

Native Instruments Stem Creator Readme File

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1. Introduction

1.1. General

This document provides last-minute additions, known compatibility issues, and troubleshooting information to help you use Stem Creator.

1.2. System Requirements for Stem Creator

Computer & Operating System

- Mac OS X 10.8, 10.9 or 10.10 (latest update)
- Windows 7, 8.1, and 10 (latest Service Pack, 32/64 Bit)

Supported Input Audio Formats

- WAV
- AIFF
- Apple Lossless (ALAC) – Mac OS X and Windows 10 only.

General

- Monitor with 1024 x 768 screen resolution
- OpenGL version 2.1 or higher
- 900MB free disk space

1.3. Uninstalling the Previous Stem Creator Beta

Before installing the latest version of Stem Creator beta, the previous

version should be removed. The previous betas were not released with an installer, so the previous version must be thrown away manually. This simply requires:

Mac

Just move the previous StemCreator app to the Trash and empty the Trash.

Windows

The previous beta was distributed as a ZIP file which contained a folder which contained sub-folders for the 32- and 64-bit versions of the app. Simply move this whole folder (with all sub-folders) to the Recycle Bin and empty the Recycle Bin.

1.4. Installing Stem Creator 1.0

Stem Creator 1.0 is delivered in two formats which have their own installation methods.

Mac

Stem Creator for Mac is delivered as a Disk Image (DMG) file. Just double-click the .dmg file to mount it. You will first need to accept the terms of the End User License Agreement before the image will mount. Once mounted, the disk image will open and you can simply drag the Stem Creator application to the “Applications” folder shortcut on its right. Stem Creator will be copied to your Applications folder and you can then unmount the disk image. Simply double-click the Stem Creator app in the Applications folder to launch the application.

Windows

Stem Creator for Windows is delivered as a .zip file which contains two separate installer files. Extract the .zip file and then double-click either the 32-bit installer or the 64-bit installer (whichever matches your operating system). Follow the directions of the installer and Stem Creator will be installed into the appropriate Program Files folder. The installer will also make application shortcuts in the Start Menu including an Uninstall option and a “Compatibility Mode” version of the application (please see the “Known Issues” section for a description of Compatibility Mode).

2. What's New in Stem Creator 1.0

Stem Creator 1.0 is the first public release which includes the following feature addition from the betas:

2.1. New Meter Ballistics

The behaviors of the level meters have been improved with new ballistics, and the same metering technique is now used for all meters and sources.

3. Known Issues in Stem Creator 1.0

3.1. Compatibility Mode for Windows

There is a known OpenGL issue with the Intel drivers for the Intel HD 3000 chipset used in some computers. It appears Intel will not fix this issue, so a special “Compatibility Mode” version of Stem Creator is also installed which will cause the Stem Creator to run using DirectX instead. The Compatibility Mode version can be found in a sub-folder within the Stem Creator folder in the Start Menu. This version only needs to be used if the normal version crashes.

3.2. Only AAC Encoding currently supported

This version of Stem Creator does not provide any audio encoding options during export. Stem files are always created using AAC audio encoding at 256kbps VBR *except* when using Apple Lossless (ALAC) files as inputs; in this case, an ALAC-quality Stem file will be made.

3.3. Export Failures on Windows with Network Drives

There is a known issue that Export will fail if the input audio files are located on a network drive. Please copy the audio files onto a local drive before loading them into Stem Creator, then Export will work correctly.

4. Version History

0.9.0.9

Beta 3

- New Installers for Windows and Mac
- New File Export dialog
- Reset function
- Create ALAC Stems from ALAC audio files
- Fixed “Export failed after 3%” issue on Windows
- Fixed Transport Bar problems

0.9.0.2

Beta 2

- New Colored Level Meters
- New Level Meter Clip Indicator
- Now includes a 32-bit version for Windows
- Double-click a control to reset it
- Fixed Input File Extension Capitalization problem
- Removed the two files that triggered Trojan Horse warnings in AVG antivirus

0.9.0.1

Initial Beta 1

- 64-bit versions only

5. Important Notes

5.1. Stem Creator Crashes on OS X 10.7

Users who have tried running Stem Creator on Mac OS X 10.7 have reported crashes. OS X 10.7 is not a supported OS due to the graphics frameworks and tools used by the Stem Creator. OS X 10.8 and higher are supported.

6. Software Updates

The latest version of Stem Creator can always be found on www.stems-music.com. Please check back regularly to ensure you have the latest version.

7. Contact

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