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Congratulations, DeeJ, on hitting the native DAW Holy Grail!

And congratulations on making it through a rough patch and pulling it off against steep odds. The professional benchmark over at our shop here isn't how well things go when they go well - it's about whether you can pull that rabbit out of your hat when they aren't.

- Kerry

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Life is good. Right after it's really bad.
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Bill L <bill@billlorentzen.com> wrote:
>How much was that machine, 'cause I'm about due for a new DAW and I
>would love to get the low latency thing nailed once and for all. One
>question: what are you using for input monitoring reverbs when you crank

>it down like that? Outboard or plug?

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>If they could just make Cubase sand colored it probably would sound like

>Paris. Honestly (and I know I will get dissed for this) I never really

>heard the "Paris sound" particularly. Maybe because it was not even

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Sat, 24 May 2008 20:49:15 GMT

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>> If they could just make Cubase sand colored it probably would sound like

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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Sat, 24 May 2008 23:17:38 GMT
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Chuck Norris built a DAW using a Commodore 64, and after just one night
roundhouse kick it now runs faster than any system ever built. With not
just zero latency but negative latency. It records what he plays BEFORE
he plays it...

Glad to hear you're over the rough patch with your stress factor and
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Take a couple of days off why doncha?

Cheers,
-Jamie
www.JamieKruz.com

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Posted by [Deej \[5\]](#) on Sun, 25 May 2008 01:01:21 GMT
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I really haven't tried using a native reverb for ambience while tracking.
I'll give it a go and see what the verdict is.

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Posted by [mike audet\[3\]](#) on Sun, 25 May 2008 01:19:25 GMT
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Posted by [TCB](#) on Sun, 25 May 2008 17:29:11 GMT
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Posted by [Deej \[5\]](#) on Sun, 25 May 2008 23:59:41 GMT
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It is running soooooo nicely now.....and everything just integrates so flawlessly and it's so friggin cool!!

You can take the boy out of the madhouse, but you can't take the madhouse out of the boy.

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Subject: Re: New DAW.....Native has arrived
Posted by [Mike Audet](#) on Mon, 26 May 2008 10:07:27 GMT
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Hi DJ,

This is what they said:

Hello,

latency is measured from inout to output.

Regards,
Daniel Fuchs
RME

Those are spectacular numbers for a native system. Even at 2.25 ms, that's pretty good.

Very cool. Thanks for letting us know about it.

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Posted by [Chris Ludwig](#) on Tue, 27 May 2008 16:52:01 GMT
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Hi DJ,

RME's driver reports the ASIO buffer and the AD/DA latency of any of its in board converters. You also have the added PDC of the host app getting factored in.

There is also added latency in the samples range of the multiple audio devices like any other digital hardware.

All your digital gear and AD/DA converters are adding to some extent to the over In to Out latency. It is not possible for the sound card to know the exact AD/DA latency performance of all your converters.

They are the only company that I know of that even lets their driver report their latency in detail to the ASIO host.

Most others hide the info and only report the driver latency only.

You will see this allot on the low end firewire devices.

The highest number of support calls we get are on Tascam and Lynx.

90% of the time they are not because of user error, i.e., not setting up the clock right.

This is from people that use our systems and from people that just purchased the gear from us.

That said though one of the best bang for the buck converter sound card combos is a RME AES32

PCI card and a Lynx Aurora 16.

No proprietary cabling and more reliable clocking and actual fully functional hardware monitoring.

The only other high I/O combo I've seen that very good quality AD/DA that isn't very high priced would be using a

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24 high quality analog AD/DA and 24 AES or ADAT connections for around \$5000 including the sound card.

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Subject: Re: New DAW.....Native has arrived
Posted by [EK Sound](#) on Tue, 27 May 2008 21:03:29 GMT
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Hey Deej,

What MB / chip combo did you end up with? The 4400 here is starting to give me some grief and I'm looking at a replacement.

David.

Deej wrote:

> "TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote:

>> Hey Deej,

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>> Glad you're feeling better. I've developed a general curiosity about the
>> domestic oil/gas business in my new job. I don't envy you doing what you
>> do.

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>> Also nice to see native is getting good enough to be the real deal for you.
>> I've been talking about native for years, as you know, and in the long run
>> we'll _all_ be doing native. And I mean the Mutt Lang types as well. Moore's
>> law spares no one.

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>> My fave thing about the quality of native is that it's letting me put my
>> big bucks where it really matters, into a smaller number of choices pieces
>> of analog gear like mics and analog synths.

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>> TCB

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> Well.....I thought I was gonna have to eat some major crow today. I was
> configuring a basic template and all of a sudden the whole then started losing
> sync....and I mean, like.....totally FUBAR. I was finally able to trace
> it down to a couple of settings with the control panel in my AES32 card that
> needed to change. That one is digitally interfacing with all my outboard
> reverbs. I'm clocking/syncing 17 different interfaces here. All is well now
> though....and to think.....when I sold my Paris system, I did it thinking
> that I was going to "simplify" things.

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> It is running soooooo nicely now.....and everything just integrates so
> flawlessly and it's so friggin cool!!

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> out of the boy.

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Posted by [excelav](#) on Tue, 27 May 2008 22:55:46 GMT
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Posted by [Chris Ludwig](#) on Wed, 28 May 2008 17:44:30 GMT

Hi James,

I've had a chance to use a symphony system once so far. It was very nice.

The latency was no better or worse than another PCI/PCI-e audio interface I've used on a MAC.

But that was when it was still 10.4.

Seems to be alot of reports of people having trouble lately with Apogee and 10.5.

But that could just as well be user error from some of the reports I see.

A RME MADI PCI-e card at 96k will get the same low latencies as the Apogee does at 96k.

At 44.1k the Apogee perform like the RME does at 44.1k which is in the 2/3 ms range.

It's Logic "integration" is I guess a bonus for people that don't want to option the mixer panel on the apple menu bar.

It is a great value if you already have a bunch of Apogee but if not then it is not at all a good deal. More proprietary than Digi practically.

RME MADI PCI-e cards work great on MAC with any of the major software programs I've used.

The SSL RME MADI card combo would still be a untouchable combo atm.

Both RME and SSL will be releasing more I/O options especially large I/O ones over the next 1 or 2 with MADI connectivity.

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