Sweet Music for FL Studio Users

Opportunity

Image-Line currently gets more than 10 million annual downloads of its Windows-based music software: FL Studio. The demand for a Mac version was huge, representing millions of potential Mac customers.

Hurdles

Rewriting a 15-year old digital studio from the ground up was an undertaking that would make the most hardy software developer blanch. Accordingly, Image-Line went searching for a solution that would allow them to use as much of their existing codebase as possible. A highly polished graphical interface was also key, as well as the ability for users to install plugins that might have been written for the Windows platform.

Solution

By working with CodeWeavers, Image-Line was able to wrap FL Studio in a new Mac installer, and create a product which was binary compatible with the Windows version. Graphical UI issues were hammered out; a rewrite of the CoreASIO audio system has produced "incredibly low latencies;" and plugin compatibility has been greatly improved. All of these benefits accrued from the flexible, open-source nature of Wine (and the benefit of having the finest Wine developers on the planet).

Benefits

At the time of this writing, the new Mac port of FLStudio is in final beta testing, for release in fall 2013. However, Image-Line is very pleased with the results so far, and looks forward to a succesful launch.

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Product: FL Studio

"CodeWeavers gave us continuous support during the porting and beta process."

–Jean–Marie Cannie