

Setting your Creative Device as the Default Playback/Recording Device in Windows or Mac

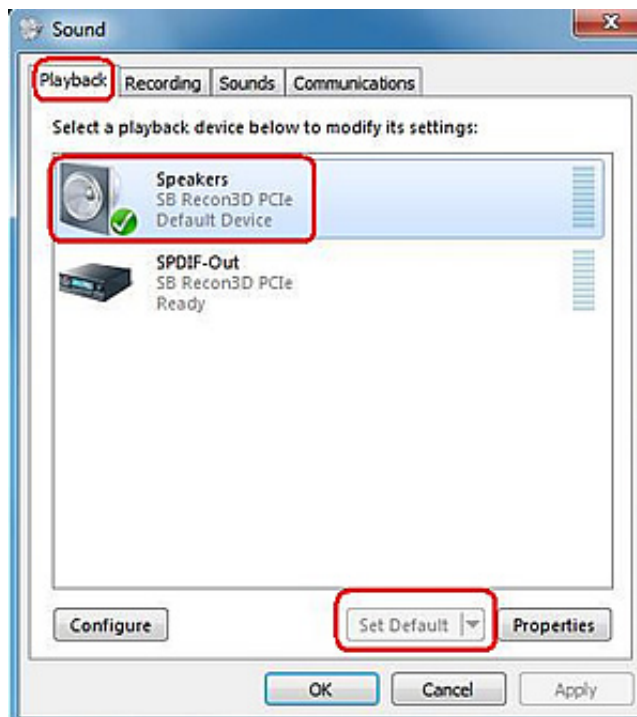
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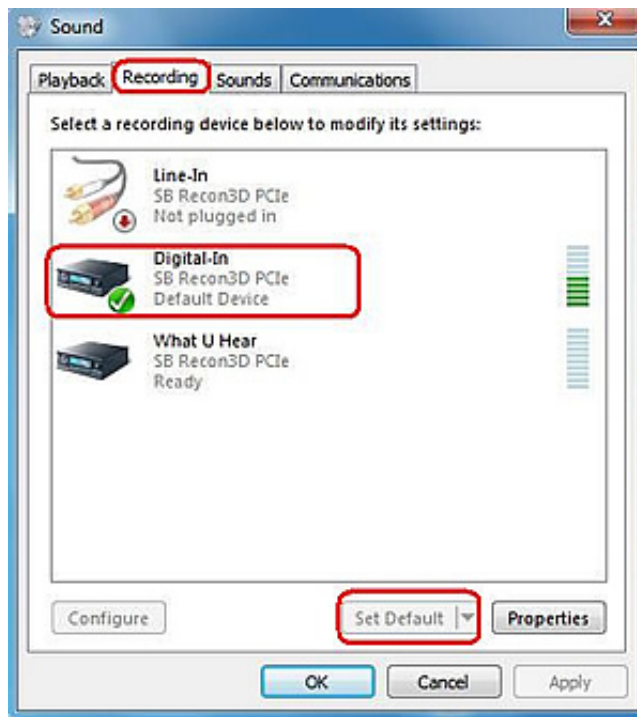
Summary:

- ✓ Refer to this article for steps on how to set your Creative device as the default playback/recording device in Windows and Mac.

For Windows 7/8/10:

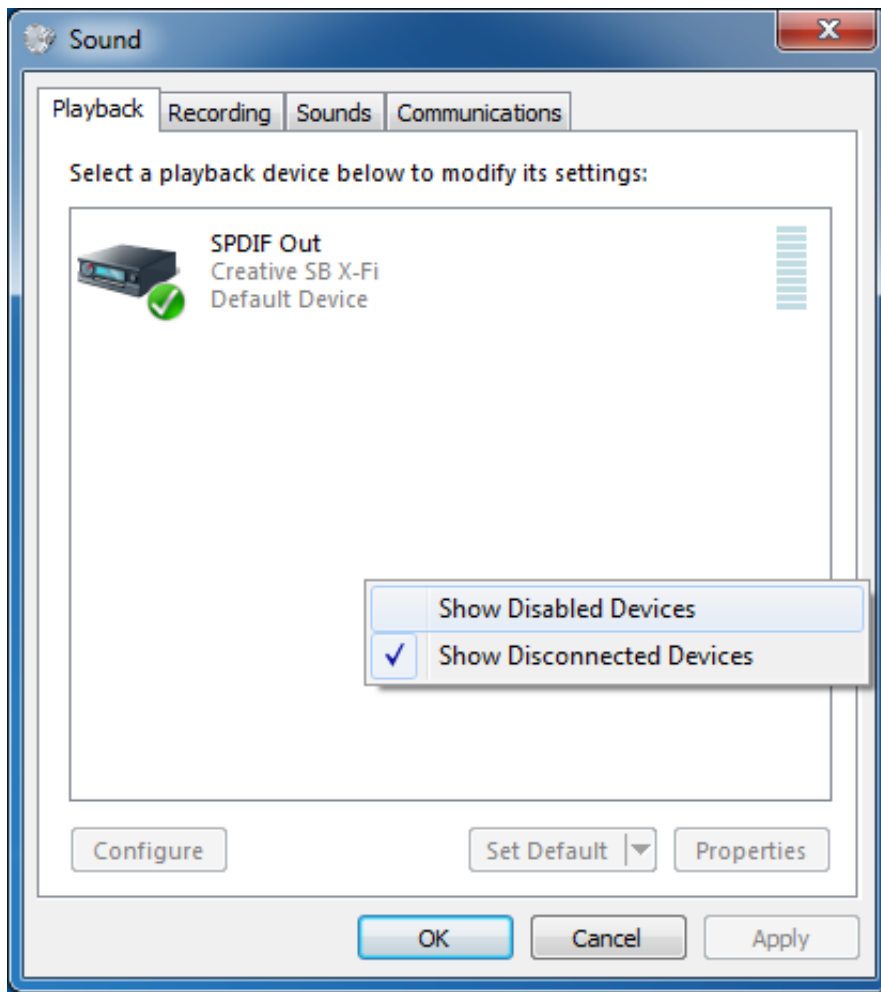
1. Press the **Windows key + R** on the keyboard. In the Run prompt, type **mmsys.cpl** and then click **OK**.
2. Under the **Playback** tab, right-click the Creative audio device which you are using.
3. Click **Set as Default Device**.
4. For recording; under the **Recording** tab, right-click the Creative audio device you are using then **Set as Default Device**.
5. Click **OK**.



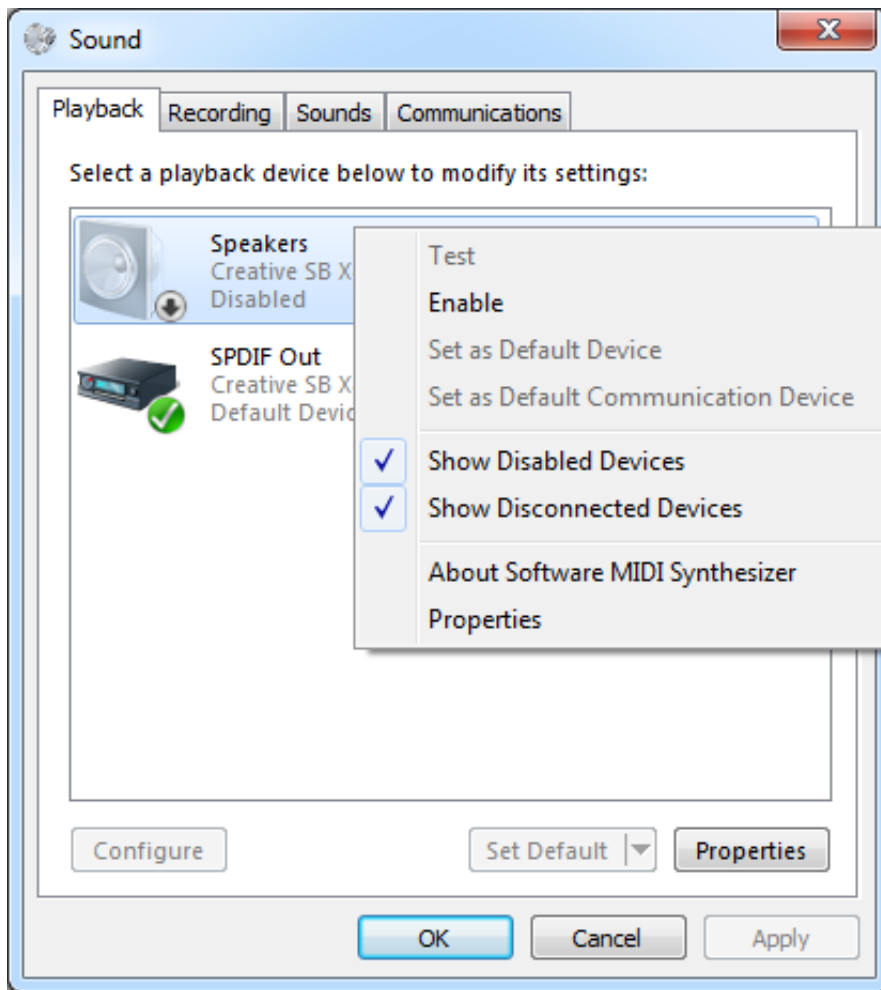


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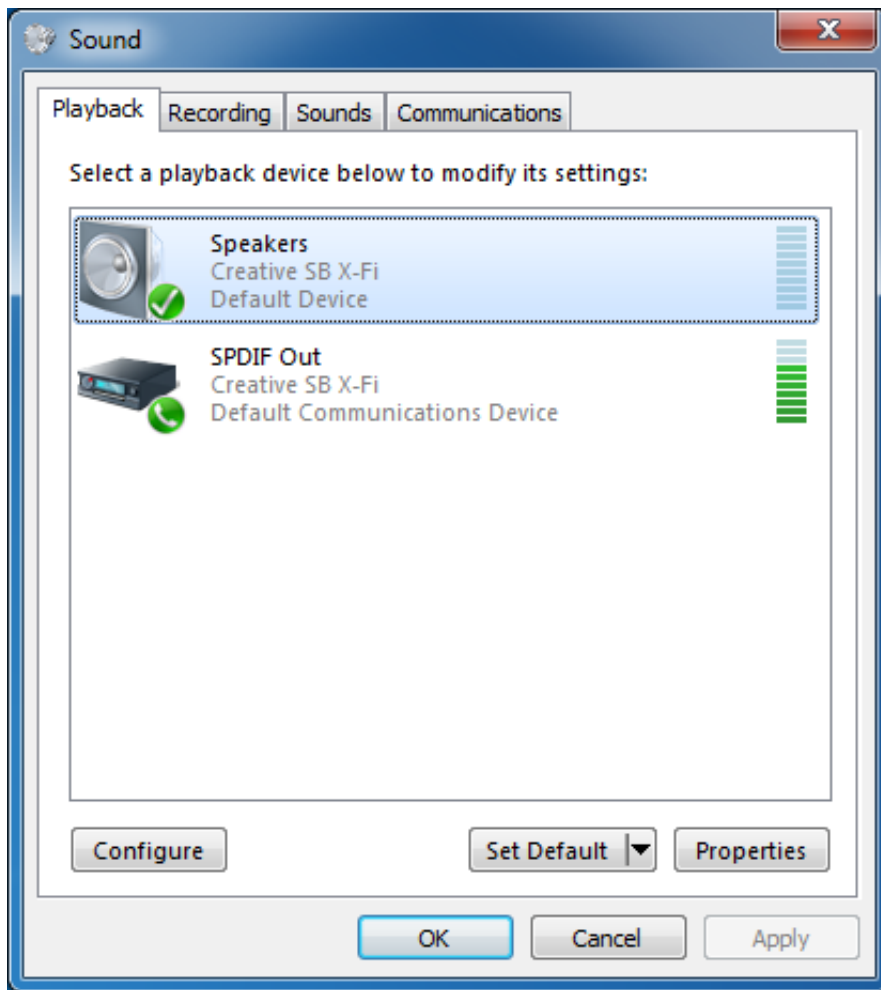
- In some cases, your Creative device may be tagged as "**Disabled**" and cannot be seen from the list of Playback/Recording devices. To resolve this, you will need to right-click and choose "**Show Disabled Devices**" (as shown below)



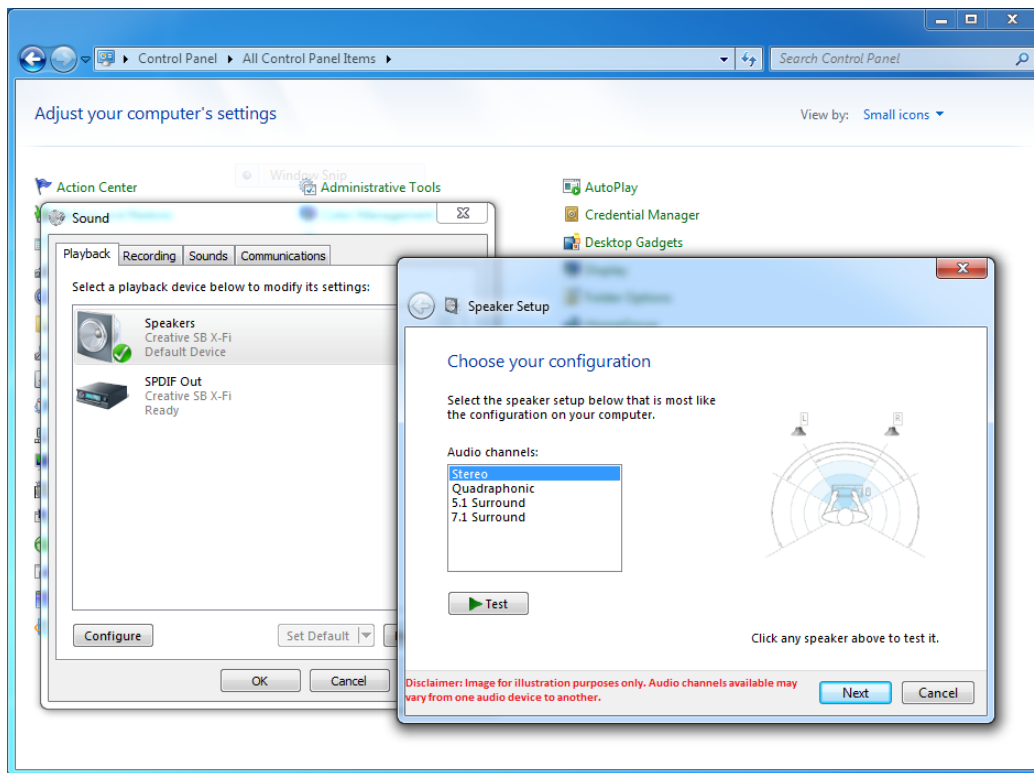
- After this, right-click on your Creative playback/recording device and select **"Enable"**. You may tick the **"Set as Default Device"** option after you enable your device (both screens shown below).



- You may also right click on your Creative recording/mic device and tick the "**Set as Default Communications Device**" if your default recording/communication device is different from your default device (image below).



- In order to ensure optimal performance from your Creative speaker set, kindly ensure that you have the correct settings. To do this, click on the "**Configure**" button on the lower-left portion of the panel, then select the speaker setup respectively (image shown below).

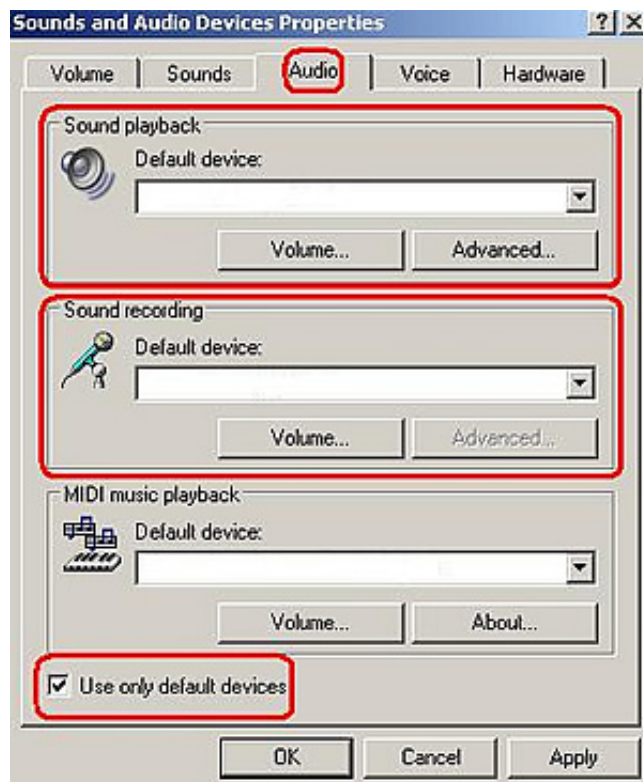


For Windows Vista:

1. Click **Start** and then click **Control Panel**.
2. In **Control Panel**, double-click **Sound**.
3. On the **Playback** tab, select the Creative audio device you are using in the Select a playback device and then click **Set Default**.
4. On the **Recording** tab, select the Creative audio device you are using in the Select a recording device and then click **Set Default**.
5. Click **OK**.
6. Restart the computer.

For Windows XP:

1. Click on “**Start**” > “**Control Panel**”.
2. Under the Control Panel, select “**Sounds and Audio Devices**”.
3. Click on “**Audio**” tab.
4. Under **Sound playback** > **Default device**, select the Creative audio device you are using.
5. Under **Sound recording** > **Default device**, select the Creative audio device you are using.
6. Click on “**Apply**” followed by “**OK**”.
7. Restart the computer.



For Mac:

1. Go to **System Preferences > Sound**
2. Under the **Output** and **Input** tabs, set the Creative audio device as your preferred sound source

