

Band-in-a-Box® 2022 Features and Additions

Now all 24 tracks (8 main tracks and 16 Utility tracks) have the same capabilities. You can generate RealTracks, RealDrums, MIDI SuperTracks, Loops, etc. on any track. Styles can be made using up to 24 tracks. You can edit audio on any track, not just the Audio and Utility tracks.

Playable RealTracks

You can now customize the RealTracks performance by adding your own notes. You will then hear those notes using a MIDI sound created from the RealTracks recording. This means you can get the RealTracks to play the notes you want at key parts of the performance, either augmenting or replacing what the RealTracks is playing, for any sections in the song.

MultiRiff

This feature allows you to interactively create sections of RealTracks on any track by choosing from multiple candidates (up to 20). Generate riffs for a section of a track, audition them, and pick one, either replacing or merging with the existing RealTracks. This can add life to old tracks, by improving sections that had problems to a better riff!

MicroChords (Multiple Chords per Beat)

You can now enter up to 4 chords per beat. Previously limit was 1 chord per beat, but now you can have chords on 8th notes, triplets, or 16ths notes. This is especially useful on slow songs. You can select which tracks will play the MicroChords, allowing some tracks to play fast moving chord progressions and others to play the main chords.

Motifs

You can enter rhythmic patterns to be played by selected tracks for selected bars. For example, you might want the guitar and bass to play a specific 16th rhythm in a funk song, while the piano and sax stick with the normal feel.

Volume Automation

Node-based volume automation allows fine volume control of any track for fades, crescendos, mutes, etc.

Drum Stems

Drum stems are separate tracks from the different mics in the RealDrums recording. Currently, drums stems are available for 50 RealDrums, but there are more to come.

Track Settings and Actions

This is a convenient "one-stop-shopping" dialog, where you can access various track generation dialogs, change track settings, save as Performance Tracks, and do other settings and actions for all 24 tracks. Previously, you needed multiple visits to menu for these.

Remix Full Vocal Songs

We've made over 50 original songs (Pop, R&B, and Modern Country) with high-quality, great sounding vocals, harmonies and Band-in-a-Box® arrangements. Use these to remix new arrangements, starting from these high-quality, great sounding tracks.

Install Manager – One-Click to Download and Install You can download and install the entire package of your order with the new one-click Install Manager. This is a much simpler alternative to manually downloading and installing all the files individually that are listed on the "My Products" page in your account. This is particularly useful for "download-only" (e-delivery) versions of the Band-in-a-Box® Pro, Mega, and UltraPAK, since there can be 100 GB of files to download and install.

New Songs Default to 1 Chorus

Previously, new songs defaulted to 3 choruses, but now, they default to 1 chorus.

Settable Default Length and Choruses for New Song

You can now change the default length and choruses.

New Column and Option in RealDrums Picker

The list now has the Stems columns, which tells you the number of microphones used for recording. The Stems option allows you to load drum stems to separate tracks or load them all to the same track.

StylePicker Picker Enhanced

Additional row has been added to the mixer area for Utility tracks.

The Other filter button has more menu items.

The Set # column shows HalfDouble for Half-time/Double-time variation styles.

We've added more user categories (e.g., Xtra13 All Styles, XPro Styles Set 3, Style Demos with Vocals, etc.)

Audio Edit Window Enhanced

The volume automation mode has been added. This allows you to achieve volume changes like fades, crescendos or other node-based volume automation.

The marker mode selector has been replaced by three intuitive buttons.

Notation Enhancements

You can now insert/remove a trill (tr symbol) for a note with the Notation window right-click menu.

Band-in-a-Box® can read trills from XML files.

When loading an XML file from Guitar Pro that has two clefs of guitar notation on 1 part, Band-in-a-Box® will correctly load the tab clef and ignore the redundant other clef.

You can now import an XML file to the current song. Previously, you could open it as a new song but could not import it.

New Hotkeys

M return opens the Set MicroChords dialog. T return opens the Tracks Settings dialog.

F6 now opens the Set MicroChords dialog. Previously, this key opened the Save MIDI File dialog.

F7 now opens the Tracks Settings dialog. Previously, this key let you open a MIDI file.

F8 now opens the MultiRiff RealTracks dialog. Previously, this key opened the Jukebox Options dialog.

Other Features including Features added since 2021 Release

- RealDrums supports tuning certain RealDrums like TablaCoolSw16_75 so that they are playing their drone notes on a good note (root or 5th of the key).
- Loops are enhanced for slash notes and chords following.
- The Mixer window shows a waveform button for an audio track and a stems button for a drum stem track.
- The Piano Roll window now has an option to draw notes with a faded color based on their velocity.
- In the Bar Settings dialog, the bar number drop-down now shows all 255 bars and shows letters for part markers. There are also forward and back buttons to scroll through bars so you don't need to use the drop-down menu.
- A new setting has been added to the Audio Settings dialog for choosing input channel(s)
- The About dialog shows the file path of the currently running application.
- The Feature Browser is updated with the new features.
- The "Save in current song directory" option has been added to the Render to Audio File dialog.
- The "Include Mix" option has been added to the Render to Audio File dialog.
- The Choose a Plugin dialog shows info (the file path and unique identifier) for listed plugins. This is useful for troubleshooting plugin installation problems, duplicates, etc.

- The [Add Plugins] button has been added to the The Choose a Plugin dialog.
- The Set Time Signature dialog has a button to set the range to the whole song.
- Notation color settings are added to the Display Options dialog.
- The Note Colors option in the Notation Window Options dialog now show Scriabin colors for all tracks (except drums)
- The StylePicker shows better set names for disks like XPro 1 (2, 3), Loops-with-Styles (LoopsPAK1, LoopsPAK2), and MultiStyles PAK 1.
- In the StylePicker, searching with the text filter now finds style set names (e.g., Xpro, Xtra, LoopsPAK, RT 373, etc.)
- The "Set all tracks to this" option has been added to the MIDI Import File dialog.
- AboutSongsFolder.txt has been added to the Band-in-a-Box®/MySongs folder. This briefly describes the purpose of this folder.
- The confirmation message that shows after batch-saving the .txt files is improved.
- The Note edit dialog has a delete button.

...and more!