Subject: Need input on Driver Release
Posted by mikeaudet on Fri, 19 Apr 2013 19:12:19 GMT
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Hi All,

It's going to take more time to get a pace free version of PARIS 3.0 that I can release.

My fallback plan for this weekend had been to release the standard PACE version of PARIS 3.0 if I couldn't get permission from ID to release a PACE free version.

What I discovered today is that the PACE version of PARIS 3.0 will not run at all in Windows 7 64, even with the latest PACE drivers installed. And, today I learned that approval for a PACE free version of PARIS 3.0 is going to take more time.

Should I release the driver with a PACE PARIS 3.0 that will not run? PARIS version 2 will still work.

Or, should I wait until everything is in place?

I'm feeling pretty low about this, but there is nothing I can do. Thanks to the crappy Conservative government in Canada, I could be up for a $1,000,000 fine and 5 years in jail if I break the lock and it is deemed to be for commercial purposes.

Even if it wasn't deemed commercial, it would destroy my relationship with ID, and I value that highly.

So, I just can't do it.

Having said that, in Canada at least, an individual breaking a digital lock is only on the hook for the damages that a company can show. And, since PARIS 3.0 is not for sale, those would be zero.

Let me know what you think I should do.

Mike

Subject: Re: Need input on Driver Release

Posted by Stephen Stecyk on Fri, 19 Apr 2013 19:39:36 GMT
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Hey Mike

I'd suggest waiting, and doing things on the level. You don't want to mess up your relationship with ID, especially after all your hard work. It sucks, but it'll be worth the wait.

Thanks for everything, and I look forward to spending some money on new drivers.

Stephen Stecyk

Subject: Re: Need input on Driver Release
Posted by Will The Weirdo on Fri, 19 Apr 2013 19:54:55 GMT
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Wait Mike, don't burn any bridges or put yourself in a legal bind that will cause your family problems.
I would be patient with ID and get their full permission.

Subject: Re: Need input on Driver Release
Posted by Ted Gerber on Fri, 19 Apr 2013 21:30:14 GMT
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I agree -

Wait and do things in a way that only generates good will...

Best

Ted

Subject: Re: Need input on Driver Release
Posted by laurent on Fri, 19 Apr 2013 22:04:26 GMT
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if there is no solution,is that there are no problems there is always a solution
just time and take time

laurent

Subject: Re: Need input on Driver Release

Posted by Wayne on Sat, 20 Apr 2013 02:35:30 GMT
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Wait!!! Jail and fines are totally out of bounds.

I am so please with how far you've come. Don't jepardize your efforts, contacts and family. You come first.

Wayne

Subject: Re: Need input on Driver Release
Posted by kerryg on Sat, 20 Apr 2013 02:48:20 GMT
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You should absolutely wait for permission before releasing a de-paced version. Anything else would be a completely unacceptable risk for you - and for us, since you're our only developer!

But maybe release the installer that includes the PACE-protected version of the app so we can thank you with a pre-purchase. You could incllude a note that reminds purchasers that it's just a pre-purchase, and that it is for the moment illegal to replace the installed paris.exe with a de-paced one.

Subject: Re: Need input on Driver Release
Posted by mikeaudet on Sat, 20 Apr 2013 12:19:48 GMT
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Thanks so much for the supportive comments, everyone. I was pretty upset yesterday. My daughter actually slept in this morning, and I feel a lot better after a good sleep.

I discovered that the 32 bit MTC option isn't working in PARIS 2.0. I'm going to try to get that sorted, and when that is fixed, I'll release the installer with PARIS 2.1 and the non-functioning PACE PARIS 3.0. If I receive permission to do better before then, I will.

This has definitely got me energized to first get the ASIO driver done, and then work on a re-imagined custom app for the PARIS hardware.

All the best,

Mike

Subject: Re: Need input on Driver Release
Posted by Oui_Oui on Sat, 20 Apr 2013 13:15:03 GMT
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Mike,
We can all wait. Paris 2.1 with 64 bit windows 7 machine is a million times better than what I had going before.
Thanks
Ron

Subject: Re: Need input on Driver Release
Posted by dnafe on Sat, 20 Apr 2013 13:21:46 GMT
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Maybe ID will authorize this PACE free version as their official update.

Subject: Re: Need input on Driver Release
Posted by ronj_91602 on Thu, 25 Apr 2013 15:13:15 GMT
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Wait by all means. Does your version work on 32 bit Windows 7? If so how do I go about placing Windows 7 on my computer to make it compatible with Paris? Or should I wait for the 64 bit?

Subject: Re: Need input on Driver Release
Posted by mikeaudet on Thu, 25 Apr 2013 20:14:08 GMT
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I just finished getting the installer to work on Windows XP. It requires a restart, but it works. On windows 7 64, no restart is required.

I've also been digging into the issue 32 bit MTC not working in PARIS 2.1. I've installed PARIS 2.1 from the original installer and installed the version of the PThru.drv that came with the original XP driver, and it doesn't work on my system. Could it have really been broken for all this time, and no one noticed? Maybe it doesn't matter much.

In any case, it's not really well implemented anyway. 32 bit MTC is designed to get a sample start value from the PARIS app, and then it uses built in Windows timers to keep time. So, it's in sync at start time, and then it freewheels.

I could write proper MTC generation into the PSCL, and it could be turned on and off by a control panel if there is interest in synching a MIDI app to PARIS 2.1. If not, I won't bother.

I'm completely tied up until Sunday (my wife is in the Peterborough Symphony, and it is concert week). I think I'll release the installer then. I want to add the registry entries for the ASIO driver and test a bit more.

The installer is a single executable that will allow:

- The easy install of PARIS 2.1 and 3.0 on both 32 bit and 64 bit Windows, with no need to run additional updates.

- the east install of updated scherzo and PSCL drivers on 32 bit and 64 bit windows.

- it will install the PARIS MIDI driver on 32 and 64 bit Windows.

Know issues:

- to run PARIS 3.0 on a 32 bit windows, the PACE driver will need to be installed separately.

- though the installer will install PARIS 3.0 on 64 bit Windows, the PACE copy protection did not work for me. I'll leave the installation in just in case a future update of the PACE driver resolves the compatibility issue or someone else finds a way to get the PARIS 3.0 app to work with the current PACE driver.

If ID provides me with a PACE free version of PARIS 3.0, I'll update the installer.

Does this sound like a good way to proceed?

Let me know what you think.

All the best,

Mike

Subject: Re: Need input on Driver Release
Posted by ronj_91602 on Thu, 25 Apr 2013 21:01:11 GMT
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Sounds great to me. That would get us one step closer and would update the 32 bit XP that I think most are working with at this time and would let Paris upgrade to Windows 7. My thoughts LOL!!! Keep us alive this is the most analog system!!!!! Thank you Mike for everything.....Ron

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Subject: Re: Need input on Driver Release
Posted by Oui_Oui on Thu, 25 Apr 2013 23:53:19 GMT
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Mike,
Sounds good to proceed.
Thanks Mike

Subject: Re: Need input on Driver Release
Posted by Dimitrios on Fri, 26 Apr 2013 16:58:26 GMT
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Hi Mike,
Can we buy just the new ASIO driver for XP at least ??
I would want for now to have my Paris hardware work with Cubase 5 under XP !
Maye sounds dum but is ASIO all needed ?
If so is it ready ?
Thanks a million.
Regards,
Dimitrios

Subject: Re: Need input on Driver Release
Posted by mikeaudet on Fri, 26 Apr 2013 17:23:23 GMT
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Hi Dimitrios,

The new ASIO driver is not ready, but I'm going to be getting back on it this weekend. I'm very excited to get back to working on it. I have big plans for the code that will come out of it.

All the best,

Mike

Subject: Re: Need input on Driver Release
Posted by Stephen Stecyk on Sat, 27 Apr 2013 15:48:09 GMT
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If ID refuses to offer a De-PACED version, I wonder if ID would let you "fix" the Paris 3.0 issue with Windows 7 64 bit?

Subject: Re: Need input on Driver Release
Posted by mikeaudet on Sat, 27 Apr 2013 16:58:59 GMT
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ID was initially very helpful and supportive. Edmund provided me with a new PARIS.exe that was

supposed to be PACE free, but it didn't work. He also provided the headers for the PARIS effects library, which are going to be really, really helpful.

At some point, and I don't know why, I stopped getting responses to my emails. After I called a couple of times and sent a further email asking specifically if I could remove PACE from the executable myself (to save them time given that they were busy), I got back a brief message that said they were busy and unable to help me right now. That's all I know.

I got the ASIO driver registry entries add to the installer this morning, and I've been back working on the ASIO driver. I'm going to give a thorough last look over the installer today and release it tomorrow. It's very cool that it runs on either 32 bit and 64 bit Windows and just works.

All the best,

Mike

Subject: Re: Need input on Driver Release
Posted by dnafe on Sun, 28 Apr 2013 12:45:14 GMT
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My initial thought was the fact that Edmund sent you a PACE free version would seem to indicate he's okay with the idea so I'd move forward with your plans

Of course that might be wishful thinking.

Subject: Re: Need input on Driver Release
Posted by mikeaudet on Sun, 28 Apr 2013 13:56:36 GMT
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That's what I thought, too. But, I wanted to be completely covered in case I was wrong, and I couldn't get him to respond to my request, one way or another.

Subject: Re: Need input on Driver Release
Posted by dnafe on Sun, 28 Apr 2013 21:09:34 GMT
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I'd keep working on a PACE free version and continue trying to get a reply from Edmund...bottom line if you have it finished and tell him you're about to release it I bet you hear back from him ASAP.

Subject: Re: Need input on Driver Release
Posted by kerryg on Sun, 28 Apr 2013 21:30:30 GMT
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Heads up folks - the driver is RELEASED! See sticky post here.

Subject: Re: Need input on Driver Release
Posted by mikeaudet on Sun, 28 Apr 2013 22:08:41 GMT
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Hi Don,

I started asking Edmund if I could remove pace myself about a month ago. A week ago, I got a response basically telling me to stop bugging him. I'm not sure what is going on at ID, but I think something has Edmund overwhelmed, and I'm not sure when that will change. I'm going to soldier on with the ASIO driver. If I do get permission, I certainly will do it.

All the best,

Mike