

DirectOut Bitfocus' Companion Plugin



DirectOut manufactures high-end smart platforms for many types of professional applications. The company is passionate about third party integration and announces their native plugin for Bitfocus' Companion, the outcome of a collaboration between DirectOut, its German distributor sphereo, and Dorian Meid, a highly experienced Companion module programmer. Compatible with Companion 4.0.0 or later, the plugin automatically detects the PRODIGY and MAVEN Series devices. It can be used with any Stream Deck hardware interface to enable greater control with fully programmable presets and parameters.

Companion is an open-source control surface software that can control multiple devices across the live and broadcast industries and can be used with or without a physical interface. Buttons can be programmed with many different outcomes, from simple selections, to fully stacked sequences of commands. The end result is a customizable interface that can take the guess work out of complex commands and manage several hardware devices from a single control panel.

DirectOut's module for Companion allows access to the majority of PRODIGY and MAVEN functions, including in/out routing, configuration and status reporting (e.g. for EARS) and much more. Each parameter-control features a learn button, which

enables the plugin to read out the currently handled parameter and its value. This is useful if the function is not part of a preset and the user wishes to add a particular command without knowledge of the actual control protocol. The Action Recorder allows the user to capture sophisticated operations for triggering, so a series of actions can be inputted quickly and efficiently.

Companion also benefits from a web-admin emulator, so actions can be triggered without setting up the hardware controller devices. The button position on Stream Deck can be customized and perfected for any application. Pages of buttons can be saved and quickly accessed as required. There is also a list of presets provided within the module, which can be used as a starting point to edit from and adjusted within the module configuration.

Claudio Becker-Foss, Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of DirectOut is keen to continue the company's support of third-party integrations, citing the positive feedback at September's IBC as proof of the industry's excitement for cross-platform integration. "Our company mission has always been to develop streamlined, reliable and flexible audio solutions, whatever the application. Our new Companion plugin is a great example of the power of third-party collaboration to help us reach that goal and deliver the best possible results for our end users, creating a seamless integration experience for their projects." The DirectOut Companion plugin was released under the MIT open-source license and can be downloaded from the Companion repository of Bitfocus on GitHub.

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