Fender

STUDIO®
PRO

QUICK START GUIDE

Version 8

Table of Contents

1   Welcome to Fender Studio Pro 8!

1.1   Introduction

Welcome to Fender Studio Pro 8! Thank you for purchasing Fender Studio Pro. We want to make sure you have a great first experience with this product, so please read the following information carefully to ensure you have a successful installation.

1.2   System Requirements

We make every effort to ensure that Fender Studio Pro will run well on the widest variety of computers possible. *Please review these specifications to determine compatibility with your system.*

macOS® (13 or higher) systems

- macOS® 13 (Ventura) or higher *****
- Intel® Core™ i3 / Apple® M1 processor or better

Windows® systems

- Windows 10 22H2 (64-bit only) ******
- Windows 11 22H2 or higher
- Intel® Core™ i3/AMD A10/Snapdragon X processor or better

Linux (Public Beta)

- Ubuntu 24.04 LTS or higher, incl. its derivates
- Wayland Session
- Intel® Core™ i3 / AMD A10 processor or better
- Vulkan 1.1 or OpenGL ES 2 compatible graphics driver

Additional Requirements (all Systems)

- Internet connection (needed for installation and activation)
- Monitor with 1280 x 768 resolution (high-dpi / Retina monitor recommended)
- Multi-touch enabled monitor with TUIO support is required for touch operation
- Content storage:
  - » 8 GB RAM minimum
  - » 40 GB free hard drive space (Fender Studio Pro)

* macOS 13 (Ventura) support will end on 12/31/2026

** As of October 14, 2025, Windows 10 is no longer supported with security updates by Microsoft outside of ESU (paid Extended Security Updates). Running Windows 10 without ESU creates an increasing risk for vulnerabilities. Fender Studio Pro 8 supports Windows 10 version 22H2 but support will end on 12/31/2026.

1.3   Installation

The method you use to install Fender Studio Pro depends on how you purchased it.

Retail Purchase: If you bought Fender Studio Pro in a retail box and received a Product Key in the box, you'll register the key and then download Fender Studio Pro, and then activate it online upon first launching the product.

Direct Purchase from Shop.Fender.com: If you bought the software directly from http://www.fender.com, the Fender Studio Pro installation download is added to your user account and can be found under recent purchases on your my.fender.com home page. Activation happens online after first launching the product.

1.3.1   Creating a User Account

If you bought Fender Studio Pro from our website, you already have a MyFender account. If you do not yet have a MyFender account, you'll need to create one.

Beyond being a requirement to download and activate the latest version of Fender Studio Pro 8, there are many benefits to creating a MyFender account, including easy access to additional documentation and other content files, access to the user forums, latest tips and product videos, and the ability to easily create a technical support ticket.

To create a user account, go to http://my.fender.com. On that web page, click **Sign Up**, then fill out the provided form or connect MyFender to your Facebook, Google, or Apple account, and then click **Create Account** again to create your new account.

Once you create your account, a verification email from Fender is automatically sent to the email address you provided. Click on the link in the email to activate your account. You are now ready to download and install Fender Studio Pro.
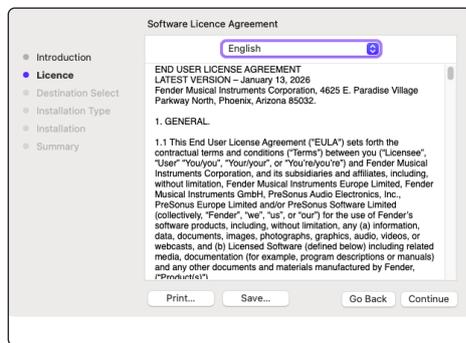
If your computer is not connected to the internet, you can still download and activate Fender Studio Pro by using a different computer that does have internet access, as described in the **Offline Activation** section below.

1.3.2   Register, Download, and Install Fender Studio Pro

To download the Fender Studio Pro installer, log into your MyFender account at http://my.fender.com. Click the **Register a Product** button, select **Software or Add-on** and enter your Product Key. If you bought an upgrade to Fender Studio Pro from our website, the Product Key is sent to you by email. If you bought a boxed version of Fender Studio Pro, the Product Key is included in the box.
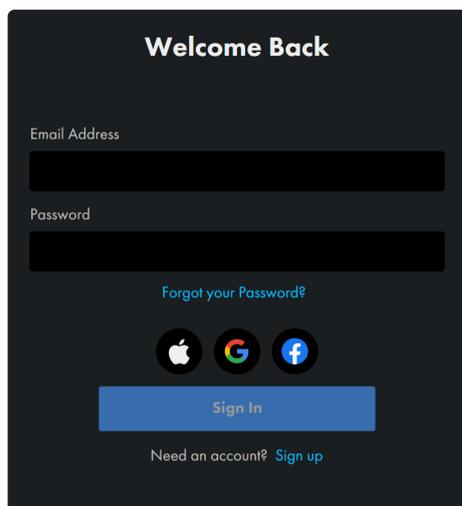
Once your copy of Fender Studio Pro is registered, you have the option to click a button "View My Product." This takes you straight to that product's detail page. On that page you'll see a **Download Installer (Mac or Windows) button**. Click this to download the primary Fender Studio Pro installer. The correct installer for the operating system you are currently running will be automatically downloaded. If you are downloading from a different computer (i.e. Mac vs PC) than that which you plan to Install Fender Studio Pro, and need an installer for a different operating system, please click **Show All Systems** to access the correct download. Once the installer has downloaded, run it and follow all onscreen instructions.

1.4   Activation

Fender Studio Pro must be activated for use on your computer. Once installation is complete, launch Fender Studio Pro. The License Agreement appears.

I Accept to accept the agreement, and the Fender Login window is then displayed.

If you already have a user account, enter your MyFender username and password, and press **Sign In** to log into your account.

Create Account

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

Password

Password must be 8-24 characters and include at least one uppercase letter, lowercase letter, and number.

Create Account

Other sign up options

If you need to create an account and your computer is connected to the Internet, click on **Create Account**. Fill in your desired user-account details, and click **Create Account**.

1.4.1   Activating Fender Studio Pro

In most cases, Fender Studio Pro will self-activate the first time you log in with your MyFender account. If you have not already done so, launch Fender Studio Pro and open the ***Studio Pro/Studio Pro Activation*** menu.
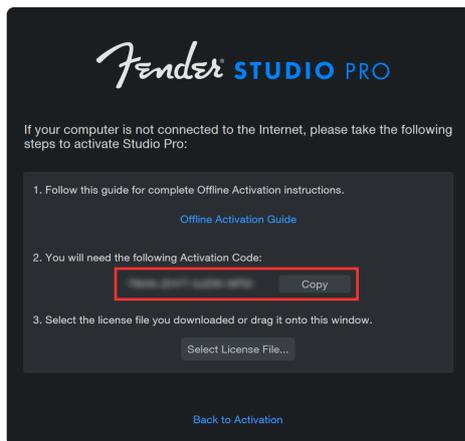
Please Note:

- You must follow the "Online Activation" process if you purchased a Fender Studio Pro+ subscription license. Additionally, your computer must be online once every 30 days to maintain activation.

- If you have a Perpetual license of Fender Studio Pro, you can follow "Offline Activation" process described in this document. After this, your computer must be online at least once a year to maintain activation.

1.4.2   Online Activation

Fender STUDIO PRO

Welcome! To authorize this computer for the use of Studio Pro, please select your version and activate it below.

○ Activate with Fender Studio Pro+
◉ Activate my purchased version of Studio Pro

Product Key

Activate

No Internet connection? Activate Offline

If the computer on which Fender Studio Pro has been installed is connected to the Internet, select the **Activate my purchased version of Studio Pro** option. If the Product Key is not already entered, type or paste in the Product Key you received via email (or with your package, if using a retail boxed or education version of Fender Studio Pro). Click the **Activate** button to finish the activation process.

1.4.3   Offline Registration and Activation

If the computer on which Fender Studio Pro has been installed is not connected to the Internet, click **Activate Offline** in the Studio Pro Activation window, and make note of the Activation Code shown in the instructions. You will need a USB flashdrive, a copy of your product key, and a copy of the activation code.

Then, go to a computer with an Internet connection, visit http://my.fender.com, and log in to your account. Click the **Register a Product** button, select **Software or Extensions**, and enter your product key, as printed on the Fender Studio Pro package or provided via email. Click on **Register**, and you are taken to your Software list.
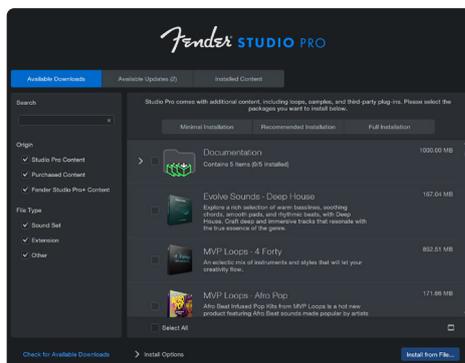
Select the product you just registered from your Software list, and then click **Offline Activation** on the next page. Click **Activate Software**, and enter the Activation Code provided by **Fender Studio Pro**. You may also enter a computer name to help you keep track of your five allowed activations.

Click **Offline Activation** again, and then click **Download License** to download your User License file. Save this file to some sort of external media (such as a flash drive or CD-R), and then copy the file to the computer on which Fender Studio Pro is installed.

In Fender Studio Pro, navigate to the *Studio Pro/Studio Pro Activation* dialog again, click **Activate Online**, then click **Select License File** to load your user license file, activating Fender Studio Pro.

Note: Offline users with a perpetual license of Fender Studio Pro must follow the Offline Activation process once a year to maintain activation. *For more information about offline activation,* **please see the Fender Studio Pro Offline Activation Guide***.*

1.5   Content Installation

Fender Studio Pro comes with many audio loops and instruments that are organized into Sound Sets, as well as demo Sessions and tutorial videos. To install the Sound Sets, launch Fender Studio Pro and open the *Studio Pro/Studio Pro Installation* menu.

In the Studio Pro Installation menu, you can choose to download all selected content from your MyFender Account, or navigate to downloaded content in your file system using the **Install from File...** button. If you wish to install any further content at a later time, you can always return to *Studio Pro/Studio Pro Installation* window to do so.

By default, all essential packages included with your edition of Fender Studio Pro are selected for installation in the Recommended Installation tab. You can set the install location to any desired location on your computer using the **Install Options** menu. When you've chosen your location, click on **Install** to continue.

After installation, you can find all of the installed content in Fender Studio Pro's Browser. Demos and tutorials can be accessed from the Start page. Instrument presets are listed under the related instrument in the Instruments tab of the Browser, as well as the preset browser in the plug-in window.

1.5.1   Installing Add-On Content

If you would like to install add-on content you've purchased from select retailers, follow these directions. You will likely receive a product key for your add-on after purchasing it. You must first register the add-on content in MyFender using the product key provided. Once signed into MyFender, click on the "Register Products" button on your MyFender homepage. From the "Register My Gear" window, click onto "Software" and type in the product key for your add-on content. After registering the product, simply locate and select it from the Fender Studio Pro Installation window, filtered by the "purchased content" tickbox in the search area.

If you wish to store the Sound Set content in another location, place it there, and add that location to *Studio Pro/Options/ Locations* (macOS: *Preferences/Options/Locations*). There, you can add new locations for Sound Sets, Instruments, and 3rd-party plug-ins.

1.6 Melodyne

We have partnered with Celemony to bring you access to their Grammy-winning Melodyne, a useful timing and pitch-correction and manipulation tool that integrates closely with Fender Studio Pro. Fender Studio Pro comes with a full Celemony Melodyne Essential license.

1.6.1 Installing Melodyne

In Fender Studio Pro, navigate to *Studio Pro/Studio Pro Installation*. Check the box next to the version of Melodyne that is listed to select it. Once selected, you can click **[Install]** to install Melodyne.

Click the **[Claim Product Key]** button next to the Melodyne listing to claim your Melodyne product key. The key is displayed, and you can click the **[Copy]** button to copy it to the clipboard.

1.6.2 Authorizing Melodyne Essential

Before you can use Melodyne Essential, you must first launch the standalone Melodyne application that is installed along with the plug-in versions. Once opened, press the **[Enter Serial Number]** button, then type or paste in the provided Melodyne Essential serial number, and press **[Continue]**. You are then prompted to register your copy of Melodyne, by clicking **[Create myCelemony account]**. Follow the prompts to register your copy of Melodyne Essential.

Once registration is finished, you can quit the standalone Melodyne application, and then launch Studio Pro to begin using Melodyne Essential.

Click **[Install]** to install and authorize Melodyne.

2 Device Set up

2.1 Set Up Your Audio Device

Fender Studio Pro automatically selects an audio device to use for audio input and output, pulling from a list of devices currently installed on your computer. If you have a Fender audio interface, it is selected automatically.

To select a different device, navigate to *Studio Pro/Options/Audio Setup* (macOS: *Preferences/Options/Audio Setup*) or click **Configure Audio Device** under Setup on the Fender Studio Pro Start Page.

Follow these steps to configure your audio device for use in Fender Studio Pro:

1. Select your chosen device from the Audio Device drop-down menu under the *Studio Pro/Options/Audio Setup* (macOS: *Preferences/Options/Audio Setup*) menu.

2. Some devices offer a selection of configuration options. If your connected device has those controls, you can click on the **Control Panel** button next to the device selection drop-down menu and make your changes within the device's control panel. If your device does not offer these options, the Control Panel button is greyed out.

3. Set Device Buffer Size (and on Windows, Internal Device Buffer Size as well) to fit your needs. Lower settings minimize latency, which is useful when tracking. Higher settings bring more latency, but give you additional processing power, for effects and instrument plug-ins.

   » **macOS:** Device Buffer Size is the audio device's buffer size, which has a direct impact on your audio device's performance. You can increase or decrease the Device Buffer Size by sliding the horizontal fader left or right. The appropriate setting depends upon your specific use of Fender Studio Pro.

   » **Windows:** Internal Buffer Size can be locked to the Device Buffer Size by checking the Lock box (checked by default). The Internal Buffer Size is the software buffer size, which has a direct impact on your computer system and on Fender Studio Pro's performance.

   If unlocked, the Internal Buffer Size can be selected from a drop-down menu. If you are unsure of the best setting, leave Internal Buffer Size locked to Device Buffer Size.

   For DSP-powered effects and virtual instruments, such as Universal Audio UAD hardware, locking the Internal Buffer Size of your Audio Device is critical to ensure proper operation.

4. By default, Fender Studio Pro's processing precision is set at Single (32-bit floating point). You may choose double precision (64-bit floating point) from the Process Precision drop-down menu.

5. If your computer has multiple processors or processing cores, Enable Multi-Processing is checked by default. Unless you experience performance issues, it is recommended you leave this at the default setting for best performance.

6. When the aforementioned settings are selected, your system's current total input and output latency, sample rate, and bit depth is reported below the Audio Setup menus.

   For more detailed information on Audio Device and I/O setup, **refer to the User Manual in the Help menu of Fender Studio Pro**.

2.2 Set Up Your MIDI Keyboard

A MIDI keyboard controller is a hardware MIDI device that is used for playing and controlling other MIDI devices, virtual instruments, and software parameters. In Fender Studio Pro, MIDI keyboard controllers are referred to as Keyboards. Before recording a performance with a Keyboard, the MIDI keyboard controller must first be set up in Fender Studio Pro. Once set up, it will be available at all times for use in Fender Studio Pro.

To set up your Keyboard, navigate to *Studio Pro/Options/External Devices* (macOS: *Preferences/ Options/External Devices*) or click **Configure External Devices** under Setup on the Fender Studio Pro Start Page and follow these steps:

1. In the External Devices section, click on the **Add...** button.

2. Choose your device from the predefined device list or set this to New Keyboard if you do not see your device in the list.

3. If set to New Keyboard, you may wish to type in a Manufacturer Name and a Device Name in the appropriate fields. This makes identifying your Keyboard easier.

4. Specify which MIDI channels to use to communicate with this Keyboard. All MIDI channels are selected by default.

   If you are unsure of the appropriate MIDI channels to use, just leave this at the default setting.

5. Engage Split Channels if you would like to create a separate Instrument Track input for each MIDI channel from the Keyboard.

6. Specify the device to which the Keyboard is sending and the device from which it is receiving via Fender Studio Pro. Select your device driver name from the drop-down menu for both Receive From and Send To.

7. You can choose to use this Keyboard as your Default Virtual Instrument Input by checking the appropriate box. If you are using only one Keyboard with Fender Studio Pro, you should check this box.

   Your Keyboard is now ready for use in Fender Studio Pro.

   For more detailed MIDI Device setup information, **refer to the Fender Studio Pro User Manual in the Help menu of Fender Studio Pro**.

3 Helpful Tips

3.1 New...

From the Start Page, click New... to create a new Session, Show, or Mastering Project.

- A **Session** is where you can record, edit, arrange, and mix audio and note data.

- A **Show** is where you can perform live, using Fender Studio Pro for backing tracks and more.

- A **Mastering Project** is where multiple Sessions or audio files can be arranged and mixed on a single timeline for mastering purposes.

3.2 Smart Templates

Smart Templates create a new Document optimized for the type of work you want to do, with helpful interactive tutorials to help you learn Fender Studio Pro.

For example, the "Create Content" Template creates a new Session file with a Video Track, two tracks for voiceover, a stereo track for Music/FX, and processing effects appropriate for podcasting already placed in the Console Channels.

There are Smart Templates for many popular creative tasks: Record Now, Produce Beats, Jam Now, and more.

3.3 Info View

The Info View panel, accessed via the Question Mark icon in the top toolbar on the Session and Mastering pages, displays all possible actions for the selected mouse tool, as well as showing the possible modifiers and their related actions. Various controls in the Fender Studio Pro interface and included plug-ins also display information in the Info View when you hover the mouse pointer over them. From Info View, you can press F1 on your keyboard to jump directly to related sections of the Fender Studio Pro User Manual.

3.4 Key Commands for Migrating Users

If you are migrating from another DAW to Fender Studio Pro, you might find it helpful to switch the key-command set to one specifically created to make the transition from another DAW easier.

In the *Studio Pro/Options/General/Keyboard Shortcuts* (Mac OS: *Preferences/Options/Keyboard Shortcuts*) menu, you will find a heading called Keyboard Mapping Scheme. Here, you can select from keyboard maps for several DAWs, including Pro Tools®, Cubase, and Logic®; select a map, and Fender Studio Pro will recognize and apply common key commands from that DAW. You can then customize the key-commands to fit your workflow.

The key commands used for each DAW can be viewed in the Key Command menu and can be exported in several file types for external viewing. *For more information about Fender Studio Pro's default Key Commands, **please see the Fender Studio Pro 8 Key Command Sheet**.*

3.5   User Manual

The Fender Studio Pro User Manual is fully integrated into Fender Studio Pro and can be accessed from the Help menu (Fender Studio Pro User Manual) or by pressing F1 on your keyboard. A table of contents is shown in the left column of the help window. In addition, you will find a complete index, cross-reference links inside the text and a useful search option. The English User Manual is installed by default, but other languages are available from the Fender Studio Pro Installation menu.

We hope you enjoy Fender Studio Pro!