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Posted by [kerryg](#) on Sun, 25 May 2008 19:26:39 GMT

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Posted by [kerryg](#) on Sun, 25 May 2008 20:32:10 GMT

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On 5/25/08 1:29 PM, in article 4839cc13@linux, "Ted Gerber" <tedgerber@rogers.com> wrote:

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All that exists right now are interesting possibilities; the amount of work and resources needed to achieve them can't even be assessed until we get a rig to the right people to take a look at.

But yes, some of those available possibilities do include tantalizing glimpses of OSX. I'm still investigating.

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I just wonder what Paris hardware will sound like with a different software. I personally believe the golden sauce is a combination of both, maybe we'll find out in the future.

As long as Paris sounds good and the audio standards are 24bit-16bit 44.1 and MP3, I see Paris as being worth developing. I'll be using other tools as well, however I won't be selling off Paris just because some new slick box comes out. I'm also not in to spending a bunch of money on boxes to get another DAW to sound like Paris, so I'm keeping Paris.

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Posted by [Martin Harrington](#) on Tue, 27 May 2008 12:06:00 GMT  
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Martin H

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Rob\_Ay

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Posted by [kerryg](#) on Sat, 31 May 2008 18:01:16 GMT  
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Posted by [hank](#) on Sun, 01 Jun 2008 13:59:52 GMT  
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Subject: Re: PLEASE READ - Got PARIS components for a development rig?  
Posted by [Rich Lamanna](#) on Fri, 20 Jun 2008 15:19:06 GMT  
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Wow, this is great news. I don't have any spare components, but would be willing to donate \$\$\$ to the cause. Appreciate the Paris community. As usual you guys are all stellar.

Rich

"Kerry Galloway" <kg@kerrygalloway.com> wrote in message

news:C45F0B7F.B044%kg@kerrygalloway.com...

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> to share, but it seems particularly timely today.

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> an appeal here, you should have full access to my "source code" :D

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> independent of the PARIS app. This involves investigating things like what

> driver options could be pursued; what alternative "front end" apps might

> feasibly be adapted to access the PARIS hardware; and how we might obtain

> the ability to import/migrate ppjs/pafs into another app to "future proof"

> our access to our "back catalogs".

>

> I can only promise I'm working hard in the background and have devoted many

> hours already to the effort. I can't make promises on behalf of others, but

> I see the bulk of items on my list as more "to do" items than a "wish list",

> and if two minor goals I'm working towards happen then I'd rate at least one

> of the developments (safeguarding our ppj/pafs) as both "fairly likely" and

> "within a reasonably short timeframe".

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> the community for significant sums of money for development specific only to

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Mike

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> Ideally this rig would be a multi-card, multi-MEC system containing at  
least  
> one of every existing PARIS component we can get our hands on so PARIS can  
> be thoroughly tested in larger configurations. No more of this "sorry, we  
> didn't have a full system to test" thing. But as a start we'll settle for  
> whatever we can lay our hands on.  
>  
> In addition we'd need a PARIS community member who lives in the 48  
> contiguous states (to keep shipping costs and delays low) to volunteer to  
be  
> the occasional "depot/shipping person". They'd be the person that received  
> the donated components, tested them, assembled them into a rig, and sent



it  
> to where it needed to go, and if needed (although if it finds a long-term  
> home fast, that's good news for us) receive it back and ship it elsewhere.  
>  
> BTW, I'd do it myself in a heartbeat, but I'm in Canada - don't even ask  
> what international shipping would add to the hassle and the cost and the  
> delays. I've already had the first potential volunteer interest, and he's  
a  
> name you've all known a long time, but we're clear that there are some  
> commitments I need to obtain from others before we can ask him for his.  
>  
> Incidentally, obviously I'm not proposing we stick that volunteer, whoever  
> it winds up being, with picking up shipping/packing charges. I'd propose  
> setting up something like a PayPal account for them in order to let the  
> community chip in a few bucks apiece to cover any reasonable  
> packing/shipping costs. I'd nag, too - these are trivial "beer money"  
costs  
> for a community to absorb, rather than a lump for an individual.  
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> As mentioned, this is not an actual call for components yet - it's just an  
> "assessment" call to determine if folks would give concrete support to  
this  
> idea. I'd put everyone fully in the picture on \*where\* I was proposing it  
to  
> go (and of course \*why\*) when I made the actual call for components.  
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> PARIS hardware prices have plummeted so far that the gear's hardly worth  
> selling now - (\$25 for a C16? Feh, the faders in it are probably worth  
more  
> than that as salvage!), and there's the possibility of very exciting  
> developments if everything worked out well.  
>  
> So if you're contemplating blowing PARIS gear out at absurd "it's  
gathering  
> dust, make me an offer, just get it out of here" fire-sale prices anyway -  
a  
> component or two, or an old but functional PARIS-equipped PC, or even a  
full  
> rig - would you consider donating components to such a "development rig"  
> effort instead?  
>  
> In addition, would there be any interest in making a small donation to a  
> community fund to purchase any components we're missing after we see what  
> the donation call brings in? 27 MECs won't help us if we only have a  
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> EDS card.

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> I've got no promises to give in exchange at this moment, except my own,  
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> I'm working on things. But this is what's needed to get 'em done. Let me  
> know what you think.  
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> - Kerry Galloway  
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Posted by [uptown jimmy](#) on Tue, 24 Jun 2008 21:40:59 GMT  
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I'm in.

Jimmy

"Tom Bruhl" <[arpeggio@comcast.net](mailto:arpeggio@comcast.net)> wrote:

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>Kerry,  
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>I'm not loaded with extra hardware and I'm not totally into pushing  
>44.1 converters into the future either but I'd still make a donation to  
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>help  
>the overall cause.  
>  
>Count me in. =20  
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>Tom  
> "Edna" <[edna@texomaonline.com](mailto:edna@texomaonline.com)> wrote in message <news:483ad981@linux...>  
> +1  
> "Gantt Kushner" <[ganttmann@comcast.net](mailto:ganttmann@comcast.net)> wrote in message=20  
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> > "Brian Milton" <[bcmilton@austin.rr.com](mailto:bcmilton@austin.rr.com)> wrote:

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> >>I'm not really in the right financial shape to donate a rig (Out of=20  
> >>work/Starting  
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> >>die-hards  
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> >>me know. I was about to post it to the FS group. I'm looking =  
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> >>old posts now to figure out what it's worth.  
> >>  
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> >>ADAT card  
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Posted by [Deej \[5\]](#) on Wed, 25 Jun 2008 03:13:14 GMT  
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Deej

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Posted by [kerryg](#) on Wed, 25 Jun 2008 05:53:09 GMT

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- K

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>>> a=20  
>>>>> single  
>>>>> EDS card.  
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>>>>> I've got no promises to give in exchange at this moment, except my  
>> =  
>>> own,  
>>>>> that  
>>>>> I'm working on things. But this is what's needed to get 'em done.  
> =  
>>> Let me  
>>>>> know what you think.  
>>>>>  
>>>>> - Kerry Galloway  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>> =20  
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>>>
>>> I choose Polesoft Lockspam to fight spam, and you?
>>> http://www.polesoft.com/refer.html
>>>
>>> <!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.0 Transitional//EN">
>>> <HTML><HEAD>
>>> <META http-equiv=3DContent-Type content=3D"text/html; =
>>> charset=3Diso-8859-1">
>>> <META content=3D"MSHTML 6.00.2900.2180" name=3DGENERATOR>
>>> <STYLE></STYLE>
>>> </HEAD>
>>> <BODY bgColor=3D#ffffff>
>>> <DIV><FONT face=3DArial size=3D2>Kerry,</FONT></DIV>

>>> and I'm not=20
>>> totally into pushing</FONT></DIV>
>>> <DIV><FONT face=3DArial size=3D2>44.1 converters into the future either
>> =
>>> but I'd=20
>>> still make a donation to help</FONT></DIV>
>>> <DIV><FONT face=3DArial size=3D2>the overall cause.</FONT></DIV>

>>> <DIV><FONT face=3DArial size=3D2>Tom</FONT></DIV>
>>> <BLOCKQUOTE=20
>>> style=3D"PADDING-RIGHT: 0px; PADDING-LEFT: 5px; MARGIN-LEFT: 5px; =
>>> BORDER-LEFT: #000000 2px solid; MARGIN-RIGHT: 0px">
>>> <DIV>"Edna" <<A=20
>>> href=3D"mailto:edna@texomaonline.com">edna@texomaonline.com</A>> =
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>>> message <A=20
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>>> href=3D"news:483ad981@linux">news:483ad981@linux</A>...</DIV>+1<BR>"Gantt=
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>>> t; l=20
>>> don't know what Brian's looking to get for his system, but if enough=20
>>> of<BR>> us were to contribute $10 or $15 to the cause we could=20

>>> account=20

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>>> to gather Paris development <BR>> funds?<BR>><BR>>=20  
>>> Gantt<BR>><BR>> "Brian Milton" <<A=20  
>>> href=3D"mailto:bcmilton@austin.rr.com">bcmilton@austin.rr.com</A>>=20  
>>> wrote:<BR>>><BR>>>I'm not really in the right financial =  
>>> shape to=20  
>>> donate a rig (Out of <BR>>>work/Starting<BR>>>a new =  
>>> business), but=20  
  
>>> <BR>>>die-hards<BR>>>want to buy my rig at a reasonable =  
>>> price and=20  
  
>>> post it=20  
  
>>> now to=20  
>>> figure out what it's worth.<BR>>><BR>>>Here's what I've =  
>>> got in=20  
>>> Austin,TX:<BR>>>All of these are in=20  
>>> Black<BR>>><BR>>>MEC<BR>>>442<BR>>>(2)=20  
>>> EDS<BR>>>8in card<BR>>>8out card<BR>>>ADAT=20  
>>> card<BR>>>(2) C16<BR>>><BR>>>It's running Paris 3.0 =  
>>> on an=20  
>>> older Athlon XP/WinXP system -w- 1GB RAM.<BR>> I<BR>>>was =  
>>> going to=20  
>>> re-purpose the PC for something else but would take offers<BR>>=20  
>>> for<BR>>>it=20  
>>> =  
>>> too.<BR>>><BR>>>-Brian<BR>>><BR>>><BR>>><BR>=  
>>>>> Kerry=20  
>>> Galloway <<A=20  
>>> href=3D"mailto:kg@kerrygalloway.com">kg@kerrygalloway.com</A>>=20  
>>> wrote:<BR>>>>Hi all. I was going to save this post for a bit =  
>>> longer=20  
>>> until I had more<BR>>>info<BR>>>>to share, but it seems =  
>>>  
>>> particularly timely today.<BR>>>><BR>>>>Sorry this =  
>>> is a bit=20  
>>> long - the summary is at the end. But as I'm=20  
>>> putting<BR>>>out<BR>>>>an appeal here, you should have =  
>>> full=20  
>>> access to my "source code" :D<BR>>>><BR>>>>As my =  
>>> previous=20  
>>> posts have implied, I've been busy contacting people =  
>>> in<BR>>>>various=20  
>>> places about the possibilities of pushing PARIS forward. I've=20  
>>> <BR>>>>talked<BR>>>>to many companies/developers. =  
>>> Some names=20  
>>> might surprise you. There are<BR>> very<BR>>>>interesting =  
>>> avenues=20

>>> to pursue, and obstacles to overcome to get=20  
>>> there.<BR>>><BR>>>>Development involving the PARIS =  
>>> app=20  
>>> itself (eg EDS plugins or the =  
>>> <BR>>>>FaderWorks<BR>>>>PDC=20  
>>> advances) looks to be in excellent hands courtesy of Mike Audet=20  
>>> and<BR>>>>Dimitrios and others. I'm focusing my own efforts =  
>>> elsewhere=20  
>>> - I'm<BR>>>>investigating what alternatives might exist for =  
>>> the PARIS=20  
>>> hardware<BR>>>>independent of the PARIS app. This involves=20  
>>> investigating things like <BR>>>>what<BR>>>>driver =  
>>> options=20  
>>> could be pursued; what alternative "front end" apps=20  
>>> might<BR>>>>feasibly be adapted to access the PARIS hardware; =  
>>> and how=20  
>>> we might obtain<BR>>>>the ability to import/migrate ppjs/pafs =  
>>> into=20  
>>> another app to "future <BR>>>>proof"<BR>>>>our =  
>>> access to our=20  
>>> "back catalogs".<BR>>>><BR>>>>I can only promise I'm =  
>>> working=20  
>>> hard in the background and have devoted<BR>>> =  
>>> many<BR>>>>hours=20  
>>> already to the effort. I can't make promises on behalf of=20  
>>> others,<BR>>>>but<BR>>>>I see the bulk of items on my =  
>>> list as=20  
>>> more "to do" items than a "wish =  
>>> <BR>>>>list",<BR>>>>and if=20  
>>> two minor goals I'm working towards happen then I'd rate at=20  
>>> least<BR>>>>one<BR>>>>of the developments (safeguarding =  
>>> our=20  
>>> ppj/pafs) as both "fairly =  
>>> likely"<BR>>>>and<BR>>>>>"within a=20  
>>> reasonably short timeframe".<BR>>>><BR>>>>>BTW, I =  
>>> have=20  
>>> already rejected some promising solutions that involved=20  
>>> <BR>>>>asking<BR>>>>>the community for significant =  
>>> sums of=20  
>>> money for development specific =  
>>> only<BR>>>>to<BR>>>>>PARIS. I've=20  
>>> talked to genuinely interested developers, folks with=20  
>>> great<BR>>>>>track records and real good will who have offered =  
>>> me=20  
>>> every break in the<BR>>>>>book, but I don't propose taking the =  
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>>> community down that road. I'm =  
>>> <BR>>>>>instead<BR>>>>>seeking=20



>>> developers who will help for their own reasons. Like this one:<BR>> =  
>>>  
>>> Mike<BR>>>>Audet and I have independently estimated the PARIS =  
>>>  
>>> userbase as some 400<BR>>>>users worldwide (I have recorded =  
>>> over 40=20  
>>> within the last few months <BR>>>>amongst<BR>>>>the =  
>>> subset=20  
>>> of PARIS users that post to the NG). Capturing a market of=20  
>>> <BR>>>>that<BR>>>>size is not insignificant for a =  
>>> smaller=20  
>>> developer looking to build their<BR>>>>clientele - it can be =  
>>> worth=20  
>>> them throwing some effort into investigating<BR>>>>making =  
>>> those=20  
>>> people happy (particularly if the developer has existing=20  
>>> <BR>>>>code<BR>>>>that might merely need tweaking). =  
>>> And=20  
>>> there are aspects of the PARIS<BR>>>>community that might =  
>>> make it=20  
>>> more interesting to certain developers=20  
>>> than<BR>>>>raw<BR>>>>numbers might=20  
>>> =  
>>> dictate.<BR>>>><BR>>>>>>><BR>>>><=

>>> BR>>>>Here's=20  
>>> the immediate obstacle I want to ask the community=20  
>>> about.<BR>>>><BR>>>>Even the most interested =  
>>> developers=20  
>>> can't do much for us if they don't<BR>> have<BR>>>>a PARIS =  
>>> rig -=20  
>>> and in 2008 PARIS rigs aren't easy to run out and buy.=20  
>>> <BR>>>>Given<BR>>>>our small size as a market, if we =  
>>> as a=20  
>>> community are asking a developer<BR>>>>to<BR>>>>do =  
>>> things for=20  
>>> us, then telling them "go out and source and purchase a=20  
>>> <BR>>>>PARIS<BR>>>>rig so you can help us out" isn't =  
>>> gonna=20  
>>> fly. Neither is promising a<BR>>>>developer you'll get them =  
>>> access to=20  
>>> a rig to test on without being sure<BR>>>>you<BR>>>>can =  
>>> deliver.=20  
>>> If the community wants developers to work on PARIS, and=20  
>>> <BR>>>>those<BR>>>>developers have to have a PARIS =  
>>> rig=20  
>>> available in order to help us - then<BR>>>>IMHO it's \*in the=20  
>>> community's best interest to provide one to=20  
>>> =

>>> them\*.<BR>>>><BR>>>>>>>><BR>>>><BR>=  
>>>>>> So=20  
>>> this is a "feeler" post. IMHO the community needs a=20  
>>> pre-assembled,<BR>>>>"turnkey" (ie pre-installed on a =  
>>> computer) PARIS=20  
>>> development rig, ready<BR>>>>to<BR>>>>>be shipped to =  
>>> developers=20  
>>> that could do it the most good (if you've=20  
>>> <BR>>>>>guessed<BR>>>>>that I have destinations in =  
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>>> offer this to already - well, you're<BR>>>>a<BR>>>>>good =  
>>> guesser=20  
>>> :D).<BR>>>>><BR>>>>>Ideally this rig would be a =  
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>>> multi-MEC system containing at<BR>>> least<BR>>>>>one of =  
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>>> existing PARIS component we can get our hands on so PARIS<BR>>>=20  
>>> can<BR>>>>>be thoroughly tested in larger configurations. No =  
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