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Posted by [Paul Braun](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2007 01:01:36 GMT

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>>"Dedric Terry" <dterry@keyofd.net> wrote:

>I was actually just referring to the fact that with every Mac release, there

>are three desktop models,

>usually starting at \$2k and going up - this round, \$2799 is the starting

>price, and only options for dual quad cores,

>no range below that for people who don't need "blinding speed" to write
book

>reports ;-).

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> . 1GB memory
> . 80GB hard drive1
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> \$599.00
> or as low as \$15 a month
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> . 2.0GHz Intel Core 2 Duo
> . 1GB memory
> . 120GB hard drive1
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> \$799.00
> or as low as \$19 a month
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> . 2.0GHz Intel Core 2 Duo
> . 1GB memory
> . 250GB hard drive1
> . 8x double-layer SuperDrive
> . ATI Radeon HD 2400 XT with 128MB memory
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>
> \$1,199.00
> or as low as \$29 a month
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> . 2.4GHz Intel Core 2 Duo
> . 1GB memory
> . 320GB hard drive1
> . 8x double-layer SuperDrive
> . ATI Radeon HD 2600 PRO with 256MB memory
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> \$1,499.00
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> \$1,799.00
> or as low as \$43 a month
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> Or are we going to argue form factor?
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>>"Jamie K" <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote in message news:4790eeca@linux...
>>> Dedric Terry wrote:

>>>> Shelly's complaints, however generalized, pretty much echo that of
>>>> every
>
>>>> PC user who's passed on going the Mac route:
>>>> There is one price point with Apple Macs: \$2000 and up. Sure, more
>>>> computer is more computer, but most people just don't need
>>>> the bleeding edge for \$2-4k to email Aunt Sally and store the family
>
>>>> photo album.
>>>
>>> I don't think that's what he's saying. The box he's complaining about
> _is_
>>> under \$2K (configured the way most people who care about price would buy
>
>>> it). Just because he stupidly overpaid for his Mac doesn't mean others
>
>>> will. But if that's your complaint, there are Macs for less than \$2k.
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>>> If the general complaint about Apple is price, then it should be noted
>
>>> that the new desktop boxes are less expensive than Dell's, and the new
>
>>> super light notebook is less expensive than Sony's (and under 2K in the
>
>>> standard configuration).
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>>>> The MacBook, feels cheap, and while it has good specs and isn't really
>
>>>> out of line with a comparable PC laptop, it sits alone in it's sub \$2k
>
>>>> price point in the Apple lineup.
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>>> Other than the Mac Mini and iMac. Oh, you mean laptops. Yes, except for
>
>>> the low end MacBook Pro and the new MacBook Air, sans flash drive. As
> for
>>> "feeling cheap," the MacBook does have a plastic case. But my wife has
> one
>>> (G4 version); it seems reasonably rugged and has held up well. It also
>
>>> gets better wireless reception than my metal-clad Powerbook.
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>>>> My laptop cost \$750 and has comparable specs to the Macbook, but with
>
>>>> more I/O (it's closer to the Macbook pro in feature set - not psyched
>

>>>> about Vista on it, but I can't deny it gets the same job done for a lot
>
>>>> less money).
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>>> It's good to have choices. Apple is only one choice. If another choice
> is
>>> better for you, by all means buy it. If everyone bought a Mac, Apple
>>> would
>
>>> be insufferable. :^)
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>>> Competition is good. On the flip side, if Apple weren't pushing the
>>> envelope, the other companies building commodity MSWindows boxes would
> be
>>> less motivated to give you stuff you like. So keep buying what moves
>>> you,
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>>> be it Apple or someone else.
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>>>> The same is true of desktops. So his point is based on his opening
>>>> comments about being enamoured with all things Apple.
>>>> Sure, he could have gone cheaper, but money is hardly a concern for
>>>> Shelly considering his success - it's just a reference point
>>>> that he could have spent 1/3 of what he did and accomplished the same
>
>>>> amount of work, but being enamoured with Apple, he goes for the gold
>
>>>> instead. In other words, he's a victim of clever marketing - getting
> you
>>>> to buy way more than you need or want.
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>>> I can't speak for him, but I didn't buy way more than I need or want,
> and
>>> I have a Mac.
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>>>> When you have the option to pay \$1000 or less and get the same job done
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>>>> (depending on what job you are trying to accomplish of course), vs.
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>>>>>> "I really wanted to see something really great and useful from Apple
>>>
>>>>>> this week. On the top of my wishlist was a true sub-notebook.
>>>>>> Something
>>>
>>>>>> I could throw in a portfolio or briefcase for short hops."
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>>>>>> Since he's not complaining about a lack of ports, I don't know why
> the
>>>
>>>>>> Air doesn't fulfill that role for him. Maybe he's too cool to buy
> the
>>>
>>>>>> base version with the hard drive.
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>>>>>> He did like the movie rentals, which I think may be the most
>>>>>> important
>>>
>>>>>> announcement of MacWorld for future impact on Apple's growth. He did
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>>>>>> like the Time Capsule, which is at least interesting. He hates the
>>>>>> iPhone and AT&T, so he'll just have to keep complaining about that
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>Master fader: That's how Digi's controllers work. Hard assign per session.
Stays put until you tell it somethings different.

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Posted by [audioguy_editout_](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2007 07:22:26 GMT
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phonix folks are way mopre smarter than the Digi folks,
I'm sure they ironed that out..

"Dedric Terry" <dterry@keyofd.net> wrote:
>Thad - I guess you saw it has support for Live (and Reason and many
>others) - pretty cool.
>
>I think we'll all be in love with these things (once PC support arrives
for
>PC users at least - word is April from a
>Euphonix rep). It appears you can use the touch screen to control
>channels - including rec arm,
>mute/solo, plugins, etc.
>
>I'm also wondering if you can hard assign a fader to, for example, the
>master bus
>and only bank switch the remaining faders - that would be sweet, and not
out
>of the question
>given

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Posted by [Tom Bruhl](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2007 08:14:52 GMT

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>>responsible for the in the field mixers.. basically put, 4 to 12 ish
>>channels each.
>
> You going to work for a TV station, Aaron?
>
> NeilOn 17/1/08 3:22 PM, in article 478ec9f7\$1@linux, "Deej" <noway@jose.net>
wrote:

>
> Didn't like it much on the first couple of listens. Put it away for about
> a month. I've been sitting here doing a bunch of office drugery all day,
> listening to music and I'm nearing the end of it and about 20 minutes I
> put the new Eagles CD on. I'm suddenly loving it. Very retro sometimes, very
> new sometimes...slick production but still quintessential Eagles.
>
> Waiting In The Weeds is a really stellar piece of work from just about every
> angle I can see.
>
> Go figure.

John hated it...remember?

Martin HDedric Terry wrote:

> Hey Jamie - I agree completely - Shelly was venting more than reviewing.
>
> Regarding the tricked out Mac pro vs. satellites, yes, it would make
> sense to go with a single machine, if the host apps could allocate a
> full 64-bit address space to Kontakt, etc, but from what I've read so
> far on the East West/Soundsonline forum, they can't (Logic included I
> think). That's only a matter of time though - just not sure when or how
> long it will be.

Don't audio unit plugins get their own address space (I don't know, just wondering)? But anyway since OSX has 64 bit memory addressing, you're probably right that over time more apps will take advantage of it.

> There may be a few other limitations to running a full blown orchestral
> lib a la VSL or EWQL Symphonic Platinum
> on a single machine, but we are getting closer no doubt. Such a rig
> would need at least 16G - 32 preferrably, so it's not
> a cheap move when there are working satellite systems already in place.

No, not cheap, but it's probably more flexible use of the RAM than spreading it out over multiple boxes. If it's in one box you can use it for other apps more easily.

> On the single quad - didn't even see that. Still a bit pricey compared
> to a single-quad, single socket PC (I'm guessing the MacPro motherboard
> is still a dual socket with a single quad - those boards are around \$400
> I think, and the single Xeon is more than the conroe Quad, which I can
> get for \$300). For the difference with the Mac Pro, even at \$500, I
> would go dual quad. It's a difference of allocating a machine for
> samples, or video playback (which is hard to justify in the \$2k and up
> range), vs. buying a host system. For a host though, dual quad would be
> the way to go, and I probably will this year. There the Mac prices are
> certainly competitive.... I just can't get Sequoia ported to Mac.....and
> my Adobe CS3 web suite that I need to manage my site has no platform
> crossgrade plan (pretty lame imho - probably the only company I know of
> that has either/or platform licensing).

Yep, that is lame. Luckily the Mac can run MSWindows in another, uh, window, via Parallels or that other VM.

With the single quad, you could presumably add the other quad later to almost double the speed. Nice expandability for anyone who's \$500 short of affording the dual quad. But yeah, I'd buy the dual quad from the getgo if I were buying right now.

> The other issue for the time being is that Nuendo is running 10-15%
> faster on XP than Leopard. Hopefully that will change though.
> I'd love to have a 1:1 choice between them - then it comes down to fun
> and convenience. Mac wins there.

Interesting, I wonder if the optimizations are needed on the OSX side, if it's a Nuendo porting problem, or both.

> Btw - I really do admire Apple's attention to design, form and function
> and making products that do in fact set a high standard for
> the industry in general. It's really a great product line. Lovin' my
> iPod Touch.

Glad to hear you made up with your errant Touch! I hope it learned a valuable lesson by being left at home for a while. :^)

Don't show it to me when I come over or I might be tempted to get the next rev. :^)

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