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Posted by [kerryg](#) on Thu, 03 Jul 2008 19:58:15 GMT

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Posted by [Ted Gerber](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 02:44:35 GMT

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Thanks again,

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Posted by [Mike Bloomer](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 03:27:14 GMT  
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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 06:01:05 GMT  
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In support of Kerry's findings, that is pretty much in line with sale numbers from the Paris video, maybe even a little light from those numbers.

AA

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Posted by [Rod Lincoln](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 14:34:48 GMT  
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Posted by [Kim W](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 17:36:13 GMT

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Spot on, Rod.

I know two guys that have never posted.

Hell, I built and configured their host comps for them.

One is a friend who is happily using my "spare parts",  
(a mec with 8-in, a c-16 and two EDS's) as a stand alone system.

I also know \*of\* several other users, but not personally.

They're out there...

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Posted by [kerryg](#) on Sat, 05 Jul 2008 18:05:45 GMT  
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Hi Ted

- maybe I phrased that poorly, I'm afraid I have something of a fever and am not at my clearest. By 'real users' I meant 'current' users. By "a hard floor of 125 real users" I meant to say we now have a solid idea the \*minimum\* number of current PARIS users out there. 400 is what we're estimating the true number actually is.

As far as examples of other pieces of discontinued technology, I'll write a bit when I've got less mush brain.

- K

On 7/3/08 7:44 PM, in article 486d8e93\$1@linux, "Ted Gerber" <tedgerber@rogers.com> wrote:

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uninterested in opening the source code. After months of chasing down and researching, making unresponded-to emails etc, I got a response from the developer and after a few exchanges on it he agreed to release the source code.

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Posted by [Rich Lamanna](#) on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 01:00:50 GMT  
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Posted by [Tom Bruhl](#) on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 15:13:59 GMT

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Posted by [kerryg](#) on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 16:58:06 GMT

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Posted by [mike mullin\[1\]](#) on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 20:14:48 GMT

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Subject: Re: A Little PARIS Research - Size of user community

Posted by [Sanbar](#) on Fri, 11 Jul 2008 15:56:52 GMT

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Hi

I will be a user again as soon as my house is built. I know one other user here in Milwaukee.

Barry

"Paul Braun" <cygnus\_nospam@ctgonline.org> wrote in message news:d97d74p1lj57h8u46v21bhg268e11852rr@4ax.com...

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> amongst the faithful.

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> pab

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Subject: Re: A Little PARIS Research - Size of user community

Posted by [Harry Latimer](#) on Fri, 18 Jul 2008 01:02:23 GMT

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Harry Latimer

Good Day Mix

"Mike Bloomer" <tubeguru2006@gmail.com> wrote in message

news:486d9892\$1@linux...

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Posted by [planetwi](#) on Fri, 18 Jul 2008 03:24:05 GMT  
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Subject: Re: A Little PARIS Research - Size of user community  
Posted by [jim phillips](#) on Fri, 18 Jul 2008 04:54:39 GMT  
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Subject: Re: A Little PARIS Research - Size of user community  
Posted by [john Macy\[2\]](#) on Fri, 18 Jul 2008 15:38:28 GMT  
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Subject: Re: A Little PARIS Research - Size of user community  
Posted by [Dale](#) on Sat, 19 Jul 2008 08:13:47 GMT  
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Still using Paris in Eugene, OR...frequently lurking, would post more often if I'd followed momma's advice and taken typing in school

Dale "Hunt & Peck" Bradley

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Posted by [Ron Bloom](#) on Sat, 19 Jul 2008 20:07:38 GMT

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Posted by [Perrin Stamatis](#) on Sat, 19 Jul 2008 21:21:43 GMT

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Hey everybody,

My name is Perrin.

I still check in from time to time.

Been using PARIS since '98.

Love the sound...glad to see the gang is still cooking up new ideas.

Many Thanks!

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Posted by [hank](#) on Mon, 21 Jul 2008 13:22:45 GMT

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PARIS blog: <http://ensoniqparis.blogspot.com/>

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They're sparse right now. That's partly because I've been consumed with projects lately, but in larger part because I don't have a PARIS rig right now to verify tips/techniques/terminology/bugs etc (I don't want to put too much flaky "relying on memory and notes" info up there). I don't expect either site will fully hit their stride until I set my PARIS studio up in January '09, but the rig is coming within days and then I hope to buckle down with an update or two. But feel free to throw in what you like at the Wiki, it's totally user-modifiable.

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Posted by [Martin Harrington](#) on Tue, 22 Jul 2008 01:54:20 GMT  
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I personally know of 3 others...  
In Sydney.

Martin H

On 21/07/08 11:22 PM, in article 48848da5\$1@linux, "hank" <hkovac@bigpond.net.au> wrote:

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> six of us still using it in Sydney Australia and every week there is PARIS  
> recorded country hit in the Country Top 30.  
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>> Still using Paris in Eugene, OR...frequently lurking, would post more often  
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Posted by [Ed](#) on Tue, 22 Jul 2008 14:52:27 GMT

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Posted by [kerryg](#) on Wed, 23 Jul 2008 06:55:22 GMT  
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Hi Ed -

I wasn't originally looking for responses, I was just throwing out interesting discoveries - but yes, it's invaluable to have less-frequent posters "step forward and be counted". I just did it the way I did because a nose-count was necessary and I reckoned doing it that way would give results I could be fairly confident in. Knowing how many current users there are is of immense use in organizing larger efforts, and the more names we have on that list the more power we have as a community.

As far as it becoming an email list - this was originally just put together from the perspective of doing a community count, so for example I haven't even bothered removing things like "NOSPAM" from the email addresses. But yes - it could definitely be the makings of a nice tight-focused little email list. It would be a perfect method to occasionally contact those PARIS users who don't regularly frequent the NG so we can let them know about significant developments - plugin releases, driver development, etc. I hate spam, and any use of the list would have to be of obvious benefit to the community (and has to have a prominent "opt out" link). But I've filed the idea away against the right set of circumstances - and yep, now you're on it too :).

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Posted by [Goran Stojiljkovic](#) on Wed, 23 Jul 2008 13:46:43 GMT

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Posted by [Ron Bloom](#) on Wed, 23 Jul 2008 21:09:59 GMT

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Kerry - Sweet man thanks for the contact. I look forward to learning more and causing myself problems as I reach higher than the system will allow :-). Tonight my second Paris system shows up and I try to put the two EDS cards in and change the skin. Double the pleasure double the fun right? Some days I just feel over my head :-)

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Posted by [DM](#) on Sun, 27 Jul 2008 00:14:15 GMT

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Kerry Galloway <[kg@kerrygalloway.com](mailto:kg@kerrygalloway.com)> wrote:

Rarely come to the NG but still use PARIS for tracking and occasionally mixing.

Don Morrell

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Subject: Re: A Little PARIS Research - Size of user community

Posted by [Gordon Belsher](#) on Sun, 03 Aug 2008 13:28:17 GMT

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Still using PARIS here in Prince Edward Island & loving it! [GuernseyCove.ca](http://GuernseyCove.ca)

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Subject: Re: A Little PARIS Research - Size of user community  
Posted by [kerryg](#) on Tue, 05 Aug 2008 05:41:35 GMT  
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With current updates - list stands at 136. It would have been 135, but I  
just realized I'd omitted my own name. Duh.

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Posted by [Clay](#) on Wed, 06 Aug 2008 03:43:21 GMT  
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Posted by [kerryg](#) on Wed, 06 Aug 2008 04:01:52 GMT

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Thanks Clay; I've got you in the survey. I'll have to hold off on your friend for the moment because I have no way of including a person without any sort of identifying info, but I've filed that info away along with other reports of far-flung users.

Come on over to the blog too, there's an interview with Gantt up there with good PARIS tips:

<http://ensoniqparis.blogspot.com/>

And the Wiki is at 160 pages now:

<http://www.kerrygalloway.com/WikiPARIS/wikka.php?wakka=HomePage>

Nice to see all these new faces, and welcome!

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Posted by [geo](#) on Thu, 07 Aug 2008 22:05:56 GMT

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Posted by [kerry](#) on Fri, 08 Aug 2008 00:07:41 GMT

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We had a project where "everything at once, in the same room, with the engineer and producer and all" was a vibe we wanted to experiment with. With some trepidation (I don't have outside producers working in my workspace very often) - and although we had access to lots of good rooms - I'd convinced him my own space and PARIS were worth a shot. So the day came and we set up and started getting sounds, and Shawn popped the headphones on and off a few times, with mounting concern, and said - "I know what this system's \*supposed\* to do - but put the cans on one ear. I \*hear\* latency, and that's not going to be acceptable".

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Posted by [Rich\[7\]](#) on Fri, 08 Aug 2008 15:21:09 GMT

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Posted by [Yasser Shaaban](#) on Sat, 13 Sep 2008 08:47:46 GMT  
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Posted by [kerryg](#) on Sat, 13 Sep 2008 19:29:42 GMT

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Welcome Yasser - I've added you in; glad you could join us, excellent  
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- Kerry

On 2008-09-13 01:47:46 -0700, "Yasser Shaaban"  
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Subject: Re: A Little PARIS Research - Size of user community

Posted by [Larry Hogan](#) on Tue, 23 Sep 2008 19:54:33 GMT

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Posted by [Bradley Reed](#) on Wed, 24 Sep 2008 00:41:08 GMT

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Posted by [kerryg](#) on Wed, 24 Sep 2008 01:57:06 GMT  
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Thanks both of you - you're in the Big (and growing) Database now and I'll be very interested to hear whatever other names you turn up. PARIS was fairly prominent in the rap/hiphop scene here through Dubvibe's work with artists like Sweatshop Union, there's something about the platform that makes it a good mesh.

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Hi Kerry,

I'm still using PARIS. I mostly record my own stuff and a few friends. I don't do anything commercial as far as recording. I'm hoping to sell the music some day. I just finished another song for the album that is going to take a decade to complete. I probably should name it that.

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Posted by [Rich Kelley](#) on Wed, 24 Sep 2008 17:07:59 GMT  
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I'm quite tempted to go the 3.0 actually. I would have gladly paid the \$150 for it when it came out. As I've mentioned here before however I won't do PACE. I got a copy of UNPACE and when I have time I'll try it.

I'm not as into working on my PARIS rig as I should be. Given a free moment I'll always grab a guitar before I'll put time into PARIS. I had the Tankersley video for years before I finally watched it. I'm lazy.

I had Chuck's effects pluggins for years too and just installed them because I needed a flanger on a song that I was recording. I think I'm going to buy some of the plugs that Mike is writing. Sounds like people are liking the reverbs.

Rich

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Subject: Re: A Little PARIS Research - Size of user community  
Posted by [kerryg](#) on Thu, 25 Sep 2008 01:22:07 GMT  
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Got you in, Bill, welcome!

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Subject: Re: A Little PARIS Research - Size of user community  
Posted by [Andy Pow](#) on Thu, 25 Sep 2008 01:38:52 GMT  
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Hi all.

A quick post to stay in the count.

There are also three other local studios besides mine in town still running PARIS as well.

I still run a PARIS 8 card/13slot magma rig with 6 MECs and 8 c16's coupled with the old faithful Cubase rig linked thru ADAT sync and four Adat i/o cards and lots of analog i/o cards but have also migrated to a PT HD3 system

on a smoking Mac Pro  
dual quad core system.  
I've hung on for about as long as I could.  
I'm afraid the PARIS rig's lights are going to go cold and dim.  
"Long Live P.A.R.I.S."  
Thanks for keeping hope alive!

Andy Pow  
Digital Wave Recording  
Fayetteville, NC

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Posted by [Kateeba](#) on Thu, 25 Sep 2008 13:17:55 GMT  
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Posted by [kerryg](#) on Thu, 25 Sep 2008 14:37:54 GMT  
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You bet I got you, Lou, but thanks for checking. You've got me thinking about a "PARIS RIg Pix" page at the blog.

- Kerry

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