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Posted by [AlexPlasko](#) on Sun, 11 Nov 2007 19:13:20 GMT
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The Pro Audio market should say to M\$oft: "This sucks - it's total bloatware & will not allow either of our audio client bases to put their rigs through the heinous shit they need to do on a day-to-day basis in order to make use of a PC for audio - you guys in Redmond need to come up with stripped-down version of what USED to be WinXP, geared towards the millions of audio users out there, and then we'll talk. Otherwise, you can kiss this whole market segment goodbye, and just cede it to Apple."

That's what they should do.

Neil

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Posted by [Chris Ludwig](#) on Tue, 13 Nov 2007 04:08:26 GMT
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I've had Sonar 6 and 7 on both Vista 32 and 64 and PT LE on vista 32.
Neither are performing even close to XP. Until MS corrects things to at least get performance on par with XP it is a waste of time and money for any professional to invest in Vista at this point.
RME are one of the few being honest in the article.

MS is released Vista before even basic component drivers were fully compatible. Most of the common ones still aren't. ATI and Nvidia are still having trouble getting driver solid. Creative Lab are having trouble getting their cards working. Many reports of printer drivers not working right. Many SATA, SCSI and SAS devices not working right. These are some of the many reasons even the main stream business market hasn't has not gotten completely behind Vista. The only people on the Vista band wagon are consumer types that weren't given the choice by the Larger PC makers. But even enough of them demanded XP that MS allowed XP to be offered longer. XP would have been out for the market by the end of this year other wise. When Major PC makers start having people say I want XP on it or I'm not buying it they are gonna make MS offer it.

Chris

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Subject: Re: DAW Benchmarks for XP32, 64 and Vista..Pro Tools 7.4 Vista
 Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Tue, 13 Nov 2007 23:00:37 GMT
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It's not over - just not necessarily happening for Vista for now.

Dedric

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"LaMont" <jjdpro@proaudio.com> wrote in message news:473a1ba9$1@linux...
>
> Good points (Dedric & Neil).. Maybe the whole lowtency thing is over. Just
> use a mixer, any mixer is the approach from here on out..
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>
> Dedric Terry <dterry@keyofd.net> wrote:
>>Lamont - they already did:
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>> http://www.rme-audio.de/en_downloads.php?page=content/downlo ads/en_downloads
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>>(See the Vista 32/64 support listing)
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>>The issue isn't that they can't write drivers for Vista - they did,
>>Nuendo/Cubase are Vista compatible, etc. It's that Vista isn't as
>>efficient
>>at low latency with any drivers - RME, Lynx, etc. Check the dawbench.com
>>Vista vs. Xp performance reports.
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>>Working, and working as effectively as it is on XP32, are two different
>>things.
>>
>>What is pro audio to do? Hmmm... a trip to Redmond?.... hehe....
>>
>>You are exactly right from the consumer standpoint - we are in a bit of
> a
>>pickle at the moment. Audio developers haven't been dragging their feet
> -
>>there have been issues at the OS level, with OSX and Vista they had to
>>wait
>>for a final decision on before jumping into this. Maybe MS will surprise
>>us and release a really efficient SP1 for Vista, but imho, it would take
> 4
>>years to strip the security crap out first. ;-)
>>
>>Dedric
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>>On 11/12/07 8:55 PM, in article 47391232\$1@linux, "LaMont"
>><jjdpro@gmail.com> wrote:
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>>> Hey Thad, I'd be the first to say that I don't have the expertise in
>>> Drivers.
>>> :) But, somethings gotta give. If Digi and Cakewalk can do it, why
>>> can't
>>> RME?
>>>
>>> I'm taking off my tech cap, and approaching this from a purely consumer
>>> standpoint.
>>> MS\$ is going full- tilt with Vista. No turning back. So, what do the Pro
>>> Audio market do?
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>>> "TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote:
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>>>> LaMont, please don't take this personally, but you just don't know what
>>>> you're
>>>> talking about. I _know_ the RME guys. I was there the first year they
> were
>>>> at the Frankfurt Musikmesse. They are one of a very small group of
>>>> companies
>>>> that do all of their driver development in house. And they do better
> than
>>>> anyone in the business.
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>>>> Drivers are extremely arcane pieces of software, it's uber geeky stuff.
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>>>> talk about 'why can't I use any motherboard I want' when driver guys

> know
 >>>> things like 'on this implementation of this chipset if I don't wait 15
 >>>> milliseconds
 >>>> before doing X then Y device is going to completely blow up and I'll
 > panic
 >>>> the kernel or the mouse won't work without a reboot.' Which is why good
 >>> driver
 >>>> guys are booked years in advance sometimes. RME does this all on their
 > own
 >>>> and their first Mac driver was the most solid Mac driver I ever saw.
 > They're
 >>>> the best there is, they even support linux. If they're not writing
 >>>> Vista
 >>>> drivers it's because they can't or don't think they can provide the
 >>>> quality
 >>>> they want for their products. It takes a special kind of company to
 >>>> say,
 >>>> 'I won't let down someone who pays good money for my stuff because the
 > OS
 >>>> too much of a moving target for me to write a really good driver for
 > it.'
 >>>> That's not sloth, and RME aren't lazy, they're German fer chrissakes.
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 >>>> M\$oft has some work to do on this.
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 > Audio
 >>>>> vendors have vista working on their new DAWs, then the Audio interface
 >>> manufacturers
 >>>>> needs to be in lock step.
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 >>>>> After reading what RME stated in that article makes me not what to
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 >>>>> any more of their products.
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