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Any tests on your end with Leopard vs. XP bootcamped? I've seen some Nuendo users reporting being able to drop a level of latency (256 to 128) with Leopard vs. the last furry animal version. Is core audio improving to be on par with ASIO?

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