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Subject: the mystery continues

Posted by [Jeremy Luzier](#) on Mon, 27 Jun 2005 00:29:29 GMT

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>"Mr Simplicity" <animix\_spamless\_@animas.net> wrote:

>Steve,

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>When confronted with such insolence from a computer, I find that a hammer  
>can work wonders.

so I've heard.....!Paul Braun <cygnus\_nospam@ctgonline.org> wrote:

>On 27 Jun 2005 06:26:59 +1000, "steve the artguy"

><artguy@svnsillyme.net> wrote:

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>>So her I have a nice G3 doorstop, apparently. Is there anyway to manually  
>>eject the CD so I can start over?

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>Yep. You have two options... one, pull the blue cd door down, and the  
>pinhole should be visible on the actual drive.

I was wondering if I could do that. I was afraid I'd break the little door...

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>Or, as soon as you power up, keep pressing the "eject" button and you  
>should be able to get i

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Posted by [Deej \[3\]](#) on Mon, 27 Jun 2005 00:59:51 GMT

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t to open before the bios grabs hold of it.

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Good idea! I shall try that.

>Try putting a spare drive in the G3, booting from the 9.1 cd, and  
>doing a fresh install of 9.1.

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>If you can get that to boot, you're good. It may be that the previous  
>installation ain't happy in the new digs -- I tried pulling the hard  
>drive out of my beige G3 that I use for Paris tracking up in the  
>treehouse at the theatre and transplanting it into a B&W G3/400 that I  
>inherited. No go. Did a fresh install, and life was golden.

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yeah, I tried that with the G4. Put in a scad of memory from the G3, and,  
while I was inside the beast, installed my Monster 120 gig drive from the  
9600. The G4 would only flash it's "folder with a ?" which I'd never seen  
before yesterday (it's all the G3 would show when I tried booting from anything  
but the CD.)

Pulled the drive out and it works fine.

>BTW -- if you want to try that, and need the 9.2.1 and 9.2.2 updates,  
>and don't want to F\*\*k with downloading 'em, I can mail you a cd.

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>pab

Thanks, Paul -- but I'm sure I have them around somewhere. I must. I used  
them to upgrade the 9600 to 9.2.2, sometime in the past. I just have to remember  
where I stuck them...

-steve

.... unless the space aliens have flown off with them, or something, in which  
case I may take you up on your offer...!Gantt Kushner <gizmo@his.com> wrote:

>You can also try holding the mouse button down on power-up.

>I think that'll eject the CD before it boots...

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Hmmm... either that or the mouse button, says Paul. Thanks. I'll try 'em  
both!

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Posted by [Jeremy Luzier](#) on Mon, 27 Jun 2005 01:25:42 GMT

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he way - I had a problem w/ my new machine because the  
>previous owner didn't format the main drive to work w/ OS 9.  
>So when I tried to boot in OS 9 the computer couldn't "see" the  
>disk and it freaked out.  
>  
>Good luck!  
>  
>Gantt  
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thanks, Gantt!

I guess we're lucky we have the option of booting into other OSes at all...

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Thanks, Gene!

As I remember it, breakfast has something to do with food and morning. Sometimes.

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<http://www.centralchat.net/chatrooms/channel.php?c=Paris>

-steve>Are you in personal contact with Suzy? If so, could you find out who >she's currently booking through? You can email me offlist.

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Go to her website-the info is there

LYeh sure. There's a page update in the wind soon so I'll make a move to include it.

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>Defaults to the CD. I can't get it to boot from anything but the CD now.  
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>to remove the os 9 disk from the G3. I can't find a hole for a paper clip  
>in this thing. Is there another way to do it?  
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>thanks, oh knowledgeable ones.  
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>-steve the hog wild artguy I think Matthew Craig once went through the bit resolution of each  
stage  
of Paris here on the group. I'm not sure how long ago that was though and  
whether we'd still have any of the posts. Newsgroup history only goes back  
to about September 2003 and it may be before that. Perhaps somebody has it  
on their webpage.  
  
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A couple of reasons as I see it. Firstly, the output of the system is basically  
preset. You only have 24 bits to output. Before that stage you can have more,  
because it's within Paris, but once you get to the output you're stuck with

just a 24 bit wav, so if you go louder than that, you're stuffed.

So why make it go louder than 24 bits when you're going to clip anyhow?

Well, let's say, for simplicity, we have a decimal digital audio system, and the submix bus headroom goes from -20 to +20, whereas the master output only goes from -10 to +10. Obviously if you have just one submix playing, that submix will clip at -10 and +10. If two submixes are both playing +6 you get  $6+6=10$  and clip again. BUT, if submix one has a level of +13, and submix two has a level of -8, voila, you get  $13-8=5$ , and suddenly the master bus can represent the signal properly. Hence it is possible for the master bus to, on occassion, when multiple submixes are playing, to properly represent the output of signals which normally wouldn't fit into it's bandwidth, because loud positive signals can cancel with loud negative signals. Obviously you want to minimise clipping as much as you can, well that's how you do it.

Also, point two, the submixes only have more headroom from a certain perspective. From one perspective you could say that, for example, -10db is the "zero" point of the submixes (if that is how much extra headroom they have). Hence they don't so much have extra headroom, but moreso have the flexibility of adding gain to the signal, and we all know Paris is all about gain. So depending how you think about it, it's not so much that the subs have extra headroom, but kinda like they're labelled wrong, and 0db on the subs should actually read "+10db".

Does that make sense?

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Rob A

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MR

"Nappy" <mgrant01@san.rr.com> wrote:

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>Thanks Doug! and happy birthday in advance!  
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>Its the 29th of June if I'm not mistaken. Oh yaa and  
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>OK then. I don't know all of the 1's and 0's thing, but isn't it possible that we're increasing the RMS levels on a channel-by-channel basis in Nuendo when compressing them, then additionally increasing RMS levels by virtue of Paris' gain structure? This might explain some of the \*out of the box'ness\* we're seeing.

Also, I have found that when truncating audio to 20 bit through the Nuendo-to-Paris lightpipe transfer, I was hearing a tiny bit of Quantization noise which was basically manifesting as sort of a harsh/crunchiness. It wasn't really noticeable until I did some A/B comparisons (now aren't you glad I told you about this? ;o) I have found a cool VST triangular dithering algo which is adjustable and basically uncolored and I have this installed in the last post fader insert for each channel I'm using. It is adding a bit of smoothness and dimensionality to the cumulative mix that is noticeable. Waves IDR and/or Apogee UV22 can be used here too, but both of these add a \*color\* and when using 20 or more tracks, this can sort of create a smeared image. When used on just a couple of channels, it can work nicely though and adds smoothness if you have a channel that is harsh and EQ just ain't cuttin' it.

Even when individually dithering lots of tracks in the transfer process from Cubase to Paris, I'm still OK with one more dither on the stereo bus in Wavelab when mastering, if necessary.....or if you're confident that you've got a master quality mix, just set Paris to 16 bit during the mix and you're dithered.

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> up  
>> the faders on a big analog console being fed by 2" tape tracked hot at  
> 30IPS  
>> to keep the noise floor down in the days before Dolby SR. Sort of like  
>> cranking up a Shelby Cobra.  
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>> changes  
>>> slightly.... drums pop out more.... vocals are more out front.  
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>>> sometimes thats a good.... but in my case it was a bad thing cuz i  
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>>> balance before.... just wanted to see what turning down the submix  
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doug-

hmmmm. I always use one of those mac things for the internet - and they don't  
ask me nuthin' except if I want to connect, which just involved clicking  
on a "connect" icon. The java applet loads automatically, but does take quite  
a few minutes. Or a few minutes. It seems like quite a few, but maybe that's  
because I'm watching it.

Perhaps it's more mac-friendly.

The only thing I don't like about this Chat Central thing is that I can no  
longer keep a copy of the chats... :(

Also, I had another window open last night at the same time as the chat window,  
and the applet kept writing parts of the chat window right over my other  
window. Very odd.

FP said he couldn't even open another window while chatting, which he used to do all the time. I think that's what he said. I have no copy of it to refer to ....!

oh well...

-steve

>  
>"steve the artguy" <artguy@svnartichokespittle.net> wrote in message  
>news:42bfa898\$1@linux...  
>>  
>> just so you know.  
>>  
>> here's the link. Kim, why not put it on your page? I used to have to get  
>> it from Doug's...  
>>  
>> <http://www.centralchat.net/chatrooms/channel.php?c=Paris>  
>>  
>> -steve  
>  
>"Nappy" <mgrant01@san.rr.com> wrote:  
>  
>Thanks Mike,  
>Yes,I'm back! I just started Dialysis May 03 and I'm  
>pretty much back to feeling normal!!  
>I've got a Bundle-3 and OPcode Studio Vision Pro for MIDI.  
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>MIDI interface(THanks again Doug). That and my old Kurzziel PC88 All running  
>on a old B&W G3 400,  
>and now I've got my own Studio of the living dead.  
>The G3 is kind of finicky(spelling?)so I'm looking for  
>something cheap to replace it.  
>  
>respect  
>Nappy  
>  
>

hey, Nappy -

good to hear you are doing well!

I'll have to talk to you about this mac/XTC/midi stuff. I have all the parts (I think) but haven't ever figured out how to get them to work together.

I have the midi thing kinda happening with my XP machine, but I still find myself going back and using the Atari...!

-steve

oh, and yes, dj is the bomb...Hi Gantt. Thanks for the info. Reamp will definitely do the job. I guess I was wondering whether it's strictly necessary or if there's an alternative / cheaper way (my studio's already broken the bank!).

Suggestions welcome!

Cheers,

Dan

Gantt Kushner <gizmo@his.com> wrote:

>I bought a Reamp box. Transformer isolated out and a level control. Works great!

>

>Gantt

>

>"\\"Dan B\\" daniel\_burneatyahoo.com" wrote:

>

>> Hi,

>> I want to use my J-Station or Focusrite Platinum Tonefactory as a DI box

>> an insert on the recorder) and rerecord the J output. My only worry is that

>> there will be an impedance mismatch and level mismatch which will adversely

>> affect sound quality: see <http://www.soundonsound.com/sos/jun04/articles/qa0604-3.htm>

>> Presumably the J input is configured as a hi-zi instrument level input only

>> Alternatively, as the J has I presume a buffered bypass (and I have two of

>> them), I could run the signal into one J bypassed and then into the other

>> J non-bypassed (though this seems a bit silly, but checkout the above article).

>>

>> Just to clarify, from the SOS article I understand that there may be level

>> and impedance issues with amp, but does this also apply to fx units (e.g.

>> J-Station, normal Pod, any guitar effects), or are such units equally happy

>> with line and guitar level inputs?

>>

>> Many thanks

>>

>> Daniel

>Steve,

You can download Studio Vision Pro here: <http://www.fm-music.com/v/>

Be sure to download OMS 2.3.8. You should be able to run both PARIS and SVP on the same mac and sync them via the IAC bus. You'll need the OMS and MIDI manuals and you can get them all on this site. You can use the XP box for Gigasampler. I may add a Giga rig in the future. Let me know if you need more info.

respect

Nappy

PS Maria is now Dr Grant! and she has excepted a position at Cal St. Fullerton

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