



SAMPLEDEX AUDIO

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Sampledex 0.18.7 puts the beatmaker first with a leaner, faster DAW for macOS.

A free beta DAW for Apple Silicon that puts sounds, steps, piano roll, arrangement and mixing in one focused workspace, now with track colors, drag-to-reorder tracks and a much smaller download.

VACAVILLE, CALIFORNIA - September 25, 2026 - Sampledex is a macOS DAW built the way beats actually get made: sounds, patterns, arrangement and mixing first. Version 0.18.7 (Build 43) is available now as a free beta for macOS 14 or later on Apple Silicon.

The idea is simple: a DAW made by beatmakers, for beatmakers. Sampledex keeps the core loop close at hand, from choosing a sound and programming a groove to shaping a full song and bouncing the result.

A focused DAW, a smaller download

With 0.18.7, Sampledex removes its AI features entirely. The AI Coproducer, automatic song and loop generation, AI panels and AI settings are gone, along with the bundled AI engine and language model. This makes the download much smaller. The sound-design instrument stays as Sampledex Sound Lab, with manual controls, factory sounds and support for its saved instrument states. All other instruments, effects, the supplied Sampledex plug-ins, recording, mixing and export remain.

What's new since 0.18.3

- **Track names and colors.** Name and color any track from the timeline or mixer. Colors show in the timeline, piano roll and mixer, save with the project and support Undo/Redo.
- **Drag-to-reorder tracks.** Drag track headers to reorder single tracks or groups, and drag a header's edge to resize its lane.
- **Named MIDI clips.** Rename individual clip placements without changing their linked patterns.
- **Better MIDI import.** Overlapping notes no longer block editing, short imports keep their true length, and imported tempos from 4 to 1000 BPM play back correctly.
- **Tighter snapping and Repeat.** Clips follow the visible grid from the first movement, new projects start with one-bar snap, and Repeat places the next clip right after the selected clip's visible end.
- **Smoother editing.** Duplicating clips, repeating clips and editing large patterns stall less, and Undo uses less memory with large plug-in presets.
- **Wider plug-in support.** Support for more mono-to-stereo effects and instruments with input requirements. Sampledex now stops and explains when plug-in settings can't be saved, rather than losing them without telling you.

Beatmaking tools for a complete song

- **Steps and piano roll.** Program drums across 16 lanes from kick through clave, draw notes, edit velocity, import MIDI, highlight scales and work with the snap grid.
- **Mix and automate.** Draw volume, pan and plug-in parameter automation, work with the mixer and audio clips, then export loops, stems or the whole song as WAV or AIFF.
- **Sampling and 808 tuning.** Sample, tune and chop audio, trim and fade clips on the timeline, tune 808s and record takes with the live keyboard.
- **Sounds and plug-ins.** Browse factory presets across drums, keys, bass and synths, use the bundled Sampledex collection and Sound Lab, and load VST3 and Audio Unit v2 instruments and effects.
- **Hover Help LCD.** Point at any control to see an explanation, hold to freeze it, and open the complete user guide inside the DAW.

Built for beatmakers and producers

Sampledex is first and foremost a beatmaker's and producer's DAW. Recording works and is available today. Deeper vocal editing, refining and tuning are planned for a future version aimed at artists and executive producers.

Compatibility

Existing projects still open. Projects saved with the new track colors or MIDI clip names need Sampledex 0.18.7 or later. The DAW, installer and DMG are signed and notarized by Apple.

Availability and resources

Sampledex 0.18.7 is available now as a free beta download for macOS 14 or later on Apple Silicon. The release includes an updated user guide and Hover Help built into the DAW.

Download for macOS: sampledex.audio

Download the user guide: sampledex.audio

Watch the beat-making tutorial: sampledex.audio/#tutorial

Release Notes: sampledex.audio/releases

Direct Download: [Sampledex 0.18.7](https://sampledex.audio/0.18.7)

About Sampledex

It all started with an idea to change the way samples are curated, and it grew into a collective of producers who want to bring a fresh take on what a sample company is, was and will become.

Our team is actively scouting and bringing together the finest independent producers, artists, curators and administrators, so that we are not lacking in any area.

We are happy to invite you to the Sampledex Collective. Let's make some music.

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