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Shortcut Buddy



For any questions, bugs, feature ideas, please email support at support@noirlabs.co.

Only Ableton 10 Suite, Ableton 11 Suite or Standard with a Max for Live license are supported.

Installation

Place the .axmd file into the Max Audio Effect folder. Wherever that folder is on your computer place it there.

Windows

\Users\[username]\Documents\Ableton\User Library\Presets\Audio Effects\Max Audio Effect

Mac OS X

Macintosh HD/Users/[username]/Music/Ableton/User Library/Presets/Audio Effects/Max Audio Effect

Windows Only

Navigate to Ableton's Preferences. In the **Look/Feel** tab, make sure that "**Allow Multiple Instances**" is set to **off**. Otherwise Shortcut Buddy will open a new instance of Ableton instead of opening a plugin.



Setup

To ensure **.VSTPresets** and **.AUPresets** open correctly through **Shortcut Buddy** please follow these steps.

Windows

1. In the Ableton Browser, navigate to the location where a `.vstpreset` or `.aupreset` file is stored.
2. Right-click on the desired file.
3. Select "Show in Explorer" to reveal the file in File Explorer.
4. Right-click on the file in File Explorer.
5. Choose "Open with" and then click on "Choose another app."
6. Select Ableton Live from the list of applications.
7. Check the box that says "Always use this app to open `.vstpreset` (or `.aupreset`) files."
8. Click "OK" to set Ableton Live as the default application.

Mac

1. In the Ableton Browser, navigate to the location where a `.vstpreset` or `.aupreset` file is stored.
2. Control-click (or right-click) on the desired file.
3. Select "Reveal in Finder" to locate the file in Finder.
4. Control-click (or right-click) on the file in Finder.
5. Choose "Get Info" from the context menu.
6. In the "Open with" section, select Ableton Live from the dropdown menu.
7. Click the "Change All..." button to set Ableton Live as the default application for all files of this type.
8. Confirm the change when prompted.



Main Controls

Noir Labs Menu

Opens the Noir Labs menu. This button will also flash green when a new update is present.

Number of Macros

Select from 8 to 32 macros to launch.

Reset

Resets Shortcut Buddy to its default state, clearing all macros.

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Load

Map a key command or midi note to the yellow circle to launch the loaded plugin.

Insert Effect

Drag an effect or plugin into the slot to load it into Shortcut Buddy.

Clear

Clears the currently loaded plugin from the slot.



How to Use Shortcut Buddy

Shortcut Buddy can load any file extension ending in .adv, .adg, .VSTPRESET or .AU Preset. This means default Ableton presets or racks in addition to VST/AU presets can be dragged into Shortcut Buddy and launched.

Shortcut Buddy CANNOT load plugins directly dragged from the Ableton Live Browser. They must be saved into the Ableton library as a group rack, or preset before dragging into Shortcut Buddy.

Additionally, due to a limitation within Ableton, key mappings cannot be saved with any device racks. A workaround is to save Shortcut Buddy with key or midi mappings as a part of your default live set.



Change Log

v3.02

- Fixes a bug that cause shortcuts to incorrectly launch after reloading a saved file.
- Fixes a bug that caused plugins to open twice when clicking on a plugin launch button

v3.01

- Fixes a bug that cause undo to re-trigger a plugin insert
- Fixes a bug that caused midi messages to trigger inserting a plugin twice

v3

- Full UI redesign
- Can now add up to 64 plugins per instance of Shortcut Buddy.
- Bug fixes for Windows users