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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Thu, 28 Feb 2008 06:52:33 GMT  
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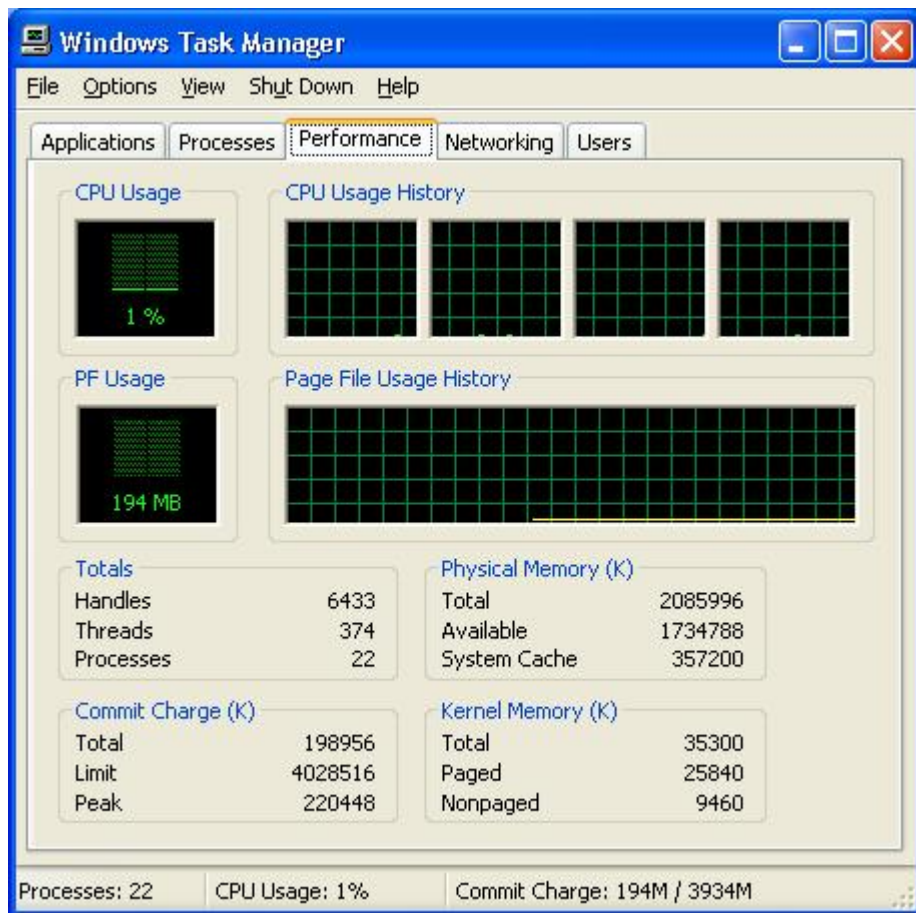
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Very cool. Since I will use the box for IT, net surfing, audio and video I just loaded everything from MS Updates. The box still idles at (gulp) 0% CPU usage and about 300~350 MB of Ram usage. I'll check that these two KB fixes were on that list - thank you for the great tip there

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Yes, it has the newest revision on it.

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well, I took a different approach than I usually would and bought a mini chassis Shuttle - the SG31-G2. PCi-E and PCi slot, one of each. I'll use a FW audio card (TI chipset, 2 ports!) and the video is built in. I've seen the Q6600 for about \$250 in several places and I'm completely impressed so far with that performance. I've been spanking it like a cheap rented donkey all day, multi tasking it's little butt off and I've managed to push it up to 50% CPU so far (stuff like downloading MS updates, installing Anti Spyware and doing a A/V scan while surfing the web and moving files across a network all at the same time). I'm not sure how Nuendo's multi core support is, so I'm not sure what kind of bump you'll see though. If it helps, the whole thing inclusive of RAM, CPU, bare bones, 2 HDDs and DVD-9 lightscribe drive ran me right about \$700 US. I overpaid on the CPU by about \$50 but I wanted it from a local vendor and I wanted it now. I'd supposed this super quiet little box would work well with a Magma PCI-e, but I couldn't verify that - if that's how your Nuendo is indeed set up.

That help any?

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I'll be finding all this out later tonight once I get dinner made. Hadda work late again :(  
Hey, if you've got any favorite benchmarks for audio, throw me a URL and I'll bang 'em down on this lil beastie and post some info.

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Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Fri, 29 Feb 2008 14:47:25 GMT  
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Yes, hence the source of the typo....had 775 on my mind, typed 975.

"Chris Ludwig" <chrisl@adkproaudio.com> wrote in message  
news:47c81a41\$1@linux...  
> Hi Dedric,  
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> LGA775 is the socket type. 975 is the chipset.  
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> Chris  
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>> Yikes, yep typo on my part - sorry about that: it is LGA775, not 975.  
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Posted by [Martin Harrington](#) on Fri, 29 Feb 2008 22:27:28 GMT  
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Great motherboard.  
I use 2... One with a dual core and 2mb ram and another (in the studio) with  
a quad core and 4gb ram...  
Rock solid.

Martin H

On 1/03/08 1:39 AM, in article 47c81b87\$1@linux, "Chris Ludwig"  
<chrisl@adkproaudio.com> wrote:

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Posted by [Chris Ludwig](#) on Fri, 29 Feb 2008 22:55:10 GMT  
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Hi Aaron,

Cool. Haven't used any of the Shuttle boxes in a long time but they used to be great. I still run an old 875 chipset one and it has always been solid.

You will see a good jump in power for Nuendo. It works fine with the 4 core and will use them all. It is just not totally optimized for them.

Chris

Aaron Allen wrote:

> well, I took a different approach than I usually would and bought a mini  
> chassis Shuttle - the SG31-G2. PCI-E and PCI slot, one of each. I'll use a  
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> If it helps, the whole thing inclusive of RAM, CPU, bare bones, 2 HDDs and  
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Posted by [emarenot](#) on Sun, 02 Mar 2008 03:51:41 GMT  
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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Sun, 02 Mar 2008 09:27:28 GMT  
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Rock on, Aaron!

I still have a similar feeling with my dual G5, although your box is probably 2-4x faster. Zoom!

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-Jamie  
[www.JamieKruz.com](http://www.JamieKruz.com)

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Hey Chris

Regarding the hotfixes, MS reports that the hotfixes fix problems that are "uncommon" -I believe that was the word used. Are you finding that generally the hotfixes make a overall improvement in MOST multicores (intel) systems?

Just feeling a little hinky about making changes to my registry.

Thanks man,

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Chris Ludwig <[chrisl@adkproaudio.com](mailto:chrisl@adkproaudio.com)> wrote:

>Hi Aaron,

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>If you want to get the most out of it then these will help.

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>Run SP2 especially if you gonna be using for internet stuff.

>Don't install IE7 yuck!! In fact uninstall fricking IE and Outlook and

>install Firefox and Thunderbird. But don't do that until you use IE6

>to download em. :)

>You will probably need to install dot net 1 and 2 but only need to

>install 3 if you have any Vista machine in your network.

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>These hot fixes are for multi-core Intel CPUs.

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>Microsoft hot fix:

>KB896256

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>Microsoft hot fix:

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>Make sure you are using the newest BIOS and latest drivers for the

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>Which on board video card chip does your motherboard have? 8 meg seems

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>> streaming movies, music and handling most of my song building. I'll mix  
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