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Hey Mike - I can duplicate the compressor issue - the original PARIS compressor [the one that shows up as "Compres (M > M)" in the EDS fx list] is no longer passing audio here either. And now that I think about it, I noticed it didn't when I first installed everything a couple of months ago.

Not that I'd use it much considering the better compressors you've built, but FYI if it helps troubleshoot this.

- K

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Posted by [Bradley Reed](#) on Wed, 24 Sep 2008 00:48:31 GMT  
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It sounds to me like you might have a bad effects daughterboard on one of your cards. testing the ram is a good idea, but it can sometimes miss things. You could also try manually relaxing the memory timings in the bios.

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PN,

Thank you for the tip.....you were right, the freebie pack was causing the original compressor not to pass audio.

I have also found some interesting things out.....not that I know the answers, but I thought.....no better place to share then here....I hope someone can get to the bottom of this.

I feel like I have tried almost everything I can think of.....and I still keep getting an unhandled exception error.....but since I can now use the original Paris compressor.....it now appears to only error when I use the 3rd instance of the new "Paris Compressor", and only on the 3rd EDS card. I have successfully used 8 instances of the "Paris Compressor" on the first 2 cards

The other 2 cards work fine.....or it seems, but I haven't really focused on them because of the 3rd card.....I will next week when I get back in town (gone for a week)

When I use the original M > M Compressor, I have great success, and no unhandled exception errors.....and I have replaced the 3rd card with 3 other cards and I get the same problem, so I don't think I have a bad EDS card (I have 6 total card, so I swapped out the third one three times). I guess I could try card number 2.....does that sound like it could be a possibility....does the card have to pass any instructions to the next card that might cause this lock-up?

By the way, sometimes, I don't get the error. Sometimes when I insert each "Paris Compressor" on the channel, and then open them up to adjust them or to load a preset (instead of just inserting them without opening them).....sometimes on the third instance I get the plug-in window where you choose what plug-in you want, and I cannot click the OK or cancel button.....the button depresses, but the window will never go away.....no matter what.....I can't even end the process with task manager.....I can only close out Paris, I can't end the process that is choosing the effect.

Any Ideas???.....I hope this helps Mike.

I was thinking that it might be another developed plug-in, but I didn't really want to start taking them all out.

Can anyone else duplicate this problem?

This is on my new XP-Pro Core-Duo machine. I am downloading the new PSCL

tonight, but I get the problem even when I run only one processor for Paris, so I don't think that is the issue.

If anyone else has a 3 or more card setup on an XP-Pro dual core machine, I would be interested to see if you have the same problem, or even a similar one.

At least I think I can move on somewhat.....My studio is such a mess with all this stuff laying around because of trying different things. I want to test it a little more, and if it is "just" the new "Paris Compressor", I probably can work around it for now.....I just want to move on.

Maybe someone else has some input or ideas.

Thanks for listening.

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Subject: Re: Issues with multiple card MAC setup and New PC build  
Posted by [Mike Audet](#) on Sat, 04 Oct 2008 18:34:34 GMT  
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Hi Brad,

I sent you a private email. Let me know if it didn't arrive.

All the best,

Mike

Bradley Reed <[bradleywreed@mac.com](mailto:bradleywreed@mac.com)> wrote:

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>PN,  
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>Thank you for the tip.....you were right, the freebie pack was causing  
the  
>original compressor not to pass audio.  
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>I have also found some interesting things out.....not that I know the  
>answers, but I thought.....no better place to share then here....I hope  
>someone can get to the bottom of this.  
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>I feel like I have tried almost everything I can think of.....and I still  
>keep getting an unhandled exception error.....but since I can now use  
>the original Paris compressor.....it now appears to only error when I use  
>the 3rd instance of the new "Paris Compressor", and only on the 3rd EDS  
>card. I have successfully used 8 instances of the "Paris Compressor" on  
the  
>first 2 cards  
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>The other 2 cards work fine.....or it seems, but I haven't really focused  
on  
>them because of the 3rd card.....I will next week when I get back in town  
>(gone for a week)  
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>When I use the original M > M Compressor, I have great success, and no  
>unhandled exception errors.....and I have replaced the 3rd card with  
3  
>other cards and I get the same problem, so I don't think I have a bad EDS  
>card (I have 6 total card, so I swapped out the third one three times).  
I  
>guess I could try card number 2.....does that sound like it could be a  
>possibility....does the card have to pass any instructions to the next card  
>that might cause this lock-up?  
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>By the way, sometimes, I don't get the error. Sometimes when I insert each  
>"Paris Compressor" on the channel, and then open them up to adjust them  
or  
>to load a preset (instead of just inserting them without opening  
>them).....sometimes on the third instance I get the plug-in window where  
you  
>choose what plug-in you want, and I cannot click the OK or cancel  
>button.....the button depresses, but the window will never go away.....no  
>matter what.....I can't even end the process with task manager.....I can  
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>Any Ideas???.....I hope this helps Mike.  
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>I was thinking that it might be another developed plug-in, but I didn't  
>really want to start taking them all out.  
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>Can anyone else duplicate this problem?  
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>This is on my new XP-Pro Core-Duo machine. I am downloading the new PSCL  
>tonight, but I get the problem even when I run only one processor for Paris,  
>so I don't think that is the issue.  
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>If anyone else has a 3 or more card setup on an XP-Pro dual core machine,  
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>would be interested to see if you have the same problem, or even a similar  
>one.  
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>At least I think I can move on somewhat.....My studio is such a mess  
with  
>all this stuff laying around because of trying different things. I want

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>probably can work around it for now.....I just want to move on.  
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>Thanks for listening.  
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