Lawo Cooperates With Merging Technologies



Merging Technologies and Lawo today announced that Merging is the first vendor whose solutions are fully integrated with Lawo's HOME platform, with all-access privileges to the invaluable services offered by this groundbreaking IP infrastructure management platform.

First-class citizenship in the HOME ecosystem means that all compatible Merging products - their virtual audio devices, and soon also their Anubis, Horus and Hapi interfaces—will benefit from instant IP discovery and registration, intuitive stream routing, device monitoring, diagnostics, parameter control and the security features offered by the HOME platform, all enabled through a single control API.

One highly anticipated result of Merging's bold move will be that the parameters on Merging products can be conveniently tweaked from an mc²-series console with built-in HOME functionality.

Christian Struck, Lawo's Senior Product Manager Audio Production, applauds Merging Technologies' decision to support HOME: "Especially in the performing arts

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where audio recording and playback quality is critical, operators frequently leverage the sonic excellence of Merging's audio preamps in combination with a Lawo mc²-series console. A direct line of communication between the two provides centralized access to comprehensive parameter tweaks and all the real-time information, security and control today's operators require."

Claude Cellier, Merging Technologies' CEO, concurs: "We consider the integration of Merging products with Lawo's HOME platform a perfect match. A growing number of users have been asking for a way to remotely control our preamps from a Lawo mc² console. In addition to all-round operational convenience, HOME provides lightning-fast discovery and registration, and more. We are sure Merging Technologies' user base will appreciate these control and monitoring features."

The following Merging Technologies products are Home-compliant in beta with an expected release before summer:

- Anubis
- Hapi MKII

It is anticipated that all Merging I/O products will be compliant before IBC 2022. Previously shipped, eligible Merging Technologies software and hardware can be added to the HOME ecosystem via a simple firmware update available with a similar schedule.

"Lawo has always been open to granting other vendors access to the HOME management platform," explains Axel Kern, Lawo's Senior Director Cloud and Infrastructure Solutions. "I'm particularly pleased that Merging Technologies, a highly respected vendor, should be the first to see eye-to-eye with a steadily growing number of Lawo products. And I look forward to welcoming more vendors to the HOME table in the future." Demonstration of Merging products as part of the HOME system will be hosted on the Lawo booth C6932 at NAB 2022.

In an allied announcement, it has also been confirmed that an additional enhanced feature is available for customers of Lawo and Merging software and hardware. There are many users and customers using Lawo as a console in conjunction with Pyramix as a DAW or Ovation as a playout system. Many protocols are available to connect DAW's to consoles or controllers. OASIS is Merging Technologies own protocol based on Ethernet communication. Many manufacturers of consoles and controllers have included this protocol into their products to connect directly to Pyramix and Ovation since many years and the addition of Lawo is a major step forward. From now on it will be possible to interconnect directly and to facilitate workflows and total recalls.*

Maurice Engler, Merging's Product & Project manager commented: "This development is a really significant bonus to users in a variety of scenarios including live broadcast, recording or post-production and we warmly welcome this initiative by Lawo."

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Lawo’s Christian Struck added that the new audio production software release to be unveiled at NAB 2022 (V10.2.4.) will provide comprehensive Pyramix and Ovation support among other cool new features.

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