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Subject: Re: Total Paris newb with a lot of questions  
Posted by [lance](#) on Wed, 18 Mar 2009 19:20:07 GMT  
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That's very cool! Thanks TC!

"TC" <[tc@spammetodeathyoubastards.org](mailto:tc@spammetodeathyoubastards.org)> wrote in message  
news:49c11d3d@linux...

> Also, you don't want to get that one.. you want this one:

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> <http://www.virtuavia.eu/shop/expresscard-34-to-pci-expansion-card-kit.html>

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> That way you can use your own psu without being underpowered. I don't  
> think the one you linked to would work even with paris. There were lots of  
> issues with them because of the wimpy psu.

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> Cheers,

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> TC

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> lance wrote:

>> Am I dreaming or could this let PARIS run on a laptop?

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>> Best,

>> Lance

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>> <http://www.virtuavia.eu/shop/expresscard-34-to-pci-expansion-box-p29858.html>

>> "Don Nafe" <[dnafe@rogers.com](mailto:dnafe@rogers.com)> wrote in message news:49c110fe@linux...

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>>> "Dimitrios" <[musurgio@otenetNOSPAM.gr](mailto:musurgio@otenetNOSPAM.gr)> wrote in message

>>> news:49c0fc39\$1@linux...

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>>>> Dear TC,

>>>> What;s virtua via chassis ????

>>>> Thanks

>>>> Dimitrios

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>>>> TC <[tc@spammetodeathyoubastards.org](mailto:tc@spammetodeathyoubastards.org)> wrote:

>>>>> Hey Rokuez,

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>>>>> Welcome!

>>>>  
>>>> I was the person you were PM'ing on GS regarding Paris. (I just sent  
>>>> you  
>>>>  
>>>> a PM responding to the questions you sent me yesterday).  
>>>>  
>>>> Good to see you here!  
>>>>  
>>>> You'll get lots of good info. Check the Paris Wiki also for a lot of  
>>>> the  
>>>>  
>>>> answers you are looking for..  
>>>>  
>>>> If you can deal with running 4 cards, I'd recommend the Virtua Via  
>>>> chassis, unless you can get a great deal on a used Magma. It's been  
>>>> solid for me.  
>>>>  
>>>> Couple of quick answers (others please jump in if I'm incorrect on  
>>>> anything here):  
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>>>> 3. - I find that the black mecs run really quiet. I have a blue one  
>>>> that  
>>>>  
>>>> is a bit loud compared to the rest. Probably luck of the draw. I would  
>>>> assume you can replace the fans easily.  
>>>>  
>>>> 4. They correspond to the channels of the active submix (you can  
>>>> quickly  
>>>>  
>>>> assign the c16 to whichever card/bank of 16 channels you want to  
>>>> control  
>>>>  
>>>> at the time)  
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>>>> 5. I run 2 x 26" monitors, no problem.  
>>>>  
>>>> 6. Nominal heat from the Mecs. I run 4 Mecs and it's fine. I used to  
>>>> have my Paris rig in a small apartment with no a/c when I lived down  
>>>> in  
>>>>  
>>>> LA. No power issues, but the heat in the summer was a killer, but it  
>>>> wasn't from the gear.  
>>>>  
>>>> 7. SMPTE card (not sure how well it worked)  
>>>>  
>>>> 8. Basically as a patchbay  
>>>>  
>>>> 9. Yes, that's the best practice, hard drive dedicated to audio files

>>>> only.  
>>>>  
>>>> 10. No, but it doesn't hurt. Sounds sweet either way, but has some  
>>>> extra  
>>>>  
>>>> mojo when pushed, depending on the type of music etc.  
>>>>  
>>>> 11. Yes, I think Sakis was using it back in the day for mastering.  
>>>> I've  
>>>>  
>>>> not used Paris for mastering myself though.  
>>>>  
>>>> 12. No, you need to restart. Not hot swappable or hot turnonable..  
>>>>  
>>>> 17. Shouldn't be a problem  
>>>>  
>>>> 18. That's a matter of opinion and taste, but I think so for most  
>>>> things. It has a "sound" much like signature consoles have a sound, so  
>>>> it just depends if that works for what you are doing. For the most  
>>>> part  
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>>>> though, yes, it's awesome in that regard for most things.  
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>>>> V3 is the latest..  
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>>>> Cheers,  
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>>>> TC  
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>>>> rokuez wrote:  
>>>>> My first post here and I am a total Paris newb. My friend Roginator  
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>>>>> me very interested in Paris, and in Late April/ May I'll have the  
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>>>>> for a Paris Rig. I don't have the room for a console nor do I want  
>>>>> to  
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>>>>> sit in front of a console, but I've heard that Paris can give me that  
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>>>>> console sound ^\_^ . I'm also in Los Angeles dwelling in a home  
>>>>> studio  
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>>>>> with somewhat restricted space & I want a keyboard in front of me.  
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>>>>> First a little about my setup.

>>>>> MacBook Pro Running Logic 8 with a RME Fireface 800  
>>>>>  
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>>>>>  
>>>>> mono outs or 1 mono mix out), E-mu SP 12 (8 mono outs or 1 mix out),  
>>>>> Alesis Andromeda (16 outs via the 8 voice outs or stereo out),  
>>>>> Prophet  
>>>> 5  
>>>>> Rev 2  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Midi Controller: Yamaha KX-88  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Sequencer: Atari ST 4 mb RAM running notator with log3 and Unitor 2.  
>>>>>  
>>>>> I plan to have notator triggering everything and i basically want a  
>>>>> rig  
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>>>>> that I can track all the inputs I could possibly ever need, probably  
>>>>> 48  
>>>>>  
>>>>> or 64 inputs. I'd be striping a audio track with smpte and locking  
>>>>> the  
>>>>>  
>>>>> atari to that then tracking everything with Paris.  
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>>>>> responding could you please answer my questions by numbering your  
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