
Subject: Room Setup

Posted by [Mike](#) on Thu, 13 Oct 2005 05:50:15 GMT

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Thu, 13 Oct 2005 11:18:06 GMT

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ill sound pretty

natural, and not particularly dead, absorbent or weird. To give you an

Standing Waves

Standing waves are the long low frequency waves supported by the room dimensions. They add a resonant signature to the room, and are generally problematical at low frequencies. At mid and high frequencies, standing waves are everywhere in great profusion, and

Happily, standing waves are dependent on the room walls being reflective at low frequencies. IF you make the front wall absorptive at low frequencies, you will pretty much take care of any standing waves that would be a problem. Further, openings like doors and windows can make

use a big atrium window as a bass trap in my room, and it works very well.

Loudspeaker Placement

Loudspeaker placement is often as important as the choice of loudspeaker itself in determining the overall sound quality of a system. There are

homework on the room, above, placement of the monitors is going to be a lot more benign, not to mention easier.

To begin with, the loudspeakers need to use the same median plane as the

Secondly, the tweeters need to be at ear height, and/or directly aimed at the ears (unless the manufacturer specifically tells you otherwise).

low frequency response from being seriously disrupted by interfering

nice thing to do, and it is moderately easy if you build something like

cutouts for the speakers.

If you want the speakers to be out in the room, it is good to get them several feet (at least 3 feet, 5 is better) from the front wall, unless that wall is REALLY absorbent at low frequencies. Similarly, you should

feet as a minimum distance). Finally, you should avoid having the speakers at the same distance from the front and side walls, if possible. For the rest of it, there is a common practice tradition of listening to speakers that are each 30° off the median plane (and we do our serious listening ON the median plane), so that the two loudspeakers and our listening position constitute an equilateral triangle. This setup works pretty well, but the 30° part is fairly informal and so long as the phantom images and spaciousness are working well, you can have wider or narrower spreads without much problem. What you definitely have to have is symmetry, and you must be listening on the median plane.

Loudspeaker Behavior

hard on this question over the past couple of years, and have some suggestions, as you can probably imagine.

First off, loudspeakers need to have reasonably flat frequency response on axis. They also need to have pretty benign off-axis response, which is to say that even though the high frequency output will fall off dramatically off-axis (except on MY loudspeakers, of course), it needs

much over $\pm 15^\circ$ at, say, 10 kHz.

Low distortion is another issue for loudspeakers. Transducers, which are mechanical devices, generally have a pretty narrow range of linear behavior. Keeping speakers with small woofers out of significant distortion is hard.

to the trouble to get everything else right. Without a doubt, you will also need something crass like Auratones to check your mixes on, but you really do need something better, something really good, with which to do your tracking, mixing and maybe a little pre-mastering. The loudspeaker is your musical instrument. It is also a lab instrument.

Yikes! Enough said!!

Where The Rubber Hits The Road

As you can see from the above, it is all actually pretty straightforward stuff, although you can get into some serious carpentry projects if you

symmetrical, get the decay time down, buy good loudspeakers and

If you do those good things, and are careful and fussy about

control room for pretty cheap. The trick comes, of course, in adapting

your particular space to this set of requirements. You will have to

to make compromises that get you close to where you want to be. Time-sharing the AC for lower noise floor, re-arranging the furniture for symmetry, sealing up a window for isolation and symmetry, fiberglass or foam on the front wall to knock down early reflections and shorten decay, moving the speakers around to different positions for symmetry and bass response.

Make a dual check list showing these principles in one column and how your room stacks up in the other. From this derive a list of the things you can do to get your room closer to these principles. Estimate the cost of each thing. Do the cheap ones first! Do one at a time and

ever is! The trick is to get the most performance for the least bucks. Happy nails!

Dave Moulton is trying to build the perfect loudspeaker. You can complain to him about anything at www.davemoulton.com.

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- >Which is now owned by Loud Technologies... AKA Mackie.

David.

Aaron Allen wrote:

- > this may sound completely ridiculous, but have you contacted Peavey online?
- > I've had several of their old 70's amps that may have the big chrome switch
- > I think you are looking for dude.
- > Ampeg would be another viable source for this. Ask for replacement parts.
- > Ampeg is owned by St Louis Music now, fyi.
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- > "Kim" <hiddensounds@hotmail.com> wrote in message news:434e00fb\$1@linux...
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- >>>www.mcmelectronics.com might have something as well
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Thanks for your help.

Best wishes,
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RichardFaylor@aol.comDoes anyone know of some room analysis software for a mac?

Dale

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in about a week. I was a little concerned also, but they came through. The
system will run 7 days without authorization.

"Richard Faylor" <RichardFaylor@aol.com> wrote in message
news:434e7b0e\$1@linux...

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Posted by [Steve Helm](#) on Thu, 13 Oct 2005 12:57:31 GMT

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> Richard Faylor
> RichardFaylor@aol.com You might want to pop over to John L Sayers forums and the acoustics
forum
at recording.org. and pose your room dimensions and questions. Good people
with good practical advice.

I bought 4 bales of 6 panels of 2'X4' - 3" Roxul RXL40 rigid insulation and
made four floor to ceiling corner absorbers (2'X8') and nine 2'X4' wall
panels as well as a single 6' X 4' wall panels framed in cedar that pretty
well tamed most of the problems but I'm still tweaking

My room is 19'X10'X8' plaster over slats on 2X4 framed walls.

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Posted by [jef knight\[1\]](#) on Thu, 13 Oct 2005 14:04:02 GMT

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>> Also, Roland makes a couple of very nice foot switches. I don't think you'd
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>> <http://www.rolandus.com/products/subcategory.asp?CatID=1&SubCatID=4>
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>> The FS-1 and FS-5L or FS-5U (I own a 5U for my Harmonizer) could do the
> trick.
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>> Best of luck!
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>They helped me a ton too, no one here mentioned the mirror trick.
I am alos unsure about tweeter at ear level thing,
I dunno what "big" studio I ever worked at where this was the case.
On an old neve that would not even be possible. Look at Ethan Johns sitting
in front of hs dad's console in the new tape op. There is a "null" spot in
your room I think you want the middle of your woofer between 46 and 49 percent
of the height of your room. Better check john sayer, cause I may be off by
a few percent.

There is also a front to back null as well. THis is very obvious in my room
when working on R&B sampled kick stuff. If I lean back about 1 foot the bass
just dissapears, then it comes back in another few inches!

I have gone almost too dead, I think I may cover some of my traps in ply
wood, or peg board
but they must be mouted tightly to the wall to work as far I I know

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>>If you have to pull it apart, you may find this useful.

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"uptown jimmy" <johnson314@bellsouth.net> wrote in message

news:434f0010\$1@linux...

> Swen has a couple sticky C-16 mute buttons. They work, but they're sticky.

> I

> think a very small amount of splashed beer may be the culprit. It's a

> bizarre tale involving a beer that was dropped onto the floor 4-6 feet

> away

> from the mixing area. The beer landed upright, but shot a stream of beer

> up

> into the air, and a few drops landed on the mute buttons on channels 15 &

> 16.

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> Any way to easily clean? Spray a little contact cleaner in there?

>

> Jimmy

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We'll try it.

Deej, you're a gentleman.

Jimmy

"DJ" <animix_spam-this-ahole_@animas.net> wrote in message
news:434f0980@linux...

> Make sure the inputs and outputs are both patched. also, If it's s/pdif,
> chances are that he won't see a thing on the meters. None of my spdif
> devices show signal on the Paris aux meters. Have him set the device to
full

> wet and solo the return. That will tell him if anything is happening.

>

> Deej

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> "uptown jimmy" <johnson314@bellsouth.net> wrote in message

> news:434eff73\$1@linux...

> > Hi, all.

> >

> > My buddy Swen abd I have both succesfully clocked our Paris rigs to
Lucid

> > clocks. Yay!

> >

> > I have not yet tried to route digital signals to external FX boxes, but

> Swen

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On 14 Oct 2005 01:46:17 +1000, "Dale" <dalebradleycello@yahoo.com>
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>>>>footswitches. All I need is some momentary switches like the one pictured
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placement on John's forum which narrows down the optimum placement for non

soffit mounted speakers. I used it and it made a huge difference in the sound.

As for the mirror trick, that was what I used for the starting points for placement of my wall absorbers and I immediately noticed a significant drop in the rooms reverb and a noticable improvement in the frequency response of the room...it tamed a hump I had in the mids and upper mids.

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Rich

Man count thy days,
and if perchance they fly too fast,
for thy dull thoughts to count,
count every day thy last.

Henton Londini - Anno Dom 1605

"Kim" <hiddensounds@hotmail.com> wrote in message news:434f1511\$1@linux...
>
> The dude who sits behind me is only in the office once or twice a week.
The
> rest of the time his PC has his screen saver, which was a couple of words
> set on that 3D microsoft screensaver where the words dance around all over
> the place. Only thing is it was set so fast that it was near impossible to
> read.

>
> It seemed to say "Onya [something] robot". I spent a while looking at it
> and couldn't make out what was in the middle, or think of what it might
mean...
> like what was a normal sentence that would start with Onya and end in
Robot...
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> Then today at one point I caught it when the screen saver was only very
slightly
> shaking the words about, and read what it said...
>
> It said "Onyas Moderobot"... which of course means very little...
>
> ...so Micheal the guy next to me suggested that the whole thing was
backwards,
> so I wrote it out backwards...
>
> "Toboredom sayno".
>
> So there ya go. ;o)I re-authorized with them in the Spring and it took a few days.

"DJ" <animix_spam-this-ahole_@animas.net> wrote:

>You can call them at 410-902-0091

>

><http://www.intdevices.com/>

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>there's usually someone to answer the phone and it might not hurt to give
>this a little push.

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will be superior in quality to any typical PC-world display with a VGA connection.

My question: Which is better for monitoring Paris--two 17" or 19" displays
(costing \$1,000 or so together) of decent quality or one 20" display (costing
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Many thanks,
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(208) 343-7681This is better!
https://www.bestbuyplasma.com/Plasma/Product.asp_X_sku_Y_LT3_2HV

I just got one and all I can say is WOW! Especially with the DVI!

Then I have an 18" flat panel over to the side for displaying plug-ins
though really not required.

Mike

"Richard Faylor" <RichardFaylor@aol.com> wrote in message

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> Richard,
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> I've bought a used Mac G4 to use with Paris that has more horsepower than
> my previous Mac G3. Now I have to make a decision about displays. The G4
> has two video cards so it can support two monitors. But one of the video
> cards provides a DVI digital connection that, according to Apple, works
> better
> with the newest Apple displays, such as their 20-inch \$800 display. My
> local
> Apple salesman claims therefore that the Apple display with the DVI
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> will be superior in quality to any typical PC-world display with a VGA
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> I'm running two 17" flat screens on my G4. The DVI will give you better
quality into a DVI equipped monitor, but for PARIS, it won't make much
difference. You'd only notice a dramatic difference if you were working with
really high resolution graphics, etc. My advice would be to go with two 17"
or 19" monitors (the bigger the better) and use a DVI to VGA adaptor if
needed. It will be more total screen area than one 20". Also, check the
specs on the monitors and look for a high contrast ratio, 500:1 or higher,
pixel pitch (.264 is better than .297), and response time (faster is
better). I'm sure you know all that already. Sorry to ramble.

Tony

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