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Posted by [animix](#) on Wed, 04 Oct 2006 18:56:10 GMT

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I'm starting to think it may be time for you to make the jump to a Dualcore intel box and 2 UAD PCI-e cards running Cubase 4. I know you have invested alot of time and brain power into this,lord knows I'm exhausted just reading it. I think you would be better using PARIS as a summing buss. At least thats what I'm coming to believe. I'm going to use my old B&W G3 for my PARIS system and build a Dualcore Intel box and run Cubase 4 and be done with it.

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out the RE ADAT output to be returned to Paris after processing on an individual channel, though Paris isn't the app that is crashing. If I just stream audio from Cubase SX to Paris and sum it there with Paris in Live Mix mode.....including send effects, no crashing. It's when the audio is looped \*through\* across EDS cards with Paris in \*always monitor input mode that Cubase crashes.....even when both machines are only WC synced with SX receiving no positioning info and not chasing Paris. I'm going to try the Datasync solution, but I doubt if it will cure this issue. I may have hit an insurmountable barrier here.....the sample latency between EDS cards/submixes seems to be the culprit. I have also tried it without any external hardware boxes being attached to the RME cards in the SX DAW. Makes no difference. Oh well, I can live with the scenario I was using before but it doesn't sound quite as good as what I am trying to do with using SX solely as an FX processor.

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I wonder if this isn't working because some of the UAD-1 plugins (like the Neve EQ for instance) are upsampling what is essentially a Paris audio file being played \*through\* SX with none of the downsampling possible that would normally be part of the DSP process in SX to resolve the sample rate of the plugin to the project sample rate/clock source. If so, that would certainly explain some things. It might also explain why the UAD-1 card with ADAT I/O that was on the boards a few years ago went nowhere and why the POCO, Duende, etc. do not have digital I/O and only work in a plugin format. If these processors were upsampling/downsampling in real time, the SR converters/clocking shenanigans that would be necessary to bring the audio signal back to the project sample rate would put the pricepoint through the roof.

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No wonder you're almost "hairless" DeeJ...you need to start winding  
down...relax a little and stop re-inventing the wheel.  
Use Paris as it's meant to be, or use Cubase, (or whatever), and get all the  
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Why not just master in Paris??

How's Amy...you do remember her, don't you?  
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many regards  
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> no difference. Oh well, I can live with the scenario I was using before  
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> it doesn't sound quite as good as what I am trying to do with using SX  
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> "Don Nafe" <dnafe@magma.ca> wrote in message news:45242948\$1@linux...  
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Either that or just track in Paris, export the files so you can mix in SX (even upsample to 96k on the way in, if you must!) so you can use all your EFX, but use four submixes out of your Multiface analog outs, then back into your Paris box to sum in live mode. That way you get to hit those Paris convertors one more time, in fact. :)

Heck, with most of the stuff you do (bluegrass, folkish stuff, etc) "clean" is good... you could live perfectly happily with just SX & those nice clean RME convertors.

Heaven forbid! lol

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What a bunch we are here!  
That explains it.  
DJ,I want you to know I've got a ton of respect for you,and I think what you're doing in your studio is very creative. It truly makes my head spin,and I think I'm a pretty smart guy. Keep your note on this whole process I may go your way in the end,who knows. I like to keep a open mind. Thanks for blazing t trail for us all!

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are we talking bit rate or sample rate? i no longer have my uad card but thought they worked at the pre specified rate of the audio. maybe you can put a dummy file in sx to lock the uad sample rate to match the rest.

On Thu, 5 Oct 2006 06:02:41 -0600, "DJ" <[notachance@net.net](mailto:notachance@net.net)> wrote:

>Yes, they are, but the UAD-1 upsamples during processing with the Fairchild, >1073, Pultec and some others.

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>"rick" <[parnell68@hotmail.com](mailto:parnell68@hotmail.com)> wrote in message  
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On 5 Oct 2006 23:21:11 +1000, "Neil" <OIUOI@OIU.com> wrote:

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>Martin, I'm with you & Nappy. I like tinkering, too, but at  
>some stage if something gets too convoluted, you start reaching  
>a point of diminishing returns. Deej, have you considered that  
>part of your issue with sync/lock might be that you're going in  
>& out of both machines in digital? What would happen if you  
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>Either that or just track in Paris, export the files so you can  
>mix in SX (even upsample to 96k on the way in, if you must!) so  
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>Multiface analog outs, then back into your Paris box to sum in  
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Subject: Re: AHhhh.....HA!!!  
Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Thu, 05 Oct 2006 21:53:31 GMT  
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Don

"DJ" <notachance@net.net> wrote in message news:4524fa4b@linux...  
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Subject: Re: AHhhh.....HA!!!  
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well, that's almost as dumb as me.

On Thu, 5 Oct 2006 14:46:25 -0600, "DJ" <[notachance@net.net](mailto:notachance@net.net)> wrote:

>Rick,

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>some UAD-1 plugins upsample the signal while processing it.....the sneaky  
>bastards.

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>"rick" <[parnell68@hotmail.com](mailto:parnell68@hotmail.com)> wrote in message  
>news:mujai210kurc2or3ne8ek78h4coqmv54pi@4ax.com...  
>> are we talking bit rate or sample rate? i no longer have my uad card  
>> but thought they worked at the pre specified rate of the audio. maybe  
>> you can put a dummy file in sx to lock the uad sample rate to match  
>> the rest.

>>  
>> On Thu, 5 Oct 2006 06:02:41 -0600, "DJ" <[notachance@net.net](mailto:notachance@net.net)> wrote:

>>  
>> >Yes, they are, but the UAD-1 upsamples during processing with the  
>> >Fairchild,  
>> >1073, Pultec and some others.

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>> >"rick" <[parnell68@hotmail.com](mailto:parnell68@hotmail.com)> wrote in message  
>> >news:gei9i2tdu1nimf16gnf75mfl7hsb0lpb82@4ax.com...  
>> >> aren't all the machines set to the same sample rate?

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>> >> On Wed, 4 Oct 2006 22:44:51 -0600, "DJ" <[notachance@net.net](mailto:notachance@net.net)> wrote:  
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