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Posted by [Gantt Kushner](#) on Sun, 14 Sep 2008 15:41:28 GMT

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Posted by [Chris Ludwig](#) on Sun, 14 Sep 2008 17:47:42 GMT

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Posted by [kerryg](#) on Sun, 14 Sep 2008 18:37:52 GMT

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Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Sun, 14 Sep 2008 21:03:44 GMT
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Posted by [Martin Harrington](#) on Sun, 14 Sep 2008 23:03:32 GMT

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Mon, 15 Sep 2008 03:20:24 GMT

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If only Reaper did clickable playlists..... I'm about to blow out the playback rig for my live act, and I would LOVE to set up for Reaper. AFAIK, only Sonar has this capability. I'd do reaper in a heartbeat if it could import sonar projects and playlist them. Time between songs is everything live :)

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my advice then, is to look at the feature set in Reaper and if it fits the bill and you like how it operates (go get it, and see how you like it with the demo) then put your bucks on hardware and use Reaper. If you need more then you have to know that ahead of time, and spend on the software accordingly.

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Posted by [chuck duffy](#) on Mon, 15 Sep 2008 10:16:54 GMT
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YOU most reliable host for for this probably be Reaper.

The Presonus does not work right with Presonus gear so you will ahve to use Reaper of other host.

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I'll pass this on to Tony and let you know what he says.

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Posted by [Chris Ludwig](#) on Mon, 15 Sep 2008 21:35:16 GMT

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The Turion64 is a slow processor but if all you need to do is record 2 to 8 tracks at 44.1k or 48k you should be fine. Reaper will by far be the best choice for this on a slower machine.

There are something you will want to find out before you invest in ANY audio interface for this laptop.

What OS version
How much ram.
How big and what speed is th internal drive?
What Fire wire chip set is the laptop using?

Being a AMD laptop it might be using a Via CPU chip and Fire wire chip set. Which actually might be a good thing.

For a laptop you really need to have either TI or Via based fire wire to improve the odds of it working.

Chris

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Posted by [kerryg](#) on Tue, 16 Sep 2008 01:41:26 GMT

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- K

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>>

>> It's the complete antithesis of bloatware - lean, fast and mean. It's

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>> nothing in your system - in fact it can be run from a USB key. It boots

>

>> lightning fast and editing/mixing is a breeze.

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>> I got turned on to it by my production partner last year. I was dubious

>

>> at first - why would I be interested when I'm already running Logic 8?

>> Well, after playing with the pre-beta (really an alpha) build for a

>> while and virtually *never* having it crash (while Logic 8 crashes more

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>> often than the Jamaican Bobsled Team) I started looking at it more

>> seriously.

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>> It's the brainchild of Justin Frankel, the guy who wrote WinAmp and

>> sold it later (his family walked out with somewhere in the hundred

>> million range from that sale). Now that he was able to do anything he

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>> to the bloated, expensive and often unacceptably flaky offerings on the

>

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>> The features are insane and the design philosophy is deep-rooted; it

>> represents a serious challenge to the status quo. Justin's stated that

>> he wanted to make it open source but it was problematic because of the

>> licensing requirements for technologies like ReWire etc, but he's done

>> the next closest thing - he's opened the architecture and provided kits

>

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>> completely different beasts from "audio plugins" - with these

>> extensions you can write your own support for an audio file format, or
>> for a control surface (even a non-MIDI one). He's got the user
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Posted by [kerryg](#) on Tue, 16 Sep 2008 01:44:53 GMT

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Hmm, version 1.3 of what? Reaper? The current Mac version, 2.46, is here:

<http://www.reaper.fm/download.php>

- K

On 2008-09-15 09:22:07 -0700, "Steve Cox" <stevec1@charter.net> said:

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> I checked on the web and only found version 1.3 for Mac OSX. Is this all that's
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> "chuck duffy" <c@c.com> wrote:

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>>
>> Firepod

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>> Groove Agent

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Ed

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Subject: Re: Sonar?

Posted by [TC](#) on Sat, 20 Sep 2008 22:03:10 GMT

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Ah, now this is more like the old Paris NG as I remembered it...

No way man, I'm keeping this thread open..

Next topics of discussion.. politics and religion!

Cheers,

TC

Ed wrote:

> Ha ha ha! And you're so funny too!

>

> And you don't even know me... you got this summation from a few posts I created
> on this newsgroup? Mostly asking questions cause I don't monitor this newsgroup
> daily. Just how were my questions perverse, ugly or even malicious? Please
> explain this to me and especially your fan group.

>

> To me you are nothing but a jerk! And one that I would love to meet in person,
> cause your old beastie ass can't hide behide a keyboard with your "Yea me,
> fuck thee" sissy attitude that you have shown more than once.

>

> Or perhaps you got me mistaken with someone else? I am not sure what your
> problem is... but you certainly got issues!

>

> And your post about the threats of the family was silly too. You make me
> laugh! Or perhaps you've dissed others and maybe they weren't going to put
> up with your cantankerous bullshit either?

>

> Allow me to give you a piece of advice. You see a post on here you don't
> like... you can really chose to ignore it, OR you can be bold and post like
> an idiot and start personal trouble (like you just have) with peopl you don't
> even know. The red pill or the blue pill. You chose!

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> This thread is dead! Jerk!

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> "chuck duffy" <c@c.com> wrote:
