Why and how can I disable my onboard sound card?

It's important to disable the onboard sound card to prevent confusion and possible conflicts when installing a new sound card on your computer.

Most computers will allow it to be disabled from within the BIOS, while others may require you to move a jumper or throw a switch on the motherboard itself to disable it. As no computer are the same, consult your manual or contact the computer's manufacturer for information on disabling your onboard sound card.

Note that some computers may have different settings related to the sound card. For example, you may have to disable the gameport independently from the audio components. Failure to do so could results in conflicts during the installation.