

Native Instruments releases Software Developer Kit for the Stems open audio format

Developers can now freely access the resources necessary for implementing Stems technology into hard and software

Berlin, May 6, 2016 – Having just marked the first year of the Stems open audio format, Native Instruments today released the eagerly anticipated Stems Software Developer Kit (SDK) – a toolkit for software and hardware developers available for free download from stems-music.com. Developers can now get full access to specifications, the DSP library, and code examples including a command-line version of the Stem Creator – a free application for Stem file creation.

With the arrival of the SDK, Stems can now be freely integrated into music production/performance tools or media players, signaling yet another milestone in the success of the ever-expanding multi-track format. The available compressor and limiter components ensure that the four separate parts of a Stem file sound nearly indistinguishable from the original stereo master when heard individually or played together.

Accompanying the SDK release, three new videos providing some key guidelines on mastering Stems are now available on the Stems YouTube channel. The videos feature acclaimed mastering engineer Kevin Grainger and his team at Wired Masters, in London, and provide both a simplified overview and in-depth breakdowns of the mixdown and mastering process for Stems.

Pricing and availability

The Stems Software Developer Kit (SDK) and Stem Creator are available as a free download from www.stems-music.com

Further product information and press material

The Stems mastering videos with Wired Masters are available on the Stems YouTube channel:

<https://youtu.be/NWXOX8B9tqs?list=PLitCrRuEaYT7K8EKj0bEGK-CVkJtbi5CP>

A digital press kit including picture material is available at:
www.native-instruments.com/press.info

About Stems:

A Stem file provides the ability to freely interact with a track's four different musical elements – such as drums, bass, keys and vocals. Each stem's volume, filter, and effects settings can be controlled independently to create instant new mixes, mashups, instrumentals, a cappellas, and more.

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About Native Instruments

Native Instruments is a leading manufacturer of software and hardware for computer-based music production and DJing. The company's mission is to develop innovative, fully integrated solutions for all professions, styles and genres. The resulting products regularly push technological boundaries and open up new creative horizons for professionals and amateurs alike.

Native Instruments opened up the fascinating world of real-time sound synthesis on standard computers in 1996, and today offers an extensive product range for musicians, producers and DJs. The company currently employs more than 400 people in its offices in Berlin, Los Angeles, Tokyo, Shenzhen, and London and works closely with more than 40 international distribution partners to ensure its future growth and success.