Subject: looking for De-esser plug in
Posted by Don Nafe on Fri, 15 Dec 2006 15:55:07 GMT
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Suggestions

Don

Subject: Re: looking for De-esser plug in
Posted by Don Nafe on Fri, 15 Dec 2006 16:48:50 GMT
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Thanks for the suggestions...will check them out ASAP

Don

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Subject: Re: looking for De-esser plug in
Posted by John [1] on Fri, 15 Dec 2006 17:04:52 GMT
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http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&lr=&q=spitfish+vs t&btnG=Search

spitfish

their site appears down at the moment but i'm sure someone can help you out
or I can later on today.

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Posted by John [1] on Fri, 15 Dec 2006 17:11:31 GMT
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Do I get the knife set that cuts cans? We eat a lot of cans around here.
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Subject: Re: looking for De-esser plug in
Posted by duncan on Fri, 15 Dec 2006 17:35:33 GMT
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I like the Dave Brown stuff -- a bargain at $39...

http://www.db-audioware.com/

-- good luck -- chas.

On Fri, 15 Dec 2006 10:55:07 -0500, "Don Nafe" <dnafe@magma.ca> wrote:

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Posted by DJ on Fri, 15 Dec 2006 23:57:24 GMT
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Deej

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Subject: Re: looking for De-esser plug in
Posted by DJ on Fri, 15 Dec 2006 23:58:39 GMT
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Me too. Good stuff that.

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"Chas. Duncan" <duncan5199ATsbcglobalDOTnet@> wrote in message
news:b1n5o21n2l6agav8rau58v8ncsf88c7hr8@4ax.com...
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Posted by DJ on Sat, 16 Dec 2006 00:10:03 GMT
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Actually, it's called sybil and it is available as a separate plugin.
http://www.mtlc.net/products/4425/Antares+SYBIL+Variable+Fre quency+De-Esser/
Deej

"DJ" <nowayjose@dude.net> wrote in message news:458333e9$1@linux...

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Posted by Rod Lincoln on Sat, 16 Dec 2006 00:55:30 GMT
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Posted by Neil on Sat, 16 Dec 2006 01:01:46 GMT
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Posted by Nil on Sat, 16 Dec 2006 01:06:49 GMT
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lol

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Posted by DJ on Sat, 16 Dec 2006 04:37:43 GMT
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Haven't tried the voxformer. the Dave Brown is much more intuitive with the graphic display, but I can dial in a serious de-ess with Sybil that is the equivalent to my SPL hardware de-esser. The SPL is the best I've ever used, period. Without it I would die.
http://www.soundperformancelab.com/DeEsser/in_short.html

I've heard that the Drawmer unit is considered a "holy grail" item by some engineers but I've never used one.

The deesser on my focusrite RED7 is pretty good, but nothing to compare to the SPL, or Sybil, for that matter.....but after Neil's experience with Pulsar, I'm gonna have to add an emphatic "IMHO" and also a big, fat "YMMV" to everything I recommend from now on..

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Subject: Re: looking for De-esser plug in
Posted by Jamie K on Sat, 16 Dec 2006 20:06:52 GMT
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Hey Neil,

Dunno if this will help, but your quandary has me thinking out loud (if these comments don't fit your situation feel free to ignore them):

What if you start at the end and work backwards?

Instead of trying this or that voodoo piece of gear, hearing what it does, and ditching it if it doesn't do what you want...

Start with what you want. Hear it in your head. Then analyze what it is about your final desired sound that equals "killer" for you.

Is it clean, non-distorted crispness? Is it a type of distortion? Is it an eq curve, certain frequencies you need to hear? Is it combinations of instruments that don't step on each other? Is it stereo wideness?

Make a list of priorities.

Now start thinking about gear. What is the simplest signal path to achieve each of your top 5 priorities?

Strip down your system to the simplest signal path you can, with monitors you can trust and a room that isn't mucking things up (if your monitors and room are sabotaging you, nothing will work).

Record something very simple. For example, just your voice, or just your guitar. Can you make just that one track sound like you envision, meeting your top 5 priorities?

If not, start working on your signal path, think about careful and moderate eq or fx (little or none), and if necessary swap gear, until you can. When you get there, keep track of what worked. Was it EQ? Was it a certain room verb? Was it a touch of compression? Was it no FX?

Then add another track. Can you make a "killer" two track mix?

How about three?

Slowly build up a mix while keeping your signal paths as simple as possible, and keeping variables to a minimum. Keep track of the variables that bring you into the zone. Keep track of the ones that don't, so you can avoid mucking up the mix with approaches that suck energy away.

I suspect that most DAW systems, native and DSP, have enough range to deliver a decent mix. So, while the search for gear is important, at some point it's less about the gear and more about finding your sound with the gear you have.

Cheers,
-Jamie
www.JamieKrutz.com

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Posted by "Neil" OIUO on Sun, 17 Dec 2006 00:43:44 GMT

Jamie K <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:
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Then that means I have to start each mix with a preconceived notion, instead of letting the song "mix itself", as it were.... IOW, to me a song should just come together - not necessarily simply/easily, but the song should tell you which direction to go in, not the other way around.

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>what it does, and ditching it if it doesn't do what you want...

I haven't exactly done that, though... I've tried things that SHOULD get me closer to where I want to be, based on what I've heard other people say about them.

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It's hard to say exactly - it's almost one of those: "I'll know it when I hear it" kinda things... you know where you dial something in & just jump out of your chair & say "YEAH! THAT'S IT RIGHT THERE!" I never have those moments anymore... it's always: "eh, that's not too bad" or "That's pretty close." or something like that.

Ultimately, though, what I'm short of mix-wise is a combination of clarity/power/size. And by "power", I don't mean RMS; by "size" I don't mean depth or width alone, but a combination of both. In Paris, I could get the power & size, but not the clarity; in Cubase I can get the clarity, but I'm coming up short on the power & size. Summing in Paris helped, but then I lose some clarity & transparency. Running stems out of Cubase, then reimporting into a new project to get the final 2-mix helps too... that way you get a bit more well-defined soundstage & get to keep the clarity, but this is just another workaround, really... I still would like to be able to hear the FINAL 2-track product as I'm mixing, without another step in between. I was hoping Pulsar could keep me in the digital domain all the way through the process, but it can't at my chosen samplerate. Convert everything to 96k then use Pulsar? Nope, this puts my PC over the top - now I'd be looking at more

money for another upgrade just to see if the experiment would work. Convert everything to 44.1? Maybe I should... maybe my hi-rez quest is nothing more than tilting at windmills.

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Yes, one track is fine, two is fine, a few is fine, a lot is even fine... it's the entire mix that I'm not able to get where I want... maybe it's VST EFX vs hardware, maybe it's ITB mixing of any kind vs a console, maybe I really like phasey/smeary analog EQ & just don't know it. Point is, at this stage, I don't KNOW what would get me there! If I did, I'd implement that & be done with dicking around.

I appreciate your input, Jamie... it's just one of those things where I'm 98%-99% there, but that last 1 or 2 percent are the most important ones - like the keystone at the top of an arch... it's only one stone, but without it, all the rest collapse.

Neil

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Posted by Neil on Sun, 17 Dec 2006 01:15:10 GMT
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Neil

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Neil,

I'm very happy with the sonic footprintof my DAW. The hoops I jump through are ridiculous and I doubt that at the end of the day, anyone but me would GAF about the sublety of the differences. There are lots of disadvantages to a multi modular system. I've got so many different things interfacing digitally that if something starts to act up, the probabality of me finding it within less than an hour or two are practically nil. I know the system well though and can pretty much troubleshoot it efficiently, but there are lots of potential Gremlins. It takes me about 10 minutes to boot from a dead standstill and get my templates loaded and ready to import files to mix. That's a little slow, but tolerable.....but if something goes wrong, then it's 10 more minutes.etc. .....that's when I start going postal.

Tonight I started having some stability problems with a project. I got kinda' fatigued and sloppy and made some "not so optimal" edits in Cubase. I think this may have caused some problems when inserting UAD-1 plugins.....I think..... then again, it might be heat. I can walk into my machine room and the temperature is 15 -20 degrees above room temp with the exhaust fans blowing out of 3 x Magmas with 3 x Pulsars, 4 x UAD-1's and 4 x EDS X cards. I had three glitches within about 5 minutes so and these cards are working hard so it could be that after 7 hours, they need a rest. I know I do so we'll see if things behave normally in the morning when the Magma's are cooled down and I am seeing straight.

Cheers,

Deej
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Subject: Re: looking for De-esser plug in
Posted by Graham Duncan on Sun, 17 Dec 2006 19:36:06 GMT
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Neil,

Have you blind tested your 88.2 files vs. 44.1 on your gear? Have you listened to Voxengo's r8brain (or pro)?

Also, I think you should look up a producer or engineer you think is the best in your genre and pick their brains, perhaps even hire them to track/mix a few tunes. You'll probably learn what you want in that scenario. Or, it's possible that they won't get you closer either, in which case your time searching for what works for you won't be wasted in any sense (and I don't think it's wasted in any case). But I think you're close and maybe just need a little time away to clear the air.

Good luck!

Graham

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Posted by Neil on Mon, 18 Dec 2006 00:05:16 GMT
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Not in the context of individual tracks within an entire song - that would involve retracking an entire piece track by track... something I'm not interested in doing... YET! Simply converting 88.2k tracks to 44.1 wouldn't be a fair test becasue one would have the extra step of conversion & the other one wouldn't.
I have, however, a/b'd 44.1k mixes to 88.2k mixes of the same song & yes, I can hear a difference there if that's what you meant.

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Not a bad idea, but WHO? Maybe it's not the gear, maybe it's the operator (me).

Neil