

Simpler Sample Loader Reference Manual v1.1

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Main information

1.1 Plugin Overview

Simpler Sample Loader is a tool for quickly loading samples into the Simpler instrument. It features a browser for loading samples with a single click. And it also offers random sample loading that can be triggered on multiple instances of Simpler at the same time.

To use the device, simply load it after an instance of Simpler. Then select a folder and browse through all the samples within it (WAV or AIFF). The device searches for samples both in the folder and in subfolders. Clicking on samples in the list will preview them and automatically load them into Simpler. Alternatively, you can use the Random button to select a sample randomly.

Both preview and automatic loading can be disabled. This is useful if you change samples while transport is active, or if you prefer to load samples manually after selecting them.

The Simpler Sample Randomizer device included in the download displays all instances of the device in a floating window, allowing you to trigger randomization individually or globally across all instances simultaneously.

Up to 64 different randomization groups can be created. Each group can act on as many Simpler instances as desired.

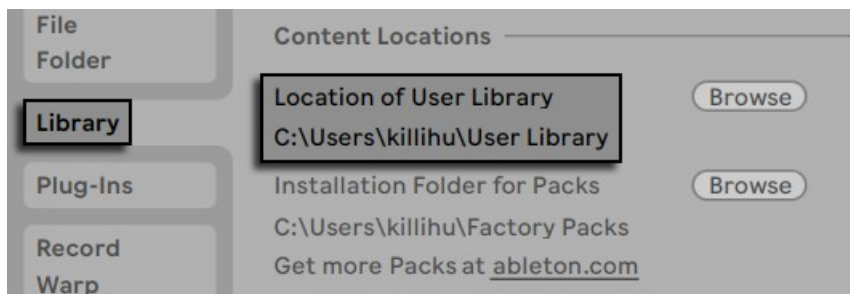
1.2 System Requirements

- Live Version: 12 with Max for Live
- Operating System: Windows, Mac

1.3 Installation Instructions

Unzip the ZIP file and copy the plugin AMXD file to your User Library folder. There are two ways to find where your User Library is located:

Go to Preferences – Library – Location of User Library



Or [right-click] on the User Library in the Browser – Show in Explorer

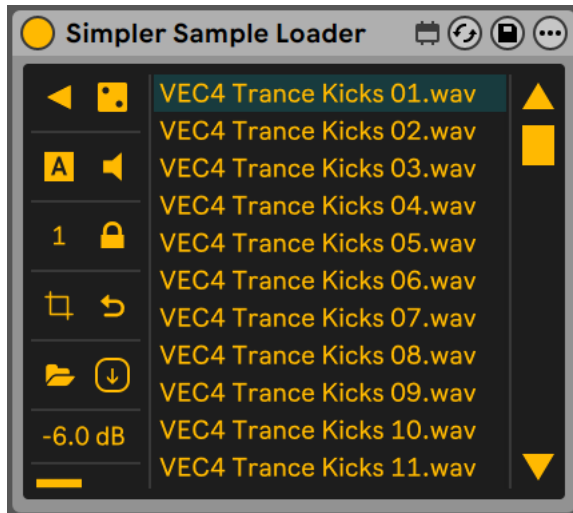


1.4 Performance Considerations

The device rescans the samples folder and its subfolders every time it reloads, whether loading a project or loading a device preset. Testing with folders of a few thousand samples, the loading time is acceptable.

Simpler Sample Loader

2.1 Main view



When you select a folder on the device, a list is displayed with all the samples in WAV and AIFF format that are found in it.

Simply click on a sample in the list to select it. Depending on the state of the Auto Load switch, the sample will be loaded into Simpler or not.

The section to the left of the sample list displays all the device's controls. Their operation is detailed below.

2.2 Controls

2.2.1 Load Sample



Click to manually load the selected sample into Simpler. This control is not needed when Auto Load is enabled.

2.2.2 Random



Randomly select a sample from the list.

2.2.3 Auto Load



When activated, selecting a sample in the browser automatically loads it into Simpler.

2.2.4 Autoplay



When enabled, samples are previewed through the device while using the browser.

If you wish to change samples while the transport is running, it is recommended to disable this control to prevent the sample from playing when selected.

2.2.5 Remote ID



Sets the ID used for remote randomization control.

The ID is used to receive the randomization command from the Simpler Sample Randomizer device. It's possible to use up to 64 IDs. This means creating up to 64 different randomization groups. Each group can act on as many Simpler instances as desired.

2.2.6 Global Lock



When enabled, it blocks remote randomization control that acts globally on all instances that share the same ID.

Note that individual remote randomization for this instance continues to function even when this control is enabled.

2.2.7 Crop Sample



Triggers the Crop Sample action on the sample loaded in Simpler. This action is available in the menu that appears when you right-click on Simpler.

2.2.8 Reverse Sample



Triggers the Reverse Sample action on the sample loaded in Simpler. This action is available in the menu that appears when you right-click on Simpler.

2.2.9 Load Files



Click this button to open a file explorer window, then select a folder containing one or more audio files to load them into the device's browser.

Note that the device only reads files within the folder. It does not read files located in subfolders.

2.2.10 Drop Folder



It works the same as the previous control, but instead of showing the OS file explorer, you can drag and drop the folder directly here.

2.2.11 Preview Volume



Adjust the preview volume by clicking and dragging up/down.

2.2.12 Device Size

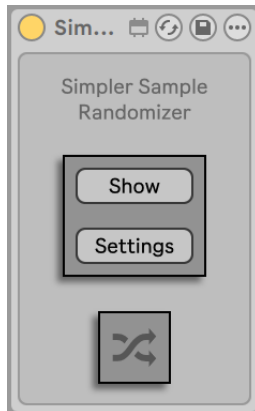


Adjust the horizontal size of the device by clicking and dragging left/right.

This allows you to view longer filenames or reduce the size of the device to save space in the track's effects chain.

Simpler Sample Randomizer

3.1 Rack Controls

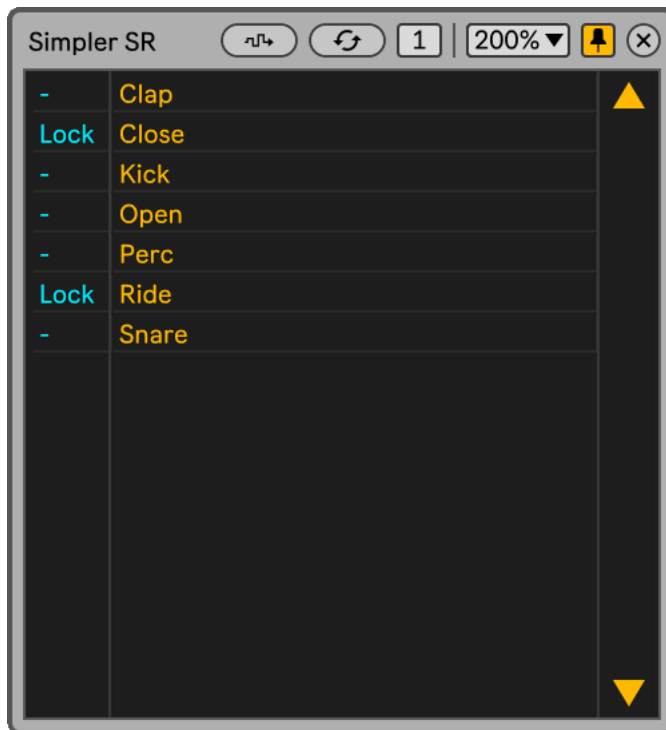


The device rack displays controls for displaying the floating window and the settings section.

The control to show/hide the floating window can be mapped, allowing you to assign a key to show and hide the floating window.

An icon is displayed at the bottom of the device rack. Clicking on the icon shows the version of the device. When a new device update is available, a message will be displayed indicating it.

3.2 Floating Window



The floating window displays a list of all Simpler Sample Loader instances that share the same ID. The name is taken from the track, rack chain or drum pad where the devices are located.

Clicking on the names triggers the individual randomization of the corresponding device.

Clicking the first column toggles the Lock state. This blocks randomization when using the Global Randomization button located in the floating window title bar.

Note that even with the Lock activated, it is possible to click on the names to trigger individual randomization.

3.2.1 Common Floating Window Controls



The floating window can be moved by clicking on the top bar and dragging, just like any other program window. At the top right are controls for change the zoom, docking it on top of other windows so it's always visible, and closing it.

3.2.2 Global Randomization



Send the action to randomly select a sample to all instances of Simpler Sample Loader that match the selected ID.

3.2.3 Sync / Refresh



Examine all instances of Simpler Sample Loader that match the selected ID and update the list.

Note that directly changing the Global Lock control in Simpler Sample Loader instances, as well as the track/chain name where they are located, does not automatically update when changed. To update it, use this button.

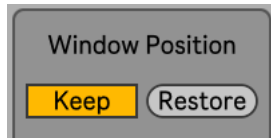
3.2.4 Remote ID



Sets the ID for remote randomization. All instances of Simpler Sample Loader configured with the same ID will be displayed in the floating window.

3.3 Settings

3.3.1 Window Position



When the Keep switch is enabled, the position of the floating window is maintained when saving the project or when saving a device preset. The Restore button returns the floating window to its default position and size.

Note that each time the window is moved, a step is added to Live's undo history.

3.3.2 Mappings



Mappable controls add an extra step to the undo history. Therefore, the mappable buttons have been placed here. This allows the same buttons to be used in the floating window without affecting the undo history.

Buttons 1 to 16 trigger the individual randomization of the first 16 slots of the floating window.

To go back in the undo history after using these controls, you will need to use Live's 'Undo History' window.