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Posted by [Deej \[4\]](#) on Wed, 18 Apr 2007 05:16:15 GMT

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Posted by [rick](#) on Wed, 18 Apr 2007 09:22:28 GMT

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that really does suck. is this your first sessions (major) with 4?
i'm sure you checked all the usual suspects with cahcing and all.
anything new in the converter or pci card department installed? a
friends brand new AD16x and symphony card was doing the same thing and
was replaced just yesterday.

On Tue, 17 Apr 2007 23:16:15 -0600, "DJ" <www.aarrrrggghhh!!!.com>
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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Wed, 18 Apr 2007 11:15:40 GMT
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Posted by [Neil](#) on Wed, 18 Apr 2007 13:31:18 GMT
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the updated version of the PCI card, or send yours off for that modification? I know I mentioned this once here & once over the phone when we talked, but I don't recall ever hearing from you if you did or not.

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Here's a link to info on that - in my case, the same thing happened as you're describing; everything was working just fine & I had that card for at least two years and then suddenly, pow! Big issues that sounded like no sync/clock, wouldn't play back properly, etc:

http://www.rme-audio.de/english/faq/hdsp_pci.htm

ALSO... check here just to make sure you're not using this hardware:

<http://www.rme-audio.com/english/faq/alarm.htm#Asus>

<http://www.rme-audio.com/english/faq/alarm.htm#ABIT>

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Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Wed, 18 Apr 2007 15:06:35 GMT
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DJ - did you install C4 on the same system as SX 3? I have a theory that many of the Cubase 4 problems reported by other users might be attributed to installing over SX 3.

You probably aren't using the same prefs/folder obviously, but I've had no problems with files in C4 on two different systems, but neither had SX3 - just Nuendo 3. I've imported Nuendo projects as well as creating projects from scratch.

Sounds like a corruption issue. Not sure I follow exactly what the chain of events was that creates the problem - is it only new projects? or importing audio files from older projects?

Regards,
Dedric

On 4/17/07 11:16 PM, in article 4625aa8e@linux, "DJ"
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Posted by [erlilo](#) on Wed, 18 Apr 2007 16:48:31 GMT

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It was too good to be true, that the life now should be too easy for you with a modern system. You get me worried, since I have Cubase 4 too, but haven't learned anything about it yet. I know I shall use something Cubase on a new project, when travelling to Stockholm, Sweden, in June. Now I'm finito here in Cobenhagen with a Parisproject, travelling back to Norway on Friday, shall be back here in Cobenhagen in about 3 weeks, traveling on holidays to Greece for 2 weeks and traveling to Sweden after that.

Hmmm... 2 weeks to learn about Cubase with all the problems... arghhh...

Erlili Erlo

"DJ" <www.aarrrrggghhh!!!.com> skrev i en meddelelse
news:46263da7\$1@linux...

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Dedric,

Thanks for the suggestions. I'll look into this and FYI, Cubase 4 was installed to a clean install of Windows XP Pro that has never had Cubase SX installed on it.

Deej

"Dedric Terry" <dedric@echomg.com> wrote in message news:4626534f\$1@linux...

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Hi Neil,

I just pulled the Multiface PCI. It is v1.7. I appreciate the offer of a loan. Like I said before, the system works fine with projects that were created in Cubase SX v3x. Just not with projects that are created in Cubase 4, and if I take an old Cubase SX project and use it for a global template, it works, sometimes.

I may have to go back to SX3.0.2. I did a backup of all of my projects before I opened them in Cubase 4, just in case, since once a project is opened (or corrupted) by Cubase 4, there is no going back to SX3x.

My problem is that I'm in the middle of a round of OD sessions and it's less than convenient to to all this crap right about now.....but I guess I'll have to.

You're still using SX, correct? If so, you might want to stay there for a while. If I can figure out what's going on, I'll let you know. Dedric has some good suggestions that I'm going to look into. I have a RAID 0 array using two 10k Raptors on a SIL RAID controller. I've never heard of problems with this controller, but I'm going to do some experimentation with using another HD for this and see if that might be the fix.

Cheers,

Deej

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Wed, 18 Apr 2007 18:11:35 GMT
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Posted by [Deej \[4\]](#) on Wed, 18 Apr 2007 18:18:32 GMT
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I'm digging into the IRQ and PCI bus morass as we speak. I just swapped some cards around to different PCI slots in one of the Magmas. It's not like I don't have a few variables at play here that people with a bare modicum of common sense wouldn't touch with a 10 foot pole.

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Subject: Re: This is really startin' to suck
Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Wed, 18 Apr 2007 18:23:04 GMT
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It sounds like a hardware issue or corrupt app file of some sort - it is odd that other apps are fine, so the latter sounds more likely.

Fyi, I wouldn't put Reaper on the list of replacements - it's fine for a shareware app to play around with but lacks the workflow and confidence higher end apps (usually) provide. It has some features, but the whole time I was using it I felt like I was opening a Windows text file, and waiting for it to blow up on me - just doesn't instill confidence and efficiency - some cool features, but the missing features are showstoppers for a lot of applications.

Nuendo 3 might be an alternative (at least if you can work a crossgrade/upgrade of some sort) - rock solid here, and you have the control room, if that's a reason you are going with Cubase 4 over SX 3.

I don't recall the rest of the thread, but I assume you trashed the C4 prefs and started a project from scratch? That has been know to cause all sorts of weirdness, even it N3/SX3 but once they are rebuilt, problem solved. Once that's done, you can still import your control room, key commands, setups etc).

I know what you mean - never a convenient time for problems like this. Give me a call if I can help in any way.

Regards,
Dedric

"DJ" <www.aarrrrggghhh!!!.com> wrote in message news:462654d8@linux...
> Dedric,
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> Thanks for the suggestions. I'll look into this and FYI, Cubase 4 was
> installed to a clean install of Windows XP Pro t
hat has never had Cubase SX
> installed on it.
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> Deej
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> "Dedric Terry" <dedric@echomg.com> wrote in message

> news:4626534f\$1@linux...
>> DJ - what files are you importing? Any audio from any source (CD,
>> created in Wavelab, etc)?
>> If the latter, then that's my point, there is another problem. I've
>> imported Nuendo 3 projects, CD tracks, mp3s,
>> and benchmark tests that ran perfectly in Cubase 4. Don't use the Cubase
>> forum for a reference -
>> there is a lot of "it doesn't work so Steinberg sucks!" style of
>> troubleshooting there (e.g. people that absolutely
>> refuse to dig any deeper than turning on Cubase 4 and posting about it).
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>> Not very useful when it comes to actually solving problems and getting
>> back to work. :-)
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>> Do you have the media bay set to only scan when open? That could cause
>> some headaches
>> I could imagine - if it is scanning all of your drives while trying to
>> playback audio. I think the default
>> may be to always scan. Depending on the system it might not be a
>> problem, but it's worth a look.
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>> If that isn't it, I would think about wiping SX 3 and C4, and start fresh
>> with a C4-only install.
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Posted by [Deej \[4\]](#) on Wed, 18 Apr 2007 18:44:28 GMT
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Subject: Re: This is really startin' to suck
Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Wed, 18 Apr 2007 18:46:43 GMT
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Subject: I think I found the problem.
Posted by [Deej \[4\]](#) on Wed, 18 Apr 2007 19:59:30 GMT
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I have been trying to track to a RAID array on a Silicon Image controller that is integrated into the mobo. This is also sharing an IRQ with my 4 x UAD-1 cards. they aren't being used at all, but I've just got a sneakin suspicion.....especially since, so far, I'm not having any of these issues with these I can work normally off my other 7200 RPM IDE drive.....at least yet.

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Posted by [LaMont](#) on Wed, 18 Apr 2007 20:31:41 GMT
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Hi DJ,
We ran into cracks & popping when we would transfer tracks from the Alesis HD24(s) to then Nuendo 2.x . Those same tracks into Pro Tools or Paris, fine. No pops and clicks.

Somebody at that time told us it was due to clocking. The Alesis HD24 tracks were recorded @ 48k/24bit. We would set Neundo project to 48/24, but still go the pops and crackles.

It was annoying.. So, we bypaased Neundo all together and used PT-HD.. True Story

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Posted by [LaMont](#) on Wed, 18 Apr 2007 22:10:50 GMT
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I Agree with thad. Run down and get a sound card (any) M-audio, EMU to test..

This sounds like when a friends M-Audio Delta 1010 had problems with Popping and clicking...

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Subject: Re: This is really startin' to suck
Posted by [Martin Harrington](#) on Thu, 19 Apr 2007 02:06:30 GMT
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John.
This is so unlike you, you seem to have mellowed since leaving Paris.
In those days you would have blamed Paris, ID or anything else to do with
the soft or hardware.
Bring it on.
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Martin Harrington
www.lendaneer-sound.com
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Subject: Re: This is really startin' to suck
Posted by [Martin Harrington](#) on Thu, 19 Apr 2007 02:12:35 GMT
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Deej,

Sorry mate, but it looks like PT is for you....compatibility..that's what it's all about.

I just did a session with my PT / M-Audio rig, and apart from having to use software controls, (no controller yet), it all went and sounded well, except that I could do so much more in terms of processing with Nuendo.

(I had to use PT cause an AppleOSX install disk that I was trying to copy hosed my operating system, and when I reinstalled XP, Nuendo didn't work.....does now though...boy am I relieved.

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Thu, 19 Apr 2007 11:17:18 GMT
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I think it's because my stuff just works now and I don't have the continual problems I had with Paris. I was always trying to use the Paris features like Freeform mode with looping punch in and it would crash non stop so I was always pissed in Paris.

Now in Cubase I'm hitting Stacked mode and it's amazing. I hope Cubase proves to be the solid DAW I'm feeling currently.

BTW, I'm still loving the Air Supply mixes. You killed em !

John
