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Posted by [Deej \[4\]](#) on Sat, 10 Feb 2007 06:11:43 GMT
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Posted by [rick](#) on Sat, 10 Feb 2007 11:39:38 GMT

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Hey DJ,

I think the biggest reason to record at 96K is to accomodate current and future high resolution consumer playback devices.

Think about all the stuff recorded digitally through the late 80s and early 90s at 48K. There's no option for later remastering at higher sample rates, except to SRC. Yechh

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Sat, 10 Feb 2007 16:02:10 GMT
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Posted by [LaMont](#) on Sat, 10 Feb 2007 18:54:02 GMT
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Posted by [Neil](#) on Sun, 11 Feb 2007 01:52:39 GMT

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Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Sun, 11 Feb 2007 14:50:57 GMT
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Just a minor technicality, but putting a 2 channel line driver on the master bus (2 channel pass through) isn't changing the summing - it's just rounding the final mix EQ, compressing a bit with a little saturation, and perhaps adding some phase non-linearities.

That said, if you like the sound and you get a great mix, that's what it's all about, regardless of the details of how you got there. :-)

Regards,
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I did indeed look at it.....and the fader control that goes with it. A very cool concept. I just don't know if I want to mix to stems if I don't have to right now. My projects here aren't of the massive track count variety. I've mixed a couple of projects of 60 + tracks in Paris when I was running 4 x MECs & 4 x EDS cards and I guess I'm just not *pro enough* to enjoy this. It really wasn't enjoyable to me for some reason. I'm gonna be working with a guy in this area in the near future named Ed Stasium. He's got a big PT rig and mixes large projects for a bunch of labels on the east coast so maybe after flying under his wing for a while I'll be more comfortable with the larger stuff, but the few projects I've been contacted about for mixing with large track counts, I've referred elsewhere because I felt like someone else could do a better job for the client. 50 tracks would be a huge situation here. 36-40 is on the high side but I can do a od job with this size mix. 24-32 is fairly typical and for bluegrass projects (which is what happens here a lot, 10-15 is pretty common) I've got 16 RME AD/DA's here. To integrate this box would necessitate my adding another 8 x channels so that I could continue to have my analog gear patched in as inserts during mixdown while stemming out 8 x stereo busses for summing through the Neve into yet another computer or a Masterlink.

Maybe later, as my situation evolves, I become more experienced and I have the clientele and larger track count projects to justify something like this.

Thanks for your insight on this.

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Then, if you have copy of Paris, do the same..if you can...

Dude, I work with Nuendo daily. You cannot approach a mix on SX/NUendo he same way as on Pro Tools(anyversion) Paris Samplitude, Logic.. If you did, the mix would sart collasping. The summing stage get narrower, then have to add in a stereo imager..

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So-Called? Those weren't confusing for anyone but you - I've been trying to hint around in a nice way that you're full of shit, and seeing if you'll bow out of the argument for which you pose no sensible thoughts, but that doesn't seem to be working - so, now I've said in as plain a way as possible... still confused?

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'Fraid not, pally... in addition to Paris & SX, I've used Cakewalk (before it was Sonar), Magix (not Sam, never tried Sam), PTMix, PTLE, and PTHD, as well. My impressions of each, in that order, are: utterly useless, nothing special, sucks the big one, not all that bad, & very nice.

I happen to like SX quite a bit, I could probably live with PTLE if it weren't for the track count & i/o limitations, and I could definitely live with a full-out HD system, but I can't really justify that much of a cash outlay.

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Personally, I'll bet you DIDN'T know how to mix in SX before I mapped it out here... not saying you never mixed with it, but you only had bad things to say about it - now you're an authority on "how to mix in it" - as a result of what? You parroting my own words, no doubt.

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You mock me for posting comparisons & examples of various

stuff, which I've done for no other reason than to give people here a chance to hear summing example A vs. B, before they cough up a thousand bucks for a Pulsar card; or to have a chance to hear mic A, B & C through a preamp they don't happen to own. At least I put my mixes where my mouth is... everyone here has heard various stuff that I've done and they can judge for their own self if they like it/hate it/think it's the worst trash they ever heard... you, however, we hear nothing from except something your buddies mixed that you played on... you render an opinion, and just expect everyone to take your word for it, but you've presented nothing to back your word up.

You're coming across more like a giant parrot-headed troll every day.

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Posted by [Graham Duncan](#) on Sun, 11 Feb 2007 23:29:38 GMT
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Posted by [Deej \[4\]](#) on Mon, 12 Feb 2007 00:12:39 GMT

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It's interesting. Ed is one reason I decided to try to simplify things. We were talking the other day and I was describing the studiomonster in it's (then) current incarnation and how I liked the Neve box. I won't go into the whole thing, but the gist of it was "if you think you can get that close to what you're liking about the giant behemouth you've created by using a little box, then lose the behemouth, buy the box"or something similar. I still had to test it for a few days before I drew a big breath and listed the Paris system for sale.

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Posted by [LaMont](#) on Mon, 12 Feb 2007 00:15:37 GMT
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You were not hinting at all.. It was plain to see. Most of the time I chose to ignore your lame ass comments, but not this time.

What arguments!! and your so-called Daw test with "trying to make sound like the other daw buy using a series of un related plugins.. That's a fair test? It's stupid...!!
Did I make myself clear.. Punk ass

"Neil" <IUOIU@OIU.com> wrote:

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>"LaMont" <jjdpro@ameritech.net> wrote:

>>

>>Neil, your question is as confusing as your so-called daw
>mixing comparisions..

>

>So-Called? Those weren't confusing for anyone but you - I've
>been trying to hint around in a nice way that you're full of
>shit, and seeing if you'll bow out of the argument for which
>you pose no sensible thoughts, but that doesn't seem to be
>working - so, now I've said in as plain a way as possible...
>still confused?

>

>>before you make any other comemnts on DAWs, get run out and
>get a version of PT-Mpowered. Import your wav files into a
>session..Push the faders up..And
>>report your sonic findings..

>

>Actually I may if you're that certain about it... Guitar
>Center's still open here... will you refund my money if I don't
>like it? Or wait, you HAVE all these DAW's, Mister Master of
>all DAW's individual sonic characteristics... why don't you
>throw up a mix done in each?

>

>Anyway, are you saying that PT-M-Powered is DSP summing (or
>PTLE, for that matter)? 'Cause it ain't so.

>

>>Until then, your only reference is SX,

>

>'Fraid not, pally... in addition to Paris & SX, I've used
>Cakewalk (before it was Sonar), Magix (not Sam, never tried
>Sam), PTMix, PTLE, and PTHD, as well. My impressions of each,
>in that order, are: utterly useless, nothing special, sucks the
>big one, not all that bad, & very nice.

>I happen to like SX quite a bit, I could probably live with
>PTLE if it weren't for the track count & i/o limitations, and I
>could definitely live with a full-out HD system, but I can't
>really justify that much of a cash outlay.
>
>>and we all know how you have to mix with SX.
>
>Personally, I'll bet you DIDN'T know how to mix in SX before
>I mapped it out here... not saying you never mixed with it,
>but you only had bad things to say about it - now you're an
>authority on "how to mix in it" - as a result of what? You
>parroting my own words, no doubt.
>
>>If not, you're in for a long night...
>
>If you use any tool in a manner in which you're not optimizing
>it, you're often in for a bad night.
>
>You mock me for posting comparisons & examples of various
>stuff, which I've done for no other reason than to give people
>here a chance to hear summing example A vs. B, before they
>cough up a thousand bucks for a Pulsar card; or to have a
>chance to hear mic A, B & C through a preamp they don't happen
>to own. At least I put my mixes where my mouth is... everyone
>here has heard various stuff that I've done and they can judge
>for their own self if they like it/hate it/think it's the worst
>trash they ever heard... you, however, we hear nothing from
>except something your buddies mixed that you played on... you
>render an opinion, and just expect everyone to take your word
>for it, but you've presented nothing to back your word up.
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>You're coming across more like a giant parrot-headed troll
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That's about the first thing you've spelled correctly in about
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 >>>>>>>>> What exactly did you record & evalute in that short time
 >>>>>>>>> ("tonight")?
 >>>>>>>>
 >>>>>>>>> Also, do you have enough tracks going to make a difference?
 >>>>>>>>> I don't know that you hear much of a difference on a small
 >>>>>>>>> handful of tracks like a single acoustic guitar & voice, for
 >>>>>>>>> example, but when you get even 10 or 12 tracks going and
 >>>>>>>>> ESPECIALLY when you start throwing them through a verb or two
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Everyone seems to have gotten this except for you. The only reason I can guess is that you could in fact NOT tell any difference between the two - in which case it's not me you should be pissed at, it's your ears, or your monitors or whatever.

>It's stupid...!!

Again, you're the only one that thinks this - in that scenario you would must be right, and all the rest of us must be stupid... an unlikely outcome.

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Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Mon, 12 Feb 2007 04:19:24 GMT
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Imho, because of the stargazing factor among engineers (copy the "hitmakers"), what used to be a limitation in the goal of reproducing a performance (noise, nonlinear phase, crosstalk, saturation, harmonic distortion) has become a vintage fad.

I say use what works creatively, but not because it's "that sound" or someone says you need it, but because "that sound" happens to be the one you personally want to make a specific recording more enjoyable. Let's keep the creativity in art rather than trying to duplicate what xyz famous engineer did. Certainly learn new techniques, but also learn the real reasons behind them - including knowing when these happen by intent, by default, by accident, or simply by limitation (i.e. because there was no other option).

Imho, the best people in any field seek to find the source and very dna of any accepted concepts or rules, and in their quest to improve, expand and even reinvent the bounds of their craft, proceed to break them judiciously, untethered by the chains of desire for fame or fortune.

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Neil-

Your experience and contributions aside, which I've thanked you for repeatedly, this is a really inappropriate and offensive response to LaMont's opinions.

Why would you take personally, the comments someone else makes about a piece of software written by people half way around the world, who have nothing to do with you?

Everyone saw your repeated put downs of LaMont. To his credit, he ignored them.

As far as LaMont being the only one who "didn't get" your tests, I'm pretty sure

there were others who O'd you on them too.

As far as commenting on LaMont's spelling - pathetic. It makes you look silly, or

if it was a joke, it was bad. Either way, it sucks.

As far as the whole Native mix/buss thing goes, my experience generally leads me to share LaMont's opinions. I've worked with only a few of the DAWS - Paris, CuBase/Nuendo, Logic, Sonar and PT (up to Mix). The integrated ones have always sounded better to me. I do not like CuBase/Nuendo. I have heard many CuBase/Nuendo mixes, both in the studio and on all my usual playback systems, done by very good engineers, and they are _always_ lacking to my ears (so far) unless they have been sent OTB at some point.

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Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Mon, 12 Feb 2007 06:49:49 GMT

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Posted by [Ted Gerber](#) on Mon, 12 Feb 2007 14:28:30 GMT
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Posted by [IOUOI](#) on Mon, 12 Feb 2007 15:19:48 GMT
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And frankly, his accusations that I was rigging some tests (for what? WTF personal gain could I possibly get, or motivation could I possibly have to do that?) have gotten on my last nerve. You know, when DeeJ & Gene were talking about the Bedini BASE unit, I went & found a CD I had recorded & mixed back in '91 using the BASE process, and I was going to post some clips of what it sounded like - I don't think the guys would mind, I know them pretty well, and the band's long broken up, etc. - but since there was no version available without it, I knew I'd just get more shit from Lamont for posting 'em: "So what's this unit doing? How can you expect us to beleive what it's doing if there's nothing to compare it to?" Shit like that. So I just said fuck it, why bother?

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He's not making a comment about the software... he's making comments about how wrong we are for using a certain piece of software. About our inability to use certain tools, about our inability to hear certain things... gee, I guess we're all a bunch of wankers here that should bow at the Lamont altar. Also, since half the shit he says is based on false premises anyway (like when he said that the reason I thought a certain thing was that my points of reference are only Paris & SX - wrong there too), that gives him even LESS credibility, so why are you even bothering to defend him?

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"Punk ass" is OK, but that wasn't? You're certainly choosy about which insults are acceptable & which are not, aren't you?

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Posted by [Deej \[4\]](#) on Mon, 12 Feb 2007 15:23:22 GMT
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objectionable about Cubase 4 sonically. I have recently been getting a bit of time on a Digi 002 system as well and this sounds good too, but I don't think it sounds any better/worse than Cubase. The secret is in the sauce and my sauce is integrating outboard gear and 4 x UAD-1 cards.

Regards,

Deej

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Posted by [brandon\[2\]](#) on Mon, 12 Feb 2007 16:53:49 GMT
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MAN I would like to pick this instructional up, but \$150 is pretty steep for me.

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Brandon

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> He goes into great detail about why harmonmic distortion is the missing
> "Glue"
> to that Record Sound that we've been raised on..
>
> Check out some excerpts.. <http://www.harddisklife.com> then click on the
> lower right side "saturation and the digital mix buss" button..
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>
> "Dedric Terry" <dedric@echomg.com> wrote:

>>Neil - I think that's the essence of it - harmonic distortion can smooth
> out
>>more barren and sterile frequency content - it also smears the picture
>>a bit in terms of accuracy, but we enjoy listening for the pleasing effect
>>of music rather than the stark accuracy of a recording. The top end is
>
>>really where a smearing
>>or smoothing effect can help, imho.
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>>I think the 5042 is a cool idea - thanks for passing it along DJ - I look
>
>>forward to
>>hearing some A/Bs!
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>>"Neil" <UOIU@OIU.com> wrote in message news:45cf3ba4\$1@linux...
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>>> Hey Dedric, no it certainly has nothing to do with the summing,
>>> but maybe it more or less restores some stuff (dunno what) that
>>> might get lost in ITB summing? Maybe that's what DeeJ is
>>> hearing (I have no clue - haven't tried one yet). Or maybe it's
>>> really a magnetic thing more than tape compression or harmonic
>>> distortion that we liked about analog? This unit has an
>>> actual tape head circuit inside it, which is something I don't
>>> ever recall seeing in any other box.
>>>
>>> FWIW, I spoke to Brian at Sonic Circus (where I got my Portico
>>> Pre's from) about this box & he said he liked it so much he
>>> bought one for himself. He said it's a mysterious little box in
>>> a way, because sometimes you can't tell how it's affecting the
>>> sound, but when you disengage it you instantly say: "Nope...
>>> sounded better with it in!"
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>>> Interesting stuff... I may have to get one of these or...
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>>> Dedric Terry <dterry@keyofd.net> wrote:
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>>> it's
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>>>>saturation,
>>>>and perhaps adding some phase non-linearities.

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> it's
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>
>>>>> entire
>>>>> Portico line..
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>>>>> stage on the outs..Cool..
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>>>>> summing
>>>>> in SX/Neundo..With out it, well you know what your mix will
>>>>> sound..????
>>>>>
>>>>> P.S..did you ever take a peek at the Neve 8816 summing
>>>>> ?mixer<http://www.neve.eu/index.php?entry=8816&category=P> roducts
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Subject: Re: 96k????...harumph!!!

Posted by [John Macy](#) on Mon, 12 Feb 2007 16:57:20 GMT

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I especially like the way 96K translates into the MP3 and Ipod formats--really adds to the resolution...

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Dedric Terry <dterry@keyofd.net> wrote:

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>performance (noise, nonlinear phase, crosstalk, saturation, harmonic
>distortion) has become a vintage fad.

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>someone says you need it, but because "that sound" happens to be the one
you

>personally want to make a specific recording more enjoyable. Let's keep
the

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Posted by [Deej \[4\]](#) on Mon, 12 Feb 2007 18:08:49 GMT
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>was using. It was never meant to be an A/B test of anything to my thinking,

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Thanks Deej-

I too liked Neil's mixes, and very much appreciated his contributions, which
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to mixes by anyone, separating out the choices that the engineer has made
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the
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>> have
>>>>>> to
>>>>>>>>> invest
>>>>>>>>> in a decent summing device to get your mix back..
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>> "LaMONT" <jjdpro@ameritech.net> wrote:
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>> the Cuabse start sucking (on sound quality) after 50 plus if
you
>>>> don't
>>>>>>>>> use
>>>>>>>>>> a superior summing device.
>>>>>>>>>> "Neil" <IOU@OIU.com> wrote:
>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>> "DJ" <www.aarrrrggghhh!!!.com> wrote:
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>> Well.....poo!!!!..... I've been working with a bunch
>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> of 96k = material tonight. Big yawn. Yeah, it sounds a little

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Subject: Re: 96k????...harumph!!!
Posted by [LaMont](#) on Mon, 12 Feb 2007 18:42:55 GMT
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Posted by [LaMont](#) on Mon, 12 Feb 2007 18:50:51 GMT
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Neil get a life..

If you noticed, I prettty much stayed away you tests. To get pass this, I apologize about my comments. I really enjoy yor post and your knowlege on the recording process. You have helped me a lot (with your post) when it comes to Rock mixing..

Let's not continue to dilute our nice forum with an in-family fight.

You are not a PK a!@#.. Sorry..

"Neil" <IOUOI@OIU.com> wrote:

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>"Ted Gerber" <tedgerber@rogers.com> wrote:

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>>Neil-

>>
>>Your experience and contributions aside, which I've thanked you for repeatedly,
>>this is a really inappropriate and offensive response to LaMont's opinions.
>
>Bullshit! It's a totally appropriate response. I'm fed up with
>his constant arrogance & proclamations as if from on high
>without ANYTHING to back it up, and implications (or outright
>statements as though they were fact) that if we can't hear what
>he may (or may not, in fact) hear, then we're all wrong.
>
>And frankly, his accusations that I was rigging some tests (for
>what? WTF personal gain could I possibly get, or motivation
>could I possibly have to do that?) have gotten on my last nerve.
>You know, when DeeJ & Gene were talking about the Bedini BASE
>unit, I went & found a CD I had recorded & mixed back in '91
>using the BASE process, and I was going to post some clips
>of what it sounded like - I don't think the guys would mind,
>I know them pretty well, and the band's long broken up, etc. -
>but since there was no version available without it, I knew I'd
>just get more shit from Lamont for posting 'em: "So what's this
>unit doing? How can you expect us to beleive what it's doing if
>there's nothing to compare it to?" Shit like that. So I just
>said fuck it, why bother?
>
>>Why would you take personally, the comments someone else makes about
>>a piece of software written by people half way around the world, who have
>>nothing to do with you?
>
>He's not making a comment about the software... he's making
>comments about how wrong we are for using a certain piece of
>software. About our inability to use certain tools, about our
>inability to hear certain things... gee, I guess we're all a
>bunch of wankers here that should bow at the Lamont altar.
>Also, since half the shit he says is based on false premises
>anyway (like when he said that the reason I thought a certain
>thing was that my points of reference are only Paris & SX -
>wrong there too), that gives him even LESS credibility, so why
>are you even bothering to defend him?
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>
>>As far as commenting on LaMont's spelling - pathetic. It makes you look
>silly,
>>or
>>if it was a joke, it was bad. Either way, it sucks.
>
>"Punk ass" is OK, but that wasn't? You're certainly choosy
>about which insults are acceptable & which are not, aren't you?
>

>Neil

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Posted by [LaMont](#) on Mon, 12 Feb 2007 21:20:42 GMT

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Thanks ..

"DJ" <www.aarrrrggghhh!!!.com> wrote:

>Well, happy birthday fom the other old fart around here.

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>"LaMont" <jjdpro@ameritech.net> wrote in message news:45d0a71f\$1@linux...

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Posted by [excelav](#) on Mon, 12 Feb 2007 21:24:00 GMT
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Happy B-Day LaMont!

James

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Posted by [LaMont](#) on Mon, 12 Feb 2007 21:31:26 GMT
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