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Posted by [Tom Bruhl](#) on Mon, 16 Feb 2009 00:26:13 GMT

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Not sure how to isolate DX. They seem to load where they load most of the time don't they? I'll direct them to a new folder if possible.

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Posted by [Rod Lincoln](#) on Wed, 18 Feb 2009 02:05:44 GMT  
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Yeah, you can put DX anywhere and the apps just "see" it.

Rod

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Try this:

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I know you can just lightpipe the tracks from the ADAT out of Cubase to the ADAT input of Paris, but using inserts may have the following advantage:

1. you get an accurate number for compensating in Faderworks
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I guess the same could be done if compensating for UAD and a non compressed bus to and from Cubase using Faderworks on the individual tracks before they're sent via two Paris aux busses.

Analog mixing seems so much easier huh?

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More soft synths to install along with a bunch of sample sets.

I should be able to push the envelope now and see where this rig lies compared to the two comps I was using before. Paris on an AMD 3000+ & Cubase on a dualcore AMD 2.8.

Paris on it's own is no comparison.

Tom

"Rod Lincoln" <rlincoln@nospam.kc.rr.com> wrote in message news:49a23fa5\$1@linux...

>  
> Paris "rendered mixes"???? do you mean "rendered tracks"? or are you using  
> some virtual mixes?

> Rod

> "Tom Bruhl" <arpeggio@comcast.net> wrote:

>>Hey guys,

>>

>>First session today. Had paris config set to  
>>punch time fast and not a problems. I'm not  
>>used to getting in AND out with Paris like tape! Nice.  
>>Paris rendered mixes so fast I didn't see it happen.  
>>Click it's done. Stable as could be.

>>

>>Had to use Cubase which was in the same machine  
>>so it saved time just to convert a Mp3 to wav for  
>>the session.

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>>Sweet to be back working again and more than just functional.  
>>Quicker, no probs with anything Paris. Soon I'll be mixing  
>>and it will be a joy with the plug/counts available. I'll get that list  
>>tonight. I have to get the latencies for some new ones still.

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>>The quickness is definitely worth the money.  
>>Maybe not my effort though!

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>>Tom

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>>"Aaron Allen" <know-spam@not\_here.dude> wrote in message  
>>news:499d32da@linux...

>>> faaannnnntastico.

>>> AA  
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>>> "Tom Bruhl" <arpeggio@comcast.net> wrote in message  
>>> news:499d0535@linux...  
>>>> Hey All,  
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>>>> Cubase 4.0 is loaded, it's troublesome audio project played  
>>>> perfectly first time out. NO LATENCY. I added Paris  
>>>> into the mix, got all the ADAT and analog/spdif in/outs  
>>>> between the two working. Set proprietary clock, latency settings (3ms)  
>>>> in the Creamware asio audio, got Paris MTC internally to send to  
>>>> Cubase internally with NO LATENCY. Locked perfectly  
>>>> with Paris ADAT sending clock to Creamware hardware interpreted  
>>>> by Cubase.  
>>>>  
>>>> Lots more to do but the giant hurdle has been kicked  
>>>> over on it's ass.  
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>>>> Low low latency, low CPU. 3ms @ 44.1.  
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>>>> Whew !  
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>>>> Thanks for all your help along the way,  
>>>> Tom  
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>>>> "Aaron Allen" <know-spam@not\_here.dude> wrote in message  
>>>> news:499b9f4f@linux...  
>>>>> do you lose all your regular VST's  
>>>>>> because you're pointing them to a different folder  
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>>>>>> Nah. You can have more than one folder. It's the rogue plugs that'll  
>>>>>> >  
>>>>>> nail you. Intermittent wierdness, streaming errors, incompatibility,  
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>>>>>> and just downright inability to load paris w/o defeating the VST in  
>>>>>> > the  
>>>>>> paris.cfg file are some of the things I've seen. Best to try them in  
>>>>>> > a  
>>>>>> different folder and copy over one at a time,test, copy another over,  
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>>>>>> test, etc. etc. etc.  
>>>>>> tedious, but necessary since the Paris VST code is, er... aged.  
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>>>>>>> What happens when you go to load them...do you lose all your regular

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>>>>> VST's because you're pointing them to a different folder...just  
>>>>> wondering as I've never had any problems with my VST's but then again  
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>>>>> don't use cubase VST's  
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>>>>> news:499a754b@linux...  
>>>>>> You'll probably want to install the Cubase VST plugs to a different  
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>>>>>> folder from Paris' VST plugs. I ran into some real wierd stuff  
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>>>>>> new plugs in Paris, and it got unstable. If it pans, cool, add the  
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>>>>>> other folder but if it doesn't sorting them out is a big pain. I  
>>>>>> sort  
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>>>>>> mine now on the C drive by VSTplugs and VSTparis. Had some real big  
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>>>>>> issues with DirectX and this because it works differently. Vegas and  
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>>>>>> Paris plugs don't play nice together, ditto stuff like the plugs  
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>>>>>> installs.  
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>>>>>> "Tom Bruhl" <arpeggio@comcast.net> wrote in message  
>>>>>> news:499a68e7@linux...  
>>>>>>> Got some serious good things going on now.  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> Paris is stable, powerful and efficient.  
>>>>>>> I ran tests yesterday that proved the CPU and  
>>>>>>> even PCI bus are not stopping anything from  
>>>>>>> happening. Today recording 30 tracks punching in/out  
>>>>>>> caused no probs with average paris config settings.  
>>>>>>> Yesterday 60+ natives and very low cpu with same  
>>>>>>> config.  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> It's finally awesome as I had hoped.  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> Tomorrow I'm adding the Creamware hardware software.  
>>>>>>> This will be one of the major hurdles along with some more  
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"Tom Bruhl" <arpeggio@comcast.net> wrote:

>Hey DeeJ,

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>Tried it. The problem is that there's no real-time way

>of delay comp with the live insert coming from Cubase.

>Faderworks is a native plug and I'm sure you recall they

>are only active on playback of tracks within Paris. Since

>that's the case I would have to record the NY drum submix

>then compensate and add compression for desired effect.

>I can do that within Paris and add the same plugins there.

>Mike has added a mix control on NoLimit, stereo comp

>and a few others that are new to our Paris plugs. This allows

>automation and parallel compression within Paris via the

>simple aux bus. No UADs but still good stuff.

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>I guess the same could be done if compensating for UAD and a

>non compressed bus to and from Cubase using Faderworks on

>the individual tracks before they're sent via two Paris aux busses.

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>Analog mixing seems so much easier huh?

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>Tom

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>"Deej" <noway@jose.net> wrote in message news:499edfa4\$1@linux...

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>> Hmmmm....I just rethought this insert's thing relative to external FX in

>> cubase.

>> It's definitely possible but may be a bit more complicated than I

>> originally

>> thought, which would make it even more fun.

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>> I'll post up more about this later.

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Tom, that's good news, the motherboard for my new build will be a Gigabyte GA-EP35-DS3R (rev. 2.1). It has one less PCIe slot, max 8 gig = ram and no firewire which I don't use anyway. Mnnn, maybe I should have = gotten the GA-EP35-DS3P, now that I'm thinking about it.

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Posted by [Tom Bruhl](#) on Thu, 26 Feb 2009 02:21:24 GMT  
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