# **MStereoScope**





Copy button copies the current settings to the system clipboard. Other presets, oversampling, channel mode and other global settings are not copied.

Hold **Ctrl** to save the settings as a file instead. That may be necessary for complex settings, which may be too long for system clipboard to handle. It may also be advantageous when you want to send the settings via email. You can load the settings by drag & dropping them to a plugin or holding **Ctrl** and clicking **Paste**.



### **Paste**

Paste button pastes settings from the system clipboard into the current preset. Hold **Ctrl** to load the settings from a file instead. Hold **Shift** to paste the settings to all of the A-H slots at once.



### **Panic**

Panic button resets the plugin state. You can use it to force the plugin to report latency to the host again and to avoid any audio problems. For example, some plugins, having a look-ahead feature, report the size of the look-ahead delay as latency, but it is inconvenient to do that every time the look-ahead changes as it usually causes the playback to stop. After you tweak the latency to the correct value, just click this button to sync the track in time with the others, minimizing phasing artifacts caused by the look-ahead delay mixing with undelayed audio signals in your host. It may also be necessary to restart playback in your host.

Another example is if some malfunctioning plugin generates extremely high values for the input of this plugin. A potential filter may start generating very high values as well and as a result the playback will stop. You can just click this button to reset the plugin and the playback will start again.



Settings button shows a menu with additional settings of the plugin. Here is a brief description of the separate items.

**Licence manager** lets you activate/deactivate the plugins and manage subscriptions. While you can simply drag & drop a licence file onto the plugin, in some cases there may be a faster way. For instance, you can enter your user account name and password and the plugin will do all the activating for you.

There are 4 groups of settings, each section has its own detailed help information: **GUI & Style** enables you to pick the GUI style for the plug-in and the main colours used for the background, the title bars of the windows and panels, the text and graphs area and the highlighting (used for enabled buttons, sliders, knobs etc).

**Advanced settings** configures several processing options for the plug-in.

**Global system settings** contains some settings for all MeldaProduction plugins. Once you change any of them, restart your DAW if needed, and it will affect all MeldaProduction plugins.

Dry/Wet affects determines, for Multiband plug-ins, which multiband parameters are affected by the Global dry/wet control.

**Smart interpolation** adjusts the interpolation algorithm used when changing parameter values; the higher the setting the higher the audio quality and the lower the chance of zippering noise, but more CPU will be used.



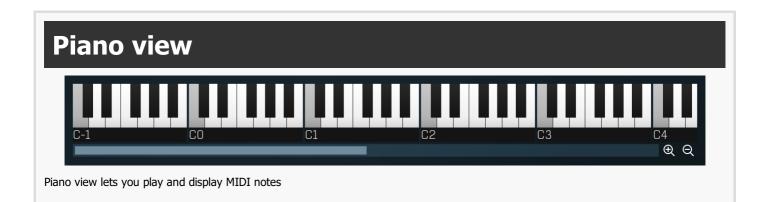
### www

WWW button shows a menu with additional information about the plugin. You can check for updates, get easy access to support, MeldaProduction web page, video tutorials, Facebook/Twitter/YouTube channels and more.



### **Sleep indicator**

Sleep indicator informs whether the plugin is currently active or in sleep mode. The plugin can automatically switch itself off to save CPU, when there is no input signal and the plugin knows it cannot produce any signal on its own and it generally makes sense. You can disable this in Settings / **Intelligent sleep on silence** both for individual instances and globally for all plugins on the system.





### Collapse

Collapse button minimizes or enlarges the panel to release space for other editors.

Default Left Right Mid Side **Mode** 

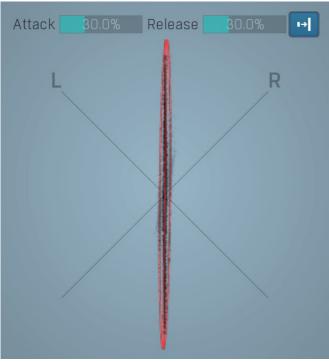
Mode controls which signals are being passed to the output. You can use it to listen to mid or side channels for example.



### **Output gain**

Output gain defines input gain. Please note that it is applied after the meters, so a change won't affect them. Range: -24.00 dB to +24.00 dB, default 0.00 dB





Phase scope

Phase scope shows the current phase distribution. An ideal recording is represented by a "not too thick but not too thin" vertical ellipse. But, trust your ears.



**Global meter view** 

Global meter view provides a powerful metering system. If you do not see it in the plug-in, click the **Meters** or **Meters & Utilities** button to the right of the main controls. The display can work as either a classical level indicator or, in time graph mode, show one or more values in time. Use the first button to the left of the display to switch between the 2 modes and to control additional settings, including pause, disable and pop up the display into a floating window. The meter always shows the actual channels being processed, thus in M/S mode, it shows mid and side channels.

In the classical level indicators mode each of the meters also shows the recent maximum value. Click on any one of these values boxes to reset them all.

**In meter** indicates the total input level. The input meter shows the audio level before any specific processing (except potential oversampling and other pre-processing). It is always recommended to keep the input level under 0dB. You may need to adjust the previous processing plugins, track levels or gain stages to ensure that it is achieved.

As the levels approach 0dB, that part of the meters is displayed with red bars. And recent peak levels are indicated by single bars.

**True peak meter** shows the true peak level. Most digital-to-audio (D/A) interfaces first convert the incoming audio into a higher sampling rate and then generate the output analog signal fed into the audio monitors. The filtering involved in this conversion can cause peaks higher than the original peak level.

True peak level simulates this conversion and displays level in this higher sampling rate. The goal is to avoid peaks over 0dB, otherwise the actual D/A convertor may get overloaded and produce mild clicks or distortion. The usual practice is to use a limiter as the last stage of your processing chain and set the ceiling to say -0.5dB, which is usually enough to avoid the overload. Note that since each convertor is different, the true peak level cannot be correctly measured and different software provides different true peak levels.

**Width meter** shows the stereo width at the output stage. This meter requires at least 2 channels and therefore does not work in mono mode. Stereo width meter basically shows the difference between the mid and side channels.

When the value is **0%**, the output is monophonic. From **0%** to 66% there is a green range, where most audio materials should remain. **From 66% to 100%** the audio is very stereophonic and the phase coherence may start causing problems. This range is colored blue. You may still want to use this range for wide materials, such as background pads. It is pretty common for mastered tracks to lie on the edge of green and blue zones.

**Above 100%** the side signal exceeds the mid signal, therefore it is too monophonic or the signal is out of phase. This is marked using red color. In this case you should consider rotating the phase of the left or right channels or lowering the side signal, otherwise the audio will be highly mono-incompatible and can cause fatigue even when played back in stereo.

For most audio sources the width is fluctuating quickly, so the meter shows a 400ms average. It also shows the temporary maximum above it as a single coloured bar.

If you right click on the meter, you can enable/disable loudness pre-filtering, which uses EBU standard filters to simulate human perception. This may be useful to get a more realistic idea about stereo width. However, since humans perceive the bass spectrum as lower than the treble, this may hide phase problems in that bass spectrum.

M & S meters display mid and side levels. These meters require at least 2 channels, so they do not work in mono mode.



### Time graph

Time graph button switches between the metering view and the time-graphs. The metering view provides an immediate view of the current values including a text representation. The time-graphs provide the same information over a period of time. Since different time-graphs often need different units, only the most important units are provided.



### **Pause**

Pause button pauses the processing.



### Popup

Popup button shows a pop-up window and moves the whole metering / time-graph system into it. This is especially useful in cases where you cannot enlarge the meters within the main window or such a task is too complicated. The pop-up window can be arbitrarily resized. In metering mode it is useful for easier reading from a distance for example. In time-graph mode it is useful for getting higher accuracy and a longer time perspective.



### Enable

Enable button enables or disables the metering system. You can disable it to save system resources.



Collapse button minimizes or enlarges the panel to release space for other editors.

# Collapse

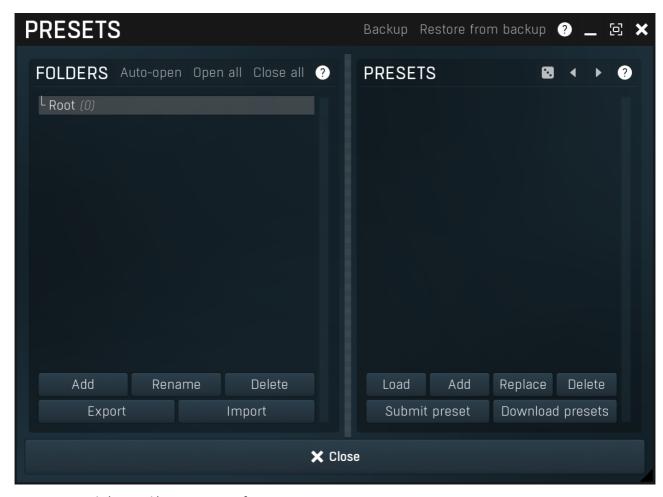
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# **Preset selector**



Preset management window provides management for your presets.

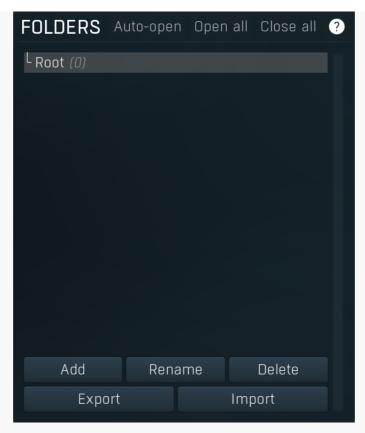
# Backup Backup

Backup button lets you backup presets for all MeldaProduction software into a single file, so you can transfer it to a different machine and restore the presets there for example.

# Restore from backup Restore from backup

Restore from backup button lets you restore presets for all MeldaProduction software from a single file created by the **Backup** button.

# Folders tree



Folders tree lets you organize your presets into any number of folders. Use the buttons at the bottom of the window to create, rename or delete sub-folders. Note that these are not actual files & folders on disk, but are records in the preset database.

# Auto-open Auto-open

Auto-open switch makes the tree automatically open selected items, so that all sub-folders are visible, whenever you select one. This makes it easier to browse through large structures containing many folders. The switch also makes the browser show all presets available in the selected folder including all sub-folders (except when you select the root folder).

# Open all

Open all button expands the whole tree, so you can see all of the folders. This may be handy when editing large preset structures.

# Close all

Close all button collapses the whole tree except for the root folder. This may be handy when editing large preset structures.

# Add

Add button creates a new folder in the tree

# Rename Rename

Rename button lets you rename the selected folder.

# Delete

Delete button deletes the folder including all the presets and subfolders in it.

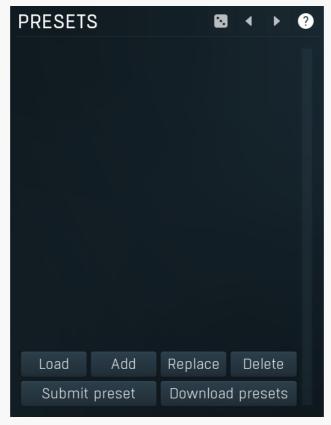
# Export Export

Export button lets you export the selected folder including all presets and sub-folders into a file, which you can then transfer to any computer. Or just use as a back-up.

# Import Import

Import button lets you import a file containing presets and sub-folders and add it to the selected folder. The importer will ask you whether to destroy the original contents, so that the new presets replace previous ones, or to keep both.

# **Presets list**



Presets list contains all presets available in the selected folder. **Double-click** on a preset or use **Load** button to load a preset. Use the buttons at the bottom of the list to perform additional changes. Please note that these are not actual files & folders on disk, but are records in the preset database.

# Random

Random button selects and loads a random preset from the current folder. This way you can quickly browse the presets in the folder in a completely random order.

# Previous

Previous button selects and loads the previous preset from the current folder.



Next button selects and loads the next preset from the current folder.

# Submit preset Submit preset

Submit preset button submits the selected preset to the online exchange servers and retrieves all the presets currently in the database. This feature serves as an online database of presets available for all the user community. Please do not submit garbage presets.

# Download presets Download presets

Download presets button retrieves all the presets currently in the database. This feature serves as an online database of presets available for all the user community. Please consider participating by submitting your presets as well.

Load **Load** 

Load button loads the specified preset. Please note that you can do the same thing by double-clicking the preset itself or pressing the Enter key.

Add **Add** 

Add button creates a new preset using the current settings.

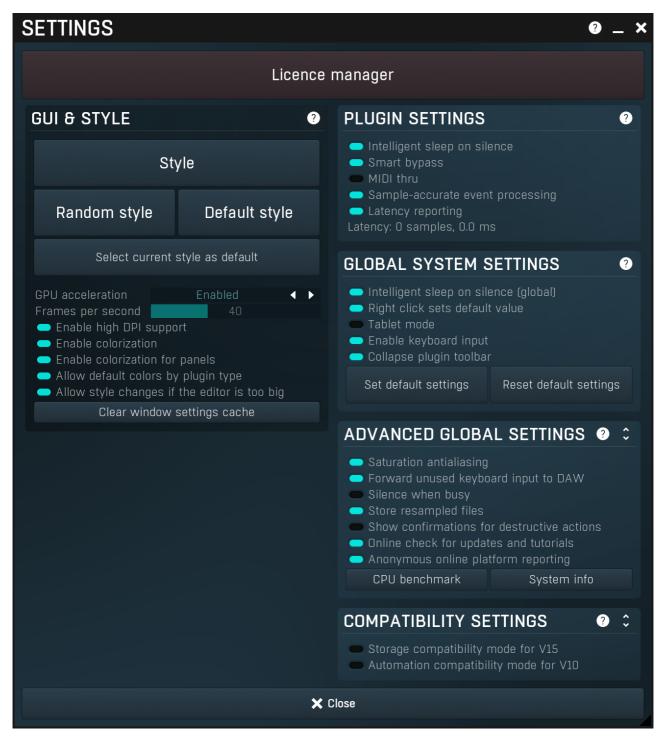
Replace Replace

Replace button replaces the selected preset by one with current settings.

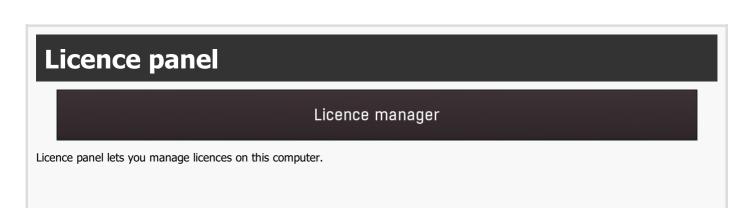


Delete button deletes the selected preset.

# **Plugin settings**



Plugin settings window offers more advanced settings and is available via the Settings button.



### Licence manager

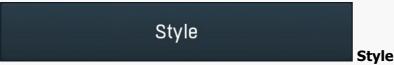
### **Activate**

Activate button lets you activate your licence for the plugin on this computer.

# **GUI & Style panel**



GUI & Style panel lets you configure the plugin's style (and potentially styles of other plugins) and other GUI properties.



Style button lets you change the style for this particular plugin.

# Random style

### Random style

Random style button selects a random style with random editor mode.

# Default style

### **Default style**

Default style button reverts to the default style and default size of the GUI. Hold the Ctrl key while clicking to revert all MeldaProduction software products, not just the current plugin.

Select current style as default

### Select current style as default

Select current style as default button stores the current style as the default for all MeldaProduction software. This is used for the other plugins that are currently using the default style; that is, those plugins for which you have NOT selected a specific style. Please note that if you have already selected a specific style for a particular plugin, then it won't be changed until you use the Default style button.

GPU acceleration controls how much the GPU is used for visual rendering to save CPU power.

**Enabled mode** provides maximum speed and lets the GPU perform as many drawing operations as possible.

**Compatibility mode** uses the GPU for drawing, but doesn't use modern technologies for maximum performance. Use it if you experience occasional problems with drawing, the usual case for older ATI graphics cards. With Pro Tools on OSX this mode is always used instead of Enabled mode due to compatibility problems with this host.

**Disabled mode** disables GPU acceleration completely, drawing is then performed by the CPU. Use only if you experience technical difficulties.

A known problem may occur when using multiple displays with multiple graphical interfaces. When moving the plugin window from one display to another, it may stop displaying correctly until you move it back to the original display.

### Frames per second

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Frames per second controls the refresh rate of the visual engine. The higher the number is the smoother everything is, but the more CPU it requires. You might want to lower this value if your computer is running out of CPU power.

### Enable high DPI support

### Enable high DPI / retina support

Enable high DPI / retina support enables the plugin to use the high resolution on high DPI (Windows) and retina (OSX) devices. It is enabled by default and detected automatically, if the host allows it. If you run into any problems, you can disable it using this option. It may be desired if you use multiple displays where only some of them feature the high resolution making the image on the low resolution ones look ugly.

If you disable this option, on Windows the high DPI device detection will be ignored and the plugin will probably appear very small. You can manually compensate for it by using a bigger style. On OSX disabling this option will disable the high DPI rendering, resulting in the classic blurry look of non-compliant applications. Changes take effect after you restart the host.

### Enable colorization

### **Enable colorization**

Enable colorization enables the plugin to change the colors of certain elements overriding your style settings. Plugins use that to highlight different parts of the graphics interface for easier workflow. You may want to disable it if you just feel it's not for you. This particular option is relevant only for controls - knobs, sliders, checkboxes etc.

### Enable colorization for panels

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### Allow default colors by plugin type

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Allow default colors by plugin type is on by default and makes the plugin select its default colors depending on the type of the Plugin. Hence for instance equalizer will always be green. This is done by selecting one of the first 8 color presets for the current style, so the actual colors depend on selected style and its presets. You may want to disable this if you for example want all plugins to look the same including the style and colors. It is necessary to restart your host for a change to this option to take effect.

### Allow style changes if the editor is too big

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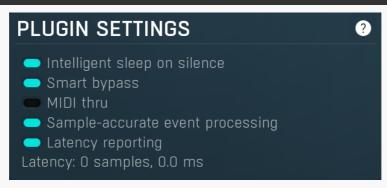
Allow style changes if the editor is too big is on by default and makes the plugin change its style, editor mode and other settings if it finds out it is too big to fit the current screen resolution.

### Clear window settings cache

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Clear window settings cache button deletes stored states of all popup windows on all MeldaProduction software. The window settings mostly contain positions and sizes, but in some cases also the data inside the popup windows. You can use this feature if something goes wrong, a window doesn't appear at all, problems like that. While this shouldn't happen and it's generally better to contract our support, this button provides a potential quick fix.

# Plugin settings panel



Plugin settings panel contains settings that control the behaviour of this plugin instance. These are properties that rarely need to be changed, so they have been moved here.

### Intelligent sleep on silence

### **Intelligent sleep on silence**

Intelligent sleep on silence option provides a huge CPU saver by automatically disabling the plugin processing if the input is silent and if the plugin doesn't generate some signal on its own. This makes the plugins take virtually no CPU if there is no need for them to actually process anything. Disable this if you run into any problems with them.

### Smart bypass

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Smart bypass enables the high quality crossfading bypass system, which ensures a smooth transition between the processed and dry signals. You may want to disable it if you are using settings with latency on a plugin, which demands lots of CPU power, which would otherwise need to perform processing even when bypassed, which is pretty much the only downside of the smart bypassing algorithm.

### MIDI thru MIDI thru

MIDI thru makes the plugin pass all input MIDI through to its MIDI output. That is often advantageous in DAWs such as Reaper, which naturally pass MIDI from one plugin to the next.

### Sample-accurate event processing

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Sample-accurate event processing makes the plugin schedule every event such as MIDI or automation to their accurate locations with sample accuracy, if the host allows it.

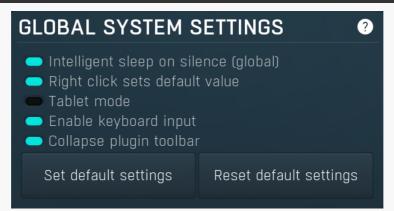
For example, if the block size in your host's audio settings is 1024 samples, this means the plugin is probably processing blocks of 1024 samples, in 44100 Hz sampling rate it is about 23ms. If this setting is disabled, any change in automation, MIDI, modulation etc. may then be granularized to 23ms (once per block), which means that you will not be able to recognize events that occur say 10ms apart from each other. When this setting is enabled however, the plugin divides processing blocks to sub-blocks and processes the events at their correct positions. This may, of course, require more CPU power.

### Latency reporting

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Latency reporting makes the plugin report latency to the DAW, if any. Normally this is enabled, but in certain live situations you may want to disable this, so that the DAW stops compensating the latency on other tracks. It has no effect if the plugin is placed on master track.

# Global system settings panel



Global system settings panel contains settings which are applied to all plugins on this computer.

### Intelligent sleep on silence (global)

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Intelligent sleep on silence (global) is a global switch, which disables the **Auto disable on silence** feature in all plugins on the system. It is provided "just in case" something goes wrong.

### Right click sets default value

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Right click sets default value makes the engine set default value to a parameter when you right click on it. By default, a menu is displayed instead, with an option to set the default value, but potentially with more features. When this is disabled, you can still set a default value by holding ctrl/cmd when right clicking the control.

### Tablet mode

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Tablet mode enables better support for tablets at the expense of the mouse. Enable this if you are using a tablet to control the plugins and it is behaving incorrectly.

### Enable keyboard input

### **Enable keyboard input**

Enable keyboard input enables the keyboard input for the main plugin window. You may want to disable if the plugin intercepts spacebar key (often used by the host for playback enable/disable and your host doesn't allow for the problem itself.

### Collapse plugin toolbar

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Collapse plugin toolbar makes all plugins collapse the plugin toolbar containing more advanced features such as channel modes, A-H presets, oversampling, safety limiter etc. It is enabled by default to make the user interfaces cleaner and easier to grasp for beginners.

Set default settings

### Set default settings

Set default settings button stores the current plugin settings as the defaults, so that when you open a new instance of the plugin, these settings will be loaded automatically.

Reset default settings

### Reset default settings

Reset default settings button removes the defaults that you set using **Set default settings** button, so that when you open a new instance of the plugin, the factory defaults will be loaded.

# **Advanced global settings panel**



Advanced global settings panel contains advanced settings which are applied to all plugins on this computer.

### Saturation antialiasing

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Saturation antialiasing enables a global support for antialiasing in saturation algorithms available in many of the plugins. These require additional CPU processing, however significantly reduce aliasing artifacts without a need for oversampling.

### Forward unused keyboard input to DAW

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Forward unused keyboard input to DAW makes the plugin forward unused keyboard events to the DAW from its popups. If this is disabled, pressing say spacebar commonly used to start/stop playback won't work if a popup window is active. Enabling this makes this work and it is optional just in case your DAW does something unexpected.

### Silence when busy

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Silence when busy makes all plugins silence the output when something time consuming is being performed in background and the plugin needs to wait for it. For instance, in modular plugins such as MXXX, adding a module requires lots of changes in the entire engine, so it is performed in background and while the plugin is inconsistent state, it is temporarily bypassed. Sometimes however, when performing live, bypassing makes the dry signal go through and that may not be wanted. So you can enable this option, and the plugin will silence the output instead.

### Store resampled files

### **Store resampled files**

Store resampled files allows the plugins create audio files for sampling rates being used if they differ from the original file sampling rate. It is used only by a few plugins, but it can improve the loading performance a lot at the cost of some additional storage on the hard drive. Disable this option if you are short on free space.

### Show confirmations for destructive actions

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Show confirmations for destructive actions makes the plugin display a confirmation window whenever you are going to change the plugin settings irreversibly when using a feature, for example: when resetting your settings.

### Online check for updates and tutorials

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Online check for updates and tutorials lets the plugin ask about once a week if there is a new version or tutorial available so you can be easily kept up to date.

### Anonymous online platform reporting

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Anonymous online platform reporting helps us maximize compatibility with your operating system and host. If enabled, our plugins will

send information about the system and host that you are using. We can use this information to find out which plugins and platforms are used the most and maximize testing and support there. Platform reporting is completely anonymous and requires only minimal internet connection time (a few kB once a week).

# CPU benchmark CPU benchmark

CPU benchmark button calculates the performance of the plugin with the current settings.

# System info System info

System info button displays some technical information about the build and the machine.

# **Compatibility settings panel**



Compatibility settings panel contains advanced settings you rarely need unless you run into some problems when using multiple versions or old projects.

### Storage compatibility mode for V15

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Storage compatibility mode for V15 reverts to the older and much slower storage system used by version 15 and older. Use this if you want to open your projects or presets on older version of MeldaProduction plugins.

### Automation compatibility mode for V10

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Automation compatibility mode for V10 reverts the set of automation parameters back to version 10 and earlier. Use this if you need the plugins to work with projects, which contain autmation, made using version 10 or older. In version 11 the list of automatable parameters have been highly simplified and reorganized and multiparameters are provided for the vast number of hidden parameters. This should speed up loading, improve workflow with the plugins and improve compatibility with various hosts.

# **Used controls**

Here we discuss the general properties of all application controls. As a most important rule you should note, that you can always use any question mark button or F1 (or Ctrl+F1 or Ctrl+H) key with the mouse cursor over a specified control to get detailed information about what it does and how to use it.

### Value button

Attack 30.0%

Value button is an alternative to the knobs and its main advantage is that it is very small. In some cases the button simply serves as a clickable item and a menu is shown when clicked. However the mouse wheel and other controls still do work.

- Click and drag using the left mouse button to change the value.
- Right mouse button shows a menu with additional options. Hold ctrl/cmd to select the default value.
- Mouse wheel, arrow keys and vertical drag using middle mouse button or using left mouse button while holding Ctrl
  modifies the value more precisely.
- Home key configures the minimal possible value, conversely end key setups the maximal one.
- Esc or Backspace keys restore the original value when either one is pressed during dragging.
- Shift + left mouse button or double-click using left mouse button lets you edit the value as text. You can use the virtual keyboard or type on your computer keyboard. In some cases this shows a menu with all possible values instead.
- Alt + press then release measures the time between the press and the release and applies it as time/frequency tap. Usable only
  for certain values of course.

### Zoomer

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Zoomer provides a simple way to zoom and move in an enlargeable view.

- Plus button zooms-in.
- · Minus button zooms-out.
- Zoom default button zooms to the default ratio, which typically means full zoom-out.
- Lock button locks the zoom ratio.

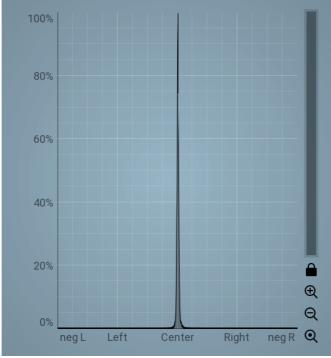
### Knob



Knob simulates physical knobs used to edit various values.

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# **Graph editor**



Graph editor will show and edit one or more graphs.

• **Zoomers** below and on the right control the zoom amount and position of the view.

# Tab-set

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Tab-set is typically used wherever there is too much to edit, but not enough space to display it all. It can be also used to switch between possible alternatives.

- Left mouse button selects a tab.
- Ctrl + Left mouse button or Right mouse button displays the whole tab in a pop-up window (this is not used for all sets of tabs). This comes handy when you want to have multiple tabs visible at the same time.
- Left and Right arrows select the neighbouring tab.
- Click on one of the buttons on the border to scroll the control and show tabs that are currently invisible.

# **Piano**



Piano provides an easy way to mark a set of keys for some purpose.

- Left mouse button marks or unmarks a particular key.
- Mouse-wheel or border buttons scroll the piano if the display does not fit in the available space.

# Installation, activation, introduction to audio plugins

# **Installation**

All MeldaProduction plugins are currently available for Windows and Mac OS X operating systems, both 32-bit and 64-bit versions. You can download all software directly from our website. Since the installation procedures for the two operating systems are quite different, we will cover each one separately.

The download files for the effects include all the effects plug-ins and MPowerSynth. During the installation process you can select which plug-ins or bundles to install. If you have not licensed all of the plugins in a bundle then you just need to activate each plugin separately.

If you have multiple user accounts on your computer, always install the software under your own account! If you install it under one account and run it under a different one, it may not have access to all the resources (presets for example) or may not even be able to start.

### **Installation on Windows**

All plugins are available for VST, VST3 and AAX interfaces. The installer automatically installs both the 32-bit and 64-bit versions of the plugins.

Note: Always use 32-bit plugins in 32-bit hosts, or 64-bit plugins in 64-bit hosts. 64-bit plugins cannot work in 32-bit hosts even if the operating system is 64-bit. Conversely, never use 32-bit plugins in 64-bit hosts. Otherwise they would have to be 'bridged' and, in some hosts, can become highly unstable.

You can select the destination VST plugins paths on your system. The installer will try to detect your path, however you should check that the correct path has been selected and change it if necessary. In all cases it is highly recommended to use the current standard paths to avoid any installation issues:

32-bit Windows:

C:\Program files\VstPlugins

64-bit Windows:

C:\Program files (x86)\VstPlugins (for 32-bit plugins)

C:\Program files\VstPlugins (for 64-bit plugins)

If your host provides both VST and VST3 interfaces, VST3 is usually preferable. If a plugin cannot be opened in your host, ensure the plugin file exists in your VST plugin path and that if your host is 32-bit, the plugin is also 32-bit, and vice versa. If you experience any issues, contact our support via info@meldaproduction.com

# **Installation on Mac OS X**

All plugins are available for VST, VST3, AU and AAX interfaces. Installers create both 32-bit and 64-bit versions of the plugins.

If your host provides multiple plugin interface options, VST3 is usually preferable. If you experience any issues, contact our support via info@meldaproduction.com

Most major hosts such as Cubase or Logic should work without problems. In some other hosts the keyboard input may be partly non-functional. In that case you need to use the virtual keyboard available for every text input field. You may also experience various minor graphical glitches, especially during resizing plugin windows. This unfortunately cannot be avoided since it is caused by disorder in Mac OS X.

# **Uninstallation on Windows**

The Uninstaller is available from the Start menu and Control panel, in the same way as for other applications. If you don't have any of these for any reason, go to Program files / MeldaProduction / MAudioPlugins and run setup.exe.

# **Uninstallation on OSX**

The Uninstaller is available from Applications / MeldaProduction / MAudioPlugins / setup.app.

# Deleting all data, presets etc.

Even if you uninstall the plugins, some data will be left behind - because of potential crossdependencies or because these are your presets, settings, configurations etc. If you want to wipe out everything, please manually delete following folders:

Windows:

C:\ProgramData\MeldaProduction

C:\Users\{username}\AppData\Roaming\MeldaProduction

OSX:

Macintosh HD/Library/Application support/MeldaProduction/HOME/Library/Application support/MeldaProduction

# Performance precautions

In order to maximize performance of your computer and minimize CPU usage it is necessary to follow a few precautions. The most important thing is to keep your buffer sizes (latency) as high as possible. There is generally no reason to use latency under 256 samples for 44kHz sampling rates (hence 512 for 96kHz etc.). Increasing buffer sizes (hence also latency) highly decreases required CPU power. In rare cases increasing buffer sizes may actually increase CPU power, in which case you can assume your audio interface driver is malfunctioning.

You should also consider using only necessary features. Usually the most CPU demanding features are oversampling and modulation of certain parameters. You can reduce modulation CPU usage at the cost of lower audio quality in Settings/Modulator protection.

# **Troubleshooting**

The plugins are generally very stable, there are known problems however.

### **GPU** compatibility

The software uses hardware acceleration to move some of the processing (mainly GUI related) from your CPU (processor) to your GPU (graphics processing unit). It is highly recommended to use a new GPU, as it will provide higher performance improvements, and update your GPU drivers. Older GPUs are slower and may not even provide required features, so the software will have to perform all calculations in the main CPU. We also have had extremely bad experiences with GPUs from ATI and despite the fact that software is now probably bulletproof, it is recommended to use NVidia GPUs as there has not been a single case of a problem with them.

If you experience problems with your GPU (crashing, blank/dysfunctional GUI), and that you cannot disable the GPU acceleration from the plugin's Settings window itself, download this file:

http://www.meldaproduction.com/download/GPU.zip

And place the GPU.xml included in the zip into

 $Windows: C:\Users\{username}\AppData\{Roaming\{MeldaProduction}}$ 

Mac OS X: ~/Library/Application support/MeldaProduction

# **Memory limits of 32-bit platform**

Most hosts are now 64-bit ready, however some of them are not or users willingly choose 32-bit edition, because the required plugins are not 64-bit ready yet. All our software is 64-bit ready. Please note that you must NOT use the 64-bit plugins in 32-bit hosts, even if you have a bridge. If you are stuck with a 32-bit host for any reason, note that there is a memory limit (about 1.5 GB), which you may not exceed. This can happen if you load too many samples or different plugins for example. In that case the host may crash. There is no other solution than to use a 64-bit host.

# **Updating**

You can use "Home/Check for updates" feature in any of the plugins. This will check online if there is a newer version available and open the download page if necessary.

To install a newer (or even older) version you simply need to download the newest installer and use it. There is no need to uninstall the previous version, the installer will do that if necessary. You also do not need to worry about your presets when using the installer. Of course, frequent backup of your work is recommended as usual.

# **Using touch-screen displays**

Touch screen displays are supported on Windows 8 and newer and the GUI has been tweaked to provide a good workflow. Up to 16 connections/fingers/inputs are supported. Any input device such as touch-screens, mouse, tablets are supported. These are the main gestures used by the plugins:

- Tap = left click
- Double tap = double click
- Tap & hold and quickly tap next to it with another finger = right click. Tap & hold is a classic right-click gesture, however that doesn't provide a good workflow, so came up with this method, which is much faster and does not collide with functionality of some elements.

# **Purchasing and activation**

You can purchase the plugin from our website or any reseller, however purchasing directly from our website is always the quickest and simplest option. The software is available online only, purchasing is automatic, easy and instant. After the purchase you will immediately receive a keyfile via email. If you do not receive an e-mail within a few minutes after your purchase, firstly check your spam folder and if the email is not present there, contact our support team using **info@meldaproduction.com** so we can send you the licence again.

To activate the software simply **drag & drop the licence file onto the plugin**. Unfortunately some hosts (especially on Mac OS X) either do not allow drag & drop, or make it just too clumsy, so you can use Home/Activate in any of the plugins and follow the instructions. For more information about activation please check the **online video tutorial**.

You are allowed to use the software on all your machines, but only you are allowed to operate the software. The licences are "to-person" as defined in the licence terms, therefore you can use the software on all your computers, but you are the only person allowed to operate them. MeldaProduction can provide a specialized licence for facilities such as schools with different licence terms.

# Quick start with your host

In most cases your host will be able to recognize the plugin and be able to open it the same way as it opens other plugins. If it doesn't, ensure you did installation properly as described above and let your host rescan the plugins.

### **Cubase**

Click on an empty slot (in mixer or in track inserts for example) and a menu with available plugins will be displayed. VST2 version is located in MeldaProduction subfolder. However VST3 version is recommended and is located in the correct folder along with Cubase's factory plugins. For example, dynamic processors are available from the "Dynamics" subfolder.

To route an audio to the plugin's **side-chain** (if it has one), you need to use the VST3 version. Enable the side-chain using the arrow button in the Cubase's plugin window title. Then you can route any set of tracks into the plugin's side-chain either by selecting the plugin as the track output or using sends.

To route **MIDI** to the plugin, simply create a new MIDI track and select the plugin as its output.

### Logic

Choose an empty insert slot on one of your audio tracks (or instrument tracks for example) and select the plugin from the popup menu. You will find it in the Audio Units / MeldaProduction folder.

To route an audio to the plugin's **side-chain** (if it has one), a side-chain source should be available in the top of the plugin's window, so simply select the source track you want to send to the plugin's side-chain.

To route **MIDI** to the plugin, you need to create a new Instrument track, click on the instrument slot and select the plugin from AU MIDI-controlled Effects / MeldaProduction. The plugin will receive MIDI from that track. Then route the audio you want to process with the plugin to this track.

### **Studio One**

Find the plugin in the Effects list and drag & drop it onto the track you would like to insert the plugin to.

To route an audio track to the plugin's **side-chain** (if it has one), first enable the side-chain using the "Side-chain" button in the Studio One's plugin window title. Then you can route any set of tracks into the plugin's side-chain from the mixer.

To route **MIDI** to the plugin, simply create a new MIDI track and select the plugin as its output.

# **Digital performer**

In the Mixing Board, find an empty slot in the track you would like to insert the plugin to. Click on the field and select the plugin from the effects list.

To route an audio track to the plugin's **side-chain** (if it has one), choose the track you want to send using Side-chain menu, which appears at the top of the DP's plugin window.

To route MIDI to the plugin, simply create a new MIDI track in the Track view and select the plugin as its output.

# Reaper

Click on an empty slot in the mixer and a window with available plugins will be displayed. Select the plugin you want to open by double clicking on it or using Ok button.

It is highly recommended to select all MeldaProduction plugins in the plugin window the first time you open it, click using your right mouse button and enable "Save minimal undo states". This will disable the problematic Undo feature, which could cause glitches whenever you change certain parameters.

To route an audio track to the plugin's **side-chain** (if it has one), click on I/O button of the side-chain source track in the mixer. Routing window will appear, there you click "Add new send" and select the track the plugin is on. In the created send slot select the channels (after the "=>" mark) for the send, in stereo configuration 3/4 for example. Note that this way the whole track receives the side-chain signal and all plugins with it. It is possible to send it to a single plugin only, but it is more complicated, please check the Reaper's documentation about that.

To route **MIDI** to the plugin, create a new MIDI track and do the same thing as with side-chain, except you don't need to change output channels.

### Live

In Session view, select the track you would like to insert the plugin to. At the left top of Ableton Live's interface, click on the Plug-in Device Browser icon (third icon from the top). From the plug-ins list choose the plugin (from MeldaProduction folder), double click on it or drag & drop it into the track.

The X/Y grid usually doesn't provide any parameters of the plugin. This is because the plugins have too many of them, so you have to select them manually. Check Live's documentation for more information.

To route an audio to the plugin's **side-chain** (if it has one), select the track you want to send to the side-chain and in the 'Audio To' menu, choose the audio track that has the plugin on it. Then in the box just below that select the plugin from the menu.

NOTE: Live does NOT support any interface correctly, it doesn't use the reported buses properly, hence it doesn't work with surround capable plugins. Therefore you need to use VST version, which reports only stereo capabilities by default.

To route **MIDI** to the plugin, create a new MIDI track and in the 'MIDI to' menu, choose the audio track that has the plugin on it. Note that in Live only the first plug-in on any track can receive MIDI.

### **ProTools**

In the mixer click an empty slot to insert the plugin to and select the plugin from the tree. The plugin may be present multiple times, once for each channel configuration (mono->stereo etc.). As of now ProTools do not arrange them in the subfolders, which is a workflow dealbreaker, but we cannot do anything about it. The huge empty space on top of each plugin window, which occupies so much of the precious display area, is part of ProTools and every plugin window and again we cannot do anything about it. In some cases you may experience CPU overload messages, in which case please contact Avid for support. Note that ProTools 10 and newer is supported. RTAS compatibility for PT9 and older will never be added.

To route an audio to the plugin's **side-chain** (if it has one), open the plugin, click on the *No key input* button in the plugin title and select the bus you want the audio taken from. You might need to remember the bus number, unless your ProTools version supports bus renaming. ProTools doesn't support stereo (or surround) side-chains at all.

To route **MIDI** to the plugin, create a new MIDI track and in the mixer click the output field for that track and select the plugin, which should already be in the menu.

### **FL Studio**

First make sure plugins are scanned, either a full scan through the Plugin Manager or an automatic fast scan when you open the Plugin Database section of the browser in FL. The scanned plugins will show up in the Plugin Database > Installed section of the FL browser. The Effects and Generators sections in the Plugin Database will show all "favorite" plugins. These can be checked and unchecked in the Plugin Manager or added in some other ways. These favorites also show up in the Add menu, the menu for the "+" button in the channel rack, when you right click an existing channel button to replace or insert, in the plugin slot menu in the mixer and in the plugin picker (F8). The menus with favorite plugins also have a "More" choice that will show all scanned plugins. The full explanation is in our help file, on the page Installing Plugins.

To route an audio to the plugin's **side-chain**, first set up the mixer: make sure the track you want to receive audio from is sent to the track the plugin as a sidechain (**help**). Then set up the plugin wrapper: choose the desired input on the **Processing tab** of the wrapper options.

To route **MIDI notes** to the plugin, first configure the sender: choose a MIDI port for the input device in the MIDI settings (for a hardware device), or an output port in the **wrapper options** (for a VST plugin that produces MIDI). For the receiving plugin, set the input port in the wrapper options to the same value you chose in step 1.

To route **MIDI controllers**, the procedure is different. The usual method in FL is to link CC messages to plugin parameters (**help file**). VST plugins will also have 128 CC parameters published (through the wrapper) that can be linkes this way. Those will send the specified CC MIDI message to the plugin, instead of changing a published parameter.

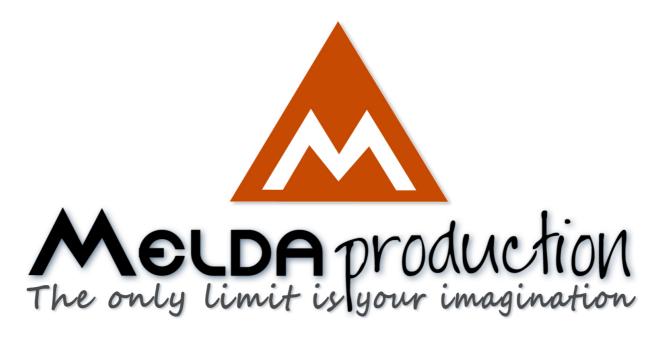
# **GUI styles, editor modes and colors**

MeldaProduction plugins provide a state of the art styling engine, which lets you change the appearance to your liking. The first time you run the plugins a style wizard will appear and let you choose the style and other settings. It may not be available in ProTools and other problematic hosts.

By default each plugin has a certain color scheme, which differs based on what kind of plugin is that. Also, sections of some plugins are colorized differently, again, based on what kind of section is that (this can be disabled in global settings). Despite you can change the colors anyhow you want, it is advantageous to keep the defaults as these are standardized and have predefined meaning, so just by looking at a plugin's color you can immediately say what kind of plugin and section is that. Same rules apply when designing devices for easy screens. This is the current set of colors:

Equalization, filtering = green Reverb, delay = brown/yellow Modulation = blue Distortion, limiting = red Stereo = cyan/yellow Time, pitch, unison... = purple/pink Tools = grey

Special colors: Synchronization = grey Detection = blue/green Side-chain = green Effects = red Advanced stuff = grey



# **About MeldaProduction**

The best sound on the market, incredible workflow and versatility beyond your imagination. We create the deepest and the most powerful audio plugins with unbelievable sound and tons of unique features you cannot find anywhere else.

# **Innovative Thinking**

At MeldaProduction, we make the most advanced tools for music production and audio processing. We get inspired by the whole range of tools from the ancient analog gear to the newest digital creations, but we always push forward.

We've always felt the audio industry is extremely conservative, still relying on the prehistoric equipment making the job unnecessarily slow and complicated. That's why we invent new technologies, which make audio processing easier, faster, better sounding and more creative.

# **Sound Matters**

In the world full of audiophiles you just need superb audio quality. And that's why we spend so much time perfecting audio algorithms until they sound unbeatable. Everything from dynamic filters to spectral dynamic processing. Our technologies just sound perfect.

# **Inspiring User Interface**

Modern user interfaces must not only be easy and quick to use, but also versatile and the whole visual appearance should inspire you. MeldaProduction plugins provide the most advanced GUI engine on the market. It is still the first and only GUI engine, which is freely resizable and stylable. Our plugins can look as an ancient vintage gear, if you are working on old-school rock music. Or as super-modern

futuristic devices if you are working on modern electronic music.

# Easy to Use, Yet Versatile

The only limit is your imagination. Our plugins are with absolutely no doubt the most powerful and versatile tools on the market. Yet we managed to make the plugins easy to use via the devices and smart randomization system. But when you are ready, you are one click away from the endless potential the plugins provide.

# **Never-Ending Improvements**

Most companies create a plugin, sell it and abandon it. We improve our plugins, add features, optimize... until there is nothing left to improve and there are no more ideas. Unfortunately that hasn't happened yet:). And the best thing is that the updates are free-for-life!

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