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Posted by [Deej \[4\]](#) on Sat, 16 Jun 2007 16:02:12 GMT  
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Posted by [rick](#) on Sat, 16 Jun 2007 16:18:24 GMT  
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On Sat, 16 Jun 2007 10:02:12 -0600, "DJ" <[www.aarrrrggghhh!!!.com](mailto:www.aarrrrggghhh!!!.com)> wrote:

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Yeah. the second one is being used for VSTi's right now. I'm looking at snatching up a copy of Cubase SX3 to replace VStack. I want to be able to stream BFD/ GPO and Bandstand instruments on a (mono) or stereo track by track basis from the slave to the master. VStack sums everything to stereo. I've got enough parts here to build myself another DAW for VStack for streaming the stereo instruments like Trilogy, Ivory and B4.

PITA, but until Steinberg catches up with Vista/multiple socket quad core implementation and Vista with 16+ MB RAM becomes viable, I don't think building a super computer for Cubase is practical.

Mac and the new Logic sure might be though.....but I don't want to get absorbed by the Borg just yet.

"Neil" <IOUOIU@OIU.com> wrote in message news:46741429\$1@linux...

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Sat, 16 Jun 2007 19:11:47 GMT  
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HI DJ,

Less than analog console.

The DM2000 VCM has 6 expansion slots with the right combination of expansion cards you can have up to 96 channels of I/O A48k or 48 chs @ 96k. You can mix most any of th exp cards they have so you can replicate the current I/O needs you have now. If you want to bypass their analog I/O you can easily hookup your ADI8DS to use with any analog effects or Mic-Pres if needed.

You can at some point replace all or some of those RME cards with a single Madi and make the routing allot easier. Yamaha is supposedly working on their own MY-Madi card but it won't be out for awhile. The 3rd party one is stupid expensive for no reason. Now that we are building the recording systems for Yamaha Commercial Audio we get to be dealers. :)

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Posted by [wireline\[25\]](#) on Sat, 16 Jun 2007 23:21:45 GMT  
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Posted by [TCB](#) on Sun, 17 Jun 2007 00:36:46 GMT  
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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Sun, 17 Jun 2007 00:44:34 GMT

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Subject: Re: I have made a major DAW decision  
Posted by [LaMont](#) on Sun, 17 Jun 2007 03:16:03 GMT  
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Yeah what chris said..Also, I'm really considering (2) Tascams Dm4800 these are under 5k and the layout is fabulous!!

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>> Chris, I know that i'm splitting hairs, but one of the things that bugs me  
>> about the DM2K VCM is to use the new VCM effects, yu give up the 8 dsp (FX)  
>> processors..Meaning , I can't have those new comps and eqs on every channel  
>> in place of the stock EQ and comp..  
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>> I wish they would mak a new version that replaces the on-board eqs and comps.  
>> They are not bad..  
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>> I agree with you about tascams service, that's why I've waited till they  
>> worked most of the bugs out of the DM3200/4800.. They've seem to really  
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>> behind this product. Back in 2000. I enjoyed the sound of the then DM24  
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>> Chris Ludwig <chrisl@adkproaudio.com> wrote:  
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>>> Hi Lamont,  
>>> Yes the Tascam would be good possibilities too. I tend not to recommend  
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>>> thing because too many bad experiences with the company from a dealer  
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>>>>> single Madi and make the routing allot easier. Yamaha is supposedly  
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>.#6.  
>  
>I'm listening to your mixes and if that's in the box form Cubase..Whew!!  
>we!!!... Nice!!

Thanks, and yep, those are all ITB Cubase mixes you've been hearing from me lately. these three tunes I just posted, plus that earlier one called "Sedation" a couple weeks ago from that other band (THAT one sounded f\*ing big! Ain't no console gonna beat me on THAT sound! lol). I gave up trying to do external summing with either Paris or Pulsar - quite frankly, not worth the additional PITA hassle for the incremental difference in sound (which was one of those differences that it was hard to tell if it was "better" or just "different", IMO), but it was worth the experimentation just to educate myself.

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Neil, I had a DM24 and I did not use it to mix, I used it for inputs and monitoring and studio infrastructure and as a digital patchbay.

Neil wrote:

> If I was going to spend \$5k on a console (isn't that what youse  
> guys said these things were going for?), I would hunt down a  
> Trident Series-24, either a 24 or 32-channel version. They can  
> be had for that kind of price range.  
>  
> Digital mixing, I can already get that ITB - I wouldn't need to

> spend another \$5k on it.  
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> Neil  
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> "LaMont" <jjdpro@ameritech.net> wrote:  
>> Chris, I know that i'm splitting hairs, but one of the things that bugs me  
>> about the DM2K VCM is to use the new VCM effects, yu give up the 8 dsp (FX)  
>> processors..Meaning , I can't have those new comps and eqs on every channel  
>> in place of the stock EQ and comp..  
>>  
>> I wish they would mak a new version that replaces the on-board eqs and comps.  
>> They are not bad..  
>>  
>> I agree with you about tascams service, that's why I've waited till they  
>> worked most of the bugs out of the DM3200/4800.. They've seem to really  
> be  
>> behind this product. Back in 2000. I enjoyed the sound of the then DM24  
> even  
>> over the 02..  
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>> To my ears, the Tascams mixers converters have more low end balls. The eqs  
>> and comps work and the pres are nice..Ergonomicaly, the layout of the 3200  
>> & 4800 are just what this industry have been asking for..witha price piint  
>> that's tailor made for the mid-pro market...  
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>> Chris Ludwig <chrisl@adkproaudio.com> wrote:  
>>> Hi Lamont,  
>>> Yes the Tascam would be good possibilities too. I tend not to recommend  
>>> thing because too many bad experiences with the company from a dealer  
>>> stand point and from a warranty and tech support stand point. But in  
>>> general the higher end stuff tends to be good from them.  
>>> Chris  
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>>> LaMont wrote:  
>>>> Yeah what chris said..Also, I'm really considering (2) Tascams Dm4800  
>> these  
>>>> are under 5k and the layout is fabulous!!  
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>>>> DJ, my friend I know you have the furman thing, but a mixer, any mixer  
>> will  
>>>> make your life easier..  
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>>>>> HI DJ,  
>>>>> Less than analog console.  
>>>>> The DM2000 VCM has 6 expansion slots with the right combination of  
>>>>> expansion cards you can have up to 96 channels of I/O A48k or 48 chs  
>> @  
>>>>> 96k. You can mix most any of th exp cards they have so you can replicate  
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>>>>> the current I/O needs you have now. If you want to bypass their analog  
>>>>> I/O you can easily hookup your ADI8DS to use with any analog effects  
>> or  
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>>>>>  
>>>>> Mic-Pres if needed.  
>>>>> You can at some point replace all or some of those RME cards with a  
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>>>>> single Madi and make the routing allot easier. Yamaha is supposedly  
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>>>>> working on their own MY-Madi card but it won't be out for awhile. The  
>>>>> 3rd party one is stupid expensive for no reason. Now that we are  
>>>>> building the recording systems for Yamaha Commercial Audio we get to  
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>>>>>>>>> I have been in the process for a couple of days rearranging everything  
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>>>>>>>>> and re-installing my Soundtracs console...this way, I have all the  
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>>>>>>>>> analog  
>>>>>>>>> pres, comps, EQs, etc I want with true zero latency...Die hard that  
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>>>> I  
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>>>>>>>>> am,  
>>>>>>>>> I have yet to encounter any latency when using a console for  
>>>>>>>>> tracking...kind  
>>>>>>>>> of backwards from the way most people use them, but hey, I've got  
>> 32  
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>>>>>>>>> on one board, 18 on another, and 8 on the 3rd...  
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>>>>>>>>>> FWIW the most recent TapeOp mag/rag has a real world review of the  
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>>>>>>>>> only  
>>>>>>>>>> Apogee/Symphony setup and Logic...but its a Mac ...



>> Chris,  
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>> I took a look at their site and they do show the DM series as  
>> discontinued. Are the new ones basically the same, but with a s/w update?  
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>> I also saw some new smaller digital mixers that look kinda cool, w/  
>> more dedicated knobs than most small format digital mixers have. Know  
>> anything about those?  
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Graham

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Posted by [wireline\[26\]](#) on Mon, 18 Jun 2007 11:29:01 GMT  
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I heard the working prototype at Summer NAMM in Austin a summer or two back...got  
to audition the board a bit, talked with Alan Hyatt for a while, etc...

Although it wasn't by any means a bad board, from what I heard 1st hand  
regarding EQ, summing, bus assigns, etc, it is not even in the same league  
as even the mid-higher grade boards from the 80s and 90s (Souncraft 200,  
Soundtracs, MCI, etc...) It doesn't suck, but its not anywhere close to the  
hype, regardless of who is saying it (and how much they are compensated for  
saying it)...

From what I heard, the biggest advantage is that these Toft boards are ....  
new.

IMO, \$5-\$6K will buy an awful lot more quality, character, and sonic mojo  
than the Tofts...but that's just one opinion.

Oh - and the reason it took so long to get the board released: (this direct  
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They're also usually not as versatile, and there are always compatibility issues if you have work that goes back & forth between other studios.

I mean, think about it - how many pro-level dedicated digital platforms have survived in a healthy way for very long?

Neil

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Mon, 18 Jun 2007 16:18:36 GMT  
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Cheers,  
-Jamie  
www.JamieKruz.com

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Posted by [Tom Bruhl](#) on Tue, 19 Jun 2007 15:56:21 GMT  
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  conversion necessary - all digital, still<BR>&gt; played back thru =
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  is you wish...&nbsp; <BR>&gt; <BR>&gt; To my thinking, this is =
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Subject: Re: I have made a major DAW decision  
Posted by [excelav](#) on Wed, 20 Jun 2007 15:11:43 GMT  
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I said this over a year ago! It would be my first choice for tracking and mix down if I was going to go with a analog board.

Graham Duncan <[graham@grahamduncan.com](mailto:graham@grahamduncan.com)> wrote:  
>The best deal in an analog board for tracking/monitoring has to be the  
>Toft ATB:  
>  
><http://mercenary.com/toaudeatbmi.html>  
>  
>  
>Graham

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If you go look it up on gear slutz you will get a better idea of what went on with the delays of this board. It had to do with the company that was manufacturing the power supply, and other minor things. Design changes slowed it up also, they wanted to get it right. They are on their second run of this board. One of the cool things they did was, they asked the customers what they wanted in the board. They made design changes to accommodate the customers wishes. They talked to customers for almost a year before they started manufacturing the board. The changes they made are geared to modern recording with a DAW.

You can find audio samples from customers that now have the ATB. One guy A-B it against a Studer console. Check it out.

They are going to make a A-Range, but it will be 30K up most likely.

"wireline" <[ken@cheezeandcrackers.edu](mailto:ken@cheezeandcrackers.edu)> wrote:  
>  
>I heard the working prototype at Summer NAMM in Austin a summer or two back...got  
>to audition the board a bit, talked with Alan Hyatt for a while, etc...  
>  
>Although it wasn't by any means a bad board, from what I heard 1st hand

>regarding EQ, summing, bus assigns, etc, it is not even in the same league  
>as even the mid-higher grade boards from the 80s and 90s (Souncraft 200,  
>Soundtracs, MCI, etc...) It doesn't suck, but its not anywhere close to  
the  
>hype, regardless of who is saying it (and how much they are compensated  
for  
>saying it)...  
>From what I heard, the biggest advantage is that these Toft boards are ....  
>new.  
>  
>IMO, \$5-\$6K will buy an awful lot more quality, character, and sonic mojo  
>than the Tofts...but that's just one opinion.  
>  
>Oh - and the reason it took so long to get the board released: (this direct  
>from Alan Hyatt himself) was the continual quality control issues, manufacturing  
>snags, parts availability in China, suppliers flaking, last minute design  
>changes (some major ones), mass shipping plans that fell through, etc...  
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>  
>Bill L <bill@billlorentzen.com> wrote:  
>>\$5100 for 24 channels of good pres and EQs would be pretty sweet. But  
>>that ain't a lot of dough so it's a little tough to believe it can have  
>  
>>great sound.  
>>  
>>DJ wrote:  
>>> I tend to trust Fletcher's judgment when it comes to audio gear (probably  
>we  
>>> like and use a lot of the same words and expressions ;o), but he's  
>>> affiliated with Mercenary only as a "consultant" these days. Not sure  
>if  
>>> "consultant" means that the guy who is running the show there "consults"  
>  
>>> with him and then goes ahead and does what he damn well pleases or not,  
>even  
>>> if Fletcher gives it a thumbs down. I sorta' doubt it. Fletcher seems  
>to be  
>>> a bit like SSC in some ways in that it doesn't appear that his opinion  
>can  
>>> be "bought" and so perhaps he wouldn't be a "consultant" to Mercenary  
>if he  
>>> thought they were pimping crap.  
>>>  
>>> Anyway.....as long as it took Mr. Toft to release this for retail  
>sale  
>>> (it think it was something like 3 or 4 years), I'd think that some care  
>was  
>>> taken to give it the mojo that he's known to impart to his circuitry.

>>>  
>>> ;o)  
>>>  
>>> .  
>>> "Neil" <IOUOIU@OIU.com> wrote in message news:46759d1e\$1@linux...  
>>>> I think you could more easily do all your automation in Cubase -  
>>>> you could use this board for EQ & summing on mixdown. Still  
>>>> haven't found a plugin EQ that sounds like an analog one, so  
>>>> I guess that's what I'd like to have it for.  
>>>>  
>>>> In terms of the tracking phase of things, it'd be nice to have  
>>>> for monitor mixes, as with any console. I have enough pre's for  
>>>> most tasks, but I sure like that Trident sound... wonder if  
>>>> these boards really get you there?  
>>>>  
>>>> Neil  
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>>>>  
>>>> "DJ" <www.aarrrrggghhh!!!.com> wrote:  
>>>>> I called PMI about 8 months ago about this board. No automation options.  
>>>>> What a POS.  
>>>>>  
>>>>> ;o)  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>> "Graham Duncan" <graham@grahamduncan.com> wrote in message  
>>>>> news:46759699\$1@linux...  
>>>>>> Yeah, I'd like to hear one. If Fletcher AND Tchad Blake dig it, that  
>>>>> says  
>>>>>> something to me. ;)  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> Graham  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> Chris Ludwig wrote:  
>>>>>>> Hi Graham,  
>>>>>>> Saw a prototype of this a couple AES shows ago and it was very cool.  
>>>>>>> Haven't heard on off the show floor though to know how they sound.  
>>>>>>> Supposedly future Firewire and digital I/O options. So it's got  
>>>>>>> potential.  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> Chris  
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I just wanted to point out that Cubase 4 and Nuendo are available on the mac platform. I don't think in the end it would be so foreign to you. Also PT, Live, DP, and of course Logic are available, so there are some choices if you were to go to the Mac.

"DJ" <[www.aarrrrggghhh!!!.com](http://www.aarrrrggghhh!!!.com)> wrote:

>I've been sitting around here frettin' about building another DAW. The  
>reason for the chagrin is latency and resource limitations. I have resigned  
  
>myself to staying with my Opteron 185 (5.2GHz on two cores) system. I've  
  
>been doing a bit of experimentation with some things and I've decided to  
  
>just "live with" ASIO driect monitoring instead of trying to go the route  
of  
>"real time" zero latency tracking. ADM with the HDSP cards works so  
>flawlessly that I don't think I'm going to be needing to go to the server  
  
>level system right now as long as I've got the slave DAW running systemlink.  
  
>VStack sorta' sucks for my purposes though. I'm probably going to get  
>another version of Cubase for the slave comp due to the bussing limitations  
  
>in VStack. Maybe in another year when Steinberg has their apps optomized  
for  
>dual socket Quad core systems and Vista is a bit further down the road.  
>I've also been looking at the new Macs and I'm waiting to see what the  
>newest incarnation of Logic will hold.  
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