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Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Mon, 25 Feb 2008 23:46:50 GMT

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Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Tue, 26 Feb 2008 01:11:13 GMT

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If you track all day for living, it sounds like a great system (but so is an RME MADI rig). If you run VSTi's, investigate it more and try before you buy, or look elsewhere in known waters (ASIO 2 systems), at least for now until there's either more info and/or Apogee beefs up their system/drivers.

The point isn't to defend or attack anyone - it's just to get to the bottom of what products *really* do so we know before we buy. As long as customers defend manufacturers out of blind loyalty, getting an honest answer and better products from those developers will only get more and more difficult.

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Um... okay. Sounds like you are just defending Apogee for no good reason, esp. considering I didn't attack them, so give me a break with the "not good to make assumptions" lecture. For the last time - I posted this so people who have a real world interest in working with this kind of gear would know what to look out for, and you jump in to defend Apogee's marketing.

If you have experience with real world use as a composer on an Apogee Symphony system and think the Logic user misguided in his evaluation, I'm sure the Logic forum would be most interested in your input.

It's getting way too difficult to post anything that even hints at the word "Apple" here, so I'll take future technical discussions to other forums with more objectivity and interest in the real world reports rather than marketing interpretation debates.

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Posted by [Chris Ludwig](#) on Tue, 26 Feb 2008 18:10:34 GMT
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With your whacked setup I couldn't tell ya. With those old TC POCOs, Magma and UADs with the 4 and 8 cores machines. Personally I would wait for the UAD-2 card to come out. It will stream line you setup sense it projected to have processing power of 3 current UADs.

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Wed, 27 Feb 2008 15:57:30 GMT

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Glad I still get name checked every now and then ;-)

I still think native is the way to go unless someone is running a big for hire room, and let's face it more of those are shutting down than starting up.

One thing about the RME mixer, it shouldn't be changed at all. It's the most flexible, powerful audio interface mixer I've ever seen. It's incredibly easy to use, just a little tricky to learn. I'll take that over a photorealistic mixer that's less powerful any day.

Then again, I'm a linux geek. Then again, so are the RME guys.

TCB

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>Thank you Chris for stating what I have been saying for years now.
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>very costly AND, I might add, as Thad has said on numerous occasions, have
>gained nothing!! due to that fact that we are all beholdng to MS Vista/XP
>and OSX..
>
>On the Nuendo.com website 10 mile post on system performance specs is sickening!
>Who cares? All, one should want is
>
>A stable running system, that performs the task thats needed.
>
>I'm with the get Protools HD(X) and be done with it. There are those on
this
>and other sites how have sunk major\$\$\$\$ trying to "perice-Mill_ a working
>DAW hat outperforms ProTools HD. That's cool, but I would these folks have
>spent "More" money than just buying a super hot-rod ProTools HD6..
>
>Note: Out 2 HD rigs on G5's also run Nuendo(Via Digis Asio drivers)..Runs
>great, and is as stable as ever. I can mix a 70 track project with alot
of
>plugins on that baby. So, Getting a ProTools HD rig is not 'So Closed" as
>some here believes.
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>Back to the subject:
>If you were to do a search on Gearsutz on the symphony, you'd see that
>I slammed that card saying that "for a 1k or even 700 dollars, "What am
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>getting".. No DSP, nothing but a glorified half baked mixer that allows
you
>to play itunes .. Not impressed.
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>While we're onthe subject, I think RME's total mix should be simplified
like
>Motu's MkIII DSP cue mixer app. Simple, yet very powerful.

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>Now look at all of us-you who have stayed on the PC/Mac upgrade bandwagon.
>Spent \$\$\$ major money chasing the zero latency Native dream..Only to run
>into the win XP/Vista brick wall of doom..
>The lie of the 64 bit dream.. Dual core this and that..SHAM!!!
>
>My Win ME Paris (4 card) rig still is as stable as it ever was.
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sure,
>If are working on a major lable recording, it better be delivered in ProTools..
>You want a job working a sudio or media house, you better know Pro Tools..
>
>So, we can sit hear discussing Native torture test wasting time(IMHO) when
>a vialble solution is already on the market that can be had these days for
>under 10k..belive it or not.hat yields a very polished sound, very very
flexible
>i/o routing for hardware owners..super low-latency that allows you to track
>and mixrealtime live sessions..and oh yeah.. Super stable..
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>So, just look at the reciepts from the last 5 years on or Native Dream journey
>and add em up. Then, add up all those clients who utter that all familiar
>phrase" Do you have Pro Tools"?..
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>I guess it comes down to is his this: Are you in the game or are you not?
>Simple..
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>>Hi Dedic,
>>Apogee is doing nothing that hasn't been done by RME and Lynx for going
>
>>on 3 years now on PC and now on Intel Macs.
>>If I want a proprietary hardware system I'd just buy Pro Tools and be
>>done with it.
>>Now that RME and Lynx are starting to release PCI-e cards the Symphony

>>looks less and less attractive.
>>Not really sure what is good about it. Only thing I could see is it
>>being the first PCI-e card for the MAC.
>>About the only fair comparison would be between and RME Madi card at 96k
>
>>and see how it compares against the Symphony numbers.
>>They both at this point would need to be running Logic 8 on Leopard to

>>be accurate.
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>>I like that Apogee doesn't post the test session on the web site for
>>users to down load.

>>It would be the fair way for people to see what the card can do compared
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>>to the card they are using now.
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>>Sorta reminds me of the vague claims Rain Recording made about Vista
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>>> only posted part of the story with their great low latency figures.
>>> It is hard to say if this is the case for everyone though, except for
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>>> the Vista thread, I thought I would pass it along to try and sort
>>> through marketing myth and real world facts. I was actually kind of

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>>> limits of current OSs already, and we haven't really exceeded it yet.
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Posted by [LaMontt](#) on Wed, 27 Feb 2008 18:48:13 GMT
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Posted by [LaMontt](#) on Wed, 27 Feb 2008 21:58:39 GMT
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As far as tech problems, we've been over that as well. I don't understand why musicians and audio engineers feel exempt from learning the technology they choose. Photographers don't complain they have to learn about optics. Architects realize that if they want to use AutoCAD instead of a protractor, t-sqaure, balsa wood, and glue then they'll have to deal with some computer issues. It always blows my mind that musicians and producers who can explain the minutest issues involving amplifier tubes, microphone capsules, and preamp transistors consider their computers to be such unimportant tools that they are not willing to become as familiar with how they work just like they know the rest of the gear in their studio.

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Posted by [LaMontt](#) on Sat, 01 Mar 2008 04:23:33 GMT

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