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WILLOW CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH

Willow Creek Community Church

- Started in 1975 in a movie theater
- Moved to a permanent location in 1980
- Started with one building (Lakeside)
- Has grown steadily over the past 35 years to an 810,000 sq ft building
- There are 4 major venues and around 20 small to mid sized classrooms

Original Infrastructure

- All analog
- Copper tie lines
- Analog consoles

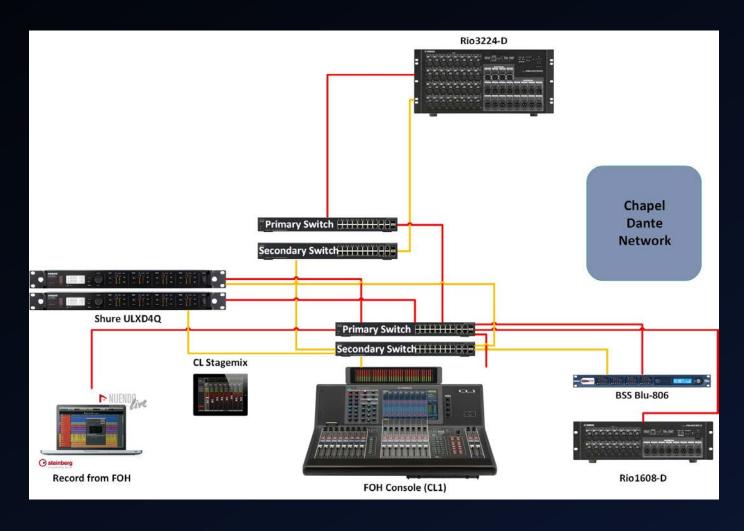
The Need for Dante

- Major upgrades/overhauls
- Gear was failing
- Dante seemed the perfect solution
- Yamaha rep conversation
- Creativity

Building a Dante Network

- Consoles
- Mic Preamps
- DSPs
- Microphones/IEMs

What do you want to get on to the network?



Building a Dante Network

- Network switches
- Cabling
- Redundancy
- VLANs

Benefits to Dante

- High Channel count
- No analog issues (hums, buzzes)
- Distance without audio degradation
- Ease of setup
- Monitoring capabilities
- Routing
- Scalability and Creativity

Things to pay attention to

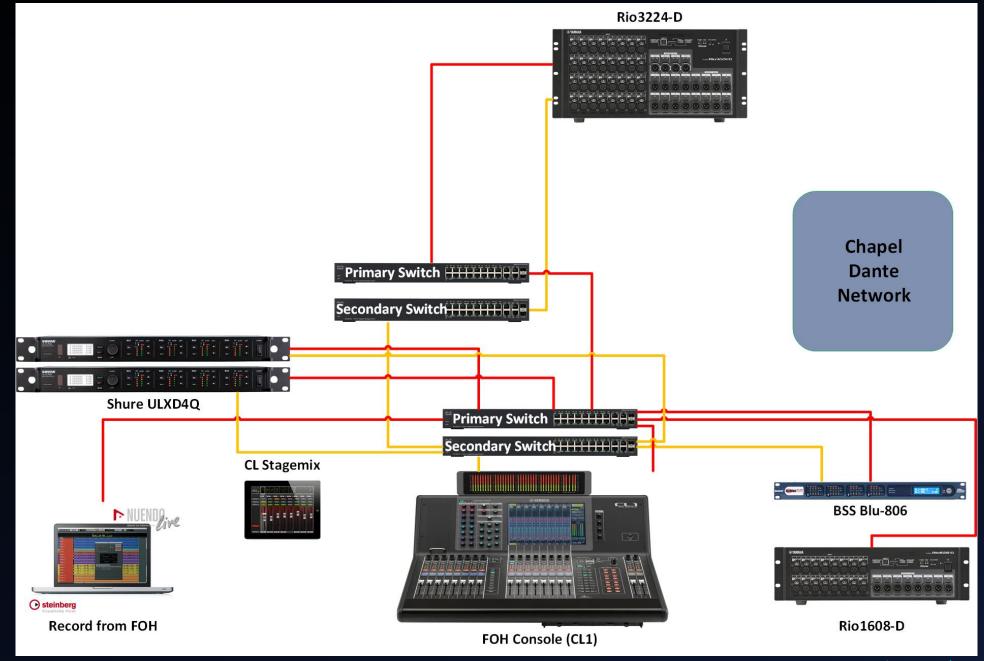
- We now are network engineers
- Network switch configuration
- Cabling
 - Fiber keeping it clean
 - Copper terminated correctly
- Integration with larger IT network

System Examples

- Chapel
- Lakeside
- Activity Center
- Main Auditorium
- Campus wide audio network router

Chapel

- Failing analog console
- Simple system to jump in to
- Gear installed
- IT network
- Ease of setup





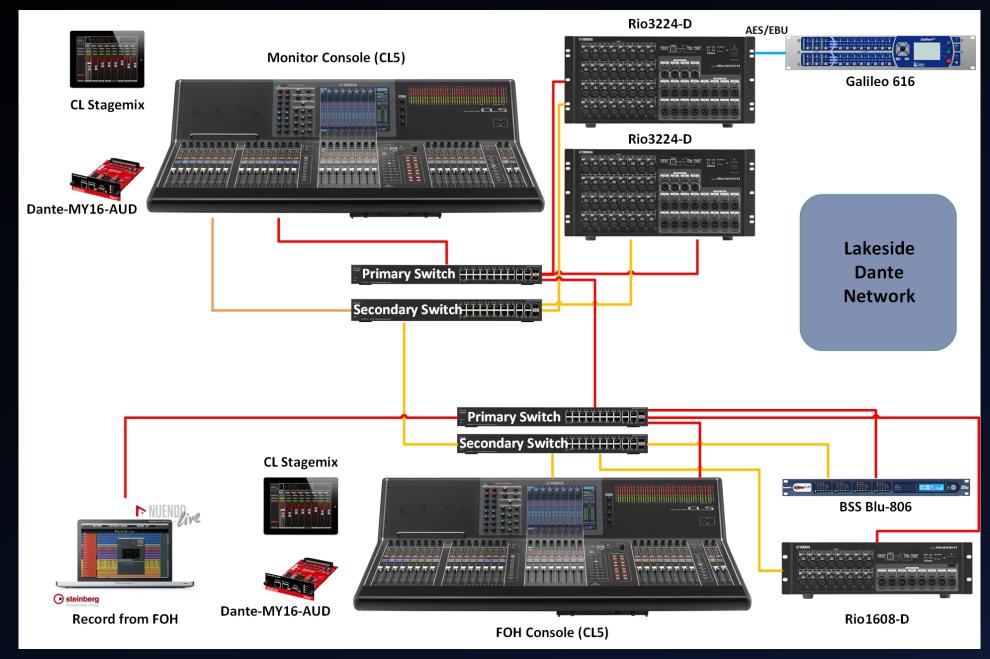


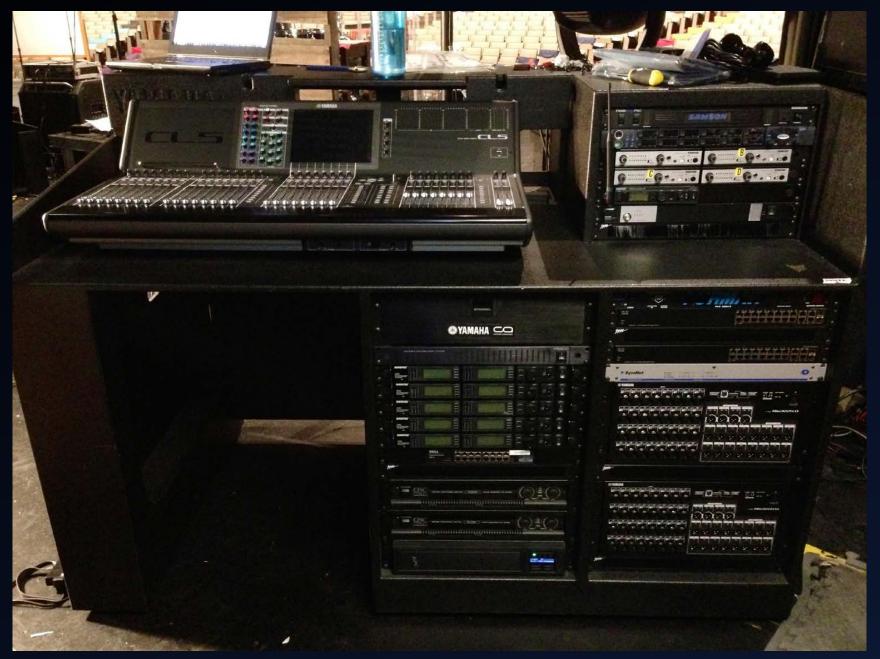




Lakeside

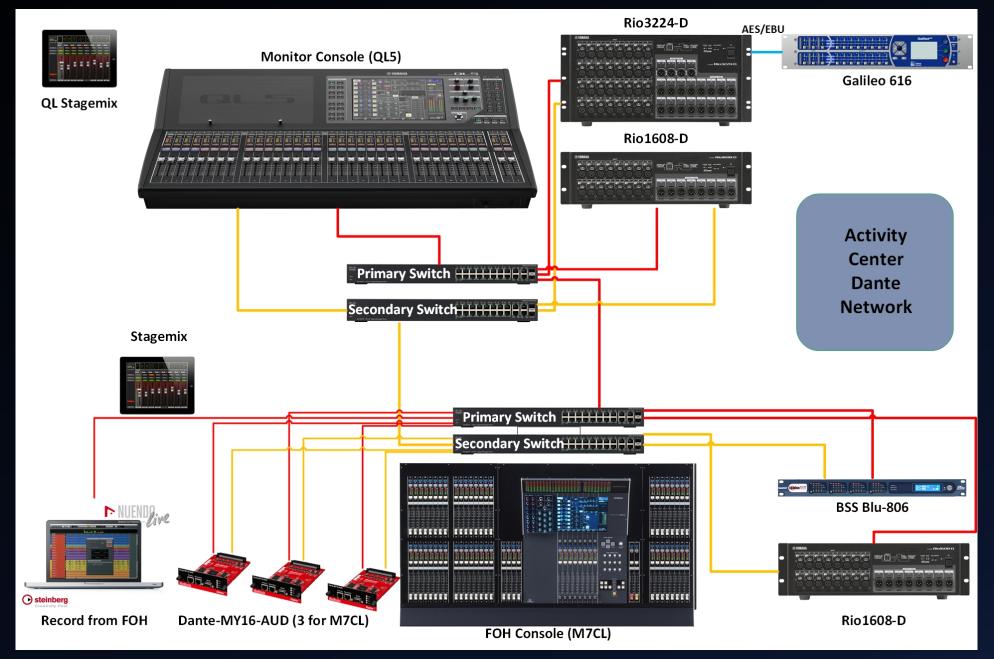
- Lakeside
 - Yamaha M7CL and Whirlwind snakes
- New Dante system





Activity Center

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 - Yamaha M7CL and no monitor desk
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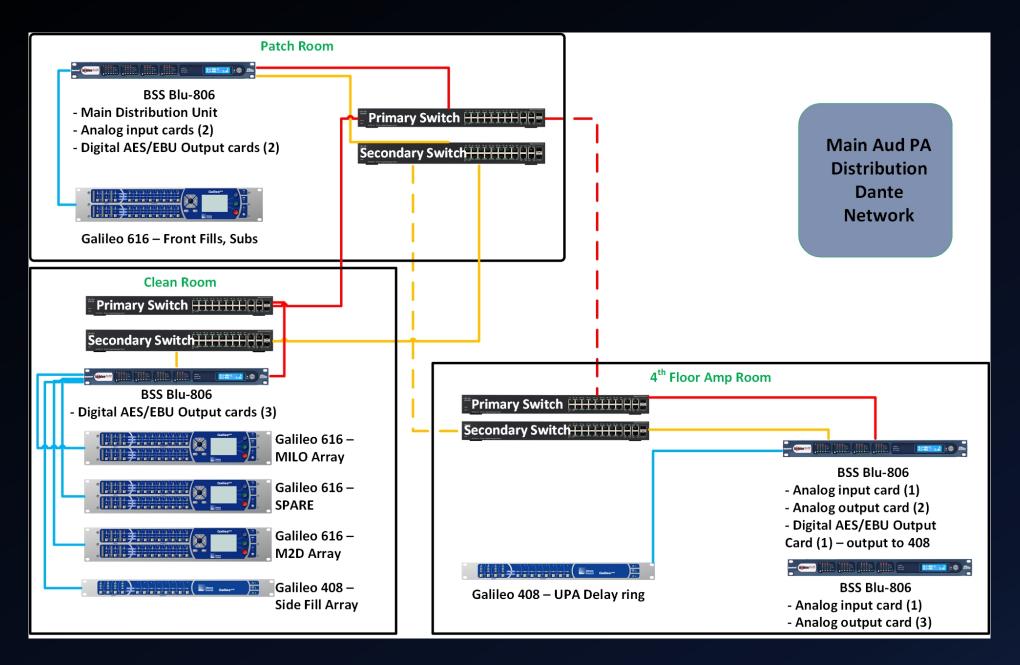
WILLIAMS SOUND PPA-T45-NET-D

New addition for language interpretation



Main Auditorium

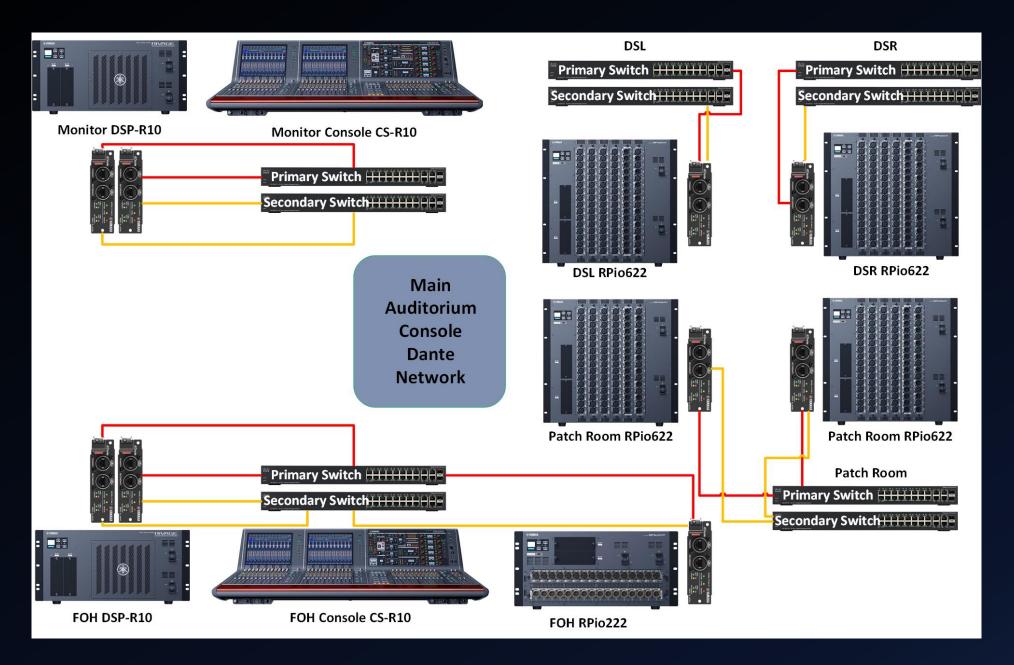
- Started out small
- PA distribution was failing
- Rock solid solution
- Fiber backbone
- Management VLAN

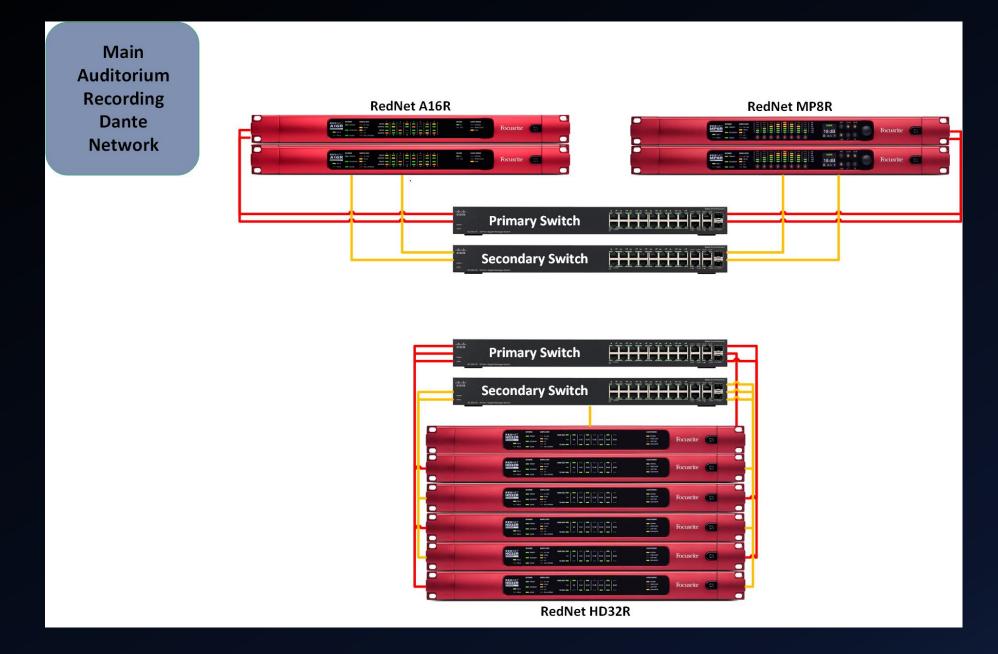


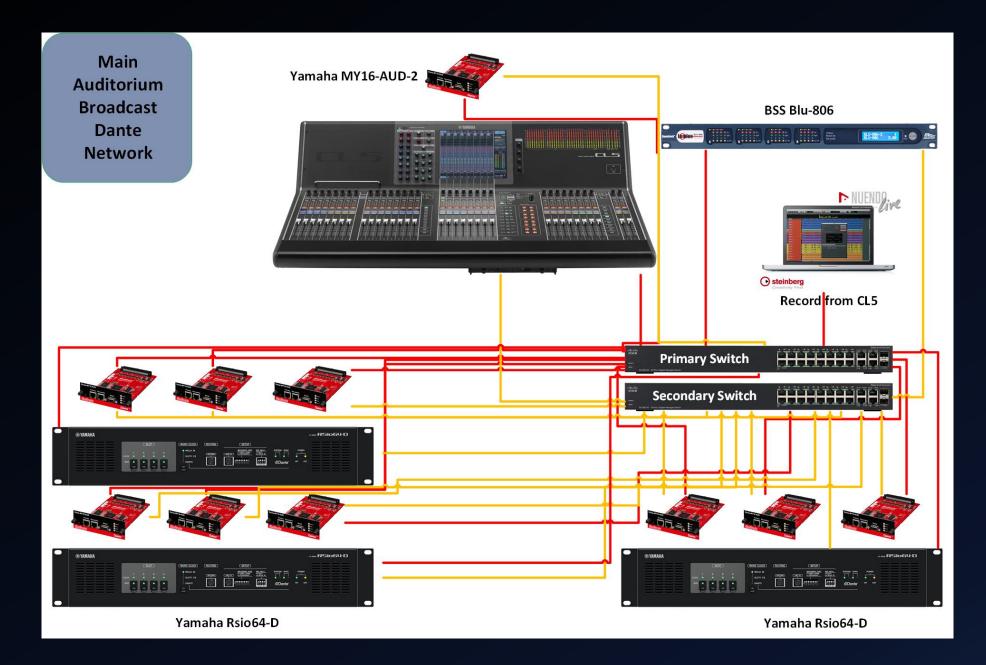


Main Auditorium

- In 2016 we purchased new audio consoles
- Increased the network switches from 12 to 26
- Add 600 strands of multimode and singlemode fiber
- Started using multicast







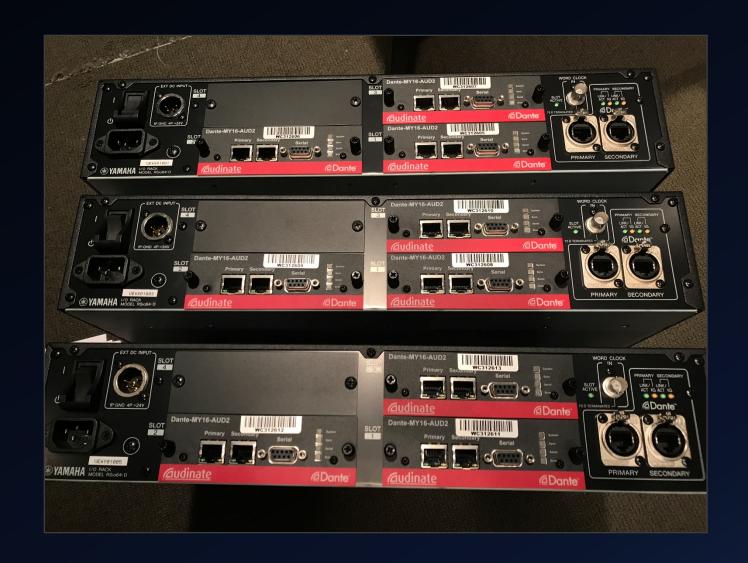
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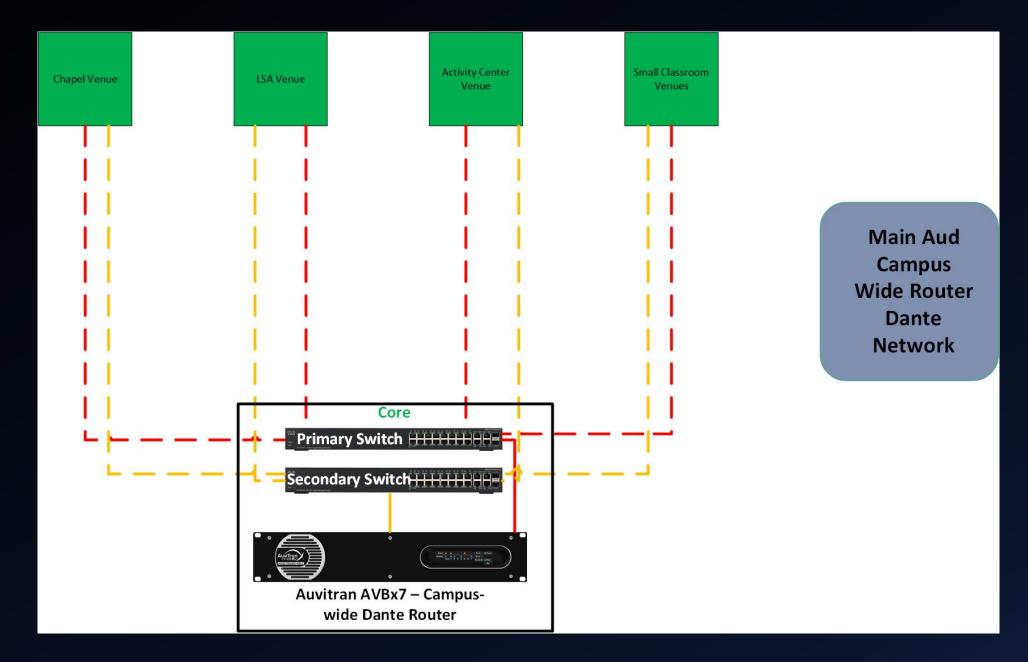
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Campus Wide Dante Router

- How do we connect everything?
- Auvitran AVBx7
- Isolated venues
- Management VM





How to Monitor Dante Audio – Bel Digital BM-A1-64DANTE



Learnings

- Multicast setup
- Secondary ports
- QoS and EEE
- Network topology
- Switch capacity

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