the musicians performing. This delay, known as latency, means that the musician hears the notes played a few milliseconds after having actually played them. As anyone who has spoken on a phone call with echo knows, relatively short delays can confuse the timing of any conversation, spoken or musical.



#### Figure A

To illustrate the effect of latency, **Figure A** depicts the typical signal path of a vocal overdub session. A vocalist sings into a microphone, which is routed to an analog to digital converter, then to the audio software application for recording. In the software application, the vocalist's live signal is mixed with the playback of previously recorded tracks, routed to a digital to analog converter, and finally to the vocalist's headphones. A slight delay accumulates at each conversion stage, while a much greater amount of delay occurs through the software application, resulting in the vocalist hearing his performance in headphones delayed by several milliseconds.

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#### Maestro Low Latency mixing (continued)



#### Figure B

By routing the hardware input directly to the hardware output and mixing in playback as shown in **Figure B**, it's possible to provide the vocalist a headphone monitoring signal with a much shorter delay. First, the signal being recorded (in this case, a vocal mic) is split just after the A/D stage and routed to both the software application for recording and directly back to the hardware outputs without going through the latency-inducing software. This creates a low latency path from mic to headphones. Next, a stereo mix of playback tracks is routed to the low latency mixer and combined with the hardware input(s). This allows the performer to hear himself while listening to playback tracks without a confusing delay in order to comfortably record overdubs.

Note that the software application's mixer is used to set a stereo mix of playback tracks while the low latency mixer is used to set the balance between the stereo playback mix and the hardware inputs.

### **Setting Sample Rate**

Duet operates at all standard sample rates between 44.1 kHz and 192 kHz. In most cases, the sample rate is set by the audio application with which Duet is communicating. For example, when using Duet with GarageBand, Duet's sample rate is automatically set to 44.1 kHz, to match the GarageBand song's sample rate. For those audio applications that don't include a sample rate setting, such as iTunes, Duet's sample rate may be set in Audio MIDI Setup or on the System Setup tab of Maestro.

### Touchpads

The 2 touchpads, located on either side of the encoder knob, allow you to quickly access output functions such as "Mute Outputs", "Dim Outputs", "Sum to Mono" or "Toggle Headphone Source". Each are assignable using a dropdown menu within Apogee's new Maestro. This unique feature allows you to select the function you want and access it directly from Duet 2 without having to look at software. Touchpads on Duet will be set by default to Mute all Outputs and Clear Meters.

#### **Changing Touchpad Assignments**

#### Mac

- 1. Connect Duet to the Mac.
- 2. Open Apogee Maestro software (found in your Mac's Applications folder), and select the Device Settings tab.
- 3. Select either touchpad A or B drop down menu and select the desired assignment.

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Sample Rate 44.1 kHz	Clock Source Internal	System Status Ready			Duet USB
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#### iPad

- 1. Connect Duet to the iPad.
- 2. Open Apogee Maestro app, choose Duet from the main menu and select the Device Settings tab.
- 3. Select either touchpad A or B drop down menu and select the desired assignment.

	Touchpad A	
None		
Mute : Speaker		
Mute : Headphone		
Mute : All Outputs		
Dim : Speaker		
Dim : Headphone		
Dim : All Outputs		
Mono : Speaker		
Mono : Headphone		
Mono : All Outputs		
HP Out 1-2 / Out 3-4		
HP Out 1-2 / Mixer		
HP Out 3-4 / Mixer		
Clear Meters		



# Mac OS: Using Duet with Logic

1. Go to the Logic Pro or Logic Express menu and choose **Preferences > Audio.** 

Preferences	►	General	
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2. In the Core Audio pane of the Device tab, select Duet for Output Device and Input Device.

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ces General I/O Assignment	ts Sample Editor MP3 Reset N	odes	
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Enabled			
System Memory Requirement	76.0 MB		1
Output Device:	Duet US8	:	
Input Device:	Duet US8	ñ	
I/O Buffer Size:	64	Samples	
	Resulting Roundtrip Latency: 5.5 ms	-	
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 Set the I/O Buffer Size to 64. Click Apply Changes at the bottom of the Preferences window.  Now close the Logic Pro Preferences window and select New > Empty Project > from the File Menu.



 If you are recording a single microphone or instrument, make the following selections in the New Tracks dialog box:

New Tra	cks
Number: Type:	Audio     Software Instrument     External MIDI
Format: Input: Output:	Mono       :         Input 1       :         Output 1-2       :         Ascending         ✓         Input Monitoring         ✓         Record Enable
Open	Library (Cancel Create
6. Logic will now ask you to name the project and save in on your hard drive.



7. Click the Record button in the transport control at the bottom of the Logic window.



# Mac OS: Using Duet with Avid Pro Tools (9 or greater)

1. Choose **Setup** menu > **Playback Engine**.

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2. Choose Duet for Current Engine.

	Playback Engine
Settings Delay Co	Built-in Line Input Built-in Digital Input Built-in Output Built-in Digital Output
Disk Playback	
	rmal + disk buffer reduce memory usage. Higher values improve disk

3. Set the Buffer Size to 64. Click OK.

and the second secon	Pla	yback Engine	
	Duet USB	\$	
Settings			
	H/W Buffer Size:	✓ 64 Samples	
	Host Processors:	128 Samples 256 Samples	
	CPU Usage Limit:	512 Samples	
	Host Engine:	1024 Samples	g Playback/Record
		(may cause clicks	and pops)
		Minimize Add	litional I/O Latency
Delay	Compensation Engine: (	Maximum	\$
Disk Playback			
Cache Size:	Normal	\$	
Lower values for performance.	the disk buffer reduce m	nemory usage. High	er values improve disk
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4. The following dialog box will appear. Click Yes.



## Mac OS: Using Duet with Ableton Live

- 1. **Choose Live > Preferences**. Click on the Audio tab.
- 2. Select CoreAudio in the Driver Type menu.
- 3. Select Duet in both the Audio Input Device and Audio Output Device menus.
- 4. Set Buffer Size to 128
- 5. Close the Preferences window after making settings.

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Look Feel	Audio Device	CoreAudio
Audio MIDI Sync File Folder Record Warp Launch	Driver Type Audio Input Device Audio Output Device Channel Configuration Sample Rate In/Out Sample Rate Default SR & Pitch Conversion Latency	CoreAudio  Duet USB (2 In, 4 Out)  Duet USB (2 In, 4 Out)  Duet USB (2 In, 4 Out)  Input Config  Output Config  44100  Normal
CPU Licenses Maintenance Library	Buffer Size Input Latency Output Latency Driver Error Compensation Overall Latency	128 Samples 4.72 ms 3.97 ms 0.00 ms 8.68 ms
	Test — Test Tone Tone Volume Tone Frequency CPU Usage Simulator	Off 36 dB 440 Hz 50 %

## Using Duet with iOS Apps

Duet works with any iOS Core Audio compatible app on iPod Touch, iPhone or iPad. Simply download your favorite app, connect Duet and you're ready to go!

### **Recommended apps:**

### Garageband



- 1. Open Garageband and create a new song.
- 2. Select the instrument to be used.



- Audio Recorder for Vocals
- Amp for Guitar
- Keyboard for your MIDI controller



3. Go to Input Setting on the top left corner of the screen.



4. Select either Left or Right Channel (Left for Mic inputs, Right for Instrument input).



5. Set monitor to ON, Press Record on the top of the screen and you are ready to go!



### Auria



### 1. Open Auria App

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2. Choose Menu > New Project and select Sample Rate and number of tracks



 Choose Menu > Input Matrix and make sure the input is going to the desired track





4. Record enable the desired track



5. Press the Record button and then Play to start your recording

### Cubasis



1. Open Cubasis app and create a New Project with an Audio Track.



2. Go to the Audio Input drop down Menu and select Mono/Stereo and your input source by tapping on the input channel number.

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Mono input				
Insert Effects 🕀				
Send Effects				
Channel E				
Color (D)				

3. Open the Mixer by pressing the Mixer button on top left corner of screen.



4. Press Record Enable and Input Enable buttons on your channel and press Record.



### Animoog



- 1. Connect Core MIDI device into the USB MIDI I/O port on the Duet
- 2. Open Animoog



3. Choose > Setup > MIDI In and select Duet USB





5. Find your sound and play!





Visit <u>www.apogeedigital.com/knowledgebase</u> for the most up to date list of compatible apps

## Troubleshooting



### Looking for answers?

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### **Duet FAQs**

**Q: I've connected my guitar, but I'm not getting any input. What should I check?** A: On the Input tab of Maestro, be sure to set Analog Level to Instrument (Inst).

### Q: I'm not getting any output from audio software applications. What should I check?

A: If you have chosen Mixer for the output then the Software Return fader must be raised to send audio software outputs to Duet's outputs.

#### Q: I want Maestro to open automatically each time I connect Duet. What should I set?

A: Open Maestro > Preferences and check the Launch Maestro automatically when connecting a device checkbox.

### **Q: How do I reset Duet?**

A: To reset Duet unplug the USB cable, hold down Controller knob, reconnect the USB cable and maintain the controller in the down position until the unit has completely initialized.

### Q: I am hearing a delay between what I play and what I hear in my headphones. Can I do anything about this?

A: Using the low latency mixer found in the Apogee Maestro application may help. Click on the mixer tab to configure it to your desired settings. Be sure to set your desired output to "mixer" on the output page.

**Q: My Duet is not getting recognized by my iPad and it says not charging, what should I do?** A: Make sure that your DC power cable is connected properly and in all the way, if this doesn't work try resetting the Duet.

## Additional Support

## For more information:

- Complete Apogee Duet User's Guide
- Apogee KnowledgeBase and FAQs
- Apogee Product Registration
- How to contact Apogee Technical Support

Visit: http://www.apogeedigital.com/support/

## Specifications

### Features

Duet

USB 2.0 High Speed			
32 buffer @ 96kHz = 3.5 ms			
64 buffer @ 44.1kHz = 4.2 ms			
USB Bus Power or DC power supply			
24-bit/44.1-192kHz			
2 Analog Inputs			
2 Line/Speaker outputs + stereo headphone output			
Balanced			
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2			
up to 75dB			
+4 dBu, -10 dBV			
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2 software assignable			
Full Color OLED			
✓			
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  - Misuse, neglect or improper assembly
  - Transport damages due to improper packaging or carrier
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  - Cracked components
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2. Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.

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• EN50081-1/EN55022; 1995
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