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Posted by [DJ](#) on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 04:02:01 GMT
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Subject: Re: Some of that Paris glue
Posted by [jjdpro](#) on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 04:23:47 GMT
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Hey DJ. I started to get that Glue sound when I purchased the Waves SSL & URS plugins.

Before that I struggled to get that "glue". But, for starters, all I have to do is strap the Waves SSL Bus Compressor on the master fader..Boom..Insant tightness..

Then on the tracks, i either go with the SSL channel or URS channles (API, LA2a)..

Charles Dyes DVD (Mix it like a Record) talks about how to use analog channel plugins to to "glue" a mix together. It made a lot a sense.

Still to this day, when I fire up Paris (When I Have a nice \$\$\$) gig)it's isstant Magic. Instant smile.. Man what a DAW. I love the power of Nuendo/SX, even yes Pro Tools, but Paris has that instant radio ready sound as my friends say.

It's funny, but when we have a really important mix, my partners will say, hey "Mont" we mix this song on Paris..They can tell the differnce.

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Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 04:39:36 GMT
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DJ - have you tried Nebula 3? It isn't light on cpu, but it's as close to analog as I've heard in a plugin. The U-140 plate sounds better than UA's, and imho, the 747 comp sounds better than anything the UAD-1 has as well.

I'm gonna have to go quad core soon. A preamp instance, 3 bands of EQ, comp and reverb took 30% of my core 2 duo cpu, so you won't get it on every track like the Neve 88. I don't have the Neve plugins to compare Nebula to, but fwiw, it's worth a try for only \$110 or so (80 euro).

Glad to hear Crash didn't do more damage.

Regards,
Dedric

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news:46db9c5c\$1@linux...

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the BG vocals and lead vocal are out of whack on the last one. Getting
stepped on a bit by fiddles, etc. here and there as well.....Oh
well.....g'nite.....;o)

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Posted by [LaMont](#) on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 08:06:43 GMT

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Posted by Nil on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 15:55:30 GMT
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Neil

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 15:56:57 GMT
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Crap - pasted the wrong link for the homepage. Here's the correct one:

<http://www.the29a.org/nickcrow/index.html>

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Posted by [LaMont](#) on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 17:06:57 GMT
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Hey John,
when I insert the SSL Comp on the master buss, I'm going for that SSL sound just like on the real SSL Console. The Plugin SSL comp reacts just like the the real thing. The beauty of the SSL comp is that it does not suck life out of a mix, but rather hold a mix together. It does not fix offending rack levels. You still have to mix, but the SSL Comp keeps a well mixed song tightly knited together. Thus, getign a more aggressive, puchier mix.

Also, the Sonalkis comps have this glueing quality. Overall, the SSL & Faichild comps were used for making amix soudn like a record. hey are to be used after you have your mix 90 percent complete..

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Posted by [DJ](#) on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 20:16:53 GMT
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this is Bluegrass!!!.....well.....sorta'.....if you get rid of the PBass/Ampeg SVT and the drums..... ;o)

Since I'm mastering as I mix here, I gotta' chop a little energy out of it with the Precision EQ to roll off a little the signal hitting the Neve, then thicken it back up with the saturation and drive, then change the threshold settings of that Fairchild and tame it's output into the Limiter.....sheeshyou rock/R&B guys.....what am I gonna do with you anyway????

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 20:41:05 GMT

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Posted by [DJ](#) on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 21:36:45 GMT

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Sorry dood.....somebody's gotta' RAWK, and you're it.

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Tue, 04 Sep 2007 11:32:05 GMT
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Posted by [Rod Lincoln](#) on Tue, 04 Sep 2007 18:05:15 GMT
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DJ I really like the Neve 88rs too. Unfortunately, this new version of the UAD software broke the ability to render plugs in Paris, at least for me. I couldn't get anyone else to respond that uses it in Paris. I'm not quite ready to start mixing in cubase yet so, I can't decide whether to ask UAD if they can de-authorize me for the 88 RS or not. bummer

Rod

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