

AlphaTheta

rekordbox Introduction



About this manual

Be sure to read this manual before using. This manual includes important information that you must understand before using rekordbox.

- In this manual, name of buttons and menus displayed on rekordbox are indicated with brackets. (e.g. [BPM], [Collection] window)
- Please note that depending on the operating system version, web browser settings, etc., operation may differ from the procedures described in this manual.
- Please note that the language on the rekordbox screen described in this manual may differ from the language on your screens.
- This manual describes functions and operations for rekordbox ver. 7.0 or later. If you use rekordbox earlier than version 7.0, please download the suitable manual from the FAQ on the rekordbox website.
- Please note that the specification, design, etc. of rekordbox may be modified without notice and may differ from the descriptions in this manual.

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
Introduction

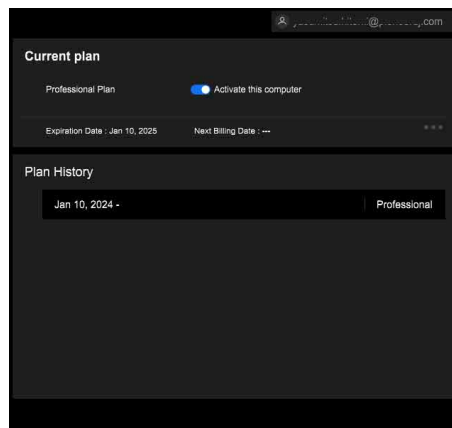
rekordbox is composite software that manages music files and DJ performances. With this music management software, you can manage music files in computers and mobile devices (this includes analysis, changing settings, creating files, and saving playback histories). It allows you to produce great DJ performances by combining music files managed by rekordbox and DJ equipment.

About subscription plan

By signing up a subscription plan, you can enjoy DJ performances using more functions.

For available functions on each subscription plan, refer to the rekordbox website. rekordbox.com/en/plan/

Click  in the upper-right of the screen to display the [Preferences] window, and then click the [PLAN] category to check or change your current subscription plan. For details, see “Activating your computer with your subscription plan” (page 13).



Hint

- You can activate multiple computers and mobile devices with a single AlphaTheta account. For the number of computers and mobile devices that you can activate for each subscription plan, refer to the rekordbox website.
- Even if you do not sign up a subscription plan, you can use more functions by connecting supported DJ equipment. For details, see “About authentication by DJ equipment (Hardware Unlock)” (page 12).

Preparing rekordbox

Before using rekordbox, you need to install it and make settings.

Note

- “rekordbox dj License Card” which is supplied with the DJ equipment released on 2019 or earlier cannot be used.
(It can be used to activate rekordbox dj (PERFORMANCE mode) on rekordbox ver. 5 or earlier.)
Depending on the DJ equipment, when you connect it to your computer, you can use limited functions of PERFORMANCE mode. For more details, see page 12.

Installing rekordbox

Before installing rekordbox, make sure to read “rekordbox END USER LICENCE AGREEMENT” (page 19).

If you are installing rekordbox, use the following procedures.

To install or uninstall rekordbox, you need to log on as the administrator of your computer. Have the administrator name and password ready before starting.

- 1 Launch a web browser on your computer, access the rekordbox website (rekordbox.com), and then open the rekordbox downloading page.
Information about how to install rekordbox and how to use rekordbox features is displayed.
- 2 Click the button to download.
- 3 Read the terms of “rekordbox END USER LICENCE AGREEMENT” carefully, and then click the [Agree] checkbox to continue.
- 4 Click [Download].
Downloading rekordbox will start.
- 5 Double-click the downloaded file to unzip it.
- 6 Double-click the unzipped file to launch the installer.
- 7 Follow the instructions on the screen to install rekordbox.

Launching rekordbox

Before starting rekordbox, log on as the computer's administrator.

To use rekordbox for the first time, or if you have not already set up an AlphaTheta account for another version of rekordbox, the windows for setting up an AlphaTheta account will be displayed. Then with your computer connected to the internet, launch rekordbox and follow the instructions on the screen to do the following. If rekordbox ver. 5 or earlier has been installed, you must first convert a previously used library to be used. For details, see "Updating rekordbox from version 5 or earlier" (page 10).

Hint

- With your computer connected to the internet, you can access the online manual and support site from the [Help] menu on rekordbox.

For Mac

Select [Application] on the Finder, click the [rekordbox 7*] folder, and then double-click [rekordbox.app].

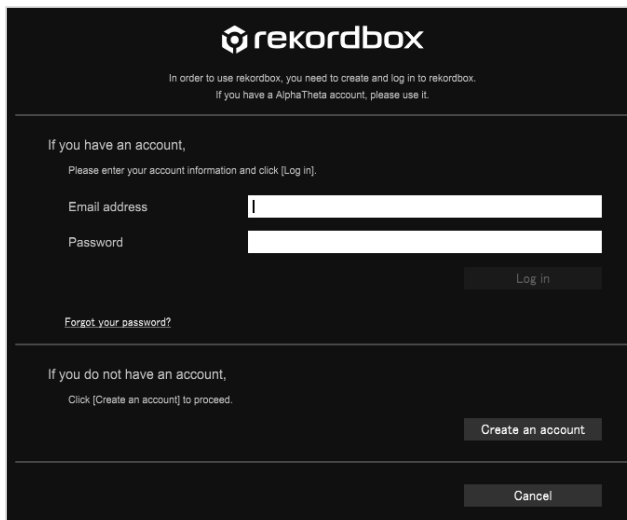
* This number stands for a version number.

For Windows

Double-click the [rekordbox] icon (shortcut) on the desktop.

Setting up the AlphaTheta account

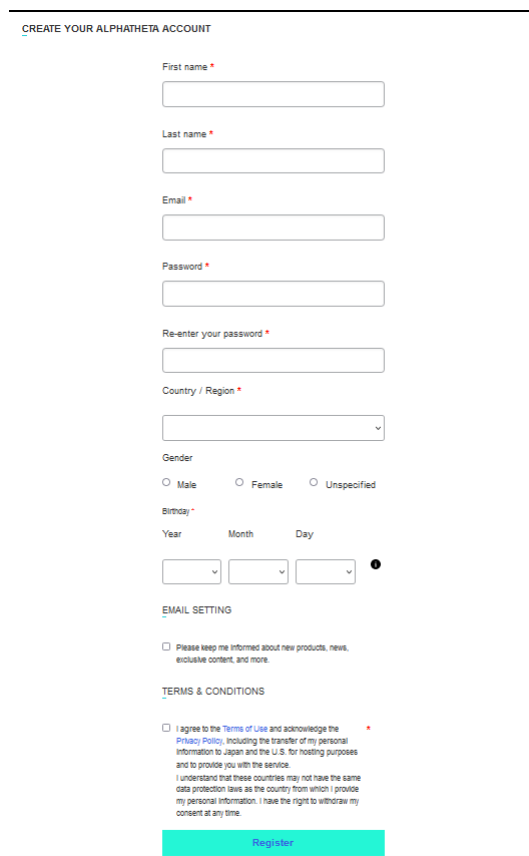
- 1 Launch rekordbox.
The AlphaTheta account setup window is displayed.



The screenshot shows the rekordbox login and account creation interface. At the top, the rekordbox logo is displayed. Below it, a message states: "In order to use rekordbox, you need to create and log in to rekordbox. If you have a AlphaTheta account, please use it." The interface is divided into two main sections. The first section, "If you have an account," prompts the user to enter their account information and click [Log in]. It includes input fields for "Email address" and "Password", and a "Log in" button. A link for "Forgot your password?" is also present. The second section, "If you do not have an account," prompts the user to click [Create an account] to proceed. It features a "Create an account" button and a "Cancel" button at the bottom.

If you have already set up your AlphaTheta account for rekordbox earlier version, this window is not displayed. You can use rekordbox without procedures on this section.

- 2 Click [Create an account].



The screenshot displays the "CREATE YOUR ALPHATHETA ACCOUNT" registration form. The form is titled "CREATE YOUR ALPHATHETA ACCOUNT" and contains several input fields and sections. The fields include: "First name" (required), "Last name" (required), "Email" (required), "Password" (required), "Re-enter your password" (required), "Country / Region" (required, dropdown menu), "Gender" (radio buttons for Male, Female, Unspecified), and "Birthday" (Year, Month, Day dropdown menus). Below the fields, there is an "EMAIL SETTING" section with a checkbox for "Please keep me informed about new products, news, exclusive content, and more." and a "TERMS & CONDITIONS" section with a checkbox for "I agree to the Terms of Use and acknowledge the Privacy Policy, including the transfer of my personal information to Japan and the U.S. for hosting purposes and to provide you with the service." A note below the checkbox states: "I understand that these countries may not have the same data protection laws as the country from which I provide my personal information. I have the right to withdraw my consent at any time." At the bottom of the form, there is a "Register" button.

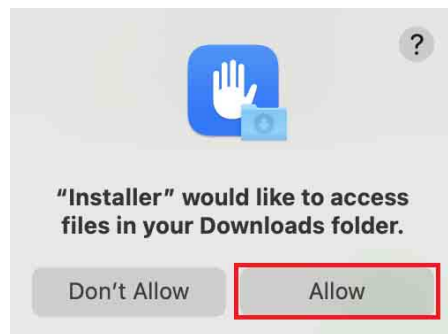
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- 3 Enter your name, email address, password, and country.
If you want to receive emails from AlphaTheta, click the checkbox.
- 4 Read the terms of service and privacy policy, and then click the checkbox if you agree with the terms.
If you disagree with terms, you cannot use rekordbox.
- 5 Click [Register].
An email with further account setup information will be sent to the email address you entered.
If you do not receive the email, check the junk folder of your email software.
- 6 Complete the setup by following the information in the email.
- 7 Go back to rekordbox, enter the account name and password, and then click [Setup].
rekordbox is available to be used by clicking [OK].

Entering administrator's password (Mac) / Allowing user account control (Windows)

If using a Mac computer, you will be asked to input a password. Enter the administrator's password of your Mac.

If a message as below appears, be sure to click [Allow].

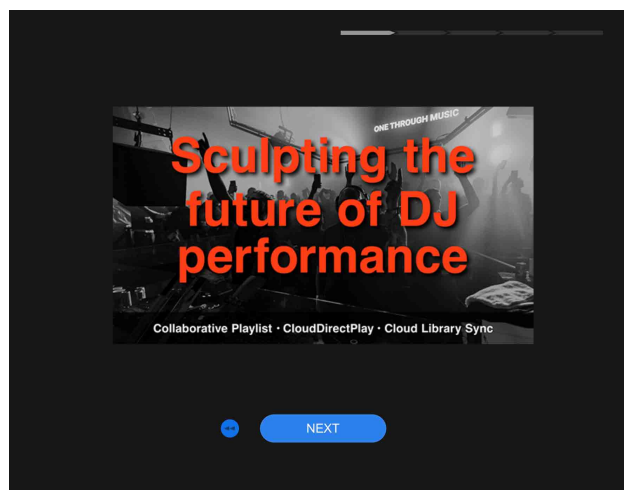


* In addition to the “Downloads” folder, it may also be the “Documents” folder, “Desktop” folder, “Dropbox”, etc.

If using a Windows computer, you will be asked if you allow rbinit.exe to make changes on your computer. Confirm the publisher, and then click [Yes].

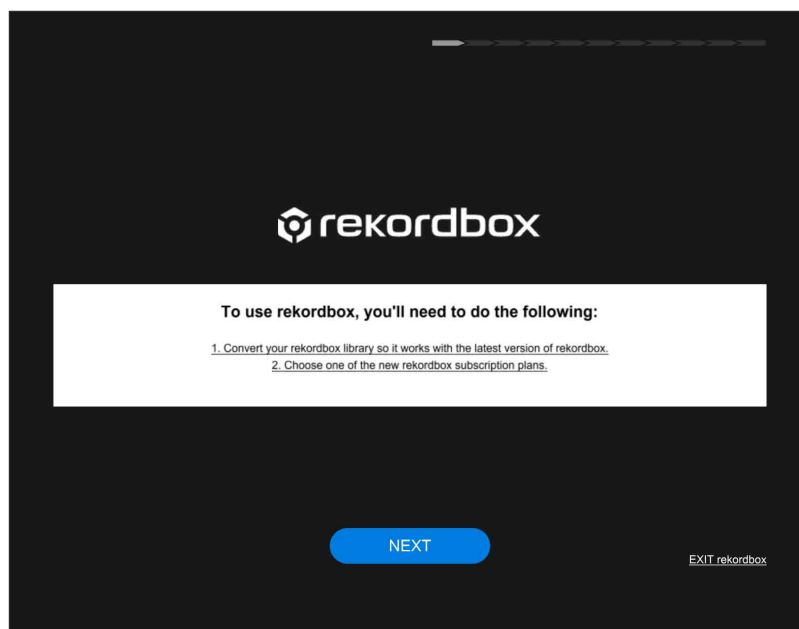
New installing or updating rekordbox from version 6

When you launch rekordbox, several windows are displayed. Check the contents and click [NEXT] to proceed.



Updating rekordbox from version 5 or earlier

If you use the library of rekordbox ver. 5 or earlier, you need to convert it. (You can create an empty library without using the library of rekordbox earlier version.)
When you launch rekordbox, the following window is displayed.



1 Click [NEXT].

2 Click [START].

The library conversion will start.

Click [Start rekordbox with an empty library] if you are not using the library of rekordbox ver. 5 or earlier.

Hint

- To cancel the library conversion, click [CANCEL]. You will need to convert the library again.
- Even if you cancel the library conversion or do not convert the library, you can convert it later. Select [Import your library from ver. 5 (or earlier)] from [Library] in the [File] menu at the top of the screen.

Note

- If there is not enough free space on the computer drive, an error screen appears. Check your computer's free space, and then click [Retry] to start the library conversion again.
- The library conversion may take time, and you cannot use rekordbox until the conversion is complete.

When the [Choose your plan] window is displayed

Choose your plan

Main features available by upgrading plans		Professional	Creative	Core	Free
Number of devices that can be activated		8	4	3	0
Comfortable music management	Collaborative Playlist	✓			
	Collection Filter	✓	✓	✓	✓*
	Column View	✓			✓*
	DUAL PLAYER	✓	✓	✓	✓*
	Compatible with a wide range of music streaming services	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cloud music management	rekordbox Cloud Storage powered by Dropbox	5TB			
	Collection Auto Upload	✓			
	Device Library Backup	✓			
	CloudDirectPlay	✓	✓		
	Cloud Library Sync	✓	✓		
Advanced track analysis	Automatic detection of vocal position using AI technology	✓			
	Intelligent Cue Creation	✓	✓	✓	
	Cloud Analysis	✓		✓	
Advanced DJ performance	Video performance	✓	✓		
	DVS control	✓		✓	
	STEMS	✓	✓	✓	✓
Additional effects	RMX effects	✓			
	DJIT effects	✓	✓	✓	
Editing and recording	Editing tracks	✓	✓		
	Record and share DJ mixes	✓	✓	✓	

New subscription plans for rekordbox ver. 7

Click to proceed

Choose your plan

Click [Choose your plan] to open the rekordbox website (rekordbox.com), and sign up a subscription plan. For details on subscription plans, refer to “Compare plans” on the rekordbox website.

rekordbox.com/en/plan/

Click [Click to proceed] if you have already signed up a subscription plan or do not want to sign up one.

Note

- The information on the above window is just an example. For actual prices and applicable services, refer to the rekordbox website.

Setting up rekordbox

- “About authentication by DJ equipment (Hardware Unlock)” (page 12)
- “Activating your computer with your subscription plan” (page 13)
- “Installing the audio driver” (page 14)
- “Setting up the audio output” (page 14)


About authentication by DJ equipment (Hardware Unlock)

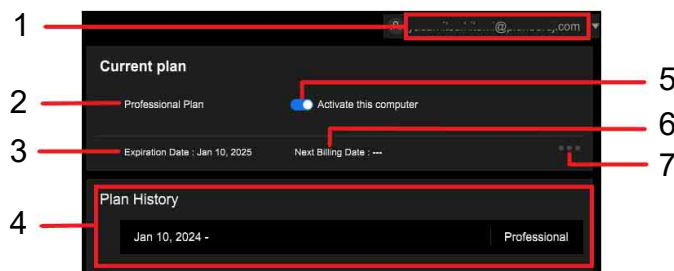
Depending on the DJ equipment, when you connect the DJ equipment to your computer on which rekordbox is installed, you can use limited functions, such as recording in the PERFORMANCE mode and the DVS function, without signing up a subscription plan. For details on supported DJ equipment, refer to the rekordbox website.

rekordbox.com/en/support/faq/v7/#faq_q700001

Refer to the Instruction Manual of the connected DJ equipment.

Activating your computer with your subscription plan

By signing up a subscription plan, you can use rekordbox on multiple computers by logging in to them with the same AlphaTheta account, and use limited functions. Click  in the upper-right of the screen to display the [Preferences] window, click the [PLAN] category, and then activate your computer.



1. AlphaThet account
2. Your current subscription plan
3. Expiration Date for your current subscription plan
4. History for your subscription plan
5. Turn the activation on/off.
6. Next billing date for your current subscription plan
7. Click here and select the following.
[Change/cancel your plan]: Change or cancel your subscription plan.
[Check for active devices]: Check the activation status on other computers and mobile devices.
For details and notes on updating a subscription plan, check the FAQ provided on the rekordbox website.


Hint

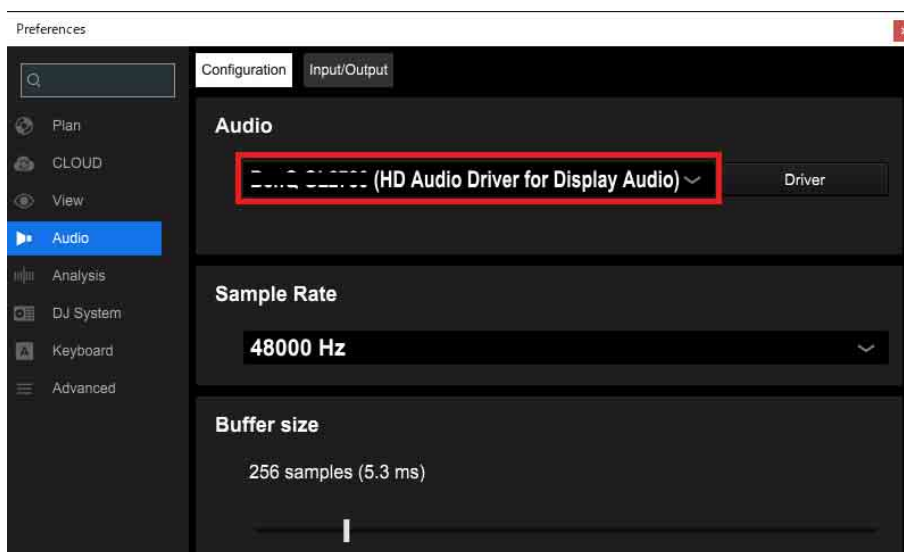
- If you use the same AlphaTheta account, you can activate multiple computers and mobile devices with a single subscription plan. The number of computers and mobile devices that you can activate is limited in accordance with your subscription plan. Therefore, if you purchase a new computer and use it with rekordbox, deactivate an old one first.

Installing the audio driver

When connecting DJ equipment to the computer, the driver installation screen is displayed. Follow the instructions on the screen to install the driver. For details, refer to the Instruction Manual of DJ equipment.

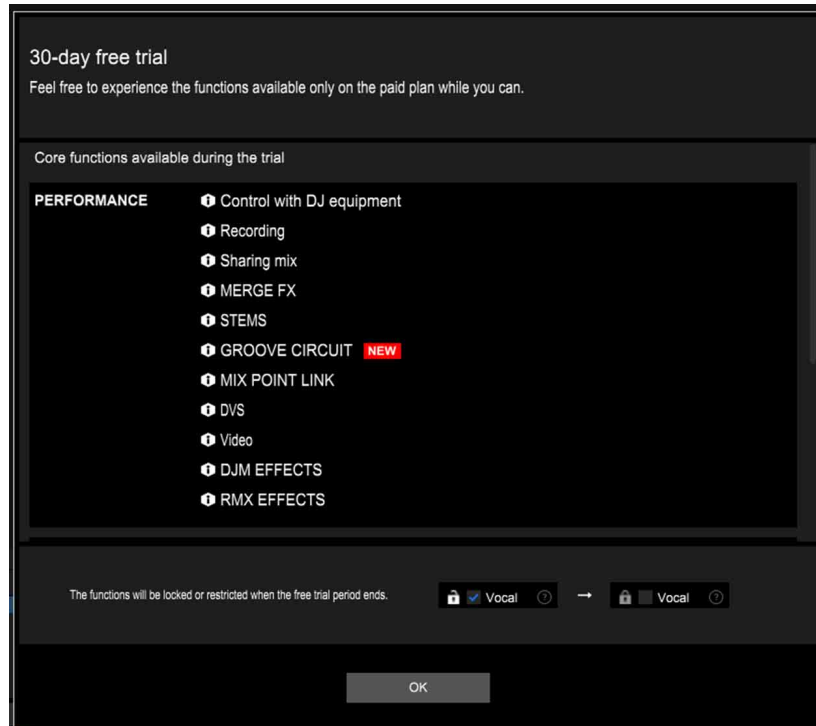
Setting up the audio output

Click  in the upper-right of the screen to open the [Preferences] window, and then select the speaker or audio interface on [Audio] of the [Audio] category.



About TRIAL


When you start rekordbox with Free Plan, the [30-day free trial] window is displayed. Click [OK] to start TRIAL.



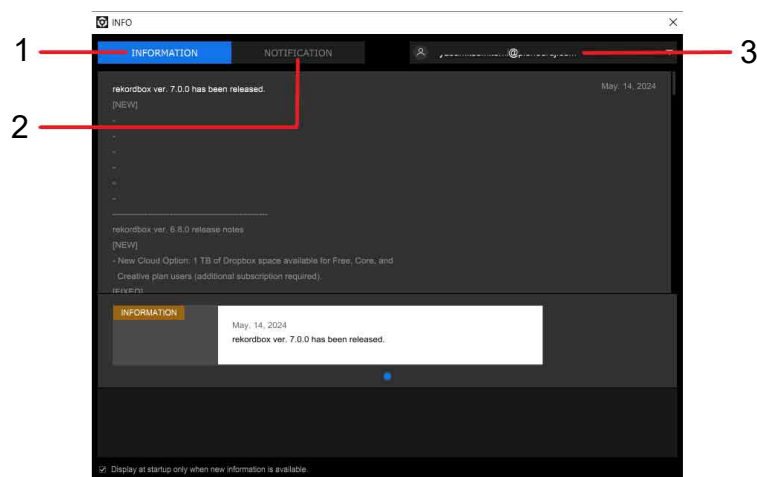
Note


- TRIAL can only be used once.

About [INFO]

Click  in the upper-right of the screen to open the [INFO] window.

The currently logged-in AlphaTheta account is displayed in the upper-right of the screen. You can switch the AlphaTheta account.



1. Information from the rekordbox website (rekordbox.com) are displayed.
When you click the [Display at startup only when new information is available.] checkbox at the bottom of the screen, you can set information to stop being displayed when rekordbox starts if there are no new information.
2. Personalized notifications for the user are displayed.
When a new notification comes, a badge will appear on the  icon or tab.
3. AlphaTheta account is displayed.
When you click here and select [Switch Account], you can switch the AlphaTheta account.
When you click here and select [Change Profile], you can change the profile of your AlphaTheta account.

EXPORT mode and PERFORMANCE mode

EXPORT mode and PERFORMANCE mode

rekordbox provides two modes for your DJ set preparation and DJ performance. Click [EXPORT] or [PERFORMANCE] in the upper-left of the screen to change the mode.

About the EXPORT mode

When using the CDJ/XDJ series, rekordbox supports DJ performances which use waveforms, cues, loops, beat sync, etc. by analyzing music files before starting.



You can enjoy various DJ performances using PRO DJ LINK by adding music files, which are stored in your computer and USB storage device, to [Collection] of rekordbox and managing them. For details of PRO DJ LINK, refer to “Using with DJ equipment (PRO DJ LINK)” of “rekordbox Instruction Manual” on the rekordbox website.

By signing up a subscription plan, you can save music files to a cloud storage and share them with other devices, including library information such as grids and cues.

About the PERFORMANCE mode

Use the PERFORMANCE mode for DJ mix performance on rekordbox. You can enjoy professional DJ performances with up to 4 decks, 16 samplers, and various features including the effect function.



The PERFORMANCE mode has various functions * useful for DJ play such as synchronizing performance with lighting equipment, using streaming music files, separating vocals and accompaniment parts of a music file, sharing mixes on SNS, saving music files and library information to the cloud storage to share with other devices, sharing playlists with other users, and learning the user's cue setting pattern to set cues automatically.

* Depending on your subscription plan, some functions may not be available.

For details on subscription plans, refer to “Compare plans” on the rekordbox website.
rekordbox.com/en/plan/

Download and install the sample pack

You can download “sample pack” audio files which can be used for the rekordbox sampler. Select [Additional contents] > [Sample Pack] > [Download] from the [File] menu at the top of the screen. Downloading will start. After downloading, select [Import], and then select the downloaded file. The downloaded file will be imported to rekordbox. After the import, you can use the audio files for the sampler.

Others

System requirements

The latest information (supported OS, required operating environment, etc.) is available on the rekordbox website.

rekordbox.com/en/download/#system

rekordbox END USER LICENCE AGREEMENT

For “rekordbox END USER LICENCE AGREEMENT”, refer to the rekordbox website.

rekordbox.com/en/download/

Communications environment on the computer

Depending on your computer's security software and operating system settings, communications with DJ equipment or mobile devices may be interrupted. If this occurs, check your settings for the following 4 programs to ensure that they are not blocked. The program extension depends on the OS of the computer; e.g. the extension ".app" is for Mac and ".exe" for Windows:

rekordbox
edb_streamd
rbhttpserver
rbcloudagent.exe

When sharing of the computer's internet connection is enabled, problems may arise in communications with other computers or DJ units connected on the LAN. Disable sharing before connecting the computer to the LAN.

- Mac: Open [System Preferences], and uncheck [Internet Sharing] under [Sharing].
- Windows: Open [Local Area Connection Properties], and then at [Sharing], uncheck [Allow other network users to connect through this computer's Internet connection] under [Internet Connection Sharing].

Communications with DJ equipment or mobile devices may also be interrupted if the network (IP address, port number, etc.) is restricted by a router or another communications device.

For details on the communications devices, security software, and the settings of the operating system, contact the respective manufacturer or your sales agent.

File formats that can be loaded and played

Files that can be loaded and played on rekordbox are listed below.

- It may not be possible to read or play copyright-protected music files.
- For music files (file formats) that can be loaded and played on DJ equipment, refer to the Instruction Manual of the DJ equipment.

Music files

Music file	Compatible formats	Encoding method	Bit depth	Bit rate	Sampling frequency	File extension
MP3	MPEG-1 AUDIO LAYER-3	CBR VBR	16 bit	32 kbps to 320 kbps	32 kHz 44.1 kHz 48 kHz	.mp3
	MPEG-2 AUDIO LAYER-3	CBR VBR	16 bit	16 kbps to 160 kbps	16 kHz 22.05 kHz 24 kHz	.mp3
AAC	MPEG-4 AAC LC	CBR VBR	16 bit	8 kbps to 320 kbps	16 kHz 22.05 kHz 24 kHz 32 kHz 44.1 kHz 48 kHz	.m4a .mp4
WAVE		Uncompressed PCM	16 bit 24 bit	—	44.1 kHz 48 kHz 88.2 kHz 96 kHz 192 kHz	.wav
AIFF		Uncompressed PCM	16 bit 24 bit	—	44.1 kHz 48 kHz 88.2 kHz 96 kHz 192 kHz	.aif .aiff

Music file	Compatible formats	Encoding method	Bit depth	Bit rate	Sampling frequency	File extension
Apple Lossless		Compressed PCM	16 bit 24 bit	—	44.1 kHz 48 kHz 88.2 kHz 96 kHz 192 kHz	.m4a
FLAC		Compressed PCM	16 bit 24 bit	—	44.1 kHz 48 kHz 88.2 kHz 96 kHz 192 kHz	.flac .fla

Video Files

- File extension: mpg, mp4, m4v, avi (Windows)
- Video format
 - Codec: h.264, mpeg-4, mpeg-2
 - Display resolution: up to 1 920 × 1 080
- Audio format: LPCM (aiff), aac, mp3

Supported media (file system)

Note that rekordbox can only write to SD memory cards and USB storage devices (flash memories or hard disks) which use a file system listed in the table below.

Recording media	FAT16	FAT32	NTFS	exFAT	HFS	HFS+
SD memory cards	✓	✓	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A
USB storage devices	✓	✓	N/A	✓	N/A	✓

- For DJ equipment supported with exFAT, check the FAQ provided on the rekordbox website below.
rekordbox.com/en/support/faq/v7/#faq-q700010
- Refer to the instruction manual of each DJ equipment for SD memory cards and USB storage devices (flash memory and hard disk) which support DJ equipment.
- HFS+ is available for Mac.

Online support site

Before making inquiries on rekordbox operating procedures or technical issues, read this manual and check the FAQ provided on the rekordbox website.

- AlphaTheta Corporation collects your personal information for the following purposes:
 1. To provide customer support for your purchased product
 2. To inform you of product or event information via e-mail
 3. To obtain feedback collected by survey for product planning purposes
 - Your personal information is kept confidential corresponding to the privacy policy set forth by our company.
 - AlphaTheta Corporation's privacy policy can be viewed on the rekordbox online support site.
- When making inquiries regarding rekordbox, please be sure to let us know your computer type and specifications (CPU, installed memory and other connected peripherals, etc.), the operating system and version used, as well as concrete information regarding the issue at hand.
 - To inquire about configuration of your computer with non-AlphaTheta Corporation peripheral devices

and to obtain the corresponding technical support, contact the manufacturer or retailer.

- Further version updates are anticipated for improved functionality and performance of rekordbox. Update programs will be available for download on the rekordbox online support site. We strongly recommend you check for the updates to always use the latest version of rekordbox.

Disclaimer

Please note that AlphaTheta Corporation cannot accept responsibility for the legality, morality or reliability of operation with regard to the use of rekordbox by customers. Problems in operation of rekordbox may arise due to the operating environment of the customer's computer and of rekordbox, or conflict with other software.

Please note that AlphaTheta Corporation cannot accept responsibility for loss of your registered information. Please make a separate note of information you have registered and store it in a safe place.

Copyright warning

The use of rekordbox is restricted with regard to the playing and copying of copy-protected music.

- The program may not operate properly if copy-protect encryption data is embedded in recorded media.
- Playback, analysis, and other operations may stop if copy-protect encryption data is detected as embedded in recorded media.

The material you record is for your own listening enjoyment, and cannot be used for other purposes without permission from the copyright owner.

- Music recorded from CDs and other media may be protected by the copyright laws of individual countries as well as by international convention. You are solely responsible for the lawful use of the recordings you make.
- When handling music that has been downloaded over the internet, the person who has downloaded the music is fully responsible for using the music in compliance with his/her contract with the website from which the music was downloaded.

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