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Posted by [Shane M](#) on Sun, 14 Dec 2008 11:13:42 GMT

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Sun, 14 Dec 2008 13:23:09 GMT

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Posted by [Tom Bruhl](#) on Sun, 14 Dec 2008 18:02:11 GMT  
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Posted by [Shane M](#) on Sun, 14 Dec 2008 20:36:25 GMT

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Tom, I think for mixing bigger stuff I will, and definitely for tracking with a band as I don't have enough inputs in other apps and Paris is so easy for that, but I'm looking to use tools for songwriting and composition too, and am finding on the fly looping like Ableton Live very cool for working out song layers (and just fun).

The interest in midi functionality is because I used to write alot of stuff with stepwrite (i'm not a good key player) doing soundtrack and instrumental pieces. just looking for different flavors of stuff without necessarily learning entirely new and vastly different workflow.

I'm mainly a rock guy, but I've even have a hip-hop tune in my head for several years that I want to give a go and I'm clueless as to how to approach all the sounds I'm hearing.

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Cubase let's me do that perfectly. It really is exactly what I need. Other's have different needs though so it's very important to know the strengths and weaknesses of each before diving into any daw.

I'm a hobbist too but I like to have powerful apps and those do take some time to learn but with my passion for music it has been well worth the time I have invested in learning it. I actually just submitted 3 articles on cubase to a new cubase magazine so we'll see if I get published.

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Posted by [kerryg](#) on Sun, 14 Dec 2008 21:43:15 GMT

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Posted by [Shane M](#) on Sun, 14 Dec 2008 22:57:30 GMT  
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re: "really let's me play music instead of rebooting and dinking with computers"

thanks John, that's exactly where I'm coming from. If I have an hour after work I have to make it count. There's kindof a buzzkill if it isn't fun quick. I'm reading through the Cubase site now and will give this LE version I have some time over the next few days.

Good luck on magazine articles. My wife does some freelancing - it's a tough way to go - but she says it's way better than her old day job.

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Posted by [Shane M](#) on Sun, 14 Dec 2008 23:04:45 GMT  
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thanks Bill. seems like the weight of evidence is saying check out Cubase.  
That's what I'm checking out next (after I push a little farther with an  
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Anybody else out there approaching this from a songwriting/creativity angle?

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Posted by [Martin Harrington](#) on Mon, 15 Dec 2008 00:35:50 GMT  
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Easy to get your head around, with no steep learning curve.

BTW, I'm not sure what John is talking about when he says that Cubase has a steep learning curve...it too is very intuitive.  
Getting into the intricacies may take some using, but you can make music pretty much straight away...IMHO.

Having said that, I haven't used it for a couple of years, I now use Pro Tools and Logic, ( which I really like, and is extremely powerful)

Martin H

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Posted by [Paul Artola](#) on Mon, 15 Dec 2008 02:47:38 GMT  
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I'll add a two thumbs up for Reaper here. My Paris DAW sits idle in the corner, while my primary recording setup is a homebuilt Reaper/UAD-1 computer with a Tascam DM4800 into a MOTU 2408mk3 front end. Mostly, I use the Tascam as a control surface for Reaper, since I don't track too much these days. A lot of my tunes recently are assembled in Acid, then exported as individual tracks for mixdown in the Reaper DAW using the Tascam to write automation.

Paris will still have a place here, I think, since I have it in a semi-portable rack, so I could use it to track in other rooms, then mix in Paris or move tracks into Reaper.

A couple of cool things to point out about Reaper. It supports skins and the user community has come up with dozens of them. This is really useful for making it user-friendly to me, since no other DAW software caressed my eyes like Paris. Wish someone with talent would come up with a Paris skin.

Second, while Reaper doesn't come with too many instrument plugins, it does have a sick collection of effect plugs, and I have found ReaFIR to be a powerful, surgical eq tool.

Finally, there is a growing, fanatical user base, who have produced lots of documentation, howtos and even videos. New versions come out about once per month, and the developer is actively involved with the online forum.

If you want more testimonials, talk to Chris Ludwig.

- Paul Artola  
Ellicott City, Maryland

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Posted by [Shane M](#) on Mon, 15 Dec 2008 04:38:27 GMT  
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thanks for the pointers to Reaper from many places here also! I'll be checking it out.

Paul Artola <artola@comcast.net> wrote:  
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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Mon, 15 Dec 2008 06:31:00 GMT  
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If it's about the easiest interface and user GUI, and assuming you're a windows guy SONAR is the choice I'd make. Be aware though that SONAR doesn't have the best hardware implimentation, and latency continues to plague them. If it's about speed/accuracy with hardware, I'd say cubase/nuendo from what I've seen.

AA

"Shane M" <shanem@nospam.com> wrote in message news:49456039\$1@linux...  
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> Tom, I think for mixing bigger stuff I will, and definitely for tracking  
> with a band as I don't have enough inputs in other apps and Paris is so  
> easy  
> for that, but I'm looking to use tools for songwriting and composition  
> too,  
> and am finding on the fly looping like Ableton Live very cool for working  
> out song layers (and just fun).  
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> The interest in midi functionality is because I used to write alot of  
> stuff

> with stepwrite (i'm not a good key player) doing soundtrack and  
> instrumental  
> pieces. just looking for different flavors of stuff without necessarily  
> learning entirely new and vastly different workflow.  
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> I'm mainly a rock guy, but I've even have a hip-hop tune in my head for  
> several  
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> "Tom Bruhl" <arpegio@comcast.net> wrote:  
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Subject: Re: easiest software to transition to from Paris?

Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Mon, 15 Dec 2008 08:00:03 GMT

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I agree with Bill about Logic. Logic on the Mac is at a pretty good level now. I've found it to have some great PARIS-like aspects with the way comping, limiting and FX work, for example. But it goes beyond PARIS in that all your tracks work together in one interface (no 16 track/card limits), and EVERYTHING is automatable.

The interface and work flow are more direct than before, now that Apple has had some influence on it for the past few years. So the learning curve is much less than before. It comes with a full suite of high quality FX and instruments. Worth checking out.

Cheers,  
-Jamie  
[www.JamieKrutz.com](http://www.JamieKrutz.com)

Bill L wrote:

> I have not found any product to be especially easier or more similar to  
> Paris than any other. My advice would be Cubase for PC or Mac or Logic  
> for Mac. Both are very rich in features and powerful, plus they come  
> with a bunch of synths and effects. I use Cubase 4 and love it.

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Posted by [chuck duffy](#) on Mon, 15 Dec 2008 13:23:42 GMT  
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><jimdrago@embarqmail.com> wrote:

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Mon, 15 Dec 2008 14:01:11 GMT  
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Martin, when I refer to the steep learning curve I'm referring to learning things like the button to reveal the automation is hidden and only if you hover over the "known" spot will you see it appear.

Things like learning the difference between track presets, exported track archives (which save i/o, sends, inserts that track presets don't do) and media bay presets.

Things like learning how file preferences have presets so you can have different prefs for tracking, mixing and mastering.

Things like learning that you have to have vst connection channels disabled in Output but they have to be in the list if you want to use Control Room

Things like the right click to populate sends requires that you first select the channels you want to apply them to before you apply your fader settings to your sends.

Things like learning to reset your audio device when audio disappears (not often thankfully).

Things like learning how cool stacked mode is.

Don't get me wrong, I love cubase and you can get going in not too short a time, but I think all daws have a steep learning curve, or I'm just dumb.  
:-)

John

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Subject: Re: easiest software to transition to from Paris?

Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Mon, 15 Dec 2008 14:05:38 GMT

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It is cool to at least know all the things it can do, even if I don't know how to do them. Then at least I can decide what I want to spend time on.

One of my favorite sayings is "Perfect is the enemy of the Good". But hey, I just spent about 70 hours dialing in my perfect drum set so I'm not a great example. I really only use about 25% of cubases features if that. No scoring, very little midi but the features I do use I love.

Folder tracks make life great. Put drums, guitar, keys, vocals in their own folder tracks and put all those in one folder track, now you can enable/disable all or groups with a click for recording or monitoring.

John

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Subject: Re: easiest software to transition to from Paris?

Posted by [Ed](#) on Mon, 15 Dec 2008 15:34:39 GMT

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Why not respond with your typical prickish "yeah me, fuck thee" reponse like you have done so well before?

<http://news.parisnewsgroup.com/cgi-bin/dnewsweb?cmd=article&group=IDEA.EMUEnsoniqPARIS&item=211030&utag=>

~ Cantankerous Fuck You Ed

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John

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Subject: Re: easiest software to transition to from Paris?  
Posted by [kerryg](#) on Mon, 15 Dec 2008 19:24:07 GMT  
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Hey, f\*\*\* that, it's my turn this month!

:D

- K

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Posted by [excelav](#) on Tue, 16 Dec 2008 00:17:38 GMT  
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Hey Paul, what do you think of the sound and functionality of the Tascam DM-4800?

James

Paul Artola <[artola@comcast.net](mailto:artola@comcast.net)> wrote:

>I'll add a two thumbs up for Reaper here. My Paris DAW sits idle in  
>the corner, while my primary recording setup is a homebuilt  
>Reaper/UAD-1 computer with a Tascam DM4800 into a MOTU 2408mk3 front  
>end. Mostly, I use the Tascam as a control surface for Reaper, since I  
>don't track too much these days. A lot of my tunes recently are  
>assembled in Acid, then exported as individual tracks for mixdown in  
>the Reaper DAW using the Tascam to write automation.

>  
>Paris will still have a place here, I think, since I have it in a  
>semi-portable rack, so I could use it to track in other rooms, then  
>mix in Paris or move tracks into Reaper.

>  
>A couple of cool things to point out about Reaper. It supports skins  
>and the user community has come up with dozens of them. This is really  
>useful for making it user-friendly to me, since no other DAW software  
>caressed my eyes like Paris. Wish someone with talent would come up  
>with a Paris skin.

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>Second, while Reaper doesn't come with too many instrument plugins, it  
>does have a sick collection of effect plugs, and I have found ReaFIR  
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>If you want more testimonials, talk to Chris Ludwig.

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Posted by [Paul Artola](#) on Tue, 16 Dec 2008 05:02:45 GMT  
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I am very happy with the DM4800, though I really don't use it as an audio mixer as much as I use it as a control surface. It offers a good deal of flexibility and has lots of i/o possibilities, especially since I added on 2 adat cards.

I think the sound is fine, no issues to my ears. Like any complex device, I think I would be more capable with it if I used all its functionality more, so I am always running to the manual to remember how to wire things up. It would be nice to have a simpler way to create routings, and a touchscreen would be ideal, but for the money, I am happy with the unit.

Just ordered a new Argosy desk to house the mixer and my rack gear, so I will be spending a fair bit of time re-wiring my studio next month.

- Paul

On 16 Dec 2008 10:17:38 +1000, "James McCloskey"  
<excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:

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>Hey Paul, what do you think of the sound and functionality of the Tascam DM-4800?  
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>James  
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>Paul Artola <artola@comcast.net> wrote:  
>>I'll add a two thumbs up for Reaper here. My Paris DAW sits idle in  
>>the corner, while my primary recording setup is a homebuilt  
>>Reaper/UAD-1 computer with a Tascam DM4800 into a MOTU 2408mk3 front  
>>end. Mostly, I use the Tascam as a control surface for Reaper, since I  
>>don't track too much these days. A lot of my tunes recently are  
>>assembled in Acid, then exported as individual tracks for mixdown in  
>>the Reaper DAW using the Tascam to write automation.  
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>>Paris will still have a place here, I think, since I have it in a  
>>semi-portable rack, so I could use it to track in other rooms, then  
>>mix in Paris or move tracks into Reaper.  
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>>A couple of cool things to point out about Reaper. It supports skins  
>>and the user community has come up with dozens of them. This is really  
>>useful for making it user-friendly to me, since no other DAW software  
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>>Second, while Reaper doesn't come with too many instrument plugins, it  
>>does have a sick collection of effect plugs, and I have found ReaFIR  
>>to be a powerful, surgical eq tool.  
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>>Finally, there is a growing, fanatical user base, who have produced  
>>lots of documentation, howtos and even videos. New versions come out  
>>about once per month, and the developer is actively involved with the  
>>online forum.  
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>>If you want more testimonials, talk to Chris Ludwig.  
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>>- Paul Artola  
>> Ellicott City, Maryland  
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>>On Sun, 14 Dec 2008 13:43:15 -0800, Kerry Galloway  
>><kg@kerrygalloway.com> wrote:  
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>>>If you haven't seen REAPER, you can download it here and try it to see  
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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Tue, 16 Dec 2008 13:47:30 GMT

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I think we got rick rolled.

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