



MEETING NOTES

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Peter Wright started off this months meeting with a look at Sony's loop based music creation software, Acid.

Acidized loops are essentially wav files which contain additional data relating to the key the loop was recorded in, the speed etc. Acid is able to read this meta data and adjust the pitch and tempo of the loop to enable unique royalty free music to be created. Sounds great doesn't it but Peter's demo proved it is not quite as simple as painting music by numbers. Give it a try though at www.acidplanet.com. Download the free Acid Express software and the free loops you will also find at acidplanet.

Our attention then changed to the "homework" from the previous meeting. This involved creating a lower third graphic to be used behind some text on screen to make the text easier to read. It is called a lower third as titles and graphics normally occupy the lower third of the screen in the broadcast world.

Walter was the first to share his endeavours and showcased his lower third over the top of an intriguing looking film called The Shed. Walter created his using some blue generated media, pan and cropped, rendered and chroma keyed to remove the background with very pleasing results.

Tony Cousins rather cleverly used the text outline feature found in the text generator to create his lower third. A great idea but it may come unstuck if you want to add a graphic such as a network bug etc alongside your text. Nice effort though.

Tony Luha used a gradient then a parent child relationship with a mask to control the feathered edge on the top and bottom of the graphic. Very nice too.

David Humrich used an external graphics program to create the lower third and then positioned this with track motion and set the opacity using either an opacity envelope or simply dragging on the opacity level on the event itself. Another good solution.

Lee Doyle has typed up his solution and this will be available from the website shortly.

Thanks to all who took part. Have a go with the next challenges.

Best wishes
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