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Linux: Why do I not hear sound when I play an audio CD or mp3 file?

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Q. Everything seems to configured properly. My sound was working earlier. Now I am not able to hear sound whenever I play an audio CD or mp3 file. How do I fix this problem?

A. If your sound card detected and working fine (use `dmesg` and [lspci command](#) ^[1] for verification), try to adjust system volume using `aumix` command.

```
$ dmesg | less
$ lspci | less
```

Now type following command to adjust audio mixer:

```
$ aumix
```

This program adjusts the settings of an audio mixing device. It can be used from the command line, in scripts, or interactively with [the keyboard or mouse](#) ^[2].

Make sure a 4 pin analog cable is connected to the CD/DVD rom. This cable must connect to both CD/DVD ROM and sound card, which may be located on motherboard itself or plugged into PCI slot.

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[1] `lspci` command: <http://www.cyberciti.biz/tips/linux-lspci-command-to-list-and-find-out-more-information-about-all-pci-devices.html>

[2] the keyboard or mouse: <http://www.cyberciti.biz/faq/howto-linux-desktop-adjust-sound-volume-control/>