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Apple is moving to the Intel processor to put some much needed juice behind their DAW. That's cool, except they apple have really let down a lot of users who were conviced that their (our) G5 were the king of the hill.. You would not believe how many friends of mine who jumped on the Dual G5 and upgraded Logic as well, figuring that "finaly" we can really see this app(Logic) burn rubber..Well, we were all fooled.. Even more, it seem that certain version of OSX slowed not only Logic down, but other apps as well. sadly, today most of htose users now run PT on their G5's.

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OK. I'm comparing Logic to PARIS and DP. I wasn't really impressed with SX or PTLE although it's been a while since I've looked at them, they have no doubt advanced since then. I have heard good things about Nuendo.

I'm not comparing Logic 5, it's been a long time since that was a current product and Logic has changed quite a bit since then. So if you're talking Logic 5 on OS9 or MSWindows that's ancient history. Logic has changed significantly since then.

PARIS is not native but we're all familiar with it here so we may as well use it as a reference point. Logic surpasses PARIS in overall capability (because, for one thing, Logic is continually developed while PARIS has stopped development) and Logic is at least as fast as PARIS to edit with. Plus, Logic can handle multiple takes on any track without going into a special mode on all tracks.

I had DP briefly. Logic was faster. This was on the G4 though, and a few revs back, so I can't say if that's still true.

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I'm hearing that you have some problems with the GUI, but I don't follow how that has to do with the underlying audio engine. You still haven't said clearly that you're complaining about the actual sound, so I guess you're not.

We agree that the environment window needs work.

In 7.1 (or maybe 6?) they added a fader/input strip for the current channel in the arrange window, so you can work in one window while tracking. I think the lack of that was a complaint for a while but it's there now.

Since I have an HD-capable monitor I have room for three mixer windows (audio tracks, output and MIDI tracks), plus the transport and arrange windows. So I don't need to work in a single window. Before that I used two monitors (much like PARIS) so again, it wasn't a big deal. Of course there are window sets tied to the number keys so even if you have a single monitor, if you want to use more than one window it's easy to jump to different window layouts as needed, and fast.

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From my experience, while faster processors are always welcome the dual G5 is plenty fast for Logic. And Logic seems reasonably efficient.

How many tracks are they trying to run? I haven't hit the limit even on my most overproduced excercises in excess (nothing exceeds like excess! :^)

Even when I pile on loads of FX and instrument plugins, this thing carries the load. If I had a problem I could freeze tracks, used to have to do that on the G4.

The only reason I freeze on the G5 is due to a long-standing Logic bug where it will sometimes, randomly, forget to play back a soft synth. So if I'm working with a client I'll freeze finished tracks so I don't have to restart the project (that's the workaround).

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If you know of other threads that make it clear I'd welcome a URL.

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Other than some GUI streamlining here and there (keeping in mind that a lot of Logic is already very fast to use, IMO), what exactly do you want to see changed? I'm not quite following you.

It seems to me that Apple/Emagic _have_ been changing the GUI in the most recent releases. Case in point, dragging to copy or move FX in the mixer, added in 7. Another example, the graphic view of EQ at the top of each mixer strip, very PARIS-like, added in 6, I think. So it's not true to imply that GUI changes are not being made or that Logic is stagnating.

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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Thu, 19 Jan 2006 21:46:05 GMT
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>> Emagic Logic: Old article from 1999 that talks about Logic having

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>> <http://www.xlr8yourmac.com/audio/issue50.html>

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>> <http://namm.harmony-central.com/WNAMM02/Content/Steinberg/PR/Cubase-VST-51.html>

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>>>>who were conviced that their (our) G5 were the king of the hill.. You
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>>>>rubber..Well, we were all fooled.. Even more, it seem that certain version
>>>>of OSX slowed not only Logic down, but other apps as well. sadly, today
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>>>>of htose users now run PT on their G5's.
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>>>>users want from emagic is: Rewrite, re0code the audio engine and thus
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>>>>Logic Audio an 'first rate audio app with same midi engine. Instead of
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>>>>being a Midi app with add on audio capabilities.
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>>>>The folks over at Emagic have balked to make the much needed comsmetic
>>changes,
>>>>as well as, have the slick, cool editing found on the top DAWs.
>>>>I'm not putting down the product,rather just stating as a long-time user
>>>>some of it's shortcomings and changes I and a lotof others like to see.
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>>>>automate everything. And with very nice integration of included and
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>>>>party FX plugins and soft synths.
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>>>>You're right that the soft synths are useful but I think it's
>>>>overstating things to dismiss the rest of the program. The audio
>>>>recording is straightforward and the fx include a fairly complete set
>>of
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>>>>very useful tools right out of the box.
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>>>>There is a learning curve with the environment which they could indeed
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>>>>improve. But once you get past that, and get hip to the long-click
>>>>thing, for me Logic hasn't been any slower to get around than PARIS.
>Get
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>>>>down with your bad self on some keyboard commands, Shuttle Pro or a

>>>>remote fader/shuttle setup and it's probably faster than PARIS.
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>>>>IOW not slow at all, IMO.
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>>>>Cheers,
>>>> -Jamie
>>>> <http://www.JamieKruz.com>
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>>>>LaMont wrote:
>>>>> Hi Bill,
>>>>> You nailed my thoughts exactly about Logic..Great Virtual instruments..LAD
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>>>>> "Bill Lorentzen" <bill@lorentzen.ws> wrote:
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>>>>>>I used Logic a bit last year and found it to be very slow in some
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>>>>> like
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>>>>>>the mixer/environment. Making adjustments to the GUI takes a lot of
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>>>>>>>You might find this useful: Sample accurate editing is there in Logic's
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>>>>>>>waveform editor, including "show as sample and hold" to see the individual
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>>>>>>>bit values represented. Not sure when that was added.
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>>>>>>>>What do you mean by "sleek and fast"? Do you mean the interface design?
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>>>>>>>seems reasonably CPU efficient already.
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>>>>>>>>Do you have any complaints about the sound?
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>>>>>>>>I think the interface could be improved in some areas. Long-clicking
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>>>>>>>>instead of right-clicking is old baggage. The environment window
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>>>>>>>>attention, and Logic could require it less.
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>>>>>>>>>But version 7 was a good step toward cleaning up the GUI. As it works
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>>>>>>many parts of the interface are very fast and put useful info where
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>>>>>>need to see and interact with it. They finally added the ability
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>>>drag
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>>>>>>or copy plugins from track to track - very PARIS like. :^)
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>>>>>>I can edit audio with Logic in comparable ways to PARIS, moving regions
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>>>>>>around and adding crossfades within the same track. Again, very fast.
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>>>>> And
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>>>>>>>>>Apple only? fascists.
>>>>>>>>>lol
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>>>>>>>>>LaMont wrote:
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>>>>>>>>>>http://www.apogeedigital.com/products/symphony.php
>>>>>>>>>>Wow, jsut when I was making fuss about the Mid-Level DSP(PCI)
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>>>>>>>>>>it audio engine leaves a lot to be desired.
>>>>>>>>>>That said, Aplle has new Macs, maybe just maybe they already
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>>>>>>>>>>new version of Logic or Sountrack Pro.??? :)
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>>>>>>>>>>If so, thsi could send shock waves thru out the industry. And,
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>>>>>>>>>>admit
>>>>>>>>>>that Dedic's & Thad's theories were right on "Point" about the
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>>>>>>>>>>New Native DAWS"!! This product proves it big time..
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>>>>>>>>>>I guess we'll have to wait and see how this namm show goes..
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Subject: Re: OT: Namm news!!!! Hot Off the Press ..Another Piece to the
Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Fri, 20 Jan 2006 02:00:32 GMT

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Hey Jamie,

That makes more sense - I couldn't see how Logic would have made it to 7 without sample accurate audio.

I can't speak for anything beyond 5.5, so take my comment with a grain of salt. Logic may in reality have most every editing feature Nuendo has, but to me, audio seemed easier in Nuendo after switching - that could be nothing more than subjective psychovisuals, but tools, visuals that contribute to how quickly I can analyze and edit an audio track, and at the time, much better crossfade editing options (5.5 was a bit limited there). Handling audio as events or clips, time warp, etc. are also nice features.

Probably the big missing feature (or so I hear - again, correct if wrong here), is plugin delay compensation on busses.

That said, there are some cool aspects to Logic that Nuendo doesn't have:

- 1 - more powerful midi (but to be fair, I haven't found anything I couldn't do in Nuendo, other than a complement to Logic's environment).
- 2 - dynamic processing allocation - not an official feature that I know of but one users have been asking for in Nuendo. The beauty here - start a song loaded with plugins and it doesn't max out the cpu until it reaches the point in the song it has to load that one last plugin - nice. Nuendo will sit there and stutter painfully until you can get a stop key through it's overloaded brain. The advantage of static (Nuendo) is reverb/delay processing - it continues after playback is stopped (used to be a problem with Logic, requiring dummy audio clips, but I'm sure that's fixed by now).
- 3 - Add audio tracks without affecting playback (Nuendo/SX have to mute playback while adding tracks, but that is probably a necessary tradeoff of full PDC).

I wouldn't say Logic is inadequate for audio, just a different approach, with its' own strengths and weaknesses like any other DAW. As long as I have full PDC I would be happy to mix a record on Logic.

Regards,
Dedric

On 1/19/06 3:13 PM, in article 43d00edb@linux, "Jamie K"
<Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:

> Dedic Terry wrote:

>> I used Logic on PC until moving to Nuendo. I never thought it was hard to
>> learn, but maybe I'm weird that way.

>> I agree with Lamont - it is probably the best sequencer out there. Audio,
>> not as nice as Nuendo, but certainly

>> workable. I still have a soft spot for Logic even though I don't use it
>> much.

>> Did I read right in this thread that it still doesn't have sample accurate
>> editing for audio?

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> Hey Dedic, yep you read it but it was wrong...Logic 7.1 does have
> sample accurate editing.

>

> I continue to hear good things about Nuendo. What audio features do you
> think it has that Logic lacks?

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> Cheers,

> -Jamie

> <http://www.JamieKruz.com>

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>> As far as the new Macs go, I hope they are as fast as comparable PCs, and
>> priced competitively. Perhaps

>> then both companies would have level competition to force better operating
>> systems, hardware, apps, etc..

>> ...okay, I'm dreaming now...

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>> I can't see moving back to Logic just for the new Apogee hardware, but I
>> like the concept and claims of tight

>> integration with Logic. I guess Apple really is serious about pro audio
>> (either that or Apogee is hoping they are).

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>> Regards,

>> Dedic

Subject: Re: OT: Namm news!!!! Hot Off the Press ..Another Piece to the puzzle
Posted by [TCB](#) on Fri, 20 Jan 2006 03:35:43 GMT

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Hey Jamie,

Do you program? I barely program, I use Perl mostly for systems administration
and web/database stuff. That said, I program more than a lot of people do

and I have spent lots of time studying and learning from other programmers. Programmers tend to learn to code in one language. It's just human nature to leverage whatever knowledge one might have to the greatest extent possible. For example, most CGI web scripting is done in Perl. It's not that Perl is inherently BEST for taking input from one page and spitting it out another, but it's a damn fine text parsing language and for accidental historical reasons it found its way into web servers early on. So most CGI programming is done in Perl. But a really good friend of mine is a really hotshot C programmer so his web site has all of the CGI done in C. He just puts a C compiler in a directory that can be executed by Apache and writes everything that way. I oohed and aaahed over this (C has a much greater geek street cred than Perl) and he said, "Look, I'm just too damn lazy to learn Perl."

So, let's say I'm a C programmer working on my audio plug-in. If I'm using a standard C compiler and programming for a Mac or a PC I don't really think much about which part of the processor is doing what number crunching. The compiler does that for me. When I have my program do some calculation on a sample stored as a 32 bit floating point number my compiler says, "Well, this should obviously be done on the floating point unit in the CPU, let's send it there." For me, as a Perl programmer, integers are actually converted to floats automatically, which in some situations can lead to weird stuff happening so there's an extra switch and module that is used in Perl if someone is doing important stuff like designing nuclear reactors or modeling the historic volatility of emerging market debt vs. the treasuries. In any case, all of this goes on in the background with the compiler doing the work for me. With Altivec, though, the compilers just never really got there. So, me as a C programmer would have to know at least one other language (and the right language) to be able to code for that processor. That's like me writing a book about Cubase and then doing chapter 15 in Mandarin. Certainly there are some people who could do that, but the percentage of people in the world who can write a book at all is pretty small, and the percentage of those people who know even one foreign language at all is even smaller, and the percentage of those who can write fluently in that second language gets even smaller, and then even with five billion people on planet earth it's going to be damn difficult to find too many people who can do that.

Now then, let's say I AM that C programmer who also happens to know how to program the Altivec unit. Bully for me. But every single line of code for the Altivec unit will have to be re-written for an Intel processor. I can't even stuff it down the drain of my Intel C compiler and get lower performing, but still working, programs. Nope, I have to write the same routines in C or using the Intel "vector processor" to do the same job. So now I have to know three languages, or I have to re-write all of the Altivec code again in C for the other platform. So, I'm writing along, worrying about my mortgage, hoping to sell some copies of the TCB Reverb Plug-in to both Mac and Windows users and I get to a spot where I can use Altivec or not. What do you think I'm going to do? Would you do the same?

Apple and Adobe, of course, are huge software houses way more than 1000 times the size of, say, PSP Audio. They can probably afford the time to have some of the coders work on very specialized areas where vectorization will really matter. But the primary reason I can't believe the AltiVec unit is greatly exploited is because it is so incredibly powerful. If it *were* used a lot Macs really would be a lot more powerful than PCs in certain situations. The places where that does happen are in academic situations where people code specifically for the processor they're using, stuff like weather research and wave mechanics and so on.

Lastly, the word I hear is that Windows compilers aren't that much better than Mac compilers. That is, the SSE units mostly sit around with nothing to do, which is why the FPU on the chip is still the only meaningful benchmark when looking at audio/video work. So, yes, people are developing for AltiVec, but that doesn't have much to do with what happens when people start working with audio on a computer.

TCB

Jamie K <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:

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>For anyone interested here's the wikipedia link:

><http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AltiVec>

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>Poking around on the net, it looks like folks developing for AltiVec

>include Red Hat and Yellowdog Linux.

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>On the Mac, Apple does, as you say. True, they ONLY make comprehensive

>tools for writing, presenting, recording, editing, animating,

>compositing, etc. So I agree it's a VERY limited universe of merely

>everything you need to produce media content...

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>Except you might also need Adobe apps, wait, Adobe uses AltiVec, too.

>What about Microsoft. Bet they use AltiVec, too. Are there others?

>Probably a bunch. Google and see.

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>So it's probably not as dire as all that. I'll betcha Adobe uses the SSE

>stuff on Intel/Athlon, so cross-platform development isn't out of the

>question. SSE is there on the new Macs, BTW.

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>But forget all the AltiVec/SSE stuff, where OSX gets really cool is the

>core image stuff for real time media stuff running on the GPU. Crazy.

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>Anyhoo,

> -Jamie

> <http://www.JamieKrutz.com>
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>TCB wrote:
>> Pretty much the only apps that use AltiVec are written by Apple (and run only
>> on Macs) or are specially coded apps used written by research labs and such
>> that write their own code. Anyone trying to support multiple platforms would
>> be absolutely foolish to code for a (difficult to work with) vector unit
>> only on one platform.
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>> TCB
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>> "James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:
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>>>Well LaMont, Logic and DP are supposed to take advantage of AltiVec, and
>>>some plugin manufactures use it. AltiVec was not necessary for Paris because
>>>it has hardware DSP for things like low latency and streaming. Anyways,
>>>believe what you want! It is a choice. You believe that if Apple, or
>>>a
>>>test lab that is associated post performance tests it's a lie, but if anybody
>>>else post performance test about PC performance it's not??? Ok!
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>>>Like I always say, it's funny how some people won't let facts get in the
>>>way of their opinions!!!!
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>>>Some use of AltiVec.
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>>>Emagic Logic: Old article from 1999 that talks about Logic having AltiVec.
>>><http://www.xlr8yourmac.com/audio/issue50.html>
>>>
>>>Steinberg 2002
>>> <http://namm.harmony-central.com/WNAMM02/Content/Steinberg/PR/Cubase-VST-51.html>
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>>><http://packages.debian.org/testing/sound/ardour-gtk-altivec>
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>>>Article from 2000 on the benefits of AltiVec, although with the move to
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>> dual
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>>>processor Intel systems with SIMD, Intel SSE/SSE2/SSE3 architecture, it
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>>>>Hi James..
>>>>You wrote: "AltiVec is a definite factor
>>>>in how a G4 and G5 perform. I think that is why they went with dual
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>>>>Intel chips, to make up some of the performance loss".
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>>>>I have to disagree here. There were only a hand full of vendors that
were
>>>>actually taking advantage of the AltiVec engine(Audio ease-Altiverb),
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>>>>Adobe PhotoShop. A lot of third party developers did not jump onthe AltiVec
>>>>wagon. Even our Edmund Parelli, stated that "recoding an App to use the
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>>>velocity
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>>>>engine was a major task that many , including himself was not willing
to
>>>>do"..
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>>>>So, where di that leave Apple?? Well, if left them with having to "fabricate"
>>>>speed test and other outlandish performance statments. All while, trying
>>>>to convince IMB to make a better faster PPC CPU. Well, as you know, a
year
>>>>pasted on the Dual G5, which was still using 7 year cpu technology, Apple
>>>>was was lsoing badly in the performance race. Even worse, they were counting
>>>>on IBM to boost performace of the ongoing OSX developments. When OSX
came
>>>>out we had a Siler/ G4 Dual 1gig machine. And that Mac could barely hang
>>>>with a P4 1.8 or AMD Athlon 1.5 PC..
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>>>>OSX was and is a Hog.. My point is: Apple needs AMD/Intel badly. They
(Mr
>>>>Jobs) can no longer spew the performance lies with a stright face any
longer.
>>>>The truth is the truth. With a dual core Intel, Mc user's will see their
>>>>machines perform like they never have. No one will miss the Velocity
engine..Becuase
>>>>that same high-end floating point technology cane be bought on most graphics
>>>>cards today,and that's exactly why there are companies tlike UAD and

the

>>>>others that will be announce at this years Namm..

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>>>>My only worry for the Intel/Macs is that while the machines gain significant
>>>>performance, will Apple streamline OSX so thatit won;t bog down the CPU..??

>>>>LaMont

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>>>>"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:

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>>>>>Hey LaMont! On this G5 thing, your reading too much in to the latest

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>> news.

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>>>>>Go back to the Apple Key note speech and listen to what Steve Jobs said.

>>>>>You can scroll through the QT file quickly to get to the info on the

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>> new

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>>>>>machines performance compared to the G5s. First, the iMac is a consumer
>>>>>product with a single G5. It is being compared to a new intel dual
processor

>>>>>machine, and I believe it has faster bussing. Jobs stated that the
tests

>>>>>do not show all, but in at least the two test, floating point and integer,

>>>>>it show to be twice as fast. I would hope so, it has two processors!

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>>>>>this case, this is Apple spin. Their just trying to put their products

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>>>>>in

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>>>>>a good light, and give Mac users reason to buy.

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>>>>>As for the G5 tower, I think you should take a good look at the performance

>>>>>specs of the quad towers! There no dogs! The architecture of the iMac

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>>>>>different than that of the G5 towers. The G5 was built for pro multi

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>>>>>>You're right that the soft synths are useful but I think it's
>>>>>>overstating things to dismiss the rest of the program. The audio
>>>>>>recording is straightforward and the fx include a fairly complete
set
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>>>>>>of
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>>>>>>very useful tools right out of the box.
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>>>>>>There is a learning curve with the environment which they could indeed

>>>>>
>>>>>>improve. But once you get past that, and get hip to the long-click

>>>>>>thing, for me Logic hasn't been any slower to get around than PARIS.
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>>>Get
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>>>>>>down with your bad self on some keyboard commands, Shuttle Pro or
a
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>>>>>>remote fader/shuttle setup and it's probably faster than PARIS.
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>>>>>>>IOW not slow at all, IMO.
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>>>>>>>Cheers,
>>>>>>> -Jamie
>>>>>>> <http://www.JamieKruz.com>
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>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>LaMont wrote:
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>Hi Bill,
>>>>>>>>You nailed my thoughts exactly about Logic..Great Virtual instruments..LAD
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>>>>>>>>"Bill Lorentzen" <bill@lorentzen.ws> wrote:
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>>>>>>>>>I used Logic a bit last year and found it to be very slow in some
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>> areas
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>>>>>>>>like
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>>>>>>>>>the mixer/environment. Making adjustments to the GUI takes a lot
of
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>>>>time
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>>>>>>>>>But
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>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>it has great synths!
>>>>>>>>>>Bill
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>>>>>>>>>>>"Jamie K" <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote in message [news:43ceeea7\\$1@linux...](news:43ceeea7$1@linux...)
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>>>>>>>>>You might find this useful: Sample accurate editing is there in
Logic's
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>>>>>>>>>waveform editor, including "show as sample and hold" to see the
individual
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>>>>>>>>>bit values represented. Not sure when that was added.
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>>>>>>>>>What do you mean by "sleek and fast"? Do you mean the interface
design?
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>>>>>>>>>It
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>>>>>>>>>seems reasonably CPU efficient already.
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>>>>>>>>>Do you have any complaints about the sound?
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>>>>>>>>>>I think the interface could be improved in some areas. Long-clicking
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>>>>>>>>>>>instead of right-clicking is old baggage. The environment window
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>> needs
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>>>>>>>>>>attention, and Logic could require it less.
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>>>>>>>>>>>But version 7 was a good step toward cleaning up the GUI. As it
works
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>>>>>>>>>>>now,
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>many parts of the interface are very fast and put useful info where
>>>>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>>>>you
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>need to see and interact with it. They finally added the ability
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>> to
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>drag
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>>>>>>>>>or copy plugins from track to track - very PARIS like. :^)
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>I can edit audio with Logic in comparable ways to PARIS, moving
regions
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>around and adding crossfades within the same track. Again, very
fast.
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>>>>>>>>>And
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>>>>>>>>>Logic's automation is more comprehensive and quick to edit.
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>>>>>>>>>Cheers,
>>>>>>>>>-Jamie
>>>>>>>>><http://www.JamieKruz.com>
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>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>LaMont wrote:
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>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>Hi Jamie as a current owner of Logic 7 and 5.3 Win, I have been
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>> excited
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>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>about
>>>>>>>>>Logic's audio recording performance.
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>>>>>>>>>The app is stil the same as when I purchased it back in 1997.
Yes,
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>>>>>the
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>>>>>>>>>instruments
>>>>>>>>>are very good, and I still think that Logic's sequencer is in
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>>>>>>>>>of
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>>>>>>>>>it's
>>>>>>>>>own. However, while Steingberge re-wrote the entire audio engine
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>>>in
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>>>>>>>>>>Cubase
>>>>>>>>>>SX, Logic and DP is essentially the same app. The audio engine
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>>>not
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>>>>>>>>as
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>>>>>>>>>sleek and fast as is SX/Nuendo PT,or even Paris..No
>>>>>>>>>sample accurate editing. The Logic look is dated.
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>>>>>>>>>It seems that Apple's Sountrack Pro is going inthe right direction.
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>>>>>>I
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>>>>>>>>>only
>>>>>>>>>hope that tey manage to integrate that killer Logic sequencer..
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>>>>>>>>>Appple
>>>>>>>>>will have a killer DAW. Note: Logic's Audio Instruments are steller..
>>>>>>>>>Take care.LAD
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>Jamie K <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:
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>>>>>>>>>>LaMont, what are your complaints with Logic's audio engine? And
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>>>>>>>>you
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>>>>>>>>>>talking about Logic Pro 7.1 or an earlier version.
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>>>>>>>>>>Cheers,
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>>>>>>>>>>>jef knight wrote:
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>>>>"State
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>>>>>>>>>>>>New Native DAWS"!! This product proves it big time..
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>I guess we'll have to wait and see how this namm show goes..
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>good
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>LaMont
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Subject: Re: OT: Namm news!!!! Hot Off the Press ..Another Piece to the puzzle
Posted by [Michele Hobbs](#) on Fri, 20 Jan 2006 04:53:28 GMT
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Dedric Terry wrote:

>
> Probably the big missing feature (or so I hear - again, correct if wrong
> here), is plugin delay compensation on busses.

Logic has had plug-in delay compensation on the busses since version 7.0
or 7.1. They were rather late to the party, though.

-Michele Hobbs

Subject: Re: OT: Namm news!!!! Hot Off the Press ..Another Piece to the
Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Fri, 20 Jan 2006 06:16:40 GMT
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Good to know - I haven't kept up, so I'm just as late to the party.

Regards,

Dedric

On 1/19/06 9:53 PM, in article 43d06d35@linux, "Michele Hobbs" <michelehobbs@comcast.net> wrote:

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> -Michele Hobbs

Subject: Re: OT: Namm news!!!! Hot Off the Press ..Another Piece to the puzzle
Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Fri, 20 Jan 2006 08:13:09 GMT

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Dedric Terry wrote:

> Hey Jamie,

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> That makes more sense - I couldn't see how Logic would have made it to 7 > without sample accurate audio.

>

> I can't speak for anything beyond 5.5, so take my comment with a grain of > salt.

I'll see if I can bring you up to date. :^)

> Logic may in reality have most every editing feature Nuendo has, but > to me, audio seemed easier in Nuendo after switching - that could be nothing > more than subjective psychovisuals, but tools, visuals that contribute to > how quickly I can analyze and edit an audio track, and at the time, much > better crossfade editing options (5.5 was a bit limited there). Handling > audio as events or clips, time warp, etc. are also nice features.

They added new crossfade options to Logic. Version 6 or 7, I forget which but I was glad to see it. You can just drag across adjacent regions and can also edit numerically.

> Probably the big missing feature (or so I hear - again, correct if wrong > here), is plugin delay compensation on busses.

Added in 7.1: "Full Native Plug-In Delay Compensation

Take advantage of full plug-in delay compensation which now corrects for latency produced on bus, auxiliary, and output channels in addition to every other path in the native audio mixer. You'll especially appreciate this enhancement if you own third party DSP cards like those developed by Universal Audio and TC Electronics." (From <http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=301426>)

I agree that Logic 5.x had limitations but they've been steadily addressing them.

Here's an article about version 7 you may find interesting:

http://www.tweakheadz.com/review_of_logic_pro_7.htm

Apple's lists of 7 and 7.1 improvements:

http://images.apple.com/logicpro/pdf/LogicPro7_PO.pdf

http://manuals.info.apple.com/en/Improvements_in_Logic_Pro_7_7.1.pdf

> That said, there are some cool aspects to Logic that Nuendo doesn't have:
> 1 - more powerful midi (but to be fair, I haven't found anything I couldn't do in Nuendo, other than a complement to Logic's environment).
> 2 - dynamic processing allocation - not an official feature that I know of but one users have been asking for in Nuendo. The beauty here - start a song loaded with plugins and it doesn't max out the cpu until it reaches the point in the song it has to load that one last plugin - nice. Nuendo will sit there and stutter painfully until you can get a stop key through it's overloaded brain. The advantage of static (Nuendo) is reverb/delay processing - it continues after playback is stopped (used to be a problem with Logic, requiring dummy audio clips, but I'm sure that's fixed by now).

I think that's fixed.

> 3 - Add audio tracks without affecting playback (Nuendo/SX have to mute playback while adding tracks, but that is probably a necessary tradeoff of full PDC).

You can do pretty much anything in Logic without stopping playback. I don't think I've ever added tracks during playback, I'll have to try that.

> I wouldn't say Logic is inadequate for audio, just a different approach, with its' own strengths and weaknesses like any other DAW. As long as I have full PDC I would be happy to mix a record on Logic.

Anyone who remembers Logic from version 5.x on Win95 or OS9 would probably be glad to see the improvements made since then. Onward and upward.

BTW, Logic 7.2 will run on Intel OSX next month, so they say. \$50 upgrade.

Cheers,

-Jamie

<http://www.JamieKruz.com>

> Regards,

> Dedic

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> On 1/19/06 3:13 PM, in article 43d00edb@linux, "Jamie K"

> <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:

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>>Dedic Terry wrote:

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>>>I used Logic on PC until moving to Nuendo. I never thought it was hard to
>>>learn, but maybe I'm weird that way.

>>>I agree with Lamont - it is probably the best sequencer out there. Audio,

>>>not as nice as Nuendo, but certainly

>>>workable. I still have a soft spot for Logic even though I don't use it

>>>much.

>>>Did I read right in this thread that it still doesn't have sample accurate

>>>editing for audio?

>>

>>Hey Dedic, yep you read it but it was wrong...Logic 7.1 does have

>>sample accurate editing.

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>>I continue to hear good things about Nuendo. What audio features do you

>>think it has that Logic lacks?

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>>Cheers,

>>-Jamie

>><http://www.JamieKruz.com>

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>>>As far as the new Macs go, I hope they are as fast as comparable PCs, and
>>>priced competitively. Perhaps

>>>then both companies would have level competition to force better operating

>>>systems, hardware, apps, etc..

>>>...okay, I'm dreaming now...

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>>>I can't see moving back to Logic just for the new Apogee hardware, but I

>>>like the concept and claims of tight

>>>integration with Logic. I guess Apple really is serious about pro audio
>>>(either that or Apogee is hoping they are).
>>>
>>>Regards,
>>>Dedric
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Subject: Re: OT: Namm news!!!! Hot Off the Press ..Another Piece to the puzzle
Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Fri, 20 Jan 2006 08:46:50 GMT
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Hi Thad,

My friends who do that kind of stuff swear by python.

I use Revolution when I need to whip something up:
<http://www.runrev.com/> - xtalk based. Whether that's "real programming"
depends on the crowd you run with. I got into xtalk languages when I
wrote the documentation for HyperSense on the NeXT computer.

As far as altivec programming, you may be right about it being
difficult. So was optimizing with assembly language, but programmers at
that level aren't phased by the things we mortals see as "difficult." It
may slow or stop some companies but there are already enough companies
that take advantage of altivec it to show it's quite doable. And not
just in academia, although that's a great place to use it too.

Links:

<http://developer.apple.com/hardware/ve/>
<http://developer.apple.com/hardware/ve/tools.html>
http://developer.apple.com/documentation/Performance/Conceptual/Accelerate_sse_migration/migration_intro/chapter_1_section_1.html
<http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/macxhelp/index.jsp?topic=/com.ibm.vacpp6m.doc/getstart/overview/overview.htm>
<http://episteme.arstechnica.com/6/ubb.x?a=tpc&s=50009562&f=8300945231&m=8790959504>
<http://news.thomasnet.com/fullstory/29773/2585>
<http://www.echofx.com/press081302.html>
http://www.projectomega.org/maincat.php?lg=en&php=docs#c_ateg1

I think some of the impressive performance of the audio, graphics and
video production software I use on a dual G5 can be attributed to
altivec support. So no, I don't think floating point is the only
meaningful benchmark. Also the GPU is increasingly coming into play
under OSX. As to how many programmers can handle altivec programming,
we'd both only be speculating. My answer: enough to matter and too many
to dismiss out of hand.

Cheers,

-Jamie

<http://www.JamieKrutz.com>

TCB wrote:

> Hey Jamie,

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> Do you program? I barely program, I use Perl mostly for systems administration

> and web/database stuff. That said, I program more than a lot of people do

> and I have spent lots of time studying and learning from other programmers.

> Programmers tend to learn to code in one language. It's just human nature

> to leverage whatever knowledge one might have to the greatest extent possible.

> For example, most CGI web scripting is done in Perl. It's not that Perl is

> inherently BEST for taking input from one page and spitting it out another,

> but it's a damn fine text parsing language and for accidental historical

> reasons it found its way into web servers early on. So most CGI programming

> is done in Perl. But a really good friend of mine is a really hotshot C programmer

> so his web site has all of the CGI done in C. He just puts a C compiler in

> a directory that can be executed by Apache and writes everything that way.

> I oohed and aaahed over this (C has a much greater geek street cred than

> Perl) and he said, "Look, I'm just too damn lazy to learn Perl."

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> So, let's say I'm a C programmer working on my audio plug-in. If I'm using

> a standard C compiler and programming for a Mac or a PC I don't really think

> much about which part of the processor is doing what number crunching. The

> compiler does that for me. When I have my program do some calculation on

> a sample stored as a 32 bit floating point number my compiler says, "Well,

> this should obviously be done on the floating point unit in the CPU, let's

> send it there." For me, as a Perl programmer, integers are actually converted

> to floats automatically, which in some situations can lead to weird stuff

> happening so there's an extra switch and module that is used in Perl if someone

> is doing important stuff like designing nuclear reactors or modeling the

> historic volatility of emerging market debt vs. the treasuries. In any case,

> all of this goes on in the background with the compiler doing the work for

> me. With Altivec, though, the compilers just never really got there. So,

> me as a C programmer would have to know at least one other language (and

> the right language) to be able to code for that processor. That's like me

> writing a book about Cubase and then doing chapter 15 in Mandarin. Certainly

> there are some people who could do that, but the percentage of people in

> the world who can write a book at all is pretty small, and the percentage

> of those people who know even one foreign language at all is even smaller,

> and the percentage of those who can write fluently in that second language

> gets even smaller, and then even with five billion people on planet earth

> it's going to be damn difficult to find too many people who can do that.

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> Now then, let's say I AM that C programmer who also happens to know how to
> program the AltiVec unit. Bully for me. But every single line of code for
> the AltiVec unit will have to be re-written for an Intel processor. I can't
> even stuff it down the drain of my Intel C compiler and get lower performing,
> but still working, programs. Nope, I have to write the same routines in C
> or using the Intel "vector processor" to do the same job. So now I have to
> know three languages, or I have to re-write all of the AltiVec code again
> in C for the other platform. So, I'm writing along, worrying about my mortgage,
> hoping to sell some copies of the TCB Reverb Plug-in to both Mac and Windows
> users and I get to a spot where I can use AltiVec or not. What do you think
> I'm going to do? Would you do the same?
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> Apple and Adobe, of course, are huge software houses way more than 1000 times
> the size of, say, PSP Audio. They can probably afford the time to have some
> of the coders work on very specialized areas where vectorization will really
> matter. But the primary reason I can't believe the AltiVec unit is greatly
> exploited is because it is so incredibly powerful. If it *were* used a lot
> Macs really would be a lot more powerful than PCs in certain situations.
> The places where that does happen are in academic situations where people
> code specifically for the processor they're using, stuff like weather research
> and wave mechanics and so on.
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> Lastly, the word I hear is that Windows compilers aren't that much better
> than Mac compilers. That is, the SSE units mostly sit around with nothing
> to do, which is why the FPU on the chip is still the only meaningful benchmark
> when looking at audio/video work. So, yes, people are developing for AltiVec,
> but that doesn't have much to do with what happens when people start working
> with audio on a computer.
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> TCB
>
> Jamie K <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:
>
>>For anyone interested here's the wikipedia link:
>><http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AltiVec>
>>
>>Poking around on the net, it looks like folks developing for AltiVec
>>include Red Hat and Yellowdog Linux.
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>>On the Mac, Apple does, as you say. True, they ONLY make comprehensive
>>tools for writing, presenting, recording, editing, animating,
>>compositing, etc. So I agree it's a VERY limited universe of merely
>>everything you need to produce media content...
>>
>>Except you might also need Adobe apps, wait, Adobe uses AltiVec, too.
>>What about Microsoft. Bet they use AltiVec, too. Are there others?
>>Probably a bunch. Google and see.

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>>So it's probably not as dire as all that. I'll betcha Adobe uses the SSE
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>
>>stuff on Intel/Athlon, so cross-platform development isn't out of the
>>question. SSE is there on the new Macs, BTW.
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>>But forget all the AltiVec/SSE stuff, where OSX gets really cool is the
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>
>>core image stuff for real time media stuff running on the GPU. Crazy.
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>>Anyhoo,
>> -Jamie
>> <http://www.JamieKruz.com>
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>>TCB wrote:
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>>>Pretty much the only apps that use AltiVec are written by Apple (and run
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>>>on Macs) or are specially coded apps used written by research labs and
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>>>that write their own code. Anyone trying to support multiple platforms
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>>>be absolutely foolish to code for a (difficult to work with) vector unit
>>>only on one platform.
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>>>TCB
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>>>"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:
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>>>>Well LaMont, Logic and DP are supposed to take advantage of AltiVec, and
>>>>some plugin manufactures use it. AltiVec was not necessary for Paris
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> because
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>>>>it has hardware DSP for things like low latency and streaming. Anyways,
>>>>believe what you want! It is a choice. You believe that if Apple, or
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> a

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>>>>test lab that is associated post performance tests it's a lie, but if
>
> anybody
>
>>>>else post performance test about PC performance it's not??? Ok!
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>>>>Like I always say, it's funny how some people won't let facts get in the
>>>>way of their opinions!!!!
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>>>>Some use of Altivec.
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>>>>Emagic Logic: Old article from 1999 that talks about Logic having Altivec.
>>>><http://www.xlr8yourmac.com/audio/issue50.html>
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>>>>Steinberg 2002
>>>> <http://namm.harmony-central.com/WNAMM02/Content/Steinberg/PR /Cubase-VST-51.html>
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>>>><http://packages.debian.org/testing/sound/ardour-gtk-altivec>
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>>>>Article from 2000 on the benefits of Altivec, although with the move to
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>>>dual
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>>>>processor Intel systems with SIMD, Intel SSE/SSE2/SSE3 architecture, it
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>>>>all be a moot point.
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>>>><http://www.xlr8yourmac.com/audio/issue57.html>
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>>>>James
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>>>>"LaMont" <jjdpro@ameritech.net> wrote:
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>>>>>Hi James..
>>>>>You wrote: "Altivec is a definite factor
>>>>>in how a G4 and G5 perform. I think that is why they went with dual
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> core
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>>>>>Intel chips, to make up some of the performance loss".
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>>>>>I have to disagree here. There were only a hand full of vendors that
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>>>>>actually taking advantage of the AltiVec engine(Audio ease-Altiverb),
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> and
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>>>>>Adobe PhotoShop. A lot of third party developers did not jump onthe AltiVec
>>>>>wagon. Even our Edmund Parelli, stated that "recoding an App to use the
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>>>>velocity
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>>>>>engine was a major task that many , including himself was not willing
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>>>>>do"..
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>>>>>So, where di that leave Appple?? Well, if left them with having to "fabricate"
>>>>>speed test and other outlandish performance statments. All while, trying
>>>>>to convince IMB to make a better faster PPC CPU. Well, as you know, a
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> year
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>>>>>pasted on the Dual G5, which was still using 7 year cpu technology, Apple
>>>>>was was lsoing badly in the performance race. Even worse, they were counting
>>>>>on IBM to boost performace of the ongoing OSX developments. When OSX
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> came
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>>>>>out we had a Siler/ G4 Dual 1gig machine. And that Mac could barely hang
>>>>>with a P4 1.8 or AMD Athlon 1.5 PC..
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>>>>>OSX was and is a Hog.. My point is: Apple needs AMD/Intel badly. They
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> (Mr
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>>>>>Jobs) can no longer spew the performance lies with a stright face any
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> longer.
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>>>>>The truth is the truth. With a dual core Intel, Mc user's will see their
>>>>>machines perform like they never have. No one will miss the Velocity
>
> engine..Becuase
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>>>>>that same high-end floating point technology can be bought on most graphics
>>>>>cards today, and that's exactly why there are companies like UAD and
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> the
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>>>>>others that will be announced at this year's Namm..
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>>>>>My only worry for the Intel/Macs is that while the machines gain significant
>>>>>performance, will Apple streamline OSX so that it won't bog down the CPU..??
>>>>>LaMont
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>>>>>"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:
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>>>>>>Hey LaMont! On this G5 thing, your reading too much into the latest
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>>>news.
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>>>>>>Go back to the Apple Key note speech and listen to what Steve Jobs said.
>>>>>>You can scroll through the QT file quickly to get to the info on the
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>>>>>>>machines performance compared to the G5s. First, the iMac is a consumer
>>>>>>>product with a single G5. It is being compared to a new intel dual
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> processor
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>>>>>>>machine, and I believe it has faster bussing. Jobs stated that the
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> tests
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>>>>>>>do not show all, but in at least the two tests, floating point and integer,
>>>>>>>it shows to be twice as fast. I would hope so, it has two processors!
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>>>>>In
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>>>>>>>this case, this is Apple spin. They're just trying to put their products
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>>>>>>>in
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>>>>>>>a good light, and give Mac users reason to buy.
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>>>>>As for the G5 tower, I think you should take a good look at the performance
>>>>>specs of the quad towers! There no dogs! The architecture of the iMac
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>>>>>is
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>>>>>different than that of the G5 towers. The G5 was built for pro multi
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>>>>>work. The other thing is the towers have the Altivec technology for
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>>>>>media work. That is something that is going to change the whole equation
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>>>>>tell on all this.
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>>>>>I'm just saying look in to all of it more closely. I think if you do,
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>>>>>your honest with yourself, you'll see what I'm talking about.
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>>>>>James
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>>>>>"LaMont" <jjdpro@amerietch.net> wrote:

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>>>>>>Jamie,
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>>>>>>Logic use to be my main sequencer, it still is,if I'm using a computer.
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>>>>>>But,
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>>>>>>>I'm not comparis Logic with Paris, rather Cubase SX/Nuendo, Pro Tools
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>>>>>>>AKA The Natives.
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>>>>>>>Logic does not handle audio, in both recording, editing and mixng the
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>>>>>>>as Cubase SX/Nuendo or PT LE. It's still that same old mixer/arrange
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>>>>>>>that been there since version 4. We have Logic 7.1 on a dual G5 (2.5)
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>>>>and
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>>>>>>>with all the new add-ons, it just seems to get clunkier and clunkier.
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>>>>>>>Apple is moving to the Intel processor to put some much needed juice
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>>>behind
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>>>>>>their DAW. That's cool, except they apple have really let down a lot
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>>>>>users
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>>>>>>who were conviced that their (our) G5 were the king of the hill.. You
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>>>>>>not believe how many friends of mine who jumped on the Dual G5 and
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>>>>>>Logic as well, figuring that "finaly" we can really see this app(Logic)
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>>>>>>>rubber..Well, we were all fooled.. Even more, it seem that certain
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>>>>>>>of OSX slowed not only Logic down, but other apps as well. sadly, today
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>>>>>>>>of htose users now run PT on their G5's.
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>>>>>>being a Midi app with add on audio capabilities.
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>>>>>>The folks over at Emagic have balked to make the much needed cosmetic
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>>>>>changes,
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>>>>>>as well as, have the slick, cool editing found on the top DAWs.
>>>>>>I'm not putting down the product,rather just stating as a long-time
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>>>>>>some of it's shortcomings and changes I and a lotof others like to
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>>>>>>>Take care..LaMont
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>>>>>>>Other users have voice thee same concerns
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>>>>>> Jamie K <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:
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>>>>>>> laid out and easy to work with. But as I alluded to earlier, they
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>>>>>>> decisions to get some functions out of the environment window, and
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>>>>>>> could improve the visual feedback and layout of the environment window
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>>>>>>> itself. I think the environment window trips up a lot of people.
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>>>>>>> 7.1 did improve things somewhat but there's improvement left to do.
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>>>>>>> The mixer and arrange windows are very similar to PARIS, for audio,
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>>> but
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>>>>>>> without the 16 track per window limitation and with the ability to
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>>>>>>> automate everything. And with very nice integration of included and
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>>>>>>>party FX plugins and soft synths.
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>>>>>>>You're right that the soft synths are useful but I think it's
>>>>>>>overstating things to dismiss the rest of the program. The audio
>>>>>>>recording is straightforward and the fx include a fairly complete
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>>>>>>>very useful tools right out of the box.
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>>>>>>>There is a learning curve with the environment which they could indeed
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>>>>>>>improve. But once you get past that, and get hip to the long-click
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>>>>>>>thing, for me Logic hasn't been any slower to get around than PARIS.
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>>>>>>>down with your bad self on some keyboard commands, Shuttle Pro or
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>>>>>>>remote fader/shuttle setup and it's probably faster than PARIS.
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>>>>>>>IOW not slow at all, IMO.
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>>>>>>>Cheers,
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>>>>>>>LaMont wrote:
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>>>>>>>Hi Bill,
>>>>>>>You nailed my thoughts exactly about Logic..Great Virtual instruments..LAD
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>>>>>>>"Bill Lorentzen" <bill@lorentzen.ws> wrote:
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>>>>>>>>>I used Logic a bit last year and found it to be very slow in some
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>>>>>>>>>>the mixer/environment. Making adjustments to the GUI takes a lot
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>>>>>>>>>>>"Jamie K" <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote in message news:43ceeea7\$1@linux...
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>You might find this useful: Sample accurate editing is there in
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> Logic's
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>waveform editor, including "show as sample and hold" to see the
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> individual
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>bit values represented. Not sure when that was added.
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>What do you mean by "sleek and fast"? Do you mean the interface
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>>>>>>>>>Logic's automation is more comprehensive and quick to edit.
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>>>>>>>>>>Hi Jamie as a current owner of Logic 7 and 5.3 Win, I have been
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>>>excited
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>>>>>>>>>>about
>>>>>>>>>>Logic's audio recording performance.
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>>>>>>>>>>>The app is stil the same as when I purchased it back in 1997.
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forces such readable code that commenting should take half the time (or less) than doing the same thing in Perl. So I've been blinking bashfully in the direction of Ruby for a while now but don't think I'll be using Python any time soon.

Anywho, I read your links and one in particular stood out. It was the link to the page with the books available. The title of the Altivec section was "Learning Assembly and Altivec." Which matches my understanding that unless someone can program PPC assembly there's no real way to write good Altivec code. Yes, there are some programmers who are nasty with assembly. Yes, some of them work for audio companies. But badass assembly programmers are not everyday creatures, which I would rank as the primary reason not a lot of apps use that part of the PPC processor. But I'm probably nuts anyway.

TCB

Jamie K <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:

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>Hi Thad,
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>My friends who do that kind of stuff swear by python.
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>I use Revolution when I need to whip something up:
><http://www.runrev.com/> - xtalk based. Whether that's "real programming"

>depends on the crowd you run with. I got into xtalk languages when I
>wrote the documentation for HyperSense on the NeXT computer.
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>As far as altivec programming, you may be right about it being
>difficult. So was optimizing with assembly language, but programmers at

>that level aren't phased by the things we mortals see as "difficult." It

>may slow or stop some companies but there are already enough companies
>that take advantage of altivec it to show it's quite doable. And not
>just in academia, although that's a great place to use it too.
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>Links:
><http://developer.apple.com/hardware/ve/>
><http://developer.apple.com/hardware/ve/tools.html>
> http://developer.apple.com/documentation/Performance/Conceptual/Accelerate_sse_migration/migration_intro/chapter_1_section_1.html
> <http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/macxhelp/index.jsp?topic=/com.ibm.vacpp6m.doc/getstart/overview/overview.htm>
> <http://episteme.arstechnica.com/6/ubb.x?a=tpc&s=50009562&f=8300945231&m=8790959504>
><http://news.thomasnet.com/fullstory/29773/2585>
><http://www.echofx.com/press081302.html>
> <http://www.projectomega.org/maincat.php?lg=en&php=docs#category1>

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>I think some of the impressive performance of the audio, graphics and
>video production software I use on a dual G5 can be attributed to
>altivec support. So no, I don't think floating point is the only
>meaningful benchmark. Also the GPU is increasingly coming into play
>under OSX. As to how many programmers can handle altivec programming,
>we'd both only be speculating. My answer: enough to matter and too many

>to dismiss out of hand.

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>Cheers,
> -Jamie
> <http://www.JamieKruz.com>

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>TCB wrote:
>> Hey Jamie,
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>> Do you program? I barely program, I use Perl mostly for systems administration
>> and web/database stuff. That said, I program more than a lot of people
do
>> and I have spent lots of time studying and learning from other programmers.
>> Programmers tend to learn to code in one language. It's just human nature
>> to leverage whatever knowledge one might have to the greatest extent possible.
>> For example, most CGI web scripting is done in Perl. It's not that Perl
is
>> inherently BEST for taking input from one page and spitting it out another,
>> but it's a damn fine text parsing language and for accidental historical
>> reasons it found its way into web servers early on. So most CGI programming
>> is done in Perl. But a really good friend of mine is a really hotshot
C programmer
>> so his web site has all of the CGI done in C. He just puts a C compiler
in
>> a directory that can be executed by Apache and writes everything that
way.
>> I oohed and aaahed over this (C has a much greater geek street cred than
>> Perl) and he said, "Look, I'm just too damn lazy to learn Perl."
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>> So, let's say I'm a C programmer working on my audio plug-in. If I'm using
>> a standard C compiler and programming for a Mac or a PC I don't really
think
>> much about which part of the processor is doing what number crunching.
The
>> compiler does that for me. When I have my program do some calculation
on
>> a sample stored as a 32 bit floating point number my compiler says, "Well,
>> this should obviously be done on the floating point unit in the CPU, let's

>> send it there." For me, as a Perl programmer, integers are actually converted
>> to floats automatically, which in some situations can lead to weird stuff
>> happening so there's an extra switch and module that is used in Perl if
someone
>> is doing important stuff like designing nukular reactors or modeling the
>> historic volatility of emerging market debt vs. the treasuries. In any
case,
>> all of this goes on in the background with the compiler doing the work
for
>> me. With Altivec, though, the compilers just never really got there. So,
>> me as a C programmer would have to know at least one other language (and
>> the right language) to be able to code for that processor. That's like
me
>> writing a book about Cubase and then doing chapter 15 in Mandarin. Certainly
>> there are some people who could do that, but the percentage of people
in
>> the world who can write a book at all is pretty small, and the percentage
>> of those people who know even one foreign language at all is even smaller,
>> and the percentage of those who can write fluently in that second language
>> gets even smaller, and then even with five billion people on planet earht
>> it's going to be damn difficult to find too many people who can do that.
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>> Now then, let's say I AM that C programmer who also happens to know how
to
>> program the Altivec unit. Bully for me. But every single line of code
for
>> the Altivec unit will have to be re-written for an Intel processor. I
can't
>> even stuff it down the drain of my Intel C compiler and get lower performing,
>> but still working, programs. Nope, I have to write the same routines in
C
>> or using the Intel "vector processor" to do the same job. So now I have
to
>> know three languages, or I have to re-write all of the Altivec code again
>> in C for the other platform. So, I'm writing along, worrying about my
mortgage,
>> hoping to sell some copies of the TCB Reverb Plug-in to both Mac and Windows
>> users and I get to a spot where I can use Altivec or not. What do you
think
>> I'm going to do? Would you do the same?
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>> Apple and Adobe, of course, are huge software houses way more than 1000
times
>> the size of, say, PSP Audio. They can probably afford the time to have
some
>> of the coders work on very specialized areas where vectorization will
really

>> matter. But the primary reason I can't believe the AltiVec unit is greatly
>> exploited is because it is so incredibly powerful. If it *were* used a
lot
>> Macs really would be a lot more powerful than PCs in certain situations.
>> The places where that does happen are in academic situations where people
>> code specifically for the processor they're using, stuff like weather
research
>> and wave mechanics and so on.
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>> Lastly, the word I hear is that Windows compilers aren't that much better
>> than Mac compilers. That is, the SSE units mostly sit around with nothing
>> to do, which is why the FPU on the chip is still the only meaningful benchmark
>> when looking at audio/video work. So, yes, people are developing for AltiVec,
>> but that doesn't have much to do with what happens when people start working
>> with audio on a computer.
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>> TCB
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>> Jamie K <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:
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>>>For anyone interested here's the wikipedia link:
>>><http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AltiVec>
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>>>Poking around on the net, it looks like folks developing for AltiVec
>>>include Red Hat and Yellowdog Linux.
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>>>On the Mac, Apple does, as you say. True, they ONLY make comprehensive

>>>tools for writing, presenting, recording, editing, animating,
>>>compositing, etc. So I agree it's a VERY limited universe of merely
>>>everything you need to produce media content...
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>>>Except you might also need Adobe apps, wait, Adobe uses AltiVec, too.

>>>What about Microsoft. Bet they use AltiVec, too. Are there others?
>>>Probably a bunch. Google and see.
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>>>So it's probably not as dire as all that. I'll betcha Adobe uses the SSE
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>>>stuff on Intel/Athlon, so cross-platform development isn't out of the

>>>question. SSE is there on the new Macs, BTW.
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>>>But forget all the AltiVec/SSE stuff, where OSX gets really cool is the
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>>>core image stuff for real time media stuff running on the GPU. Crazy.

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>>>Anyhoo,
>>> -Jamie
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>>>TCB wrote:
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>>>>Pretty much the only apps that use AltiVec are written by Apple (and
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>>>>on Macs) or are specially coded apps used written by research labs and
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>>>>that write their own code. Anyone trying to support multiple platforms
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>> would
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>>>>be absolutely foolish to code for a (difficult to work with) vector unit
>>>>only on one platform.
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>>>>"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:
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>>>>>Well LaMont, Logic and DP are supposed to take advantage of AltiVec,
and
>>>>>some plugin manufactures use it. AltiVec was not necessary for Paris
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>> because
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>>>>>it has hardware DSP for things like low latency and streaming. Anyways,
>>>>>believe what you want! It is a choice. You believe that if Apple,
or
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>> a
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>>>>>test lab that is associated post performance tests it's a lie, but if
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>> anybody
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>>>>>else post performance test about PC performance it's not??? Ok!
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>>>>>Like I always say, it's funny how some people won't let facts get in

the
>>>>way of their opinions!!!!
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>>>>Some use of AltiVec.
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>>>>Emagic Logic: Old article from 1999 that talks about Logic having AltiVec.
>>>><http://www.xlr8yourmac.com/audio/issue50.html>
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>>>>Steinberg 2002
>>>> <http://namm.harmony-central.com/WNAMM02/Content/Steinberg/PR/Cubase-VST-51.html>
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>>>><http://packages.debian.org/testing/sound/ardour-gtk-altivec>
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>>>>Article from 2000 on the benefits of AltiVec, although with the move
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>>>>processor Intel systems with SIMD, Intel SSE/SSE2/SSE3 architecture,
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>>>><http://www.xlr8yourmac.com/audio/issue57.html>
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>>>>"LaMont" <jjdpro@ameritech.net> wrote:
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>>>>>Hi James..
>>>>>You wrote: "AltiVec is a definite factor
>>>>>in how a G4 and G5 perform. I think that is why they went with dual
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>>>>>Intel chips, to make up some of the performance loss".
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>>>>>I have to disagree here. There were only a hand full of vendors that
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>>>>>actually taking advantage of the AltiVec engine(Audio ease-Altiverb),

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>> and
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>>>>>Adobe PhotoShop. A lot of third party developers did not jump on the
Altivec
>>>>>wagon. Even our Edmund Parelli, stated that "recoding an App to use
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>>>>>velocity
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>>>>>engine was a major task that many , including himself was not willing
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>>>>>do"..
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>>>>>So, where di that leave Appple?? Well, if left them with having to
"fabricate"
>>>>>speed test and other outlandish performance statments. All while, trying
>>>>>to convince IMB to make a better faster PPC CPU. Well, as you know,
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>>>>>pasted on the Dual G5, which was still using 7 year cpu technology,
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>>>>>was was Isoing badly in the performance race. Even worse, they were
counting
>>>>>on IBM to boost performace of the ongoing OSX developments. When OSX
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>> came
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>>>>>out we had a Siler/ G4 Dual 1gig machine. And that Mac could barely
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>>>>>with a P4 1.8 or AMD Athlon 1.5 PC..
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>>>>>OSX was and is a Hog.. My point is: Apple needs AMD/Intel badly. They
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>> (Mr
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>>>>>Jobs) can no longer spew the performance lies with a stright face any
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>> longer.
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>>>>>The trurth is the truth. With a dual core Intel, Mc user's will see
their
>>>>>machines perform like they never have. No one will miss the Velocity

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>> engine..Becuase
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>>>>>that same high-end floating point technology cane be bought on most
graphics
>>>>>cards today,and that's exactly why there are companies tlike UAD and
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>>>>>others that will be announce at this years Namm..
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>>>>>My only worry for the Intel/Macs is that while the machines gain significant
>>>>>performance, will Apple streamline OSX so thatit won;t bog down the
CPU..??
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>>>>>"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:
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>>>>>>Hey LaMont! On this G5 thing, your reading too much in to the latest
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>>>>news.
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>>>>>>Go back to the Apple Key note speech and listen to what Steve Jobs
said.
>>>>>>You can scroll through the QT file quickly to get to the info on the
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>>>>>>machines performance compared to the G5s. First, the iMac is a consumer
>>>>>>product with a single G5. It is being compared to a new intel dual
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>>>>>>machine, and I believe it has faster bussing. Jobs stated that the
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>>>>>>do not show all, but in at least the two test, floating point and
integer,
>>>>>>it show to be twice as fast. I would hope so, it has two processors!
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>>>>>>this case, this is Apple spin. Their just trying to put their products
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>>>>>>a good light, and give Mac users reason to buy.
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>>>>>>As for the G5 tower, I think you should take a good look at the performance
>>>>>>specs of the quad towers! There no dogs! The architecture of the
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>>>>>>>>7.1 did improve things somewhat but there's improvement left to do.
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>>>>>>>>The mixer and arrange windows are very similar to PARIS, for audio,
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>>>>but
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>>>>>>>>without the 16 track per window limitation and with the ability to
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>>>>>>>>automate everything. And with very nice integration of included and
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>>>>3rd
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>>>>>>>>party FX plugins and soft synths.
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>>>>>>>>You're right that the soft synths are useful but I think it's
>>>>>>>>overstating things to dismiss the rest of the program. The audio

>>>>>>>>recording is straightforward and the fx include a fairly complete
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>> set
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>>>>>>>>of
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>>>>>>>>very useful tools right out of the box.
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>>>>>>>>There is a learning curve with the environment which they could indeed
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>>>>>>>improve. But once you get past that, and get hip to the long-click
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>>>>>>>thing, for me Logic hasn't been any slower to get around than PARIS.
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>>>>>Get
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>>>>>>>down with your bad self on some keyboard commands, Shuttle Pro or
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>> a
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>>>>>>>remote fader/shuttle setup and it's probably faster than PARIS.
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>>>>>>>>IOW not slow at all, IMO.
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>>>>>>>>Cheers,
>>>>>>>>-Jamie
>>>>>>>><http://www.JamieKruz.com>
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>>>>>>>>LaMont wrote:
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>>>>>>>>Hi Bill,
>>>>>>>>You nailed my thoughts exactly about Logic..Great Virtual instruments..LAD
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>>>>>>>>"Bill Lorentzen" <bill@lorentzen.ws> wrote:
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>>>>>>>>>I used Logic a bit last year and found it to be very slow in some
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>>>>>areas
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>>>>>>>>>like
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>>>>>>>>>>the mixer/environment. Making adjustments to the GUI takes a lot
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>> of
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>>>>>>>>time
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>>>>>>>>>But
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>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>it has great synths!
>>>>>>>>>Bill
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>"Jamie K" <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote in message
news:43ceeea7\$1@linux...
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>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>You might find this useful: Sample accurate editing is there
in
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>> Logic's
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>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>waveform editor, including "show as sample and hold" to see the
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>> individual
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>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>bit values represented. Not sure when that was added.
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>>>>>>>>>>>What do you mean by "sleek and fast"? Do you mean the interface
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>> design?
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>>>>>>>>>It
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>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>seems reasonably CPU efficient already.
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>>>>>>>>>>>Do you have any complaints about the sound?
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>>>>>>>>>>>>I think the interface could be improved in some areas. Long-clicking
>>>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>>>>instead of right-clicking is old baggage. The environment window
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>>>>needs
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>>>>>>>>>>>>attention, and Logic could require it less.
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>But version 7 was a good step toward cleaning up the GUI. As
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>> works
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>>>>>>>>>now,
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>>>>>>>>>>many parts of the interface are very fast and put useful info
where
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>>>>>>>you
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>>>>>>>>>>need to see and interact with it. They finally added the ability
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>>>>to
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>>>>>>>drag
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>>>>>>>>>>>or copy plugins from track to track - very PARIS like. :^)
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>>>>>>>>>>>I can edit audio with Logic in comparable ways to PARIS, moving
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>> regions
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>>>>>>>>>>>around and adding crossfades within the same track. Again, very
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>> fast.
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>>>>>>>>>>>And
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>Logic's automation is more comprehensive and quick to edit.
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>Cheers,
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>-Jamie
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>><http://www.JamieKruz.com>
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>LaMont wrote:
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>Hi Jamie as a current owner of Logic 7 and 5.3 Win, I have been

> "Learning Assembly and Altivec." Which matches my understanding that unless
> someone can program PPC assembly there's no real way to write good Altivec
> code. Yes, there are some programmers who are nasty with assembly. Yes, some
> of them work for audio companies. But badass assembly programmers are not
> everyday creatures, which I would rank as the primary reason not a lot of
> apps use that part of the PPC processor. But I'm probably nuts anyway.
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> TCB
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> Jamie K <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:
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>>Hi Thad,
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>>My friends who do that kind of stuff swear by python.
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>>I use Revolution when I need to whip something up:
>><http://www.runrev.com/> - xtalk based. Whether that's "real programming"
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>>depends on the crowd you run with. I got into xtalk languages when I
>>wrote the documentation for HyperSense on the NeXT computer.
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>>As far as altivec programming, you may be right about it being
>>difficult. So was optimizing with assembly language, but programmers at
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>>that level aren't phased by the things we mortals see as "difficult." It
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>>may slow or stop some companies but there are already enough companies
>>that take advantage of altivec it to show it's quite doable. And not
>>just in academia, although that's a great place to use it too.
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>>Links:
>><http://developer.apple.com/hardware/ve/>
>><http://developer.apple.com/hardware/ve/tools.html>
>> http://developer.apple.com/documentation/Performance/Conceptual/Accelerate_sse_migration/migration_intro/chapter_1_section_1.html
>> <http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/macxhelp/index.jsp?topic=/com.ibm.vacpp6m.doc/getstart/overview/overview.htm>
>> <http://episteme.arstechnica.com/6/ubb.x?a=tpc&s=50009562&f=8300945231&m=8790959504>
>><http://news.thomasnet.com/fullstory/29773/2585>
>><http://www.echofx.com/press081302.html>
>> <http://www.projectomega.org/maincat.php?lg=en&php=docs#category1>
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>>I think some of the impressive performance of the audio, graphics and
>>video production software I use on a dual G5 can be attributed to
>>altivec support. So no, I don't think floating point is the only

>>meaningful benchmark. Also the GPU is increasingly coming into play
>>under OSX. As to how many programmers can handle altivec programming,
>>we'd both only be speculating. My answer: enough to matter and too many
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>>to dismiss out of hand.
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>>Cheers,
>> -Jamie
>> <http://www.JamieKrutz.com>
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>>TCB wrote:
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>>>Hey Jamie,
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>>>Do you program? I barely program, I use Perl mostly for systems administration
>>>and web/database stuff. That said, I program more than a lot of people
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> do
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>>>and I have spent lots of time studying and learning from other programmers.
>>>Programmers tend to learn to code in one language. It's just human nature
>>>to leverage whatever knowledge one might have to the greatest extent possible.
>>>For example, most CGI web scripting is done in Perl. It's not that Perl
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> is
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>>>inherently BEST for taking input from one page and spitting it out another,
>>>but it's a damn fine text parsing language and for accidental historical
>>>reasons it found its way into web servers early on. So most CGI programming
>>>is done in Perl. But a really good friend of mine is a really hotshot
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> C programmer
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>>>so his web site has all of the CGI done in C. He just puts a C compiler
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> in
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>>>a directory that can be executed by Apache and writes everything that
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> way.
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>>>I oohed and aaahed over this (C has a much greater geek street cred than
>>>Perl) and he said, "Look, I'm just too damn lazy to learn Perl."
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>>>So, let's say I'm a C programmer working on my audio plug-in. If I'm using

>>>a standard C compiler an programming for a Mac or a PC I don't really
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> think
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>>>much about which part of the processor is doing what number crunching.
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> The
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>>>compiler does that for me. When I have my program do some calculation
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> on
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>>>a sample stored as a 32 bit floating point number my compiler says, "Well,
>>>this should obviously be done on the floating point unit in the CPU, let's
>>>send it there." For me, as a Perl programmer, integers are actually converted
>>>to floats automatically, which in some situations can lead to weird stuff
>>>happening so there's an extra switch and module that is used in Perl if
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> someone
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>>>is doing important stuff like designing nukolor reactors or modeling the
>>>historic volatility of emerging market debt vs. the treasuries. In any
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> case,
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>>>all of this goes on in the background with the compiler doing the work
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> for
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>>>me. With Altivec, though, the compilers just never really got there. So,
>>>me as a C programmer would have to know at least one other language (and
>>>the right language) to be able to code for that processor. That's like
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> me
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>>>writing a book about Cubase and then doing chapter 15 in Mandarin. Certainly
>>>there are some people who could do that, but the percentage of people
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> in
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>>>the world who can write a book at all is pretty small, and the percentage
>>>of those people who know even one foreign language at all is even smaller,
>>>and the percentage of those who can write fluently in that second language
>>>gets even smaller, and then even with five billion people on planet earht
>>>it's going to be damn difficult to find too many people who can do that.
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>>>Now then, let's say I AM that C programmer who also happens to know how

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> to
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>>>program the AltiVec unit. Bully for me. But every single line of code
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> for
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>>>the AltiVec unit will have to be re-written for an Intel processor. I
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> can't
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>>>even stuff it down the drain of my Intel C compiler and get lower performing,
>>>but still working, programs. Nope, I have to write the same routines in
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> C
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>>>or using the Intel "vector processor" to do the same job. So now I have
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> to
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>>>know three languages, or I have to re-write all of the AltiVec code again
>>>in C for the other platform. So, I'm writing along, worrying about my
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> mortgage,
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>>>hoping to sell some copies of the TCB Reverb Plug-in to both Mac and Windows
>>>users and I get to a spot where I can use AltiVec or not. What do you
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> think
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>>>I'm going to do? Would you do the same?
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>>>Apple and Adobe, of course, are huge software houses way more than 1000
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> times
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>>>the size of, say, PSP Audio. They can probably afford the time to have
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> some
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>>>of the coders work on very specialized areas where vectorization will
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> really
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>>>matter. But the primary reason I can't believe the AltiVec unit is greatly
>>>exploited is because it is so incredibly powerful. If it *were* used a
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> lot

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>>>Macs really would be a lot more powerful than PCs in certain situations.
>>>The places where that does happen are in academic situations where people
>>>code specifically for the processor they're using, stuff like weather
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> research
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>>>and wave mechanics and so on.
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>>>Lastly, the word I hear is that Windows compilers aren't that much better
>>>than Mac compilers. That is, the SSE units mostly sit around with nothing
>>>to do, which is why the FPU on the chip is still the only meaningful benchmark
>>>when looking at audio/video work. So, yes, people are developing for AltiVec,
>>>but that doesn't have much to do with what happens when people start working
>>>with audio on a computer.
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>>>TCB
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>>>Jamie K <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:
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>>>>For anyone interested here's the wikipedia link:
>>>><http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AltiVec>
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>>>>Poking around on the net, it looks like folks developing for AltiVec
>>>>include Red Hat and Yellowdog Linux.
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>>>>On the Mac, Apple does, as you say. True, they ONLY make comprehensive
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>>>>tools for writing, presenting, recording, editing, animating,
>>>>compositing, etc. So I agree it's a VERY limited universe of merely
>>>>everything you need to produce media content...
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>>>>Except you might also need Adobe apps, wait, Adobe uses AltiVec, too.
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>>>>What about Microsoft. Bet they use AltiVec, too. Are there others?
>>>>Probably a bunch. Google and see.
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>>>>So it's probably not as dire as all that. I'll betcha Adobe uses the SSE
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>>>>stuff on Intel/Athlon, so cross-platform development isn't out of the
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>>>>question. SSE is there on the new Macs, BTW.
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>>>>But forget all the AltiVec/SSE stuff, where OSX gets really cool is the
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>>>>core image stuff for real time media stuff running on the GPU. Crazy.
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>>>>Anyhoo,
>>>>-Jamie
>>>><http://www.JamieKruz.com>
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>>>>TCB wrote:
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>>>>>Pretty much the only apps that use AltiVec are written by Apple (and
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> run
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>>>only
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>>>>>on Macs) or are specially coded apps used written by research labs and
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>>>such
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>>>>>that write their own code. Anyone trying to support multiple platforms
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>>>would
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>>>>>be absolutely foolish to code for a (difficult to work with) vector unit
>>>>>only on one platform.
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>>>>>TCB
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>>>>>"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:
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>>>>>>Well LaMont, Logic and DP are supposed to take advantage of AltiVec,
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> and
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>>>>>>some plugin manufactures use it. AltiVec was not necessary for Paris
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>>>because
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>>>>>it has hardware DSP for things like low latency and streaming. Anyways,
>>>>>believe what you want! It is a choice. You believe that if Apple,
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> or
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>>>a
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>>>>>test lab that is associated post performance tests it's a lie, but if
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>>>anybody
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>>>>>else post performance test about PC performance it's not??? Ok!
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>>>>>Like I always say, it's funny how some people won't let facts get in
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> the
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>>>>>way of their opinions!!!!
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>>>>>Some use of Altivec.
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>>>>>Emagic Logic: Old article from 1999 that talks about Logic having Altivec.
>>>>><http://www.xlr8yourmac.com/audio/issue50.html>
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>>>>>Steinberg 2002
>>>>> <http://namm.harmony-central.com/WNAMM02/Content/Steinberg/PR/Cubase-VST-51.html>
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>>>>><http://packages.debian.org/testing/sound/ardour-gtk-altivec>
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>>>>>Article from 2000 on the benefits of Altivec, although with the move
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>>>>>dual
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>>>>>>processor Intel systems with SIMD, Intel SSE/SSE2/SSE3 architecture,
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>>>>>may
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>>>>>all be a moot point.
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>>>>><http://www.xlr8yourmac.com/audio/issue57.html>
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>>>>>James
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>>>>>"LaMont" <jjdpro@ameritech.net> wrote:
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>>>>>>Hi James..
>>>>>>You wrote: "AltiVec is a definite factor
>>>>>>in how a G4 and G5 perform. I think that is why they went with dual
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>>>core
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>>>>>>Intel chips, to make up some of the performance loss".
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>>>>>>I have to disagree here. There were only a hand full of vendors that
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>>>were
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>>>>>>actually taking advantage of the AltiVec engine(Audio ease-Altiverb),
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>>>and
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>>>>>>Adobe PhotoShop. A lot of third party developers did not jump on the
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> AltiVec
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>>>>>>wagon. Even our Edmund Parelli, stated that "recoding an App to use
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> the
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>>>>>>velocity
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>>>>>>engine was a major task that many , including himself was not willing
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>>>to
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>>>>>>do"..

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>>>>>>So, where di that leave Appple?? Well, if left them with having to
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> "fabricate"
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>>>>>>speed test and other outlandish performance statments. All while, trying
>>>>>>to convince IMB to make a better faster PPC CPU. Well, as you know,
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> a
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>>>year
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>>>>>>pasted on the Dual G5, which was still using 7 year cpu technology,
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> Apple
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>>>>>>was was Isoing badly in the performance race. Even worse, they were
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> counting
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>>>>>>on IBM to boost performace of the ongoing OSX developments. When OSX
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>>>came
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>>>>>>out we had a Siler/ G4 Dual 1gig machine. And that Mac could barely
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> hang
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>>>>>>with a P4 1.8 or AMD Athlon 1.5 PC..
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>>>>>>OSX was and is a Hog.. My point is: Apple needs AMD/Intel badly. They
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>>>(Mr
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>>>>>>Jobs) can no longer spew the performance lies with a stright face any
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>>>longer.
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>>>>>>The trurth is the truth. With a dual core Intel, Mc user's will see
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> their
>
>>>>>>machines perform like they never have. No one will miss the Velocity
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>>>engine..Becuase
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>>>>>>that same high-end floating point technology cane be bought on most
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> graphics
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>>>>>>cards today,and that's exactly why there are companies tlike UAD and
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>>>the
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>>>>>>others that will be announce at this years Namm..
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>>>>>>My only worry for the Intel/Macs is that while the machines gain significant
>>>>>>performance, will Apple streamline OSX so thatit won;t bog down the
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> CPU..??
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>>>>>>LaMont
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>>>>>>"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:
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>>>>>>>Hey LaMont! On this G5 thing, your reading too much in to the latest
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>>>>>news.
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>>>>>>>Go back to the Apple Key note speech and listen to what Steve Jobs
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> said.
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>>>>>>>You can scroll through the QT file quickly to get to the info on the
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>>>>>new
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>>>>>>>machines performance compared to the G5s. First, the iMac is a consumer
>>>>>>>product with a single G5. It is being compared to a new intel dual
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>>>processor
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>>>>>>>machine, and I believe it has faster bussing. Jobs stated that the

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>>>tests
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>>>>>>>do not show all, but in at least the two test, floating point and
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> integer,
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>>>>>>>it show to be twice as fast. I would hope so, it has two processors!
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>>>>>>In
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>>>>>>>this case, this is Apple spin. Their just trying to put their products
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>>>>>>>in
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>>>>>>>>a good light, and give Mac users reason to buy.
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>>>>>>>>As for the G5 tower, I think you should take a good look at the performance
>>>>>>>>specs of the quad towers! There no dogs! The architecture of the
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> iMac
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>>>>>>>is
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>>>>>>>>different than that of the G5 towers. The G5 was built for pro multi
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>>>>>media
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>>>>>>>>work. The other thing is the towers have the AltiVec technology for
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>>>multi
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>>>>>>>>media work. That is something that is going to change the whole equation
>>>>>>>>when Apple jumps their software over to intel. AltiVec is a definite
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>>>>>factor
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>>>>>>>in how a G4 and G5 perform. I think that is why they went with dual
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>>>>>>>Intel chips, to make up some of the performance loss. My guess is
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> one
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>>>>>>>processor
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>>>>>>>>is handling what AltiVec was handling, but I don't know for sure.
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> Time
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>>>>>>>>will
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>>>>>>>>>tell on all this.
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>>>>>>>>>I'm just saying look in to all of it more closely. I think if you
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> do,
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>>>>>>>>and
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>>>>>>>>>your honest with yourself, you'll see what I'm talking about.
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>>>>>>>>>James
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>>>>>>>>>>"LaMont" <jjdpro@amerietch.net> wrote:
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>>>>>>>>>>>Jamie,
>>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>>>Logic use to be my main sequencer, it still is,if I'm using a computer.
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>But,
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>>>>>>>>I'm not comparis Logic with Paris, rather Cubase SX/Nuendo, Pro Tools
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>>>>>>>LE
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>>>>>>>>AKA The Natives.
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>>>>>>>>Logic does not handle audio, in both recording, editing and mixng
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> the
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>>>>>>>way
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>>>>>>>>these apps do. Logic is a fine music creation DAW and yes you can
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> mix
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>>>>>>>>well on it.. But, I would not say that it's audio engine is as sleek,
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>>>>>>>>as Cubase SX/Nuendo or PT LE. It's still that same old mixer/arrange
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>>>>>>>setup
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>>>>>>>>that been there since version 4. We have Logic 7.1 on a dual G5 (2.5)
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>>>>>>>>and
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>>>>>>>>with all the new add-ons, it just seems to get clunkier and clunkier.
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>>>>>>>>Apple is moving to the Intel processor to put some much needed juice
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>>>>>behind
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>>>>>>>>their DAW. That's cool, except they apple have really let down a
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> lot
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>>>>>of
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>>>>>>>>users
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>>>>>>>>who were conviced that their (our) G5 were the king of the hill..
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>>>>>>>>would
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>>>>>>>>>not believe how many friends of mine who jumped on the Dual G5 and
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>>>upgraded
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>>>>>>>>>Logic as well, figuring that "finaly" we can really see this app(Logic)
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>>>>>>>>>burn
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>>>>>>>>>>rubber..Well, we were all fooled.. Even more, it seem that certain
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>>>version
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>>>>>>>>>>of OSX slowed not only Logic down, but other apps as well. sadly,
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> today
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>>>>>>>>>>most
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>>>>>>>>of htose users now run PT on their G5's.
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>>>>>>>>If you check most online forums, you'd noyice thatthe most requested
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>>>>>upgrade
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>>>>>>>>users want from emagic is: Rewrite, re0code the audio engine and
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>>>>>>make
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>>>>>>>>Logic Audio an 'first rate audio app with same midi engine. Instead
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>>>>>>>>it
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>>>>>>>>being a Midi app with add on audio capabilities.
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>>>>>>>>>The folks over at Emagic have balked to make the much needed comsmetic
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>>>>>>>>changes,
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>>>>>>>>>as well as, have the slick, cool editing found on the top DAWs.
>>>>>>>>>I'm not putting down the product,rather just stating as a long-time
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>>>user
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>>>>>>>>>some of it's shortcomings and changes I and a lotof others like to
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>>>see.
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>>>>>>>>>At this pont, I don't know if Emagic can make it happen. It seems
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> that
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>>>>>>>is goin full bore with SOundTrack Pro/Final Cut Pro.. Soundtrack
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>>>>>>>>another dime on any apple product.
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>>>>>>>>Take care..LaMont
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>>>>>>>>Other users have voice thee same concerns
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>>>>>>>>Jamie K <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:
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>>>>>>>>>So really, you guys are just complaining about parts of Logic's
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>>>>>>>>>interface - specifically the environment window? Is that correct?
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>>>>>>>>>>But not the sound, right LaMont? Or do you think there is a problem
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>>>>>with

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>>>>>>>>>the way Logic records and plays audio? If so, what steps do you
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> suggest
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>>>>>>>>>to demonstrate a sound problem with Logic 7.1? I'm seriously interested
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>>>>>>>>>in the basis of your criticism of the current Logic 7.1 audio engine.
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> a
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>>>handle
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>>>>>>>>>on the environment stuff, the rest of the program is reasonably
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> well
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>>>>>>>>>laid out and easy to work with. But as I alluded to earlier, they
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>>>could
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>>>>>>>>>knock down the learning curve a bit with some thoughtful design
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>>>>>>>>>decisions to get some functions out of the environment window, and
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>>>they
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>>>>>>>>>could improve the visual feedback and layout of the environment
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> window
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>>>>>>>>>itself. I think the environment window trips up a lot of people.
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>>>>>>>>>party FX plugins and soft synths.
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>>>>>>>>>You're right that the soft synths are useful but I think it's
>>>>>>>>>overstating things to dismiss the rest of the program. The audio
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>>>>>>>>>recording is straightforward and the fx include a fairly complete
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>>>>>>>>>of
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>very useful tools right out of the box.
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>There is a learning curve with the environment which they could
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> indeed
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>improve. But once you get past that, and get hip to the long-click
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>thing, for me Logic hasn't been any slower to get around than PARIS.
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>Get
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>down with your bad self on some keyboard commands, Shuttle Pro or
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>>>>>>>>remote fader/shuttle setup and it's probably faster than PARIS.
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>>>>>>>>IOW not slow at all, IMO.
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>>>>>>>>Cheers,
>>>>>>>>-Jamie
>>>>>>>><http://www.JamieKruz.com>
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>>>>>>>>LaMont wrote:
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>>>>>>>>Hi Bill,
>>>>>>>>You nailed my thoughts exactly about Logic..Great Virtual instruments..LAD
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>>>>>>>>"Bill Lorentzen" <bill@lorentzen.ws> wrote:
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>>>>>>>>>I used Logic a bit last year and found it to be very slow in some
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>>>>>>>>>> talking about Logic Pro 7.1 or an earlier version.
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>>>>>>>>>> Cheers,
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>>>>>>>>>> jef knight wrote:
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>>>>>>>>>>>> Apple only? fascists.
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>>>>>>>>>>>> LaMont wrote:
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> <http://www.apogeedigital.com/products/symphony.php>
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> Wow, jsut when I was making fuss about the Mid-Level DSP(PCI)
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>>>>>> range
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>>>>>>>>>> or
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> non-existence
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> of this market segment, they anouce this.
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> Logic Audio is nice, but a little dated. Still one of the
>
> best

> It has an interactive interpreter (like Python and VB), is strictly OO, and
> forces such readable code that commenting should take half the time (or less)
> than doing the same thing in Perl. So I've been blinking bashfully in the
> direction of Ruby for a while now but don't think I'll be using Python any
> time soon.

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> Anywho, I read your links and one in particular stood out. It was the link
> to the page with the books available. The title of the Altivec section was
> "Learning Assembly and Altivec." Which matches my understanding that unless
> someone can program PPC assembly there's no real way to write good Altivec
> code. Yes, there are some programmers who are nasty with assembly. Yes, some
> of them work for audio companies. But badass assembly programmers are not
> everyday creatures, which I would rank as the primary reason not a lot of
> apps use that part of the PPC processor. But I'm probably nuts anyway.

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> TCB

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> Jamie K <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:

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>>Hi Thad,

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>>My friends who do that kind of stuff swear by python.

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>>I use Revolution when I need to whip something up:
>><http://www.runrev.com/> - xtalk based. Whether that's "real programming"

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>>depends on the crowd you run with. I got into xtalk languages when I
>>wrote the documentation for HyperSense on the NeXT computer.

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>>As far as altivec programming, you may be right about it being
>>difficult. So was optimizing with assembly language, but programmers at
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>>that level aren't phased by the things we mortals see as "difficult." It
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>>may slow or stop some companies but there are already enough companies
>>that take advantage of altivec it to show it's quite doable. And not
>>just in academia, although that's a great place to use it too.

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>>Links:

>><http://developer.apple.com/hardware/ve/>
>><http://developer.apple.com/hardware/ve/tools.html>
>> http://developer.apple.com/documentation/Performance/Conceptual/Accelerate_sse_migration/migration_intro/chapter_1_section_1.html
>> <http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/macxhelp/index.jsp?topic=/com.ibm.vacpp6m.doc/getstart/overview/overview.htm>

>> [http://episteme.arstechnica.com/6/ubb.x?a=tpc&s=50009562 &f=8300945231&m=8790959504](http://episteme.arstechnica.com/6/ubb.x?a=tpc&s=50009562&f=8300945231&m=8790959504)
>><http://news.thomasnet.com/fullstory/29773/2585>
>><http://www.echofx.com/press081302.html>
>> <http://www.projectomega.org/maincat.php?lg=en&php=docs#c ateg1>
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>>I think some of the impressive performance of the audio, graphics and
>>video production software I use on a dual G5 can be attributed to
>>altivec support. So no, I don't think floating point is the only
>>meaningful benchmark. Also the GPU is increasingly coming into play
>>under OSX. As to how many programmers can handle altivec programming,
>>we'd both only be speculating. My answer: enough to matter and too many
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>>to dismiss out of hand.
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>>Cheers,
>> -Jamie
>> <http://www.JamieKruz.com>
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>>TCB wrote:
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>>>Hey Jamie,
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>>>Do you program? I barely program, I use Perl mostly for systems administration
>>>and web/database stuff. That said, I program more than a lot of people
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> do
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>>>and I have spent lots of time studying and learning from other programmers.
>>>Programmers tend to learn to code in one language. It's just human nature
>>>to leverage whatever knowledge one might have to the greatest extent possible.
>>>For example, most CGI web scripting is done in Perl. It's not that Perl
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> is
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>>>inherently BEST for taking input from one page and spitting it out another,
>>>but it's a damn fine text parsing language and for accidental historical
>>>reasons it found its way into web servers early on. So most CGI programming
>>>is done in Perl. But a really good friend of mine is a really hotshot
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> C programmer
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>>>so his web site has all of the CGI done in C. He just puts a C compiler
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> in
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>>>a directory that can be executed by Apache and writes everything that
>
> way.
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>>>I oohed and aaahed over this (C has a much greater geek street cred than
>>>Perl) and he said, "Look, I'm just too damn lazy to learn Perl."
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>>>So, let's say I'm a C programmer working on my audio plug-in. If I'm using
>>>a standard C compiler an programming for a Mac or a PC I don't really
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> think
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>>>much about which part of the processor is doing what number crunching.
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> The
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>>>compiler does that for me. When I have my program do some calculation
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> on
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>>>a sample stored as a 32 bit floating point number my compiler says, "Well,
>>>this should obviously be done on the floating point unit in the CPU, let's
>>>send it there." For me, as a Perl programmer, integers are actually converted
>>>to floats automatically, which in some situations can lead to weird stuff
>>>happening so there's an extra switch and module that is used in Perl if
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> someone
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>>>is doing important stuff like designing nukolor reactors or modeling the
>>>historic volatility of emerging market debt vs. the treasuries. In any
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> case,
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>>>all of this goes on in the background with the compiler doing the work
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> for
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>>>me. With Altivec, though, the compilers just never really got there. So,
>>>me as a C programmer would have to know at least one other language (and
>>>the right language) to be able to code for that processor. That's like
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> me
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>>>writing a book about Cubase and then doing chapter 15 in Mandarin. Certainly
>>>there are some people who could do that, but the percentage of people
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> in
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>>>the world who can write a book at all is pretty small, and the percentage
>>>of those people who know even one foreign language at all is even smaller,
>>>and the percentage of those who can write fluently in that second language
>>>gets even smaller, and then even with five billion people on planet earth
>>>it's going to be damn difficult to find too many people who can do that.
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>>>Now then, let's say I AM that C programmer who also happens to know how
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> to
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>>>program the Altivec unit. Bully for me. But every single line of code
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> for
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>>>the Altivec unit will have to be re-written for an Intel processor. I
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> can't
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>>>even stuff it down the drain of my Intel C compiler and get lower performing,
>>>but still working, programs. Nope, I have to write the same routines in
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> C
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>>>or using the Intel "vector processor" to do the same job. So now I have
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> to
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>>>know three languages, or I have to re-write all of the Altivec code again
>>>in C for the other platform. So, I'm writing along, worrying about my
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> mortgage,
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>>>hoping to sell some copies of the TCB Reverb Plug-in to both Mac and Windows
>>>users and I get to a spot where I can use Altivec or not. What do you
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> think
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>>>I'm going to do? Would you do the same?
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>>>Apple and Adobe, of course, are huge software houses way more than 1000
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> times
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>>>the size of, say, PSP Audio. They can probably afford the time to have
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> some
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>>>of the coders work on very specialized areas where vectorization will
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> really
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>>>matter. But the primary reason I can't believe the AltiVec unit is greatly
>>>exploited is because it is so incredibly powerful. If it *were* used a
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> lot
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>>>Macs really would be a lot more powerful than PCs in certain situations.
>>>The places where that does happen are in academic situations where people
>>>code specifically for the processor they're using, stuff like weather
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> research
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>>>and wave mechanics and so on.
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>>>Lastly, the word I hear is that Windows compilers aren't that much better
>>>than Mac compilers. That is, the SSE units mostly sit around with nothing
>>>to do, which is why the FPU on the chip is still the only meaningful benchmark
>>>when looking at audio/video work. So, yes, people are developing for AltiVec,
>>>but that doesn't have much to do with what happens when people start working
>>>with audio on a computer.
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>>>TCB
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>>>Jamie K <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:
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>>>>For anyone interested here's the wikipedia link:
>>>><http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AltiVec>
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>>>>Poking around on the net, it looks like folks developing for AltiVec
>>>>include Red Hat and Yellowdog Linux.
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>>>>On the Mac, Apple does, as you say. True, they ONLY make comprehensive
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>>>>tools for writing, presenting, recording, editing, animating,
>>>>compositing, etc. So I agree it's a VERY limited universe of merely
>>>>everything you need to produce media content...
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>>>>Except you might also need Adobe apps, wait, Adobe uses AltiVec, too.
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>>>>What about Microsoft. Bet they use AltiVec, too. Are there others?
>>>>Probably a bunch. Google and see.
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>>>>So it's probably not as dire as all that. I'll betcha Adobe uses the SSE
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>>>>stuff on Intel/Athlon, so cross-platform development isn't out of the
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>>>>question. SSE is there on the new Macs, BTW.
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>>>>But forget all the AltiVec/SSE stuff, where OSX gets really cool is the
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>>>>core image stuff for real time media stuff running on the GPU. Crazy.
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>>>>Anyhoo,
>>>>-Jamie
>>>><http://www.JamieKruz.com>
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>>>>TCB wrote:
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>>>>>Pretty much the only apps that use AltiVec are written by Apple (and
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> run
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>>>only
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>>>>>on Macs) or are specially coded apps used written by research labs and
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>>>such
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>>>>>that write their own code. Anyone trying to support multiple platforms
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>>>would
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>>>
>>>>>be absolutely foolish to code for a (difficult to work with) vector unit
>>>>>only on one platform.
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>>>>>TCB
>>>>>
>>>>>"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:
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>>>>>
>>>>>>Well LaMont, Logic and DP are supposed to take advantage of AltiVec,

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> and
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>>>>>some plugin manufactures use it. Altivec was not necessary for Paris
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>>>because
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>>>>>it has hardware DSP for things like low latency and streaming. Anyways,
>>>>>believe what you want! It is a choice. You believe that if Apple,
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> or
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>>>a
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>>>>>test lab that is associated post performance tests it's a lie, but if
>>>
>>>anybody
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>>>>>else post performance test about PC performance it's not??? Ok!
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>>>>>Like I always say, it's funny how some people won't let facts get in
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> the
>
>>>>>way of their opinions!!!!
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>>>>>Some use of Altivec.
>>>>>
>>>>>Emagic Logic: Old article from 1999 that talks about Logic having Altivec.
>>>>><http://www.xlr8yourmac.com/audio/issue50.html>
>>>>>
>>>>>Steinberg 2002
>>>>> <http://namm.harmony-central.com/WNAMM02/Content/Steinberg/PR/Cubase-VST-51.html>
>>>>>
>>>>><http://packages.debian.org/testing/sound/ardour-gtk-altivec>
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>>>>>Article from 2000 on the benefits of Altivec, although with the move
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>>>>>dual
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>>>>>processor Intel systems with SIMD, Intel SSE/SSE2/SSE3 architecture,
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> it
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>>>>>all be a moot point.
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>>>>><http://www.xlr8yourmac.com/audio/issue57.html>
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>>>>>James
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>>>>>"LaMont" <jjdpro@ameritech.net> wrote:
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>>>>>>Hi James..
>>>>>>You wrote: "AltiVec is a definite factor
>>>>>>in how a G4 and G5 perform. I think that is why they went with dual
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>>>core
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>>>>>>Intel chips, to make up some of the performance loss".
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>>>>>>I have to disagree here. There were only a hand full of vendors that
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>>>were
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>>>>>>actually taking advantage of the AltiVec engine(Audio ease-Altiverb),
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>>>and
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>>>>>>Adobe PhotoShop. A lot of third party developers did not jump onthe
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> AltiVec
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>>>>>>wagon. Even our Edmund Parelli, stated that "recoding an App to use
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> the
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>>>>>>velocity
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>>>>>>engine was a major task that many , including himself was not willing
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>>>to
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>>>>>>do"..
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>>>>>>>So, where di that leave Appple?? Well, if left them with having to
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> "fabricate"
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>>>>>>>speed test and other outlandish performance statments. All while, trying
>>>>>>>to convince IMB to make a better faster PPC CPU. Well, as you know,
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> a
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>>>year
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>>>>>>>pasted on the Dual G5, which was still using 7 year cpu technology,
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> Apple
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>>>>>>>was was lsoing badly in the performance race. Even worse, they were
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> counting
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>>>>>>>on IBM to boost performace of the ongoing OSX developments. When OSX
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>>>came
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>>>>>>>out we had a Siler/ G4 Dual 1gig machine. And that Mac could barely
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> hang
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>>>>>>>with a P4 1.8 or AMD Athlon 1.5 PC..
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>>>>>>>OSX was and is a Hog.. My point is: Apple needs AMD/Intel badly. They
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>>>(Mr
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>>>
>>>>>>>Jobs) can no longer spew the performance lies with a stright face any
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>>>longer.

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>>>>>>The truth is the truth. With a dual core Intel, Mac user's will see
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> their
>
>>>>>>machines perform like they never have. No one will miss the Velocity
>>>
>>>engine..Because
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>>>>>>that same high-end floating point technology can be bought on most
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> graphics
>
>>>>>>cards today, and that's exactly why there are companies like UAD and
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>>>the
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>>>
>>>>>>others that will be announced at this year's Namm..
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>>>>>>My only worry for the Intel/Macs is that while the machines gain significant
>>>>>>performance, will Apple streamline OSX so that it won't bog down the
>
> CPU..??
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>>>>>>LaMont
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>>>>>>"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:
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>>>>>>>Hey LaMont! On this G5 thing, your reading too much into the latest
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>>>>>news.
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>>>>>>>Go back to the Apple Key note speech and listen to what Steve Jobs
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> said.
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>>>>>>>You can scroll through the QT file quickly to get to the info on the
>>>>>
>>>>>new
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>>>>>>>machines performance compared to the G5s. First, the iMac is a consumer
>>>>>>>product with a single G5. It is being compared to a new intel dual
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>>>processor
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>>>>>>>machine, and I believe it has faster bussing. Jobs stated that the
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>>>tests
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>>>>>>>do not show all, but in at least the two test, floating point and
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> integer,
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>>>>>>>it show to be twice as fast. I would hope so, it has two processors!
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>>>>>>>In
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>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>this case, this is Apple spin. Their just trying to put their products
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>>>>>>>>in
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>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>a good light, and give Mac users reason to buy.
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>>>>>>>>>As for the G5 tower, I think you should take a good look at the performance
>>>>>>>>>specs of the quad towers! There no dogs! The architecture of the
>
> iMac
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>>>>>>>>>is
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>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>different than that of the G5 towers. The G5 was built for pro multi
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>>>>>>>>>>media
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>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>>>>work. The other thing is the towers have the AltiVec technology for
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>>>multi
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>>>>>>>media work. That is something that is going to change the whole equation
>>>>>>>when Apple jumps their software over to intel. Altivec is a definite
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>>>>>factor
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>>>>>>>Intel chips, to make up some of the performance loss. My guess is
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> one
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>>>>>>>is handling what Altivec was handling, but I don't know for sure.
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> Time
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>>>>>>>will
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>>>>>>>tell on all this.
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>>>>>>>I'm just saying look in to all of it more closely. I think if you
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> do,
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>>>>>>>and
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>>>>>>>your honest with yourself, you'll see what I'm talking about.
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>>>>>>>James
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>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>"LaMont" <jjdpro@ameritech.net> wrote:
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>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>Jamie,
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>Logic use to be my main sequencer, it still is,if I'm using a computer.
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>>>>>>>But,
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>>>>>>>I'm not comparis Logic with Paris, rather Cubase SX/Nuendo, Pro Tools
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>>>>>>>LE
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>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>AKA The Natives.
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>>>>>>>Logic does not handle audio, in both recording, editing and mixng
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> the
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>>>>>>>way
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>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>these apps do. Logic is a fine music creation DAW and yes you can
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> mix
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>>>>>>>fairly
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>>>>>>>>well on it.. But, I would not say that it's audio engine is as sleek,
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>>>>>>>fast
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>>>>>>>>as Cubase SX/Nuendo or PT LE. It's still that same old mixer/arrange
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>>>>>>>setup
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>>>>>>>>that been there since version 4. We have Logic 7.1 on a dual G5 (2.5)
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>>>>>and
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>>>>>>>with all the new add-ons, it just seems to get clunkier and clunkier.
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>>>>>>>Apple is moving to the Intel processor to put some much needed juice
>>>>>
>>>>>behind
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>>>>>
>>>>>>>their DAW. That's cool, except they apple have really let down a
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> lot
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>>>>>of
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>>>>>>>users
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>>>>>>>who were conviced that their (our) G5 were the king of the hill..
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> You
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>>>>>would
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>>>>>>>not believe how many friends of mine who jumped on the Dual G5 and
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>>>upgraded
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>>>>>>>Logic as well, figuring that "finaly" we can really see this app(Logic)
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>>>>>>>burn
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>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>rubber..Well, we were all fooled.. Even more, it seem that certain
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>>>version
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>>>>>>>of OSX slowed not only Logic down, but other apps as well. sadly,
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> today
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>>>>>>>most
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>>>>>>>of htose users now run PT on their G5's.
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>>>>>>>If you check most online forums, you'd noyice thatthe most requested
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>>>>>upgrade
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>>>>>
>>>>>>>users want from emagic is: Rewrite, re0code the audio engine and
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> thus
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>>>>>make
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>>>>>>>Logic Audio an 'first rate audio app with same midi engine. Instead
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>>>of
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>>>>>>>it
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>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>being a Midi app with add on audio capabilities.
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>>>>>>>The folks over at Emagic have balked to make the much needed comsmetic
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>>>>>>>changes,
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>>>>>>>as well as, have the slick, cool editing found on the top DAWs.
>>>>>>>>I'm not putting down the product,rather just stating as a long-time
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>>>user
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>>>>>>>>some of it's shortcomings and changes I and a lotof others like to

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>>>see.
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>>>>>>>At this pont, I don't know if Emagic can make it happen. It seems
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> that
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>>>>>>>Apple
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>>>>>>>is goin full bore with SOundTrack Pro/Final Cut Pro.. Soundtrack
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> Pro's
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>>>>>>>layout
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>>>>>>>>and audio engine is where Logic should be. So, maybe we are seeing
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>>>>>>>>of Logic..Ihope so, because until they some wholesale changes, I'm
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>>>>>>>>Take care..LaMont
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>>>>>>>>Other users have voice thee same concerns
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>>>>>>>>>Jamie K <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:
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>>>>>>>>>So really, you guys are just complaining about parts of Logic's
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>>>>>>>>>interface - specifically the environment window? Is that correct?
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>>>>>>>>>But not the sound, right LaMont? Or do you think there is a problem
>>>>>
>>>>>with
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>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>the way Logic records and plays audio? If so, what steps do you
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> suggest
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>>>>>>>>>to demonstrate a sound problem with Logic 7.1? I'm seriously interested
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>in the basis of your criticism of the current Logic 7.1 audio engine.
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>>>>>>>>>As far as the interface goes, I found that once I got enough of
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> a
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>>>handle
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>>>>>>>>>on the environment stuff, the rest of the program is reasonably
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> well
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>>>>>>>>>laid out and easy to work with. But as I alluded to earlier, they
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>>>could
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>>>>>>>>>knock down the learning curve a bit with some thoughtful design
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>>>>>>>>>decisions to get some functions out of the environment window, and
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>>>they
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>>>>>>>>>could improve the visual feedback and layout of the environment
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> window
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>>>>>>>>>itself. I think the environment window trips up a lot of people.

>>>>>>>>thing, for me Logic hasn't been any slower to get around than PARIS.
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>>>>>>>>>But
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>>>>>>>>>it has great synths!
>>>>>>>>>Bill
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>>>>>>>>>"Jamie K" <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote in message
news:43ceeea7\$1@linux...
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>>>>>>>>>>You might find this useful: Sample accurate editing is there
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> in
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>>>Logic's
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>>>>>>>>>>>waveform editor, including "show as sample and hold" to see the
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>>>individual
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>>>>>>>>>>>bit values represented. Not sure when that was added.
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>>>>>>>>>>>>What do you mean by "sleek and fast"? Do you mean the interface
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>>>design?
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>>>>>>>>>>>It
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>seems reasonably CPU efficient already.
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>Do you have any complaints about the sound?
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>I think the interface could be improved in some areas. Long-clicking
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>>>>>>>>>>And
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>>>>>>>>>>>>Logic's automation is more comprehensive and quick to edit.
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>>>>>>>>>>>>Cheers,
>>>>>>>>>>>>-Jamie
>>>>>>>>>>>><http://www.JamieKrutz.com>
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>>>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>>>LaMont wrote:
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>Hi Jamie as a current owner of Logic 7 and 5.3 Win, I have been
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>>>>>excited
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>about
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>Logic's audio recording performance.
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>The app is stil the same as when I purchased it back in 1997.
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>>>Yes,
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>>>>>>>>>>>>the
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>instruments
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>are very good, and I still think that Logic's sequencer is in
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>>>league
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>of
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>> Ah, the Perl/Python debate. If anyone other than Jamie is reading this
the
>> flame wars among coders on that one make Mac/PC and Pro Tools/PARIS debates
>> look like very friendly chats by people who respect each other. I didn't
>> even look at Python until I found out Bram Cohen used it, and now Google
>> uses it internally a lot. These days if Google used COBOL I'm sure half
the
>> programmers on the planet would start using it. For me and what I do,
and
>> this is just for me other people have well informed and sensible opinions
>> otherwise, Python is Perl but it reads better. To me that's not a compelling
>> reason to make a move, but if I were starting over now? If Bram uses it?
>> I dunno. The other Perl like language that I find really fascinating is
Ruby.
>> It has an interactive interpreter (like Python and VB), is strictly OO,
and
>> forces such readable code that commenting should take half the time (or
less)
>> than doing the same thing in Perl. So I've been blinking bashfully in
the
>> direction of Ruby for a while now but don't think I'll be using Python
any
>> time soon.
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>> Anywho, I read your links and one in particular stood out. It was the
link
>> to the page with the books available. The title of the Altivec section
was
>> "Learning Assembly and Altivec." Which matches my understanding that unless
>> someone can program PPC assembly there's no real way to write good Altivec
>> code. Yes, there are some programmers who are nasty with assembly. Yes,
some
>> of them work for audio companies. But badass assebmly programmers are
not
>> everyday creatures, which I would rank as the primary reason not a lot
of
>> apps use that part of the PPC processor. But I'm probably nuts anyway.

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>> TCB
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>> Jamie K <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:
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>>>Hi Thad,
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>>>My friends who do that kind of stuff swear by python.
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>>>I use Revolution when I need to whip something up:

>>>http://www.runrev.com/ - xtalk based. Whether that's "real programming"
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>>>depends on the crowd you run with. I got into xtalk languages when I
>>>wrote the documentation for HyperSense on the NeXT computer.
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>>>As far as altivec programming, you may be right about it being
>>>difficult. So was optimizing with assembly language, but programmers at
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>>>that level aren't phased by the things we mortals see as "difficult."
It
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>>>may slow or stop some companies but there are already enough companies

>>>that take advantage of altivec it to show it's quite doable. And not
>>>just in academia, although that's a great place to use it too.
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>>>Links:
>>>http://developer.apple.com/hardware/ve/
>>>http://developer.apple.com/hardware/ve/tools.html
>>> http://developer.apple.com/documentation/Performance/Conceptual/Accelerate_sse_migration/migration_intro/chapter_1_section_1.html
>>> http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/macxhelp/index.jsp?topic=/com.ibm.vacpp6m.doc/getstart/overview/overview.htm
>>> http://episteme.arstechnica.com/6/ubb.x?a=tpc&s=50009562&f=8300945231&m=8790959504
>>>http://news.thomasnet.com/fullstory/29773/2585
>>>http://www.echofx.com/press081302.html
>>> http://www.projectomega.org/maincat.php?lg=en&php=docs#category1
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>>>I think some of the impressive performance of the audio, graphics and

>>>video production software I use on a dual G5 can be attributed to
>>>altivec support. So no, I don't think floating point is the only
>>>meaningful benchmark. Also the GPU is increasingly coming into play
>>>under OSX. As to how many programmers can handle altivec programming,

>>>we'd both only be speculating. My answer: enough to matter and too many
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>>>to dismiss out of hand.
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>>>Cheers,
>>> -Jamie
>>> http://www.JamieKruz.com
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>>>TCB wrote:
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>>>>Hey Jamie,
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>>>>Do you program? I barely program, I use Perl mostly for systems administration
>>>>and web/database stuff. That said, I program more than a lot of people
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>> do
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>>>>and I have spent lots of time studying and learning from other programmers.
>>>>Programmers tend to learn to code in one language. It's just human nature
>>>>to leverage whatever knowledge one might have to the greatest extent
possible.
>>>>For example, most CGI web scripting is done in Perl. It's not that Perl
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>> is
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>>>>inherently BEST for taking input from one page and spitting it out another,
>>>>but it's a damn fine text parsing language and for accidental historical
>>>>reasons it found its way into web servers early on. So most CGI programming
>>>>is done in Perl. But a really good friend of mine is a really hotshot
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>> C programmer
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>>>>so his web site has all of the CGI done in C. He just puts a C compiler
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>> in
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>>>>a directory that can be executed by Apache and writes everything that
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>> way.
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>>>>I oohed and aaahed over this (C has a much greater geek street cred
than
>>>>Perl) and he said, "Look, I'm just too damn lazy to learn Perl."
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>>>>So, let's say I'm a C programmer working on my audio plug-in. If I'm
using
>>>>a standard C compiler and programming for a Mac or a PC I don't really
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>> think
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>>>>much about which part of the processor is doing what number crunching.
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>> The
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>>>>compiler does that for me. When I have my program do some calculation
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>> on
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>>>>a sample stored as a 32 bit floating point number my compiler says, "Well,
>>>>this should obviously be done on the floating point unit in the CPU,
let's
>>>>send it there." For me, as a Perl programmer, integers are actually converted
>>>>to floats automatically, which in some situations can lead to weird stuff
>>>>happening so there's an extra switch and module that is used in Perl
if
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>> someone
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>>>>is doing important stuff like designing nukular reactors or modeling
the
>>>>historic volatility of emerging market debt vs. the treasuries. In any
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>> case,
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>>>>all of this goes on in the background with the compiler doing the work
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>> for
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>>>>me. With Altivec, though, the compilers just never really got there.
So,
>>>>me as a C programmer would have to know at least one other language (and
>>>>the right language) to be able to code for that processor. That's like
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>> me
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>>>>writing a book about Cubase and then doing chapter 15 in Mandarin. Certainly
>>>>there are some people who could do that, but the percentage of people
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>> in
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>>>>the world who can write a book at all is pretty small, and the percentage
>>>>of those people who know even one foreign language at all is even smaller,
>>>>and the percentage of those who can write fluently in that second language
>>>>gets even smaller, and then even with five billion people on planet earth
>>>>it's going to be damn difficult to find too many people who can do that.
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>>>>Now then, let's say I AM that C programmer who also happens to know how
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>> to
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>>>>program the Altivec unit. Bully for me. But every single line of code

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>> for
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>>>>the AltiVec unit will have to be re-written for an Intel processor. I
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>> can't
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>>>>even stuff it down the drain of my Intel C compiler and get lower performing,
>>>>but still working, programs. Nope, I have to write the same routines
in
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>> C
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>>>>or using the Intel "vector processor" to do the same job. So now I have
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>> to
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>>>>know three languages, or I have to re-write all of the AltiVec code again
>>>>in C for the other platform. So, I'm writing along, worrying about my
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>> mortgage,
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>>>>hoping to sell some copies of the TCB Reverb Plug-in to both Mac and
Windows
>>>>users and I get to a spot where I can use AltiVec or not. What do you
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>> think
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>>>>I'm going to do? Would you do the same?
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>>>>Apple and Adobe, of course, are huge software houses way more than 1000
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>> times
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>>>>the size of, say, PSP Audio. They can probably afford the time to have
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>> some
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>>>>of the coders work on very specialized areas where vectorization will
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>> really
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>>>>matter. But the primary reason I can't believe the AltiVec unit is greatly
>>>>exploited is because it is so incrediby powerful. If it *were* used a
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>> lot
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>>>>Macs really would be a lot more powerful than PCs in certain situations.

>>>>The places where that does happen are in academic situations where people
>>>>code specifically for the processor they're using, stuff like weather
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>> research
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>>>>and wave mechanics and so on.
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>>>>Lastly, the word I hear is that Windows compilers aren't that much better
>>>>than Mac compilers. That is, the SSE units mostly sit around with nothing
>>>>to do, which is why the FPU on the chip is still the only meaningful
benchmark
>>>>when looking at audio/video work. So, yes, people are developing for
AltiVec,
>>>>but that doesn't have much to do with what happens when people start
working
>>>>with audio on a computer.
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>>>>TCB
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>>>>Jamie K <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:
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>>>>>For anyone interested here's the wikipedia link:
>>>>><http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AltiVec>
>>>>>
>>>>>Poking around on the net, it looks like folks developing for AltiVec

>>>>>include Red Hat and Yellowdog Linux.
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>>>>>On the Mac, Apple does, as you say. True, they ONLY make comprehensive
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>>>>>tools for writing, presenting, recording, editing, animating,
>>>>>compositing, etc. So I agree it's a VERY limited universe of merely

>>>>>everything you need to produce media content...
>>>>>
>>>>>Except you might also need Adobe apps, wait, Adobe uses AltiVec, too.
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>>>>>What about Microsoft. Bet they use AltiVec, too. Are there others?
>>>>>Probably a bunch. Google and see.
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>>>>>So it's probably not as dire as all that. I'll betcha Adobe uses the
SSE
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>>>>>stuff on Intel/Athlon, so cross-platform development isn't out of the

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>>>>question. SSE is there on the new Macs, BTW.
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>>>>But forget all the AltiVec/SSE stuff, where OSX gets really cool is
the
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>>>>core image stuff for real time media stuff running on the GPU. Crazy.
>>>>
>>>>Anyhoo,
>>>>-Jamie
>>>><http://www.JamieKruz.com>
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>>>>TCB wrote:
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>>>>>Pretty much the only apps that use AltiVec are written by Apple (and
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>> run
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>>>>only
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>>>>>on Macs) or are specially coded apps used written by research labs
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>>>>such
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>>>>>that write their own code. Anyone trying to support multiple platforms
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>>>>would
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>>>>>be absolutely foolish to code for a (difficult to work with) vector
unit
>>>>>only on one platform.
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>>>>>TCB
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>>>>>"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:
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>>>>>>Well LaMont, Logic and DP are supposed to take advantage of AltiVec,
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>> and
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>>>>>>some plugin manufactures use it. Altivec was not necessary for Paris
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>>>>because
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>>>>>>it has hardware DSP for things like low latency and streaming. Anyways,
>>>>>>believe what you want! It is a choice. You believe that if Apple,
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>> or
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>>>>a
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>>>>>>test lab that is associated post performance tests it's a lie, but
if
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>>>>anybody
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>>>>>>else post performance test about PC performance it's not??? Ok!
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>>>>>>Like I always say, it's funny how some people won't let facts get
in
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>> the
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>>>>>>way of their opinions!!!!
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>>>>>>Some use of Altivec.
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>>>>>>Emagic Logic: Old article from 1999 that talks about Logic having
Altivec.
>>>>>><http://www.xlr8yourmac.com/audio/issue50.html>
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>>>>>>Steinberg 2002
>>>>>> <http://namm.harmony-central.com/WNAMM02/Content/Steinberg/PR/Cubase-VST-51.html>
>>>>>>
>>>>>><http://packages.debian.org/testing/sound/ardour-gtk-altivec>
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>>>>>>Article from 2000 on the benefits of Altivec, although with the move
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>>>>>>dual
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>>>>>>processor Intel systems with SIMD, Intel SSE/SSE2/SSE3 architecture,
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>> it
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>>>>>>may
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>>>>>>>all be a moot point.
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>>>>>>><http://www.xlr8yourmac.com/audio/issue57.html>
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>>>>>>>James
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>>>>>>>"LaMont" <jjdpro@ameritech.net> wrote:
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>>>>>>>>Hi James..
>>>>>>>>You wrote: "Altivec is a definite factor
>>>>>>>>in how a G4 and G5 perform. I think that is why they went with dual
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>>>>core
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>>>>>>>>Intel chips, to make up some of the performance loss".
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>>>>>>>>>I have to disagree here. There were only a hand full of vendors that
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>>>>were
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>>>>>>>>>actually taking advantage of the Altivec engine(Audio ease-Altiverb),
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>>>>and
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>>>>>>>>>>Adobe PhotoShop. A lot of third party developers did not jump onthe
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>> Altivec
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>>>>>>>>>>wagon. Even our Edmund Parelli, stated that "recoding an App to use
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>>>>>>velocity
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>>>>>>>engine was a major task that many , including himself was not willing
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>>>>to
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>>>>>>>do"..
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>>>>>>>So, where di that leave Appple?? Well, if left them with having to
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>> "fabricate"
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>>>>>>>speed test and other outlandish performance statments. All while,
trying
>>>>>>>to convince IMB to make a better faster PPC CPU. Well, as you know,
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>> a
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>>>>year
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>>>>>>>pasted on the Dual G5, which was still using 7 year cpu technology,
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>> Apple
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>>>>>>>was was Isoing badly in the performance race. Even worse, they were
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>> counting
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>>>>>>>on IBM to boost performace of the ongoing OSX developments. When
OSX
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>>>>came
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>>>>>>>out we had a Siler/ G4 Dual 1gig machine. And that Mac could barely
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>> hang
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>>>>>>>with a P4 1.8 or AMD Athlon 1.5 PC..
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>>>>>>>OSX was and is a Hog.. My point is: Apple needs AMD/Intel badly.
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>>>>(Mr

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>>>>>>>Jobs) can no longer spew the performance lies with a stright face
any
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>>>>longer.
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>>>>>>>The trurth is the truth. With a dual core Intel, Mc user's will see
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>> their
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>>>>>>>machines perform like they never have. No one will miss the Velocity
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>>>>engine..Becuase
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>>>>>>>that same high-end floating point technology cane be bought on most
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>> graphics
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>>>>>>>cards today,and that's exactly why there are companies tlike UAD
and
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>>>>the
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>>>>>>>others that will be announce at this years Namm..
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>>>>>>>My only worry for the Intel/Macs is that while the machines gain
significant
>>>>>>>performance, will Apple streamline OSX so thatit won;t bog down the
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>> CPU..??
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>>>>>>>LaMont
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>>>>>>>"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:
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>>>>>>>Hey LaMont! On this G5 thing, your reading too much in to the latest
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>>>>>>>news.
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>>>>>>>>Go back to the Apple Key note speech and listen to what Steve Jobs

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>> said.
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>>>>>>>>You can scroll through the QT file quickly to get to the info on
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>>>>>>new
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>>>>>>>>machines performance compared to the G5s. First, the iMac is a
consumer
>>>>>>>>product with a single G5. It is being compared to a new intel dual
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>>>>processor
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>>>>>>>>machine, and I believe it has faster bussing. Jobs stated that
the
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>>>>tests
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>>>>>>>>do not show all, but in at least the two test, floating point and
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>> integer,
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>>>>>>>>it show to be twice as fast. I would hope so, it has two processors!
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>>>>>>>>In
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>>>>>>>>this case, this is Apple spin. Their just trying to put their products
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>>>>>>>>in
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>>>>>>>>a good light, and give Mac users reason to buy.
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>>>>>>>>As for the G5 tower, I think you should take a good look at the
performance
>>>>>>>>specs of the quad towers! There no dogs! The architecture of the
>>
>> iMac
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>>>>>>>is
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>>>>>>>different than that of the G5 towers. The G5 was built for pro
multi
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>>>>>>>media
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>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>work. The other thing is the towers have the Altivec technology
for
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>>>>>>>multi
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>>>>>>>media work. That is something that is going to change the whole
equation
>>>>>>>when Apple jumps their software over to intel. Altivec is a definite
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>>>>>>>factor
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>>>>>>>in how a G4 and G5 perform. I think that is why they went with
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>>>>>>>>Intel chips, to make up some of the performance loss. My guess
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>> one
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>>>>>>>processor
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>>>>>>>>is handling what Altivec was handling, but I don't know for sure.
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>> Time
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>>>>>>>>will
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>>>>>>>>tell on all this.
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>>>>>>>>I'm just saying look in to all of it more closely. I think if you
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>> do,
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>>>>>>>>and
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>>>>>>>>your honest with yourself, you'll see what I'm talking about.
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>>>>>>>>James
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>>>>>>>>"LaMont" <jjdpro@ameritech.net> wrote:
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>>>>>>>>Jamie,
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>>>>>>>>Logic use to be my main sequencer, it still is,if I'm using a computer.
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>>>>>>>>But,
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>>>>>>>>I'm not comparis Logic with Paris, rather Cubase SX/Nuendo, Pro
Tools
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>>>>>>>>LE
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>>>>>>>>AKA The Natives.
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>>>>>>>>Logic does not handle audio, in both recording, editing and mixng
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>> the
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>>>>>>>>way
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>>>>>>>>these apps do. Logic is a fine music creation DAW and yes you can
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>> mix
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>>>>>>>fairly
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>>>>>>>>>well on it.. But, I would not say that it's audio engine is as sleek,
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>>>>>>>fast
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>>>>>>>>>as Cubase SX/Nuendo or PT LE. It's still that same old mixer/arrange
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>>>>>>>setup
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>>>>>>>>>that been there since version 4. We have Logic 7.1 on a dual G5 (2.5)
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>>>>>>>and
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>>>>>>>>>with all the new add-ons, it just seems to get clunkier and clunkier.
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>>>>>>>>>Apple is moving to the Intel processor to put some much needed juice
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>>>>>>>behind
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>>>>>>>>>their DAW. That's cool, except they apple have really let down
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>> lot
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>>>>>>>of
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>>>>>>>>>users
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>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>who were convinced that their (our) G5 were the king of the hill..
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>>>>>>>would
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>>>>>>>>>not believe how many friends of mine who jumped on the Dual G5
and
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>>>>upgraded
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>>>>>>>>>Logic as well, figuring that "finaly" we can really see this app(Logic)
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>>>>>>>>>burn
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>>>>>>>>>>>rubber..Well, we were all fooled.. Even more, it seem that certain
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>>>>version
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>>>>>>>>>>>of OSX slowed not only Logic down, but other apps as well. sadly,
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>> today
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>>>>>>>>>>>most
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>of htose users now run PT on their G5's.
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>If you check most online forums, you'd noyice thatthe most requested
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>>>>>>>>>>>upgrade
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>users want from emagic is: Rewrite, re0code the audio engine and
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>> thus
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>>>>>>>>>>>make
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>Logic Audio an 'first rate audio app with same midi engine. Instead

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>>>>>>>it
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>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>being a Midi app with add on audio capabilities.
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>>>>>>>>The folks over at Emagic have balked to make the much needed cosmetic
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>>>>>>>>changes,
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>>>>>>>>>as well as, have the slick, cool editing found on the top DAWs.

>>>>>>>>>I'm not putting down the product,rather just stating as a long-time
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>>>>user
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>>>>>>>>>some of it's shortcomings and changes I and a lotof others like
to
>>>>
>>>>see.
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>>>>>>>>>At this pont, I don't know if Emagic can make it happen. It seems
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>> that
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>>>>>>>>>Apple
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>>>>>>>>>>>is goin full bore with SOundTrack Pro/Final Cut Pro.. Soundtrack
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>> Pro's
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>>>>>>>>>>>layout
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>and audio engine is where Logic should be. So, maybe we are seeing
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>>>>the

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>>>>>>>future
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>>>>>>>>of Logic..Ihope so, because until they some wholesale changes,
I'm
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>>>>>>>spening
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>>>>>>>>another dime on any apple product.
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>>>>>>>>Take care..LaMont
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>>>>>>>>Other users have voice thee same concerns
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>Jamie K <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:
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>>>>>>>>>So really, you guys are just complaining about parts of Logic's
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>>
>>>>>>>>>interface - specifically the environment window? Is that correct?
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>But not the sound, right LaMont? Or do you think there is a problem
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>>>>>>>>with
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>>>>>>>>>>the way Logic records and plays audio? If so, what steps do you
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>> suggest
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>>>>>>>>>>>to demonstrate a sound problem with Logic 7.1? I'm seriously interested
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>>>>>>>>>>>>in the basis of your criticism of the current Logic 7.1 audio
engine.
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>As far as the interface goes, I found that once I got enough of
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>>>>>3rd
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>>>>>>>>party FX plugins and soft synths.
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>>>>>>>>You're right that the soft synths are useful but I think it's

>>>>>>>>overstating things to dismiss the rest of the program. The audio
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>>>>>>>>recording is straightforward and the fx include a fairly complete
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>>>>set
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>>>>>>>>of
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>>>>>>>>>very useful tools right out of the box.
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>>>>>>>>>There is a learning curve with the environment which they could
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>> indeed
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>>>>>>>>>improve. But once you get past that, and get hip to the long-click
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>>>>>>>>>thing, for me Logic hasn't been any slower to get around than
PARIS.
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>>>>>>>>Get
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>>>>>>>>>down with your bad self on some keyboard commands, Shuttle Pro
or
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>>>>a
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>>>>>>>>>>remote fader/shuttle setup and it's probably faster than PARIS.
>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>IOW not slow at all, IMO.
>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>Cheers,
>>>>>>>>>>-Jamie

>>>>>>>>>http://www.JamieKruz.com
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>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>LaMont wrote:
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>>>>>>>>>Hi Bill,
>>>>>>>>>You nailed my thoughts exactly about Logic..Great Virtual instruments..LAD
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>>>>>>>>>"Bill Lorentzen" <bill@lorentzen.ws> wrote:
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>>>>>>>>>>I used Logic a bit last year and found it to be very slow in
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To answer your question: pros don't do this, so.....umm.... why did you guys upgrade if you didn't know it would be stable for you? A momentary lapse of reason? Blinded with science? Allured by the shiny pretty things? ;-)

While I agree that software is rarely, if ever "perfect", users aren't either. Sometimes how you view the product has as much or more to do with the user, or the perceptions we allow other people to influence us with than the product. It's a Burger King world - have it your way, perfectly, yesterday. ;-))

Users are the ones that push manufacturers for more features faster. I would wager that a large majority of users on any given DAW forum claiming to want a perfectly stable release, regardless of features and time in beta,

would be complaining about how late the release is, and how manufacturer XYZ has more features. It's a sickness, but it isn't one permeating developers - it's a user disease.

In response, we are starting gear addicts anonymous - GAA for short, which is what we usually say when NAMM rolls around - "Dude... did you see the new Korg/Roland/Yammy synth?? Gaaaaaaa!!!!!!". ;-)

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>> and Sculpture.

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>> I'm not singling out Emagic, but Steignberg as well as, Motu. These companies
>> bring out (SELL) these so -called updates, only to come up short. As a
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>> pro, you actually loose productivity when you upgrade. This is a problem
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swear

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>> Mt question is: How do you loose fuctionality ,sometimes sound quality
in

>> an app, that a DAW manufacturer makes you pay for "being a guinea pig"??

>> This is really austounding of how many people just jump and run to update

>> their stable working,\$\$money making systems to, updating to a bug infested

>> "upgrade" revision 1.0??

>> Fascinating..
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>> Detric Terry <dterry@keyofd.net> wrote:
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>>>Thanks for the update - sounds like the difference between Logic and Nuendo
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