

PT 101 Lesson 1 Review

Discussion Questions + Answers

- Name and describe five types of production tasks that ProTools can be used for:
Audio, Midi, Notation, Mixing, Post Production
- What is the frequency range of human hearing?
20Hz -> 20KHz
- What does the frequency of a sound wave affect in terms of how we perceive the sound? How is frequency measured? (higher frequency = higher pitch)
Frequency is measured in hertz and cycles per second. It affects the pitch of a sound
- What does the amplitude of the sound wave affect? How is amplitude measured?
Volume or loudness, it's measured in decibels. It affects the intensity of sound
- How does the sample rate of a system relate to the frequency of audio it can capture? What is the name of the law that specifies the relationship between sample rate and audio frequency?
A system must sample at twice the frequency it wants to capture. Nyquist Theorem: Sample each cycle at least twice to capture the audio frequency.
- How does the bit depth relate to the dynamic range of audio it can capture? How can you estimate the dynamic range of a system?
Bit depth determines the dynamic range of the signal. The maximum signal level can be divided by the minimum signal level/ the number of binary digits used to represent each sample. Higher bit depth = Higher dynamic range. 4 bit x 6 = 24dB. 8 bit = 48dB 16 bit = 96dB. 24 bit x 6 = 144dB. 32 bit x 6 = 192dB
- What are some common digital connections available on Pro Tools audio interfaces? What type of connector jack does each use?
S/PDIF uses RCA jack or coaxial jacks. AES/EBU uses XLR-type connectors.
- Name some audio interfaces that are compatible with standard Pro Tools software
Quantum, Ultralite Hybrid Mk3, Ultralite AVB: Mac, Windows; often powered by the USB bus Up to 32 channels of simultaneous I/O.
- Name some Avid audio interfaces that are compatible with Pro Tools | Ultimate software

SC48, eleven rack, fast track duo HD OMNI,HD MTRX< HD I/O

44.1khz/ 16-bits = ~5mb of disk space

| Mac | Windows |
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| Command key | Ctrl (Control) key |
| Option key | Alt key |
| Control key | Start (Win) key |
| Return key | Enter key on main (not numeric) keypad |
| Delete key | Backspace key |