

BLACKBIRD™



4K HDMI® 2.0 2x1 USB 3.0 KVM Switch

PN 42643  USER'S MANUAL

SAFETY WARNINGS AND GUIDELINES

Please read this entire manual before using this device, paying extra attention to these safety warnings and guidelines. Please keep this manual in a safe place for future reference.

- This device is intended for indoor use only.
- Do not expose this device to water or moisture of any kind. Do not place drinks or other containers with moisture on or near the device. If moisture does get in or on the device, immediately remove it from its power source and allow it to fully dry before reapplying power.
- Do not touch the device, the power cord, or any other connected cables with wet hands.
- Do not expose this device to excessive vibration, extreme force, shock, or fluctuations in temperature or humidity.
- Do not expose this device to excessively high temperatures. Do not place it in, on, or near a heat source, such as a fireplace, stove, radiator, etc. Do not leave it in direct sunlight.
- Do not place or install this device in an area where it can be exposed to excessive amounts of dust, humidity, oil, smoke, or combustible vapors.
- Use only in a well-ventilated area. Do not use in close, confined spaces.
- Prior to operation, check the unit and power cord for physical damage. Do not use if physical damage has occurred.
- Before plugging the unit into a power outlet, ensure that the outlet provides the same type and level of power required by the device.
- Unplug this device from the power source when not in use.
- Take care to prevent damage to the power cord. Do not allow it to become crimped, pinched, walked on, or become tangled with other cords. Ensure that the power cord does not present a tripping hazard.
- Never unplug the unit by pulling on the power cord. Always grasp the connector head or adapter body.
- Remove the batteries from the controller if it will go unused for a lengthy period of time.

- Clean using a soft, dry cloth only. Do not use chemical cleaners, solvents, or detergents. For stubborn deposits, moisten the cloth with warm water.
- This device has no user serviceable parts. Do not attempt to open, service, or modify this device.

INTRODUCTION

This Blackbird™ 4K HDMI® 2.0 2x1 KVM Switch allows you to control up to two computers using a single keyboard, mouse, and video display. It is compliant with the HDMI 2.0 specification, provides up to 18Gbps bandwidth, and supports resolutions up to 4K@60Hz with the YCbCr 4:4:4 color space. It is compatible with computers running Windows® 2000 and later, Mac® OS X®, and Linux® operating systems.

FEATURES

- Allows control of up to two computers using a single keyboard, video display, and mouse
- Supports resolutions up to 4K@60Hz, including 3840x2160, 4096x2160, and all 3D video modes
- Compliant with the HDMI® 2.0 and HDCP™ 2.2/1.4 standards
- Delivers up to 18Gbps bandwidth
- Supports the RGB 4:4:4, YCbCr 4:4:4, YCbCr 4:2:2, and YCbCr 4:2:0 color spaces
- Includes an IR remote control
- Supports HDR and Deep Color with 12-bits/channel (36-bit total)
- Compatible with Windows® 2000 / XP / Vista® / 7 / 8 / 10, Mac® OS X®, and Linux® operating systems
- Supports multiple switching methods

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PACKAGE CONTENTS

Please take an inventory of the package contents to ensure you have all the items listed below. If anything is missing or damaged, please contact Monoprice Customer Service for a replacement.

1x 2x1 KVM Switch

1x AC Power Adapter (5 VDC, 3A)

1x IR Remote Control

1x IR Receiver

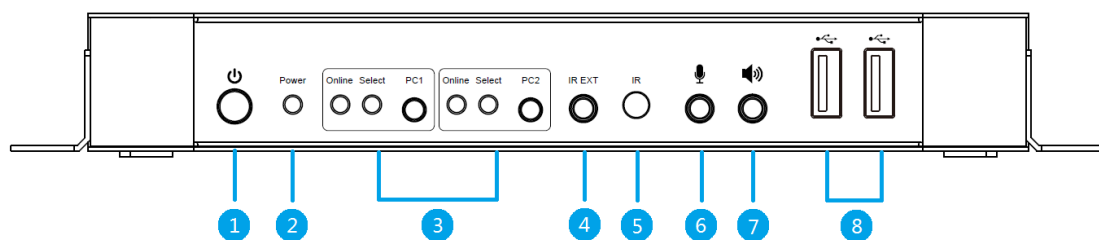
2x USB 3.0 Cables (Type-A to Type-B)

2x Rackmount Ears

1x User's Manual

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

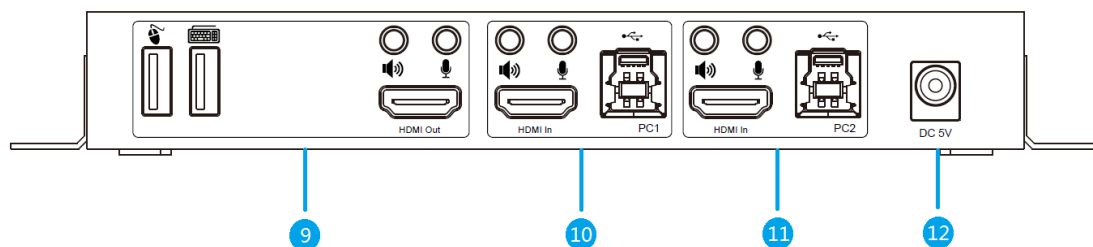
Front Panel



1. **Power Button:** Press the power button to power the unit on or off.
2. **Power LED:** The LED illuminates when power is applied.

3. **INPUT SELECT:** Each of the two sections includes a **Connect LED**, a **Select LED**, and a **PC#** button for direct selection of that input. When a PC is powered on and connected to one of the USB ports on the rear panel, the corresponding **Connect LED** will illuminate. When one of the inputs is selected, the corresponding **Select LED** will illuminate. When Automatic Switching Mode is enabled, the **Select LED** corresponding to the currently displayed input flashes.
4. **IR EXT:** 3.5mm jack for connecting the included IR receiver.
5. **IR:** IR "eye" for receiving signals from the included IR remote control.
6. **MICROPHONE:** 3.5mm jack for connecting a microphone. Note that this jack is identical to the **MICROPHONE** jack above the **HDMI® Out** port on the rear panel. Connect a single microphone to either jack, but not both.
7. **SPEAKERS:** 3.5mm jack for connecting headphones, powered speakers, or an external amplifier. Note that this jack is identical to the **SPEAKERS** jack above the **HDMI Out** port on the rear panel. Connect a single pair of headphones, powered speakers, or external amplifier to either jack, but not both.
8. **USB:** Two USB 3.0 ports for connecting external USB devices, such as printers, scanners, flash drives, external hard drives, etc.

Rear Panel

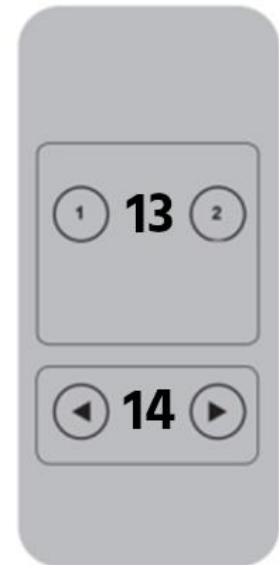


9. **LOCAL:** The **LOCAL** section includes connections for the local keyboard, video display, and mouse, as well as **MICROPHONE** and **SPEAKERS** jacks. Note that the **MICROPHONE** and **SPEAKERS** jacks are identical to the same jacks on the front panel. Connect to one set of jacks or the other, not both.
10. **PC1:** This section contains **HDMI®** and **USB** input ports from the first PC, as well as **MICROPHONE** and **SPEAKERS** jacks for connecting the microphone input and the audio output on the first PC.

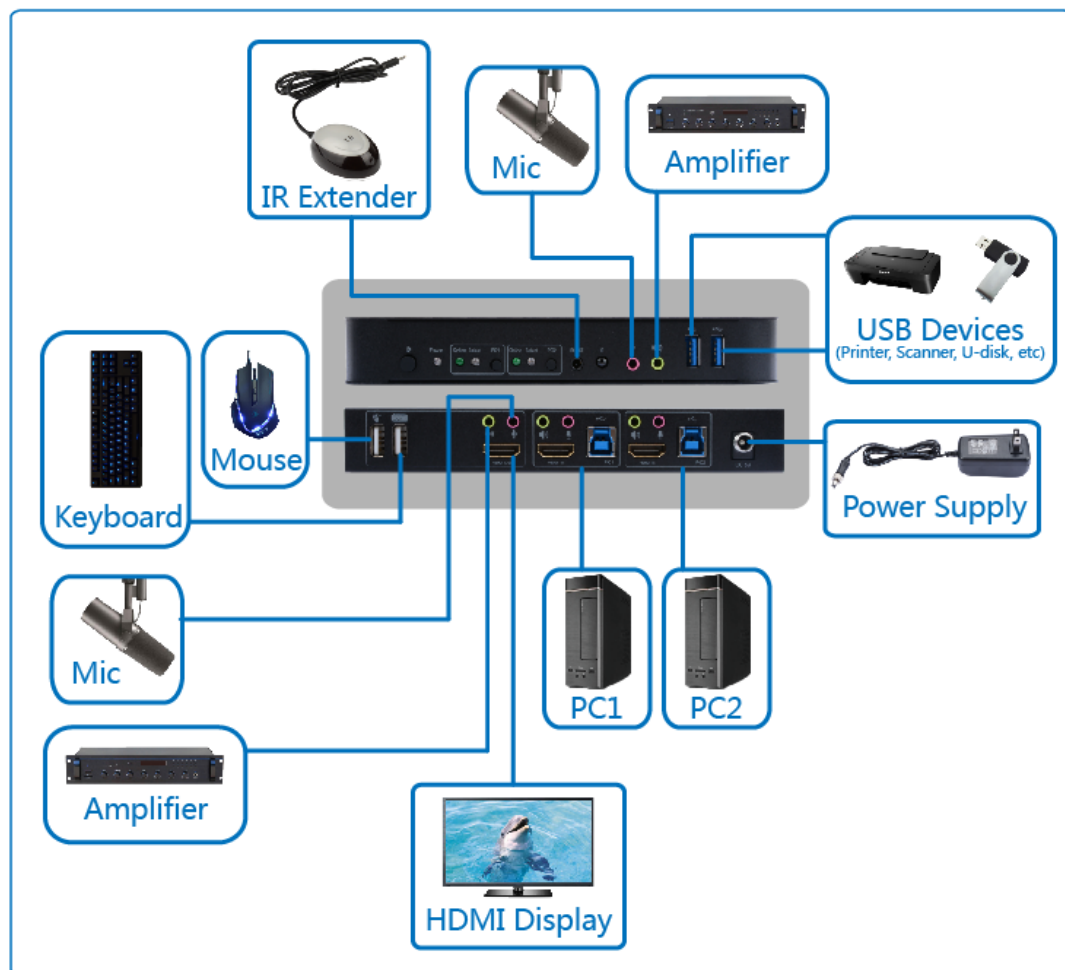
11. **PC2:** This section contains **HDMI®** and **USB** input ports from the second PC, as well as **MICROPHONE** and **SPEAKERS** jacks for connecting the microphone input and the audio output on the second PC.
12. **DC 5V:** DC barrel connector for connecting the included AC power adapter.

Remote Control

13. **1, 2:** Press one of the buttons to directly select the corresponding PC.
14. **◀ ▶:** Use the **◀** button to cycle backward through the connected PCs. Use the **▶** button to cycle forward through the connected PCs. The forward cycle order is PC1 > PC2 > PC1 > etc.



SAMPLE CONNECTION DIAGRAM



INSTALLATION

Perform the following steps to install this KVM into your computer system.

1. Ensure that all equipment to be connected is powered off and disconnected from its power source.
2. Using a Premium High Speed HDMI® Cable (available separately), plug one end into the input port on your local display, then plug the other end into the **HDMI Out** port in the **LOCAL** section on the rear panel.
3. Plug a USB keyboard into the **KEYBOARD** port in the **LOCAL** section on the rear panel.

4. Plug a USB mouse into the **MOUSE** port in the **LOCAL** section on the rear panel.
5. Plug a microphone into either the **MICROPHONE** jack in the **LOCAL** section on the rear panel or the **MICROPHONE** jack on the front panel.
6. Plug a pair of headphones, powered speakers, or an external amplifier into the **SPEAKERS** jack in the **LOCAL** section on the rear panel or the **SPEAKERS** jack on the front panel.
7. Using a Premium High Speed HDMI Cable (available separately), plug one end into the **HDMI In** port in the **PC1** section on the rear panel, then plug the other end into the HDMI® output on the first PC.
8. Using one of the included USB 3.0 cables, plug one end into the **USB** port in the **PC1** section on the rear panel, then plug the other end into an available USB port on the first PC.
9. Using a 3.5mm audio cable (available separately), plug one end into the **MICROPHONE** jack in the **PC1** section on the rear panel, then plug the other end into the microphone input on the first PC.
10. Using a 3.5mm audio cable (available separately), plug one end into the **SPEAKERS** jack in the **PC1** section on the rear panel, then plug the other end into the audio output on the first PC.
11. Repeat steps 7-10 for the **PC2** section on the rear panel and the second PC.
12. Plug one end of the included AC power adapter in the **DC 5V** jack on the rear panel, then plug the other end into a nearby AC power outlet.
13. Plug in and power on all PCs and any connected power speakers or external amplifier.
14. Press the **Power Button** on the front panel to power the KVM on. The **Power LED** will illuminate to indicate that power is applied.
15. For each connected PC, the **Connect LED** should illuminate, indicating a valid connection. Additionally, the **Select LED** for one of the connected PCs should be illuminated, indicating that it is the currently selected PC.
16. Verify that you can control the selected PC using the keyboard and mouse and that you can see video on the display.

17. Press each of the **PC#** buttons on the front panel to select each PC in turn. Verify that you can control each PC using the keyboard and mouse and that you can see video on the display.

Congratulations, your KVM is installed and ready for use!

OPERATION

This KVM supports several different methods for switching focus from one PC to another.

Manual Front Panel

The most basic method is to press one of the **PC#** buttons on the front panel to directly select the corresponding PC.

IR Remote Control

The remote control offers two ways to select a PC.

- Press one of the numbered buttons to directly select the corresponding PC.
- Press the ◀ button to cycle backward through the connected PCs. Press the ▶ button to cycle forward through the connected PCs. The forward cycle order is PC1 > PC2 > PC1 > etc.

Mouse Traverse

Put the mouse cursor on the right side of the screen, then move it to the right for about 2 seconds. The KVM will automatically cycle forward to the next connected PC. The forward cycle order is PC1 > PC2 > PC1 > etc.

USB Port Detection

The KVM monitors the USB ports to each PC to detect the presence of a signal and will switch the selected PC in one of the following ways.

- If the currently selected PC is powered off or the USB connection is broken, the KVM will cycle forward to the next available PC. While search for an available connection, the **Select LEDs** on the front panel will flash sequentially in a loop. Once a PC connection is found and the PC connection established, the corresponding **Select LED** on the front panel will illuminate. The forward cycle order is PC1 > PC2 > PC1 > etc.
- If a PC is powered on or a USB connection is established, the KVM will automatically switch focus to that PC.

Hotkey Selection

Use one of the hotkey sequences on the keyboard connected to one of the USB ports on the rear panel to activate various functions. A keyboard plugged into one of the front panel USB ports cannot be used to issue hotkey sequences.

Each hotkey command begins with pressing the Scroll Lock (SL) key twice, followed by one or more other keys, all of which must occur within 5 seconds, from beginning to end. This will be represented in the following table with SL+SL+X, where X is the one or more keys that constitute the actual command. If more than 5 seconds elapse without issuing a valid command, the existing command elements will be discarded.

Refer to the following table for the various hotkey commands and an explanation of what they do. Note that the commands are not case sensitive and that the case used in the commands are mixed to for clarity.

Hotkey	Function
SL+SL+ ↑ or SL+SL+→	Cycle forward to the next PC.
SL+SL+← or SL+SL+ ↓	Cycle backward to the previous PC.
SL+SL+#	Direct selection of a PC, where # is 1 or 2.

SL+SL+s	Enable Automatic Switching Mode. The KVM will automatically switch the HDMI® , MICROPHONE , and SPEAKERS inputs from one to another without changing the USB connection, staying on each input for the interval amount of time (default 15 seconds). Press the SPACE BAR when an input is displayed to select that input. Press any other key to return to the input that was selected before Automatic Switching Mode was enabled. When Automatic Switching Mode is enabled, the Select LED corresponding to the currently displayed input will flash.
SL+SL+i+#+ENTER	Set the Automatic Switching Mode Interval, where # is 5-999 seconds (default 15 seconds).
SL+SL+b+#	Enables or disables the buzzer that sounds when switching to PC1 or PC2, where # is 1 (on) or 0 (off) (default on).
SL+SL+f+L+a+s+h+ENTER	Resumes normal operation and restores the default settings.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Monoprice is pleased to provide free, live, online technical support to assist you with any questions you may have about installation, setup, troubleshooting, or product recommendations. If you ever need assistance with your new product, please come online to talk to one of our friendly and knowledgeable Tech Support Associates.

Technical support is available through the online chat button on our website **www.monoprice.com** or through email by sending a message to **tech@monoprice.com**. Check the website for support times and links.

To download the latest drivers, firmware, manuals, etc., go to **www.monoprice.com** and type the **P/N** into the search bar. If available, support files are linked at the bottom of the product page.

SPECIFICATIONS

P/N	42643
Video Connections	HDMI®
Number of Connected PCs	2
Supported Operating Systems	Windows® 2000 / XP / Vista® / 7 / 8 / 10, Mac® OS X®, Linux®
Maximum Video Resolution	4K@60Hz (3840/4096 x 2160p @60Hz)
Video Bandwidth	18Gbps
USB Version	3.0
USB Connections	1x keyboard, 1x mouse, 2x USB hub ports
Input Power	5 VDC, 3A
AC Adapter Input Power	100 ~ 240 VAC, 50/60 Hz
Maximum Power Consumption	12 watts
Operating Temperature	+32 ~ +113°F (0 ~ +45°C)
Operating Humidity	10 ~ 85% RH, noncondensing
Storage Temperature	+14 ~ +176°F (-10 ~ +80°C)
Storage Humidity	5 ~ 90% RH, noncondensing
Dimensions	7.0" x 3.0" x 1.0" (178 x 75 x 26 mm)
Weight	12.9 oz. (366g)
Certifications	FCC, CE

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Notice for FCC



This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Modifying the equipment without Monoprice's authorization may result in the equipment no longer complying with FCC requirements for Class B digital devices. In that event, your right to use the equipment may be limited by FCC regulations, and you may be required to correct any interference to radio or television communications at your own expense.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Notice for Industry Canada

This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

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