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Posted by Danny Parks on Thu, 06 Mar 2008 04:30:52 GMT
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Posted by john Macy[2] on Thu, 06 Mar 2008 06:32:55 GMT
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Posted by Deej [5] on Thu, 06 Mar 2008 15:34:46 GMT
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Danny,

Your Paris rig is going to be more flexible on windows ME than any other OS.
This is due to limitations regarding the XP driver and Paris ADAT modules.
If you can live with one ADAT module per MEC, XP will give you lots more VST
plugin options and the ability to utilize more RAM. There is really no other
reason to use XP other than this, IMO, so there's the tradeoff....hardware

flexibility vs the ability to run current plugins and RAM.

I moved away from Paris about this time last year. The mobo/CPU I was using was the most stable I had ever found for a Paris rig. It was an ASUS A7V8X with an XP 2800 CPU. A dinosaur by today's standards. I have heard good reports on the Gigabyte GA-K8NS Ultra 939 mobo. It's out of production now and very hard to find. If you do find one, I would recommend using the most powerful single core socket 939 CPU there is. I believe you can use dual core CPU's on a Paris machine now with some kind of hack, but I see not purpose in this since the hack involves disabling one of the cores.

I hope this gives you a little perspective. Others here will surely have more current solutions for you, if there are any. From a stability standpoint, the ASUS A7V8X was great and the XP 2800 CPU was plenty powerful to push a Paris rig. I was running a colorgraphics Xentera quad head AGP video card with the ASUS board. This is mighty handy with Paris and they are cheap. I did try mine with my Gigabyte GA-K8NS 939 mobo and it wouldn't work, but it did work great with the older ASUS product.

As far as using your older rig for a VSTi host, just make sure you've got a good ASIO soundcard (RME HDSP series is highly recommend here), 2G of RAM and a powerful enough CPU to operate at the lowest possible latency settings.

Regards,

Deej

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Posted by Danny Parks on Thu, 06 Mar 2008 15:54:02 GMT
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I forgot Hinson was doing that--Hank Singer raves about how much fun the band
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Hope to run into you again sometime--enjoyed that lunch with Leuzinger and
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