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## **Native Instruments launches Leap and Tools Software Development Kits, enabling new frontiers for sound designers and developers**



**Anaheim, CA – January 22, 2025** – [Native Instruments](#) is proud to announce the launch of the Leap and Tools Software Development Kits at NAMM 2025, empowering sound designers and instrument developers to release their own Tools and Leap Expansions within the [Kontakt 8](#) ecosystem. The announcement marks a significant milestone in music production innovation, as Native Instruments opens new pathways for creativity and collaboration.

### **Leap SDK: No-code creation of Leap Expansions**

Kontakt has long been a trusted tool for producers, composers, and performers worldwide. With the release of Kontakt 8, Native Instruments introduced Leap — an intuitive, high-performance playground for triggering, twisting, and transforming loops and samples. Leap brings Kontakt's deep sampling capabilities to the forefront, making it an essential tool for every stage of music creation, from initial ideas to final touches.

Leap Expansions, curated sets of ready-to-play loops and samples, are fast becoming a staple for quick inspiration. Now, with the introduction of the Leap Software Development Kit (SDK), sound designers can join the Leap ecosystem and craft their own expansions without needing to write any code. The Leap SDK provides all the tools required to:

- Curate and arrange samples.
- Configure macros and FX.
- Integrate seamlessly with the Kontakt 8 browser.
- Release Expansions for the global music production community.

*"Leap opens up a fast, fun, and creative approach to working with loops and samples. With the Leap SDK, we can't wait to see — and hear — how sound designers around the world bring their own unique voices to this powerful platform,"* says Tim Adnitt, Vice President, Product Management at Native Instruments.

### **Tools SDK: Expanding the possibilities of Kontakt instruments**

With Kontakt 8, Native Instruments also introduced Tools, an innovative layer designed to inspire creativity with any Kontakt instrument, old or new. The first Tools — Chords and Phrases — provide producers and composers with intuitive ways to build melodies, hooks, and harmonic progressions effortlessly.

Now, the new Tools Software Development Kit (SDK) allows instrument developers to expand on this innovation, enabling them to create and release their own unique Tools. With the Tools SDK, developers can:

- Design features that spark creativity across all Kontakt instruments.
- Build entirely new workflows for music production and composition.
- Contribute to an ever-growing library of inspiring tools for producers, songwriters, and composers.

*"The Tools SDK is an important addition for instrument developers, opening up Kontakt 8 to a new realm of possibilities. We can't wait to see the groundbreaking innovations that developers will bring to life,"* says Tim Adnitt, Vice President, Product Management at Native Instruments.

### **Find out more about Leap and Tools SDK**

For more information or to sign up for the Leap and Tools SDK, contact the Native Instruments Partnering Team at [3rd-party-developers@native-instruments.com](mailto:3rd-party-developers@native-instruments.com)

### **About Native Instruments**

For more than 25 years, Native Instruments has been at the center of musical innovation. The company has created communities, pushed technological boundaries, and opened

new creative horizons for enthusiasts and professionals alike. Today, driven by their mission to make music creation more inclusive and accessible, the company's hardware, software across Native Instruments, iZotope and Plugin Alliance brands, provide fully-integrated solutions for musicians, producers, and DJs of all genres and levels of experience.

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## **Native Instruments introduces the Leap SDK and Tools SDK, providing new opportunities for building and releasing products**



**Anaheim, CA - January 22, 2025** - [Native Instruments](#) is opening up Kontakt 8's Leap Expansions and Tools with the Leap SDK and Tools SDK.

The Leap SDK enables sound designers to build and release Leap Expansions without writing a single line of code, and the Tools SDK opens up the unique, creative opportunities of the Kontakt 8's Tools layer to instrument developers.

### **Leap SDK**

Native Instruments' Kontakt is a go-to creative tool for producing, composing and performing. Kontakt 8 takes this even further with the introduction of Leap - an ultra-fast, fun, creative playground for triggering, twisting and bending loops and samples.

[Leap](#) brings the deep sampling capabilities of Kontakt into the foreground, making it a powerful, rock-solid tool for every stage of the creative process - from kickstarting a project, to overcoming writer's block, to adding the finishing touches to a track. And to get started quickly, Native Instruments' Leap Expansions provide curated, ready-to-play sets tailored to specific genres and styles.

Starting today, the world of Leap Expansions gets even bigger with the introduction of the Leap Software Development Kit (SDK). This provides sound designers with everything that they need to build their own Leap Expansions - curate and lay out samples, set up macros, send FX and performance FX, integrate with the Kontakt 8 browser, and release - all without writing a single line of code.

For more information and to sign-up for the Leap SDK, contact the Native Instruments Partnering Team at [3rd-party-developers@native-instruments.com](mailto:3rd-party-developers@native-instruments.com).

### **Tools SDK**

Further expanding on the theme of creativity, Kontakt 8 introduces [Tools](#) - a completely new layer of creative features to get ideas flowing with any Kontakt instrument, old or new.

The first two Tools - Chords and Phrases - keep you inspired and in the flow whether you are laying down a catchy hook, building a track from the ground up, or refining a composition. And there is plenty more to come.

Today, Native Instruments is opening up Tools with the introduction of the Tools Software Development Kit (SDK). This provides Instrument Developers with everything that they need to build and release their own unique and inspiring Tools, providing producers, songwriters and composers with ever more creative possibilities across all of their instruments.

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