

Windows Quick Start

For Windows users, the quickest way to get started with K4 Companion is to download the Windows installer onto a Windows computer on the same local area (home) network as the K4. A Windows laptop is recommended to simplify speaker settings, but a Windows desktop computer can also be used if it also has speakers and mic attached. Follow these steps:

- 1. Download and Install K4 Companion.** Go to <https://github.com/DaleFarnsworth/K4-Companion>. Click on the Windows folder on the left-hand menu bar, then click **k4companion-installer.exe**. This file will appear in the top middle section. Click on the three dots to the right. Then click on Download. Save the file to a Downloads folder on the target computer. Go to that folder and double click k4companion-installer.exe. Follow the prompts to complete the installation. By default, the installer creates a desktop icon.
- 2. Configure the K4's Server.** If you have not already done so, enter the server settings on the K4 to which you would like to connect. The K4 internal manual covers how to do this, but here is a summary. Tap the small globe at the bottom left of the K4 screen. A new screen should show server settings. Create a password that will be used by remote users for logging into the K4. The password is mandatory. The default password will not work. Set Max Clients to any number greater than zero (maximum is 4). Close the server settings window. Press Menu to the right of the globe. Use the main tuning dial to scroll up or down until you see **IP Address**. Make a note of the IP Address and the server password that was just created.
- 3. Start and Configure K4 Companion.** Double click on the K4 Companion desktop icon to start the program. The program will open to the Server tab. Under the heading 'Remote K4' enter a 'Name' for the connection, the IP address of the K4 and the password that was created on the K4. (Hint: enter the password first, then the IP address.) Hit the tab button. If the computer is connected to the same LAN as the K4 server, you should see K4 Companion connect immediately and switch to the Main tab. You should now have control of the K4. Audio from the K4 should be streaming. If you do not immediately hear audio, first check the volume slider(s). If that is unsuccessful go back to the Audio tab to check the Input and Output devices. These may be "Microphone" and "Speaker," or "Line" (USB Audio Codec) and "Speakers" (USB Audio Codec). There may be other combinations, depending on the sound card in the computer. As mentioned above, a Windows laptop simplifies the audio setup by using its internal speakers to stream the audio coming from the K4.

You should now have full control of the K4 within the LAN. If you have a laptop using Wi-Fi to connect to the LAN, you can carry the laptop to other rooms and remain connected to the remote K4 server and continue to receive audio from the K4. Refer to the user manual to learn more about the other tabs and functions. Information regarding remote connections from outside your home network or other remote servers is included in the K4 Companion User Manual.

Note: The Windows Installer includes the K4 Companion User Manual, and places the document in the k4companion folder at: C:\Users\yourusername\k4companion\K4 Companion User Manual.pdf. The manual can also be downloaded separately from the K4-Companion github site.