

USB VGA KVM Console Extender with Serial & Audio Over Cat5 UTP

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Introduction

The SV565UTPUSA USB VGA KVM Console Extender w/ Serial & Audio over Cat5 UTP (1000 ft) lets you control a server, workstation or multiple computers (connected through a KVM Switch) over standard Cat5 or Cat6 UTP Ethernet cable, at distances of up to 1000ft (333m) over a secure remote connection to a locked (secure) server.

Attached mounting brackets on the remote unit allow the console extender to be mounted in a convenient location, and features support for resolutions up to 1920x1080, with automatic image calibrations for out-of-the-box performance and manual controls accessible via the serial interface.

For added convenience, the Console/KVM extender supports USB computer connections, and is compatible with any brand of USB KVM Switch.

Packaging Contents

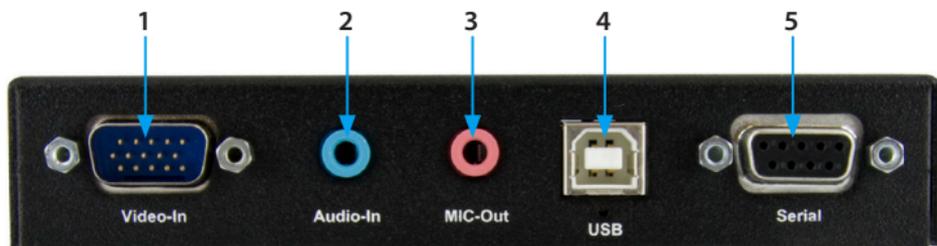
- Transmitter unit
- Receiver unit
- USB A-B cable
- VGA extension cable (male/female)
- Power Adapter
- Instruction Manual

System Requirements

- VGA and USB enabled computer system/KVM switch
- Standard 104-key wired USB keyboard
- Standard 3-button wired USB mouse
- VGA enabled display device (i.e. monitor, projector, etc.) with VGA cable
- Available AC electrical outlet at Receiver Unit location
- **OPTIONAL:** Additional Receiver units for cascaded operation

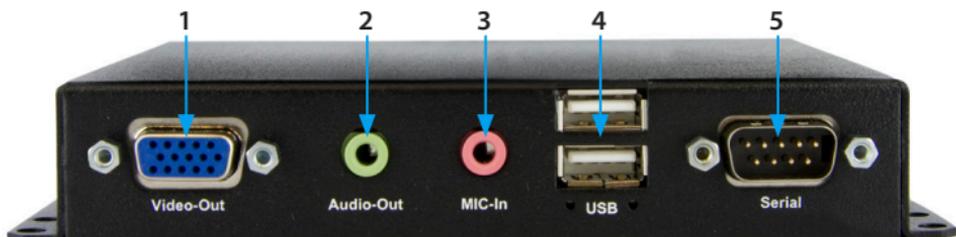
Installation

Front View



Transmitter Unit

1. DE-15 VGA In (male)
2. 3.5mm mini-jack audio In
3. 3.5mm mini-jack microphone Out
4. USB type B host connector
5. DB9 RS-232 serial (female)



Receiver Unit

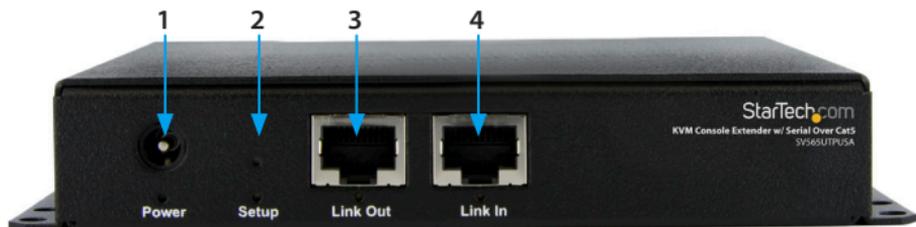
1. DE-15 VGA Out (female)
2. 3.5mm mini-jack audio Out
3. 3.5mm mini-jack microphone In
4. USB type A peripheral connectors
5. DB9 RS-232 serial (male)

Rear View



Transmitter Unit

1. DC Power connector
2. RJ45 Link connector
3. 3.5mm mini-jack Audio Out
4. DE-15 VGA Out (female)



Receiver Unit

1. DC Power connector
2. Setup button
3. RJ45 Link Out connector
4. RJ45 Link In connector

Hardware Installation

Transmitter Unit

1. Connect the included USB cable between the computer/KVM and the USB port on the Transmitter Unit. This also provides power to the Transmitter Unit.
Optional: A 5V DC power adapter can be used for backup or if not using the USB cable. This power adapter is not included.
2. Connect a male/female VGA cable between the computer/KVM and the **"Video In"** VGA connector on the Transmitter Unit.
Optional: Connect a monitor to the **"Video Out"** VGA connector on the Transmitter Unit for local video output.
3. Connect the Cat5e cable from the RJ45 **"Link"** port to the first Receiver Unit in the series.
4. **Optional:** If transmitting audio, connect the speaker/line out on the computer/KVM sound card to the **"Audio-In"** 3.5mm connector on the Transmitter Unit.
5. **Optional:** Connect computer speakers to the **"Audio-Out"** 3.5mm port for local audio output.
6. **Optional:** If you wish to receive audio input (microphone), connect the mic-in on the computer/KVM sound card to the **"Mic-out"** connector on the Transmitter Unit.
7. **Optional:** Connect the serial port on the computer/KVM to DB9 **"Serial"** port using the appropriate type of serial cable (i.e. straight-through cable from a PC).

Receiver Unit

1. Connect the included 5V power adapter to the **"Power"** connector.
2. Connect a monitor to the **"VGA-Out"** connector.
3. Connect a USB keyboard/mouse to the USB type A connectors.
4. Connect the Cat5e cable from Transmitter Unit to the **"Link In"** port.
5. To connect additional Receiver Units, connect a Cat5e cable from the **"Link Out"** port, to the "Link In", of any additional units.
6. **Optional:** Connect a microphone to the 3.5mm **"Mic-In"** port.
7. **Optional:** Connect computer speakers to the 3.5mm **"Audio-Out"** port.
8. **Optional:** Connect an RS-232 serial device to the DB9 **"Serial"** port.

Driver Installation

No drivers or additional software need to be installed on the host computer.

Configuration

Serial Data Link

The SV565UTPUSA/SV565USAGB is able to link two RS232 ports together to allow touchscreens, monitor control ports and other devices to be used remotely. The port's baud rate is detected automatically and supports 300 to 19200 bps, with 9600 being the preferred rate. If using a baud rate other than 9600 it may take several bytes of data being sent to properly calibrate it. By default the first Receiver Unit has control of the serial port, but any Receiver Unit can be accessed by using the configuration menu on the Transmitter Unit.

Automatic Calibration Button and Light

SV565UTPUSA/SV565USAGB is able to automatically calibrate to different cable lengths in order to preserve image quality. This allows it to work out of the box without any adjustments. Once a good calibration setting is attained, it can be set into fixed calibration mode. This ensures it uses the same settings if it is reset or powered off.

The calibration button on the back of the Receiver Unit can be pressed with the tip of a pen. The image will display a brief test pattern and the indicator light will flash. If it is held for more than half a second, it will switch to fixed calibration mode. In fixed mode the indicator LED below the button will light up and auto calibration will not occur in this state. Press and hold the button again to return to auto calibration mode.

Manual Calibration and Settings Menu

A text-based menu is available on the serial port of both the Transmitter and Receiver units. This can be used to make fine adjustments to the image quality. The menu can be accessed by connecting the serial port to a PC or laptop using a straight-through cable for Transmitter Unit or a null modem cable for Receiver Unit. For computers that don't have a serial port built in, the StarTech.com ICUSB232 can be used. You can use any terminal communication software to connect to the serial port, such as minicom for UNIX, and HyperTerminal or TeraTerm for Windows.

If the serial data link is being used, the Transmitter Unit will already be set up for serial communication. To connect to a Receiver Unit the serial device must be unplugged first and replaced with the RS232 null modem cable. Use the same baud rate that the serial device and PC had used to communicate.

If you are not using the serial link just attach the RS232 cable and use 9600 bps. Also configure the terminal software to use 8N1, or 8 bits with no parity and 1 stop bit.

An escape code is used to enter the serial menu from data transfer mode. The code is a one second delay, followed by 3x @ symbols, then another one second delay. A confirmation message will appear if it works. If it does not appear, try again a few

times because it depends on timing. To exit the menu press X to return to data transfer mode. Commands are case sensitive.

The Transmitter Unit is able to access all of the Receiver units attached to it, allowing changes to be made from a central location. Also the Transmitter Unit can change which Receiver Unit has the serial link enabled. Receiver units can change their own settings, allowing for fine-tuning to be made in the field using a laptop.

Commands

h - Help, show all commands

p - Print settings

f - Auto calibration enable

F - Fixed config enable. Use this to lock in the settings after adjusting

n - Auto calibrate next Receiver Unit in the chain. Use this after you make any adjustments to vCtrl or gain

z/x - Decrease/increase gain for brightness

c/v - Decrease/increase vCtrl for distance compensation

a/s - Decrease/increase Red skew compensation

q/w - Decrease/increase Green skew compensation

1/2 - Decrease/increase Blue skew compensation

0 - Restore factory default settings and recalibrate

R - Reset device

X - Exit menu and restore serial link mode

Transmitter Unit specific commands

g - Get calibration from a certain Receiver unit. You must do this first in order to change any settings. Type the desired Receiver Unit address and then Enter

r - Select which Receiver Unit gets the serial port link to the Transmitter Unit

The first Receiver Unit has address 1, the second has address 2, etc.

Gain adjusts the brightness of the signal caused by losses in the cable. This does not normally need to be fine tuned, it is better to adjust the monitor's settings if it is too dark, too bright or has color balance problems.

vCtrl is used to compensate for cable length and variations. This setting can be fine tuned for an optimal trade off between sharpness and noise. If there is excessive

blurriness and streaking artifacts, then it is set too low. Increase it gradually until it becomes sharp and free of streaking. If it is too high then there will be problems with color patterns and noise appearing due to the high frequency components of the signal.

Skew is used to compensate for the fact that each pair in a Cat5e cable can have a different length and delay. This can cause color skew in fine details like white text on a black background. Fine details will also appear to be slightly blurry, even if no color skew is visible. Adjusting the skew will solve this problem. One of the skew values should remain at zero, while the others can be raised or lowered by a small amount to converge all 3 color channels.

If any of the settings are adjusted too far, the image may disappear because the signal is out of range. Simply auto-calibrate again or change the settings back to get the image to reappear.

Image Quality

Also note that most LCD monitors and displays have built-in image calibration as well. If the monitor is not properly calibrated, the analog to digital converter it uses may introduce errors that will be made worse by the long cable. To calibrate the monitor look for an “auto image adjust” setting in its OSD menu, or refer to its user manual. A good test pattern to display while calibrating is a vertical moiré pattern, alternating white and black vertical lines.

Firmware Upgrade

The console extender supports upgrading in the field by reading new firmware from a USB mass storage device such as a USB key. After downloading the latest firmware file, it must be written to the USB key at a fixed address. Note that all data on the USB key will be erased.

This can be done in UNIX using the following command: “`dd if=firmware.avx of=/dev/sda seek=2080`” where ‘firmware.avx’ is the upgrade file and ‘sda’ is the USB storage device.

For Windows computers, the ‘dd’ utility can be obtained from chryso come.net (www.chryso come.net/dd).

1. Use the command “`dd --list`” to find out the necessary mounting point for the USB drive. If the USB drive is mounted as “H:” drive in My Computer, you will see a response similar to “`\\?\device\Harddisk2 Mounted on \\.\h`”.
2. Then use the command “`dd if=firmware.avx of=\\?\device\Harddisk2\partition0 seek=2080`”, where ‘firmware.avx’ is the name of the update file and ‘Harddisk2’ is from the first step.

Make sure you use the correct device name, this will erase all data on the key!

Afterwards the key will need to be re-formatted to return to normal use.

To upgrade all the Receiver units and the Transmitter Unit, plug the USB key into the first Receiver Unit of the chain. If it is plugged into another Receiver Unit it will only upgrade itself. This can be used to upgrade a new Receiver Unit that has recently been added.

While it is upgrading do not disconnect any cables, power off or reset any of the units. This will interfere with the process and possibly render it non-functional. If this happens, simply unplug the USB key when the light stops flashing and plug it back in to start the upgrade again.

After the console extender units have been upgraded successfully, unplug the USB key.

Troubleshooting

Poor quality video or no video

- Ensure it is not in fixed calibration mode, then press the calibration button
- If test pattern is not displayed it may be a communication issue or cable problem between the Receiver and Transmitter units
- For a long cable, individual pairs may exceed 300m causing connection problems
- Ensure that Cat5e cable is being used.
- Make sure none of the cables are damaged, broken or exposed to excessive interference
- Ensure video source is connected to IN port of Receiver Unit
- Unplug then plug in the power for both the Transmitter and Receiver units
- Test the Cat5 cable with a proper cable tester, to ensure cable integrity and signal throughput

Streaking, blurriness

- vCtrl too low, use manual control to increase it
- RGB color skew may also need manual adjustment
- Over very long distances this may be unavoidable
- Test the Cat5 cable with a proper cable tester, to ensure cable integrity and signal throughput

Color patterns, noise, high contrast

- vCtrl is too high, use manual control to decrease it
- RGB color skew may also need manual adjustment
- Test the Cat5 cable with a proper cable tester, to ensure cable integrity and signal throughput

Blurry video or color skew

- Caused by skew between color channels, can be manually adjusted
- One value should remain zero, the other 2 can be adjusted up and down so all 3 color channels align up
- Only needs to be changed by a small amount for fine adjustment
- Test the Cat5 cable with a proper cable tester, to ensure cable integrity and signal throughput

No keyboard or mouse, USB errors, no audio, no serial link, no test pattern

- Cable may be broken or unreliable, no communication between units
- Test the Cat5 cable with a proper cable tester, to ensure cable integrity and signal throughput
- Unplug then plug in the power on Receiver and Transmitter units to restart them

Can't get into serial menu

- Make sure serial port on PC is functioning and set up properly
- Make sure the right type of serial cable is used: straight-through for the Transmitter unit (**StarTech.com ID: MXT100**), and null-modem for the Receiver Unit (**StarTech.com ID: SCNM9FF**)
- If you are using the serial data link, use the same baud rate as the serial device or other PC uses
- It may take several tries to enter the code since it depends on timing
- Unplug then plug in the power on Receiver and Transmitter units to restart them

Specifications

Connectors (Transmitter Unit)	1 x DE-15 VGA female 1 x DE-15 VGA male 1 x DB9 serial female 1 x USB type B female 3 x 3.5mm Audio mini-jack 1 x RJ45 Ethernet female
Connectors (Receiver Unit)	1 x DE-15 VGA female 1 x DB9 serial male 2 x USB type A female 2 x 3.5mm Audio mini-jack 2 x RJ45 Ethernet female
Maximum Cable Distance	300m (Cat5)
Maximum Video Resolution	1920x1080@60Hz
LEDs	Transmitter Unit power, RJ45 link, keyboard/mouse link, setup Receiver Unit power, RJ45 link, USB link
Enclosure Material	Aluminum
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 40°C (32°F ~ 104°F)
Storage Temperature	-40°C ~ 70°C (-40°F ~ 158°F)
Humidity	80% RH
Dimensions	156.0mm x 112.0mm x 26.0mm
Weight	250g (each)

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