

This protocol is for use with the Qu-16 mixer loaded with firmware version V1.20 or later.

Qu transmits MIDI messages when its controls are operated. It also responds to parameter changes it receives via MIDI, for example from a computer, Qu-Pad or an external MIDI controller.

MIDI communicates via:

USB – Rear panel USB B port for direct connection to Apple Mac computers running OSX 10.6 or later. This is the recommended connection for DAW control.

Note USB MIDI is supported natively by Apple Mac computers so no driver is needed. A driver for Windows computers is not available.

TCP – Rear panel network port for use with a computer, a touch panel or other remote controller with configurable MIDI over a TCP/IP port.

Note TCP MIDI requires a driver for the data to be seen as a MIDI port. An Allen & Heath TCP MIDI driver for Apple Mac computers can be downloaded from the iLive Software web page. A driver is not available for Windows computers.

Note Qu currently allows only one TCP connection at a time over its Network port.

The following Qu functions can be controlled via MIDI:

- Mutes
- Faders and Pan
- Mix and FX sends - Level, Pan, Assign, Pre/Post
- Mute Groups – Assign, Master Mute
- PAFL select
- Input Channel source
- Preamp (local and dSNAKE) – Gain, Pad, 48V
- Insert In/Out
- Input Channel processing – Trim, Polarity, Gate, PEQ, Compressor, Delay
- Mix Channel processing - PEQ, GEQ, Compressor, Delay
- Scene Recall
- FX Tap Tempo

DAW Control for Mac computers:

MIDI fader strips can be assigned to the Custom Layer to work with a DAW (Digital Audio Workstation). These send/receive CC and note on/off messages using a different MIDI channel to that used for the Qu functions described above. The MIDI fader strip sends/receives messages relating to:

- Fader position
- Mute key / indicator
- Sel key / indicator
- PAFL key /indicator

You can work directly with these messages or use the Allen & Heath DAW Control driver to convert them into either of the following popular protocols:

- HUI
- Mackie Control

Note DAW Control is available only for Mac computers. A driver for Windows computers is not available.

Go to the [Allen & Heath web site](#) to download the DAW Control driver for Mac and for further information in the DAW Control Setup Notes.

Reference

Refer to the table at the end of this document for value listings.

All MIDI message numbers shown in blue in this document are [Hexadecimal](#)

Key

| | |
|---------------|--|
| Blue | Hexadecimal number, eg, F0 |
| Green | Variable referred to in table or note, eg, VA = parameter value |
| Red | NRPN ID number for parameter type, eg. Polarity = 6A |
| Orange | NRPN Index to specify a second value, eg, VX |

MIDI channel number **N** (see table)

MIDI channel 1 to 16 = **0** to **F**

Qu functions use MIDI channel = **N**

MIDI strips (DAW controls) use MIDI channel = **N+1**

Channel numbers **CH** (see table)

FX Send 1 to 4 = **00** to **03**

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Stereo Channels = **40** to **42**

Mix 1 to 10 = **60** to **66**

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MIDI strips assigned to the Custom Layer can provide DAW control.

DAW messages can be translated into HUI or Mackie Control protocol using a driver which can be downloaded from the [Allen & Heath web site](#).

Allen & Heath **DAW Control** (driver for Mac computer only)

DAW messages use a different MIDI channel to other Qu MIDI messages:

Qu MIDI channel = **N**

DAW MIDI channel = **N+1**

MIDI strip controls send and respond to the following messages:

Strip Fader

Control Change message:

B(N+1), FD, VA

Where **FD** = Strip fader **00** to **0F** (see table)

VA = Fader min to max position = **00** to **7F**

Strip keys

The strip keys use **NOTE ON** followed by **NOTE OFF** messages.

Pressing keys send messages.

Key LED indicators respond to received messages.

9(N+1), KY, 7F, 9(N+1), KY, 00

Where **KY** = **Mute** Strip 1-16 = **00** to **0F** (see table)

Sel Strip 1-16 = **20** to **2F**

PAFL Strip 1-16 = **40** to **4F**

Mute control

Mute on **NOTE ON** with velocity > or = **40** followed by NOTE OFF

9N, CH, 7F, 9N, CH, 00

Mute off **NOTE ON** with velocity < **40** followed by NOTE OFF

9N, CH, 3F, 9N, CH, 00

Received Mute messages

Velocity **00** and NOTE OFF messages are ignored

Velocity **01** to **3F** = Mute off

Velocity **40** to **7F** = Mute on

NRPN Parameter control

Qu mixer parameters are transmitted and received as MIDI **NRPN** (Non-Registered Parameter Number) messages. The MSB (most significant byte) selects the mixer channel (CH), and the LSB (least significant byte) selects the parameter number (ID). The data entry MSB sets the parameter value (VA) and LSB sets the index value for its range (VX) where needed.

| (NRPN MSB) | (NRPN LSB) | (Data MSB) | (Data LSB) |
|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, ID, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, VX |

Fader BN, 63, CH, BN, 62, 17, BN, 06, VA BN, 26, 07

Where VA -inf to +10dB = 00 to 7F, 0dB = 6B (see table)

Pan BN, 63, CH, BN, 62, 16, BN, 06, VA BN, 26, VX

Where VA Full Left = 00 to Centre = 25 to Full Right = 4A

VX 04, 05, 06, 07 = Mix 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, LR

LR Assign BN, 63, CH, BN, 62, 18, BN, 06, VA BN, 26, 07

Where VA Off = 00, On = 01

Mix Assign BN, 63, CH, BN, 62, 55, BN, 06, VA BN, 26, VX

Where VA Off = 00, On = 01

VX 00 to 11 = Mix1-10, FX1-2 (see table)

Mute Grp Assign BN, 63, CH, BN, 62, 40, BN, 06, VA BN, 26, 07

Where VA Off Mute Grp 1-4 = 00 to 03,

On Mute Grp 1-4 = 40 to 43

Mix Pre/Post BN, 63, CH, BN, 62, 50, BN, 06, VA BN, 26, VX

Where VA Post = 00, Pre = 01

VX 00 to 11 = Mix1-10, FX1-2 (see table)

Send Level BN, 63, CH, BN, 62, 20, BN, 06, VA BN, 26, VX

Where VA -inf to +10dB = 00 to 7F (see table)

VX 00 to 11 = Mix1-10, FX1-2 (see table)

PAFL select BN, 63, CH, BN, 62, 51, BN, 06, VA BN, 26, 07

Where VA Off = 00, On = 01

Ch USB Source Switches between channel current Preamp and current USB source

BN, 63, CH, BN, 62, 12, BN, 06, VA BN, 26, 00

Where VA Off (Preamp) = 00, On (USB) = 01

Ch Preamp Source Switches between mixer rear panel and remote AR rack input source

BN, 63, CH, BN, 62, 57, BN, 06, VA BN, 26, 00

Where VA Off (Local) = 00, On (dSNAKE) = 01

| | | | | | |
|----------------------|---------|--|---|------------|------------|
| Local Preamp | | Applies to rear panel local inputs only | | | |
| | | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, ID, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 07 |
| | | Where | | | |
| Gain | ID = 19 | VA | Gain -5dB to +60dB = 00 to 7F (see table) | | |
| 48V PP | ID = 69 | VA | Off = 00, On = 01 | | |
| dSNAKE Preamp | | Applies to remote AR rack inputs only | | | |
| | | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, ID, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 07 |
| | | Where | | | |
| Gain | ID = 58 | VA | Gain +5dB to +60dB = 00 to 7F (see table) | | |
| Pad | ID = 59 | VA | Out = 00, In = 01 | | |
| 48V PP | ID = 5A | VA | Off = 00, On = 01 | | |
| Digital Trim | | Applies to USB source to channel only | | | |
| | | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, 52, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 07 |
| | | Where VA Trim -24 to +24dB = 00 to 7F 0dB = 40 | | | |
| Stereo Trim | | Applies to local ST1, ST2 and ST3 inputs only | | | |
| | | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, 54, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 07 |
| | | Where VA Trim -24 to +24dB = 00 to 7F 0dB = 40 | | | |
| Polarity | | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, 6A, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 07 |
| | | Where VA Off (normal) = 00, On (reversed) = 01 | | | |
| Insert In/Out | | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, 6B, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 07 |
| | | Where VA Out = 00, In = 01 | | | |
| PEQ | | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, ID, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 07 |
| | | Where | | | |
| LF Gain | ID = 01 | VA | -12 to +12dB = 00 to 7F | | 0dB = 40 |
| LF Freq | ID = 02 | VA | 20Hz to 20 kHz = 00 to 7F | | |
| LF Width | ID = 03 | VA | 1.5 to 1/9 Oct = 00 to 7F | | |
| LF Type | ID = 04 | VA | Bell = 00, Shelf = 06 | | |
| LM Gain | ID = 05 | VA | -12 to +12dB = 00 to 7F | | 0dB = 40 |
| LM Freq | ID = 06 | VA | 20Hz to 20 kHz = 00 to 7F | | |
| LM Width | ID = 07 | VA | 1.5 to 1/9 Oct = 00 to 7F | | |
| HM Gain | ID = 09 | VA | -12 to +12dB = 00 to 7F | | 0dB = 40 |
| HM Freq | ID = 0A | VA | 20Hz to 20 kHz = 00 to 7F | | |
| HM Width | ID = 0B | VA | 1.5 to 1/9 Oct = 00 to 7F | | |
| HF Gain | ID = 0D | VA | -12 to +12dB = 00 to 7F | | 0dB = 40 |
| HF Freq | ID = 0E | VA | 20Hz to 20 kHz = 00 to 7F | | |
| HF Width | ID = 0F | VA | 1.5 to 1/9 Oct = 00 to 7F | | |
| HF Type | ID = 10 | VA | Bell = 00, Shelf = 06 | | |
| PEQ | In/Out | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, 11, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 00 |
| | | Where VA Out = 00, In = 01 | | | |

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| HPF | Freq | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, 13, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 07 |
| | | Where VA 20Hz to 20kHz = 00 to 7F | | | |
| HPF | In/Out | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, 14, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 00 |
| | | Where VA Out = 00 , In = 01 | | | |
| GEQ | Gain | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, 70, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, VX |
| | | Where VA Gain -12 to +12dB = 00 to 7F | | | |
| | | VX 00 to 1B = Each of 28 bands (see table) | | | |
| GEQ | In/Out | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, 71, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 00 |
| | | Where VA Out = 00 , In = 01 | | | |
| Gate | | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, ID, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 07 |
| | Where | | | | |
| | Attack | ID = 41 | VA 50us to 300ms = 00 to 7F | | |
| | Release | ID = 42 | VA 10ms to 1s = 00 to 7F | | |
| | Hold | ID = 43 | VA 10ms to 5s = 00 to 7F | | |
| | Threshold | ID = 44 | VA -72 to +18dB = 00 to 7F | | |
| | Depth | ID = 45 | VA 0 to 60dB = 00 to 7F | | |
| Gate | In/Out | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, 46, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 00 |
| | | Where VA Out = 00 , In = 01 | | | |
| Comp | | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, ID, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 07 |
| | Where | | | | |
| | Type | ID = 61 | VA 4 types = 00 , 01 , 02 , 03 | | |
| | Attack | ID = 62 | VA 300us to 300ms = 00 to 7F | | |
| | Release | ID = 63 | VA 100ms to 2s = 00 to 7F | | |
| | Knee | ID = 64 | VA Hard knee = 00 , Soft knee = 01 | | |
| | Ratio | ID = 65 | VA 1:1 to inf = 00 to 7F , 2.6:1 = 50 | | |
| | Threshold | ID = 66 | VA -46 to +18dB = 00 to 7F | | |
| | Gain | ID = 67 | VA 0 +18dB = 00 to 7F | | |
| Comp | In/Out | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, 68, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 00 |
| | | Where VA Out = 00 , In = 01 | | | |
| Delay | Time | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, 6C, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 07 |
| | Where | VA Input 0 to 85ms = 00 to 7F | | | |
| | | VA Mix 0 to 170ms = 00 to 7F | | | |
| Delay | In/Out | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, 6D, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 00 |
| | | Where VA Out = 00 , In = 01 | | | |

Delay FX Time

To set delay time. Can be used for Tap Tempo.
Can use one or two NRPN messages:
Use MSB message only for course time value resolution.
Use LSB followed by MSB message for fine resolution.

LSB: BN, 63, CH, BN, 62, 49, BN, 06, Vaf BN, 26, VX

MSB: BN, 63, CH, BN, 62, 48, BN, 06, VAc BN, 26, VX

Where **VAf** Fine resolution time value = 00 to 7F
VAc Course resolution time value = 00 to 7F
VX Delay parameter 05 = Left tap
 07 = Right tap
 (See table for examples of time value)

Delay FX Link

To link or unlink the Left and Right tap time.

BN, 63, CH, BN, 62, 48, BN, 06, VA BN, 26, 06

Where **VA** Off (unlinked) = 00
On (linked) = 7F

Scene Recall

Qu uses **Bank Select** and **Program Change** messages for Scene recall. Only Bank 1 is used.

Transmitted Scene message

Qu transmits this message when a Scene is recalled using the touch screen or a SoftKey:

| (Bank1 MSB) | (Bank1 LSB) | Recall Scene |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| BN, 00, 00, | BN, 20, 00, | CN, SS |

Where **SS** = Scene1 to 100 = 00 to 63 (see table)

Received Scene message

Qu responds to the following message if Bank1 is currently selected:

Recall Scene
CN, SS

Where **SS** = Scene1 to 100 = 00 to 63 (see table)

To set Bank1

Qu will ignore Scene change messages if the Bank is not set to 1.

| (Bank1 MSB) | (Bank1 LSB) |
|-------------|-------------|
| BN, 00, 00, | BN, 20, 00 |

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TCP Client Configuration

Clients should be configured to use TCP port 51325

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Sysex Header

Sysex Header

| | A&H ID | Qu-16 mixer | Major/Minor version | MIDI channel |
|------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| F0, | 00, 00, 1A, | 50, 11, | 01, 00, | 0N |

Get System State

An external controller such as an iPad running the Qu-Pad app can use MIDI **Sysex** messages to request and receive the current parameter state of the Qu mixer.

REQUEST:

Sysex Header, 10 <iPadFlag>, F7

Where **<iPadFlag> = 1** identifies the incoming connection as Qu-pad.

REPLY:

Sysex Header, 11, <BoxID>, <Version>, F7

Where **<BoxID> = 1** identifies the outgoing connection as the Qu-16 mixer

<Version> = <Major>, <Minor> = Qu firmware version (7bit data)

Subsequent push of NRPN messages to update current state.

Subsequent End Sync Response:

Sysex Header, 14, F7

If **<iPadFlag>** is set in the initial request the Qu mixer will expect to receive an Active Sense byte within 5 seconds. If not, it will close the Ethernet connection. This is how the lost communication mechanism is enforced for Qu-Pad.

| MIDI channel | | | | Scene number | | | | Input Channel | | Local Gain value | | GEQ Bands | |
|---------------|-----|-----------------|-----|--------------|-----|-----------------|-----|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----|---------------|-----|
| N | | N +1 | | SS | | SS | | CH | | 19 | VA | 70 | VX |
| Qu | Hex | DAW | Hex | Scene | Hex | Scene | Hex | CH | Hex | dB | Hex | Freq | Hex |
| 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 00 | 65 | 40 | 1 | 20 | +60 | 7F | 31.5Hz | 00 |
| 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 01 | 66 | 41 | 2 | 21 | +50 | 6B | 40Hz | 01 |
| 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 02 | 67 | 42 | 3 | 22 | +40 | 57 | 50Hz | 02 |
| 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 03 | 68 | 43 | 4 | 23 | +30 | 44 | 63Hz | 03 |
| 5 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 04 | 69 | 44 | 5 | 24 | +20 | 30 | 80Hz | 04 |
| 6 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 05 | 70 | 45 | 6 | 25 | +10 | 1D | 100Hz | 05 |
| 7 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 06 | 71 | 46 | 7 | 26 | +5 | 13 | 125Hz | 06 |
| 8 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 07 | 72 | 47 | 8 | 27 | 0 | 0A | 160Hz | 07 |
| 9 | 8 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 08 | 73 | 48 | 9 | 28 | -5 | 00 | 200Hz | 08 |
| 10 | 9 | 11 | 0A | 10 | 09 | 74 | 49 | 10 | 29 | dSNAKE Gain value | | | |
| 11 | A | 12 | 0B | 11 | 0A | 75 | 4A | 11 | 2A | | | | |
| 12 | B | 13 | 0C | 12 | 0B | 76 | 4B | 12 | 2B | 58 | VA | 400Hz | 0B |
| 13 | C | 14 | 0D | 13 | 0C | 77 | 4C | 13 | 2C | dB | Hex | 500Hz | 0C |
| 14 | D | 15 | 0E | 14 | 0D | 78 | 4D | 14 | 2D | +60 | 7F | 630Hz | 0D |
| 15 | E | 16 | 0F | 15 | 0E | 79 | 4E | 15 | 2E | +50 | 67 | 800Hz | 0E |
| 16 | F | 1 | 00 | 16 | 0F | 80 | 4F | 16 | 2F | +40 | 50 | 1kHz | 0F |
| DAW | | | | 17 | 10 | 81 | 50 | ST1 | 40 | +35 | 45 | 1k25 | 10 |
| | | | | 18 | 11 | 82 | 51 | ST2 | 41 | +30 | 39 | 1k6 | 11 |
| MIDI Strip | | | | 19 | 12 | 83 | 52 | ST3 | 42 | +25 | 2E | 2kHz | 12 |
| | | | | 20 | 13 | 84 | 53 | FX Return | | | | 2k5 | 13 |
| Mute Sel PAFL | | | | 21 | 14 | 85 | 54 | | | | | CH | Hex |
| | | | | 22 | 15 | 86 | 55 | 1 | 08 | +10 | 0B | 5kHz | 16 |
| Strip | Hex | Strip | Hex | 23 | 16 | 87 | 56 | 2 | 09 | dBu | Hex | 6k3 | 17 |
| 1 | 00 | 1 | 00 | 24 | 17 | 88 | 57 | 3 | 0A | Fader/Send value | | | |
| 2 | 01 | 2 | 01 | 25 | 18 | 89 | 58 | 4 | 0B | | | | |
| 3 | 02 | 3 | 02 | 26 | 19 | 90 | 59 | FX Send | | | | 10kHz | 19 |
| 4 | 03 | 4 | 03 | 27 | 1A | 91 | 5A | | | | | CH | Hex |
| 5 | 04 | 5 | 04 | 28 | 1B | 92 | 5B | 1 | 00 | +10 | 7F | 16kHz | 1B |
| 6 | 05 | 6 | 05 | 29 | 1C | 93 | 5C | 2 | 01 | +5 | 74 | Delay FX time | |
| 7 | 06 | 7 | 06 | 30 | 1D | 94 | 5D | 3 | 0A | 0 | 6B | | |
| 8 | 07 | 8 | 07 | 31 | 1E | 95 | 5E | 4 | 0B | -5 | 61 | 5ms | 00 |
| 9 | 08 | 9 | 08 | 32 | 1F | 96 | 5F | Mix | | -10 | 57 | 100ms | 44 |
| 10 | 09 | 10 | 09 | 33 | 20 | 97 | 60 | | | -15 | 4D | 200ms | 54 |
| 11 | 0A | 11 | 0A | 34 | 21 | 98 | 61 | CH | Hex | -20 | 43 | 400ms | 63 |
| 12 | 0B | 12 | 0B | 35 | 22 | 99 | 62 | 1 | 00 | -25 | 39 | 800ms | 73 |
| 13 | 0C | 13 | 0C | 36 | 23 | 100 | 63 | 2 | 01 | -30 | 2F | 1.36sec | 7F |
| 14 | 0D | 14 | 0D | 37 | 24 | Compressor Type | | | | -35 | 25 | Mute Group | |
| 15 | 0E | 15 | 0E | 38 | 25 | | | | | -40 | 1B | | |
| 16 | 0F | 16 | 0F | 39 | 26 | -45 | 11 | MG | Hex | MG | off | on | |
| | | | | 40 | 27 | -inf | 00 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 00 | 40 | |
| | | | | 41 | 28 | Compressor Type | | | | 2 | 11 | 2 | 01 |
| | | | | 42 | 29 | | | | | Mute Group | | | |
| | | | | 43 | 2A | 4 | 03 | 4 | 03 | | | | |
| | | | | 44 | 2B | 5-6 | 64 | 04 | Mute Grp Assign | | | | |
| 45 | 2C | 7-8 | 65 | 05 | 1 | 00 | 40 | | | | | | |
| 46 | 2D | 9-10 | 66 | 06 | 2 | 01 | 41 | | | | | | |
| 47 | 2E | LR | 67 | 07 | 3 | 02 | 42 | | | | | | |
| 48 | 2F | Mute Grp Assign | | | | 4 | 03 | 43 | | | | | |
| 49 | 30 | | | | | MG | Hex | MG | off | on | | | |
| 50 | 31 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 00 | 40 | | | | | | | |
| 51 | 32 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 01 | 41 | | | | | | | |
| 52 | 33 | 3 | 12 | 3 | 02 | 42 | | | | | | | |
| 53 | 34 | 4 | 13 | 4 | 03 | 43 | | | | | | | |
| 54 | 35 | Mute Group | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 55 | 36 | | | | | MG | Hex | MG | off | on | | | |
| 56 | 37 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 00 | 40 | | | | | | | |
| 57 | 38 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 01 | 41 | | | | | | | |
| 58 | 39 | 3 | 12 | 3 | 02 | 42 | | | | | | | |
| 59 | 3A | 4 | 13 | 4 | 03 | 43 | | | | | | | |
| 60 | 3B | Mute Grp Assign | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 61 | 3C | | | | | MG | Hex | MG | off | on | | | |
| 62 | 3D | 1 | 10 | 1 | 00 | 40 | | | | | | | |
| 63 | 3E | 2 | 11 | 2 | 01 | 41 | | | | | | | |
| 64 | 3F | 3 | 12 | 3 | 02 | 42 | | | | | | | |

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Qu MIDI channel = **N**

DAW MIDI channel = **N+1**

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Strip Fader

Control Change message:

B(N+1), FD, VA

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VA = Fader min to max position = **00** to **7F**

Strip keys

The strip keys use **NOTE ON** followed by **NOTE OFF** messages.

Pressing keys send messages.

Key LED indicators respond to received messages.

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Where **KY** = **Mute** Strip 1-16 = **00** to **0F** (see table)

Sel Strip 1-16 = **20** to **2F**

PAFL Strip 1-16 = **40** to **4F**

Mute control

Mute on **NOTE ON** with velocity > or = **40** followed by NOTE OFF

9N, CH, 7F, 9N, CH, 00

Mute off **NOTE ON** with velocity < **40** followed by NOTE OFF

9N, CH, 3F, 9N, CH, 00

Received Mute messages

Velocity **00** and NOTE OFF messages are ignored

Velocity **01** to **3F** = Mute off

Velocity **40** to **7F** = Mute on

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Qu mixer parameters are transmitted and received as MIDI **NRPN** (Non-Registered Parameter Number) messages. The MSB (most significant byte) selects the mixer channel (CH), and the LSB (least significant byte) selects the parameter number (ID). The data entry MSB sets the parameter value (VA) and LSB sets the index value for its range (VX) where needed.

| (NRPN MSB) | (NRPN LSB) | (Data MSB) | (Data LSB) |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, ID, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, VX |

Fader **BN, 63, CH,** **BN, 62, 17,** **BN, 06, VA** **BN, 26, 07**

Where **VA** -inf to +10dB = **00** to **7F**, 0dB = **6B** (see table)

Pan **BN, 63, CH,** **BN, 62, 16,** **BN, 06, VA** **BN, 26, VX**

Where **VA** Full Left = **00** to Centre = **25** to Full Right = **4A**

VX 04, 05, 06, 07 = Mix 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, LR

LR Assign **BN, 63, CH,** **BN, 62, 18,** **BN, 06, VA** **BN, 26, 07**

Where **VA** Off = **00**, On = **01**

Mix Assign **BN, 63, CH,** **BN, 62, 55,** **BN, 06, VA** **BN, 26, VX**

Where **VA** Off = **00**, On = **01**

VX 00 to **11** = Mix1-10, FX1-2 (see table)

Mute Grp Assign **BN, 63, CH,** **BN, 62, 40,** **BN, 06, VA** **BN, 26, 07**

Where **VA** Off Mute Grp 1-4 = **00** to **03**,

On Mute Grp 1-4 = **40** to **43**

Mix Pre/Post **BN, 63, CH,** **BN, 62, 50,** **BN, 06, VA** **BN, 26, VX**

Where **VA** Post = **00**, Pre = **01**

VX 00 to **11** = Mix1-10, FX1-2 (see table)

Send Level **BN, 63, CH,** **BN, 62, 20,** **BN, 06, VA** **BN, 26, VX**

Where **VA** -inf to +10dB = **00** to **7F** (see table)

VX 00 to **11** = Mix1-10, FX1-2 (see table)

PAFL select **BN, 63, CH,** **BN, 62, 51,** **BN, 06, VA** **BN, 26, 07**

Where **VA** Off = **00**, On = **01**

Ch USB Source Switches between channel current Preamp and current USB source

BN, 63, CH, **BN, 62, 12,** **BN, 06, VA** **BN, 26, 00**

Where **VA** Off (Preamp) = **00**, On (USB) = **01**

Ch Preamp Source Switches between mixer rear panel and remote AR rack input source

BN, 63, CH, **BN, 62, 57,** **BN, 06, VA** **BN, 26, 00**

Where **VA** Off (Local) = **00**, On (dSNAKE) = **01**

| | | | | | |
|----------------------|---------|---|---|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Local Preamp | | Applies to rear panel local inputs only | | | |
| | | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, ID, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 07 |
| | | Where | | | |
| Gain | ID = 19 | VA | Gain -5dB to +60dB = 00 to 7F (see table) | | |
| 48V PP | ID = 69 | VA | Off = 00, On = 01 | | |
| dSNAKE Preamp | | Applies to remote AR rack inputs only | | | |
| | | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, ID, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 07 |
| | | Where | | | |
| Gain | ID = 58 | VA | Gain +5dB to +60dB = 00 to 7F (see table) | | |
| Pad | ID = 59 | VA | Out = 00, In = 01 | | |
| 48V PP | ID = 5A | VA | Off = 00, On = 01 | | |
| Digital Trim | | Applies to USB source to channel only | | | |
| | | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, 52, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 07 |
| | | Where | VA | Trim -24 to +24dB = 00 to 7F 0dB = 40 | |
| Stereo Trim | | Applies to local ST1, ST2 and ST3 inputs only | | | |
| | | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, 54, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 07 |
| | | Where | VA | Trim -24 to +24dB = 00 to 7F 0dB = 40 | |
| Polarity | | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, 6A, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 07 |
| | | Where | VA | Off (normal) = 00, On (reversed) = 01 | |
| Insert In/Out | | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, 6B, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 07 |
| | | Where | VA | Out = 00, In = 01 | |
| PEQ | | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, ID, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 07 |
| | | Where | | | |
| LF Gain | ID = 01 | VA | -12 to +12dB = 00 to 7F | | 0dB = 40 |
| LF Freq | ID = 02 | VA | 20Hz to 20 kHz = 00 to 7F | | |
| LF Width | ID = 03 | VA | 1.5 to 1/9 Oct = 00 to 7F | | |
| LF Type | ID = 04 | VA | Bell = 00, Shelf = 06 | | |
| LM Gain | ID = 05 | VA | -12 to +12dB = 00 to 7F | | 0dB = 40 |
| LM Freq | ID = 06 | VA | 20Hz to 20 kHz = 00 to 7F | | |
| LM Width | ID = 07 | VA | 1.5 to 1/9 Oct = 00 to 7F | | |
| HM Gain | ID = 09 | VA | -12 to +12dB = 00 to 7F | | 0dB = 40 |
| HM Freq | ID = 0A | VA | 20Hz to 20 kHz = 00 to 7F | | |
| HM Width | ID = 0B | VA | 1.5 to 1/9 Oct = 00 to 7F | | |
| HF Gain | ID = 0D | VA | -12 to +12dB = 00 to 7F | | 0dB = 40 |
| HF Freq | ID = 0E | VA | 20Hz to 20 kHz = 00 to 7F | | |
| HF Width | ID = 0F | VA | 1.5 to 1/9 Oct = 00 to 7F | | |
| HF Type | ID = 10 | VA | Bell = 00, Shelf = 06 | | |
| PEQ | In/Out | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, 11, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 00 |
| | | Where | VA | Out = 00, In = 01 | |

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|--------------|-----------|---|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| HPF | Freq | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, 13, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 07 |
| | | Where VA 20Hz to 20kHz = 00 to 7F | | | |
| HPF | In/Out | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, 14, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 00 |
| | | Where VA Out = 00 , In = 01 | | | |
| GEQ | Gain | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, 70, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, VX |
| | | Where VA Gain -12 to +12dB = 00 to 7F | | | |
| | | VX 00 to 1B = Each of 28 bands (see table) | | | |
| GEQ | In/Out | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, 71, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 00 |
| | | Where VA Out = 00 , In = 01 | | | |
| Gate | | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, ID, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 07 |
| | | Where | | | |
| | Attack | ID = 41 | VA 50us to 300ms = 00 to 7F | | |
| | Release | ID = 42 | VA 10ms to 1s = 00 to 7F | | |
| | Hold | ID = 43 | VA 10ms to 5s = 00 to 7F | | |
| | Threshold | ID = 44 | VA -72 to +18dB = 00 to 7F | | |
| | Depth | ID = 45 | VA 0 to 60dB = 00 to 7F | | |
| Gate | In/Out | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, 46, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 00 |
| | | Where VA Out = 00 , In = 01 | | | |
| Comp | | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, ID, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 07 |
| | | Where | | | |
| | Type | ID = 61 | VA 4 types = 00 , 01 , 02 , 03 | | |
| | Attack | ID = 62 | VA 300us to 300ms = 00 to 7F | | |
| | Release | ID = 63 | VA 100ms to 2s = 00 to 7F | | |
| | Knee | ID = 64 | VA Hard knee = 00 , Soft knee = 01 | | |
| | Ratio | ID = 65 | VA 1:1 to inf = 00 to 7F , 2.6:1 = 50 | | |
| | Threshold | ID = 66 | VA -46 to +18dB = 00 to 7F | | |
| | Gain | ID = 67 | VA 0 +18dB = 00 to 7F | | |
| Comp | In/Out | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, 68, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 00 |
| | | Where VA Out = 00 , In = 01 | | | |
| Delay | Time | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, 6C, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 07 |
| | | Where VA Input 0 to 85ms = 00 to 7F | | | |
| | | VA Mix 0 to 170ms = 00 to 7F | | | |
| Delay | In/Out | BN, 63, CH, | BN, 62, 6D, | BN, 06, VA | BN, 26, 00 |
| | | Where VA Out = 00 , In = 01 | | | |

Delay FX Time

To set delay time. Can be used for Tap Tempo.
Can use one or two NRPN messages:
Use MSB message only for course time value resolution.
Use LSB followed by MSB message for fine resolution.

LSB: BN, 63, CH, BN, 62, 49, BN, 06, Vaf BN, 26, VX

MSB: BN, 63, CH, BN, 62, 48, BN, 06, VAc BN, 26, VX

Where **VAf** Fine resolution time value = 00 to 7F
VAc Course resolution time value = 00 to 7F
VX Delay parameter 05 = Left tap
 07 = Right tap
 (See table for examples of time value)

Delay FX Link

To link or unlink the Left and Right tap time.

BN, 63, CH, BN, 62, 48, BN, 06, VA BN, 26, 06

Where **VA** Off (unlinked) = 00
On (linked) = 7F

Scene Recall

Qu uses **Bank Select** and **Program Change** messages for Scene recall. Only Bank 1 is used.

Transmitted Scene message

Qu transmits this message when a Scene is recalled using the touch screen or a SoftKey:

| (Bank1 MSB) | (Bank1 LSB) | Recall Scene |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| BN, 00, 00, | BN, 20, 00, | CN, SS |

Where **SS** = Scene1 to 100 = 00 to 63 (see table)

Received Scene message

Qu responds to the following message if Bank1 is currently selected:

Recall Scene
CN, SS

Where **SS** = Scene1 to 100 = 00 to 63 (see table)

To set Bank1

Qu will ignore Scene change messages if the Bank is not set to 1.

| | |
|-------------|-------------|
| (Bank1 MSB) | (Bank1 LSB) |
| BN, 00, 00, | BN, 20, 00 |

Device Connection

Note Qu currently allows only one TCP connection at a time over its Network port.

TCP Client Configuration

Clients should be configured to use TCP port 51325

Active Sensing

Qu supports MIDI Active Sensing over its TCP/IP Ethernet connection to detect connection status. Qu will send an initial Active Sense byte (**FE**) once an Ethernet connection is established, and then once every 300ms or so during any period of inactivity.

Qu also responds to Active Sense. If it receives an Active Sense byte it will expect to receive regular MIDI data from that point onwards (either valid control data, or more Active Sense bytes during any period of inactivity). If it does not receive any data for 12 seconds, it will close the Ethernet connection.

Sysex Header

| | A&H ID | Qu-16 mixer | Major/Minor version | MIDI channel |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Sysex Header | 00, 00, 1A, | 50, 11, | 01, 00, | 0N |

Get System State

An external controller such as an iPad running the Qu-Pad app can use MIDI **Sysex** messages to request and receive the current parameter state of the Qu mixer.

REQUEST:

Sysex Header, 10 <iPadFlag>, F7

Where **<iPadFlag> = 1** identifies the incoming connection as Qu-pad.

REPLY:

Sysex Header, 11, <BoxID>, <Version>, F7

Where **<BoxID> = 1** identifies the outgoing connection as the Qu-16 mixer

<Version> = <Major>,<Minor> = Qu firmware version (7bit data)

Subsequent push of NRPN messages to update current state.

Subsequent End Sync Response:

Sysex Header, 14, F7

If **<iPadFlag>** is set in the initial request the Qu mixer will expect to receive an Active Sense byte within 5 seconds. If not, it will close the Ethernet connection. This is how the lost communication mechanism is enforced for Qu-Pad.

| MIDI channel | | | | Scene number | | | | Input Channel | | Local Gain value | | GEQ Bands | |
|--------------|-----|------|-----|--------------|-----|-------|-----|---------------|-----|-------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| N | | N +1 | | SS | | SS | | CH | | 19 | VA | 70 | VX |
| Qu | Hex | DAW | Hex | Scene | Hex | Scene | Hex | CH | Hex | dB | Hex | Freq | Hex |
| 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 00 | 65 | 40 | 1 | 20 | +60 | 7F | 31.5Hz | 00 |
| 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 01 | 66 | 41 | 2 | 21 | +50 | 6B | 40Hz | 01 |
| 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 02 | 67 | 42 | 3 | 22 | +40 | 57 | 50Hz | 02 |
| 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 03 | 68 | 43 | 4 | 23 | +30 | 44 | 63Hz | 03 |
| 5 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 04 | 69 | 44 | 5 | 24 | +20 | 30 | 80Hz | 04 |
| 6 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 05 | 70 | 45 | 6 | 25 | +10 | 1D | 100Hz | 05 |
| 7 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 06 | 71 | 46 | 7 | 26 | +5 | 13 | 125Hz | 06 |
| 8 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 07 | 72 | 47 | 8 | 27 | 0 | 0A | 160Hz | 07 |
| 9 | 8 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 08 | 73 | 48 | 9 | 28 | -5 | 00 | 200Hz | 08 |
| 10 | 9 | 11 | 0A | 10 | 09 | 74 | 49 | 10 | 29 | | | | |
| 11 | A | 12 | 0B | 11 | 0A | 75 | 4A | 11 | 2A | | | | |
| 12 | B | 13 | 0C | 12 | 0B | 76 | 4B | 12 | 2B | dSNAKE Gain value | | | |
| 13 | C | 14 | 0D | 13 | 0C | 77 | 4C | 13 | 2C | 58 | VA | 400Hz | 0B |
| 14 | D | 15 | 0E | 14 | 0D | 78 | 4D | 14 | 2D | dB | Hex | 500Hz | 0C |
| 15 | E | 16 | 0F | 15 | 0E | 79 | 4E | 15 | 2E | +60 | 7F | 630Hz | 0D |
| 16 | F | 1 | 00 | 16 | 0F | 80 | 4F | 16 | 2F | +50 | 67 | 800Hz | 0E |
| DAW | | | | 17 | 10 | 81 | 50 | ST1 | 40 | +40 | 50 | 1kHz | 0F |
| | | | | 18 | 11 | 82 | 51 | ST2 | 41 | +35 | 45 | 1k25 | 10 |
| | | | | 19 | 12 | 83 | 52 | ST3 | 42 | +30 | 39 | 1k6 | 11 |
| | | | | 20 | 13 | 84 | 53 | FX Return | | | | 2kHz | 12 |
| | | | | 21 | 14 | 85 | 54 | CH | Hex | +25 | 2E | 2k5 | 13 |
| | | | | 22 | 15 | 86 | 55 | 1 | 08 | +20 | 22 | 3k15 | 14 |
| | | | | 23 | 16 | 87 | 56 | 2 | 09 | +10 | 0B | 4kHz | 15 |
| | | | | 24 | 17 | 88 | 57 | 3 | 0A | +5 | 00 | 5kHz | 16 |
| | | | | 25 | 18 | 89 | 58 | 4 | 0B | Fader/Send value | | | |
| | | | | 26 | 19 | 90 | 59 | CH | | | | 6k3 | 17 |
| | | | | 27 | 1A | 91 | 5A | 1 | 08 | dBu | Hex | 8kHz | 18 |
| | | | | 28 | 1B | 92 | 5B | 2 | 09 | +10 | 7F | 10kHz | 19 |
| | | | | 29 | 1C | 93 | 5C | 3 | 0A | +5 | 74 | 12k5 | 1A |
| | | | | 30 | 1D | 94 | 5D | 4 | 0B | 0 | 6B | 16kHz | 1B |
| | | | | 31 | 1E | 95 | 5E | FX Send | | | | Delay FX time | |
| | | | | 32 | 1F | 96 | 5F | CH | Hex | -5 | 61 | | |
| | | | | 33 | 20 | 97 | 60 | 1 | 00 | -10 | 57 | Time | Hex |
| | | | | 34 | 21 | 98 | 61 | 2 | 01 | -15 | 4D | 5ms | 00 |
| | | | | 35 | 22 | 99 | 62 | Mix | | | | 100ms | 44 |
| | | | | 36 | 23 | 100 | 63 | CH | Hex | -20 | 43 | 200ms | 54 |
| | | | | 37 | 24 | | | | | -25 | 39 | 400ms | 63 |
| | | | | 38 | 25 | | | | | -30 | 2F | 800ms | 73 |
| | | | | 39 | 26 | | | | | -35 | 25 | 1.36sec | 7F |
| | | | | 40 | 27 | | | | | -40 | 1B | Compressor Type | |
| | | | | 41 | 28 | | | | | -45 | 11 | | |
| | | | | 42 | 29 | | | | | -inf | 00 | Type | Hex |
| | | | | 43 | 2A | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 44 | 2B | | | | | 61 | VA | Manual Peak | 00 |
| | | | | 45 | 2C | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 46 | 2D | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 47 | 2E | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 48 | 2F | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 49 | 30 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 50 | 31 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 51 | 32 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 52 | 33 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 53 | 34 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 54 | 35 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 55 | 36 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 56 | 37 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 57 | 38 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 58 | 39 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 59 | 3A | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 60 | 3B | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 61 | 3C | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 62 | 3D | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 63 | 3E | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 64 | 3F | | | | | | | | |
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