AJA Desktop Software Release Notes - v17

Linux Ubuntu v17 drivers and software for KONA

Introduction

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AJA Desktop Software

This unified software, driver and firmware package contains the necessities to use AJA video I/O hardware.

The following AJA applications are installed:
- AJA Control Panel v17:
    - For setup and control of your AJA KONA hardware, including firmware updates.
- AJA Control Room v17:
    - For high quality capture, monitoring, playback and output.
- AJA System Test v17:
    - For testing storage to determine if it will be possible to sustain frame rates for chosen format(s).
- AJA NMOS v17:
    - Optional SMPTE ST 2110 application providing discovery, registration and control for AJA IP devices.

Operating System

This driver/software version is compatible with Ubuntu 20.04 LTS and Ubuntu 22.04 LTS.

- Before running this installer, uninstall all previous versions of AJA software:
    - sudo apt-get purge ajantv2-dkms ajaretail
- Two packages must be installed: DKMS driver and AJA Retail Software.
- The DKMS Driver installer requires the following package:
    - sudo apt-get install dkms
- The driver installer must run either in a root shell or with root permissions.
    - sudo apt-get install ./ajantv2-dkms_17.0.0-951-c47d74e_all.deb
- The AJA Retail software must run either in a root shell or with root permissions.
    - sudo apt-get install ./ajaretail_17.0.0-951-c47d74e_amd64.deb
- For GPU accelerated desktop display, an OpenCL version 1.2 or greater capable GPU is required.
- Check the Known Issues, Limitations and Additional Details section near the end of this document.
- Note that on later versions of GNOME, the extension management has been moved to its own dedicated app called GNOME Extensions (gnome-extensions-app). Execute the following to perform the installation:
    - Ubuntu 20.04:
        - sudo apt-get install gnome-tweaks

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■ open GNOME Tweaks

■ click Extensions on the left list

■ turn on Ubuntu appindicators

■ launch ControlPanel

○ Ubuntu 22.04:

■ sudo apt-get install gnome-extensions-app

■ open Extensions app

■ turn on Ubuntu AppIndicators

■ launch ControlPanel

Third Party Software

AJA KONA hardware is used by many software and systems manufacturers, who provide their own software for user installation. The links below provide a guide to software support AJA is aware of, with additional software support being added frequently. Please contact the appropriate software vendor for information on whether AJA software or drivers are required when using their application. AJA recommends the latest released versions of 3rd party software for best performance:

https://www.aja.com/compatibility/kona

● **Autodesk** - Flame and related products
● AJA KONA hardware also comes with out-of-the-box support for OBS Studio as follows:
  ○ **OBS Project** - OBS Studio 28.1.x, 27.2.x

In all cases, AJA recommends checking the system and OS requirements for 3rd party software packages with the software creator/vendor directly, to ensure a supportable configuration.

Relevant Products

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The following products benefit from this update:

● KONA X
● KONA 5
● KONA IP
● KONA 4
● KONA 1
● KONA HDMI
● KONA LHi
● KONA LHe Plus

Recommendations in v17

- Supports 10-bit PQ YUV HDR options from Control Room
- Note that AJA Desktop Software v17 still works with EOL products, including Io XT/Io 4K/KONA IP/Io IP/T-TAP. However, releases after v16.2 were no longer qualified with end-of-life products. What this means is that issues affecting these EOL products may arise that are not caught during the testing phase for new software releases, and these issues may not be fixed. In some cases, AJA may elect to fix issues that affect EOL products, but that cannot be guaranteed.

Fixes and Improvements in v17

Note: Items below are identified against the main AJA products affected.
These same issues may have also affected other AJA products that are not specifically called out.

- AJA Control Panel now includes the ability to generate an Audio Tone to accompany test patterns
- Added Closed Caption support for H.264 and H.265
- AJA Control Panel now supports Fast-User-Switching on all supported operating systems.
- AJA Control Room now utilizes FFMPEG v5.1.
- AJA Control Panel has received UI improvements including improved priorities of status messages, improved severity levels colors (critical-red, warning-yellow, notice-blue), added tooltips to provide status specific details and updated task states (Disabled, OEM, Standard).
- Added playback controls for Reverse, Pause and Forward to AJA Control Room Transport Menu.
- Fixed issues that were causing AJA Control Panel and Control Room applications to have different operational behavior in Ubuntu than with these applications running on other supported operating systems.
- Fixed an issue that was causing LUT (Look Up Table) files to fail, and to not be imported properly in AJA Control Panel.
- Fixed an issue where AJA Control Panel and Control Room UI (User Interface) elements were not being scaled properly.
- Fixed an issue that was causing AJA Desktop applications to behave differently on Ubuntu and other Linux applications. This resulted in "Favorites" menu item not appearing in certain circumstances when right-clicking application icons.
- Fixed an issue where AJA Control Panel would revert to outputting Color Bars regardless of the output selection.
- Fixed an issue in which the AJA Control Room scripting tutorial link was linking a general support page, rather than the correct tutorial page.
- Fixed an issue affecting AJA Control Room in which the application would display a misleading error message when a capture path was invalid. The error message displayed is now more specific.
- Fixed an issue affecting all AJA capture devices in which SD capture on H.264/H.265 was failing with black video with the audio present.
- Fixed an issue affecting the AJA Io X3 in which analog audio was not being properly passed to the Voice Over (VO) tool in Adobe Premiere.
- Fixed an issue in AJA Control Room that was causing an occasional indefinite hang upon exiting the application.

- Fixed an issue with the AJA Io 4K Plus in which SDI ports would operate intermittently.
- Fixed an issue that was affecting KONA HDMI 4K/UHD capture not working on HDMI inputs 1 and 2 when used with Open Broadcaster Software (OBS).
- Fixed an issue that was affecting the AJA Io X3 in which a slight horizontal tear would appear on the Multiviewer output when receiving interlaced sources.
- Fixed an issue affecting all AJA Capture devices in which a format change, such as 10-bit YUV 4:2:2 at 1080p59.94 via 3G B (OR) at UHDp59.94 via 12G changing to 10-bit YUV 4:2:2 at 1080p59.94 via 3G A, the secondary device would fail to lock and fall into a failed state.
- Fixed an issue in the AJA Open Broadcaster Software (OBS) plug-in in which colors were being washed out, and showed up when testing with the black video frame test pattern.
- Fixed an issue in the AJA Open Broadcaster Software (OBS) plug-in in which SDI and HDMI output would frame-double and show every other frame only.
- Fixed an issue affecting the AJA Io X3 in which there was a flicker on SDI input with signal loss.
- Fixed an issue in AJA Control Room where the application would occasionally crash when playing certain videos at increased speed.
- Fixed an issue in AJA Control Room in which preference files were being saved without a file extension.
- Fixed an issue in AJA Control Panel where the application would crash when the Install Button was clicked without a device connected.
- Fixed an issue in AJA Control Panel where SDI output transport drop-downs would shift to the right-hand side of the window while they are both selected.
- Fixed an issue affecting the AJA Io IP device in which it would fail to boot when AJA Control Panel was running.
- Fixed an issue in AJA Control Panel in which a beep would be played when focus with a selected device was lost.
- Fixed an issue in AJA Control Panel in which the application would fail to generate support logs when devices were absent.
- Fixed an issue in AJA Control Room in which the application was writing DNxHD video at 8-bit even though it was configured to write at 10-bit.
- Fixed an issue in AJA Control Room in which the application was writing DNxHR HQX video at 8-bit even though it was configured to write at 10-bit.
- Fixed an issue in AJA Control Room in which the application was writing DNxHR video at 8-bit even though it was configured to write at 10-bit.
- Fixed an issue in AJA Control Room in which VPID generation failures would occur when capturing at UHD/4K.
- Implemented a copy suppression bit to disable audio insertion in data streams 2-4 in KONA 5 6G and 12G outputs to address an issue with Grass Valley routers.
- Fixed an issue in which the following AJA devices could enter an unstable state when bad data is passed while receiving unsupported 12G video formats: Io 4K Plus, KONA 5, and Corvid 44-12G.
- Fixed an issue in which the following AJA devices could enter an unstable state when bad data is passed while receiving unsupported 3G video formats: Io4K Plus, KONA 5, and Corvid 44 12G.
- Fixed an issue affecting AJA Io 4K Plus and KONA 5 in which a Tri-level sync Genlock Reference in Playback Lock could cause output flashing and AJA Control Panel would indicate Unknown Format.
- Fixed an issue where SD video would be passed with errors in the following AJA devices: Corvid 44 12G and KONA 5.

● Fixed an issue in which AJA Control Room was displaying the following text when encountering a device capture error: *Unable to open selected file or codec for capture. Streams Error 7: StreamsErrDevice Check codec and system settings.*

Known Issues, Limitations and Additional Details

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General

● "System Sleep" and "Hibernation" should not be used with KONA cards. All sleep and power efficiency modes should be disabled in the operating system settings.

Known Issues

● AJA Control Room may crash when switching clips during playback of clips that cause frame drops.
● AJA Control Panel RGB Range dropdown selection is not always accurate to what is being output on Frame Buffer or SDI output.
● AJA Control Room fails to insert a standard color space when writing DNxHR.
● AJA Control Panel outputs BGRA test pattern on the wire with a zero alpha channel resulting in the Alpha channel component being set to zero.
● Issue with AJA KONA X HDMI input not detecting SD (525i & 625l).
● Issue with KONA X not supporting 12-Bit RGB, including HDR test patterns.

12-bit RGB support (4K/UHD)

● For working with 4K/UHD RGB 4:4:4 12-bit, use KONA 5 with the "KONA 5 (12bit)" firmware for the greatest flexibility via 12G-SDI and HDMI 2.0. 12-bit RGB functionality also exists with T-TAP Pro, Io 4K Plus and Avid DNxIV, but to a lesser extent .12-bit RGB via HDMI from KONA or Io will deliver 12-bit to the downstream (sink) device provided it is capable, otherwise the bit depth can be down-rated based on the capabilities of the monitor or other sink (communicated to KONA via sink device's EDID):
    ○ In AJA Control Panel "Auto Detect" will put out the signal that works with the receiving monitor.
    ○ In AJA Control Panel "Auto-Set" will use what the Frame Buffer is set to.

AV Sync

● For highest accuracy, always use the Video and Audio coming from your AJA device for monitoring. Using an AJA device for Video monitoring, but using the host for Audio monitoring may result in AV sync or drift issues. If these issues arise it is a function of your host system/OS, and AJA recommends monitoring Audio via AJA device.

KONA 5

- Note that recently purchased (2023) KONA 5 cards will need to be used with AJA Desktop software version 16.2.6 or later.
- KONA 5 bitfile
  - There are three KONA 5 bitfiles, each tuned to harness the capabilities of the KONA 5 hardware in different ways '"KONA 5", "KONA 5 (12bit) and "KONA 5 (8K)".
- "KONA 5" bitfile supports:
  - Up to 4K I/O YCbCr & RGB (including Color Space Conversion)
  - AJA Control Panel (including AJA Audio-Mixer)
  - AJA Control Room
  - Video Mixer/Keyer up to HD 60p
- "KONA 5 (12bit)" bitfile supports:
  - Up to 4K I/O RGB (including 12-bit LUT support)
  - AJA Control Panel (including AJA Audio-Mixer)
  - AJA Control Room
  - Video Mixer/Keyer up to HD 60p
- "KONA 5 (8K)" bitfile supports:
  - Up to 8K I/O YCbCr *or* RGB (no Color Space Conversion)
  - Full 2SI path for the 8K raster (in additional to a Square Division presentation of 4x 4K 2SI)
  - 8K to 4K subsample via HDMI 2.0 out
  - AJA Control Panel (not including AJA Audio-Mixer)
  - AJA Control Room
  - Video Mixer/Keyer not supported

KONA HDMI

- Audio channel configurations differ between Ports 1 and 2, vs. Ports 3 and 4.
  - AJA Control Panel has an audio channel swap feature to ensure compatibility.
- Some SD sources do not work correctly when using Ports 1 and 2. Please use Ports 3 and/or 4 for SD ingest.
Occasionally, HDMI sources do not work correctly. Please contact AJA Support to report this issue if you run into it.

KONA IP

- AJA Desktop Software v16.2 was the final official release for KONA IP.
- KONA IP can be used with three different firmwares:
  - s2110 (ST 2110 YCbCr firmware)
    - 4K/UHD/2K/HD
    - Supports ST 2022-7 for Transmit (set SFP 2 to "true").
    - Does not support ST 2022-7 for Receive.
    - The maximum resolution and frame rate supported via ST 2022-7 is 2K/HD 60p.

- ■ There is no ST 2022-7 support when using ST 2110-23 for 4K/UHD
    - ○ s2110 RGB12 (ST 2110 RGB firmware)
        - ■ 2K/HD
        - ■ Supports ST 2022-7 for Transmit (set SFP 2 to "true").
        - ■ Does not support ST 2022-7 for Receive.
    - ○ S2022-6 (ST 2022-6 YCbCr firmware)
        - ■ 2K/HD
- ● Supports ST 2022-7 for Transmit and Receive.
    - ○ Notes
        - ■ It is currently necessary to enable Closed Captioning in AJA Control Room in order to Capture Time Code.
        - ■ It is recommended to disable channels not in use i.e. disable Ch 3 when Ch 4 is desired.
        - ■ The s2110 RGB12 (ST 2110 RGB firmware) is designed for post-production workflows and thus supports playback only for 2K/HD at 23, 24, 25.
        - ■ A restart of AJA NMOS is always required following a firmware change.

KONA LHi

- ● Card does not support EE pass-through of RP188 LTC.
- ● When using level A 1080p50/59.94/60 YUV input to an RGB frame buffer for capture, the image is scrambled or non-working for various NLEs. Note that Level B works correctly with all supported NLEs.
- ● KONA LHi has only one audio system and is limited to capturing or outputting one channel at a time with audio. In applications where multiple video inputs and outputs can be used at the same time, the SDI input will have audio and the HDMI input will not. Additionally, if both input and output are used simultaneously and independently (as opposed to output passed through from input) only one channel will have audio.

AJA Control Panel

- ● AJA Control Panel/Services may surface incorrect routing after a Dynamic Reconfiguration with KONA 5 followed by a restart.
    - ○ Workaround:
        - ■ Ensure that Fast Boot is disabled via system BIOS.
        - ■ Apply KONA 5 Dynamic Reconfiguration for 4K Bitfile, and this will fix the issue.

AJA Control Room

- ● H.264 and H.265 capture and playback introduced as of v16.2:
    - ○ Create or playback HD media with Timecode, Closed Captioning and HDR metadata support.
        - ■ YCbCr 4:2:0, 8-bit video.
        - ■ AAC audio encoding for multiple tracks of Stereo and/or Mono.
    - ○ All H.264 and H.265 encoding/decoding is courtesy of hardware acceleration on the host system.
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    - ○ For Linux based systems, Control Room will seek hardware resources in the following order:
        - ■ NVIDIA

- ■ INTEL VAAPI
- ■ INTEL (QSV)
- ○ In each case, if the resource being sought is not found, the next resource possibility will be tried. If none of these resources are located on the system, then capture/playback of H.264 and H.265 will not be possible.
- ○ Notes:
  - ■ You must be using the latest NVIDIA, AMD or INTEL drivers. In some situations you may need to disable using a resource in order to update its driver version, and then re-enable.
  - ■ H.264 and H.265 can behave differently as compared with uncompressed media or iframe codecs, especially during scrubbing and looping operations. This is to be expected with Long-GOP media.
  - ■ Interlaced material will be captured as progressive, this is as designed.
- ● When the Deep Buffer feature is being used for playback protection, note that changes to settings may take some time to be reflected. For example, muting an audio channel can take many seconds between the mouse click and the desired result. This is normal when using the Deep Buffer feature.
- ● MXF OP-1A capture in AJA Control Room does not support the following formats: 720p60, 1080i30, 1080p30, 1080p60.

Features, Fixes, Changes and Improvements in Prior Releases

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Note: Items below are identified against the main AJA products affected.
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V16.2.6

- ● Corrected a minor firmware issue that affected serialization on some AJA I/O products.

V16.2.5

- ● Fixed an issue affecting the KONA 5 board in which the latest board revisions were not recognized correctly in the Desktop software applications.

V16.2.4

- ● Added Linux kernel 5.19 support to the AJA DKMS driver.

V16.2.3

- ● Control Room will now support the playback of interlaced MXF OP1a clips created in Avid.
- ● Resolves an issue on the Linux platform where Control Room, Control Panel and System Test applications would fail to render for high resolution.
- ● Solves an issue where audio channel 1 would sometimes show up on audio channel 4 and audio channel 2. would show up on audio channel 1 on the output of a KONA card.
- ● Fixes a bug where muting AAC audio resulted in bad audio during playback.

- Resolves an issue where some S-LOG modes of the Sony FX6 camera were unable to be captured.
- PTP domain number in SDP now visible in Control Panel for KONA IP and Io IP.

V16.2.2

- Using older drivers in combination with a newer software version (or vice versa) is not a supported configuration and will likely cause disruptive results.
- For I/O with AJA Control Panel and AJA Control Room, it is recommended to set the Genlock setting to Auto for all AJA devices.
- Fixed problematic 8K/UHD2 LFR video output with AJA Control Panel using AJA KONA 5.
- Fixed Match Override for SSRC and Payload parameters for KONA IP running ST2110 firmware.
- Solved AJA NMOS crash and/or holding onto old video sources after making route changes from the VSM during capture with KONA IP running ST2110 firmware with 2022-7 redundancy.

v16.2

- A new high quality bitfile personality for KONA 5 is now available. "KONA 5 (12-bit)" enables working with a 4K/UHD RGB 4:4:4 12-bit path from capture, to color correction to output. Designed for 4K/UHD high quality color grading, finishing and playback.
- A new ST 2110 bitfile personality for KONA IP is now available. "KONA IP s2110 RGB12" enables working with a 2K/HD RGB 4:4:4 12-bit path from capture, to color correction to output. Specifically designed for Post Production workflows for feature film and Episodic TV using film rates with file based material for RGB 444 12-bit editorial and playback.
- LUT functionality enhancements for AJA Control Panel. All current KONA products which support LUTs now have the ability to import and export LUTs as .cube files for greater interoperability with other systems and software which also use the .cube format. The legacy method of supporting LUTs via CSV is still supported for import in Control Room, but no longer for export.
  - The following AJA Product / Firmware combinations support 12-bit LUTS, for other combinations and other products, LUT support is 10-bit:
    - KONA 5 with KONA 5 (12-bit) firmware
    - KONA IP with KONA IP s2110 RGB12 firmware
- AJA Control Room Playback Buffering. Functionality designed to protect critical playback from dropped frames. In some situations the host system may be challenged by interruptions to media file storage connectivity. This new feature enables the allocation of RAM towards ensuring consistent playback even during storage connectivity interruptions. This is a complementary feature to the existing Capture Buffering also available in AJA Control Room.
- AJA Control Room now supports H.265 and H.264 progressive Capture and Playback up to HD 1920x1080, including Timecode, Closed Captions and HDR metadata.
  - Multiple data rates (6) can be selected; Low, Med-Low, Med, Med-High, High, Max
  - The application will seek out the best method for encode/decode based on the attributions of the host environment where it is installed. See the Control Room section under "Known Issues, Limitations and Additional Details" in the Release Notes below. Additional information available in the Control Room Manual.
  - Note: Interlaced material will be captured as progressive, this is as designed.
- AJA Control Room now supports playback of 16-bit RGB 'b64a' media (12-bit on the wire).

- AJA Control Panel Info Screen will now flag (red text) to warn when newer firmware is installed but not yet running (i.e. the host system needs to be power-cycled).
- Solved cosmetic non-display of VU levels in AJA Control Panel
- Fixed Control Room problem with capturing DNxHD/HR 444 (10bit and 12bit) resulting in bad media files.

v16.1

- Additional visual feedback in AJA Control Panel
  - Tooltips on hover over input and output widgets and for quickly seeing status.
  - Nuances that are taken care of automatically are called out explicitly in the Control Panel block diagram.
    - One example is that when outputting 4K, HFR, YCbCr 4:2:2 10-bit from the framebuffer, if the HDMI transmitter is version 1.4b then the video is adjusted to 4:2:0 8-bit (e.g. KONA 4, KONA IP).
- Added 2SI alignment pattern in AJA Control Panel, consisting of 1-pixel diagonal crosshairs plus a 3-pixel rectangle.
  - Whenever there is a misalignment, the diagonal crosshairs will be wrong, not a continuous line.
  - If it is a top-bottom misalignment, the top and bottom of the square line will be broken, with white between time. This is easily simulated by clicking the "Quad Swap" buttons in the control panel "Video Setup" tab.
  - If it is a left-right misalignment, the left and right lines of the square will be fuzzy, or broken.
- Solved inaccurate reporting of read/write speeds in AJA System Test for 4K and 8K formats.
- Rectified non-display of LTC Input Widget in AJA Control Panel with KONA 4.
- Fixed bad audio when capturing 2K LFR (Low Frame Rate) with AJA KONA HDMI.
- Solved bug causing 12-bit RGB HDMI video input to have no audio with AJA KONA HDMI Inputs 3/4.
- Rectified interface issue whereby AJA Control Panel SDI Output drop-down menu was blank after initial installation.
- Optimizations across AJA NMOS and SDPs for AJA KONA IP and AJA Io IP (and Avid DNxIP):
  - Solved memory leak in AJA NMOS
  - Improved SDP and NMOS format for interlaced video
  - Fixed initialization of sender IP address in AJA NMOS
  - Fixed path bugs in AJA NMOS

v16.0.2

- v16.0.2 is the final version of AJA Desktop Software supporting KONA IP firmware for JPEG 2000 and the optional license required to use that functionality. ST 2022-6 and ST 2110 firmwares are not affected and remain valid.
- Improved HDMI Output bit-depth signaling on playback in AJA Control Panel.
- Solved problem in AJA Control Panel DownStream Keyer functionality, whereby loading a png_alpha file in the Graphic Over Frame Buffer Mode, resulted in a red "DS Keyer" message in the Frame Buffer and a message that states: "Foreground video does not have alpha channel".
- Fixed issue in AJA Control Panel causing High Frame Rate HD-DL (dual BNC) to be captured and output incorrectly.
- Resolved NMOS behavior where SDPs sometimes required refresh in AJA Control Panel with AJA KONA IP.
- Fixed problem with AJA KONA IP where despite being able to display video in Capture mode (manually entering SDP), when changing a route using LAWO VSM software, the video stops and IP 1 in AJA Control Panel displays "Unknown".
- Rectified SDP files generated via AJA Control Panel with AJA KONA IP to support increased NMOS compatibility.
- Increased filtering of PTP messaging to solve PTP not locking events in AJA Control Panel with AJA KONA IP.

v16.0

- HDR Over SDI with KONA 5, KONA 4, and KONA 1 via AJA Control Room.
    - VPID signaling is now available for SDR/HDR Transfer Characteristics, Colorimetry and Luminance over SDI, bringing flexible output options to your AJA device. HDMI ports that were already HDR compatible will work simultaneously, resulting in HDR output via both SDI and HDMI.
- HDR Metadata Capture with KONA 5, KONA 4, KONA 1, KONA HDMI via AJA Control Panel and Control Room.
    - AJA Control Room software adds support for HDR metadata capture from an incoming SDI or HDMI signal. The captured .mov video file will have embedded HDR metadata, allowing the file to be played back at its intended dynamic range.
- HDR Auto Playback Detection with KONA 5, KONA 4, KONA 1 via AJA Control Panel and AJA Control Room.
    - Embedded HDR metadata in a recorded .mov file, is read and used to automatically set the HDR format on the monitor(s) connected to the AJA HDMI and/or SDI outputs.
    - Support for file-based .mov HDR outputs with metadata from Adobe Premiere Pro / Adobe Media Encoder HDR files is also available.
- KONA 5 now supports fast-bitfile-switching. In under 10 seconds you can flip between a KONA 5 personality tuned for 8K operations, to one dedicated to 4K and below. No waiting for firmware to update, no reboots required.
- 4K Closed Caption Support added to AJA Control Room with KONA 5, KONA 4.
- New KONA HDMI feature for enabling incoming audio channels 3/4 to be swapped, on HDMI inputs 1 and 2.
    - This is useful for aligning audio channels coming from different sources in a mixed HDMI 1.4b and 2.0 environment.
- NMOS support updated to 1.3 for KONA IP.
- AJA NMOS application new features and functionality, see KONA IP Manual for details.
- Added LLDP (Link Layer Discovery Protocol) to provide for better NMOS compatibility and improved debugging abilities for KONA IP (reporting via AJA Control Panel).
- Implemented parsing of source-filter parameter in SDPs for source IP address for KONA IP.
- Continued optimization for 8K playback with AJA Control Room solved for dropped frames on first playback of HFR 8K/4K clips with AJA KONA 5.
- Continued optimization for 8K playback with AJA Control Room fixed frame dropping on playback with 8K HFR (p59.94, p60) with AJA KONA 5.
- Solved for a problem where RGB 12-bit 3G-SDI Level A was not behaving properly with AJA Control Panel and Control Room running with Io 4K Plus.
- Rectified behavior whereby Time of Day Timecode in Control Room did not match burn in Timecode.
- Fixed Edit to Tape functionality with AJA Control Room and AJA devices, whereby performance would degrade and become non-functional when toggling to/from different application tabs.
- Solved poor 8K and 4K playback performance when displaying video in AJA Control Room with AJA 8K and 4K capable PCIe devices. Uninstallation and reinstallation of Nvidia drivers required as part of this fix.
- Resolved 2SI alignment issue with LFR 8K with AJA KONA 5 (8K bitfile).
- Fixed issue causing LTC Input from break-out-cable with AJA KONA 5 (4K bitfile) to not report in AJA Control Panel.
- Fixed behavior where HDMI output of AJA KONA 5 was not following the quad-swap feature when selected in AJA Control Panel.
- Fixed behavior where with AJA KONA 5 (4K bitfile) Input Quad Swap was not being respected in AJA Control Panel.

- Rectified audio playback problem in AJA Control Room, where audio channel-pairs could become swapped when KONA HDMI was present in the host system.
- Fixed problem where some host systems were unable to Output AES 1-8 with AJA KONA 4 (UFC bitfile).
- Fixed cosmetic reporting issue in AJA Control Panel, whereby AJA KONA LHi and would not show HDMI input, even though signal is present and capturable.
- Rectified Control Room fixed timecode on output where it was 1 frame late vs. currently visible frame after Play>Stop cycle
- Resolved cosmetic reporting issue in AJA Control Panel, whereby LTC / REF did not update per settings with AJA devices.
- Fixed ability to capture and playout MXF media when running AJA Control Room on Linux OS.
- Fixed potential crashing with KONA LHi during an SD MXF capture.

v15.5.3

- KONA IP with AJA Control Panel: Removed Genlock/Reference setting when using ST 2110 firmware, since only PTP is relevant. (Note: ST 2022-6 firmware will still display the Genlock/Reference setting, as no PTP is used with those workflows).
- KONA 5: Solved green tint on Fill + Key output with ARGB.

v15.5.1

- KONA 5: Resolved item causing bad SDI audio output on RGB clips when using 8K bitfile.
- KONA 5: Fixed interface error whereby AJA Control Panel presented a selectable option for 2-wire square division when using 8K bitfile.
- KONA 5: Removed redundant interface choice whereby AJA Control Panel presented a selectable option for 2-wire 2SI, (which is auto-sensed and thus no manual option is required) when using 8K bitfile.
- KONA 5: Solved audio problem for 1080i I/O when using 8K bitfile.
- KONA IP: Added hardware filtering on PTP delay response packets (clock ID) to fix PTP issues seen on networks with large numbers of ST 2110 devices.
- KONA IP: Resolved some anomalies in how dual SDPs were being handled.

v15.5

- KONA 5, KONA 4:
  - HDR over SDI via VPID now supported in a new combined HDR Tab, for both HDMI and SDI, in AJA Control Panel.
- AJA Control Panel:
  - Variety of HDR test patterns are now available for UHD2/UHD/HD.
- AJA KONA 5 (and Corvid 44 12G):
  - 8K firmware now also supports RGB (up to 30p), rather than YCbCr only.
- AJA KONA 5 (and Corvid 44 12G):

- 8K firmware now also supports a full 2SI path (rather than Square Division only). Sometimes referred to as "8K SMPTE", this full 2SI path means that each of the four 12G-SDI links (which are themselves 2SI) can now be presented as either 2SI or Square Division to deliver 8K output.
- AJA NMOS:
  - Now supporting multiple devices attached to a single host system.
- AJA Control Room Clip Countdown Duration:
  - Meaning operators can see how much time is left until either the Clip Out Point or Clip End Point, making live playback contributions easier.
- KONA 5 bitfile name change:
- There remain two bitfiles for KONA 5. "KONA 5" supports up to 4K (YCbCr and RGB). "KONA 5 (8K)" supports up to 8K (YCbCr and RGB). See more detail near the end of these Release Notes in the section "Known Issues, Limitations and Additional Details".
- KONA 5: fixed unstable signal/bad color with 12-bit 4K/UHD HDMI output.
- KONA 5: solved problem with SDI output integrity across 4K p29.97/30 RGB (Square Division & 2SI)
- KONA 5 & KONA HDMI: Resolved issue with HDMI input not detecting 4K 47.95p & 4K 48p.
- KONA 4: Solved problem with HDMI output being detected as DVI by some devices.
- KONA 1: Rectified bad audio on embedded SDI channels 9-16 with an SD input.
- KONA IP: Resolved problem reading SDP files whereby source IP address was being reported as "/r".
- KONA IP: Rectified transmission of ANC data.
- AJA Control Panel: Solved issue whereby KONA LHi Break-out-Box AES settings were not persistent when toggling between "AES-XLR" and "AES-BNC".
- AJA Control Panel: Fixed lack of expected E-E for LTC inputs.
- AJA Control Panel: Resolved problem when Transport set to Auto and selecting RGB 4:4:4 would cause Level B to be set (instead of Level A)
- AJA Control Panel: Overcame issue with HDMI output not respecting switch to RGB
- AJA Control Room: Solved problem with frame dropping during playback of HFR media following enablement of Show Closed Captioning.
- KONA 5, KONA 4, KONA HDMI: Numerous stability and communication updates for HDMI I/O.

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- KONA IP: Improvements to PTP locking functionality.
- KONA 5: Resolved issue whereby HDMI 2.0 output was 8-bit rather than 10-bit.
- KONA cards: Performance enhancements for when multiple AJA cards are present in a single host system.

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- KONA HDMI: New Firmware and software components to improve input compatibility and stability

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- Cross-Platform Apple ProRes family available for Capture and Playback with AJA Control Room using macOS, Windows, or Linux.

- AJA KONA 5 now has two firmware choices:
  - The original "KONA 5" (4K bitfile) remains as-is with support for up to 4K 60p I/O via either single-channel Capture, Pass-Through and Output over 12G-SDI, or four-channel (2SI) Capture or Output over 3G-SDI.
  - A new "KONA 5 - 4x 12G" (8K bitfile) supports up to four simultaneous channels of 12G-SDI Capture or Output for 8K/UHD2 60p, or multi-channel Ingest or Playout. Check which firmware you have loaded.
- 8K/UHD2 logic added to AJA Control Panel for KONA 5.
- 8K/UHD2 Capture or Playback with AJA Control Room and KONA 5.
- AJA KONA IP has the following SMPTE ST 2110 feature enhancements:
  - SMPTE ST 2110-40 for ANC data; for transmittal and reception of timecode, closed captioning and more.
  - SMPTE ST 2110-23 for combining multiple ST 2110-20 Streams into a single video essence for 4K/UltraHD support. Essentially, 4K 2SI over ST 2110 using both 10 GigE links.
  - Redundancy support for ST 2110 Transmit as defined in ST 2022-7 up to 2K/HD.
- NMOS support and the new AJA NMOS application. During installation of the AJA Desktop Software package, you can choose to install an optional component. This application (which can be set to autorun on boot/restart) will announce and attempt to register the host with an NMOS control system. See KONA IP or Io IP manual for more detail.
- Rectified ability to playback ProRes 422 HQ media exported from Autodesk Flame in AJA Control Room, which would hang on import.
- Removed references to Analog Audio I/O when controlling AJA KONA 5 with AJA Control Panel.
- Fixed ability to properly read/write drop-frame vs. non-drop-frame timecode with AJA KONA IP with SMPTE ST 2110.
- Rectified a problem when, following capture or playback of a 2K 25p clip in AJA Control Room, audio mapping upon playback would now be incorrect (channels swapped).
- Eliminated problem when capturing from VTRs with no RP188 embedded TC (i.e. send TC via RS422), such that AJA Control Room would Capture DF (Drop Frame) clips as NDF (Non-Drop-Frame). Applies to analog VTRs, or older digital VTRs (e.g. DVW-A500 or DVCAM decks with machine control).
- Fixed item whereby following capture or playback of a 2K 25p clip in AJA Control Room, audio mapping upon playback would now be incorrect (channels swapped).
- Fixed problem where audio output from AJA Control Room was missing, until either reboot or device disconnected and reconnected.

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- AJA Control Room has numerous user interface enhancements including, but not limited to:
  - Full screen monitoring of video Playback or Capture including new keyboard shortcuts for fast toggling.
  - The ability to add/remove AJA Control Room windows to create custom interface layouts.
  - Please see manual for more details including a full list of all new functionality, icons and keyboard shortcuts.
- AJA Control Panel now includes the ability to use TOD (Time-of-Day) Timecode during Capture. Time is based on the host system clock which the AJA KONA or Io is connected to/installed within.
- KONA 5 now provides a simultaneous down-convert of 4K/UHD to 2K/HD via SDI #4, when outputting 4K/UHD over 12G-SDI (from SDI #3). When using 2SI (two sample interleave) the image will be subsampled, when using square division the image is down-converted.
- KONA 5 now supports RGB 444 UHD Level A and Level B.

- KONA 5 and KONA 4 now support 47.95/48P for 2K, and 4K, for both Level A and Level B.
- KONA IP SMPTE ST 2110 firmware and software combination now supports SDP grouping.
- Fixed failure to save "Follow Input" within a preset in AJA Control Panel.
- Solved problem in AJA Control Panel, where inputs would be detected as 'sf' instead of 'i', when the frame buffer progressive/interlace setting didn't match the incoming signal.
- Overcame problem in AJA Control Panel causing a Firmware update progress-bar malfunction along with a delay in update completion.
- Resolved problem following a Preferences Reset in AJA Control Room, whereby if a capture path was not set, initiating a capture could cause a disabled state.
- Rectified issue with 2K HDMI inputs on various AJA devices such that when in input-passthrough, the result was PSF on SDI outputs.
- Solved item where Closed Captioning output ceased upon switching between clips of differing frame rates/rasters in AJA Control Panel.
- Fix applied to the Analog Video Setup contextual menu in AJA Control Panel, removing incorrect options (for relevant AJA hardware).
- Fixed behavior in AJA Control Room with various AJA devices such that closed-captions were playing back formatted for 708 instead of 608 ANC.
- Overcame issue where RGB Output over 3G-SDI Level A, produced bad color from several AJA 3G-SDI capable cards and devices. Important Note: AJA desktop cards and devices do not at this time support RGB 3G-SDI Level A Input.
- Overcame problem with numerous products getting into a state where Closed Captions incoming to AJA Control Panel would not display correctly.
- Rectified HD HFR inputs not routing correctly for RGB capture in AJA Control Panel across several desktop products
- Solved issue with AJA Control Panel where Reference input would switch to LTC, when right-clicking to select a different SDI input, across some devices.
- Solved incorrect field-order for HDMI interlaced captures with Io 4K Plus, DNxIV, Io4k, and KONA HDMI.
- Fixed visual artifacts on right side of picture with KONA 4 and Io 4K when outputting HFR Level B.
- Solved problem where SD analog video output was not being setup correctly with KONA 4.
- Fixed AJA Control Panel crash triggered via selection of DSK, while a 12G-SDI 4K signal is presented for input when using KONA 5.
- Rectified problem in AJA Control Room where Timecode on output is 1 frame late vs. currently visible frame after Play>Stop cycle.
- Fixed AJA Control Panel behavior so that inputs no longer show blue (indicating a signal present) when no video is yet present (False Positive) with KONA IP running SMPTE ST 2110 firmware.
- Solved problem whereby transmission (output) will sometimes stop packetizing on certain IP Addresses with KONA IP running SMPTE ST 2110 firmware.
- PTP optimizations for KONA IP running SMPTE ST 2110 firmware.
- Fixed duplicate output from Channel #4 when outputting on Channel #3 with 2K/HD with KONA IP running SMPTE ST 2110 firmware.
- Fixed slight bounce in 1080 HFR image with KONA IP running SMPTE ST 2022 firmware.

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- Solved crashing with AJA Control Room when successively playing back clips of different frame rates from the bin.
- Overcame issue with AJA KONA LHi, where RP 188 timecode was not capturable using AJA Control Room or 3rd party applications. Note however, this board does not support EE pass-through of RP188 LTC.
- Resolved 4K capture problem with AJA KONA 4, such that picture was scrambled in AJA Control Room due to problems with respecting "quad swap" feature.
- Achieved resolution to AJA Control Panel problem whereby saving a preset with Follow Input turned off then resulted in Follow Input being on when recalling the preset, and vice versa.
- Resolved issue with AJA Control Panel whereby LTC displayed on input widget doesn't increment/display hours and minutes. Note that the display in the Timecode tab did display correctly.
- Rectified issue with AJA KONA 4, where HFR level B output had visual artifacts on right side of frame.
- Rectified long wait times when updating AJA device firmware with AJA Control Panel. The updates would finish fine, but it could appear to a user as if the updating process had frozen.
- Solved problem where changing frame buffer was not setting up the inputs for 4K capture with AJA KONA IP running SMPTE 2110 firmware. Note this functionality is not on general release and is not currently supported outside of direct engagement with AJA Product Management.

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- Introduction of support for AJA KONA 5 (12G-SDI, 8-lane PCIe Gen 3 video I/O card with HDMI 2.0 monitoring).
  - Note that AJA KONA 5 requires ATX power from the motherboard. Unlike other KONA cards, AJA KONA 5 does NOT use PCIe bus power.
- AJA KONA HDMI is now able to simultaneously ingest dual 4K 60p streams (vs. one 4K 60p plus one 4K 30p as in previous releases).
- For playback, AJA Control Room can now be used as a fully independent media player, meaning video and audio assets can be played back without AJA hardware attached.
- Video will be played back on the host monitor within AJA Control Room, and audio can be monitored using the host system audio. Note however, AV sync cannot be guaranteed when using host system audio monitoring. To set the audio to host system:
- AJA Control Room: Preferences > General > Host Audio monitor > "Built-in Output".
  - Note: You will also need to change your OS settings to use system audio (speakers / headphones) rather than AJA device
- For capture, AJA Control Room can now be set to enable audio monitoring via host system audio. This is especially useful when ingesting material using a capture-only device such as KONA HDMI.
  - Note: You will also need to change your OS settings to use system audio (speakers / headphones) rather than AJA device
  - To set the audio host system
  - AJA Control Room: Preferences > General > Host Audio monitor > "Built-in Output".
  - Note: You will also need to change your OS settings to use system audio (speakers / headphones) rather than AJA device.
- Rectified problem with AJA KONA 4, where HDMI output of 4444 video (UHDp30 4444) shows blotchy areas.

- Rectified issue when using AJA Control Panel with AJA KONA 4, whereby 2K HFR Format Options not reading correctly.
- Fixed problem when using AJA KONA IP with ST 2022 firmware, such that intermittently an IP address can become stale and stop working until switching to a new IP address.

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