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• Strata Studio Pro 2 •

Strata, Inc. out of the mountainous, Mormon state of Utah has unleashed their newest update to the infamous Studio Pro 3d modeling, animation and rendering program. 2.0 offers a new interface, more customization, more built in textures, auras and lens flares are added to the package and Raydiosity Rendering technology is perfected.

After I installed Studio Pro, I booted the beast up and found that it's loading of extensions and all was extremely slow. I assumed that it was a one time initialization thing so I didn't agonize the situation. I checked out the new interface and new features and found it all very pleasant. Then I looked around for my favorite features in Strata Studio Blitz 1.75+ and I ill-fatedly did not find them. One of the features in Blitz 1.75+ I esteemed, the animation extensions, weren't included in the new version. Truthfully, this dissatisfied me and I had a slight feeling of insanity in me. I felt like throwing my ergonomic keyboard on the floor and jumping on it until it is in multiple fragments. Then maybe get out the A1 steak sauce and eat it. Anyways, that aspect of the program displeased me moderately. The next time I fired it up, it was still slow at initializing. Luckily Strata has very alluring splash screens so a few minutes of staring at a pretty picture will keep the clock running on your job and it will also lower your blood pressure. Okay, maybe it won't lower your blood pressure, but who really gives a crap about blood pressure anyways?

Studio Pro as always has excellent rendering options. You can batch render and you can also render your images with several different rendering methods. For instance, RayDiosity, a pumped up ray tracing technique, and RayPainting, ray tracing with a painted effect.

Studio Pro comes with more than sufficient documentation and their WWW site is also a great resource to check out what others have done with the program.

In culmination of my review, I think Strata Studio Pro 2 is a slick update to an already magnificent program and everyone should be very pleased with it. If you haven't used Strata Studio Pro Blitz 1.75+, you will appreciate it's superbness much more than I do.

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