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LOL.

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Of course, it's also got to be under six hundred bucks US, which is about what I paid for all those capabilities - my double Bundle III *and* the computer to run it. Whaddya got that'll get me those features at that price point?

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- KI don't think anybody that is still using Paris is not aware of what they can do with other softwares. Most of us have other softwares to do the kind of work that they can do. Investing in a system that we already know, and a system that works for us is not a bad investment. Paris is not done yet! Mike and the paris users here prove that. Not everybody that uses paris is here on this board either, there are many paris users that don't even know about this NG. In the last month or so there have been new paris users asking questions here.

Mike has made it possible to run Paris on new quad core PCs, that alone extends the life of paris. Paris is unique and kind of boutique in a studio. Paris sounds good and to me that's what really matters.

For some music, all the midi stuff is over kill. For some music it's about capturing a great performance with really good sounding equipment, that's Paris. Unfortunately MP3s are becoming the standard, until things really change, I personally don't see a need to spend a bunch of money trying to get better sound when Paris already sounds good.

Paris doesn't cost me any thing now. If and when I switch over to PC I won't have a problem paying Mike for his work, it's much appreciated. I'm not in Europe, or Asia, I'm in north America, right now I'm personally not too keen on sending any more money to Asian companies. I'd rather spend my money in my own backyard. It's tuff in Detroit these days, soon to come to a city near you.

Some of us here are not running commercial studios anymore, and just don't find it necessary to chase their tails on the upgrade trail. Why spend the money when we already own paris, besides what would I get for it now anyways. I guess we'll upgrade when it is really necessary. Many of us are just going to drive paris right in to the ground;)

I know your point is about function, but Paris still functions for many of us, and the price is right.

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No offense from me. Good points.

Midi is critical to me for sequences I create for other projects so I purchased a laptop and Sonar. Tone is not critical here.

There was a time when I wished for a minimal "Paris to go" so that I could do laptop editing while on the road. Now I'm relatively quick and can live without it.

I don't want to sound like the mass public CD's being produced these days in most genres. They sound soul-less to me. It's not the performances per se. I think it's the digital demon and possibly the track count overload (discussed just two days ago). One of the first digital songs I heard on the radio was from Simply Red and I remember it sounded awesome. Clean, clear and open.

I jump'd on Paris in '97 (six months before the MEC was even available) because I dug the real sounds (close to authentic at the time) from Ensoniq's MR-76 keyboard that I purchased the year before. I was still using an 8-track cassette system (jeez . . . my skeleton is out of the closet now) to record my songs and friend's singer/songwriters. To this day I remember the sales person at Sound Chek in New Orleans telling me to wait about a month because Ensoniq was coming out with this system. I almost went Adat at the time and audio hard drives were just beginning. It was a leap of faith. I waited and I wasn't disappointed. Within that first year I met with an Ensoniq rep (at Sound Chek giving a demo of v1.21) and I was jazz'd. I wish I'd remembered his name. Even got a "t"- shirt.

So, to sum up . . . (yes, pun intended) . . . for me, it's the sound.

Wayne"Ted Gerber" <tedgerber@rogers.com> wrote:
>the sonic/summing issue was only half of the 2 reasons I listed.

so i take it you then agree with the points i made there? ;-)

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totally true: cant argue with the price point of a dead system.
its why i would never sell my (pretty big) paris rig, it would go for ridiculously low prices so id rather keep it."Mike Audet" <mike@....> wrote:

>Hi Derek,

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>No offense taken. Would it make more sense to put effort into writing software

>to convert PARIS projects to something else? Not for me. I use PARIS.

>I couldn't care less about porting projects out.

that sure makes a lot of sense :-)

bad luck for me, but good for you :-)

>I like PARIS the way it is. Also, I refuse to use anything that is host

>based,

im tempted to say youre doing yourself a disservice here.
i can see how one could come to the conclusion that native systems were bullshit in the past, but IMO this has changed recently. to me - and im a heavy plugin user - the magic moment was somewhere when pcs went past 4 cores running at

above 2 GHZ, to use a simplified picture. i currently use a dual quadcore (8 cores at 2.33ghz) and its the first machine where i can NOT

max out the CPU, no matter what i throw at it. as absurd as it is, my new bottleneck now is memory. i run out of memory just by opening effect plugins before i run out of CPU power.

so, while i too considered native systems to be shaky bitches with high latency for years, these days i say - not anymore. not by a long shot. these things rule big time now.

oh, and they run in circles even around fully expanded protocols HD rig too now. i remember that time where they benchmarked some new waves plugin and it ran on around 180 instances on a huge PTHD setup, which sounded impressive until you heard that a dual quadcore xeon ran the same algorithm in VST some 650 times (!!)

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im fully with you on that digidesign sentiment ;-)

>I synch Cakewalk Pro Audio 9 to PARIS via MTC. I use a EMU ESI2000 sampler.

thats the kind of stuff that really sounds like a headache to me. triple project maintenance, longer sound path, realtime bouncing of tracks, EMU samplers (i had an e4k for a while in the studio and compared to the ensoniq sound it...did not sound as good ;-)

>Why should anyone spend thousands of dollars on a new system that may make >things easier, but won't make one's recordings sound any better?

see my previous post. i want to stress that im not saying this in hopes to "convert" you, i really am not. i know the feeling of being in love with ye olde ensoniq puppy :-)
but just on the basis of a what-sounds-good-and-what-doesnt discussion between people that dig good sound, i still have

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company. what a loss that was when they were eaten by
%%&/%(%\$/ creative and merged into nonexistence by emu :-(

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derek"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:

>Hey if you like to send me all your old Paris stuff, I'd be glad to pay
for
>the shipping...;)
>
>James

haha youd like that wouldnt you :-)
only over my dead corpse!(if thats a saying in english at all)

i could maybe rethink this the day when some kind of "paris project resurrection software" or driver like i talked about exists, but until then, in addition to my emotional attachment to that dusty old rig, its also my only way to export and convert past projects. Kerry Galloway <kg@kerrygalloway.com> wrote:
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>> i dont intend to. just consider it FYI, if you will :-)
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aw come one man, no reason to "lol" into anyones faces here :-)
all in good spirit. i used to be a paris zombie too (i even go as far back to know that the term paris zombie is a positive one :-)

>If you can find me a zero latency DAW that permits tracking at that zero
>latency through FX

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>, includes a dedicated and high-quality hardware control
>surface with automation and a shuttle wheel,

....with no motorfaders and potentiometers that start to skip randomly after a while like unfortunately most late ensoniq gear did (that was a really bad shipment of potis they got there in their late days, the ASR and ASRX suffered from that problem too) :-)

but yeah, the c16 was cool. the shuttlewheel ruled.
of course it was slightly pointless because its only application that made sense was to move the now line around

(editing was faster and more precise with the mouse, scrubbing was too unreliable) and you might as well use two keys to move the now line around, but it sure was FUN to use it. i think i have FOUR c16s in the closet, and most of them have that cool spot where the black color completely wore off between the transport and the wheel. they say "ive been USED a LOT, so i must have been useful" :-)

has internal mixing
>capabilities,

which daw doesnt have that? :-)
here id argue that as far as the featureset of internal mixing goes, paris loses the battle against almost anything else these days, in terms of flexibility and routing not to mention in terms of anything more advanced like object volume or, god forbid, the awesome object based mixing capabilities of hosts like samplitude and sequoia. my personal "heureka" moment was when at some point i realized that 1. i didnt want to live with the bugs of paris 3 anymore and 2. i wanted to route stuff to groups and do sum processing on groups damnit! i mean, thats like one of the most essential mixing techniques there is!

expandable I/O at about \$150 per eight extra channels and
>killer fat-sounding sonics overall

again, cant argue with the price of a dead system. and the I/O that shipped with wonderful doses of ensoniq-ness in sound for so little money per 8 channels was already a steal when they were still sold full price brandnew. you wont get any argument there from me, ever :-)
as i said, i used to keep some ensoniq ADDA around just for the fun and coolness of it. eventually i switched to do all my coloring via pres, but it doesnt mean i lost my love for the ensoniq magic there :-)

>Of course, it's also got to be under six hundred bucks US, which is about
>what I paid for all those capabilities - my double Bundle III *and* the
>computer to run it. Whaddya got that'll get me those features at that price
>point?

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>:D

nothing, but then, it also wouldnt come with all the limitations and with IDs paris 3.0 software bugfest. in that sense, the old "you get what you pay for" rule applies as always.

best,
derek

p.s.: i really did not want to turn this into a "paris pro and con" discussion. for now i keep going as long as its all good clean fun, but if anyone is annoyed, one word and i will stop this immediately. its not what i came here for :-)"Tom Bruhl" <arpeggio@comcast.net> wrote:
>~ Hi Derek,
>I think what you're finding is a bunch of fairly content users.

yes, i just realized that :-) quite amazing actually.

>I still blame you for interesting me in softsynths. Now I'm >loaded with really cool stuff. Thanks!!!

i apologize ;-) but its amazing how far this has come in so little time, huh? just recently i tried out the new BFD 2 and i couldnt help but think back to the beginnings of this technology where id freak out about some fxpansion drummachine thingy simply because of its timing. and its really not long ago at all! amazing how much has happened...

best,
derekHi to you all,

Allways good to hear from you, Derek. I understand really well your behavings have gone another route than Paris but....

.....some behavings are yet to record the real stuff with use of old tape recording machines.

Have been away from the district here in Norway for over 20 years, but the leading studio here are living well with their 24 channel taperecorder and the TL Audio VTC

tube-mixing desk.

Had a long phonetalk with him right before Christmas and shall visit him one of the coming days.

Have talked with some old clients here, from the early years of '80, that have used his studio for years now.

There are plenty of producers and clients yet, that's hating much of what's coming out from the industry today. So I believe Paris is the only computer recording system that will satisfy some of these "old" ears.

I have both Cubase 4.5 and the new Pro Tools 8 here. Using Cubase a lot and ProTools is just if someone ask what I have, just to get some extra clients - and then convert them for the "dead Paris-route";-)

Summasumarum, for what I need to record, it's still Paris. It's the only computer-system that have "the old sound" and have behaviors in the "old style", with a modern computer-way of working....

.....so, I believe Paris isn't dead before most of us here have got our graveyard-stone..... ;-)

Thanks for listening

Erling

"derek" <a@b.com> skrev i melding news:49614e91\$1@linux...

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> i see, The Summing Issue it is :-)

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> as you might remember, i sailed on that ship quite a few

> years too, and i know exactly what youre talking about.

> having said that though, of course there is no magic

> to the paris sound, its just a combination of things if you ask me:

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> 1. simple, straightforward clipping and truncating

> 2. the ensoniq converters and their awesome coloring

> (a longtime ensoniq virtue, i.e. also the ASR and ASRX samplers

> sounded simply amazing whatever you threw at them)

> 3. the fact that you run a mix using only nice ensoniq

> algorithms (and boy, did they have a hand for good sounding

> yet simple effect algorithms)

> 4. (often underestimated) the "direct" feel of the low

> latency interface and (here comes the only thing i would

> give ID credit for and not ensoniq) the smart mouse behaviour

> when i.e. dragging eq values. oh, and the interface and

> its color does help too.

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> thats pretty much it. and while it is a bunch of stuff, its

> a. nothing that cant be done elsewhere and

> b. no summing rocket science. actually the mere summing
> of paris is quite normal, easily testable with the
> usual phase cancellation tests im sure we all have done.
> so after years of limiting myself to paris because of the
> supposedly magic sound character, it really didnt take me
> very long to get right back to this point with another system.
> i color my stuff with my pres (and i kept some ensoniq AD/DAs
> around for a while), i have a million ways of clipping,
> i only use nice plugins (doh!) and with todays machines,
> latency isnt an issue anymore. my dual quad machine lets me open many
> times
> more stuff than a fully expanded paris would do while
> running at 1.5ms latency.
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> so, speaking longterm and sound quality only, for a list of things that
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> really can be had elsewhere
> too if you invest a little time, you give up so many other things
> that have a true impact on sound, like proper grouping,
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> master channels of any kind you wish, group based ducking,
> 100% generation loss free bouncing etc etc.
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> at the end of the day, personally i find this just a bad
> deal not only featurewise, but *also* soundwise. these days
> im doing things in nuendo i could not dream of doing in paris.
> and i had that system very much pushed to the limit. i did
> drums subgroup compression over the aux bus (what a pain in the...!). i
> avoided
> rendering stuff because it didnt sound
> right. i made heavy use of the fun ways to clip and distort
> stuff in paris all the time, id even go as far and claim
> that i was one of the few people that eventually somewhat figured out
> the slightly weird paris compressor lookahead behaviour ;-)
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> "Ted Gerber" <tedgerber@rogers.com> wrote:
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>>Hi Derek -
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>>Thanks for the comments. All worthwhile from a source who has

>>earned respect here over the years. I don't think anyone will take
>>offense.
>>There are 2 reasons why I stick with PARIS:
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>>1. The sound
>>2. The cost of a significant change
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>>I use Logic for the things that it does well and all the reasons
>>you cited, (convenience/productivity issues) and PARIS for tracking/stem
>>mixing and final bounce.
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>>Summing from Logic out through an analog board gives results that
>>I like. Summing through PARIS without an analog board gives me
>>results I like even more. AD converters currently available are
>>more clear, detailed, smooth etc than the PARIS ones, but I would have to
>>sink a bunch more cash into this, and would rather not.
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>>Engineer/Producer friends of mine, who are a lot more experienced
>>than me, and have a lot more invested than I do, are consistently
>>pleased/surprised/blown
>>away by the sonic character of what I can do in PARIS. In fact, on a CD
> we
>>just finished, I took the final mixes from Logic, summed out through
>>analog
>>to tape, that my mix guy had done, and dropped them into PARIS with no
>>gain
>>change, panned L R and re-bounced them. Everyone involved
>>preferred the PARIS bounces 100% of the time.
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>>So for me, PARIS right now is still my best choice.
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>>"derek" <a@b.com> wrote:
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>>>hey guys :-)
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>>>after seeing how much work is put into the paris project
>>>again lately (hats off to mike) ive been thinking about this
>>>quite a bit and until now dont quite know how to say it without
>>>it coming accross a bit offensive. but since i still am not sure
>>>how to put it, i told myself, i might as well just go ahead
>>>and just put this excuse in advance on top of it ;-) so here goes:
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>>>with so much manpower going into paris, an essentially dead
>>>platform, one has to wonder, wouldnt it be smarter to
>>>put this manpower into something thats, how shall i put it,
>>>more essential in practical use? exactly how many people are
>>>still using paris? is it even one hundred?
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>>>platform but for the life of me, i could not imagine ever
>>>going back to it after years in the world of full midi and video
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>>>(OMFs crossplatform compability seems to be a constantly moving
>>>target and suck big time)..maybe just a bunch of rendered
>>>continous wave files that get their data from the project file
>>>and the associated pafs?
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>>>that fools the paris software into believing a fully functioning
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>>>you can launch paris 3.0 on any computer and use the paris
>>>software to convert projects into OMFs. you know, just a
>>>dead end that on the other end pretends to the software
>>>whatever the software asks for during boot to actually
>>>get to the project window. no actual audio support, just
>>>a fake hardware so that you can get to the software level
>>>where you then could ressurect your files.
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>>>i know suggesting something like this is kind of an insult to the work
> thats
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>>>what i would want to avoid), but can you see how that would
>>>make a lot more sense to a lot more people?
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>>>to me, these days, the most important thing about paris

>>>is the question of how i get past projects off that platform
>>>whenever i need to work on them again. i still have a
>>>working paris computer in the second control room but its
>>>collecting dust, the system is slowly fading away as only
>>>outdated pre-XP windows systems were able to do, and
>>>the hardware side doesnt look to promising either.

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>>>and same thing about the effects: porting the awesome and
>>>at times timeless effects from ensoniq effect history is
>>>great - but why on earth do it for this outdated platform?
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>>>(and i used to know a LOT), but i know lots and lots of
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1.5mSec round trip is what BT came up to.Don't rule out Creamware for card DSP. :)

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> "Mike Audet" <mike@....> wrote:
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>>to convert PARIS projects to something else? Not for me. I use PARIS.
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>>I couldn't care less about porting projects out.
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> that sure makes a lot of sense :-)
> bad luck for me, but good for you :-)
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>>I like PARIS the way it is. Also, I refuse to use anything that is host
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> im tempted to say youre doing yourself a disservice here.
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> systems were bullshit in the past, but IMO this has
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> out of memory just by opening effect plugins before i run
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Hey Derek... if your main need with regard to Paris is being able to port stuff out of it into other apps, would it not make sense to simply acquire a few ADAT cards & lightpipe the songs out in real-time? For mega-channel projects where even several ADAT cards might not be enough to do it in one pass, all you'd have do is to make sure that each machine was started at the very beginning point of each project & then nudge or slide the incoming DAW tracks to the starting point... IOW, you would even have to worry about syncing the two DAW's - as long as they were either word-clocked together or you had the incoming DAW set to lightpipe sync, you'd be fine. I can't imagine that even on large multi-song projects, this would add more than a couple or three hours of transfer time to the client's bill... probably not much more than a software-based exporting application would take, considering the rendering, copying to whatever transfer media you chose, then importing into the new DAW app, etc.

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"derek" <a@b.com> wrote:

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>Kerry Galloway <kg@kerrygalloway.com> wrote:
>>> not trying to "convince" anyone here, i know i wont and
>>> i dont intend to. just consider it FYI, if you will :-)
>>
>>LOL.
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>aw come one man, no reason to "lol" into anyones faces here :-)
>all in good spirit. i used to be a paris zombie too (i even go
>as far back to know that the term paris zombie is a positive one :-)
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>>If you can find me a zero latency DAW that permits tracking at that zero
>>latency through FX
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>there is no such thing as zero latency. of course paris
>has a latency, i dont remember the measurements exactly but they
>circled around this NG too. i think it was something like
>2.something milliseconds for one signal trip through mixing engine and converters
>(=what you hear when you track a signal).
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>making a "no latency at all in paris versus some latency elsewhere" argument
>that seems like a comparison of
>absolutes is being dishonest to yourself. the reality is more a gradual
one
>like 2 milliseconds versus 3 milliseconds (my converters are nicely
>fast and partly make up for the 1.5 milliseconds the VST
>engine loses in comparison to the paris engine).
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>>, includes a dedicated and high-quality hardware control
>>surface with automation and a shuttle wheel,
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>...with no motorfaders and potentiometers that start to skip
>randomly after a while like unfortunately most late ensoniq
>gear did (that was a really bad shipment of potis they got
>there in their late days, the ASR and ASRX suffered from
>that problem too) :-)
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>but yeah, the c16 was cool. the shuttlewheel ruled.
>of course it was slightly pointless because its only
>application that made sense was to move the now line around
>(editing was faster and more precise with the mouse,
>scrubbing was too unreliable) and you might as well use
>two keys to move the now line around, but it sure was FUN
>to use it. i think i have FOUR c16s in the closet, and
>most of them have that cool spot where the black color completely
>wore of between the transport and the wheel.
>they say "ive been USED a LOT, so i must have been useful" :-)
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>>capabilities,
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>which daw doesnt have that? :-)
>here id argue that as far as the featureset of internal mixing
>goes, paris loses the battle against almost anything else
>these days, in terms of flexibility and routing not to mention
>in terms of anything more advanced like object volume or,
>god forbid, the awesome object based mixing capabilities of
>hosts like samplitude and sequoia.
>my personal "heureka" moment was when at some point i realized
>that 1. i didnt want to live with the bugs of paris 3 anymore and
>2. i wanted to route stuff to groups and do sum processing
>on groups damnit! i mean, thats like one of the most essential
>mixing techniques there is!
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> expandable I/O at about \$150 per eight extra channels and
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>the I/O that shipped with wonderful doses of ensoniq-ness
>in sound for so little money per 8 channels was already a steal
>when they were still sold full price brandnew.
>you wont get any argument there from me, ever :-)
>as i said, i used to keep some ensoniq ADDA around just
>for the fun and coolness of it. eventually i switched to
>do all my coloring via pres, but it doesnt mean i lost
>my love for the ensoniq magic there :-)
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>>Of course, it's also got to be under six hundred bucks US, which is about
>>what I paid for all those capabilities - my double Bundle III *and* the
>>computer to run it. Whaddya got that'll get me those features at that price
>>point?
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>>:D
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>nothing, but then, it also wouldnt come with all the limitations
>and with IDs paris 3.0 software bugfest. in that sense, the
>old "you get what you pay for" rule applies as always.
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>best,

>derek

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