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djaupro 2 User Manual (Mac)

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Introduction

1 Introduction

Welcome to **djay Pro 2**. Whether you're a seasoned DJ or a rookie to the concept of mixing music, **djay Pro 2** is powerful and flexible, with all the tools you might need to mix both audio and video. The app is built from the ground up to work perfectly with **macOS**, meaning rock-solid stability, built in Force Touch & multi-touch gestures, and silky smooth visuals on Retina Displays.

- Up to four channels of music and two channels of video
- Built-in audio and video effects
- Spotify and iTunes integration
- Ultra-low latency audio engine
- 64-bit processing
- Silky smooth 60 frames per second interface
- Optimized for high resolution Retina Displays
- Native support for over 50 MIDI controllers from major manufacturers
- Native plug-and-play HID integration for supported Pioneer CDJs
- Both Force touch and multi-touch gestures native to the app

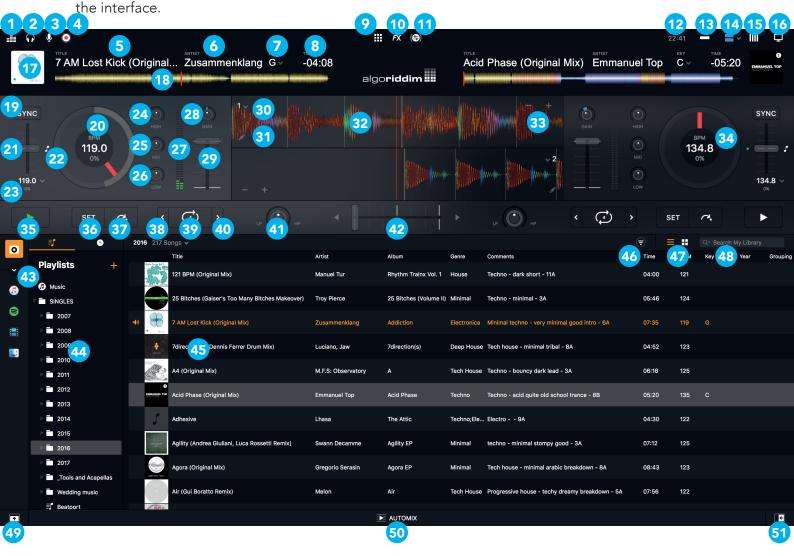
1.1 Minimum requirements

You can run **djay Pro 2** on any **Apple Mac** computer running macOS 10.9 or later. The minimum install size for the software is 290 MB, plus space for your music and videos. Since **djay Pro 2** is designed with macOS in mind, all you need to bring is your music!

Tip: More RAM and a faster processor will ensure a smoother experience while DJing.

1.2 Interface tour

Need to know what everything is when you first load **djay Pro 2**? Here's a at-a-glance tour of



- 1. **Master volume control.** Change the master output and access settings (see **section 4.2.1 Master out**).
- 2. **Headphone pre-cue control.** Change the pre-cue output and access settings (see section 4.2.2 Headphone pre-cueing).
- 3. Microphone volume control. Change the microphone output and access settings (see

section 4.2.3 Mic input).

- 4. **Mix recorder.** Toggles the Mix recorder pop up (see **section 4.9 Mix recorder**).
- 5. **Track title.** Displays the track title metadata.
- 6. **Track artists.** Displays the track artist(s) metadata.
- 7. **Track musical key.** Displays the current track musical key (see **section 5.5 Key lock and changing key**).
- 8. **Track time remain.** Shows how much time is left on the deck. Click to toggle to time played.
- 9. Sampler. Open/close the Sampler panel (see section 5.13 Sampler).
- 10. Effects. Toggle the quick effects panels for decks 1 & 2 (see section 5.10 Effects).
- 11. **Deck tools button.** Toggles displaying the FX, loop and pads tool panel (see **sections 5.10 Effects**, **5.11 Loops**, and **5.12 Cue points**).
- 12. Clock. Tells you the time while in fullscreen mode.
- 13. **Single deck mode.** Select from single deck and Automix views (see **section 5.2 Advanced deck layouts**).
- 14. **Two-deck mode.** Select different two-deck modes (see **section 5.2 Advanced deck layouts**).
- 15. Four-deck mode. Select different four-deck modes (see section 5.2 Advanced deck layouts).
- 16. Video mode. Select video mode (see section 5.2 Advanced deck layouts).
- 17. **Album art.** Displays the album art metadata.
- 18. **Track waveform.** Displays the overall visual render of track audio, with progress marker (see **section 5.2.3 Waveforms**).
- 19. **Deck sync button.** Toggles whether the track is synced (see **section 5.6 Syncing**).
- 20. **Deck progress indicator & jogwheel.** Standard DJ control system for cueing, scratching, and rewinding deck audio. Displays the track progress around the edge.
- 21. **Tempo slider.** Speeds up and slows down the playing track.
- 22. **Deck key lock.** Maintains the current musical key of the audio, even if tempo is changed (see **section 5.5 Key lock and changing key**).
- 23. **Deck BPM.** Displays the current BPM of the playing track (see **section 5.4 BPM and tempo**).
- 24. **High EQ.** Controls the amount of high frequencies in the track between -24dB to +6dB.
- 25. Mid EQ. Controls the amount of mid frequencies in the track between -24dB to +6dB.
- 26. **Deck low EQ.** Controls the amount of low frequencies in the track between -24dB to

+6dB.

- 27. Channel level meter. Indicator to show how loud the track is.
- 28. Channel gain. Controls the gain trim for the deck (see section 4.6 Mixer).
- 29. Volume fader. Controls the amount of volume a deck outputs (see section 4.6 Mixer).
- 30. **Deck number indicator/options.** Tells you which deck the waveform is from and gives access to deck options (see **sections 5.7 Slicer mode, and 5.8 Slip mode**).
- 31. **Beatgrid edit button.** Accesses options to alter track beatgrid (see **section 5.3 Beatgrids**).
- 32. **Scrolling waveform.** Zoomed in visual of track audio, which follows the progress of the deck (see **section 5.2.3 Waveforms**).
- 33. **Deck +/- tempo bend buttons.** Buttons to temporarily slow down or speed up the audio to nudge a track while beatmatching.
- 34. **Track sticker indicator.** Displays a marker showing the position of the virtual spinning record as it plays.
- 35. Play/pause button. Stops and starts the audio on the deck (see section 4.1 Layout).
- 36. **Cue set button.** Sets a temporary cue point at the current location of the progress indicator (see **section 4.1 Layout**).
- 37. **Cue jump button.** Returns the deck to the existing cue point, plays audio from the cue point if held down, or returns you to the start of the track if no cue point is set (see **section 4.1 Layout**).
- 38. **Loop halve button.** Button to reduce the loop length by half from 32 beats to 1/16 beat (see **section 5.11 Loops**).
- 39. **Loop set button.** Toggles a loop on/off at the current progress marker (see **section 5.11 Loops**).
- 40. **Loop double button.** Button to increase the loop length by double from 1/16 beat to 32 beats (see **section 5.11 Loops**).
- 41. **DJ Filter.** Both low pass (LPF) and high pass (HPF) filters on one knob (see **section 4.1** Layout).
- 42. **Crossfader.** Horizontal slider that fades volume between the decks (see **section 4.6.1 Crossfader section**).
- 43. **Library tabs.** Switches between My Library, iTunes, Spotify, Video, and Finder browser tabs (see **section 5.9 Library management**).
- 44. **Library browser tree.** Displays the playlist tree, with folders and playlists (see **section 5.9 Library management**).
- 45. Playlist window. Displays the currently selected playlist (see section 4.3 Media

library browser).

- 46. Filter bar toggle. Hides/displays the playlist filter rules (see section 7.5.7 Filtering).
- 47. **List view buttons.** Buttons to change playlist view between compact, regular, and grid (see **section 5.9.3 List views**).
- 48. **Search box.** Input box for typing in search words to filter your library. Can switch between searching playlist or collection (see **section 4.3 Media library browser**).
- 49. **Library expand button.** Toggles between showing full library browser or browser and decks.
- 50. **Automix.** Accesses Automix options and functions (see **section 4.8.3 Automix**).
- 51. **Side panel toggle.** Show/hide the library side panel (see **section 7.6 Library side panel**)

Glossary of terms

2 Glossary of terms

There are many common technical and DJ terms used throughout this manual. Below is a quick list of some of these words along with a short definition.

BPM (Beats per minute). The standard unit of measuring the tempo of music.

Channel. An individual input route for audio on the mixer. A channel can output either video or audio.

Cue point. Markers that can be set along the timeline of the track and jumped to instantly. Up to eight can be created per track.

Deck. Like it's physical counterpart, this is where your individual tracks are played and controlled. You can change the tempo, view track progress and overall waveforms, and emulate the behavior of CDJs and turntables.

Downbeat. The first beat of a measure.

Effect. A method of applying alterations to the audio of a track or mix. You can chain up to three audio effects, and two video effects per channel.

EQ (equalization). A filtering of the audio to cut out specific frequencies. djay Pro 2 features the standard DJ mixer High, Mid, and Low EQs.

Fader/slider. A control method which uses a sliding action to fade between amounts. DJ mixers tend to feature vertical faders and a crossfader.

Force touch. An addition to touch technology that allows for detecting different pressures of touch.

Jogwheel. A round platter used for controlling music. They are designed to emulate the feel of a turntable and usually come in pairs on DJ controllers.

Library. The section of **djay Pro 2** where you can quickly browse, search and prepare your music and videos to mix with.

Loop. A segment of a track that's repeated. The size and location of the loop can be

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determined by the user.

Measure. Also known as a Bar, a measure is the number of beats corresponding to the timing of the music. For example, most dance music is 4/4 timing, so one measure is four beats.

Mixer. The hub of your equipment that controls the output of music by changing channel volume, gain, EQs, filters, and crossfade.

Multi-touch. Technology such as the MacBook Pro's trackpad that allows for more than one touch point and multiple point gestures.

Playlist. A saved list of tracks within your library. You can use these to prepare your mixes and Automix queue.

Quantize. The act of ensuring music is precisely set to a rhythm. Quantized music will stay in time with a set tempo, and will always launch at a selected interval of this tempo, even if it's off the beat.

Sample. A short clip of audio or video taken from another source that can be quickly played back.

Sync. The act of automatically ensuring tracks stay in time, either by simply matching the tempo, or quantizing the beats to stay together.

Tempo. The speed at which music is played. This is usually measured in beats per minute.

Transport. The buttons used to control a track. These include start/stop, cue start, and sometimes rewind and fast forward.

UI (User interface). The system of screen elements the user interacts with, such as buttons, menus, scrolling lists, or waveforms.

Waveform. The visual representation of the music, displaying audio volume, and sometimes showing frequencies in different colors.

Quick Start

3 Quick start

From the moment you first load **djay Pro 2**, the experience is designed to be as intuitive as possible. Getting your first mix started is almost as easy as playing tracks in iTunes.

3.1 Installing djay Pro 2

You can either buy **djay Pro 2** via the <u>Mac App Store</u> or the <u>Algoriddim web store</u>. Both the Algoriddim license and App Store allow you to install and run the software on any active Mac computers you own.

3.1.1 Download from the App Store

Purchase and download the app like any other on the **Mac App Store**. The purchase will be tied to your Apple ID, which means you won't need a license key to install.

3.1.2 Download from Algoriddim

Purchase, download, and install **djay Pro 2** like you would any other software. Once you've paid for the software, you'll be sent a license key. Be sure to keep the license key you received safe.

NOTE: Only the App Store version of **djay Pro 2** has iCloud integration which allows you to sync hot cues and other user data with other versions of **djay**.

3.1.3 Launching djay Pro 2

The first time you load into the software, you'll see the default layout: two decks, a mixer and a browser for your music collection.



3.2 Navigating the library browser

You can find the library browser in the lower half of the **djay Pro 2** window, which give you access to all your music, from your own collection as well as the Spotify streaming service (Premium account required).

3.2.1 My Library

The My Library lets you manage, edit and sort your music from within **djay Pro 2**. See **section 7 What's new in 2.0** for more information.



3.2.2 iTunes playlists

You can browse your iTunes playlists by clicking the **iTunes** icon on the far-left strip of the browser. The browser tree will then display your playlists.



3.2.3 Spotify

To access Spotify's music streaming library, you'll need an active Premium account on the service, and to be logged in to your account within **djay Pro 2**.



3.2.4 Finder

You can browse your music by adding folders from your hard drive, external drives, and USB sticks through the **Finder** tab of the library browser. Simply click **Add Folder** and find where your music collection is stored.



3.2.5 Searching

To find a specific track, choose the relevant tab in your library and use the **search box (1)** in the top right of the library browser.



3.3 Loading a track

Move the crossfader in the center of the window all the way to the left, either by clicking the arrow between the crossfader and filter knob (1), or clicking and dragging the crossfader yourself (2).



Next, there are two ways to load a track into a deck.

1. Right click on your chosen track and select **Load On Deck 1** from the context menu.



2. Drag the track into the left-hand deck.



Hit the **Play** button on the far left of the mixer strip to start your music playing.



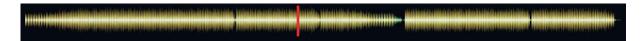
3.4 Mixing your tracks

Add a new music track from iTunes or Spotify to **Deck 2** then make sure it isn't playing (if it is, use the **PLAY button** to stop playback).

Click the **SYNC** button to match the new track's BPM with the first track.

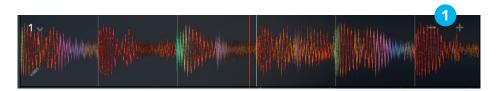


Restart the track by **two-finger dragging** or **click-dragging** across the track waveform above the deck all the way to the left. Ensure the **red indicator** is set to the far left.



Press **PLAY** at the start of a measure on the first track to play both in time. Move the crossfader across to the middle to hear both tracks playing at once.

If you find that the beats sound a bit out, use the **+ and – symbols (1)** on the **deck 2** to nudge the track in time. Keep practicing this until you get it right and you will have learned the fundamentals of beatmatching, one of the cornerstones of DJing.



Congratulations! You've just done a mix!

3.5 Recording your mix

You can record your mix by clicking the red button at the top-left of the window. When the popup appears, press **Start New Audio Recording** to activate the recorder. A timer next to the red button will then light up and count up, to indicate recording in progress. For more details about the mix recording functions, see **section 4.9 Mix recorder**.



3.6 Adding hardware

You can see the full list of supported MIDI controllers and HID-enabled media players over on our website. The listed hardware is plug-and-play, meaning **djay Pro 2** will recognize it's connected and the all your controls will work without any extra settings. For more detailed information please read **section 5.14 Using hardware**.



Core features

4 Core features

A fresh install of djay Pro 2 will present you with the default view, a familiar layout designed to get you mixing quickly. The core features of the software are all at your fingertips from the moment you open the software.



4.1 Layout

The main **djay Pro 2** screen consists of your music decks, mixer and library. If you're familiar with existing DJ paradigms or other modern DJ software, you will recognize many of these functions.



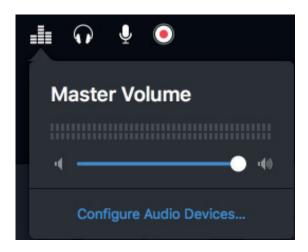
- 1. **Global volume controls:** This section allows you to set the volume and select hardware devices for the Master out, headphone pre-cueing, and microphone input.
- 2. **Sampler:** Access up to 12 samples to spice up your set. You can choose from official purchasable sample packs, or add your own saved samples from your music collection. See **section 5.13 Sampler** for more information.
- 3. **Deck options:** Switch between the different two, four and video deck layouts (see section 4.5 Deck views and section 5.2 Advanced deck layouts).
- 4. **Decks:** The music players used to play and control your audio and video.
- 5. **Transport:** Your basic controls for your decks.
- 6. Mixer: see section 4.6 Mixer for more information
- 7. **Library browser:** Access all your music and videos from here (see **section 4.3 Media library browser** and **section 5.9 Library management** for more details).

4.2 Volume controls

Each of your volume inputs and outputs can be configured quickly and easily from the top of your **djay Pro 2** window in the global section. Choose the desired hardware for each before doing anything else.

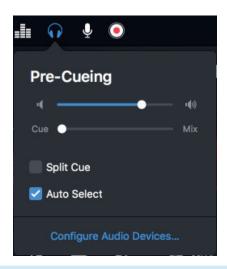
4.2.1 Master out

The master out pop up gives you quick access to the master volume control as well as the **Configure Audio Devices** preferences.



4.2.2 Headphone pre-cueing

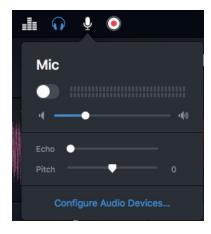
Change the **Volume** of your headphone monitoring. Alter the **Cue/mix** amounts to allow your headphones to hear as much of the cued track and the main mix as you need. Use **Split Cue** to hear your cued track in your left ear and the main mix in your right. Toggle **Auto Select** to allow **djay Pro 2** to automatically choose which channel you're cueing.



TIP: Using the **Cue/mix** and **Split Cue** can be useful when DJing in a noisy environment or if there's significant delay to the house PA system.

4.2.3 Mic input

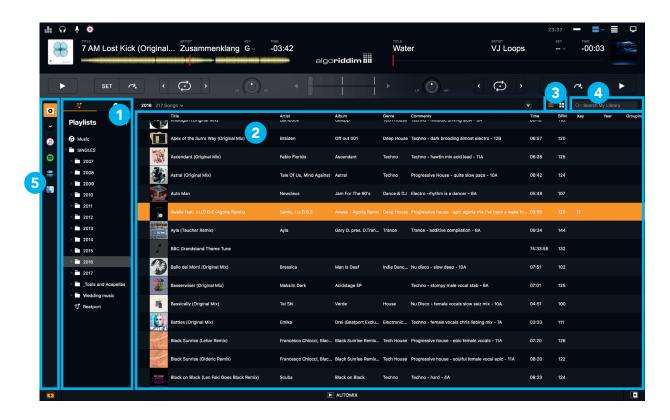
Once you've configured your microphone hardware, toggle the microphone input on or off, change the volume to suit your needs. You can also add **Echo** and alter the **Pitch** of the incoming sound for some cool effects!



4.3 Media library browser

The library browser is a powerful tool to help organize your music and prepare your sets. The browser consists of two main parts: the **Playlist Tree** and the **Track List**, and includes music searching, track filtering and access to both **iTunes** and the **Spotify** music streaming service.

TIP: You can access the expanded browser view quickly by hitting **ENTER** on your computer keyboard.



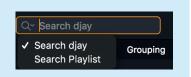
- 1. **Playlist tree:** Displays all your playlists, smart playlists, and playlist folders. Selecting a playlist will display saved tracks in the track list on the right of the browser.
- 2. **Track list:** Shows a list of all the tracks in the currently selected playlist or folder.

Along with the two main sections of the library browser, there are also some other important functions:

3. **List view options:** These icons let you change how the track list windows displays your music collection. You can switch between **compact grid**, and **collection view**.

- See section 5.9 Library management for more information.
- Search: The search box allows you to quickly find tracks within your current collection (My Library, iTunes, Spotify, Videos, History, and Finder) by searching for text strings in track metadata.

TIP: You can switch between searching the whole library and the current playlist by clicking the little menu arrow in the search box.



5. **Library tab buttons:** Easily switch between your different collections using the buttons on the left of the browser. You can switch between **My Library, iTunes**, **Spotify**, **Videos**, **History**, and **Finder**.

4.4 Decks

Just like hardware DJ equipment, the decks within **djay Pro 2** allow you to load, play and manipulate up to four different music tracks or two different videos. The Waveform views feature parallel scrolling, designed to help you mix. You can control the track gain (otherwise known as trim) and left/right balance using the sliders incorporated into the deck level meters at the top corners of the screen.

4.5 Deck views

You can switch to different deck views, depending on your preference, using the deck view buttons a thte top-right of the window. More details for both the two and four deck layouts in **section 5.2 Advanced deck layouts**.

4.5.1 2-deck view

The default layout for **djay Pro 2** displays your decks as virtual jogwheels, emulating the look and feel of their real counterparts to help familiarity.



You can also choose to switch between horizontal or vertical scrolling waveforms, and virtual turntables.



4.5.2 Vertical waveforms

You can set your track waveforms to flow from top to bottom, in parallel.



4.5.3 Horizontal waveforms

With horizontal waveforms, the visuals scroll from right to left, in parallel.



4.6 Mixer

The mixer section controls which deck plays out to the master. There are also filter controls, as well as loop and transport buttons across this strip.

4.6.1 Crossfader section

The **crossfader** can be found in the center of the screen. The **left/right** arrow buttons on either side automate a crossfade in the direction of the arrow. The speed of the fade can be set in the preferences (see **section 4.8.3 Automix preferences**).



Filters

Either side of the crossfader, you can find dedicated deck **DJ Filter** knobs. These knobs are designed to cut out either the low or high frequencies, depending on whether you turn left or right.



Transport controls

The transport section consists of three controls: the **PLAY** button, **CUE SET**, and **CUE PLAY** (**CUP**). The **PLAY** button starts and stops the track based on the start and stop times (see **section 4.8.1 General preferences**). The **CUE SET** button sets a temporary cue point which can be recalled while the deck is playing music. When the deck is stopped, the **CUE SET** button sets a new cue point.



Loop controls

The **djay Pro 2** loop controls feature a simple set-up consisting of three buttons: **loop length decrease**, **loop activate**, and **loop length increase**. The loop length is shown in beats, and changing the size halves or doubles, from **1/16th** of a beat up to **32** beats. When a loop is active, the **loop activate** button will turn blue.



4.7 Shortcuts and multi-touch control

djay Pro 2 features both multi-touch and Force touch gestures on the trackpad (Force touch only on enabled trackpad hardware), along with a comprehensive list of keyboard shortcuts to get you mixing. For more information, view the full list of shortcuts by selecting **Keyboard shortcuts** from the **Help** menu (or $\hat{\mathbf{1}}$ + K). You can also customize your shortcuts via the Shortcuts preferences (see **section 4.8.6 Shortcuts preferences**).

	Deck 1	Deck 2
Play/pause	1	0
Reverse/break	∖∵/ж + 1	∖∵/₩ + 0
Sync / match key	2/器+2	9/ # + 9
BPM tap / set grid	\(\nabla + \mathbb{H} + 2 / \nabla + 2	\(\tau + \mathbf{#} + 9 / \tau + 9\)
Skip backward/forward	3/4	7/8
Pitch bend -/+	Hold \(\nabla\) + 3/4	Hold ℃ + 7/8
Tempo -/+	^ + \tag{+ 3/4}	^ + \tau + 7/8
Key lock	^ + \tau + 5	^ + \tau + 6
FX 1/2 toggle	5/℃+5	6/℃+6
Gain up/down	û + Q/A	☆ + P/L
EQ low up/down/kill	☆ + W/S/X	企 + U/H/B
EQ mid up/down/kill	企 + E/D/C	☆ + I/J/N
EQ mid up/down/kill	☆ + R/F/V	☆ + O/K/M
Jump to start/end/point	Q/T	P/Y
Jump to cue points 1/2/3	W/E/R	U/I/O
Set start/end point	\(\tau + \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	\(\tau + P/Y \)
Set cue points 1/2/3	∵ + W/E/R	\(\tau + U/I/O\)
Autoloop on/off	А	L
Set loop in/out	S/D	J/K
Set loop duration ½/x2	∵ + S/D	\(\tau + J/K \)
Loop off / reloop	\(\tau + A \)	\(\tau + L \)
Bounce loop	^ + 1/2/3/4/5	^ + 6/7/8/9/0
Instant FX	ଫ + 飞 + 1/2/3/4/5	☆ + ∵ + 6/7/8/9/0
Duplicate song	企+₩+D	쇼 + ¥ + J
Reset sliders	ጉ + \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	☆ + T + L

Mixer

Transition left

Crossfade middle

Transition right

Switch to left

Switch to middle

Switch to right

Cut crossfader

Auto-cut slow

Auto-cut fast

Cut active line fader

Volume up/down

LEFT arrow

₩ + UP arrow

RIGHT arrow

へ + 位 + LEFT arrow

へ + 位 + UP arrow

^ + ☆ + RIGHT arrow

F

Hold G

Hold H

 $\nabla + Z$

+ / - keys

Pre-cueing

Switch to left

Switch to right

Volume up/down

\[
 \tau + LEFT arrow
 \]

\` + +/- key

Library

Load on deck 1/2

Add to queue

Remove from queue

Find in library

₩ + LEFT or RIGHT arrow

₩ + ENTER

BACKSPACE

₩ + F

Sampler

Record from deck 1/2/MIC

Play sample

û + \ + B/N/M

X/C/V/B/N/M, $\Upsilon + X/C/V/B/N/M$

Slip mode

Slip scratch

Slip play

Slip cue

₩ + scratch deck

₩ + click play button

 \Re + click cue jump button

Slip loop # + click loop button

Multi-touch

Scratch record

Move selected slider

Auto crossfader cut scratch

Two-finger drag or swipe

Two-finger drag or swipe

☆ + two-finger drag/swipe

Force touch

Cue play Force click CUE JUMP button

EQ kill Force click EQ knob

High pass: Force click filter knob

Reset slider Force click slider

Preview track Force click tracklist

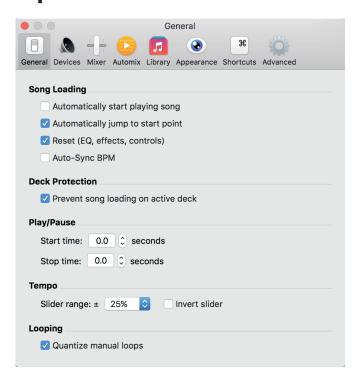
NOTE: Keyboard shortcuts may vary depending on your selected keyboard layout. Shortcuts in the menu and in the keyboard shortcuts window will always match the active keyboard layout.

4.8 Preferences

You can use either the \Re + , keyboard shortcut or go to **djay Pro 2** > **Preferences** in the application menu to access the software preferences.

NOTE: Keyboard shortcuts may vary depending on your selected language layout.

4.8.1 General preferences



Song Loading

Automatically start playing song: Automatically have songs begin playing as soon as they load into a deck.

Automatically jump to start point: Loads the track at the first cue point set with the **CUE SET** action.

Reset (EQ, effects, controls): Sets all your track controls back to defaults upon track load.

Auto-sync BPM: Automatically sets the BPM of your new track to match your currently playing one.

Deck Protection

Prevent song loading on active deck: Locks all your decks while they have a track playing to prevent you accidentally replacing a loaded track.

Play/Pause

Start time: Sets how long it takes for a track to gain full speed from when you hit Play. This effect is similar to the torque adjust on a turntable.

Stop time: Sets how long it takes for a track to stop playing. This effect is similar to adjusting the brake when stopping a track on a turntable.

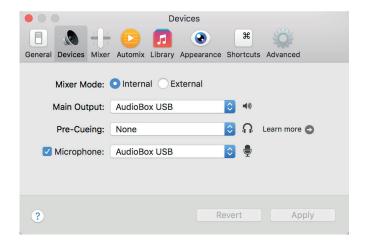
Tempo

Tempo range: Changes the +/- maximum percentage of the deck pitch slider. You can choose from 6%, 8%, 10%, 16%, 25%, 50%, or 75%. You can also invert the +/- on both software and hardware layouts.

Looping

Quantize manual loops: When active, forces manually created loops to start on the nearest beat. Disabling will create the loop at the exact point it is set.

4.8.2 Devices



Mixer Mode

This options allows you to switch between **Internal** mixing (ie "inside-the-box" such as a MIDI controller or **External** mixing (ie hooked up to an external audio interface and mixer).

Internal mixing options

Main Output: Select the stereo output source for the master out, ie the audio source to your speakers.

Pre-Cueing: Select the stereo output source for your headphone cue channel, ie what you use to beatmatch and listen to in your headphones.

Microphone: Tick this option to choose your microphone source. Disable this if you aren't using a microphone to ensure no external sound is interfering with your mix.

External mixing options

Deck 1: Select the stereo output source for deck 1.

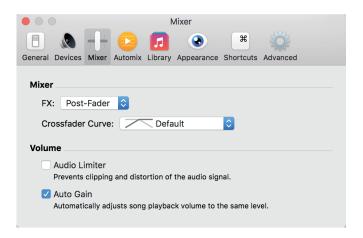
Deck 2: Select the stereo output source for deck 2.

Deck 3: Select the stereo output source for deck 3.

Deck 4: Select the stereo output source for deck 4.

Note: To output four decks to a four channel mixer, you will need an audio interface with at least four separate stereo outputs (see **section 5.16 External mixing**).

4.8.3 Mixer



Mixer

FX: Switch between applying **Pre-Fader** or **Post-Fader** effects.

Crossfader curve: Changes how the crossfader fades between tracks. Choose from Default

, Linear , Constant power , or Cut

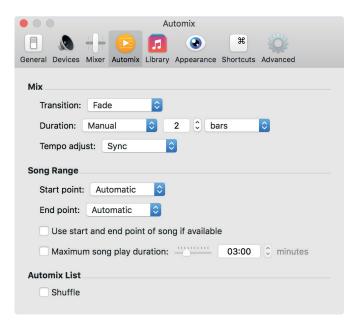
Volume

Audio Limiter: Toggles a hard audio limiter to help reduce distortion and other artifacts related to clipping sound.

Auto Gain: Toggles whether **djay Pro 2** automatically sets the channel gain when a track is loaded to match the rest of your mix. Disable this to manually adjust the gain of each track.

4.8.4 Automix

Automix is a feature that allows **djay Pro 2** to automatically mix your music based on a pre-made, user created track queue. For more information, see **section 5.9.4 Play cue and Automix**.



Mix

Transition: This option changes how transitions between tracks are done by the software. Choose from **Automatic**, **Fade**, **EQ**, **Filter**, **Echo**, **Brake**, or **Reverse**.

TIP: You can trigger a transition by using the arrows to the sides of the crossfader, or using the arrow keys on your keyboard.

Duration: Increase to create longer blends. Toggle between **Automatic** and **Manual**. When in manual set X number **bars** (measures) or **seconds**.

Tempo adjust: Change how Automix treats tempo differences between tracks. Use **Off** to disable beatmatching, **Sync** to keep a steady BPM across the whole set, and **Morph** to have the outgoing track change tempo to match the incoming track.

Song Range

Start point: Set either an **Automatic** start point, or **Manual**. When in manual, set **X seconds after beginning**.

End point: Set either an **Automatic** end point, or **Manual**. When in manual, set **X seconds** before end.

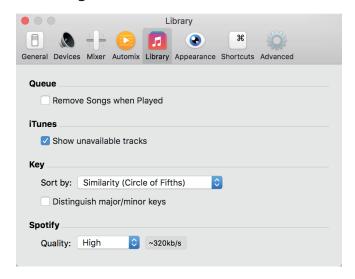
Use start and end point of song if available: Toggle whether mixes will include both the start and end of the track

Maximum song play duration: This setting lets you change how long a track will play before **djay Pro 2** loads and mixes a new track

Automix list

Shuffle: Turning this on randomly chooses tracks to mix from the play queue.

4.8.5 Media library



Queue

Remove Songs When Played: With this active, songs will be removed from the queue after they've been played. Otherwise, your queue will remain.

iTunes

Show unavailable tracks: Tick this to display tracks in your iTunes playlist that aren't available to play.

Key

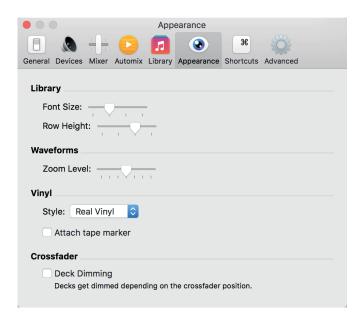
Sort by: Changes how our tracks are ordered when sorted by key. Choose from either **Similarity (circle of fifths)**, or **Pitch distance (chromatically)**.

Distinguish major/minor keys: Toggle's whether your key metadata shows **major** or **minor** keys.

Spotify

Quality: Switch between **Default** (160 kbps) and **High** (320 kbps) audio when streaming music from **Spotify**.

4.8.6 Appearance



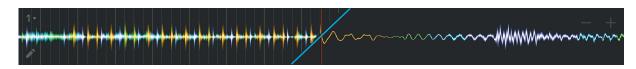
Library

Font Size: Changes the font size of the library text.

Row Height: Changes the space between each row in the library.

Waveforms

Zoom Level: Change the default **Zoom level** of displayed waveforms using the slider. The more magnified, the more detail, but there's less of the track displayed.



Vinyl

Style: Switch between a **Real vinyl** look and a **Picture disc** using the track artwork.



Attach tape marker: Adds a white sticker strip to mark your place on the record.

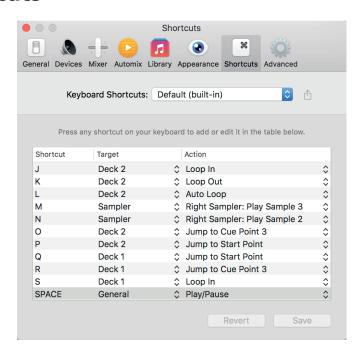


Crossfader

Deck Dimming: Fades out your decks depending on where the crossfader is placed.



4.8.7 Shortcuts



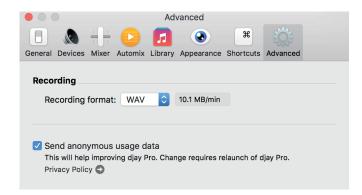
Keyboard shortcuts: Switch between keyboard shortcut lists. Edit and add custom lists. Manage your custom and built-in keyboard shortcut lists, customize your keyboard shortcuts to better suit your needs, and create and manage new shortcut lists using the list manager.

There are two built-in lists. The **Default** list provides control over everything needed to DJ using just the keyboard. The **User Interface Only** list removes any mixing controls to focus on the browser and other interface elements.



Create a custom list by choosing **New Shortcut List** from the dropdown. To adapt one of the built-in shortcut lists, choose Edit from the dropdown, then select **Duplicate** from the dropdown on the shortcut list manager.

4.8.8 Advanced



Recording

Recording format: Switch between recording using compressed **AAC** and uncompressed **WAV** formats.

Send anonymous user data: When this setting is ticked, **djay Pro 2** will send anonymized data to **Algoriddim** to help improve the software and alert of any bugs.

4.9 Mix recorder

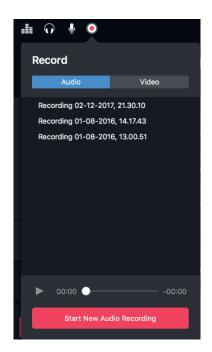
Recording your mixes is as easy as pressing a couple of buttons. You can set up **djay Pro**2 to save recorded audio files as **AAC** (compressed, lossy) or **WAV** (uncompressed audio).

Pressing the red **RECORD** button at the top-left brings up the mix recorder menu. You can choose to record either just the audio output, or video and audio.

NOTE: The **mix recorder** is only available while mixing internally. For external setups (such as an audio interface connected to an analogue mixer) you will need to capture the audio direct from the output source.

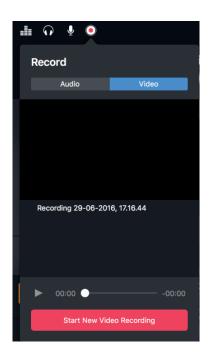
4.9.1 Audio

The Audio tab lets you record your music sets and manage your recordings in one place. Simply hit **Start New Audio Recording** to record your mix. You can manage your saved mixes by clicking the **dropdown** icon on the right of each saved mix. From this menu, you can **Send to iTunes**, **Show in Finder**, **Rename** the file, or **Move to Trash**.



4.9.2 Video

Selecting the **Video** tab switches the recorder to video mode. The video recorder tab has a screen displaying the final output as it has been recorded. Like the audio tab, you can manage all your recorded video sets from here.



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4.10 Uninstalling djay Pro 2

To completely remove **djay Pro 2** from your system, you need to follow these steps. If you just want to delete the app, only follow step 1.

1. Delete the **djay Pro 2** app from the **Applications** folder.

NOTE: You may be asked for your macOS administrator password at this point.

 Reset your software to defaults by opening the **Terminal** app on your Mac (located in the **Applications** > **Utilities** folder) and copying this command for your version of **djay** Pro 2.

Mac App Store: defaults delete com.algoriddim.djay-pro-2-mac Algoriddim website: defaults delete com.algoriddim.direct.djay-pro-2-mac

NOTE: The following settings won't be affected, as these are stored separately: song metadata like BPM, beat grid, cue points; history; recordings; samples and sample presets; video image and text effects; and MIDI mappings.

4.10.1 Algoriddim stored data

If you wish to remove or edit the **djay Pro 2** stored data, including Recordings, Samples, Sampler Presets, MIDI Mappings, and Key Bindings, you can find it at this location:

App data: ~/Music/djay Pro 2/

Track analysis data: ~/Library/Group Containers/VJXTL73S8G.com.algoriddim.userdata/Library/Application Support/Algoriddim/

Note: To move **djay Pro 2** to another computer, simply copy the **djay Pro 2** folder to the same location on the new machine. You can also create a backup by saving this folder.

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Advanced features

5 Advanced tools

Doing a simple mix within **djay Pro 2** only requires some of the basic features and knowledge of DJing, but there are many more advanced tools to explore and exploit. From adding extra decks of music, to improving your library management or using the built-in sampler, there's plenty to take your mixing to the next level.

5.1 djay Pro 2 menus

The **djay Pro 2** menus provide quick availability to some of the basic functionality within the app, along with some actions only accessible here, such as some of the MIDI options. Below is an overview of some of the important features in the **djay Pro 2** menus.

File

Add a new **playlist**, **smart playlist**, and **playlist folder** to your collection.

Start/stop recording to control your Mix recorder.

Edit

Undo lets you quickly revert your last action, such as loading the wrong track.

View

Switch between **deck views**, **horizontal** and **vertical waveforms**, change **waveform zoom** levels, show/hide **panels**, and enter **fullscreen mode**.

Deck

Control your decks using their respective menus. Switch the deck in **Reverse**, **Repeat** the track, **Skipping** backwards and forwards. Control **FX**, **Cue Points**, and **Loops**. Use **Load Previous Track** and **Load Next Track** to quicky work through your playlists. **Load Scratch Tools** gives access to a track of samples and one-shots to help your scratch. **Duplicate** your tracks in empty decks for instant doubles.

Mixer

Adjust the **Crossfader Curve** from this manu to suit your mixing style. Switch between **Default**, **Linear**, **Constant Power**, and **Cut** (see section **4.8.1 General preferences** for more information). Control transition between tracks, and change the **Transition Style**.

Access external **Audio Unit Effects** (see **section 5.10.6 Audio Unit effects** for more information).

Library

Search switches the cursor directly to the search box, **Analyze** begins analyzing any tracks not yet finished in your collection, **Automix** starts the Automix function, and **Refresh Library** checks if there are any changes since the library database was last opened. **Add** or **Remove** selected track from the Queue.

MIDI

Configure your active MIDI controller, and access controller options from here: **Crossfader Cutting Mode** gives you an ultra-sensitive crossfader, **Invert Crossfader** reverses the direction of the crossfader, and **Jog Pitch Bend Mode** toggles non-touch-sensitive jogwheels between pitch-bend and scratch modes.

Window

Show the **Microphone** and **Pre-Cueuing** pop-ups via this menu.

Help

Access the djay Pro 2 support site and keyboard shortcuts list.

TIP: Many of the essential DJ functions are available in the menus as well as keyboard shortcuts, such as adding **cue points** or **EQ kills**.

5.2 Advanced deck layouts

Along with the default two-deck layouts, you can run up to four separate decks of audio at once, as well as video decks. Much like with the two-deck layouts, you can present the track waveforms scrolling vertically or horizontally.



5.2.1 Four decks

You can access the four deck views via the **deck view** buttons at the top of the window. While similar to the default two deck view, some parts of the user interface will be different to accommodate the extra controls.

Like its two-deck counterparts, the four-deck **horizontal waveform view** scrolls from right to left.



The **vertical waveform view** has the music scrolling from top to bottom.



TIP: The **vertical waveform** views are more compact and space efficient, but the **horizontal views** are able to show more of the scrolling track.

Crossfader routing

When in four-deck mode, **djay Pro 2** allows you to choose which side of the crossfader to route your music to, as well as pass the audio through to disable the crossfader.



There are three options for routing your deck audio:

- 1. **Left** crossfader channel
- 2. Thru to have the deck ignore crossfader assignment
- 3. Right crossfader channel

TIP: If you're using three or more decks of audio, default your crossfader to **Thru** and use the channel volume faders, unless you intend to do crossfader tricks or cuts.

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5.2.2 Video decks

Video mixing differs from mixing audio-only in several ways. Firstly, you will be able to output as both audio and video. Second, you will have access to effects for both the audio and video. Thirdly, you can add images and text to your output.



1. Deck video output

Each deck has a video output screen to show you what effects and text are applied.

2. Master video output

This screen will show the output that will appear on external screens, including all text, images, video and effects.

3 & 4. Watermarks

You can add custom images and text to your video mixes as watermarks. These watermarks can either feed to one of the decks, or to the mix output.

Adding an image overlay

To add an image to the **djay Pro 2** image overlay library, click the **plus (+) symbol** below the image overlay list and navigate to your image on you hard drive. You can also remove images from the list using the **minus (-) symbol**.



Screen select: Choose whether the image will appear on deck 1, deck 2, or the master video output.

Image manager: Add, remove and pick your image watermarks.

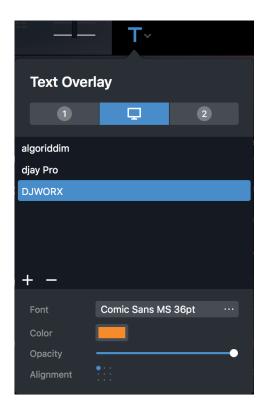
Scale: A slider to change the size of the image on the screen. Left for smaller, right for bigger.

Opacity: Choose how see-through the image is.

Alignment: Click the sector of the screen you want the image to appear on using the grid. The active sector will be in blue.

Adding a text overlay

To add text to the **djay Pro 2** text overlay library, click the **plus (+) symbol** below the text overlay list and type in your chosen phrase. You can also remove text from the list using the **minus (-) symbol**.



Screen select: Select whether the text will appear on deck 1, deck 2, or the master video output.

Text manager: Add, remove and pick your text overlays.

Font: Choose your font, typeface and font size.

Color: select a color for your text.

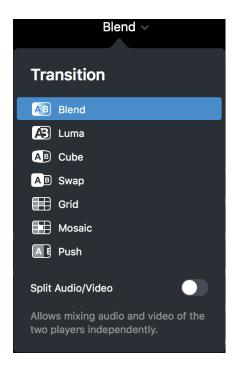
Opacity: Choose how see-through the text is.

Alignment: Click the sector of the screen you want the image to appear on using the grid.

The active sector will be in blue.

5. Crossfader blends

Along with all the extra effects for video, you can also change how the crossfader transition's video between decks. To change the transition type, select one from the dropdown just above the crossfader.



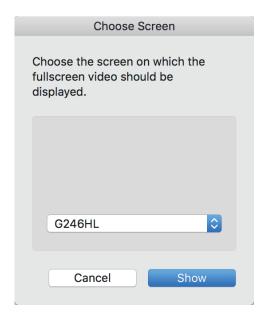
You can choose from:

- Blend: A basic fade between two videos
- Luma: An alternate fade style
- Cube: Two sides of a cube rotating
- **Swap:** Full screens pulling back and forward
- Grid: A grid of screens replacing one another
- Mosaic: A mosaic of screens spinning into view
- Push: One screen pushing the other from the left or the right
- **Split Audio/Video:** The audio and video of both decks can be blended independently from each other. Toggle this on or off to switch.



6. Routing video

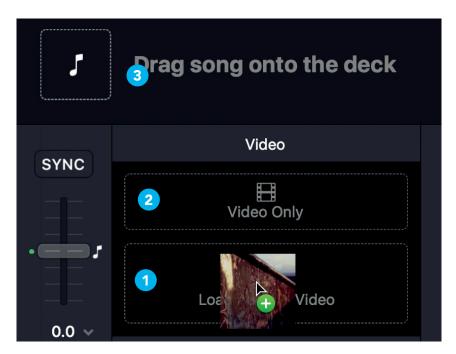
You can route your video output to any of your connected monitors via the **Choose Screen** pop-up. You can access the screen selection window by clicking the little monitor icon in the top right of the **master video output**. Select the screen you wish to output to and click **Show**. If you decide not to route your video to a specific screen, click **Cancel**. Once full screen video is active, you can either hit **ESC** on your keyboard, or click the little arrows in the top right of the screen.



NOTE: In **video mode**, the channel faders will only affect audio. You will need to use the crossfader to transition video.

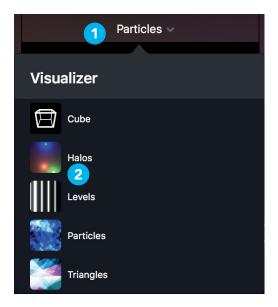
Playing only audio or video

When in video mode, you can choose only to play the audio or video of a video file by dragging and dropping the file on a specific dropzones of a deck. Drag your video file from the playlist and the decks will automatically show the dropzones. The main dropzone (1) loads the video on the deck as normal, with both audio and video. Above that (2), the dropzone will load just video. Finally, the dropzone that replaces the track waveform (3) will load just the audio into the deck.



TIP: You can mix and match your audio and video on a deck while in **video mode**. Drag your video file to the **video-only dropzone**, and the audio file to the **audio-only dropzone**. Whichever file is longer will continue playing after the other has ended.

Dropping audio onto a deck in **video mode** gives you the option of a black screen for that deck, or you can turn on the visualizer, which provides colorful visuals that react to the music. First, load the audio track into the deck via a dropzone. Once the track is loaded, click the visualizer button that will appear on the deck screen (1), to show the visualizer options menu. To activate the visualizer, choose your visualization (3).



5.2.3 Waveforms

Glancing at a waveform in **djay Pro 2** can give you critical information very quickly. Each deck has both a **track waveform** and **scrolling waveform** to provide all the information you need. Both views are color coded to show which audio frequency is playing at that point in the track: **RED** represents bass, **YELLOW** for low-mid, **GREEN** for high-mid, and **BLUE** is for high frequencies.



Track waveform

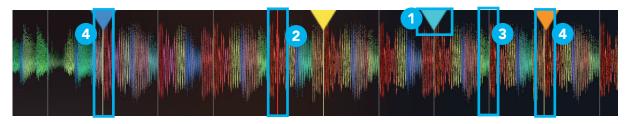
The **track waveform** displays the full visual representation of the audio file, from start to finish. This view also shows your colored cue points (1) (see **section 5.12 Cue points**) and a red track progress marker (2).



TIP: You can quickly jump to any part of the loaded track by either clicking the location of two-finger swiping across the waveform.

Scrolling waveform

This is a zoomed-in visualization showing your current location that scrolls along as the music progresses. Since this view follows the music, it will move or jump backwards and forwards should you manipulate the sound with scratching, scrubbing or jumping to cue points. In this view, you can see your cue points (1) as they scroll past, the red progress marker (2) showing the exact location in the music and the beat markers (3), including the downbeat of each measure (4).



TIP: You can also change the zoom level of the scrolling waveform to suit your needs. (See **section 4.8.5 Appearance Preferences**)

5.3 Beatgrids

5.3.1 What are beatgrids?

The word beatgrid is a literal definition of itself. Track beatgrids are a grid of key markers overlaid on top of a track, to ensure the BPM of the music is consistent. In practice, beatgrids are used by DJ software to make sure that tracks are synced in time (either quantized to the beats, or just tempo synced) and that the timings of effects and samples are accurate.

5.3.2 Setting a beatgrid

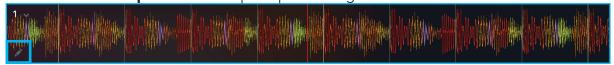
When you first load a track into a deck, **djay Pro 2** analyzes the file to create the visual representation of the music, along with what it estimates is the correct beatgrid for the music. This beatgrid is based on two things: the starting downbeat (ie the first beat of the track), and the tempo (ie beats per minute) of the track.



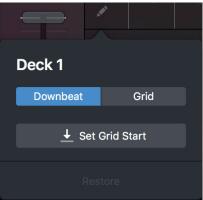
5.3.3 Adjusting incorrect beatgrids

Occasionally, **djay Pro 2** will analyze a track's beatgrid incorrectly, and might need manual editing. This is a simple to do.

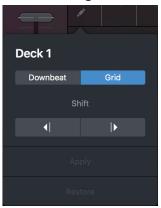
- 1. Make sure the offending track is loaded in a deck and that the track has finished analyzing.
- 2. Click the little **pencil icon** to open up the beatgrid editor.



3. If the downbeat is incorrectly placed, find the right location, and in the **downbeat tab**, tap **Set Grid Start** to reset it.



4. You can also adjust the grid itself to further tweak your beatgrid by going to the Grid tab and using the **back** and **forward** nudge arrows.



5. If, at any time, you need to roll back to the original beatgrid created by **djay Pro 2**, you can use the **Restore** button on either tab.

5.4 BPM and tempo

5.4.1 Adjusting BPM

Occasionally, **djay Pro 2** analyses a track and guesses the wrong **BPM**, causing the beatgrid to be set incorrectly, or guesses the **BPM** at half or double the actual **tempo** of the track. Using the BPM tab in the **BPM & tempo** pop-up, you can change the BPM, should you need to.



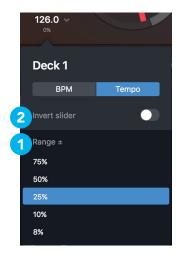
- 1. **Manual adjust:** If you know the correct BPM, type it in after clicking the **EDIT** pencil icon and hitting **ENTER**.
- 2. **Half/Double BPM:** Use these buttons if you find the BPM is half or double the correct tempo.
- 3. **Tap:** You can approximate the correct BPM by using the Tap button. While the track is playing, click the Tap button in time with the beat until a BPM reading show.

Once you've adjusted the BPM, you can click **Apply** to save, or **Restore** to go back to previous settings.

TIP: Many modern electronic productions will have a rounded off **BPM** which should be easy to fix manually should **djay Pro 2** not analyze correctly.

5.4.2 Tempo sensitivity

Use the **Tempo** tab of the **BPM & tempo** pop-up to tweak your tempo slider sensitivity and settings. From here, you can change the percentage increase/decrease **Range** the slider can change **(1)**, as well as **Invert** the slider **(2)**, like many turntables feature.



NOTE: djay Pro 2 determines the master deck based on which is currently the loudest. For example, if the crossfader is moved all the way to the left, deck 1 will be selected as the master deck. While this is all done 'behind the scenes', it will help to be aware how it works. The master deck helps maintain track sync, as well as determine key match (see section 5.5 Key lock and changing key).

5.5 Key lock and changing key

In **djay Pro 2**, you can keep your music from changing pitch as you increase the tempo by using **Key lock**. To activate **Key lock**, click the **musical note** button **(1)** to the outside edge of the deck tempo slider. You can also map the command to a MIDI controller button (see **section 5.15 MIDI mapping**).



TIP: Key lock can sometimes affect audio quality, particularly with big tempo changes.

You can also match the key of tracks using the **key match** feature, as well as transpose the key by semitones, all using the **key options panel**. To access the panel, click on the track key display in the deck info (see **section 1.2 Interface tour**).



- 1. Down semitone. Transposes the audio down a semitone.
- 2. Key transpose activate. Toggle on/off the key transpose of the deck audio.
- **3. Up semitone.** Transposes the audio up a semitone.
- **4. Key match.** Matches the key of the audio to that of the master deck.

5.6 Syncing

There are two ways to sync music within **djay Pro 2**: **tempo sync**, and **beat sync**. Both can be accessed using the **deck sync buttons** (see **section 1.2 Interface tour**). For a more detailed explanation of syncing music, see **section 2 Glossary of terms**.



5.6.1 Tempo sync

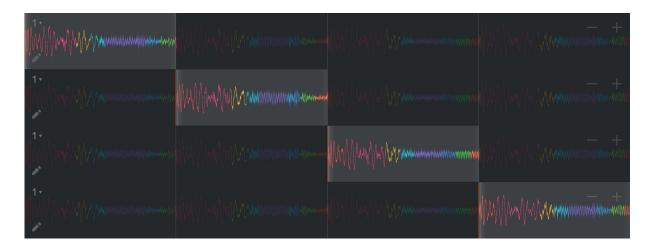
Tempo sync simply matches the **BPM** of a deck track to the current master deck, but allows decks to play independently. To activate beat sync, press the **SYNC button** once on the deck you would like to match to the playing audio.

5.6.2 Beat sync

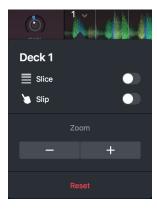
Beat sync takes it a step further and quantizes the beats to ensure they stay in time, by matching the downbeat. To activate beat sync in **djay Pro 2**, make sure the you already have a song playing, and press the **SYNC button** twice on the other deck with a track loaded and ready.

5.7 Slicer mode

Slicer mode helps you quickly juggle hotcues on the fly while playing your tracks. As the audio progresses, the slicer tracks the current four or eight beat measure and "slices" it, creating a virtual hotcue for each beat, which can be mapped to buttons or pads on a MIDI controller (see **section 5.15 MIDI mapping**).



To activate the **Slicer**, use the waveform pop-up on your preferred deck, and activate the **Slice** option.



To disable the **Slicer**, reverse the process.

5.8 Slip mode

djay Pro 2 has **Slip mode** for scratching with jogwheels. While enabled, Slip mode continues playing audio when the jogwheel is used. This works for both virtual (software) and hardware jogwheels (for example, see **section 5.14.2 CDJs**).



To enable **Slip mode**, activate the option within the waveform pop-up. Reverse the steps to disable the feature. You can also start deck playback with slip mode automatically activated by using \mathbb{H} + **PLAY button**.

5.9 Library management

With today's DJs carrying thousands of tracks in their collections, managing your music has become as important a skill as any. With **djay Pro 2**, you have access to a powerful and flexible library browser, with features you'd expect from any professional DJ software.

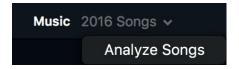
Knowing your way round your music collection not only saves you time in your workflow, it can help give you confidence while you're busy in a mix. The library browser within **djay Pro 2** offers tools to help you get the most out of your music.

5.9.1 Browser overview

For a breakdown of the elements of the **Media library browser**, please revisit **section 4.3 Media library browser**.

5.9.2 Analyzing your music

While **djay Pro 2** analyzes each track the first time it's loaded, this can take up computing resources and may interrupt playback. You can set up **djay Pro 2** to analyze your whole music collection, or even just parts of it, as a batch operation. Navigate to the playlist or folder you want analyzed, and choose **Analyze Songs** from the dropdown next to the track count at the top of the track list window.



NOTE: Spotify tracks can not be pre-analyzed.

TIP: Batch analysis can be quite resource intensive so should be left running while your computer is free from other tasks. The task might be best left overnight or while you're away from your screen.

5.9.3 Previewing tracks

With **djay Pro**, you can preview your tracks directly from the library. Previewed tracks will play via your pre-cue channel. For example, should you have a controller with audio interface set up, you can hear your previews in your headphones.



To preview a track, either Force-touch click it, or click the play button button on the far left of the track in the library tracklist (1).

5.9.4 Queue

The play **Queue** acts as a playlist which can stay up to date by removing tracks that have already been played. To access the queue, open up the library sidepanel and use the second tab.

You can add tracks to the Play queue in two ways:

- 1. Drag individual tracks into the **Queue** from your playlists.
- 2. Right click tracks and choose Add To Queue.

For more information see section 7 What's new in 2.0.

TIP: You can add tracks from any of the library tabs to your play queue.

5.9.5 Automix

Let Automix take over your set, based on your preferences (see **section 4.8.4 Automix preferences**). Hit the Automix button at the bottom of the **djay Pro 2** window to get started.



For more information on the Automix features, see section 7 What's new in 2.0.

5.9.6 List views

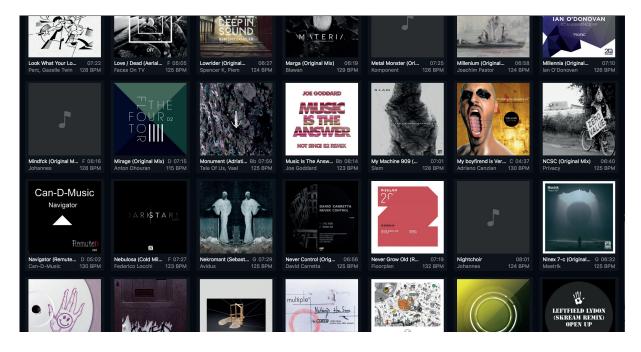
Compact grid

This view displays the most track information, with cover art displayed as a small icon.



Collection view

Cover art is featured prominently in this view, but it doesn't have metadata columns.



5.9.7 Metadata columns

Similar to many music players, the playlists in **djay Pro 2** display track metadata (ID3 tags) as columns within the compact and regular list views. You can customize which columns appear in your playlist by right-clicking the metadata bar at the top of the playlist window and ticking or unticking the desired metadata to display. If you need to edit your track metadata, you will need to use **iTunes** or some other music management application.

NOTE: Spotify music metadata is managed on **Spotify**'s servers and isn't user-editable.

NOTE: Metadata sorting is unavailable in **collection view**.

NOTE: The type of metadata columns can change depending on the source of your music. For example, **Spotify** will make different metadata available to **iTunes**.

- ✓ Album Artwork
- ✓ Name
- ✓ Artist
- ✓ Album
- ✓ Genre
- ✓ Comments
- ✓ Time
- **✓** BPM
- ✓ Key
- ✓ Year
- Composer
- ✓ Grouping
- ✓ Rating
 - Date Added
 - Released
 - **Date Modified**
 - Track #
 - Kind Bit Rate
 - Dit Nate
 - Sample Rate

5.9.8 Sorting your music

You can use the metadata columns to sort your music quickly and easily. Click on the column you wish to sort by to switch between ascending and descending order, as well as a third click to switch back to the default play order. For example, sorting by artists will make the list ordered alphabetically, and sorting by BPM will order from slowest to fastest tempo and vice versa.

TIP: Sorting by key is a great way to see what tracks are grouped by key.

5.9.9 Spotify

With a Spotify Premium account, you can have access to millions of tracks, directly within **djay Pro 2**. To get started, select the Spotify tab from the music sources panel on the left of the library. All you need to do is log in using your account details to access everything in your Spotify library.



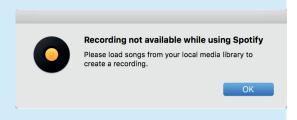
Playlists, and Browse

From the Spotify tab, you can access all the playlists you've previously created from the Spotify desktop music player. There are also sections for music categories to browse for hits. You can switch between these sections using the two tabs at the top of the browser tree.



NOTE: You can only view playlists within the **djay Pro 2** library browser. You will need to either edit your playlists within **Spotify**, or use the **Spotify button** to save your session as a playlist.

NOTE: Mix recording will not work when you use tracks from **Spotify**, due to licensing agreements. Recording a mix disables the **Spotify tab** and using **Spotify** disables the **mix recorder**.

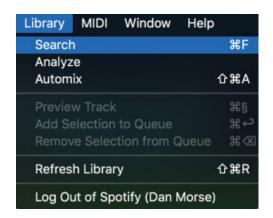


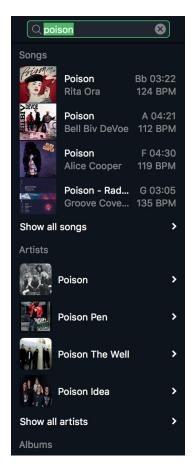
Searching Spotify

You can search for any tracks within the **Spotify** database via the search box, while in the Spotify tab. Search results can then be expanded further using the **Show all songs...** button below each set of results. You can expand results from Songs, Artists, Albums, and Playlists.

Logging out

To log out of **Spotify** within **djay Pro 2**, go to the **Library** menu item and select **Log Out Of Spotify** (**<username>**).





NOTE: Remember that access to **Spotify** requires a **premium account**. You will need to upgrade if you have the **free account**.

5.9.10 iTunes

You can access your **iTunes** collection directly from within **djay Pro 2**. This includes all your music, playlists and folders, as well as any smart playlists you have created. The collection can also be sorted by **Music**, **Artists**, **Albums** and **Genres**, using the buttons in the middle of the bottom bar, similar to the iTunes desktop app.



5.9.11 Videos

The videos tab of the browser has three folders in the browser tree:

- **Demo content:** The free videos provided with **djay Pro 2** to help get you started.
- Movies: Your account's Movies folder.
- **iTunes:** Any video files found in your iTunes collection.

You can store any purchased or user-created video files in either the iTunes collection or Movies folder.

TIP: It can be helpful to separate your silent and audio-based videos, either in **iTunes** playlists or folders on your drive.

5.9.11.1 PhotoBeats

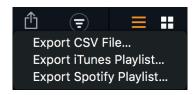
Add photos from your macOS **Photos** app collection using the **Photos tab**. For more information, see **section 7.7 PhotoBeats**.



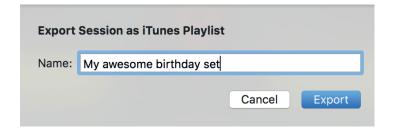
5.9.12 History

All your DJ sessions are automatically saved by **djay Pro 2** in the **History** tab of the My Library. Saved sessions are similar to playlists and show the tracks from each session in the main browser window. You can also delete your saved sessions by **right-clicking** on them and using the context menu. Rename the sessions by selecting them, waiting two seconds, and clicking them again.

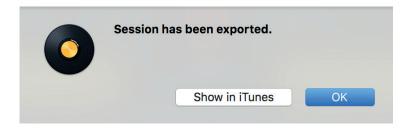
You can also export your sets using the **Export** menu item at tnext to the search Filter button, to the top-right of the library. Choose which set to export, and click the **Export button** to show the set export menu. You can choose to export as a **CSV file**, **iTunes playlist**, or **Spotify playlist**.



You will then be prompted to name the exported playlist.



Once saved, you'll see a confirmation pop-up asking if you want to view the new playlist.



5.9.13 Finder

Access your stored music files from anywhere within **Finder**. You can add folders from multiple locations, including network and USB drives. To add a folder to the browser, go to the **Finder** tab click the **+ symbol** at the top of the browser tree.

NOTE: If a folder you added is unavailable (for example disconnected or offline), it will be greyed out in the browser tree.

5.9.14 Track Match

If you're struggling to find the right tune to play, **djay Pro 2**'s **Track Match** feature can help narrow down the list. Track Match suggests what to play next based on the last track played and which tunes in your collection have similar genre, BPM, and root musical key.



Track Match appears as a list down the right side of the library browser and shows up to 24 track suggestions. To show or hide the Track Match list, use the Track Match icon at the bottom right of the app window.



Track Match and Spotify

When you use **Track Match** (for more information, see **section 5.9.14 Track Match**) with **Spotify**, **djay Pro 2** will access the entire **Spotify library** for recommendations. This makes it a very powerful tool, offering the widest possible choice of suggested tracks to play next.

TIP: Use **Track Match** as a guide rather than the rule. Learn to trust your ears above all else and you'll discover much more creativity.

5.10 Effects

There are three different types of effects in **djay Pro 2**: **audio**, **audio/video**, and **video**. Each type of effect has a specific use, and may not be appropriate for all your collection. **Algoriddim** has endeavored to produce a wide range of distinctive sounds to help DJs push their creativity.

To access the effects controls for decks 1 & 2, use the **FX panel** toggle button found in the middle of the top bar. To control effects on decks 3 & 4, open the **Tools Panel** using the button next to the FX panel toggle.



5.10.1 Audio

There are a total of 39 different audio effects in **djay Pro 2**, with five **Essentials** included and the rest available to unlock within the app. The effects can only be applied to audio, but also work on videos with audio built in.

Essentials

- Echo
- Flanger
- Phaser

- Bit crusher
- Gate

Sugar Bytes Resonate

- Reverb
- Beatverb
- Gate panner
- Gate masher

- Sweep delay
- Stutter delay
- Quack delay

Sugar Bytes Modulate

- Space flanger
- Filter machine
- Zeitgeist

- Tonalizer
- Magnetizer
- Tremolizer

Sugar Bytes Warp

- Deep phaser
- Vowel LFO
- Wobble
- Beatwobble

- Scratcher
- Reactor
- Deformer

Sugar Bytes Slice

- Time travel
- Space hop
- Trippple trap

- Snare gun
- Bumble bee

Sugar Bytes Juggle

- Looper
- Complexer
- Uhnk uhnk
- Bass gun
- Wake up

- Chromatic
- Freestyle
- Shuffle
- UFO

5.10.2 Video

These effects only work on visuals. You can use them on videos with sound, but they will only affect the video element. You can chain any two effects per deck, including a mix of video and audio effects.

- Grid EQ
- Kaleidoscope
- Circle Splash
- Mosaic
- Edges
- Invert

- Tiles
- Splash
- RGB offset
- Ripples
- Radial blur

5.10.3 Audio/visual

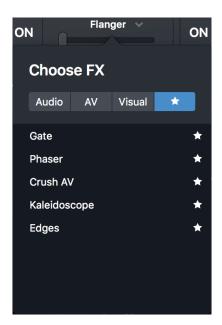
These A/V effects are designed to work on both audio and video at the same time, for example, music videos. You can also use them on either video-only or audio files.

- Echo AV
- Strobe AV
- Crush AV

- Magnet AV
- Reverb AV

5.10.4 Favorites

You can easily access your favorite effects in their own tab. To add to your favorites, just click the **star symbol** (*) next to the effect. You can add or remove effects to the favorites list as you see fit.



5.10.5 Using effects

Audio decks display effects in three different ways. Depending on the deck type, you can switch between them on the fly to change how you perform. Depending on whether you are using audio or video decks, you will have access to different controls, which are outlined below.

5.10.x.x FX panel

The **FX panel** give you quick access to three effects each for decks 1 & 2. All six effects slots can be changed to suit, by clicking the effect name and choosing a new one from the list.



5.10.x.x Tools panel

When switched to the FX section of the Tools panel via the buttons at the bottom, you can control up to two effects per deck, using three different methods: **Manual**, **Instant**, and **Pad**.

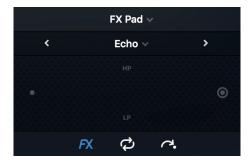
Manual: Decide the activation, dry/wet amount, as well as the effects quantity, giving you absolute control at your fingertips.



Instant: This is a panel of six pre-made effects designed for 'instant gratification'. You can choose from **Absorb**, **Drift**, **Sway**, **Crush**, **Punch**, and **Twist**.



Pad: Control the effects using an X/Y pad, similar to those on traditional hardware effects units and musical MIDI controllers. Using the X/Y pad automatically switches the effect on.



TIP: Use two-fingered drag gestures to use the trackpad as the **X/Y pad** when the cursor is over the effects section on screen.

5.10.6 Audio Unit effects

Audio Units (AUs) are Apple audio plug-ins, similar to VSTs, that can be run in music software. These plug-ins can range from effects, to synths to drum machines. With **djay Pro 2**, you can run effects plug-ins on your master output, on top of the built in effects within the software.



NOTE: You can run one AU effect at a time.

First ensure your AU files are installed in the correct location. There are two places you can add them:

- 1. If you want any account on your computer to use the AU file, install them to the **OS library folder**, found at: ~/Library/Audio/Plug-Ins/Components
- 2. Install them to your **user account library folder** to have sole access. You can find them here: ~/ Library/Audio/Plug-Ins/Components

After starting **djay Pro 2**, find the **Mixer** menu items and go to **Audio Unit Effects**. As long as they're installed to the correct location, you should see your AU in the list. Select it to activate it. To disable the AU on the deck, select **No Effect** from the AU list.

5.11 Loops

You can extend your music and create extra texture to your mix by using **Loops**. From creating vocal stabs to playing a distinctive breakbeat over a track, loops open up a world of mixing.



There are two ways to start a loop:

- Using the **loop creator** within the deck transport section;
 or;
- 2. Using the advanced loop panel.

5.11.1 Loop creator

To activate a loop using the loop creator, select the loop length using the **left/right arrow** buttons, and at the correct point in the track, click the middle **loop active** button.

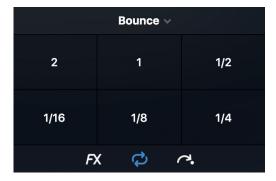


5.11.2 Loop panel

You can use the advanced loop panel for even more looping options. To access the panel, you will need to click the advanced deck panel button, then tap the loop icon within the panel. You can then switch between **BOUNCE**, **PAD**, and **MANUAL** at the top of the panel.

Bounce

Use six trigger pads to quickly switch between loops of different lengths. Loop length varies from 1/16th of a beat to two beats.



Pad

Much like with effects, you can use the X/Y pad to simultaneously apply a manual loop length and high-pass/low-pass filter for an interesting effect.



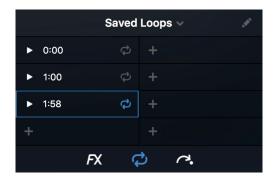
Manual

You can manually set loop length by triggering **loop IN** and setting **loop OUT** when ready. Loops are automatically quantized to ensure they're in time.



Saved loops

A bank of up to eight **hot loops** per track which can be recalled instantly. These hot loops work similarly to saved cue points. Use the **pencil icon** to delete loops.



TIP: Use the **Bounce** pads to create build up with a **beat roll** just before a drop or breakdown in the music.

TIP: Use **loops** to extend intros and outros on tracks that are too short to mix.

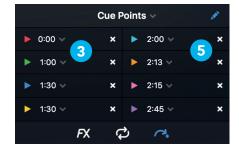
5.12 Cue points

You can store up to eight **cue points** per track in **djay Pro 2**. These **cue points** can be created on-the-fly or prepared beforehand and remain saved in your collection database. The cuepoint panel can either display three or eight saved cuepoints, via the dropdown at the top of the panel.



To add a **cue point**, simply move the track marker to where you want **(1)** and tap an unassigned cue button **(2)**. Each of your cue points will be assigned its own color, and you can **rename** each cue using the dropdown **(3)** to easily identify which is set where on the waveform. You can delete your cue points via the **cue point edit button (4)** at the top right of your cue point panel. When **edit mode** is active, use the X on each button **(5)** to remove the cue point from the track.





TIP: Name your cue points to give you hints abou the track and where the cue point is located.

NOTE: The **App Store** version of **djay Pro 2** features **iCloud** integration, allowing for online back ups of your **cue points** and other **user data**.

5.13 Sampler



djay Pro 2 features a built-in **sampler** that can play either the default sample packs (Essentials included with the software, others available to purchase and unlock) or your own recorded samples. To access the sampler, use the sampler button, next to the global volume controls.



The sampler consists of two grids of six pads, and as default, come preloaded with the Essentials pack of classic audio clips and sounds. The other packs available are:

- Sound FX
- Dubstep pack
- DJ Obert beat kit

- Snoop Dogg pack
- Milk & Sugar pack
- GE Drop Science pack

To access these sample packs, click the **sampler preset button** just above the sampler volume fader in the middle of the screen. You can see all the available sample packs along with a tab for your own user presets called **My Presets**.

Adding your own samples

You can create your own samples and presets by recording audio clips from your music tracks directly within **djay Pro 2**.

First, bring up the sampler interface using the sampler button and click the **Edit button** just below the crossfader. The button will light up blue and each of the sampler
 slots will now have a three dot icon appear to allow you to edit them individually.



2. Click the new button on one of the sample slots to show the sample manager. You will see three buttons along the bottom: two for left and right deck recording, and one for Mic record.

3. To record a sample, play the track, and at the location you wish to sample hit the relevant **deck record** button on the sampler pop up. If your microphone is properly set up, you can also record your sample using the **mic record** button.



4. You will then see a new sample appear in the sample manager list. Rename the sample to make it easier to remember by clicking the menu button on the right and choosing **Rename**. You can also customize the sampler button color or delete the sample if you need to try again.



- 5. Once you're happy with the sample, ensure it's selected for that sample slot and click out of the sample manager to hide it.
- 6. Repeat for each of the sample slots until you have all the samples you need.
- 7. Once you are happy with the custom samples, click the **sampler presets** button just above the sampler volume fader, go to the **My Presets** tab and press Save new preset to create a new, custom user preset that you can now use at any time.
- 8. Rename the preset using the button to the right of the preset name and you're good to go!

Adding existing pre-made samples

Alternatively, you can add pre-made samples by saving them to your djay Pro 2 data folder, which can be found at the following location: ~/Music/djay Pro 2/Samples

You can access these folders by pasting them into your Finder's **Go to the folder...** box, found in the **Go** menu.

- 1. First, drop your samples in the **Samples** folder within the **Algoriddim** data folder.
- 2. Go to edit a Sampler pad, and choose the **Samples** option from the sample packs dropdown.
- 3. You should now see all your saved samples (both recorded and saved to the folder) so you can add your desired custom samples to your pads.

You can **rename**, or **delete** your sampler presets from the sampler at any time using the **sampler preset manager**.

NOTE: The **Mic record button** in the **sample manager** will be greyed out if no **microphone** input device is set up.

NOTE: The **sampler** is only available when using two audio decks.

5.14 Using hardware

Algoriddim works closely with hardware partners to create the perfect integration of machine and software. With big brands like Pioneer DJ, Reloop, and Numark, as partners, there's hardware to suit all styles of DJing.

5.14.1 Controllers

Using a MIDI controller is an important factor in a good DJ workflow. You can see a full list of supported controllers on the **Algoriddim support site**. Setting up an officially supported controller is straightforward plug-and-play:

- 1. Ensure that **djay Pro 2** is fully loaded.
- 2. Plug your controller in via a spare USB port and power it up using the **ON/OFF** switch or **power** button.
- 3. Once the controller has powered up, you should see a pop-up asking for your **Audio** and **MIDI settings**. Click **OK** to use default preferences.
- 4. You should now have control of **djay Pro 2** using your controller.



NOTE: If your preferred controller isn't listed, you can always map any MIDI compatible hardware using the powerful MIDI mapping system. See **section 5.15 MIDI mapping** for more information.

5.14.2 CDJs

The following Pioneer DJ CDJ models currently have native integration with djay Pro 2.

- CDJ-TOUR1
- CDJ-2000NXS2
- CDJ-2000nexus
- CDJ-900nexus
- CDJ-2000
- CDJ-900
- CDJ-850
- CDJ-400
- CDJ-350
- XDJ-1000
- XDJ-700

NOTE: You can connect your CDJ-2000NXS2s with your DJM-900NXS2 (or your CDJ-TOUR1s with your DJM-TOUR1) using USB-HID control, via LAN cables. Plug your Mac into the mixer with a single USB cable and everything syncs seamlessly. **djay Pro 2** can use the DJM mixer's built-in audio interface for a streamlined setup.

Setting up your CDJ

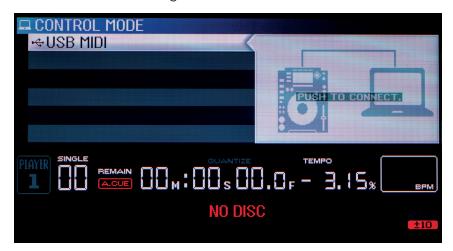
Like all the other officially supported hardware, the **Pioneer DJ** media players are plug and play... All you will need to do is choose which deck the player controls! You'll be guided through the process on-screen within **djay Pro 2**.

NOTE: The process will vary slightly between hardware models, and we use the **CDJ-2000nexus** to illustrate this process.

- 1. Launch djay Pro 2 and wait for it to be fully loaded.
- 2. Plug your player into your computer via a spare USB port and turn it on. You will then see a pop up message with instructions to set up the player as a deck.



- 3. Press the **LINK** button at the top left of the media player.
- 4. Press the endless encoder to the right of the screen to select **USB MIDI**.



5. Scroll to the deck within **djay Pro 2** you want to use and press the encoder to activate it.



6. A pop-up will appear asking if you want to use the media player as your audio device. Click **Use CDJ/XDJ audio** to do so, or hit **Cancel** and go to the **djay Pro 2** preferences to set up your preferred audio device(s).



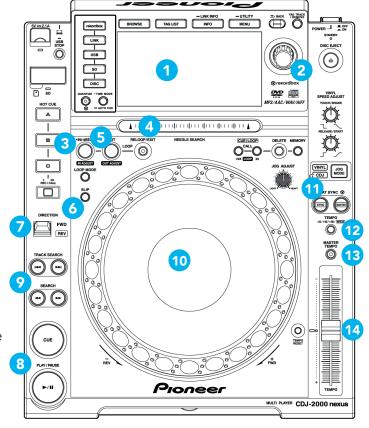
TIP: Algoriddim would always recommend using a good quality powered USB hub when connecting more devices than there are available plugs on your computer.

Controlling your music with CDJs

Depending on hardware features, you will have direct access to many of the software functions like loops, key lock, or playlist browsing. Generally, you can expect to use your media player as you would with USB or CD. The built in screens will also display track information in real-time.

Feature overview:

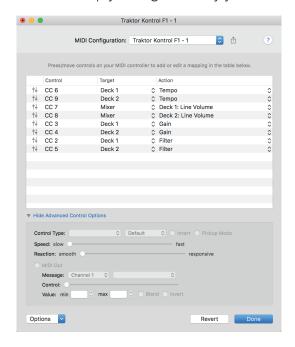
- Track info and waveform screen
- 2. Playlist navigation encoders
- 3. Hotcue 1-3 buttons
- 4. Track scroll and needle drop touch strip
- 5. Loop controls
- 6. Slip mode button
- 7. Track direction toggle
- 8. CUE and PLAY/PAUSE buttons
- 9. Track skip and search
- 10. Jogwheel
- 11. Jog mode VINYL/CDJ toggle
- 12. TEMPO range select
- 13. KEY LOCK button
- 14. Pitch fader



NOTE: If you have **nested playlists** within **folders**, you'll need to access them via the **library browser** as it isn't possible via the media player navigation.

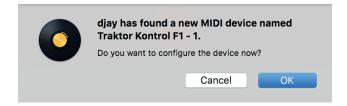
5.15 MIDI mapping

Custom MIDI maps are a powerful and flexible way to get the most out of your hardware and workflow. If you find yourself missing some functionality from your existing setup, you can easily add an extra MIDI controller, or simply change the way your current one is mapped.

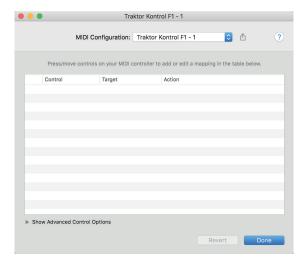


To start mapping a new MIDI device, follow these steps:

- 1. Launch **djay Pro 2** and wait for it to be fully loaded.
- 2. Plug your MIDI controller into your computer via a spare USB port and turn it on. You will then see a pop up message asking if you want to configure the device. Click **OK**.



3. Next, the device **MIDI Configuration** window will load, displaying a blank mapping screen.



- 4. To start mapping your first MIDI signal, use the desired control for the editor to pick up the correct note or CC to add to the list. Press a button on your controller to add this to the list.
- 5. You then need to select both the **Target** within the software and the **Action** the control will perform. From the **Target dropdown** in the list, choose **Deck 1**, and from the **Action dropdown**, choose **Play/Pause**.
- 6. You have now mapped the **Deck 1 PLAY** button to your controller. Load a track and test it out!
- 7. Keep mapping the basic controls until you have everything you need and hit **DONE** to save the config.

MIDI control targets

Targets are a simple way to break down what controls your MIDI signals are "targeting". These targets are general areas of the user interface to help make it easier to find the right command to map. You can choose from **Decks 1 to 4**, **Mixer**, **Music library**, **Sampler**, **Microphone**, or **General**. You can further drill down into these target sections through the target's **Actions** dropdown.

Advanced control options

To show the **Advanced Control Options**, expand the section by clicking the header. These settings are designed to tweak how your MIDI commands respond, should they not work as you want them to.

Control type: Choose from Button, Fader/Knob, Rotary (01h/7Fh), Rotary (3Fh/41h), Rotary (absolute).

Invert: Swaps the direction of your control.

Pickup mode: Controls with this option checked will only start responding once they've reached ("picked up") the MIDI value they last received. This is useful when using one control for different functions (ie two mixer channels sharing one fader as 'layers').

Speed: Change the slider between **Slow** and **Fast** to alter the size of movement between steps. This is particularly useful when using endless encoders for scrolling, for example. **Reaction:** Use this option to change how **Smooth** or **Responsive** you want your jogwheels to feel. The more 'responsive' this is set, the more immediate jogwheel movements will feel.

MIDI out: Check this box to activate the option for **djay Pro 2** to return MIDI signals to your controller. You can use **MIDI out** commands to let **djay Pro 2** respond with LED feedback for controls that allow it (for example, pads with backlight or LED toggles).

Message: Change the **channel** and **message type** for your MIDI signal. Choose between **Note on/off** or **Control Change (CC)**.

Control: Selects which control a return message is sent to. This can be different from the mapped control.

Value: Set the **minimum** and **maximum** value of the MIDI out signal, and whether to **blend** it, and/or **invert** it.

TIP: Most controls should work by simply enabling the option, but some may need you to experiment with the other settings or read your controller's documentation.

5.15.1 Mapping Jogwheels

There are three essential commands that need to be mapped to get basic jogwheel functionality working on a controller: **Scratching mode** (note), **Scratch** (CC), and **Pitch bend** (CC). Both the CCs also need their **Speed** and **Reaction** adjusted to suit user taste. You can edit your jogwheel MIDI mappings within the device **MIDI Configuration** editor.

The Scratching Mode MIDI command is designed to switch your jogwheel to be able
to scratch on non-touch-sensitive platters. Touch the top of the jogwheel to add or
focus on the note in the editor. Select Deck <number>, and Scratching Mode (in the
Jogwheels section of the dropdown)

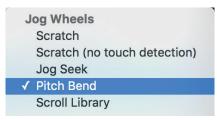


2. Touch the top of the jogwheel and move it backwards and forwards in a scratching motion to add/focus the command in the editor. Add the **Deck<number>**, **Scratch** action (from Jogwheels section) to the command to add scratching capabilities to your jogwheel. If your jogwheels aren't touch sensitive, you can use the **Scratch (no touch detection)** CC instead.



NOTE: Check your hardware specifications to find out if your controller has touch sensitive jogwheels.

To add Pitch bend functions, touch the side of the jogwheel and move it to add/focus
the command in the editor. Choose the Deck <number>, Pitch bend action.



4. Finally, you can adjust the **Sensitivity** via the **Advanced Control Options** section of your MIDI actions (see **section 5.15 MIDI mapping**). Play with both the **Speed** and **Reaction** sliders until your are satisfied with the feel of all the jogwheel behavior.



If your controller supports it, you can also add an extra layer of **SHIFT** commands to control other software features by holding down the **SHIFT button** while adding the commands in the device **MIDI Configuration** editor.

TIP: The **jogwheel** is treated as any other rotary control, meaning you can also use them for controlling **effects** or even **browser** navigation!

5.15.2 Editing an existing mapping

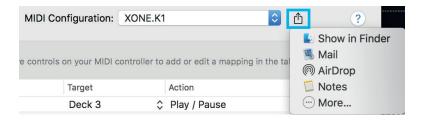
You can also modify an existing MIDI mapping to suit your needs. Select your existing controller's **MIDI Configuration window** to access these changes. The **device MIDI editor** will already show a list of all the mapped controls. Using the guide above, you can add to or alter the commands any way you need.

TIP: Sometimes you can find alternative mappings for hardware on the **Algoriddim** or manufacturer forums.

TIP: Many controllers have **SHIFT** functions to double up your control options.

5.15.3 Importing and exporting mappings

All your custom controller mappings are saved automatically when you click **DONE** in the MIDI configuration window. You can quickly access your mappings folder from the **MIDI** configuration window via the macOS Share Menu feature, next to the **MIDI** hardware selection dropdown, and choosing Show in Finder.



Within the **mapping list window**, you can also manage these files in one convenient place.

- 1. To quickly find where they're saved, open the MIDI configuration window and click **Edit Configurations...** from the dropdown box at the top.
- 2. In the new window, select the controller from the list and choose **Show in Finder** from the **Options dropdown** at the bottom.
- Alternatively, you can find them by hand at this location in **Finder**:
 Home/user/<USERNAME>/Music/djay Pro 2/MIDI Mappings/
- 4. You can also use this window to organize your mapping files. Select the mapping from the list and use the dropdown to **Duplicate**, **Rename**, or **Delete** the file.

You can also add new mapping files to **djay Pro 2** by downloading and double-clicking them. The controller mapping files use the *.djayMidiMapping extension and will be recognized by macOS as unique to **djay Pro 2**.

TIP: You can quickly access your controller MIDI configuration by going to the **MIDI** menu item and selecting your device. Alternatively, you can use the keyboard shortcut **# + Y**.

5.16 External mixing

As well as mixing using MIDI on a controller, it is also possible to use up to four decks in **djay Pro 2** with an external DJ mixer and audio interface.

1. If you're using both a mixer and separate audio interface, plug your audio interface outputs into their respective mixer channel inputs.

TIP: You can route your audio into the mixer channels however you feel comfortable. Just keep track of which is which!

2. Plug the USB cable into your computer. Like with MIDI controllers, **djay Pro 2** will automatically detect your audio interface, with a pop-up asking how audio routing should be set up.



- 3. On the pop-up, click the **Advanced...** button to open up the **Devices** preferences.
- 4. You can now change your audio to External using the tabs at the top. This will let you assign stereo outputs to individual decks, allowing your audio to be routed to external mixer channels.



5. Hit Apply to save your settings, and turn your mixer on if it isn't already. You're now ready to mix using **djay Pro 2** and an external DJ mixer!



Tips and support

6 Tips and support

We all need some extra tips and assistance from time to time. If you have any questions that haven't been covered so far, this section will point you in the right direction.

6.1 Special tips

A big part of being a DJ is understanding how to get the best possible quality out of your equipment, and **djay Pro 2** fro Mac is an important part of that. From mixing in key to ensuring the sound stays under control, **djay Pro 2** is designed to help you achieve that perfect sound. Follow the tips below to help craft your mix and push your boundaries. Being a DJ is an ever-evolving skill set, and you can never know too much.

6.1.1 Avoid the red

It's important to get your audio levels right from the start. Making the sound too loud can result in distortion and make the music unpleasant to listen to. While everyone likes loud music, it's important to give your audio plenty of space (known as headroom) to avoid any unpleasantness.

- 1. First, make sure your channel gains are properly set. You want to set your channel gains as close to zero as you can (this means setting it so it just avoids the red at its loudest point)
- 2. Remember that each channel of audio will add extra volume to the master output and adjust accordingly. Use EQ or the volume faders to cut out extra sound while you're mixing. This becomes especially important when you're mixing with more than two decks.
- 3. Never push the volume too much on any one part of the audio chain. If your amplifier is at maximum, it'll start to sound bad as it pushes too hard.

You can use the **Autogain** and **Autolimiter** features built in to **djay Pro 2** to assist you. For more information on this, see **section 4.8.76 Advanced preferences**.

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6.1.2 Audio file quality

The recording and encoding quality of your music files is critical to getting the most out of your sound system. While the argument about what quality audio DJs should seek rages on, most everyone agrees that you should aim for at least **192kbps stereo MP3** quality, with **320kbps stereo MP3** as the ideal.

6.1.3 Mixing in key

All music has a **root musical key**, which works with other musical keys to create pleasant harmonies. Tracks that have clashing keys can sound bad when played together (especially during 'musical' parts, rather than percussive parts). You can use **djay Pro 2**'s **key lock** and **key analysis** features to better piece your music together.

EXTRA TIP: This is one of the ways the **Track Match** feature works, and is a skill many DJs find essential.

6.1.4 Know your tracks

Modern digital music might be much better mastered than in the past, and there might be better ways to be visually aware of your tracks, but there's no substitute for knowing them inside out. Not only does it help you understand you volume levels, it also gives you insight into how best to structure your mix

6.1.5 Keep your library tip-top

It's easy to get overwhelmed with the wealth of music in your collection, so keeping it lean, and ensuring all your track metadata is accurate and up-to-date will help you stay on top of things. Resist the urge to fill your library without considering your musical tastes. DJs are known as **music selectors** for a reason.

6.1.6 Cables

Every step in the chain affects the quality of your audio. The condition, as well as quality, of any audio or digital cables is important to ensuring consistent and reliable sound. That doesn't mean you need to spend a fortune on audiophile cables, just make sure you have cables you can trust.

6.2 FAQ and Support

If you have any technical issues, or questions not answered in this manual, please visit the <u>Algoriddim support community</u> and <u>FAQ</u>. You can also contact <u>Algoriddim email support</u> directly by using the support portal to raise a ticket.

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What's new in 2.0

7 What's new in 2.0

The user interface has been completely overhauled for **djay Pro 2** (see **section 7.5 My Library**). Along with the 2-deck and 4 deck mixing, the **Single Deck** and **Automix** views give DJs even more tools to mix. There's also a consistent interface across all the different views, with master volume, recording, effects and tools retaining the same functionality.

7.1 2-deck view

The two-deck view has been redesigned with a clearer layout, including a larger level meter as part of the main deck interface.



For a more detailed look at the 2-deck view, see section 4.5 Deck views.

7.2 4-deck view

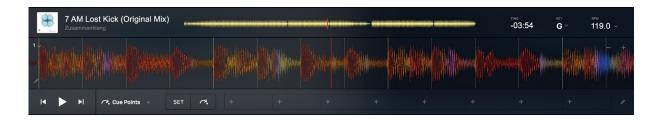
Like 2 Deck view, the four-deck layout has been improved, with tempo, EQ, gain, filter, and volume controls for each deck on-screen.



For more information on 4 Deck view, see section 5.2 Advanced deck layouts.

7.3 Single Deck view

The Single Deck view loads one track at a time, with transport controls for quickly skimming through music collections. Skip back to a **previous track** in the playlist, **play/pause** the current track, or move on to the **next track**.



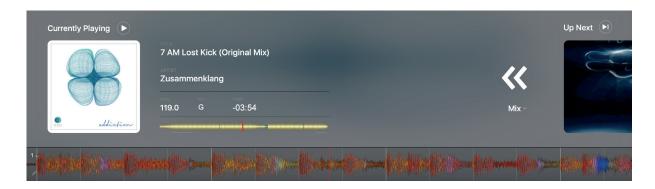
Prepare your music with the track **Tools**:

- Cue Points
- Loop
- BPM/Grid

TIP: Use Single Deck mode to prepare your music without the clutter.

7.4 Automix view

Switch to **Automix** view to let **djay Pro 2** take control of your mixing. When active, tracks from the Automix playlist will be mixed together based on the user preferences. Read **section x Automix preferences** for more information on how to set up your Automix transitions.



To start using Automix:

- 1. Drag your first track onto the Currently Playing deck area dropzone.
- 2. The music can be controlled using the **PLAY/PAUSE button** in the center of the track artwork.
- 3. Once the music has started playing, drag another track onto the next slot **dropzone**, to the right of the deck area.

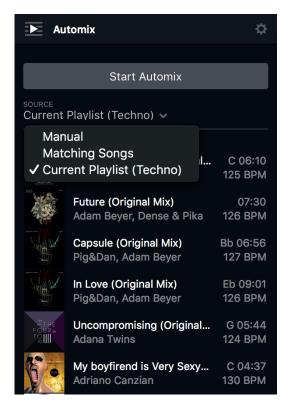


- 4. When the current track nears the end, the incoming track will start to move to replace it.
- 5. Automix will play this track to the end, unless you add another.

7.4.1 Automix playlist

To automate things further, you can use the Automix playlist panel to keep the music flowing. There are three ways to add music to the Automix playlist: Manual, Matching Songs, and Current Playlist. Switch between the different sources by using the dropdown just below-left of the Start/Stop Automix button.

- Manual lets you create and manage your own playlist by adding music manually, using drag-and-drop
- **Matching Songs** uses djay's Match feature to find tracks from all sources that work with the current track.
- **Current Playlist** loads all the tracks from the currently selected playlist, and plays through them in the order they are listed.



To load the next track from the Automix playlist into the queue, click the **Start Automix** button at the top of the panel.

TIP: You can start transitioning to the next track early by clicking the **chevrons** below-right of the **Start/Stop Automix** button. The software will find the soonest possible moment to start the blend.

7.5 My Library

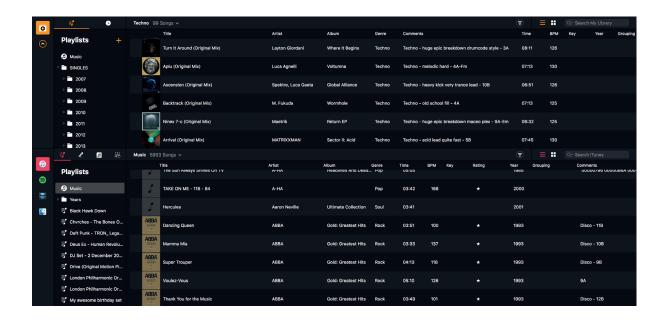
You can manage your music within **djay Pro 2** using the **My Library**, with powerful features such as **smart playlists**, **search filters**, and **split library mode**.



TIP: The My Library lets you edit and manage your locally stored music collection directly within **djay Pro 2**.

7.5.1 Split Library Mode

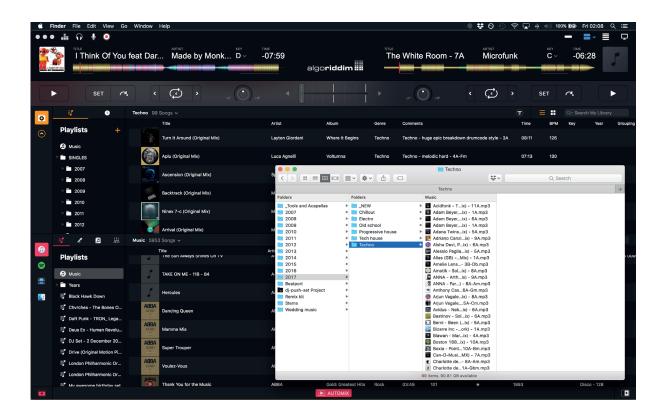
The **djay Pro 2** browser is able to display both the My Library window, and a second browser tree and playlist window. To activate the split view, click the **Split Library Mode** button, below the My Library tab.



TIP: You can adjust the ration between both views by dragging the central splitter up or down.

7.5.2 Adding music to your library

There are two ways to add new media to your My Library: dragging and dropping via the **Split Library Mode**, or dropping files or folders from a **Finder** window.



To add using the **Split Library Mode**:

- 1. Make sure Split Library Mode is active (see **section 7.5.1 Split Library Mode**).
- 2. Select the source you want to import from using the library tabs on the left of the browser.
- 3. Drag the tracks from the lower playlist window (or folder/playlist from the lower browser tree) onto the My Library at the top of the browser.

To add using a **Finder** window:

- 1. Make sure the **My Library** tab is active.
- 2. Use a **Finder** window to navigate to the media or folder you'd like to import.
- 3. Click-hold what you'd like to import, and drag over to the library browser tree until

focus switches to the djay Pro 2 window.

4. Drop the item at the location in the browser tree you'd like it to import.

NOTE: Adding tracks to **djay Pro 2** only adds them to the database. It does not duplicate or move your music files.

TIP: You can drag-and-drop folders or playlists from the **iTunes**, **video**, and **Finder** tabs, onto your My Library browser tree to quickly batch-add them.

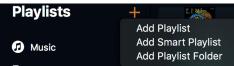
7.5.3 Playlists

Playlists are an easy way to keep track of your music, ready for a set.

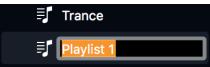


To add a playlist:

- 1. Make sure the My Library collection is the active tab on the left side of the browser.
- 2. In the **Playlists** browser tree, navigate to the location you'd like your playlist to exist.
- 3. Click on the **+ button** at the top right, and choose **Add Playlist** from the menu that appears.



4. A new blank playlist will show in the library browser tree, with the name field selected, ready to edit.

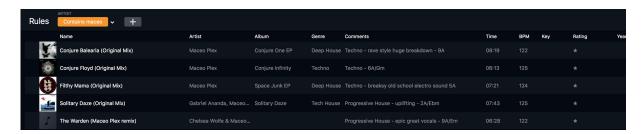


- 5. Rename your playlist.
- 6. You can now add tracks from your My Library by dragging them from the tracklist window to the playlist.

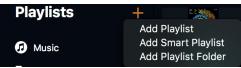
TIP: you can reorder your playlists either using the **metadata columns**, or by dragging tracks to a different part of the playlist.

7.5.4 Smart playlists

Keep your tracks in the right place without doing the work. Smart playlists sort through your entire collection into playlists based on custom track metadata filter variables. As new music is added, it automatically gets sorted into any relevant smart playlist.



- 1. Make sure the My Library collection is active.
- 2. In the **Playlists** browser tree, navigate to the location you'd like your smart playlist to exist.
- 3. Click on the **+ button** at the top right, and choose **Add Smart Playlist** from the menu that appears.
- 4. A new, blank smart playlist will show in the main track list window.
- 5. Click the + icon at the top to the right of **Smart Playlist Rules** to start adding rules for the playlist filtering.



6. To close the filter rules panel, click the orange **Done** button, to the left of the search bar.



7. You can further change your filter by clicking the **Edit** button which replaces the **Done** button.



Rules can be set up based on **Album**, **Artist**, **BPM**, **Comments**, **Date Added**, **Date Released**, **Genre**, **Grouping**, **Key**, **Label**, **Name**, **Rating**, and **Tags** track metadata. With different rules, you will have different parameter options you can choose from. For example, text fields will have variables for:

- Contains
- Does not contain
- |s
- Is not
- Begins with
- Ends with

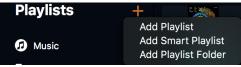
TIP: The order in which you set your rules will change how your music is filtered.

7.5.5 Playlist folders

Playlist folders are an easy way to contain multiple playlists together for organization. When active in the library browser tree, the folders will display all the tracks from all the contained playlists in the playlist window.

To create a playlist folder:

- 1. Make sure the **My Library** collection is active.
- 2. In the **Playlists** browser tree, navigate to the location you'd like your playlist folder to exist.
- 3. Click on the **+ button** at the top right, and choose **Add Playlist Folder** from the menu that appears.



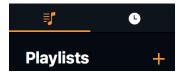
- 4. A new playlist folder will show in the library browser tree, with the name field selected, ready to edit.
- 5. Name your folder.

Once the folder is created, you can either add new, empty playlists or smart playlists using the **+ button**, or drag and drop existing playlists to re-home them. Click on the folder icon or name will display all the tracks from the playlists. Click the triangle to the left of the folder will expand the contents.

NOTE: Select a playlist, smart playlist, or folder, then click it again to rename it.

7.5.6 History

Every track you play from the My Library is automatically added to a playlist of your current session, within the **History** tab. Quickly switch between **Playlists** and **History** by using the tabs to the right of your **My Library** icon.



TIP: you can start a fresh session in your history by clicking the + icon at the top of the **History** tab.

7.5.7 Filtering

Filters allow you to quickly drill down using search rules based on **Album**, **Artist**, **BPM**, **Comments**, **Date Added**, **Date Released**, **Genre**, **Grouping**, **Key**, **Label**, **Name**, **Rating**, and **Tags** track metadata. Unlike smart playlists, any active filter will carry over to the currently selected playlist or playlist folder. To create a filter, click the filter icon to the left of the search box. Add rules to your filter using the **+ symbol**.



TIP: Since filters stay active, you can scrub through your playlists with a search filter on, to quickly see what results show up.

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7.6 Library side panel

The **library side panel** offers a means to display extra information next to your main library view. Switch between the **Compact library**, **Queue**, **Current session**, and **Match** using the tabs along the top.

7.6.1 Compact library

Display a second, independent, library view. You can navigate all your music, playlists, and folders by using the dropdown at the top left of the panel.



TIP: Use the library panel while preparing your sets, to quickly access playlists or music from more than one source.

7.6.2 Queue

The **Queue** tab loads your **Play Queue**, which lets you prepare a list of tracks to sketch ideas. The **Play Queue** acts as a playlist which stays up to date by removing tracks that have already been played. To access the Play queue, use the button on the far right button group at the bottom of the window.



You can add tracks to the Play Queue two ways:

- 1. Drag individual tracks into the **Play Queue** from your playlists.
- 2. Right click tracks and choose Add To Queue.

TIP: You can add tracks from any of the library tabs to your play queue.

7.6.3 Session

The **Session** tab shows the historical playlist of your current mix session. Any tracks that have been loaded and played in a deck will show in the order they first played.



7.6.4 Match

Change which target track to match to, and which source collection to search matches from by selecting from the two drop-down lists at the top of the panel.



Using the left drop-down, switch between the **Currently Playing** track, a **Custom** choice via drag-and-drop, or select a **specific deck** for Match to monitor.

The right drop-down allows you to change which source collection Match will search. Switch between music from your **djay playlists**, **iTunes**, or **Spotify**.

TIP: The collection used to find matches doesn't have to be the same as the one with the current track. If you can't find something that works, try a different collection.

7.7 PhotoBeat

With **djay Pro 2**, images can be loaded directly into **video mode** from both the Apple Photos app and via drag and drop from the Finder tab.

To access your PhotoBeats collection, navigate to the **Videos** tab in the browser, then switch to the **PhotoBeat** section using the icon above the browser tree. Any images in the Photos app will display in the browser playlist window, ready to be added to your video feed.



NOTE: You will need to have audio loaded into the deck you add your photos.