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How RAVENNA & AES67 enable Innovation

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Your Host





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- more than 25 years in the professional audio / broadcasting industry
- graduate diploma in computer science
- R&D, project & product management experience
- member of AES67 TG and ST2110 DG

ALC NetworX GmbH, Munich / Germany

- established 2008
- R&D center
- developing & promoting RAVENNA
- Partnerships with > 40 manufacturers



ALC NetworX

RAVENNA

- IP media networking technology
- designed to meet requirements of professional audio / broadcasting applications
- open technology approach, license-free
- fully AES67-compliant (built-in)











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Full-Stack Proprietary Technology Solutions



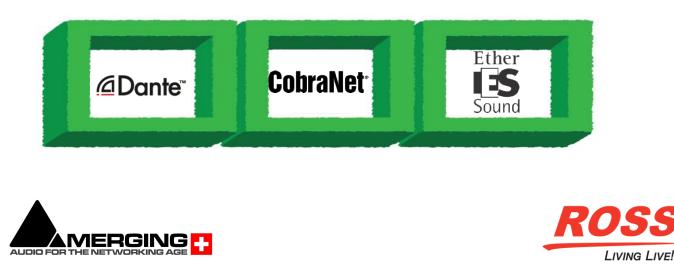


Proprietary technology offer advantages such as **ease-of-use** and the avoidance of interoperability issues.

Cons

But do these technologies always offer the right tool for the job?

- What if I need to manage both audio and video signals simultaneously?
- Or what if I require encryption?









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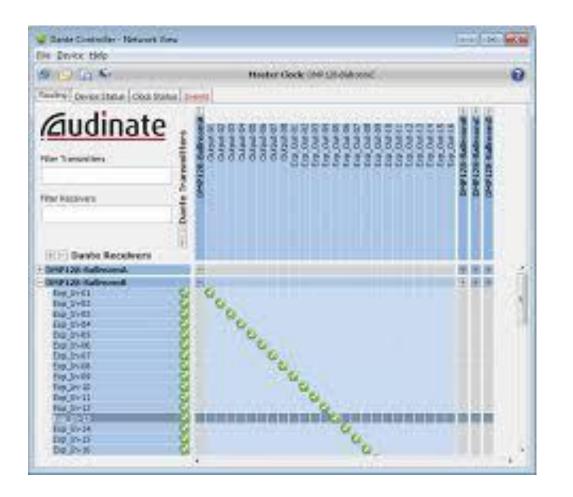






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Monopolies

- Stifle Innovation
- Reduced set of applications addressed
- Benefits accrue to small number

Free Markets

- Address a wider set of needs and applications
- Drive greater innovation
- Can be counted on to develop the right tool for the job













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The RAVENNA & AES67 ecosystem features multiple vendors innovating using core networking technology from multiple suppliers, such as Ross, ALC Networx, Archwave, Digigram, Directout, Merging or their own internal solutions.







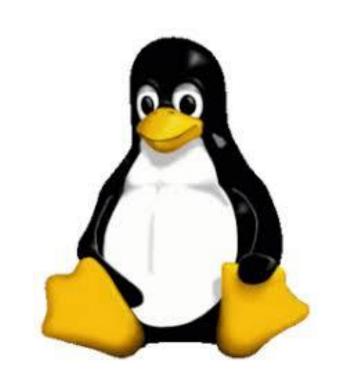
Additionally, the ST2110 AIMS alliance features broadcasters & media companies (Disney, BBC, NBCU, Globo, CBC) leveraging equipment from member suppliers innovating with core networking technology made possible through open standards.





- 25 years ago, when Linux was still in its infancy, it was hard to use and limited in capability.
- But it was open and free to innovate
- Who guessed then how Linux would evolve?



















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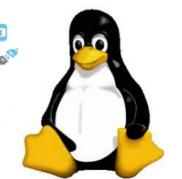




50% of global fin. transactions









85% of smartphones



Top 10 Supercomputers

Google <u>Ross</u>











Microsoft currently ranks as the world's top open source contributor, measured by number of employees active on GitHub. TechRupublic 07/05/19



"We do think it's a new day. This is the world in which Microsoft is collaborating with Google on a Chromium open-source project. We just think that's good for all of us. We think the innovation that happens when people work together far outweighs any of the things you give up in doing it in a closed way." The Verge interview 19/05/20

Jared Spataro , Corporate VP for Microsoft 365











RAVENNA/ AES67/ ST2110 Innovation Examples











- Broadcasters want to transport audio across a continental network
- Network latencies up to 500msec

- Implementation of a network latency compensation mechanism leveraging the larger WAN buffers in fully compliant AES67/ 2110-30 solutions
- Handles up to 500msec of latency













Innovation: Uncompromising Performance





The Challenge:

- Quickly transition very wide product range to IP
- Help navigate the complicated multi-format IP Landscape in audio (AES67, 2110-30 ...)

Innovation:

- Highest-performance, robust and extremely flexible ST 2110 audio networking solution
- 512 channels, 96kHz, 125 μs packet time and up to 80 channels per stream









BACH openModule





Innovation: Dante to ST 2110 Router













The Challenge:

• Support a standards-based SMPTE ST 2110 solution on existing products.

- Fully compliant AES67/ ST2110 solution that drops into existing hardware
- 64 channels/ 8 streams, 125µs packet time, NMOS IS-04, Dante/ SAP
- Enabled 128 x 128 Dante to fully compliant AES67 ST 2110-30 router in 1RU









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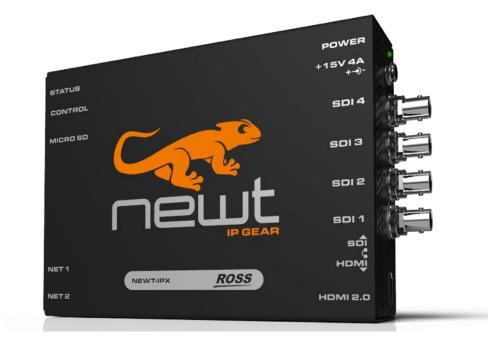






 Transport audio with live video on same wire over IP network

- Another example of full ST 2110 in action: video and audio on same wire
- Key enabler is AES67 PTP synchronization based on 1588v2 that utilizes time stamping













 An standards-based Audio-over-IP solution with open control that is customizable to fit unique workflow

- Open JSON API allowing the use of the customer's UI and control system
- Addition of specific clock signals enabled better internal synchronization of wireless equipment















• Address more markets with support for LW+, Ravenna, Ember+



- Need small port count AES67 ST 2110 solution with open control
- Replace expensive AES67 partner box w/ solution that supports MADI

- Integrated solution with open control supporting LW+, Ember+, Ravenna
- MADI to AES67 bridge for easy integration into their existing product











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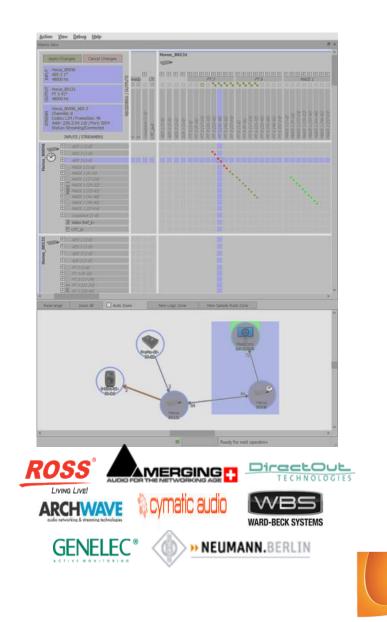


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The Challenge:

• A simple and open centrailzed audio network manager that is protocol agnostic.

- ANEMAN a simple, open and free controller created by Merging & Digigram
- Works w/ any manufacturer via plug-in
- ANEMAN engine framework will be fully open-sourced to drive further innovation















- Address a new market by expanding reach of products into broadcast.
- Requirement for an integrated standards-based 2110 solution that was not available in a Dante solution.

Innovation:

 Fully standards compliant 16-channel AES67 ST 2110-30 RAVENNA-based solution via SoC that supports flexible ST 2022-7 glitch-less redundancy















• Need for a cost-effective, low channel count audio networking solution as a value-added feature that works with video now and in the future

Innovation:

• AES67 ST 2110 standards based 8-channel solution that works with video (HDMI) today and is ready for video and audio over IP in the future











 Easily control the transport of live audio and video across many different networks

- Raptor 6x6 HD-SDI to ST2110 gateway for Emmy-award winning openGear platform
- Open control with standards-based NMOS (IS-05) and popular EmBER+
- Open registration and discovery with NMOS (IS-04), RAVENNA and SAP















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The Challenge:

- High performance, robust yet flexible AoIP solution running AES67/ ST 2110/ RAVENNA
- Support for variable sample rates and data formats including 32-bit AES/ EBU

- 512 ch. 64 streams, 125µs packet time, glitch-less stream and port redundancy (4 x 10GE)
- 16, 24-bits /sample including 32-bit transparent mode for AES transport configurable per stream & not limited to audio but can carry video and control data too.











 A proven audio networking solution based on open technologies that seamlessly interfaces with existing customer broadcast equipment

- A broadly interoperable compact AES67/ ST 2110 audio-over-IP bridge
- Natively adapts to any environment: RAVENNA, SAP, EmBER+, and DashBoard
- 2022-7 hitless protection switching
- Same BACH AoIP technology used by partner OEM developers











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AES67 ST 2110 solution all in software on a COTS server for centralized audio processing

- AES67 ST 2110 AoIP solution in Linux running on a COTS platform supporting 64 channels requiring a single low-end Intel Xeon core.
- End-to-end latency of ~1msec making centralized audio processing a reality for OEM's
- Natively supports multiple protocols: RAVENNA, SAP, and EmBER+













More answers...



RAVENNA / AES67 / SMPTE ST 2110 Resources:



www.rossvideo.com/ip-bridges-converters www.rossvideo.com/bach



www.ravenna-network.com/resources























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Merging Technologies

Designer of some of the best Analog to AES67 conversion Editor of the Pyramix DAW Celebrating 30 years in 2020 !













AES67, RAVENNA, ST2110: A new way of thinking the network

- Massive use of multicasting: delegates stream distribution entirely to the network (switches)
- Open standards: the information on how it works is not under NDA

Contrary to Dante, switches and their configuration are an essential part of the Network



Thankfully, on most small and some medium network, a simple switch configuration file does the trick











AES67, RAVENNA, ST2110: And when the network is configured...

Although most of the time everything works right, you may encounter some problems now and then...

- What input is connected to what output ?
- Why do I have no sound ?
- Why is audio dropping ?
- Why this device doesn't receive the stream, while that one does ?
- How can I check that everything is ok ?











All those degrees of freedom are actually a strength

But with great power comes great responsibility, and actual strength is unveiled by the right tools to bend this freedom to the designer will.



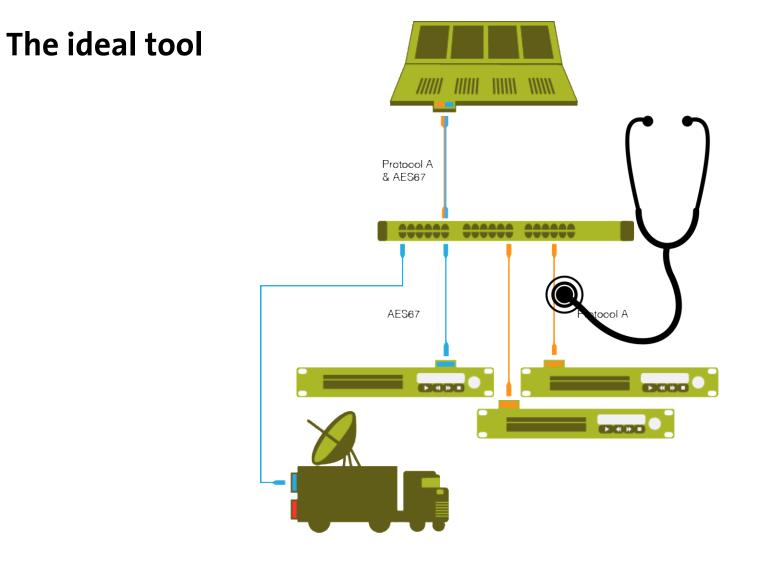


















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Not really, for 10 years of RAVENNA tools have been proposed to ease the life of the media network operators

Here is the presentation of some of them, in a purely random order

All are free to get and use, used by many, and all (except the last two) developed by RAVENNA partners











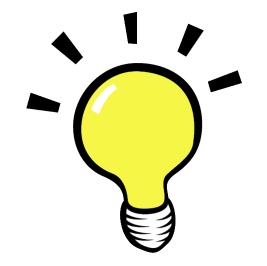
All those tools are innovations in terms of user experience

But they also support the emergence of new ideas in terms of workflow

By freeing the designer from time spent in getting the right information, we allow him more time to design better and big systems.













Challenge: Auto IP or DHCP is good, but how do I find my equipment to connect to the configuration interface

Innovation: Use RAVENNA mDNS/bonjour in a software that displays the devices on the network(s)











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Challenge: How can I check PTP traffic on the network ? Sort it in a human readable way ? Instead of relying on Wireshark's ptp filter

Innovation: Meinberg's PTP Track Hound, ptp analysis software

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Challenge: Dante and RAVENNA have different way of discovering AES67 streams on the network. Plus, not all devices allow manual input of the SDP

Innovation: ALC NetworX's Rav2Sap

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Challenge: I want a Dante controller for my RAVENNA/AES67 network

Innovation: Merging Technologies' ANEMAN (Audio NEtwork MANager)

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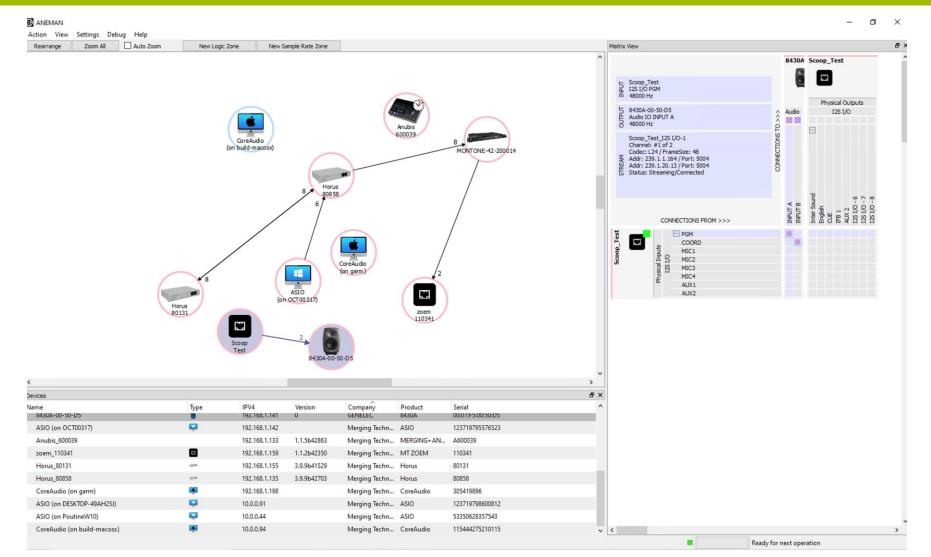






















Challenge: I want to monitor my network, streams, bandwidth, hardware topology

Innovation: MNMS (Media Network Monitoring Services)

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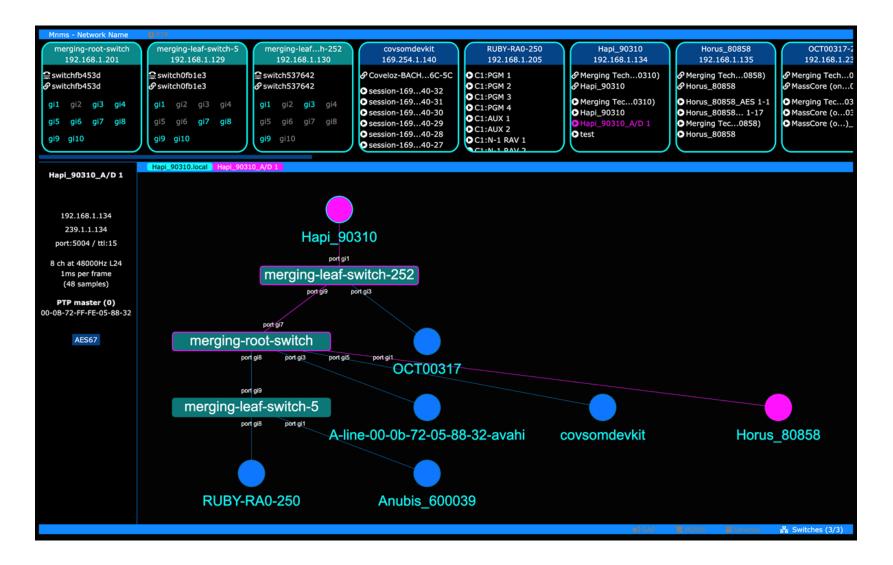






















Challenge: How can I check the time accuracy and standard compliance of my devices and streams on the network ?

Innovation: EBU's LIST (Live IP Software Toolkit)

https://tech.ebu.ch/list

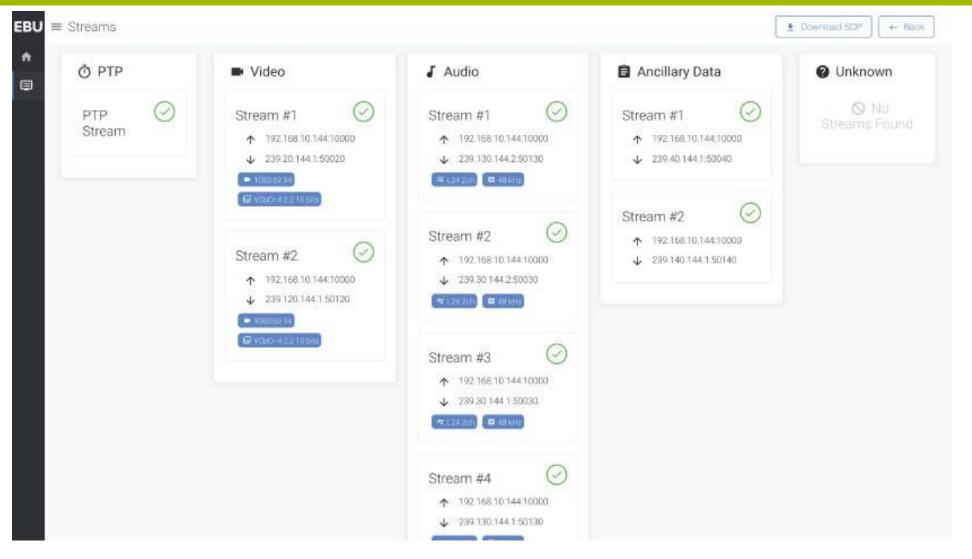






















Challenge: I want to easily configure a multi-vlan, multi-switch setup.

Innovation: Many different vendor dependant solutions, one of them is worth showing though (in progress) from Jérémy Czaicki, student at the CFPTS











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Questions?











More answers...



RAVENNA / AES67 / SMPTE ST 2110 Resources:



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AES67 & SMPTE ST 2110 Timing & Synchronization

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