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Posted by [mikep\[1\]](#) on Fri, 20 Jul 2007 20:11:30 GMT
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Posted by [LaMont](#) on Fri, 20 Jul 2007 20:42:38 GMT
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Posted by [TCB](#) on Fri, 20 Jul 2007 20:54:05 GMT
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Subject: Re: Your biggest reason for leaving Paris?

Posted by [mikep\[1\]](#) on Fri, 20 Jul 2007 20:56:36 GMT

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That makes sense. If I were using VSTi's I would look for something else as

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Posted by [EK Sound](#) on Fri, 20 Jul 2007 20:59:36 GMT
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David.

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Posted by [DJ](#) on Fri, 20 Jul 2007 21:43:59 GMT
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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Fri, 20 Jul 2007 22:48:18 GMT
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Cubase rocks !

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Sat, 21 Jul 2007 00:09:40 GMT
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Posted by [John Macy](#) on Sat, 21 Jul 2007 02:20:39 GMT
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Posted by [LaMont](#) on Sat, 21 Jul 2007 02:51:29 GMT
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Yes.. Plugin eq first, but for some small adjustments, I'll turn on a band
or 2

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Posted by [LaMont](#) on Sat, 21 Jul 2007 02:54:04 GMT
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Posted by [Neil](#) on Sat, 21 Jul 2007 03:58:39 GMT
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Hey John... are you using any native DAW software at all?
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Neil

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Sat, 21 Jul 2007 04:18:30 GMT

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Neil

Subject: Re: Your biggest reason for leaving Paris?

Posted by [DJ](#) on Sat, 21 Jul 2007 04:26:44 GMT

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John has more outboard gear in his racks than Mercenary audio.

;o)

"Neil" <OIUOIU@OIU.com> wrote in message news:46a1846f\$1@linux...

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Posted by [Sarah](#) on Sat, 21 Jul 2007 09:46:53 GMT
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Subject: Re: Your biggest reason for leaving Paris?
Posted by [BradLyons](#) on Sat, 21 Jul 2007 11:30:44 GMT
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I loved Paris for tracking and mixing, but it started to tick me off--numerous bugs, lockups, plugins not working properly, mixes bouncing differently than how I mixed them on larger projects, etc. I just couldn't deal with it anymore, fortunately at that time I was taking a break from doing studio work and left it behind. I then picked up a Nuendo rig for live recording, I liked it...but wasn't in-love with the workflow. Since then, I've put in a pair of ProToolsHD3 Accel systems with a Control24 and couldn't be happier.

Brad Lyons
www.audioandmidi.com

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Subject: Re: Your biggest reason for leaving Paris?
Posted by [Kateeba](#) on Sat, 21 Jul 2007 13:44:45 GMT
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Never left. Use it exclusively with Performer slaved to it to do seamless midi.

Won't even think of leaving till it all breaks down. :)

Lou

Subject: Re: Your biggest reason for leaving Paris?

Posted by [Neil](#) on Sat, 21 Jul 2007 15:04:06 GMT

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Posted by [DJ](#) on Sat, 21 Jul 2007 15:07:26 GMT

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My thinking is that it would be best to find a way to bastardize a system running at 88.2 so that it sounded just as good as one running at 44.1.

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Subject: Re: Your biggest reason for leaving Paris?
Posted by [Cujjo](#) on Sat, 21 Jul 2007 23:02:06 GMT
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Posted by [Sarah](#) on Sat, 21 Jul 2007 23:11:15 GMT
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That's what I'm doing, except that my midi slave is Cubase V or something.

Nice, simple setup for non-techheads like me. :)

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news:46a20dcd\$1@linux...

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I think that's even more reason to start out with the highest-
possible quality that you're able to.

Neil

Subject: Re: Your biggest reason for leaving Paris?
Posted by [erlilo](#) on Sun, 22 Jul 2007 07:36:57 GMT
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Your CD have great sonic qualities too, so why worry?

Erling

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Subject: Re: Your biggest reason for leaving Paris?

Posted by [Bill L](#) on Sun, 22 Jul 2007 14:47:15 GMT

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Neil, that logic does not quite track for me. I understand your idea that at least you can control the initial media and you are doing everything within your scope to improve the final sound. But IMHO the difference is far too slight.

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Subject: Re: Your biggest reason for leaving Paris?

Posted by [Bill L](#) on Sun, 22 Jul 2007 14:51:09 GMT

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Posted by [LaMont](#) on Sun, 22 Jul 2007 15:59:37 GMT
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Posted by [Neil](#) on Sun, 22 Jul 2007 19:18:14 GMT

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Sun, 22 Jul 2007 19:42:08 GMT

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Posted by [John Macy](#) on Sun, 22 Jul 2007 20:15:22 GMT
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No native here, though I sometimes export wavs to my 002R to do some things like melodyne and AT5 that is not on my Paris rig.

I am kinda old school--don't use MIDI, like the low latency of Paris so I use lots of analog inserts on tracks etc...

That said, I am shopping for an HD3 rig for the new studio (of course, that is for the independent engineers, not me... :)

"Neil" <OIUOIU@OIU.com> wrote:

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>Hey John... are you using any native DAW software at all?

>Either integrated with Paris on a separate PC, or as a stand-

>alone app for certain projects? Just wondering.

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>"John Macy" <spamlessjohn@johnmacy.com> wrote:

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>>Who's leaving? :)

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>>Still love it--use it everyday and make a good living with it...

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>>"Aaron Allen" <know-spam@not_here.dude> wrote:

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>midi,

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>>no

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Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Sun, 22 Jul 2007 20:54:16 GMT
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Now if we could just get the marketing to flip flop so it follows the reality of what you and many of us know about Nuendo vs. ProTools.

I completely agree - the workflow with PT always seemed a bit awkward (much like Avid vs. Vegas, or even Avid vs. FCP to some degree).

Lamont - Nuendo 4 is just around the corner with some really nice updates - new automation system for one.... maybe not a lot for music users, but a nice update list for post.

Dedric

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Mon, 23 Jul 2007 01:43:02 GMT

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Mon, 23 Jul 2007 02:19:11 GMT

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Posted by [Nei](#) on Mon, 23 Jul 2007 02:34:36 GMT

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I've always believed this to be the case... there's a story that Rupert Neve tells about how Geoff Emerick found a bad channel in a Neve console that was being installed - I believe it was at one of the AIR studios - upon testing, it turned out that the channel had a bad capacitor that was oscillating at slightly over 30k. Now, can we hear 30k? according to lots of people, we can't - and maybe neither could Geoff; but have you ever noticed how 60hz hits you in the groin, 80hz hits you in the solar plexus, and 250hz hits you right in the throat? Crank up Billy Joel's "We Didn't Start the Fire" or "Downeaster Alexa" sometime - that kick is hitting you right in the throat... you can't listen to it too loud for too long! I have no idea why TLA hit the frequency so hard, but in those songs he sure did.

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Tue, 24 Jul 2007 01:28:51 GMT

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On the EQ thing, who knows? Have you tried it? Besides, putting matched mics on the same source is already such a variable the rest of the test is useless. You knew that, but wondered if I would fall for it. Hah! I ain't your sucker, bro.

Neil wrote:

> I'll also amplify & riff a bit on something you said:

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> "OR we can perceive the data in some way without actually
> hearing it."

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> I've always believed this to be the case... there's a story
> that Rupert Neve tells about how Geoff Emerick found a bad
> channel in a Neve console that was being installed - I believe
> it was at one of the AIR studios - upon testing, it turned out
> that the channel had a bad capacitor that was oscillating at
> slightly over 30k. Now, can we hear 30k? according to lots of
> people, we can't - and maybe neither could Geoff; but have you
> ever noticed how 60hz hits you in the groin, 80hz hits you in
> the solar plexus, and 250hz hits you right in the throat? Crank
> up Billy Joel's "We Didn't Start the Fire" or "Downeaster
> Alexa" sometime - that kick is hitting you right in the
> throat... you can't listen to it too loud for too long! I have
> no idea why TLA hit the frequency so hard, but in those songs
> he sure did.

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> Maybe 30k hits you right in the 13th chakra or something like
> that.

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> Neil

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> "Neil" <OIUOIU@OIU.com> wrote:

>> Oh, getting fiesty now, are you? :)

>>

>> OK, try this... track something, anything, into your 44.1k DAW
>> of choice, using a matched pair of mics, and split it equitably
>> into two tracks - one that has a mic pre & an EQ engaged, but
>> no EQ tweaking done - let's call that track "A", and one that
>> has the same kind of mic pre and EQ engaged, but with a lo-pass
>> at 10k - let's call that track "B".

>>

>> Now, play back both tracks, but route track "A" through the
>> same EQ & set your lo-pass at 10k just like you did when
>> tracking "B", and play both back. If you can say there's no

>> difference between the two tracks; IOW, the fact that track
>> "A" had content above the range that track "B" was allowed to
>> have from the get-go, regardless of what kind of content
>> they're allowed to pass on playback, then i'll quit arguing
>> with you about 44.1k vs. 88.2k (i'll still record at 88.2k,
>> i'll just quit arguing with you about it lol).

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>> Neil

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>> Bill L <bill@billlorentzen.com> wrote:

>>> OK, now I'm pretty sure you have not thought this through. Those
>>> "lower-order harmonics of data....above 22k" would necessarily still be
>>> there whether it was down-sampled or originally converted as 44.1. We
>>> are talking about air pressure waves. The waves are either there or not.
>>> They are not *attached* to the above 22K information, they are the
>>> *result* of the above 22K information, which was there in the room when
>>> the mic was used.

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>>> My guess is the reason that higher frequency content that is inaudible
>
>>> to us makes a difference is because the lower order harmonics sound
>>> wrong or out of place or even distorted in some way without the
>>> continued contribution of the upper end data that originally caused
>>> them. OR we can perceive the data in some way without actually hearing
> it.

>>> Neil wrote:

>>>> Oh, and apart from the samplerate resolution, another reason
>>>> that it wouldn't be a fair comparison is that the downconverted
>>>> 44.1k files in this case WOULD have frequency content that
>>>> contained lower-order harmonics of data that was originally
>>>> above 22k in them, since they started out as 88.2k files,
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>>>> have any of this content.

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>>>>>> That's the kind of mood I'm in.

>>>>>> You're just in a contrary state of mind - that's fine, let's
>>>>>> go... we're not insulting each other over this, so I'm

>>>>> happy to argue semantics & philosophy with regard to samplerate
>>>>> & resolution.
>>>>>
>>>>>> There actually could be a fairly simple way to compare
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>>>>>> the tracks down to 44.1 with a good converter and run the mix
>>>>>> again. Not perfectly scientific, but it would satisfy me I
>>>>>> suppose.
>>>>> This wouldn't really be a fair test, IMO, it would be adding
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>>>>> a fair comparison, or else I would've done so already.
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>>>>>> Have you got a mix you could do that with?
>>>>> Yes, but Lamont would just accuse me of purposely manipulating
>>>>> the 44.1k version to sound worse. :)
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