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Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Mon, 25 Feb 2008 23:46:50 GMT

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Really, I only posted this for those that might be interested in actually knowing what systems will do vs. what marketing would lead you to believe. These are the kind of real world reports that make or break a buying decision for those of us looking for really powerful systems and wanting to know exactly what we are getting, not just assume because we love the company behind it....

If you track all day for living, it sounds like a great system (but so is an RME MADI rig). If you run VSTi's, investigate it more and try before you buy, or look elsewhere in known waters (ASIO 2 systems), at least for now until there's either more info and/or Apogee beefs up their system/drivers.

The point isn't to defend or attack anyone - it's just to get to the bottom of what products \*really\* do so we know before we buy. As long as customers defend manufacturers out of blind loyalty, getting an honest answer and better products from those developers will only get more and more difficult.

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If you have experience with real world use as a composer on an Apogee Symphony system and think the Logic user misguided in his evaluation, I'm sure the Logic forum would be most interested in your input.

It's getting way too difficult to post anything that even hints at the word "Apple" here, so I'll take future technical discussions to other forums with more objectivity and interest in the real world reports rather than marketing interpretation debates.

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Hi Dedric,  
Apogee is doing nothing that hasn't been done by RME and Lynx for going  
on 3 years now on PC and now on Intel Macs.  
If I want a proprietary hardware system I'd just buy Pro Tools and be  
done with it.  
Now that RME and Lynx are starting to release PCI-e cards the Symphony  
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Not really sure what is good about it. Only thing I could see is it  
being the first PCI-e card for the MAC.  
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I don't know of anyone scoring and doing sound design for film in ProTools, and that's the market this thread was derived from, not recording and mixing bands.

It really doesn't matter if you think ProTools is the end-all be-all or not, no one knows what the best tool for a job is better than the person doing that work, and using that tool. I wouldn't begin to suggest that Thad use PT for what he can and wants to do in Live. No one told Picasso he needed to buy a paint factory in order to paint a masterpiece.

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> most  
> flexible, powerful audio interface mixer I've ever seen. It's incredibly  
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> mixer that's less powerful any day.  
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>>On the Nuendo.com website 10 mile post on system performance specs is  
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>>Who cares? All, one should want is  
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>>A stable running system, that performs the task thats needed.  
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>>  
>>Note: Out 2 HD rigs on G5's also run Nuendo(Via Digis Asio drivers)..Runs  
>>great, and is as stable as ever. I can mix a 70 track project with alot  
> of  
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>>some here believes.  
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>>Back to the subject:  
>>If you were to do a search on GearslutZ on the symphony, you'd see that  
>>I slammed that card saying that "for a 1k or even 700 dollars, "What am  
> I  
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> you  
>>to play itunes .. Not impressed.  
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>>While we're onthe subject, I think RME's total mix should be simplified  
> like  
>>Motu's MkIII DSP cue mixer app. Simple, yet very powerful.  
>>  
>>Now look at all of us-you who have stayed on the PC/Mac upgrade bandwagon.  
>>Spent \$\$\$ major money chasing the zero latency Native dream..Only to run  
>>into the win XP/Vista brick wall of doom..  
>>The lie of the 64 bit dream.. Dual core this and that..SHAM!!!  
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>>My Win ME Paris (4 card) rig still is as stable as it ever was.  
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>>All in all, it's your money, spend it how you may, but one thing is for  
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>>  
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>>Chris Ludwig <chrisl@adkproaudio.com> wrote:  
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>>  
>>>on 3 years now on PC and now on Intel Macs.  
>>>If I want a proprietary hardware system I'd just buy Pro Tools and be  
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>>  
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>>>They both at this point would need to be running Logic 8 on Leopard to  
>  
>>>be accurate.  
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>>>I like that Apogee doesn't post the test session on the web site for  
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>>>It would be the fair way for people to see what the card can do compared  
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>>>>>>>>>If I want a proprietary hardware system I'd just buy Pro Tools  
>> and  
>>>>>>>>> be  
>>>>>>>>>done with it.  
>>>>>>>>>Now that RME and Lynx are starting to release PCI-e cards the  
>>>>>>>>>Symphony  
>>>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>>>looks less and less attractive.  
>>>>>>>>>Not really sure what is good about it. Only thing I could see  
is  
>>>>>>>>> it  
>>>>>>>>>being the first PCI-e card for the MAC.  
>>>>>>>>>About the only fair comparison would be between and RME Madi  
card  
>>>>>>>>> at  
>>>>>>>>> 96k  
>>>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>>>and see how it compares against the Symphony numbers.  
>>>>>>>>>They both at this point would need to be running Logic 8 on  
>>>>>>>>>Leopard  
>>>>>>>>> to  
>>>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>>>be accurate.  
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>>>>>>>>>I like that Apogee doesn't post the test session on the web site  
>>>>>>>>> for  
>>>>>>>>>users to down load.





