Subject: The Right PC for Paris
Posted by gamrecords on Mon, 27 Jun 2011 19:57:42 GMT
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I'm a little stumped but that's easy to do. I'm on Paris with a Mac. I want to switch over to PC but I was told I would need 5v PCI slots instead of the 3.3v. Where do I find this version of PCI slots or is this not important. My UAD-1 and Paris both work on the Mac PCI slots, But wanted to switch to a more powerful PC and make use of all the cool things happening in Paris.

Any help appreciated,
Michael

Subject: Re: The Right PC for Paris
Posted by gamrecords on Tue, 28 Jun 2011 04:44:48 GMT
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basically, will I need to find something other then the basic 3.3v PCI slots on a PC computer? Or is it all about the building your own PC to reap the benefits these days?

helpful hints?

Michael

Subject: Re: The Right PC for Paris
Posted by Colin Simpson on Tue, 28 Jun 2011 05:48:00 GMT
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Howdy Michael. I'm also preparing to move my PARIS rig from Mac G4 to PC sometime soon. There are still many motherboards available with a PCI slot or two, so firstly you will need to consider how many EDS cards you want to use.

A 1 or 2 EDS card system will be relatively easy, but if you want to put together a 3 or 4 card system, then you will find that very few modern MoBo's have 3 or 4 PCI slots. You should be prepared to spend some time hunting for a 3 or 4 PCI slot board or consider an external expansion chassis such a Magna or VirtuaVia which are available in 4, 5 or 7 PCI slot models. This would allow you to use an easy-to-find MoBo with 1 or 2 PCI slots.

How many EDS cards do you want in your system?

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Posted by gamrecords on Tue, 28 Jun 2011 15:29:33 GMT
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Thanks Colin,

Yes, I have a 2 EDS card system I'm using on the Mac. I gotcha, so basically it's better to just build your own rig for Paris, modifying as you need it, yes? I have a nice i5 I use here at the house but it has PCIe slots. Could I just add an external expansion chassis to this system?

Thanks again,
Michael

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Posted by Colin Simpson on Tue, 28 Jun 2011 23:16:13 GMT
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Yes - both Magma and Virtuavia have a PCI-e host to PCI card option, which would allow you to use your i5 computer for EDS cards.

Virtuavia have received a lot of love on this forum over the last couple of years as they're cheaper and smaller in size than Magma chassis and they work well.

I have an older 5-slot Magma PCI chassis which I have been using with my G4, but I have lined up a 4 PCI slot Gigabyte MoBo for my Windows build, similar to Kim W's build, with help and advice from Kim W.

Subject: Re: The Right PC for Paris
Posted by inkycu on Wed, 29 Jun 2011 01:04:11 GMT
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Hi,

I just upgraded my atx pc with a ASUS M4A88TD-V EVO/USB3 - AM3 ATX motherboard and AMD Athlon II 455 X3 processor. The Mobo has 3 pci slots and I am using 2x eds1000. I'm very happy with the performance of the system with paris, Reaper along with the various midi vsti and vst plugins.