
Subject: Nuendo on OSX vs. XP

Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2007 23:10:07 GMT

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that
great, but it's an older Dell.

Cheers,
-Jamie
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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.

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> 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).

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> \$1280 including tax and shipping.

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> Opinions?

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> TCBHey Jamie - I really didn't intend to get this far into this, and don't
really have time
to continue much more. I was just sharing my opinion on Shelly Palmer's
report
saying that while I'm sure there was quite a bit of tongue in cheek to his
opening comments,
he at least was pointing out why people spend more on Macs when they could
get the
job done for much less - marketing, pure and simple.

Just to get more to the point of options - show me where I can get a Mac
desktop tower with a single quad
core cpu system. It's faster than a dual dual core, but much less
expensive - why it isn't a sweet spot for
off the shelf systems is a mystery. It's really popular with a lot of
Nuendo guys (I'm upgrading my core 2
to a quad - just drop it in and double the power - nice - doesn't happen
that easily too often). Probably
one that just didn't have mass quantity build appeal for whatever reason -
supply of cpus, boards - who knows.

Btw - I was in Best Buy today - there were probably 20 different laptop models, and 30 desktop models there to choose from. 2 iMacs, 1 desktop, and 3 laptops. Regardless of preference, the distinct differences imho, are 1) that Apple sells "cool" better than anyone, and 2) that the others sell "choice" much better simply but putting more obvious choices in front of you (most of which are at least partially redundant of course, but it's still a marketing tactic - and HP and Sony have some seriously cool looking self-contained monitor/cpu systems with very nice wireless keyboards - including a touch screen model from HP for about \$1500 that is a blast to use). Again, just an observation.

If I could get a MacMini with the option to trick it out with 8G and a second SATA drive it would be seriously enticing for peripheral sample libraries (you need to come down and see this in action - it's a beautiful thing to offload that much processing). I know other composers that would have gone that route as well, were it not for the ram limitation. Seriously - it's a good deal for that purpose since it isn't overstocked with extras one wouldn't need for such a use, and the form factor would be really nice for stacking away in a computer room.

Thanks,
Dedric

"Jamie K" <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote in message news:4791204e@linux...

> Dedric Terry wrote:

>> Now why did you think I was criticizing Apple with hyperbole? Could it
>> be

>> that Apple skin is just a little thin? And... I don't recall a desktop
>> release with more than

>> 3 models... so, "every" means "every". That's not called hyperbole, it's
>> called history. ;-))

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> Maybe I misunderstood you. I saw "hyperbole" in your statement only
> because you switched from talking about laptops, to talking about "desktop
> models," claimed they were only 2K and up, and said there's no range below
> that for people who don't need "blinding speed" to write book reports.

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> In fact there is a range of suitable Macs below that. In both laptops and
> "desktops." Plenty fast for writing reports. Overkill even.

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> BTW, both iMacs and Mac Minis are desktop machines.

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> Now about that skin thing. I don't know how thick Apple's skin is, but on
> a regular apple it's thin enough to eat. Thinner than a Macbook Air. ;^)
>
> I personally
