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Subject: Pros/cons of xp vs mac for Paris 3.0 ?  
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What are the pros and cons of running 3.0 on mac vs xp?

Seems like xp is fairly stable as long as you aren't surfing & you can use uad

but I like mac but am not familiar with this older os what mac version is it

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OS9 was discontinued in 2002, and the last Mac that could \*boot\* into OS9 (required to run PARIS) was discontinued on January 28, 2003.

I don't want to offend any Mac users here (I ran PARIS on Mac OS9 for years, and it was very good to me), but there's only one reason to be running PARIS on OS9 - if that's what you were using when you started.

But there will never again be any real upgrades or advances. Mike Audet's development work is all PC - he'd have to practically teach himself to code from scratch to do anything significant for Mac, and those aren't exactly skills he can re-use in other coding pursuits, they'd be extremely specific to Mac OS9. Worse, until we get this fixed, OS9 suffers from some issues with file compatibility (24-bit PAFs created on Mac don't translate correctly using libsndfile, which is used for a lot of things) that the PC version doesn't.

So if you \*were\* on PARIS OS9, and it's solid and reliable and does exactly what you need, there's a good case to be made for "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" (PARIS is a solid, reliable performer on OS9 - it's much easier to configure and it tends to "just work"). But there's basically no rational reason for anyone starting fresh to choose OS9 to run PARIS on, thus immediately locking yourself into long discontinued hardware and software, when Mike's got PARIS working on the latest multicore PC hardware and is working on drivers for the most recent OS (Win7) as we speak.

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Yeah I have finally left Mac OS9 behind after 9 years with PARIS on it, and have a new XP box that Mike oversaw the assembly of. Aside from all the plugs now available, the new machine is frickin' fast!

Ted

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