Diretta Setup Guide

About Diretta

Diretta is a network audio protocol designed for **high-quality network audio playback**.

In a traditional network audio system, large blocks of audio data are transmitted over the network. These large data transfers can cause fluctuations in processing load and electrical current inside audio devices. Such fluctuations may introduce additional noise that can affect sound quality.

Diretta takes a different approach.

Instead of sending large chunks of audio data, Diretta transmits the audio stream as **small, precisely timed packets**. This allows the playback device to process the audio data in a more stable and predictable way, which helps reduce internal noise and improves playback performance.

A Diretta system consists of two main components:

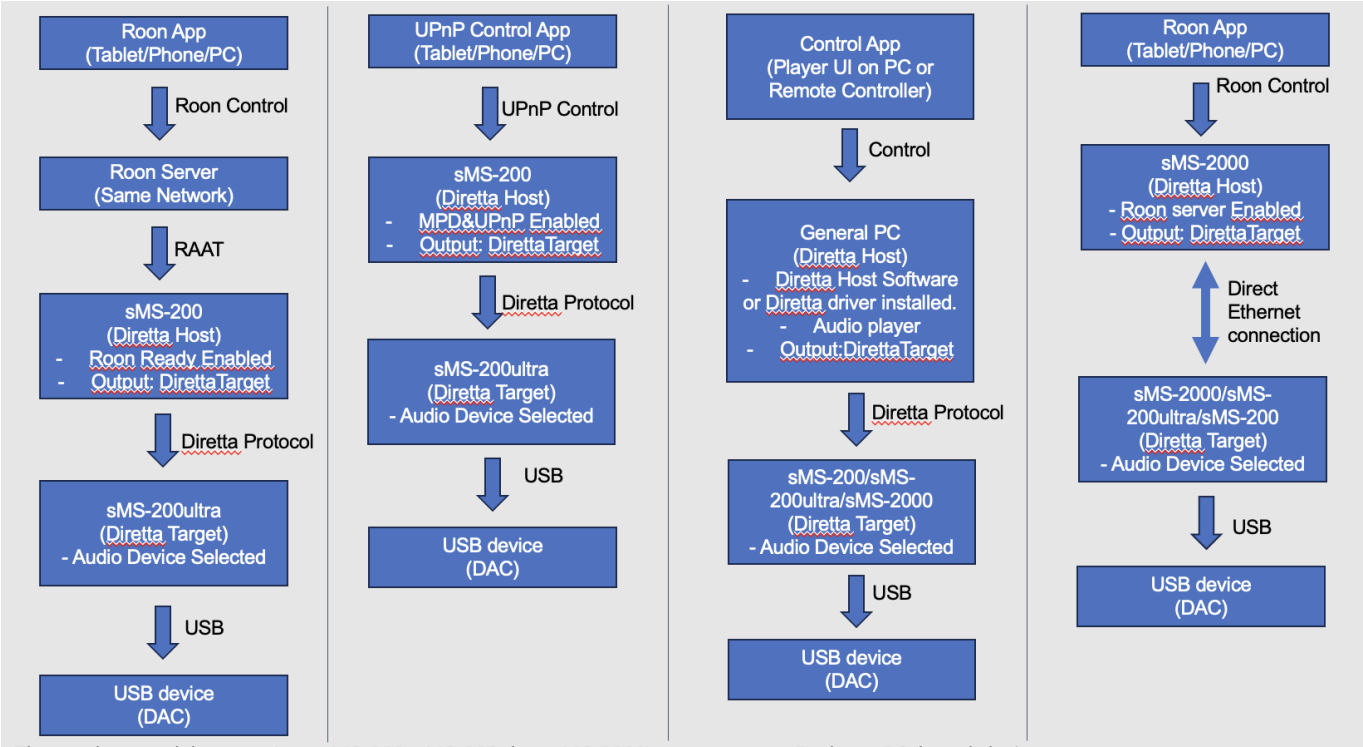
- **Diretta Host** – The device that sends audio data over the network.
- **Diretta Target** – The device that receives the audio stream and outputs it to the DAC.

In most systems:

- The **music player runs on the Host device**
- The **Target device focuses only on audio playback**

This separation allows the playback device to operate with minimal processing load, which can help improve overall sound quality.

Diretta System Example



The product model names (e.g., sMS-200, sMS-200ultra, sMS-2000) represent any Eunhasu OS–based device.
Please note that the Roon Server function is available only on the sMS-1000SQ and sMS-2000.

What is MTU and Why Diretta Uses It

MTU (Maximum Transmission Unit) defines the maximum packet size that can be transmitted over a network.

In most networks, the default MTU value is **1500 bytes**.

Diretta allows the MTU size to be adjusted because larger packet sizes can sometimes improve transmission efficiency and reduce processing overhead.

However, MTU settings must match between devices in the network.

If the MTU values do not match, network communication problems may occur.

For this reason, MTU configuration options were added in later Eunhasu versions from 0.6.3 to allow advanced optimization of Diretta network performance.

It is recommended to first verify that Diretta operates correctly with the default MTU value of 1500 before changing the MTU setting.

In Eunhasu, the MTU value can be configured under System Config → Ethernet.

When increasing the MTU value, all devices on the network (Host, Target, switches, routers, etc.) must support the configured value.

Jumbo Frame (extended MTU) should only be used in network environments that support it.

Additionally, the maximum supported MTU value may vary depending on the device model.

- **sMS-2000 / sMS-1000SQ : supports MTU up to 9014**
- **sMS-200 / sMS-200ultra / sMS-500: supports MTU up to 2026**

How to Configure MTU for Jumbo Frame (sMS-2000 / sMS-1000SQ)

The following steps describe how to increase the MTU value to use Jumbo Frame on sMS-2000 / sMS-1000SQ.

1. First, verify that music playback works correctly via Diretta with the default MTU value of 1500.

2. Go to System Config → Ethernet and set the MTU value to either 4088 or 9014. (Only configure this in a network environment that supports jumbo frames.)

3. Click Save & Reboot to restart the system.

4. After rebooting, go to the Diretta Config page and configure the following :

- Diretta Target MTU : Set this to the same value as, or lower than, the MTU value configured in System Config.
- Diretta External MTU : Set this to the same MTU value configured on the Diretta Host device (such as a PC or another Eunhasu device).

5. Complete the remaining Diretta settings, save the configuration, and start Diretta to begin playback.

How to configure Diretta Target

1. Open **Diretta Config**.

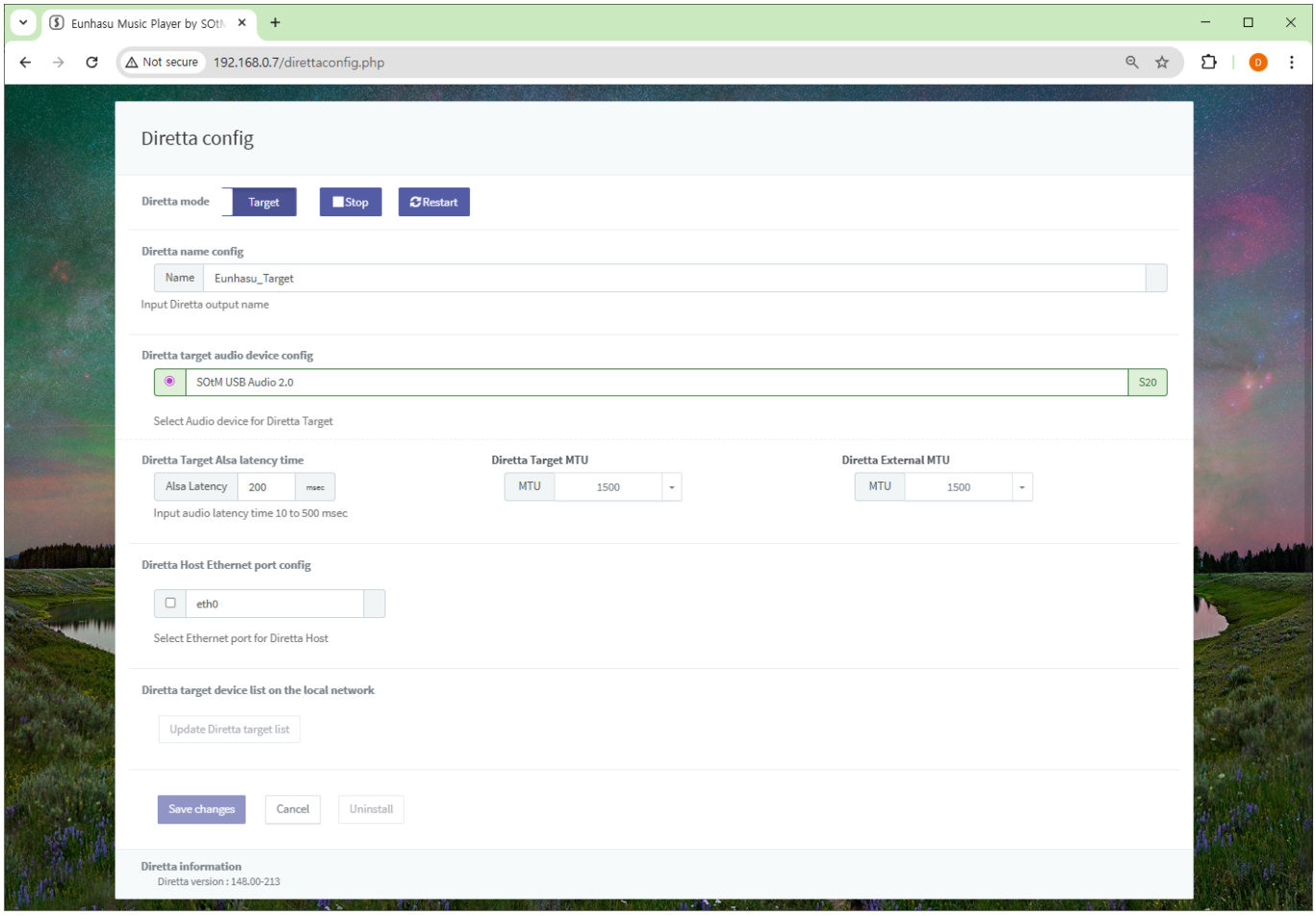
2. Set:

Diretta Mode → Target

3. Select the **Target Audio Device** and “eth0” in Diretta Host Ethernet section.

4. Click **Save Changes**.

5. Click **Start**.



How to configure Diretta Host

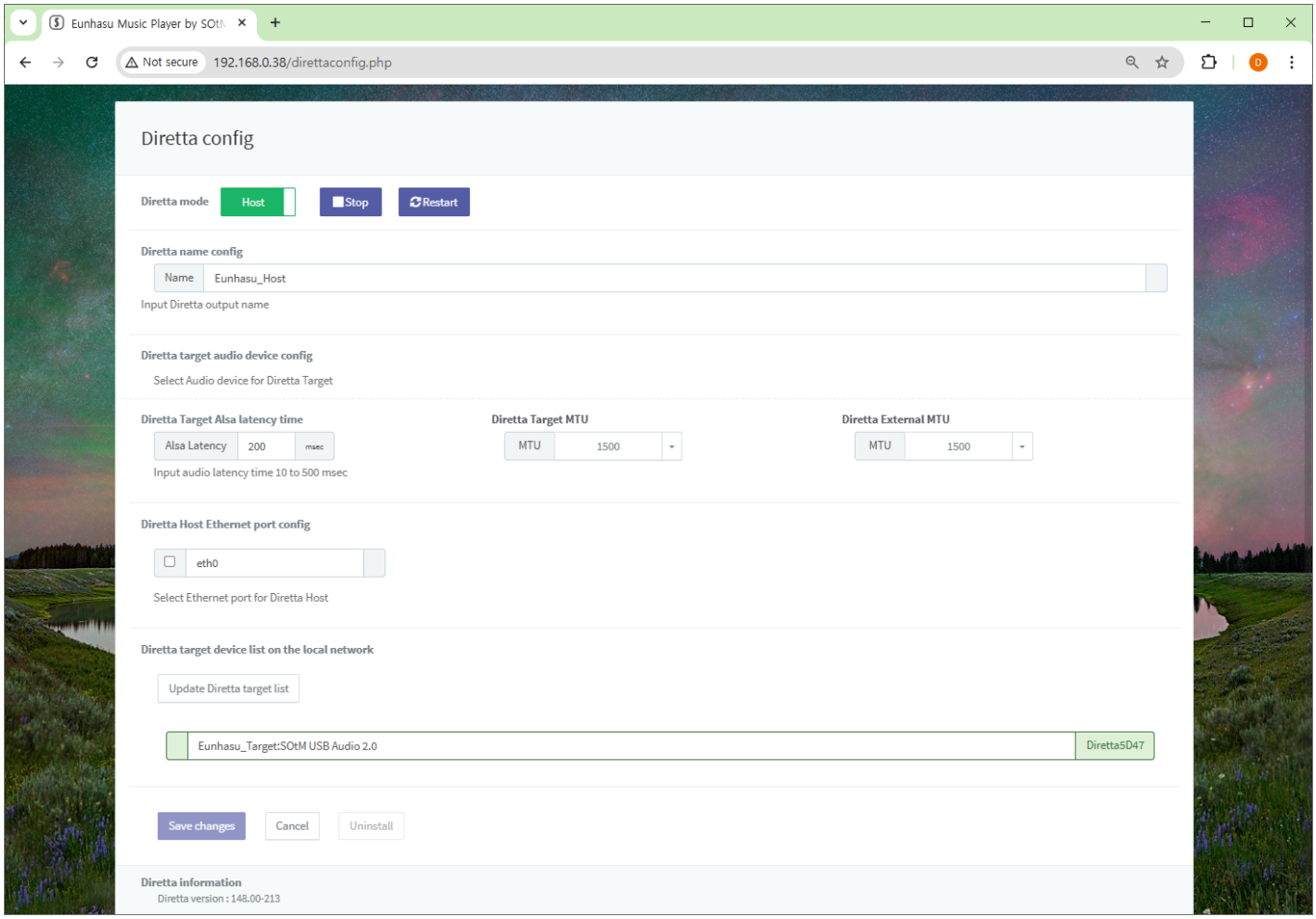
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Diretta Mode → Host

3. Click **Save Changes**.

4. Click **Start**.

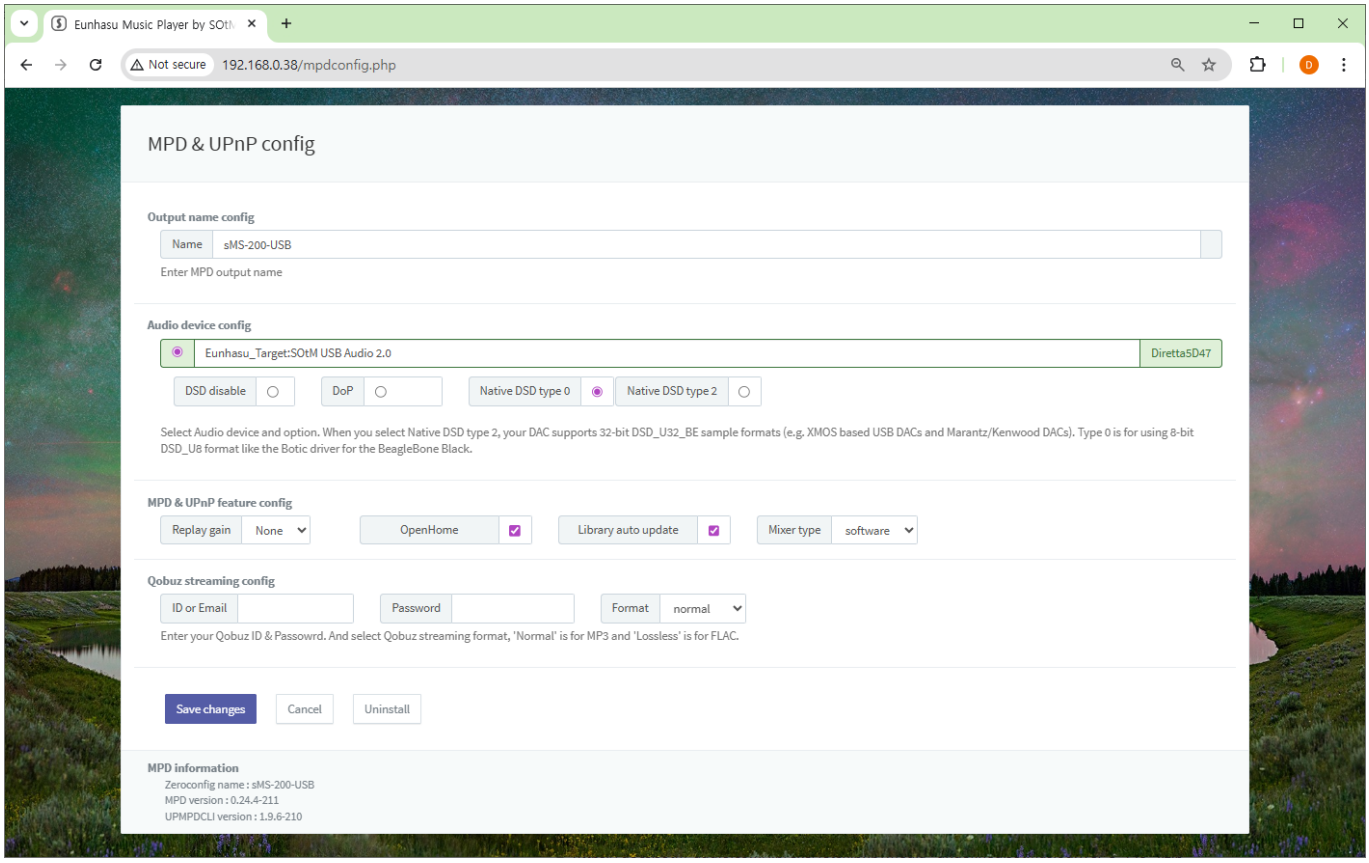


Selecting the Diretta Audio Device

1. Open **Music Player Config**.

2. In the Audio Device section, select the **Diretta Target device** from the list. (The device name will appear as a Diretta Target.)

3. Click **Save Changes**.



Using a Windows PC as a Diretta Host

A Windows PC can be used as a Diretta Host to send audio data to a Diretta Target device.

1. Install the **Diretta ASIO driver**. Download and install the Diretta ASIO driver on the Windows PC.
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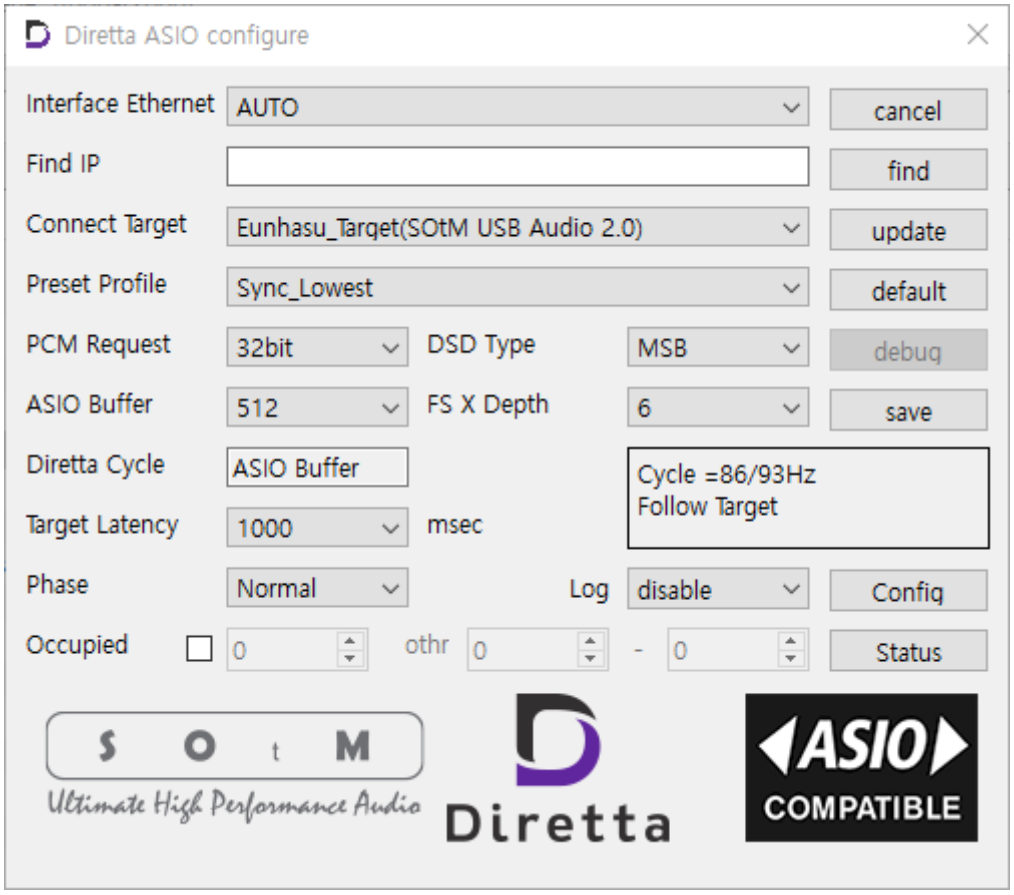
2. Install Packet Capture Driver. (Optional) Depending on the Diretta mode, a packet capture driver may be required. Install one of the following :

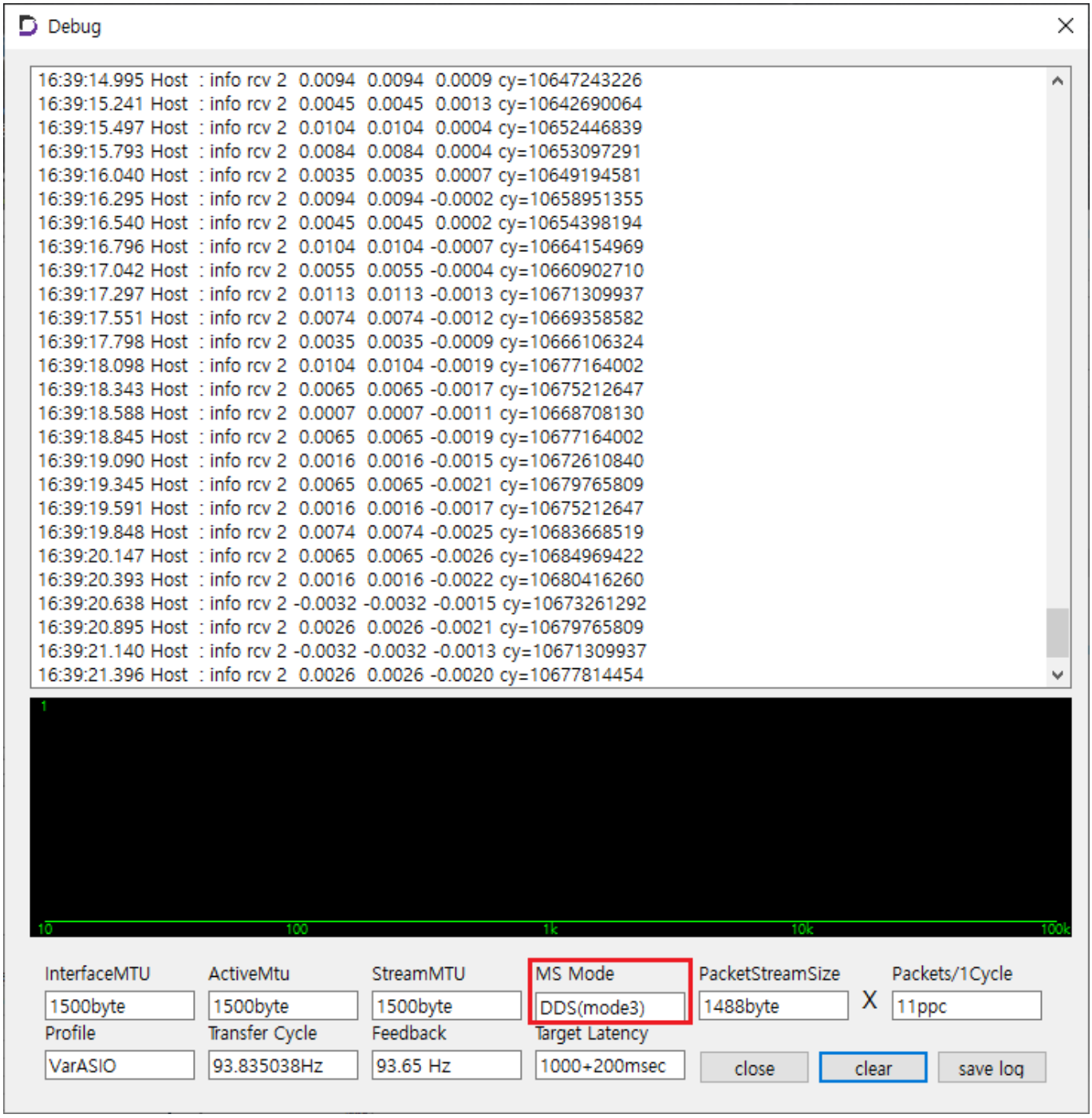
- WinPcap
- Npcap

This is required only when using specific Diretta modes such as MS Mode3.

3. Configure the Diretta ASIO Driver. After installation, run the SOtM Diretta ASIO Configure program.

- Click the **Find** button.
- Select the Diretta Target device from the **Connect Target** list.
- Click **Save** to apply the configuration.


Diretta ASIO configure
Interface Ethernet
AUTO
cancel
Find IP
find
Connect Target
Eunhasu_Target(SOtM USB Audio 2.0)
update
Preset Profile
Sync_Lowest
default
PCM Request
32bit
DSD Type
MSB
debug
ASIO Buffer
512
FS X Depth
6
save
Diretta Cycle
ASIO Buffer
Cycle =86/93Hz
Follow Target
Target Latency
1000
msec
Phase
Normal
Log
disable
Config
Occupied
0
othr
0
-
0
Status
SOtM
Ultimate High Performance Audio
Diretta
ASIO
COMPATIBLE



DDS (Diretta Direct Stream)

DDS (Diretta Direct Stream) is a new streaming method introduced in Diretta version 148.00.

DDS uses Direct Data Streaming for audio streaming and transfers audio data directly by Ethernet frame on Ethernet Layer 2 instead of IP layer processing.

DDS is designed for “PURE audio stream” by minimizing protocol overhead, reducing unnecessary packet processing, and reducing software processing and CPU processing load.

In Diretta, control communication uses IPv6/UDP while audio streaming uses DDS.

DDS supports low latency and efficient streaming.

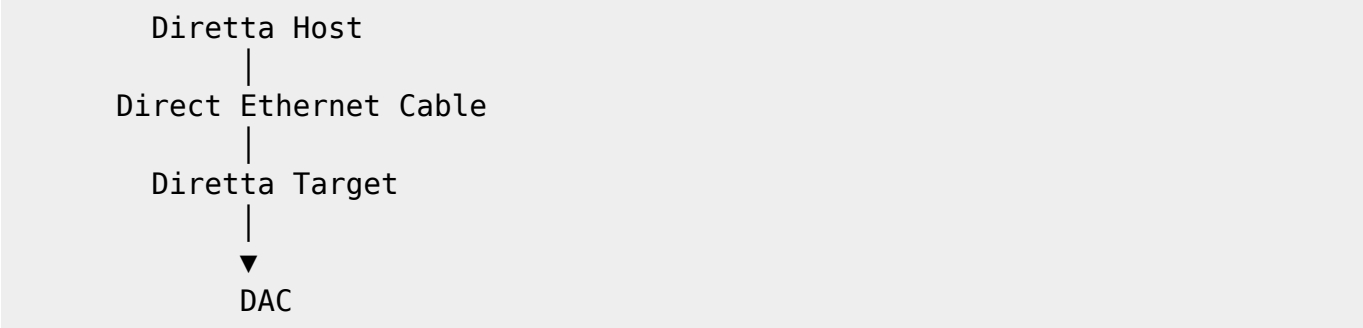
For more technical information about DDS, please refer to the link below. https://www.diretta.link/dds/

Direct Ethernet Connection Setup

Direct Ethernet connection allows the **Diretta Host and Diretta Target devices to be connected directly using an Ethernet cable** without passing through a router or network switch.

In some systems, this configuration may help reduce network traffic and interference, which can improve the stability of Diretta playback.

Example:



This setup is optional and typically used for advanced configurations.

Required Equipment

Before starting the setup, prepare the following:

- Ethernet crossover cable
- USB Ethernet dongle or USB Wi-Fi dongle (if the device has only one Ethernet port)

If the device has only one Ethernet port, a USB network adapter is required so the device can remain connected to the main network while using the other interface for the direct connection.

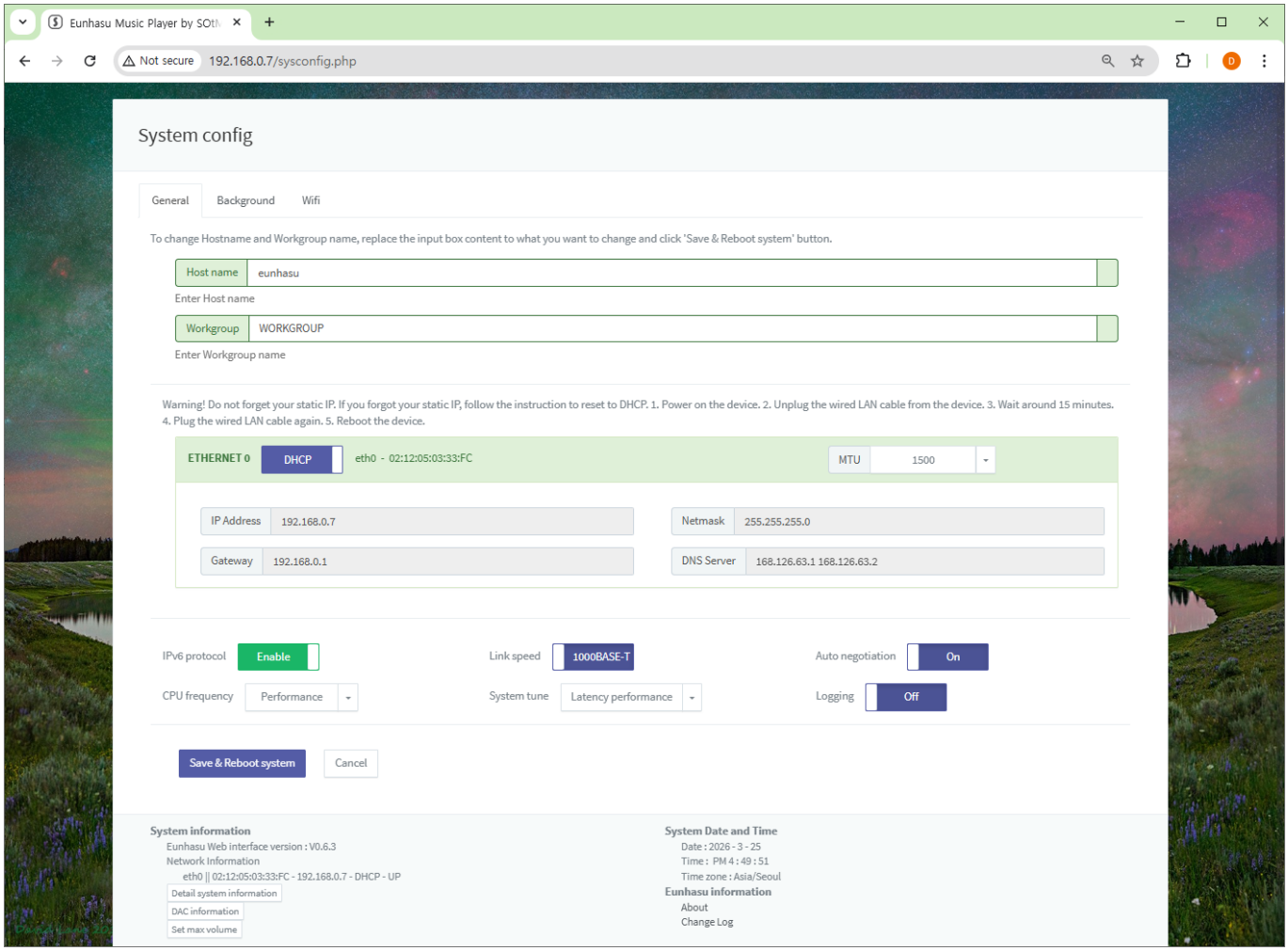
Setup Steps

1. Update both the **Diretta Host** and **Diretta Target** devices to the latest Eunhasu firmware.

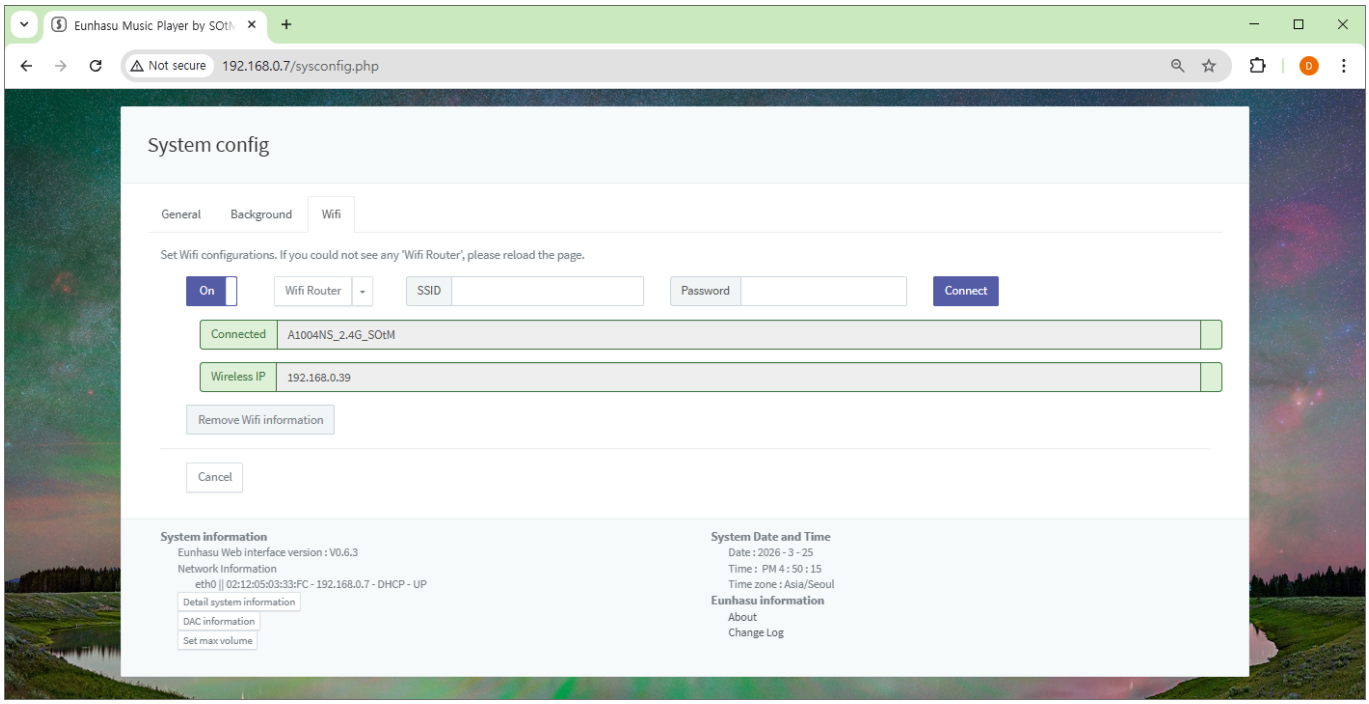
2. If your device has only one Ethernet port, connect a **USB Ethernet adapter or USB Wi-Fi dongle**.

3. Open the **Eunhasu Web GUI** on the **Diretta Target device**.

4. Go to **System Config**.



5. If using a Wi-Fi dongle, connect the device to your network.



6. Access the Eunhasu Web GUI through the connected network interface.

7. Configure a **static IP address** on the Ethernet port that will connect directly to the Diretta Host.

Example:

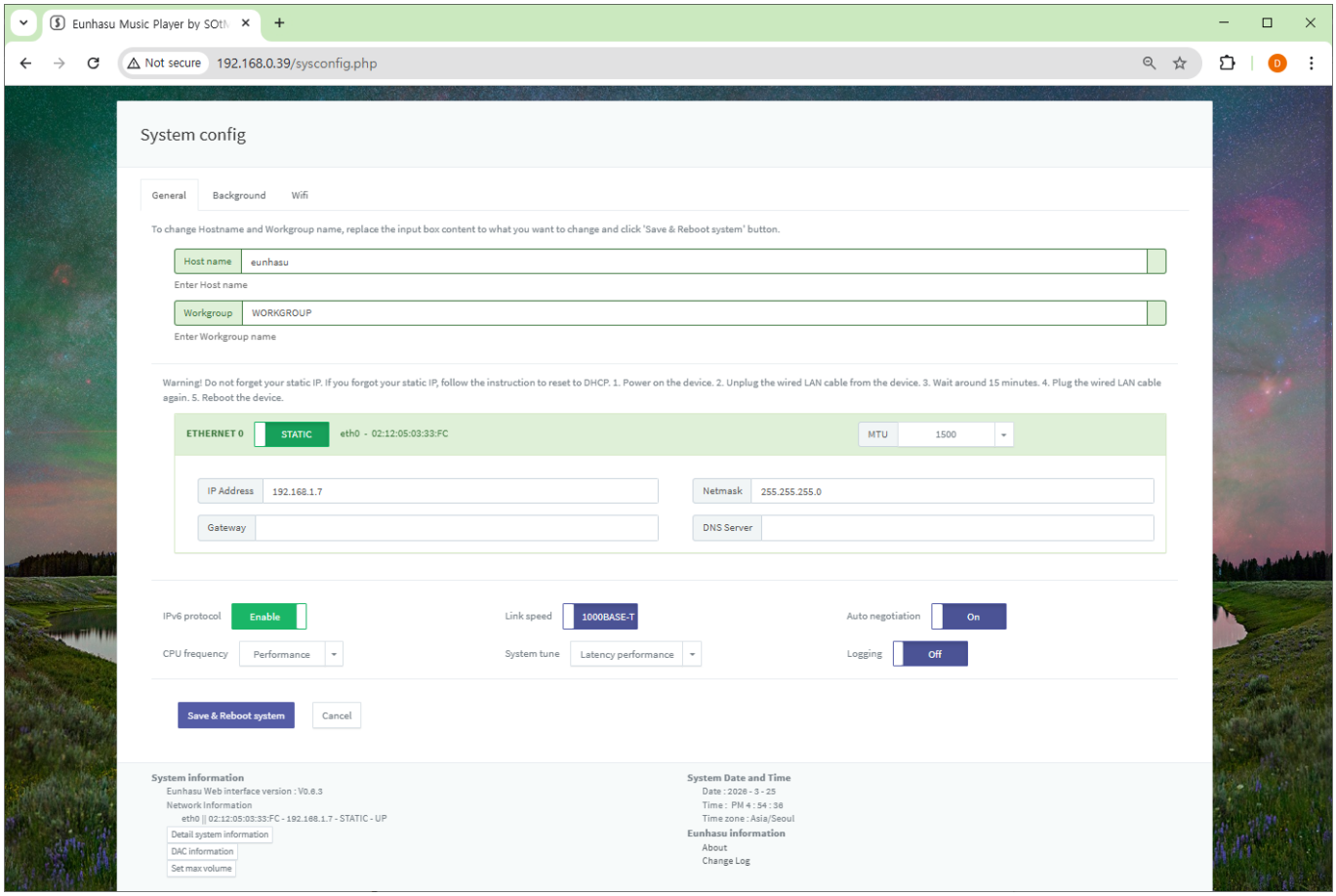
IP Address xxx.xxx.xxx.nnn

Notes:

- The first three sections must match the Host network.
- The final number must be different from the Host device.

Network settings:

- Netmask: 255.255.255.0
- Gateway: leave empty
- DNS: leave empty



8. Click **Save & Reboot System**.

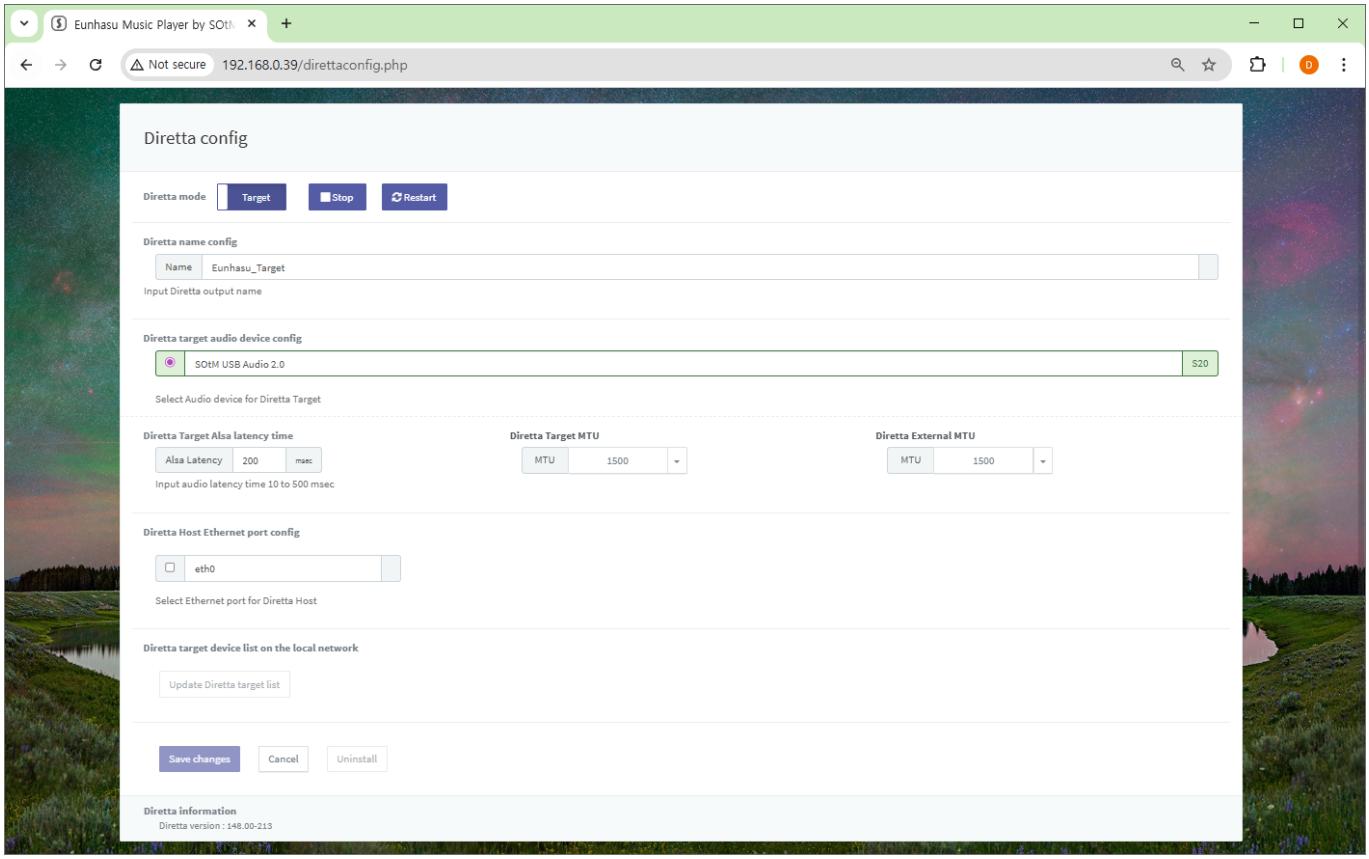
9. After rebooting, open the **Diretta Config page** on the Target device.

Configure:

- Diretta Mode → Target
- Select the **Diretta Target audio device**

Click **Save Changes**.

10. Click **Start** to activate **Diretta Target mode**.



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Important Notice

When configuring a **Direct Ethernet connection**, the Target device may temporarily connect to the network using **Wi-Fi or a USB Ethernet adapter** in order to access the Eunhasu Web GUI.

In this situation, the **Diretta Host may detect two Diretta Target devices**.

This occurs because the Target device becomes visible through two different network interfaces:

- the **direct Ethernet connection**
- the **Wi-Fi or USB Ethernet connection used for configuration**

Because of this, two Diretta Targets may appear in the Host device's Target list.

To avoid incorrect configuration:

- After finishing the Target setup, it is recommended **not to use the Wi-Fi or USB Ethernet interface used for configuration**.
- Use only the **direct Ethernet connection** between the Host and Target.

When the configuration is complete, **close the Eunhasu Web GUI browser window completely** to prevent accidental access through the temporary network interface.

Configure the Diretta Host

11. Open the **Eunhasu Web GUI** on the **Diretta Host device**.

12. Go to **System Config**.

13. Configure a **static IP address** for the Ethernet port that will connect to the Target device.

Example:

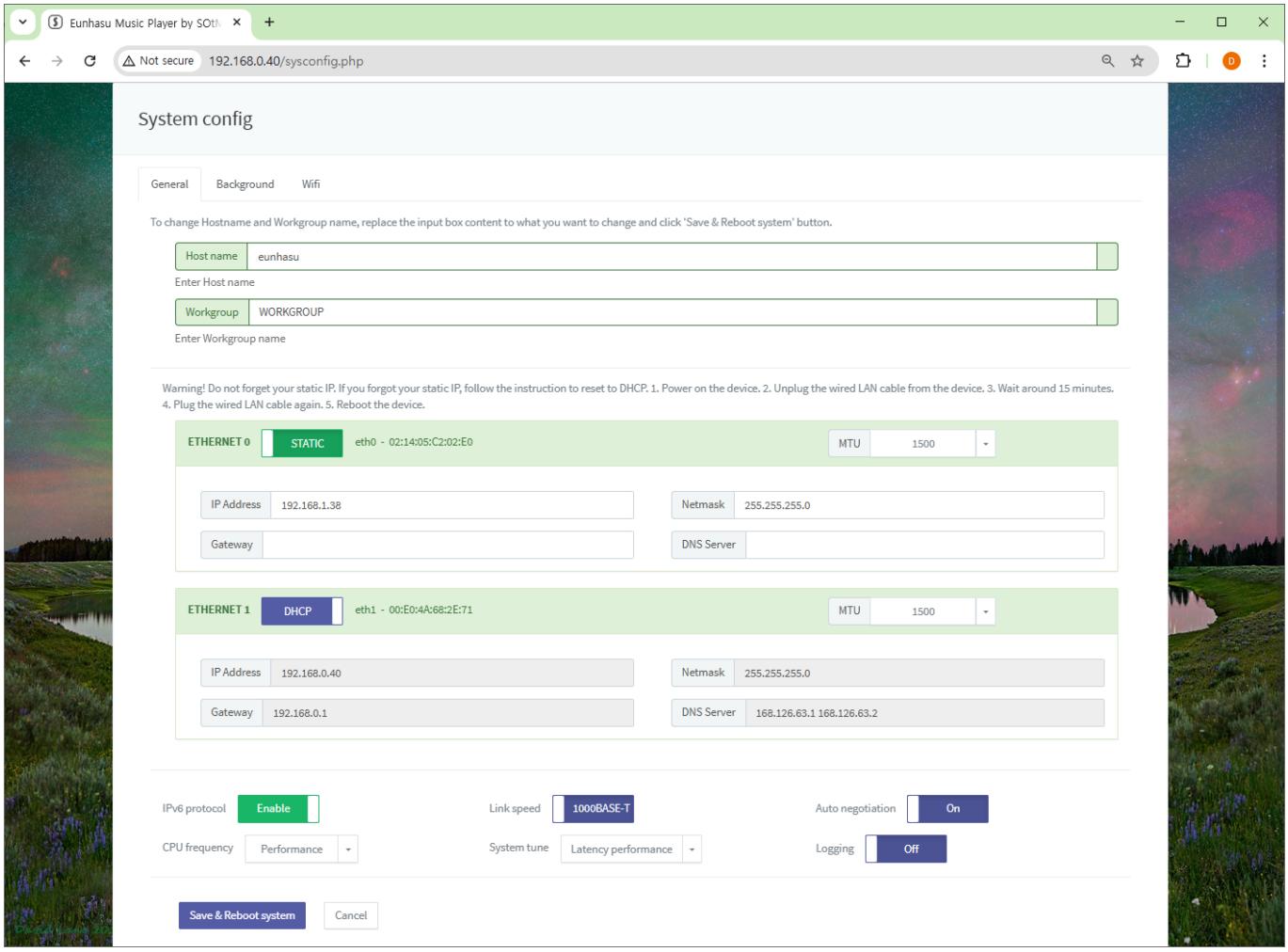
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Notes:

- The first three sections must match the Target network.
- The final number must be different from the Target device.

Network settings:

- Netmask: 255.255.255.0
- Gateway: leave empty
- DNS: leave empty



14. Click **Save & Reboot System**.

15. Connect the **Ethernet crossover cable** between the Host and Target devices.

Enable Diretta Host Mode

16. Open the **Diretta Config page** on the Host device.

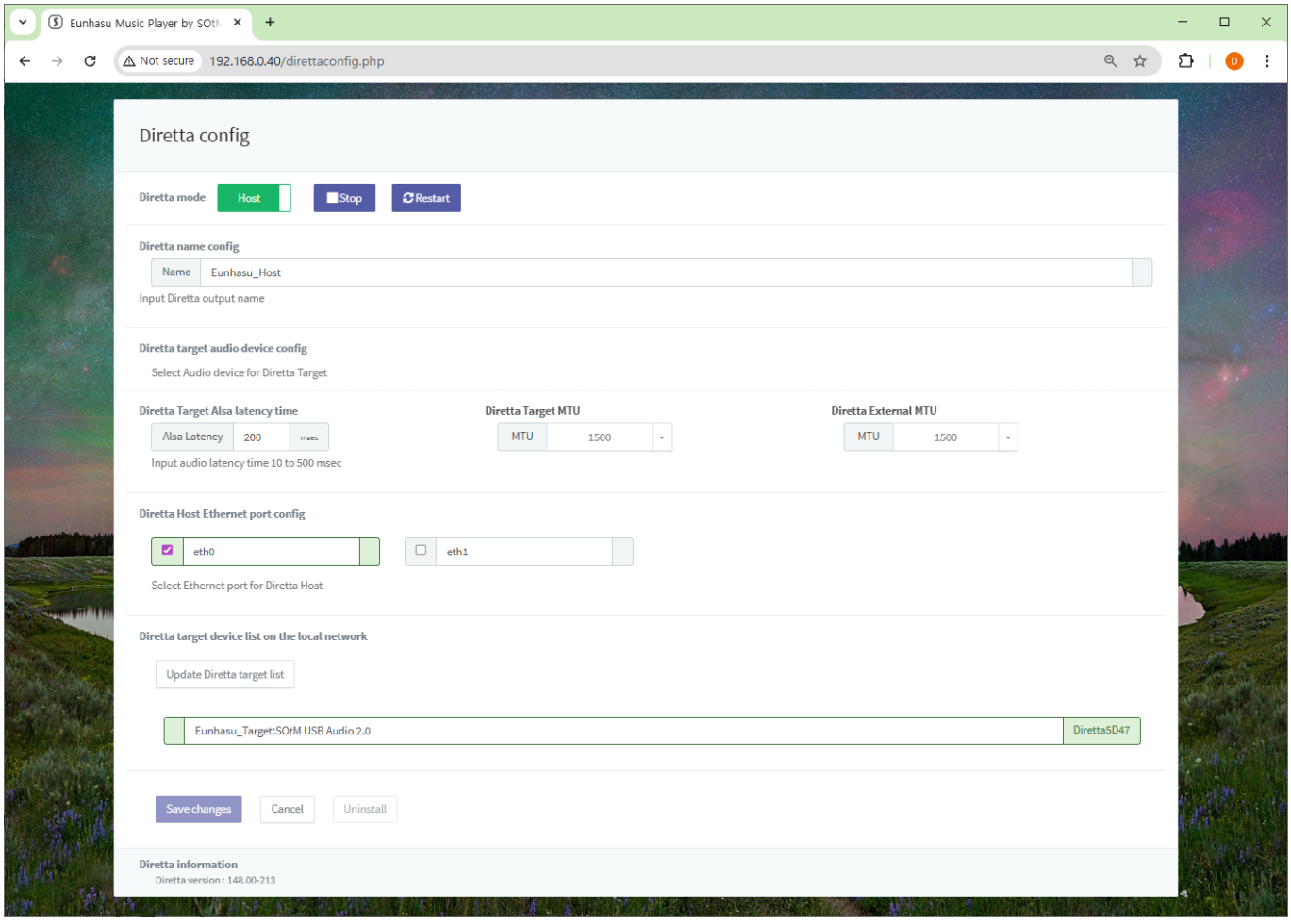
Configure:

- Diretta Mode → Host
- Select the Ethernet port used for the direct connection

Click **Save Changes**.

17. Click **Start** to activate **Diretta Host mode**.

After a short time, the **Diretta Target device should appear in the Target list**.



Select the Audio Device

18. Open **Music Player Config**.

19. Select the **Diretta Target device** as the audio output device.

20. Click **Save Changes**.

21. Start the music player and control it using your smartphone or tablet.

Troubleshooting

Target not detected

- Check that Diretta is running
- Check network connections

Playback stuttering

- Verify MTU configuration
- Restart Diretta

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