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Posted by Tyrone Corbett on Fri, 20 Jan 2006 23:10:37 GMT
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Posted by LaMont on Fri, 20 Jan 2006 23:42:50 GMT

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Posted by TCB on Sat, 21 Jan 2006 00:38:18 GMT
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Posted by Deej [1] on Sat, 21 Jan 2006 01:00:51 GMT
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I use this Jammer Pro 6.

http://www.soundtrek.com/content/index.php

I rough the songs out, using my Ensoniq MR 76 as the sound engine, save them
as midi files, import the midi file into Cubase SX and drop VSTi's on the
midi tracks, then layer my audio tracks in Paris, timeline locked to SX (I
guess someone could actually *record* directly to SX too ;o)

In Jammer, I enter the chord progression in the style that most closely
suits the song directly into the application, tweak it as needed, then I
can print out a chord chart for a *real* session player for the final
tracking if midi isn't getting it.

Very flexible, powerful. and fast once you get your head around it. I used
to be a wizard with this program. I just upgraded it and there are tons of

new features I haven't gotten my head around yet so that's the next learning curve.

No loops though. It's all midi. With VSTi's and especially BFD for drums, midi will never be the same.

Deej

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Posted by jef knight[1] on Sat, 21 Jan 2006 01:08:47 GMT
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and maybe it's too pricey for you. I upgraded my Audition 1.5 yesterday for
129 boxes but haven't had time to try it out yet. I have allways liked the
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http://www.adobe.com/products/audition/newfeatures.html

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Posted by Deej [1] on Sat, 21 Jan 2006 18:15:38 GMT

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Hmmmmm.......maybe time to up-grade vrom v1.0.

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Posted by Aaron Allen on Tue, 24 Jan 2006 01:12:30 GMT
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YMMV
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