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Subject: Parallel compression plugin from UA  
Posted by [DJ](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2007 09:37:58 GMT  
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nsive Macbook (current) and only  
>>>>  
> a  
>  
>>>> slightly slower cpu (since

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Subject: Re: Parallel compression plugin from UA  
Posted by [LaMont](#) on Sun, 02 Dec 2007 09:12:14 GMT  
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>at least. That would make them extremely attractive when it come to  
>expandability.  
>All the Air needs is either an express slot or a firewire slot and it  
>would be damn cool. The way it is now I got a feeling its gonna bomb.  
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>Chris  
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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Sun, 02 Dec 2007 20:08:27 GMT  
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;>>>  
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>>>>> would  
>>>>>  
>>>>> be insufferable. :^)  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Competition is good. On the flip side, if Apple weren't pushing the  
>>>>> envelope, the other companies building commodity MSWindows boxes would  
>>>>>  
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Posted by [DJ](#) on Sun, 02 Dec 2007 21:59:49 GMT  
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;>>>>>  
>>>> go  
>>>>  
>>>>>>> down after the keynote. Also, the entire market took a hit on  
>>>>>>> Wednesday  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> for issues not directly related to a speech by Steve Jobs. :^)  
>>>>>>>  
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>>>>>>> "I really wanted to see something really great and useful from Apple  
>>>>>>>  
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Posted by [DJ](#) on Sun, 02 Dec 2007 22:45:49 GMT  
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a>>  
>(859) 635-5762FYI, with the MacBook Pro 17" you can quickly plug in to a desk top monitor up to 30". If you want a lap top you still want portability, that kind of a combination might work well for you, and you have dual monitors with that set up, not to mention you can run Windows and Mac OS on the MacBook Pro. There are rumors of a 24" MacBook Pro coming, this I've got to see.

James

"Stephen Stecyk" <[smp@smppro.com](mailto:smp@smppro.com)> wrote:  
>I was wondering if anyone might have suggestions as to what the best laptop  
>on the market is today. I have the rare opportunity to get one, with a  
>"sky  
>is the limit" budget. To make a long story short, my wife is going to be  
>laid up for about 6 weeks and requires the use of a laptop to do her work.  
>Once we started talking, we realized that between the both of us, we could  
>put it to good use: her for her business use, and me with remote music  
>possibilities. So we decided to go hog wild and split the cost.  
>  
>So far, I'm tossing between a HP Pavilion HDX and a Dell XPS M2010.  
>Primarily, we want a 20" laptop with lots of power (both CPU and memory).  
>If Apple made a 20" laptop, I'd be all over it, but what can you do.  
>  
>Any suggestions?

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Posted by [Cujjo](#) on Sun, 02 Dec 2007 22:52:43 GMT  
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s were down \$9.74 to \$169.04  
the  
>>>>>>>  
>>>> day  
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>>>>>>> after Steve's speech."  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> The article I linked the other day showed that Apple shares usually  
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;> Neil wrote:  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> A great read once again from Mr. Palmer...  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> <http://www.jackmyers.com/commentary/shelly-palmer-report/13865472.html>  
>>>>>>>  
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>>>>>>>  
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>--  
>Chris Ludwig  
>ADK  
>chrisl@adkproaudio.com <<mailto:chrisl@adkproaudio.com>>  
>[www.adkproaudio.com](http://www.adkproaudio.com) <<http://www.adkproaudio.com/>>

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Posted by [DJ](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2007 00:14:11 GMT  
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audio interface on the laptop?  
>Not sure on the 1710 but on most of the other current Dells they use  
>both Ricoh and Agere firewire chip sets. Neither will be as compatible  
>or perform as well as TI or Via FW chipsets.  
>If you machine has a express card then you might be able to bypass that

>limitation by using a 2 port fw400 express card with a TI chipset.

>I only see the 1720 on their web site is the 1710 a refurb?

>

>Chris

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>TCB wrote:

>> Just to further cloud the issue of what costs too much in the computer department,

>> I ordered a new laptop today. It's going to be a combination office and DJ

>> machine for me. I WANTED hefty and big, more screen space for writing/testing

>> code and more weight to make it harder to knock off the table while I'm working

>> the wax.

>>

>> So, Dell Inspiron 1720. 17" wide screen display, I upgraded to a 1920 x 1200

>> resolution, Core 2 Duo at 2.0 Ghz, 256 MB nVidia 8600m GT video card, 1 GB

>> of memory (I'll upgrade that with Crucial after the fact), 120 GB SATA drive

>> (again, I'll upgrade that later).

>>

>> \$1280 including tax and shipping.

>>

>> Opinions?

>>

>> TCB

>>

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>--

>Chris Ludwig

>ADK

>chrisl@adkproaudio.com <mailto:chrisl@adkproaudio.com>

>www.adkproaudio.com <http://www.adkproaudio.com/>

>(859) 635-5762I haven't used that particular XPS model but we've had a few of the 13" models out in the field at work. I put XP on them which was a moderate PITA but they're run nicely. See Chris Ludwig's note about FW chipsets if you're thinking of using a FW interface. I don't have any so can't speak to that issue.

TCB

"Stephen Stecyk" <smp@smppro.com> wrote:

>I was wo

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p? No kidding? You'd need a really big lap! Or maybe it'd be a laptop built for two. :^)

Cheers,  
-Jamie  
[www.JamieKrutz.com](http://www.JamieKrutz.com)

> James  
>  
> "Stephen Stecyk" <[smp@smppro.com](mailto:smp@smppro.com)> wrote:  
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>  
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>> laid up for about 6 weeks and requires the use of a laptop to do her work.  
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>  
>> If Apple made a 20" laptop, I'd be all over it, but what can you do.  
>>  
>> Any suggestions?  
>>  
>It was a typo, it's a 1720 and the interfaces I'll be using with it are either  
the NI Traktor Skratch thing (USB 2) or an RME multiface. I'll have to get  
the RME Express card if I want to use it but that's not a huge deal.

TCB

Chris Ludwig <[chrisl@adkproaudio.com](mailto:chrisl@adkproaudio.com)> wrote:  
>HI Thad,  
>What re you using for an

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Subject: Re: Parallel compression plugin from UA

Posted by [LaMont](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2007 05:50:33 GMT

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; when it comes down to getting the job done, any advantage to Air  
>vs  
>>>>>>>  
>>> a  
>>>  
>>>>>>> regular laptop fade away pretty quickly, and you are left with a  
>much  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> smaller drive for a lot more money.  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> Obviously the Air made compromises in order to be thin and light.  
>This  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> will only be a benefit for those to whom thin and light is a compelling  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> enough advantage to outweigh (so to speak) any down side. :^)  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> It's a narrowly aimed product, and I'm not surprised that people  
outside  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> of the target market miss the point. I think he phoned it in because  
>>>>>>>  
>>> he  
>>>  
>>>>>>> complained about non-Air-specific-issues, blatantly exaggerating  
to  
>>>>>>>&g

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Subject: Re: Parallel compression plugin from UA

Posted by [AlexPlasko](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2007 12:41:57 GMT

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[chrisl@adkproaudio.com](mailto:chrisl@adkproaudio.com)>  
>>www.adkproaudio.com <<http://www.adkproaudio.com/>>  
>>(859) 635-5762  
>OMG! That's an Apple background on the screen of that Dell.

"chuck duffy" <c@c.com> wrote:

>  
>Costco is out delling dell on dells right now :-)  
>  
> <http://www.costco.com/Browse/Product.aspx?Prodid=11210767&amp;whse=BC&topnav=&browse=&#12296;=en-US&s=1>  
>

>Chuck  
>"Stephen Stecyk" <smp@smppro.com> wrote:  
>>I was wondering if anyone might have suggestions as to what the best laptop  
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>>on

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>>>>  
>>>>> under "Mac Pro".  
>>>>> I wasn't talking about Mac minis. They are cool, but limited since  
>they  
>>>>>  
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>>>>  
>>>>> can't be upgraded with extra ram  
>>>>> (or so I've been told), and no PCIe slots. Is that true?  
>>>>>  
>>>>  
>>>> No PCI slots, but you were talking home users, now you are talking pro  
>>users.  
>>>> You can still do some pro work even on a Mac Mini. The Mac Mini can  
>>be  
>>>> up graded to 2GB of RAM, and you can up grade the processor. The iMac  
>>can  
>>>> be upgraded to 4GB of RAM, and it comes with a higher quality 20" monitor  
>>>> that you will find bundled with the typical PC in the same price range.  
>>  
>>>> A single Quad core MacPro tower costs \$2299.00, and there are discounts  
>>off  
>>>> that price.  
>>>>  
>>>>> They seem like a potentially nice solution for a sample library farm  
>>  
>>>>> machine, but if Ram is limited to 2G, then  
>>>>> it wouldn't work for what I need. I know other composers that considered  
>>>>>  
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>>>>  
>>>>> the same, but had to pass on them for that  
>>>>> reason alone.... again, choice... can't upgrade it to fit what you  
want.  
>>>>>  
>>>>> I

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>>>>> specifically said those weren't what I was comparing.  
>>>>> HP and Dell both have minitowers/cubes now, so those would be a more  
>>  
>>>>> consistent comparison, if we were  
>>>>> making that comparison, but we aren't.  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>> You said desk top computers under 2K. Now your talking sample library  
>>machines,  
>>>>> for pro users. Show us your idea of a sample library machine for under  
>>2K?  
>>>>> I bet you can't run Mac software on out of the box with out having  
to  
>>hack  
>>>>> it. You can always argue something.  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>>> I had also heard the MacMinis might not be around much longer - fact  
>>or  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>>> rumor?  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> Rumor are rumors.  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> Btw - my comments were just an observation, not a slam, or hyperbole,  
>>or  
>>>>>>> dig - just following up with what Shelly Palmer said, pointing out  
that  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> his  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>> comments  
>>>>>>>> make sense to those of us who aren't Mac fana

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ny suggestions?

>>  
>"chuck duffy" <c@c.com> wrote:  
>  
>Guys,

>  
>There's no way the Air is going to bomb. Cost is not a barrier to a DINK  
>setup with tons of disposable income. You guys are thinking way way way  
too  
>techie.

>  
>The people that are going to lap this thing up wouldn't even know where  
to  
>stick a CAT5 cable. All an apple rep will have to do is walk into a starbuds  
>and whip out the Air. Shit, they'll be selling the thing with lattes and  
>a gucci bag before the end of the year, Guaranteed :-)

>  
>Chuck

>

Ok Chuck, your right: )

>Chuck

>

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

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>>Chris Ludwig <chrisl@adkproaudio.com> wrote:

>>>Hi James,

>>>I sure wish the next Gen of I-Macs or Mac Minis come with a express slot

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>>>at least. That would make them extremely attractive when it come to

>>>expandability.

>>>All the Air needs is either an express slot or a firewire slot and it

>>>would be damn cool. The way it is now I got a feeling its gonna bomb.

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>>>Chris

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>>Chris, I'm with you, I think it will bomb, but I think they will sell a

>bunch

>>at first. It's kind of weird, even psychologically it seems like your

not

>>getting as much for the money because it's so thin. For the last year

the

>>Apple TV bombed because it wasn't HD, now it is. Hopefully they will up

>>date the MacBook Air sooner than later. I'm glad I didn't pay thousands

>>to be at MacWorld, what a disappointment.

>>

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>>>James McCloskey wrote:

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

>>>>  
>>>>> Hey James,  
>>>>>  
>>>>> No, it isn't another "one of those" :-)  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Where are their desktops you quoted? I didn't see them in the Apple  
>>store  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
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Posted by [Cujjo](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2007 16:24:23 GMT  
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tics, even if he was  
>>>>> technically generalizing,  
>>>>> and he's a self proclaimed Mac fanatic.  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Sure seemed like a slam.  
>>>>>  
>>>>> It is interesting how such an observation brings such strong reactions  
>>from  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Mac users. Kind of proves my point on  
>>>>> the marketing vs. choice issue: when your customers love you, don't  
>>  
>>>>> question anything, and will buy anything you sell,  
>>>>> you can charge whatever you want and limit the customer's options as  
>>well.  
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>>>>>  
>>>>> Case in point: Shelly's comment on  
>>>>> AT&T and the iPhone - I'm sure their coverage is fine for most people  
>>(it  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>> was for us) - but we're on Verizon with no  
>>>>> choice to even use an iPhone, so there's a pretty big missed market  
>>for  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>>

>>>>> Apple - not my problem though, but it is a limited choice situation  
>that  
>>>>>  
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>>>>  
>>>>> favors AT&T even if iPhone users don't like AT&T.  
>>>>>  
>>>>  
>>>> It's always an insult to mac users when somebody insinuates that we  
are  
>>stupid  
>>>> because we gullibly drink the SJ marketing Cool Aid. Apple stuff Rocks,  
>>>> however, not all of it appeals to me and some of it is over priced.

>  
>>>>  
>>>>> I thought we all agreed choice was a good thing? Was I wrong in that  
>>  
>>>>> assumption?  
>>>>>  
>>>>  
>>>> Choice is a good thing. Apple will offer other plans in time. You  
can  
>>unlock  
>>>> the iPhone and use other carriers now.  
>>>>  
>>>>  
>>>>> I really never intended this to be a Mac/PC debate. It was just my  
>  
>>>>> interpretation of Shelly's comments,  
>>>>> nothing more. Let's leave it there please.  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Regards,  
>>>>> Detric  
>>>>>  
>>>>> "James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote in message  
>>>>> news:47910acd\$1@linux...  
>>>>>  
>>>>>> "Detric 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,  
>>>>>&g

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t;> no range below that for people who don't need "blinding speed" to  
>write  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> book  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> reports ;-).  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> There are 2 laptop model choices, ranging between \$1100 and \$2800  
>for  
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>>>> one  
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>>>>>> of  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> the six base models. In the PC wo

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rld  
>>>>>>> there are choices in each category at pretty much every \$100 increment,  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> starting at \$300 and going up to \$10k+. Not that I would buy a  
\$300  
>>>>>>> desktop, but I still come back to the laptop I'm typing this on,  
costing  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> significantly less than the least expensive Macbook (current) and  
>only  
>>>>>>>  
>>>> a  
>>>>  
>>>>>>> slightly slower cpu (since it's a model from early last year), for  
>>\$400  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> less

>>>>>

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;>>>> than the comparable Macbook, but otherwise, pretty much identical

>(it

>>>>>>

>>>> does

>>>>

>>>>>> have a partially aluminum case, and feels better than the Macbooks

>>I've

>>>>>>

>>>>>> tried).

>>>>>>

>>>>>> There has to be a reason Apple only has a minority share of the personal

>>>>>>

>>>>>> computer market... ;-)

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>>>>>> I wasn't trying to knock Apple, and I'm not attached to my PCs (other

>>>>>>

>>>> than

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>>>>>> the significant investment in software that is costly to replace

or

>>>>>> crossgrade) - just saying that imho, Shelly's reasoning is based

on

>>the

>>>>>>

>>>>>> fact

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>>>>>> that he's enamoured with the *chique* (sp?) of Apple, rather than just

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>>>>>> getting

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>>>>>> what he needs, and that without a mystical, glorious Keynote unveiling

>>>>>>

>>>> of

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>>>>>> trend setting products, that *chique* doesn't last long. Imho, that

>>*chique*

>>>>>>

>>>>>> is

>>>>>>

>>>>>> hurting consumers as it keeps Apple's product prices higher, with

>less  
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>>>>>> range  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> of price point competition, but for Apple customers, price doesn't  
>>seem  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> to  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> be a concern. Basically Apple has its' customers right where it  
wants  
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>>>>>> them.  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> Imho, it should be the other way around, and then we would truly  
have  
>>>>>>  
>>>> more  
>>>>  
>>>>>> choices.  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> re: BeOS.... same here.  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> Dedic  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> Here we go again! Apple has desk top models under 2K. Apple's market  
>>>>>>  
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>>>>>> share  
>>>>>> probably has more to do with ignorant people spewing ignorant things  
>>about  
>>>>>> Apple.  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> Apple desk top models that start under 2K:  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> . 1.83GHz Intel Core 2 Duo  
>>>>>> . 1GB memory  
>>>>>> . 80GB hard drive1  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> \$599.00  
>>>>>> or as low as \$15 a month

>>>>>  
>>>>> . 2.0GHz Intel Core 2 Duo  
>>>>> . 1GB memory  
>>>>> . 120GB hard drive1  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>> \$799.00  
>>>>> or as low as \$19 a month  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>> . 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  
>>>>>  
>>>>> . 2.4GHz Intel Core 2 Duo  
>>>>> . 1GB memory  
>>>>> . 320GB hard drive1  
>>>>> . 8x double-layer SuperDrive  
>>>>> . ATI Radeon HD 2600 PRO with 256MB memory  
>>>>>  
>>>>> \$1,499.00  
>>>>> or as low as \$36 a month  
>>>>>  
>>>>> . 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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Posted by [TCB](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2007 23:28:20 GMT

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>>>>>>>> PC user who's passed on going the Mac route:  
>>>>>>>> There is one price point with Apple Macs: \$2000 and up. Sure,  
more  
>>>>>>>> comp

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uter 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.

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2007 03:27:10 GMT

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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.  
>>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>> If the general

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p 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).  
>>>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>>> 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. :^)  
>>>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>>>> 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  
>>>>>>>>>>>>  
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Subject: Re: Parallel compression plugin from UA  
Posted by [TCB](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2007 15:37:33 GMT

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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.

>>>>>>>

>>>>>>> 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 u

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