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About this Document / Release Notes

This document contains the alpha release documentation for Cubase 11. It provides you with an overview about the changes, new features and how to use them.

- Over the course of development this document will be updated and extended.
- The alpha version of the program (and this accompanying documentation) is work in progress. We consider it safe to evaluate and to play around. However, in no case use this version in production environments!
- Try out the new features and send us your feedback, we are happy to receive it.
- Features are work in progress. GUI elements are not final or may be plain broken. Functions may be removed, renamed or changed over the course of development.
- Make sure you have back-ups of the projects you intend to use for checking in these versions! Never try
 working with your original real world projects in Alpha versions.
- Projects saved with Alpha versions may no longer be opened by older Cubase versions, likewise you may
 not be able to open them in subsequent Alpha versions.

Changes in Alpha 1

• Initial Alpha 1 release and documentation

Changes in Alpha 2

- Added section "Re-organised Lanes management menus" in chapter "MIDI Editor Extensions"
- Added section "Select Steps or Ramps as default curve type" in chapter "MIDI Editor Extensions"
- Added section "Delete Notes with double-click / how to access the Note Expression Editor" in chapter "MIDI Editor Extensions"
- Added section "Combined Select Tool mode: Range-selected events after "Split" selects them as Objects" in chapter "Various Other Improvements"
- Added chapter "Supervision Metering Plug-in"
- Added chapter "Multiband Squasher Plug-in"
- Added chapter "Frequency Dynamic EQ Mode"

Changes in Alpha 3

- · Added chapter "Scale-based MIDI Editing in Key Editor"
- Added chapter "Global Tracks in Editors"
- Updated chapter "Audio Mixdown Enhancements" with various new details and improvements
- Added chapter "Sampler Track v2"
- Added chapter "Multiband Imager Plug-in"
- Updated chapter "Multiband Squasher Plug-in": "Amount" parameters are split into Low and Hi for each band
- Updated chapter "Frequency Dynamic EQ Mode": View mode and Mode switch für Dynamic EQ operation added
- Added "PolyPressure Lane Handling Improvements" in chapter "Various Other Improvements"
- Splitted "MIDI Editor Extensions" topic into separate ones (MIDI CC Curves, Pitchbend Editing Improvements)
- Moved "Delete Notes with double-click" to chapter "Various Other Improvements"

 Added section "Audio Export in WMA format removed" in chapter "Various Other Improvements"

Changes in Alpha 4

- Updated section "About focus handling and indication" in chapter "Global Track in Editors"
- Added section "Focus Indication when using Divided Track List" in chapter "Various Other Improvements"
- Updated section "Miscellaneous / Sampler Track v2" with "Fingered Option, Extended Pitchbend Range, Sample Quality Settings, REX file support"
- Added section "Cut/Copy/Paste Controller Events Improvements" in chapter "Ramps and Curves for MIDI
- Updated chapter "Scale-based MIDI Editing", added section "Map MIDI Thru"
 Updated chapter "Squasher": GUI is updated, there are now dedicated Up/Down Ratios and Up/Down Threshold controls and a new Compressor Characteristics display
- Added chapter "Side-Chain with support for multiple Inputs"

 Added section "Test Generator, Mixer Delay plug-in Update" in chapter "Various Other Improvements
- Added section "Audio Connections Removed automatic Input/Output presets" in chapter "Various Other Improvements"
- Added section "Default setting for New Projects location changed to "Prompt for Project Location" in chapter "Various Other Improvements"

Changes in Beta 1

- Added chapter "Revised ARA 2.0 Support"
- Added section "Options for showing Marker Events" in chapter "Various Other Improvements"
- Added section "Wave64 Format removed" in chapter "Various Other Improvements'
- Added section "Default Track Heights" in chapter "Global Tracks in Editors"
- Updated section "Manage Scales..." to "Set up Scales..." in chapter "Scale Assisant & MIDI Editing", various corrections
- Added section "New Detail View for Maximizer Module in Channel Strip Channel settings Window" in chapter "Various Other Improvements"
- Moved information about removed features into separate chapter "Discontinued Features"

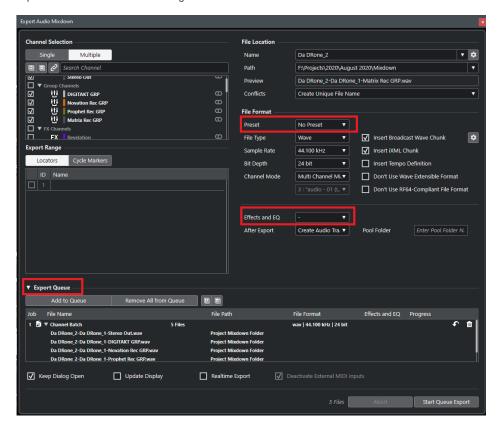
Changes in Beta 2

- · Added chapter "Pitch Visibility in Key Editor"
- Added chapter "macOS: Modernized Graphic Back-end"
- Updated section "Delete Notes with double-click / how to access the Note Expression Editor" in chapter Various Other Improvements"
- Updated chapter "Audio Mixdown Enhancements"

Audio Mixdown Enhancements

Export Job Queue

Exporting audio files from a project can be a tedious and time-consuming task, especially if different ranges, portions or single tracks of a project are needed as independent artefacts. For instance, exporting stems or cues. The amount of time for this process could be easily increased, if the material is needed in different file formats, e.g. for multiple distribution channels (AAC for iTunes and wav for DDP) or other purposes. A simple example: the project must be exported as PCM and MP3 in one go.



With Cubase 11 we introduce a feature which we call an "export job". An export job can be part of several other export jobs all collected in a job queue list. A Job list can contain up to **20 jobs in total.** A Job consist of everything that can be configured in the audio export dialog:

- Channel Selection
- Cycle Markers (saved as reference e.g. 1st cycle marker) or locator positions (saved as times)
- File Format Settings
- File Name
- Export Path
- Export Options

There are some special decisions:

- The settings how to treat naming conflicts (if e.g. files already exist) is not saved. Instead, the jobqueue will always create unique file names.
- All "After Export" options like "Create New Project", "Send to Wavelab" etc. are not saved as a job and are ignored in case of job queue execution.
- For the naming scheme, the name of the current scheme is saved as a reference, not the exact settings.

How to create a job

- Open the "Export Queue" list
- set your export settings for a specific job, set a naming scheme (if wanted) and click on "Add to Queue"

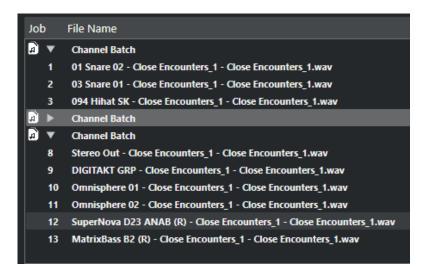
- Add as many jobs as you need.
- If done, start the job export by using the dedicated "Start Queue Export" control

Sub Jobs display for Channel Batch Job

A Channel Batch Job which includes multiple channels in one Job is now displayed in an expandable/collapsable folder view

This allows you:

- · To have an overview, of the resulting audio files and their final names after the export process.
- To see directly, which and how many audio files will be generated when applying the "Start Queue Export" button



Remove Job(s)

You can remove all jobs from the queue list by using the "Remove all from Queue" control on top of the "Export Queue" list. It is also possible to remove single jobs from the list. Therefore, each job has its dedicated bin control at the end of the job row. Click on the bin control and the job will be removed from the list.

Update Job settings in Export Job Queue

If you select an existing Job in the Export Job Queue, all the settings for this job are reflected immediately in the Audio Export Dialog. That means, all settings in the Audio Export dialog will be updated corresponding to the selected Job. Additionally, the update control turns orange to indicate that the job has been changed and can be updated by clicking the control. If you want to update an existing Job in the Export Job Queue (for instance, adding another channel to a channel batch export), simply select the job, update the needed settings and click the update button left beside the button with the trash icon - done.



Save Job Queue

- A created Job Queue is part of the Project and will be saved with it
- If the job queue is changed, you will be asked to save the project when you want to closes
- A job queue is always project related: This means that in the export audio dialog, only the job queue of the currently active project is visible

Job validation

We implemented a job validation system, which checks several pre-conditions if a job is valid or not. Jobs are valid if:

- · At least one channel is selected
- · For cycle marker mode

- · at least one cycle marker is selected
- · For locator mode
 - The locator range is not empty
- The current naming scheme will not produce any name conflicts
- The selected export path exists

The validity is checked before doing the audio export (in case of the current setup) or before the job is added to the job queue. If the job is not valid, an error information is displayed and the job is rejected / the configuration not executed.

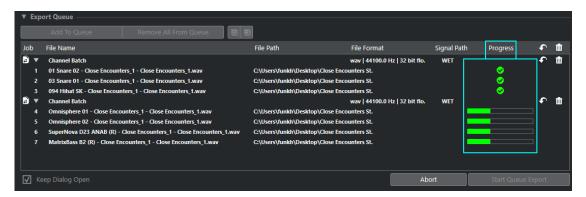
Please note: When executing the jobs in the job queue the validity is not checked again, although e.g. the
markers might have been deleted in the meantime.

Apply "Start Queue Export"

If you have setup your Job list, you can start the export process by simply clicking the "Start Queue Export" control. The progress for each Job will be displayed directly in the Export.

Export Progress:

- When starting/running the export process, your can see the status of the progress directly in the job queue view.
- Progress States: no progress / waiting / running / completed
- During processing the audio export dialog will become modal (no interaction within the application is possible)
- Abort Function

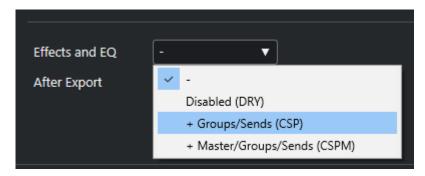


Effects and EQ Options

For Cubase 11, we added Effects and EQs options for the Audio Export Mixdown similar to the signal path options in Render In Place. Each export job can has its own Effects and EQ options. Available options are:

- Default "No selection" All insert effects, EQ and other channel settings are taken into account.
 - the channel width is taken "post panner", i.e. a mono channel routed to a stereo group is exported as stereo
 - this setting is called STANDARD, because it is the same as in the C10.5 without any signal path
 option
- Disabled (Dry) insert effects, EQ settings etc are bypassed
 - the channel width is taken "pre panner", i.e. a mono channel routed to a stereo group is exported as mono
- + Groups/Sends (CSP) also any effects and settings on all channels (e.g. group channels and fx channels) towards the output channel are taken into account.
 - The insert FX and EQ settings of the master channel are ignored.
 - the channel width is taken "post panner" (of the output channel).
- + Master/Groups/Sends (CSPM)

• same as above, but also the insert FX and eq settings of the output channels are taken into account.



File Format Presets

In Cubase 11 it is now possible to create file format presets from your favorite or most used file format settings.

A file format preset includes:

- File Type
- Sample Rate
- Bit Depth
- · Audio Chunk settings

To create a preset simply make your file format settings, click on the "Preset" combo box and select "Save Preset". Give a name and the preset is globally stored and can be used for any project.

Settings are stored in the Presets folder:

- Windows: "C:\Users\\cusername>\AppData\Roaming\Steinberg\Cubase 11_64\Presets\AudioFileFormatPreset"
- macOS: "/Users/<username>/Library/Preferences/Cubase 11/Presets/AudioFileFormatPreset"
- The File Format Presets are also part of the user Profile Manager.
- It is also possible to "Rename" and "Remove" existing presets.



Revised channel overview/selection list

The channel selector list has also been revised for Cubase 11. The list follows now the same look and feel like the channel/track list in the "Import Tracks from Project" dialog. The channel selector includes the following information:

- channel color
- channel icon
- channel width

New Selection option: You can now also select multiple channels by click (in the selection box), hold and drag the mouse down.

Selection Functionality as before:

- Single and Multi Mode (incl. persistency)
- Expand and collapse channel type folders
- Channel type folder selection (only in Multi Mode)
- Filter channels by text entry



Sync Channel Selection List with Channel/Track selection in Project Window

For the Multi Channel Export option in the Audio Export Dialog, we added a new function "Sync Selection to Channel /Track Selection". This mode becomes available, if Multiple Export is selected.



If you activate this mode, the channel list in the Audio Export dialog will follow dynamically the Track/Channel selection from the Track list in the Project Window. So the list will be filtered and shows only the Tracks/Channels selected in the project Track List. The same is valid for channel selections you apply in the MIxConsole. This allows you, to fill up the channel selection list in the Audio Export dialog by the selected Tracks/Channels in Project. This is especially useful for ad hoc export tasks or for creating stems. This in combination with the new signal path options and the Job Queue export provides you a very powerful and time saving workflow.

This works for the following Channel/Track Types:

- Audio
- Instrument
- Group
- Effects
- Return/Synth Channels
- Rewire

Hint: A selected MIDI Track, which is connected to a VST Instrument, will not select its corresponding Return/Synth channel. So if you want to use this feature in combination with VSTi MIDI Tracks, make sure, to select the Return/Synth Channel instead of the MIDI Track in the Project Track List



Dedicated, new default Mixdown Folder in the Project Root Directory

With Cubase 11, we introduce a new, dedicated Mixdown folder in the project root directory, besides the Audio project folder

This Mixdwon folder is for each new created project pre-defined in the File Location Path as a default path for any Audio Export Mixdown. Of course, the path could be changed at any time and the new path will also be stored with the projec7 (see also New Dialog Persistency)

Specification

- below the existing option to use the project's audio folder a new menu entry provides a default shortcut to the project's mixdown folder "Project Mixdown Folder"
- The project mixdown folder is located in the project directory as root folder and called "Mixdown"
- selecting the menu entry will create the mixdown folder and change the export path to this folder
 since it is only a shortcut the menu entry will not be checked afterwards
- if "use project audio folder" is enabled it will be switched off when then project mixdown folder is selected
- · exporting to the mixdown folder will not lead to the mixdown folder being added to the recent path list
- if a new empty project is created, or a project loaded or created from a template, where no export path
 information is available, the project mixdown folder is set as default
- There are no restrictions as to "Create new project" (in comparison to use project audio folder)
- "Backup Project" will not copy any contents of the mixdown folder to the backup location (TBD)
- if a job has the mixdown folder as export path, it will be shown as "Project Mixdown Folder" in the job queue

Audio Export Dialog Settings - New Dialog Persistency

For Cubase 11 we changed the persistency of the Audio Export Mixdown Dialog settings. In former versions, most of the settings have been stored globally. For instance, the file name, the file path etc. . Now the filename will be generated from the project name by default. The file path is set to project Mixdown folder by default. Changes will be stored/saved with the project.

A lot of these settings are now stored/saved with the project. Here an overview of the persistency for all available dialog settings:

Area	Stored Globally	Stored in Project	Initial State (create new Project)
Channel Selection			
Single/Multiple switch		x	Single
Collapse/Expand list state		x	Expanded
Sync Channel selection switch state		x	Off
Effects and EQ			
Selected Option		х	Default

Export Range			
Locators/Cycle Markers switch		х	Locators
Export Queue			
Show/Hide state	x	x	Hidden
Collapse/Expand list state		х	Expanded
Job List		х	
File Location			
File Name		x	Project Name
File Path		x	Use Project Audio Folder
Naming Scheme	х	x	
File Conflicts Selected Option	х		Always Ask
Recent File Paths	х		List is empty
File Formats			
File Type	x	x	Wave
Sample Rate	x	x	Adopted from Project Setup
Bit Depth	х	х	Adopted from Project Setup
Insert iXML chunck	x	x	On
Insert Tempo definition	х	х	Off
Don't Use Wave Extensible Format	х	x	Off
Don't uUse RF64 Compliant Format	х	х	Off
Insert Broadcast Wave Chunk	х	х	On
Settings(Info For BW Chunk	X	х	Cubase
Channel Modes			
Mono Downmix		X	Off
L/R Channels		х	Off
Split Channels and Setting		X	Off
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After Export			
Create New Project		х	Off
Create Audio Track		Х	Off
Insert to Pool		Х	Off
Post Process selected Option		Х	None
Pool Folder Name		Х	Empty
Export Options			
Realtime Export		Х	Off
Deactivate External MIDI Inputs	X		On
Update Display	X		Off

Ramps and Curves for MIDI CCs

With Cubase 9.5 we introduced the possibility to use curves for automation data in the Project window. This has been extended for continuous MIDI CC data in the Controller Lanes of the MIDI Editors.



Besides the long known method of creating MIDI CC data in Steps, these can be now converted to Ramps, and then into Curves.

How to create Ramps/Curves

- Recording or drawing in MIDI CC data will always default to Steps at first, the possibility to use Ramps and Curves is an edit-operation afterwards.
 - An additional option has been added to decide if Steps or Ramps are the default, see further down below
- Use the handle in-between two MIDI CC events to change it to a Ramp or Curve:
 - · Grab the handle and move it to create a Curve into the desired shape
 - Double-click the handle to convert a Step into a Linear Ramp, from there grab the handle to shape it to a Curve
 - Double-click also switches from Curves back to Ramps and then back to Steps
 - Use the Info Line "Curve Type" field to convert a selection of MIDI CC events from Steps to Ramps /Curves and vice versa
- Please note: A massive load of MIDI CCs used as Ramps or Curves can impact the performance of the application

Playback Details

- When using Steps there are discrete MIDI CC events which are played exactly as they are
- As soon as you switch to Ramps/Curves, the data between two MIDI CC events is interpolated and internally rasterised to a suitable MIDI data resolution
 - There is a trade-off to make between super accurate precision and the amount of data to send out
 - The resolution is essentially the same as when using MIDI CCs for Automation in the Project window
 - When using "Freeze MIDI Modifiers" or "Merge MIDI in Loop..." you can see the actual result of the rasterised data
- When exporting MIDI files, data will be rasterised automatically
- When moving MIDI Part boundaries, notice the following:
 - When changing the start of a MIDI Part in-between two MIDI CC events, the next event after the start of the MIDI Part is played back
 - When changing the end of a MIDI Part in-between two MIDI CC events, data is played exactly up until the end of the MIDI Part
 - You can follow this by the visualisation of the MIDI CC data in the Controller Lane; data not played is shown as greyed out - or better: What You See Is What You Hear

Data value feedback

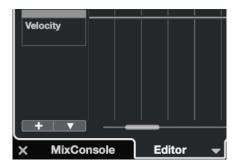
This is a collection of small improvements:

- In previous versions, Controller Lanes had a small value feedback underneath the name of the Lane to show
 the value at the mouse cursor position; this was meant as an aid for drawing/editing data at specific values
 - This value feedback now shows the current value at the Cursor position, similar to the Track Control featured at Automation Lanes in the Project window and is updated when the Cursor moves across the data
- To provide a good value feedback for drawing and editing data, make use of the following improvements:
 - When hovering over a MIDI CC event, you will see a tooltip-like display showing you the position and value of the event underneath

- When drawing or editing data with the Object Selection or Draw tool, you will get an immediate value feedback the same way, right there where you create or edit the data
- When enabling the Status Line the "Mouse Value" field will also show you the value at the current mouse cursor position
- These improvements also apply to events on Automation Lanes in the Project window, you no longer have to select an Automation event to read-out its value in the Info Line

Re-organised Lanes management menus

In the Editor the bottom-left area has been re-organised the following way:



- Use the "+" (Create a Controller Lane) button for a menu with everything related to adding a Lane
 - In this menu, Lanes which have data are marked with a more obvious diamond-shaped symbol
- Use the "arrow down" Controller Lane Setup button for a menu with everything related Lanes in general

Select Steps or Ramps as default curve type

In the Controller Lane Setup menu you can select whether you want to have "Steps" or "Ramps" as the default curve type:

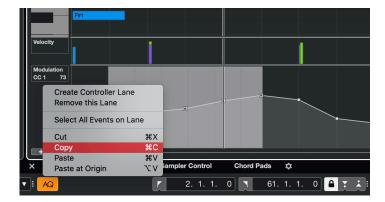


- This option only affects data which is created by mouse, resp. when drawn in by Tools
 - · Tools like the Pencil resp. Draw and the different Line tools respond to this (Square will always work as "Steps" though)

 Recorded MIDI CC will always be created in Steps
- The selected option is handled as an application preference, which means it is a global setting and remembered as set - independently from your projects
 - The default is "Step"

Cut/Copy/Paste Controller Events Improvements

These additional edit functions have been added to the Controller Lane context menu to improve their.

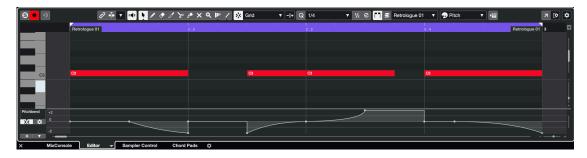


- They are available when using the right-click menu within the left-side Lane area
- · Paste will insert data at the current cursor position, use Paste at Origin when the data should be inserted at the same position as the copied one
- When data is pasted over already existing data it now gets properly replaced in that time range (unlike before, where old and new data was strangely mixed up)
 To copy data from e.g. CC1 to CC8 make sure to click into the CC8 Lane before using Paste

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Have you ever tried to start or end on clean semitones with Pitchbend data? If you are a virtuoso in playing and recording with a Pitchbend wheel, you may not care as long as you are satisfied with your performance. But what if you want to edit the data afterwards? Or how to program exact Pitchbend moves for a synth bass line?

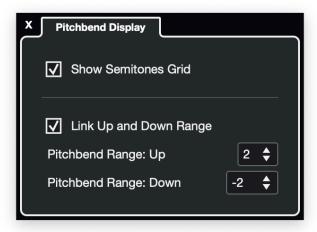


Not only can you make use of the new Ramps and Curves for MIDI CC data, you can do the same for Pitchbend, with the additional possibility to divide the Pitchbend Range into steps of semitones, incl. Snap to Semitones:

- · Open the Pitchbend Lane in a MIDI Editor, notice the new controls underneath the name label of the Lane
 - By default, the Pitchbend Lane will open to show the previous, rather abstract Pitchbend Range of +/-8192 in musical +/-2 semitones and cents, with semitones indicated by horizontal grid lines
 - When drawing or editing Pitchbend data and you want to hit exact semitones, make sure "Snap to Semitones" is enabled

Now it's possible to create Pitchbend data very precisely and predictable in semitone steps, and its much easier to hit the center line (= no Pitchbend)

Click the "Set up Pitch Bend Display button for further options:



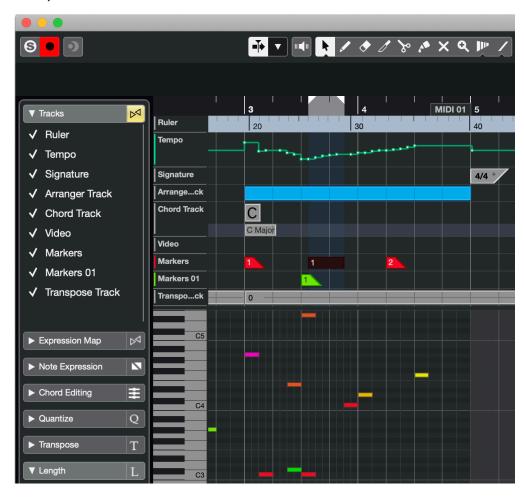
- You can decide to have the semitone grid enabled, but without Snap enabled this give you a visual aid but
 its also possible to deviate from semitones in cents
 - Notice how the value feedback also indicates semitones and cents, instead of the abstract Pitchbend MIDI value
- Of course the actual Pitchbend Range is dictated by the settings within the VST or MIDI Instrument, and will differ from sound/preset you use
 - Thus, to make the best of this feature, make sure the Pitchbend Range settings of your sound matches the settings of the Pitchbend Lane
 - We allow a Pitchbend Range of max. +/-96 semitones, this will cover all bases of sounds and instruments
 - High values for the Pitch Bend Range may not allow to show all semitones with a dedicated grid line, resp. you may want to increase the height of the Pitchbend Lane.

- Grid lines for indicating octave boundaries and for every 6th semitone within octaves are drawn more pronounced than others.
- The Up and Down Range can be set up asymmetrical when you disable "Link Up and Down Rage",
- the center-line will stay in the center all the time

 Existing Pitchbend data will not be scaled or otherwise adapted when you decide to change the range at the Lane, its about a musical representation of the data in a graphical way that makes editing a breeze
- The settings for the Pitchbend Lane works per track, so different tracks (using different instruments) can be all set up as needed and useful
- The settings for all Pitchbend Lanes are stored and recalled in the Project file
- The Pitchbend Lane can also work as in previous versions, just make sure that the "Snap to Semitones" button is disabled

Global Tracks in Key Editor

In the Key Editor it is now possible to show data of Global Tracks directly inside the Editor, together with the MIDI Part data. This allows you to edit data in context of data on Global Tracks with a better overview and also as a visual reference of what is going on in the Project at specific time ranges, all without the need to leave the Editor or look at the Project window.



The following Track Types are supported within the Editor

• Tempo, Signature, Chord, Ruler, Arranger, Video, Markers and Transpose

Some pre-conditions apply

- The Tracks you want to see within the Editor must have been created before in Project window
- The order of these tracks within the Track List in the Project window is also used within the Editor
 - If you want to re-order them, do this in the Project Window
- Specific configurations of these Tracks need to be done also in the Project window, but are reflected in the Editor then
 - E.g. "Show Scales" for the Chord Track, the tempo range settings for the Tempo Track, etc.
- Global Tracks are only in the Key Editor in its separate Window

How to enable the Global Tracks in the Editors

- Notice the "Global Tracks" section in the Editor Inspector
- · Expand it, then check the items you want to see
 - If you want to quickly toggle the display of your selected items, click the "Show/Hide Tracks" button at the right side of the Inspector section
 - You can assign a key command to this!

- Once you enable tracks in this section, the upper part above the MIDI Part Data display automatically grows as needed and also shrinks again when you un-tick tracks
 - In other words: The combination of selected items determine, how much space us used within the Editor to make efficient use of the available overall screen space
- The tracks itself can be re-sized to a certain degree, also having an effect of the used space. We deliberately
 decided to not introduce a scroll-able area
 - You can use the Shift G/H key command to zoom all tracks at once
- The setup of your Global Tracks within the Editor are stored and recalled with your project files

About editing event data of Global Tracks

- Its not just a passive display: In fact you can select, edit, add all event data types of Global Tracks within the Editor
 - The data you edit here is of course reflected back to the Project window, it is the same data
 - You can utilise the Info Line for additional parameters
 - You can use all the Tools as known from the Project Window
 - There is in fact no deliberate restriction of editing the data

About focus handling and indication

- A lot of key commands and commands in general work on the active focus
 - You may need to click into the respective area first for proper behaviour
 - The default focus is set to the MIDI Part editing area
- The editor area which has the current focus is indicated by the usual white and solid focus frame, the non-active area is drawn with a dashed pattern for visual separation.



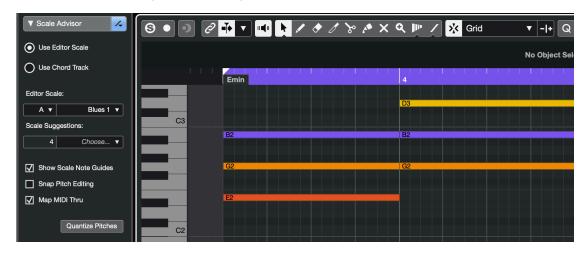
Default Track Heights in Editor

The following default Track Heights will be used for the different types of Tracks, until you resize them. The last used height is then applied until you remove and add the same track type again.

- Tempo, Chord: Height 2
- Video: Height 3
- All others: Height 1
- The Ruler Track can not be resized beyond height 1

Scale Assistant & MIDI Editing in Key Editor

We have introduced a new section in the Inspector of the Key Editor: It is the "Scale" section. It allows you to select a musical scale to indicate the pitches, which are part of the selected scale.



Once you enable the indication, pitches which do not belong to the selected scale are drawn in black into the Editor background. This can be used as a visual guide when you want to ensure to place/edit notes only on pitches valid for the selected scale.

Alpha 4: The color scheme has been improved and now works in conjunction with the Editor Background Color. Darker coloured pitch-lines represent notes which are not in the Scale. When using the dark default color setup in the Editor the current indication may be perceived as not strong enough, this will be corrected soon as well.

Set up a Scale

To setup this feature, there are different types of sources from where to derive the indication:

- Scale in Editor: When selected, use Root key and Scale selector menus underneath
 - This is a local setting for within the Key Editor and does not require a Chord Track to be present

The indication can be also taken from the Scale or Chord Events on an existing Chord Track in the Project, in this case select from:

- Chord Track: Chords & Scales: Indicates the pitches according to Chord and Scale events from the Chord Track
- Chord Track: Chords: Only the pitches used by the given Chords are used for the indication
- Chord Track: Scales: Only the pitches used by the given Scales are used for the indication
- When one of these three Chord Track options is selected, notice how the indication in the Editor background adapts accordingly at the positions, where Chord/Scale events change on the Chord Track

The settings are recalled with each time you open the Editor, so you just need to set it up once when working across different MIDI Parts.

Pro Tip: When you set the indication to take its data from the Chord Track, check the "Global Tracks in Editor" feature to show a Chord Track with Chord and Scale events right within the Key Editor! This way you have all musical context information right in front if you while editing MIDI note data. No looking back and forth between Key Editor and Project Window anymore...

Scale Suggestions based on Notes

If you have a MIDI Part with multiple notes of different pitches, Cubase can narrow down a list of matching scales to select from by using the "Scale Suggestion". A number of available scales will be shown and can be selected via the "Choose..." menu.

The following conditions have to be met:

- "Scale in Editor" is selected
 - If there is no note selection, all notes are taken into account in suggesting matching scales
 - When you select notes, only notes from within the selection are taken into account

Quantize Pitches

It is probably self-explaining: Once you have the indication enabled, all notes which are on pitches outside of the scale will be re-pitched to pitches of notes within the selected scale when you use "Quantize Pitches". This way you can quickly transform notes of a MIDI Part to different scales (or Scales/Chords on the Chord Track). The application considers the original pitch of the notes to prevent that several attempts of "Quantize Notes" does not end up in rather useless piles of notes.

Snap Pitch Editing

So far it was all about indication of pitches but you are in command to place and edit notes on whatever pitch you want. With "Snap Pitch Editing" you can engage a kind of auto-pilot for editing:

- When enabled, you can **no longer** place notes on pitches outside of the scale. This applies to:
 - Creating notes with mouse
 - Moving notes in pitch up/down by mouse or key commands
 - This also works for a multiple selection of notes on different pitches. This makes transpositions actually scale-aware, directly within the editing process
 - When using "Pitch" from the Info Line, the limitation does not apply. This way you can still break out of the limitation - if you want to - without the need to disable this option
 - Using the Draw and different Line tools from the Toolbar, incl. the Paintbrush Tool

So far, this feature is meant as an Editing Helper. But you can also transform the live input when recording into the Editor.

Snap Live Input

When enabled, incoming notes are automatically corrected in Pitch according to the settings within the Scales tab. This means you can monitor/record the corrected result immediately while playing in an open Editor.

 This mode kicks in when the Editor has the recording focus (Record in Editor button must be enabled and shown in red)!



- Try this for experimentation:
 - Setup a Chord Track with some Chords, playing a pad sound
 - Create another Instrument Track and load e.g. a bass sound
 - Open the Key Editor, in the Scale section enable "Use Chord Track" in Mode "Use Chords only"
 - Enable "Map MIDI Thru", make sure "Record in Editor" is enabled

• Start Playback, now just keep playing the bass sound on one pitch on the MIDI keyboard and notice how the pitch will adapt automatically to the Chords you have set up before



Alternatively, check the "Live Transform" feature from the Chord Track, which can be used also without using the Record in Editor focus. More details to this can be found here: https://steinberg.help/cubase_pro/v10.5/en/cubase_nuendo/topics/chord_functions/chord_functions_using_live_transform_t.html

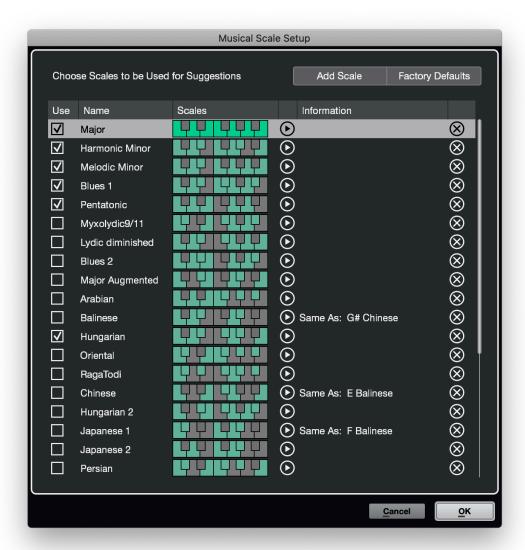
Event Coloring for Scale/Chords

The Key Editor toolbar contains the "Event Colors" selector. The mode "Scale/Chord" can be used to indicate whether or not notes belong to Scale and/or Chords notes by a color scheme for the notes itself. In the past this required a Chord Track to work but now it takes the Editors Scale section settings into account, meaning it's not required to have a Chord Track in order colorise the Events anymore. The different colors are described in their meaning in more detail now and the default set of colors as been adjusted.



Set up Musical Scales

In previous versions the scales Cubase knows about was fixed and could not be changed. With the "Musical Scale Setup" window we open up the management of scales to you. You can find this window in menu "Project > Chord Track > Set up Musical Scales..." and also in the menu list available at places where to select Scales.



The following management functions are available:

- · Add Scale: Creates a new, nameable entry, use the mini-keyboard to define the pitches for the scale
 - To define a new scale it always starts at key "C"
- Factory Defaults: Resets all scales to factory content
- Use: When you remove the checkmark of each scale entries, these scales won't appear as part of Scale suggestions anymore
- Rename: Click on the name field
- Keyboard Widget: Click on the keys to define the notes belonging to the scale
- Play Icon: Plays the scale using the current selected/rec-enabled etc. MIDI or Instrument Track
- X: Removes a selected scale entry

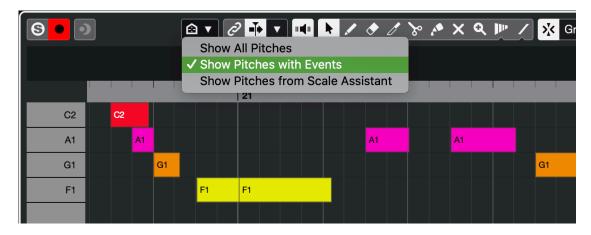
Please note: Scales are managed not just for the currently open project, but for the whole application. This makes it easy to customise the set just once. When you remove or rename scales which have been already used in specific projects before, you need to review such projects as the used scale will be unknown/unavailable to such projects then.

The list of scales you manage in this window are all reflected back to the areas within the application where Scales can be selected:

- In Key Editor "Scale in Editor"
- Scale events on the Chord Track
- Scales within the MIDI Transpose function
- Scales within MIDI Inserts > MIDI Modifiers

Pitch Visibility in Key Editor

In the Key Editor it is now possible to condense (or "fold") the amount of pitches to be shown by two distinct "Pitch Visibility" options. You can find these options in the Toolbar of the Key Editor:



Show All Pitches

This is the normal and known mode of operation: The editor, resp. the left-side keyboard widget will show all possible pitches in full range.

The next two modes are removing pitches from the view by different criteria.

Please note: No actual note events are removed. It is about visually hiding pitches, similar to the Track/Channel Visibility features or the Drum Sound Visibility feature in the Drum Editor.

Show Pitches with Events

When selected, the view is reduced to just show the pitches on which note event exists. All other pitches are hidden. This can save a lot of space on screen, especially when the range of note events in the MIDI Part span multiple octaves.

Editing single MIDI Parts: The visibility of pitches follows the MIDI Part selection, so you always get a properly condensed view in context of the MIDI Part and its note event content.

Editing multiple MIDI Parts: When editing multiple MIDI Parts, the view is condensed according to the sum of all existing note events in the different MIDI Parts. Also, extending/reducing a selection of MIDI Parts will update the view on-the-fly.

Moving Notes in Pitch: These are the general rules when moving note events in pitch up/down:

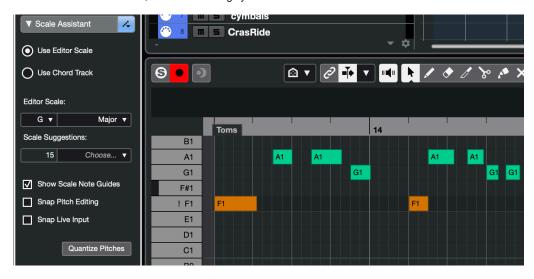
- You can move notes up/down only within the visible pitches at that time (key command: Navigate Up/Down)
- This applies to moving notes with the mouse or by using cursor keys up/down. In other words: The visible
 pitches won't change when moving notes
 - However, if you want to break out of this you can use the "Pitch" value in the Info Line to move an
 event on a pitch currently not visible. In this case the visibility will update itself accordingly
- You can move notes up/down by whole octaves (key command: Navigate Add Up/Add Down on [SHIFT]+ [Cursor Up], [Cursor Down])
 - This operation will extent the visibility of pitches if needed. This makes it easy to create octave jumps within a condensed view of pitches
- It is also possible using "Inversions" or "Drop Notes" from the Chord Editing section in the Editor Left Zone, also here the view will update on-the-fly

Show Pitches from Scale Assistant

This mode hides all pitches from view which are not matching with the current Scale Assistant settings.

- You will see all pitches belonging to the settings used in the Scale Assistant section
- These pitches will be shown across the full range of octaves

Use Editor Scale: In the easiest case only notes according to the selected scale in the Editor remain visible. However, if the MIDI Parts contains note events on pitches which are not matching according to the settings of the Scale Assistant, they will be also shown anyway! This is intentional to prevent confusion of hearing notes that would be invisible otherwise, due to the settings you use.



See screenshot example above:

- The orange "F1" does not match to the scale.
- It will show up anyway and on the left-side keyboard this pitch is then marked with an exclamation mark
 - Using the Event Color mode "Scale/Chords" from the Editor Toolbar makes it even more visually prominent
- Depending on the musical context, you may want to leave such notes as they are. But if you move them to a
 matching pitch the view will clean-up accordingly, once there are no more non-scale notes in the MIDI Part

Use Chord Track: This is an extension in regards of which pitches will remain visible. It now depends on the data /events on the Chord Track itself in combination with the Chord Track Mode selected for the Scale Assistant.

- When editing a MIDI Part, it is calculated which Chord/Scale events on the Chord Track are existing in the time range of the MIDI Part
- · According to this the, the sum of all valid pitches across that time range is presented as visible pitches
 - So, even if scale and/or chords are changing over time and even if they do not share the same pitches you get a properly condensed view and won't miss a pitch
- Chord Track Mode Scales: The sum of valid pitches across varying scale events is used to set up the list
 of visible pitches
- Chord Track Mode Chords: The sum of valid pitches across varying chord events is used to set up the list
 of visible pitches
- Chord Track Mode Chords & Scales: A combination of both options above

General Notes

- The option you have used at last is remembered across all instances of the Key Editor and also acts as a global application setting across projects
- In situations where a Pitch Visibility option would lead to a situation that no pitches at all can be visible, the
 application automatically reverts to show all pitches again
- The Editor remembers the last used vertical zoom state for the note event height, though for "Show Pitches with Events" a separate state is remembered.

Key Commands

There is access to the different Pitch Visibility options by key commands:

• Category: MIDI > Key Editor: Show Pitches...

Keyboard Widget Improvements

As a surrounding topic the left-side keyboard widget had been improved. The keyboard is able to hide keys now, dependent of the Pitch Visibility Mode and changes to a more abstract design; also every key gets its own label then.

- · The vertical mouse position indicator has been refined and is shown on the right edge of the keys, always following your vertical mouse movements

 Selected notes will reflect their color on to the keys of the keyboard more prominently

- The left edge now shows a "zooming"-zone for the vertical height when you hover with the mouse over it
 There are no more extra gaps between the pitches B to C and E to F in the note event editing area, leading to a more compact and equally spaced view of note events across the different pitches.

Sampler Track V2

For Cubase 11, we introduce a new revision of the Sampler Track / Sampler Control. The new version includes some of the most highy anticipated feature requests.

LFOs For Parameter Modulation

Sampler Control provides two monophonic LFOs. Monophonic means that the LFOs are only calculated once and feed all voices at the same time. The two LFOs are shared between the supported parameters.

Destinations for the LFOs can be:

- Pitch
- Filter
- Volume
- Pan

Each module section has a switch to choose which of the two LFOs should modulate the parameter. A dedicated control allows the user to adjust the LFO amount for each destination parameter. The moulation can be in the negative or positive range. Center position means no LFO modulation.

The LFO section can be found on the Mod Page. Here you'll find the Envelope for the specific module and the shared LFO section. A control allows you to switch between LFO 1 and 2.



LFO Waveform and Shape

- Sine produces smooth modulation, suitable for vibrato or tremolo. Shape adds additional harmonics to the waveform.
- · Triangle is similar to Sine. Shape continuously changes the triangle waveform to a trapezoid.
- Saw produces a ramp cycle. Shape continuously changes the waveform from ramp down to triangle to ramp up.
- Pulse produces stepped modulation, where the modulation switches abruptly between two values. Shape
 continuously changes the ratio between the high and low state of the waveform. If Shape is set to 50%, a
 square wave is produced.
- Ramp is similar to the Saw waveform. Shape increasingly puts silence before the sawtooth ramp up begins.
- Log produces a logarithmic modulation. Shape continuously changes the logarithmic curvature from negative to positive.
- S & H 1 produces randomly stepped modulation, where each step is different. Shape puts ramps between the steps and changes the S & H into a smooth random signal when fully turned right.
- S & H 2 is similar to S & H 1. The steps alternate between random high and low values. Shape puts ramps between the steps and changes the S & H into a smooth random signal when fully turned right.

Frequency

Controls the frequency of the modulation, that is, the speed of the LFO.

- If Sync Mode is activated, the speed is specified in fractions of beats.
- If Sync Mode is deactivated, you can set up the frequency in Hz.

Retrigger

Defines whether the LFO is restarted with the specified start phase when a new note is triggered. This parameter is available for the sync modes Off and Tempo.

- Off The LFO is not restarted.
- First The LFO is restarted when a note is triggered and no other note is held.
- Each The LFO is restarted each time that a note is triggered.

Sync Mode

Specifies how the LFO speed is set.

- Off The speed of the LFO is set in Hz.
- Tempo The speed of the LFO is set in note values. The resulting rate depends on the tempo specified in the host sequencer.
- Beat The speed of the LFO is set in note values. The resulting rate depends on the tempo specified in the host sequencer. In addition, the current start phase is calculated based on the current position.

Select this option to synchronize the LFO restart to the transport of the host application and align it to the beats of the project.

Phase

Sets the initial phase of the waveform when the LFO is retriggered.

Rnd (Random Phase)

If this button is activated, each note starts with a randomized start phase.

Note:

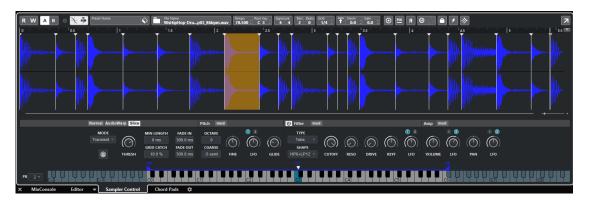
The Phase control cannot be used if Rnd is activated.

MW: Activate option if you wan to scale the output level of the LFO using the modwheel. This way you can, for example control the vibrato of the sound using the modwheel.

Sample Slicing

Sampler Control allows you to slice a sample into several pieces which are then mapped to the keyboard, so that every slice can be played individually. It also creates a corresponding MIDI file which can be dragged to the project to play the slices either in their original order or completely rearranged.

To slice a sample switch to the Slice tab, select the desired slice detection mode and adjust the related parameters. The slices are immediately mapped to the keyboard and can be played. You can at any time manually adjust the postion of the slice markers or add or remove slices via Alt-Click.



You can preview a slice by clicking in the slice range. You can remove a slice marker by holding Alt (Win) / Cmd (Mac) and left click on a slice marker. Holding Alt (Win) / Cmd (Mac) and clicking in the waveform allows you to add slice markers.

Toolbar

Tempo: Displays the tempo of the loop, as read from the sample file or calculated from the sample length. You can adjust this value manually.

Bars/Beats: Shows the length of the sample found by the automatic tempo detection, in bars and beats. You can adjust this value manually, which has an effect on the grid and the tempo.

Parameter Section

Slice Detection Mode: The slice detection automatically sets slice markers in the sample waveform. The following modes for slice detection are available:

- Transient mode allows you to specify the minimum peak level that a transient needs to become a slice marker.
- · Grid mode sets the slice markers according to a beat grid.

You can combine the Transient and Grid modes to detect slices that match both conditions.

 In Manual mode, no automatic slice detection is performed. Instead, you can add and remove slices manually by Alt-clicking in the waveform.

Threshold: Determines the minimum level that a transient must have to be detected as the start of a new slice.

Min Length: Determines the minimum length of a slice. Use this to avoid creating unwanted short slices.

Grid Catch: In Transient+Grid mode, you can use this control to specify how close to the grid a transient marker must

Fade In/Out: Sets the length of the fade in and the fade out for all slices of the loop.

MIDI Trigger Part

Slicing a sample will create a MIDI file that allows to trigger the slices corresponding to their original position within the sample file. This MIDI file can be transferred to your project by dragging MIDI Drag icon to the Sampler Track. A MIDI Part with the corresponding trigger notes will be created which allows you, to edit the notes to your taste.

Miscellaneous

Sample Normalize and Gain Control

In the Toolbar, you'll find a new section to normalize or gain adjust the sample. Click the Normalize button in the toolbar to normalize the sample by detecting the highest peak level in the sample and adjusting the "Sample Gain" accordingly to reach the predefined "Normalization Level".

A gain control allows you to lower the gain for the sample or to boost the gain up to +96db.

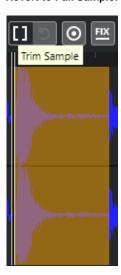


Sample Trim

In the Toolbar, we added a Trim control which allows you, to crop a sample by its selected range,

Trim: Trims the sample, either to the selection, or whithout a selection, to the range that is set with the sample start /end markers.

Revert to Full Sample: Undoes the trimming, so that the entire sample is restored.



Waveform view in the Envelope display

In the envelope views on the Mod page, The Sampler Control always shows the resulting rendered sample. That means, that any parameter change will be reflected in the Envelope display.



Key Follow for Filter Cutoff

For the Filter module, we added a Key Follow parameter. This allows you, to adjust a cutoff modulation using the note number. Increase this parameter to raise the cutoff with higher notes. At 100%, the cutoff frequency follows the played pitch exactly.



Envelope Sync Mode

Synchronizing Envelopes to the tempo of the project

You can synchronize the envelopes to the tempo of your project. This allows you to set envelope times that relate to musical time intervals, regardless of any tempo changes.

Procedure

1. Click Sync to activate sync mode for the envelope.



2. On the pop-up menu located to the right of the Sync option, select a note value. This sets the note resolution to which nodes will snap to when coming close enough

Note:

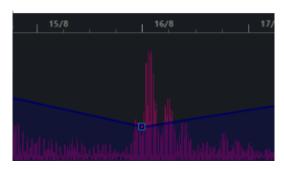
The Time field of a node displays times in fractions of a whole note. The fraction is always reduced to the smallest possible value. 2/16 is displayed as 1/8, for example.

3. To use triplet note values, activate the Trpl option.

Note:

You can also enter note values manually in the Time field. Envelope nodes that do not exactly match a note value display the closest note value.

Nodes that exactly match a note value are indicated by a red dot inside the handle of the node. This is useful if you switch the grid between triplets and normal note values, for example. The triplet nodes still indicate that they match a note value, even if the grid shows normal note values.



Mono Legato Mode

In the Toolbar, we added a new Mono Mode - Legato.

This option becomes available, when Mono mode is turned on. When activating this option, for legato played notes, only the pitch of the sample is set to the new note, but the sample is not retriggered and also the envelopes keep running.



Lock Parameter Option

In the Toolbar, you'll find a new Option to Lock all parameters when replacing the sample.

Acitvate this option if you want to keep the current Sampler Control parameter settings when exchanging the sample.

Note: Parameters that are directly related and read from the sample, like for example sample start/end, loop start/end, root key and tempo are not kept and taken from the new sample.



Pitch Octave Parameter

For the Pitch module, we added an Octave selector. This extends the available pitch range tremendously.

The coarse knob hase been replaced by a coarse valuebox. This was done to make space for an octave parameter.

Octave: Adjusts the pitch in octave steps (+/-4 Octaves).



Fingered option for pitch glide

In the pitch module, you'll find a new "Fingered" option. Activate this parameter to glide the pitch only between notes that are played legato

Extended Pitch Band range

The Pitch Band Range is now extended to +/- 24 semitones

Sample playback quality settings

Sampler Track/Control allows you now to adjust the playback quality for the loaded sample.

When samples are played with another than their original pitch, Sampler Track calculates the transposed versions in real time using different algorithms, providing different levels of quality.

- Standard
- High
- Best
- Extreme
- Vintage with extra sub modes/settings



Changing the quality setting is particularly noticeable in the high frequencies. The higher the setting, the better the suppression of artifacts. For samples with little high-frequency content, you can use the Standard option.

If Quality is set to Vintage, you can make the following settings:

- Rate Reduction allows you to specify a sample frequency, to simulate the lower sample rates of early samplers.
- Bit Reduction allows you to select the bit depth that was used by early samplers.
- Turntable emulates the memory-optimized workflow of the past, where turntables were sampled at a speed of 45 RPM to record shorter samples, and then tuned down again to correct for the change in pitch. If you set this parameter to 78 RPM, you can increase the vintage artifacts that are produced.

Note: The quality settings are also used in Slice mode.

REX V.1&2 file support

Sampler Track/Control allows you now to import REX1 and REX files.

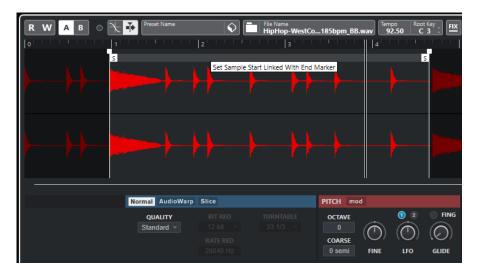
You can load these like any other sample, using drag and drop or Import Audio File dialog (you need to set file type to "Any") . In both cases the .rex and .rex2 files are converted into wav-files, which are written into a "wav" folder right next to the original file.

Sampler Track switches automatically to Slice mode and sets the slice makers as they were defined in rex file.

Move Sample Start/End- and Loop/Start- Range

The Start/End- and Loop Start/End- range can now be moved simultanouslyr in the waveform display. This allows you to quickly check and audition different ranges of the loaded audio sample. Or to check and audition different loop positions without altering the loop duration.

Sample Start/End: Moving the mouse cursor in between the Sample Start and End marker, at the heigth of the marker flags, a connecting bar appears. Also the cursor changes to a hand. Now you can move both marker simultaneously.



Loop Start/End: Moving the mouse cursor in between the Loop Start and End marker, at the heigth of the marker flags, a connecting bar appears. Also the cursor changes to a hand. Now you can move both marker simultaneously.



Extended Transfer Options (incl. Backbone)

The Transfer function allows to transfer the sample and settings of the Sampler Control to the following plugins: GrooveAgent (SE), HALion, Padshop and Backbone.

Note:

There are parameters that are not available in some of the destination plug-ins and therefore will not be transfered or adpated to the destination instrument.

Features and Limitations

- GrooveAgent (SE)

 - LFO settings are not used
 Filter Key Follow is not used
- Padshop
 - Sample Trim is not used
 - Transfer in Slice mode uses selected slice



- Transfer in Warp mode sets grain mode to 2 grains with the same speed
- Backbone

 - LFO settings are not used
 Transfer in Slice mode uses selected slice



• Transfer in Warp mode turns Resynth mode on and sets the same speed

Score Editor Extensions

Properties Inspector & Editor

In the Score Editor, you can now open a right zone which features a Properties Inspector for various score elements. Depending in what you have selected, you get matching options and settings for that elements. It eliminates the need, to open the respective windows and panels. Here is an overview of what you can setup and edit there:

Notes

- All options from the note info dialog, as already described in the manual.
- New option: "scale" (next to the "note head" popup)
 - Allows scaling of individual note heads
 - Value range: 1% 250%
- Tab "Symbols" (exclusively in the right zone)
 - Display of "note linked" symbols.
 - · Symbols that are present on a note are displayed selected
 - Click to add/remove a symbol
 - · Four areas:
 - "Expression Map" Symbols from the current Expression Map
 - "Favourites" all "note linked" symbols from the "Favourites" palette
 - "Selected" Symbols in none of the above, but currently linked to the selected note

Rests

- Multi Rests (same as in Scores > Settings > Layout)
- Multi Rest Options (3 settings; same as in Scores > Settings > Project > Notation Style > Multi Rest)

Bar Lines

- Type of bar line. including "Brackets"-option (same as in the dialog)
- "Old Choral Style" / "Break with Barlines" / "Break Last Brackets" / "Hide First in Parts" also in Scores > Settings > Project > Notation Style (all settings from the "Barlines" Section)

Bar Number

- "Offset": Same as when double-click on a bar number (which, in fact, is a setting for the current layout)
- All options from Scores > Settings > Project > Notation Style (Bar Number Section)
- Font Settings: same as in Scores > Settings > Project > Project Text > Font > "Font For" > Bar Numbers (so this an option for the entire project, not for individual staff names)

Clef

- "Type" of clef (same as in dialog appearing on double click)
 "Show Warnings" / "Small Clefs" also in Scores > Settings > Project > Notation Style (all settings from the "Clefs" Section)

Key

- Number of Accidentals / Key
- "Global Keys" / "Show Warnings" / Show Naturals" - also in Scores > Settings > Project > Notation Style (all settings from the "Keys" Section)

Staff Names

- Button, that opens the edit dialog (same as when double-click on a staff name)
- Project Settings: same as in Scores > Settings > Project > Notation Style > Staff Names)
- Font Settings: same as in Scores > Settings > Project > Project Text > Font > "Font For" > Staff Names (so this an option for the entire project, not for individual staff names)

• Layout Settings: "Sgow Staff Names" from Scores > Settings > Layout

Graphic

- The tab is for all purely "graphic" objects note-linked and non-linked symbols.
- Size (default is 48 Points)
- When a "Dynamic" is selected, it's type can be chosen (from "pppp" to "ffff")

Bar Handles

· Options for Move/Copy operations (same as in the dialog that shows up after double click on a bar handle))

Text

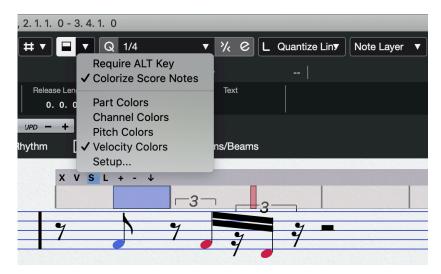
• All options found for font settings, as already described in the manual.

Chord Symbols

 Chord Symbol Editor (same as the popup-window that is used in the project window when editing chords from the chord track; the column for bass note is replaced with a value input control)

Note Length and Velocity Overlays

It is now possible to show dedicated overlays for notes to edit aspects like note lengths and velocities in a rather keyeditor like fashion.



To activate the overlays, use the button on the Toolbar "Note Length Overlay" (you may want to check the item in the "Set up Toolbar" menu if you can not find it).

- Key Command can be assigned (initially unassigned)
- The overlay displays always one bar, following the mouse movements.
 - The overlay is extended to the right, if the bar contains notes longer than one bar
 - The overlay is extended to the left, if a note starts it's display in the current bar, but starts playing in the bar before (in other words: if the **display quantize** shows the start of a note in the current bar, but the **MIDI position** starts in the bar before).
- The length display follows the pitch of the notes: lowest notes in the lowest column
 - Overlaps are resolved automatically (no overlapping "length bars")
- There are several options for coloring the display, available from the menu next to the overlay activation button:
 - Colorize by Part Color
 - Colors by channels (which is especially useful when working with polyphonic voices)
 - Color by Pitches
 - Color by Velocities
- . The "Colorize Score Notes" option applies the chosen color scheme to all notes in the range of the overlay
- Buttons on top of the overlay view:
 - "X": close overlay

- "V": activated velocities are shown; deactivated: length display
- "S": snap positions, according to the quantize value set in the tool bar
- "L": Lock overlay. Following the mouse positions is suspended; the overlay stays at the same position
- "+"/"-": expand/shrink the overlay vertically
- (Arrow up/down): move the overlay to the top / bottom of the staff

Operations (using the mouse)

- · Length Mode:
 - Move notes (arrow cursor)
 - Right / edit length (size cursor)
 - Left / move start point without affecting the end (tilted size cursor)
- · Velocity Mode:
 - Draw velocity (pencil cursor)
 - Fine-tune velocity (size cursor). Note that the display doesn't follow the mouse one by one. That is
 intended to allow fine tuning of velocity values

SMuFL Font Support

What is SMuFL? Please read on here for an introduction: https://www.smufl.org

Two new fonts are supported in Cubase 11, both following the SMuFL standard:

- Bravura (the standard font for Dorico)
- Petaluma (the Jazz font available in Dorico)

The fonts can be selected in Scores > Settings > Project > Project Text > Score Font.

The selection is used for the entire project.

Scaling of Note Heads

Note heads can be scaled now. This is a feature required to support SMuFL-fonts: These fonts don't provide specialis ed symbols for small/grace notes, but require scaling of the "regular" note head symbols instead.

- Right zone, "Note Event", "Scale"-control, under the note head popup-up.
- Scale range: 1% 250%

Score Rendering Improvements

In order to allow integration of the SMuFL fonts, a lot of changes needed to be made to the rendering of the scores to the screen/printer. Some of these changes are just "fine tuning" for resolution-independent, pixel-accurate displays. Ot hers may effect compatibility with earlier versions of Cubase. E.g. the "spacing" will differ, resulting in incompatible display of the scores. This will especially affect scores with a lot of corrections of the user, by using the "spacer" tool.

- Note heads, stems, beams, and flags: The positioning of these elements should be pixel accurate for all fonts and in all display resolutions.
 - Compatibility: No issues
- Accidentals: Stacks of accidentals require less space in many situations. The overlap detection between
 accidentals has been revised/rewritten to allow "undercuts". This results in a "denser" display of complex
 chords.
 - Compatibility: The spacing has "more space" to deal with now, which might render manual spacing
 corrections obsolete.
 - Manual corrections of "Accidental Distance" (in the note info dialog) might cause conflicts, e.g. by introducing collisions between accidentals in Cubase 11 that weren't there in previous Cubase versions.

Squasher Plug-in

The Squasher is a multiband effect with a combination of an upward and a downward compressor, saturator and gate per band. The output signal can sound highly compressed with a strong coloration and a characteristic pumping effect, often desired in modern productions.

You can choose between the internal and up to three different signals for side-chaining per band.

The user interface can be expanded for a deep dive into additional parameters - but the main top section has been designed with ease of use and focus on the essential controls.



Main Top Display

There are two modes you can toggle at the right side:

• The spectrum display in the upper half of the panel is where you set the width of the frequency bands

- The vertical value scale to the left shows the gain level of each frequency band. The horizontal scale shows the frequency range.
- The compressor characteristics display visualises the settings of Up/Down Ratios and Up/Down Threshold
- Parameter Linking: Links the parameters of the same type in all bands in a module.
 - This allows you to edit parameter values of all bands in a module simultaneously.
 - Two link modes are available: Absolute and Relative.
 - If Absolute Mode is activated and you edit a parameter value in one band, the corresponding parameter values in the other bands are set to the same value.
 - If Relative Mode is activated and you edit a parameter value in one band, the corresponding parameter values in the other bands keep their relation.
- Bands: Allows you to set the number of bands from 1 to 3.
- Input: Sets the input level.
- Output: Sets the output level
- Mix: Sets the ratio between the input (dry) and effect (wet) signals.
- Up/Down Ratio: Sets the ratios for the upward and downward compressors for more or less "squashing
 effect" per band.
- Up/Down Threshold: If the input signal is below the threshold, the upward compressor raises the level
 according to the amount parameter, if the input signal is above the threshold, the downward compressor
 lowers the level according to the amount parameter.
 - You can click on the area between Up and Down and drag the mouse to move the center graphically.

Parameters: Shows/Hides the section for more parameters, affecting the squash effect.

- Attack: Sets the attack time value for both the upward and the downward compressor per band.
 - Use low attack values to soften transients, use high attack values in combination with higher **Drive** values to make the transients sound crunchy.
- Release: Sets the release time value for both the upward and the downward compressor per band. Use low
 values for a pumping effect, high values to make it sound tight.
- Drive: Sets the amount of saturation. Sounds most interesting in combination with the Drive parameter.
- · Gate: Sets the threshold value for the gating effect. This gating effect can be steered via a side-chain input.
- Mix: Lets you determine how much you want to hear of the effect signal. 100 % means pure effect, 0% means pure band signal.
- Output: Sets the output level of each frequency band.

Side-Chain: Shows/Hides the side-chain section

- On / Off: Activates/Deactivates side-chaining per band
- Source: Lets you choose the source for the side-chain signal.
 - Internal: the input signal of the track is used.
 - Side-Chain 1 to 3, you can choose from 3 different tracks.
- Listen: Lets you monitor the side-chain signal and the applied filter.
- Freq: Sets the frequency value for the side-chain filter
- Q: Sets the Q-value for the side-chain filter.
- Send To: Lets you route the side-chain signal to the compressor section (Squasher) or the gate.

Multiband Imager Plug-in

This plug-in allows you to expand or reduce the stereo width of your audio in up to four bands. This way you can independently adjust the stereo image in defined frequency domains. Each band is visualised with a dedicated Phase Scope and Correlation display.



Use the top display to adjust the split point for the bands and the handle for each band for controlling the Output level.

Available Parameters:

- Number of Bands: Allows you to add and remove bands.
- Live: Reduces the internal plug-in latency for real-time input operation using an optimised filter bank
- Band On/Off: Activates/Deactivates the corresponding section.
- Soloing Frequency Bands: To solo a frequency band, activate the S button in each section. Only one band
 can be soloed at a time
- Width: Allows you to control the stereo width per band.
- Pan: Allows you to pan the signal left/right.
- Output: Sets the output level for each band.

Frequency 2 - Dynamic EQ Mode

The Frequency EQ plug-in now allows you, to set bands 1-8 individually into a "Dynamic" mode: If activated, filtering for these bands is then depending on the dynamics of the input signal. In addition there is now a View mode available which shows only controls for a selected EQ band with the full set of available parameters in a more generous layout.



The Dynamic mode is available for these filter types:

- Low Shelf
- Peak
- High Shelf

Available Parameters:

- DYN: Activates/Deactivates dynamic filtering. Only one of these options 'Linear Phase' and 'Dynamic' can be
 activated at the same time.
- Show Dynamics Parameters: Click on the little triangle left to the DYN button to show/hide the dynamic parameters.
- Start: This is the starting point for the gain, when the input signal is below the threshold.
- THRESH (-50 to 0 dB): Determines the threshold level. Only signal levels above the threshold are processed.
- ATTACK (0.1 to 100 ms): Determines how fast the dynamic EQ responds to signals above the threshold. If
 the attack time is long, more of the early part of the signal passes through unprocessed.
- RELEASE (10 to 1000 ms): Sets the time after which the dynamic EQ returns to its original level when the signal drops below the threshold.
- Ratio: The higher the level of the input signal is above the threshold, the more filtering occurs. Low ratio values mean that the filter starts to boost or attenuate smoothly above the threshold. High ratio values mean that the filter starts to work almost immediately.

This plug-in now supports multiple Side-Chain inputs (up to 8), check the Single View Mode > Side-Chain are.

Supervision Metering Plug-in

SuperVision is a professional tool suite for monitoring and analyzing your audio. The plug-in comes with several different modules for level, spectral, phase, or waveform analysis. It allows you to create custom layouts with up to 9 module slots.



- · Each module has its own setup of several customisable options
- SuperVision features two different processing modes:
 - Sample Accurate and Maximum Performance
 - You can choose which mode to use for each module independently
- The user interface is fully resizeable

Available Modules

- Level: This module shows the level of your audio. It provides a multi-channel true peak meter and a
 maximum level value display.
- Loudness: This module shows the loudness of your audio in units of LU (Loudness Units) or LUFS (Loudness Units, referenced to Full Scale) according to EBU R 128.
- Spectrum Curve: This module uses FFT (Fast Fourier Transform) techniques to display a frequency graph, providing a precise and detailed real-time frequency analysis.
- Spectrum Bar: This module shows a graphical representation of the frequency spectrum, analyzed into separate frequency bands, represented as vertical bars.
- Spectrum Intensity: This module represents the frequency magnitude of the audio. The more intensely a bar is colored, the higher the magnitude at this frequency.
- Spectrogram: This module shows the last seconds of the audio stream. This allows you to detect disturbances in the spectrogram and to monitor the noise level and frequencies, for example.
- Chromagram: This module displays a chromagram of your audio.
- Phasescope: This module uses a vectorscope display to show the phase and amplitude relationship between the left and right stereo channels. This provides you with directional information about a stereo audio signal.
- Panorama: This module uses a polar coordinate display to show the phase and amplitude relationship between the left and right stereo channels. This provides you with directional information about a stereo audio signal.
- Correlation: This module visualizes the phase-correlation between the left and right channel. This allows
 you, for example, to check the mono compatibility of a stereo recording.
- Multicorrelation: This module visualizes the phase-correlation between the left and right channel for different frequency bands.
- Surround: This module visualizes the level and correlation of the different speakers in a surround speaker setup.

- Ambisonics: This module allows you to visualize the energy distribution of an Ambisonics signal.
- Oscilloscope: This module shows a highly magnified view of the waveform.
- Wavescope: This module displays the real-time waveform of the audio signal.
 Wavecircle: This module displays the real-time waveform of the audio signal as a circle.
- Time: This module shows a time display.

Side-Chain with support for multiple Inputs

It is possible now to create Side-Chain connections coming from multiple sources, resp. inputs into one plug-in:



- The number of possible Side-Chain inputs depends on the plug-ins which have to support this functionality also from their side
- In the Side-Chain Routing pop-up select the desired input
- Inputs already connected to tracks are marked in the list
 Then click "Add Side-Chain Source" to finish the setup and adjust the plug-in as needed

The following plug-ins support multiple Inputs:

- Squasher: Up to three inputs, so every band can be controlled by up to three different side-chain sources
- Frequency 2: Up to 8 inputs, one for each EQ band, see Side-Chain parameters of a desired EQ band when in single View mode

Revised ARA 2.0 Support

In Cubase 10.5 a bounce of the audio event is necessary before Cubase can commit the selected event to the ARA extension, e.g. Melodyne/Spectralyers.

Bouncing the selected audio event to a new audio file/event has a lot disadvantages and can break some common workflows.

In Cubase 11 we cheanged this behaiour. So a bounce is no longer involved when committing an audio event to the selected ARA extension.

Advantages

- · Event Fades are preserved and can still be edited
- Event Volume Envelope will be preserved and can still be edited
- Pre-Record buffer will be preserved
- No new audio file will be created when using an ARA extension on an audio event

For audio events, committed to an ARA extension, the following realtime and offline edit options are not editable via info line, the Sample Editor or Direct Offline processing:

Info Line

- Musical mode on/off
- Invert Phase on/off
- Transpose
- Fine Tune
- Pitch/Timestretch Algo

Sample Editor

- Musical Mode on/off
- Hitpoints
- Vari Audio
- Audio Quantization

All Offline Processes are applied to the event before the event will handed over to an ARA extension.

Note: All those edits/settings/processes are preserved with the ARA extension and will be restored and become editable again if the ARA extension will be removed from the audio event.

Faster Workflow: Temporarily making the ARA extension the default Audio Editor

Two new toggle modes allow you to accelerate your worflow with your ARA extension. Especially, when you need to edit multiple audio events with the assigned ARA extension. The two toggle modes are called "Add Events" and "Remove Events" and can be found in the Toolbar of the ARA extension editor.

Add Events: If you activate "Add Events" each event which you select in your project will be added to the ARA extension and can be edited in the ARA editor immediately. This allows you a kind of native editor workflow with your ARA extension inside Cubase/Nuendo. Please remember to deactivate the mode if it's no longer needed, in order to avoid unwanted assignment of events.

Remove Events: The "Remove Events" toggle mode allows you to do the opposite. So in this mode, you can unassign selected events from the ARA extension. This will accelerate your worflow with your favourite ARA extension inside Cubase/Nuendo.

Win 10: Variable DPI Support

With the Cubase 10.0.x generation we introduced support for HiDPI/Retina resp. 4K/UHD displays. This version provided the essential possibility to draw a scaled user interface with sharp and precise UI elements. That version was able to adapt to the scaling factors set up in Windows itself. The support for this was quite basic though, as we could only adapt to either 100% or 200%.

In the meantime HiDPI-capable displays have emerged more and more and specific types of displays have become common now, which Windows recommends to be used with a scaling factor of e.g. 150%. This meant to use Cubase in 200% (HiDPI enabled) or with 100% (HiDPI disabled).

- With Cubase 11, the application is now able to work with additional scaling settings, such as 125%, 150% and 175%.
- Please note that we do not support other scaling settings specifically (e.g. 133%).
 HiDPI must be enabled (it is enabled by default)
- In case preferences from previous versions have been migrated, please make sure that in Preferences > General > "Enable HiDPI" is checked!

You should immediately see an improvement, especially when you want to work with a scaling setting of 150%.

macOS: Modernized Graphic Back-end

The application now uses a modernized graphic back-end utilising the latest technologies available on macOS and supported systems. It is responsible for drawing all the user interface elements and event data.

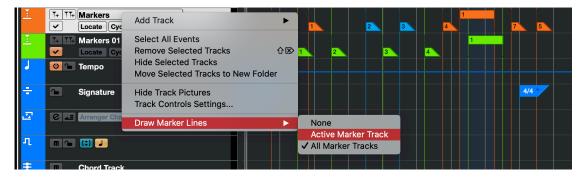
The application is supposed to visually appear as before without differences.

Anyway, please keep an eye on visual glitches or inconsistencies you may notice while working.

Various Other Improvements (C11)

Options for showing Marker Events

Its now possible to control whether Marker Events are drawn across the whole Project window. If enabled, a thin line with the same color as the Marker Events is drawn across the whole vertical area of the Project window.



By default, Marker Events of the currently active Marker Track use the extended drawing.

- The following options can be used when opening the context menu on a Marker Track > Draw Marker Lines (or in Preferences > Event Display > Markers):
 - None: Marker Events are drawn only within their track height, as in previous versions
 - Active Marker Track: Only these Marker Events are extended across the Project window
 - · All Marker Tracks: Marker Events from all Marker Tracks are extended across the Project window
- When using Marker Tracks as Global Tracks in the Editor, the same options apply but additionally its also dependent which Markers Tracks you enable there to be shown
- Markers which are hidden by Track Visibility also won't show their extended drawing in the Project Window

Focus Indication when using "Divided Track List"

Similar to the focus indication used for the Global Tracks area in the Key Editor, the same visualisation is used when using the Divided Track List feature:



The editor area which has the current focus is indicated by the usual white and solid focus frame, the non-active area is drawn with a dashed pattern for visual separation.

PolyPressure Lane Handling Improvements

When working with PolyPressure Lanes in the MIDI Editors the following improvements have been made:

- Selecting a note will switch the Lane to the corresponding note pitch automatically
- When working with multiple PolyPressure Lanes, to top most one will continue to switch according to Note selection, the others will stay as set up

 Use the drop-down menu underneath the PolyPressure Lane label to select the note for which you want to see/edit PolyPressure data for a specific Lane

Delete Notes with double-click / how to access the Note Expression Editor

Some versions ago we simplified the creation of notes in the Editor by just double-clicking into the Editor. Since that the desire to allow to delete them the same way came up prominently.

- It is now the default behaviour that double-clicking a note will delete it!
- If you are an Note Expression user you can now decide whether a double-click will delete a note or if the Note Expression Editor is opened instead (as in previous versions)
 - To do so, make sure the "Show Note Expression" item is visible in the Toolbar, then enable the "Do uble-click opens Note Expression Editor" button



- This option is handled as an application preference, which means it is a global setting and remembered as set - independently from your projects
- You can assign a key command to toggle the behaviour as needed, see Edit > Key Commands... >
 Note Expression > Double-click opens Note Expression Editor On/Off
- We also added an entry in MIDI > Note Expression > Open Note Expression Editor, also a key command can be assigned to this
 - The Note Expression Editor can be also opened when using the context menu directly on top of a note event



Combined Select Tool mode: Range-selected events after "Split" selects them as Objects

When using the "Combined Select Tool" mode and you create a Range Selection followed by the Edit > Range > Split (Shift+X) command the newly created events are immediately selected for further actions, such like mute, move, etc.



Show Version with Track Name

When using Track Versions the addition of the Track Version name to the Track Name can get messy. You can now select, whether Track Version names should be shown or not.



The option can be found within the Track Version menu to the right of each Track Name field.

MixConsole Window - Improved Open/Close Behaviour

When attempting to open the MixConsole window (via key command "F3") you may have noticed, that it sometimes needs two key strokes. This was due to the fact, that the window may have been already open but was covered by other windows in the foreground. Thus, key stroke #1 closed the window first and key stroke #2 was necessary to open the window to the foreground.

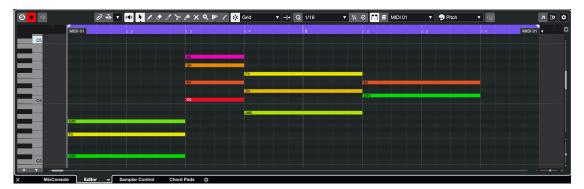
We have changed this - so opening and closing the MixConsole window is now always exactly one key stroke away.

Logical Editor Extensions

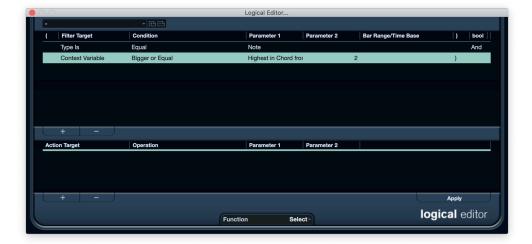
The following extensions have been made to the Logical Editor:

New Context Variables: "Highest in Chord from at least n Notes" / "Lowest in Chord from at least n Notes"

This allows you to operate on notes within chords, e.g. extract each highest or lowest note over a progression of chords. As an example, see the following MIDI Part:



To select each highest note, open the Logical Editor and set it up like this:



- Type Is Equal Note AND
- Context Variable Bigger or Equal Highest in Chord from at least n Notes 2
- Function: Select

When you apply this, G#3, A4, F4, E4 will be selected in the MIDI Part. The same can be done for the lowest note, using "Lowest Note in Chord..." for Parameter 1. You can e.g. extract notes to create a bass line from it. Please note the Parameter 2 with the value of 2, this means that there have to be at least 2 notes in order to determine the high or low ones in this example.

Test Generator plug-in Update

This plug-in has been updated with a new look and high-resolution graphics.



Mixer Delay plug-in Update

This plug-in has been updated with a new look and high-resolution graphics.



New Detail View for Maximizer Module in Channel Strip - Channel settings Window

The Maximizer Module offers now a Detail view for in the Channel Settings Window.

The Detail view gives you access to additional and advanced Parameters:

Modern Mode:

In Modern mode, the algorithm allows for more loudness than in Classic mode. This mode is particularly suited for contemporary styles of music.

Modern mode also provides additional settings to control the release phase:

- Release sets the overall release time.
- Recover allows for a faster signal recovering at the beginning of the release phase.
- Soft Clip: If this button is activated, Maximizer starts limiting or clipping the signal softly. At the same time, harmonics are generated, adding a warm, tube-like characteristic to the audio material.
- High Resolution Input/output Metering incl. value readout and Gain Reduction.



Default setting for New Projects location changed to "Prompt for Project Location"

Cubase 11 will ship with "Prompt for Project Location" now instead of the previous setting "Use Default Location".

New MIDI Remote System & API

Introduction

Starting with Cubase 11 we will offer a complete new way how 3rd party MIDI Remote Controllers can be integrated and utilised with the application.

Up to now, most of these devices could be only used by setting up features such as Track- or VST-Quick Controls and /or Generic Remote. The discoverability of these features and complexity of the steps to set up them is not suitable anymore, especially not for novice users. In some cases devices are supported by the Mackie Protocol, but this still requires some amount of knowledge of the application and the interaction with the device itself.

All mentioned features in this area will remain for compatibility reasons for the time being. But we want to encourage hardware manufacturer to create dedicated scripts, aka device drivers to make their devices and capabilities known to Cubase using the new system. It will finally end up in a "Plug & Play" experience for end-users with essential zero configuration effort.

MIDI Remote API

We have created a MIDI Remote API which allows to develop MIDI Remote Scripts for dedicated devices. In a nutshell, these scripts describe the layout and order of controls the device has to offer and include factory mappings to parameters in Cubase.

With Beta 1 of Cubase 11 the new MIDI Remote system is now part of the application and allows 3rd party MIDI Remote Device manufacturers to create support for their products in Cubase 11 and onwards. Our main intention here is, to get you on-board in having a look at the API and by creating scripts for your specific devices of choice.

Please note: The API itself is in Alpha 2 state! Details may still change and can influence already written scripts.

Where to find the "MIDI Remote API - Programmer's Guide"

After installing Cubase 11 you need to start it once. Now locate the following folder on the system:

- Windows 10: \Users\<username>\AppData\Roaming\Steinberg\Cubase 11_64\Scripts\MidiRemote
- macOS: /Users/<username>/Library/Preferences/Cubase 11/Scripts/MidiRemote/

Open the "README_v1_0.html" file there to open the Programmer's Guide. It will explain the concept and contains example code and the API reference.

The "MIDI Remote" tab in Cubase 11

In Cubase itself, devices with a script can be shown in the Lower Zone > Remote tab. In case it is not visible, rightclick on the existing tabs and enable it from there:



In the following picture you see an example of how Cubase derives a visual representation from a MIDI Remote Script:



The representation serves the following purposes:

- Show a similar layout of controls on-screen with a strong resemblance to the physical device
- Show the mappings of the various controls to parameters within Cubase
- This way users will be able to look up which hardware control to use for adjusting the desired parameters in Cubase - a visual reference which also follows the track selection accordingly

Without any dedicated scripts, you can get a first impression by checking the three "MIDI Device" examples from the toolbar.

- The "ExampleCompany RealWorldDevice" also shows an additional aspect of having "Pages":
 - Devices can used to provide controls for multiple amounts of channels at the same time ("Mixer")
 - The same devices can be set to another page, to work in a "Selected Track" context, thus providing
 the possibility to control more parameters belong to one specific track
 - Additionally another page is available to control parameters "2 Selected Tracks"

Please note: This visual representation is not meant to control Cubase from there. Thus it is not a clickable user interface - the operation is meant to be done with the physical device itself.

Beta 1 - Current Development Status

- For end users without having devices supported by a script there is not much to see and use so far. This version is aimed mainly for API evaluation and script development
- Further details will follow in subsequent beta releases, e.g. in regards to parameter mappings:
 - Scripts will have Factory Mappings, which can be organised in different types of Pages by the manufacturer
 - Users will be able to adapt Factory Mappings to customise them as new "Global Mappings" across different projects
 - Users will be able to adapt Mappings specifically to their needs in specific projects
- We are working on a way to easily click parameters in Cubase to "Learn" them to a hardware control
- We are working on a way to get some basic and generic template scripts ready for devices not yet supported by a script
- We are working on a way to setup a device with a script but the auto-detection could not recognise it (e.g. device is connected via old-style MIDI interface ports and not via USB to the computer)
- We are working on a way on how to deploy scripts independent from actual Cubase 11 releases

Hint for not losing scripts accidentally!

- In the moment scripts are placed within the application preferences folder this is meant to change for the final release though!
- In case you delete the preferences folder (e.g. due to trouble-shooting) be sure to save the scripts from there somewhere else first!

Discontinued Features

Audio Connections - Removed automatic Input/Output presets

The Preset menu will now be no longer peppered with an automatic creation of various Input or Output port configurations, except for two simple mono/stereo port configurations. This leaves room for your own and useful presets, especially when using audio hardware with large amounts of available ports.

Audio Export in WMA format removed

The application no longer supports audio exports using the WMA format. Import of WMA files will remain though.

Wave64 format removed

The application no longer supports the "Wave64" format as Record File Format or for exporting audio. Import of this format will remain though. The common wave/broadcast format can be used instead.

OpenTL Import/Export removed

This affects Nuendo 11 only. It is no longer possible to import or export files in this legacy format.