



MEETING NOTES

11th March 2004

Tony Luha

Our newest recruit to the demonstration team, kicked off this month's meeting with a well prepared and presented "Getting Started Guide" detailing how to set the various preferences within Vegas. Tony also explained how to reset Vegas to its factory defaults by holding down the CTRL and the SHIFT keys whilst starting Vegas.

Another tip from this opening session revolved around running the Video capture application, VIDCAP4, on its own rather than from within the Vegas environment. This can be particularly useful on lower specification computers.

Please remember to check out Tony's excellent notes which are available from the website.

Peter Wright

Peter then stepped into the limelight to explain the intricacies of audio normalisation. Peter recommended setting our normalisation level to -6dB to start with to avoid any distortion but also stated that sometimes it would be necessary to work with -9 and -12dB as well.

He also suggested using the audio waveform as a visual clue to the sound levels within a file and illustrated the use of the SHIFT and ↑ or ↓ to magnify the visible audio waveform.

Normalise will bring the noisiest part of a clip up to 0dB but if part of the clip is already close to that level then it would be better to split the audio clip into smaller sections to allow the rest of the file to benefit from the normalisation process.

It became clear during Peter's session that a lot of audio editing comes down to a judgement call as to what sounds good for a particular moment in time.

Roger Watson

Roger showed us an excellent interpretation of the Hill End footage and took us through his method of actually editing the piece together. He had gathered extra material from the internet and from the company now drilling the Hill End site resulting in a very enjoyable presentation.

Lee Doyle

Lee showed his Hill End project using the supplied footage, stills from other sources and various backing tracks. Lee had produced an excellent film and his explanation about workflow etc added a great deal to the whole experience.

Thank you to our team of presenters for another great evening, see you next time.