General		
Cubase Pro 9	**Cubase Artist 9**	**Cubase Elements 9**
Ideal for: Professional producers, mixing engineers, composers	**Ideal for:** Seasoned musicians, project studio owners, bands	**Ideal for:** Home recordists, bands, singer/songwriters, creative musicians
32-bit/192 kHz Steinberg audio engine with 5.1 surround support	**32-bit/192 kHz Steinberg audio engine**	**32-bit/192 kHz Steinberg audio engine**
256 physical inputs and outputs	**32 physical inputs and outputs**	**24 physical inputs and outputs**
Record and mix unlimited audio, instrument and MIDI tracks	**Record and mix up to 64 audio and 128 MIDI tracks**	**Record and mix up to 48 audio and 64 MIDI tracks**
Unlimited instrument tracks	**32 instrument tracks**	**24 instrument tracks**
64 VST instrument slots	**32 VST instrument slots**	**16 VST instrument slots**

MixConsole • integrated channel strip • full drag-and-drop support • `New` MixConsole History • A/B comparison & global bypass • plug-in search function • total scalability & full-screen mode • extended channel visibility management • Quick Link System & Control Link Groups • customizable View Sets • Sidechain Inputs • Import tracks from projects • EBU-compliant loudness metering • Wave Meters • VCA faders for complex mixing and automation workflows	**MixConsole** • integrated channel strip • full drag-and-drop support • `New` MixConsole History • A/B comparison & global bypass • plug-in search function • total scalability & full-screen mode • extended channel visibility management • Quick Link System • customizable View Sets • Sidechain Inputs	**MixConsole** • integrated channel strip • full drag-and-drop support • A/B comparison & global bypass • plug-in search function • total scalability • channel visibility management • Quick Link System • customizable View Sets
256 group channels	**32 group channels**	**16 group channels**
Control Room: create monitoring setups and performer mixes	—	—
5.1 surround support	—	—
MixConvert delivers unmatched downmixing quality	—	—
Powerful automation system with 4 modes, dedicated control panel and Virgin Territories mode	—	—

Composing

CUBASE PRO	CUBASE ARTIST	CUBASE ELEMENTS
New **Sampler Track** for quick inspiration and easy creative processes	**New** **Sampler Track** for quick inspiration and easy creative processes	**New** **Sampler Track** for quick inspiration and easy creative processes
Upgraded Key and Drum Editor for intuitive note, chord or beat creation and editing	**Upgraded Key and Drum Editor** for intuitive note, chord or beat creation and editing	**Key and Drum Editor** for intuitive note, chord or beat creation and editing
Professional music notation and score editing and printing feature set	**Basic music notation and score editing and printing feature set**	**Basic music notation and score editing and printing feature set**
Enhanced Chord pads: A great way to playfully and creatively compose with chords	**Enhanced Chord pads:** A great way to playfully and creatively compose with chords	**Chord pads:** A great way to playfully and creatively compose with chords
Full instrument expression control on single-note level, plus intuitive handling of articulations and dynamics	**Full instrument expression control** on single-note level	—
TrackVersions: For creating, renaming and managing parallel variations of tracks	**TrackVersions:** For creating, renaming and managing parallel variations of tracks	—

Instruments & FX

CUBASE PRO	CUBASE ARTIST	CUBASE ELEMENTS
Complete suite of over 90 high-end audio and MIDI VST effect processors, including Quadrafuzz, VST Amp Rack and VST Bass Amp guitar and bass tone suites, REVerence convolution reverb, **New** Frequency 8-band EQ and many more	**Suite of over 70 high-end audio and MIDI VST effect processors**, including Pitch Correct for vocal editing, VST Amp Rack and VST Bass Amp guitar and bass tone suites, Quadrafuzz and many more	**Over 40 audio effect processors**, including high-end VST Dynamics, Pitch Correct for vocal intonation correction and the VST Amp Rack guitar tone suite
Comprehensive set of 8 outstanding instruments with over 3,000 sounds, including HALion Sonic SE, Groove Agent SE, Padshop, Retrologue and LoopMash	**Comprehensive set of 8 outstanding instruments with over 2,600 sounds**, including HALion Sonic SE, Groove Agent SE, Padshop, Retrologue and LoopMash	**3 outstanding virtual instruments** comprising the HALion Sonic SE workstation, Groove Agent SE drum machine and Prologue synthesizer

Recording & Editing		
CUBASE PRO	CUBASE ARTIST	CUBASE ELEMENTS
Full audio editing toolset with state-of-the-art transient and tempo detection, drum replacement functions and advanced audio quantization	**Full audio editing toolset** with state-of-the-art transient detection and drum replacement functions	**Basic audio editing toolset** with loop functions, full-automatic hit-point detection and excellent beat-slicing
Realtime time-stretching and pitch-shifting, zplane Elastique v3 algorithms for high-quality time-stretching and intuitive Time Warp tool	**Realtime time-stretching and pitch-shifting,** plus zplane Elastique v3 algorithms for high-quality time-stretching	**Realtime time-stretching and pitch-shifting** (playback only)
Lanes and Comping: Advanced tools for recording and assembling perfect takes	**Lanes and Comping:** Advanced tools for recording and assembling perfect takes	—
Dedicated punch points which are independent from the locator positions	**Dedicated punch points** which are independent from the locator positions	—
Track Edit Groups: multitrack editing with single-click actions	—	—
VariAudio 2.0: MIDI-style note editing of monophonic audio tracks and automatic voicing harmonization	—	—

Workflow

Cubase Pro	Cubase Artist	Cubase Elements
MediaBay: Organize your files and presets in one central spot and locate your content even faster with the intuitive MediaBay Racks	**MediaBay:** Organize your files and presets in one central spot and locate your content even faster with the intuitive MediaBay Racks	**MediaBay:** organize your files and presets in one central spot
Project Assistant allows for quick startup	**Project Assistant** allows for quick startup	**Project Assistant** allows for quick startup
Supports all common audio formats and standards plus FLAC support, direct SoundCloud export, OMF import/export and Fraunhofer MP3 encoding	**Supports all common audio formats and standards** plus FLAC support, Fraunhofer MP3 encoding and direct SoundCloud export	**Supports all common audio formats and standards** plus FLAC support, Fraunhofer MP3 encoding and direct SoundCloud export
Over 5 hours of HD video tutorials available on YouTube	**Over 5 hours of HD video tutorials** available on YouTube	**Over 30 minutes of HD video tutorials** available on YouTube
Professional workflow: offline process history, key command macros, channel batch export	**Professional workflow:** offline process history, key command macros	—
Track visibility: Shows only the tracks you want to see in the Project window	**Track visibility:** Shows only the tracks you want to see in the Project window	—
Render in-place: Bounce MIDI and audio parts easily	**Render in-place:** Bounce MIDI and audio parts easily	—
VST Transit: Cloud collaboration service	**VST Transit:** Cloud collaboration service	—
VST Connect SE: Unique remote recording plug-in	—	—
Profile Manager: Lets you easily store and recall program settings and preferences	—	—