

***Pioneer Dj***

**rekordbox Introduction**



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# About this manual

Be sure to read this manual before using. This manual includes important information that you must understand before using rekordbox.

- In this manual, name of buttons and menus displayed on rekordbox are indicated with brackets. (e.g. [BPM], [Collection] window)
- Please note that depending on the operating system version, web browser settings, etc., operation may differ from the procedures described in this manual.
- Please note that the language on the rekordbox screen described in this manual may differ from the language on your screens.
- This manual describes functions and operations for rekordbox ver. 6.0 or later. If you use an earlier rekordbox version than ver. 6.0, please download the suitable manual from the FAQ on the rekordbox website.
- Please note that the specification, design, etc. of rekordbox may be modified without notice and may differ from the descriptions in this manual.

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# Introduction

rekordbox is composite software that manages music files and DJ performances. With this music management software, you can manage music files in computers and mobile devices (this includes analysis, changing settings, creating files, and saving playback histories). It allows you to produce great DJ performances by combining music files managed by rekordbox and DJ equipment produced by Pioneer DJ.

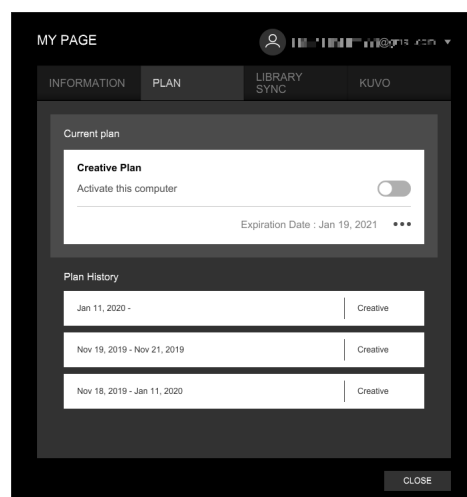
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## About subscription plan

By contracting a subscription plan, you can enjoy DJ performances using more functions.

For available functions on each subscription plan, refer to the rekordbox website. [rekordbox.com/en/plan/](https://rekordbox.com/en/plan/)

Click [MY PAGE] in the upper-right of the screen to display the [MY PAGE] window, and then click the [PLAN] tab to check or change your currently contracted subscription plan. For details, see “Activating your computer with your contracted subscription plan” (page 12).



### Hint

- You can activate multiple computers and mobile devices with a single Pioneer DJ account. For the number of computers and mobile devices that you can activate for each subscription plan, refer to the rekordbox website.
- Even if you do not contract a subscription plan, you can use more functions by connecting supported DJ equipment. For details, see “About authentication by DJ equipment (Hardware Unlock)” (page 11).

# Preparing rekordbox

Before using rekordbox, you need to install it and make settings.

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## Installing rekordbox

Before installing rekordbox, make sure to read “Software end user license agreement” (page 27).

If you are installing rekordbox, use the following procedures.

To install or uninstall rekordbox, you need to log on as the administrator of your computer. Have the administrator name and password ready before starting.

- 1 Launch a web browser on your computer, access the rekordbox website (rekordbox.com), and then open the rekordbox downloading page. Information about how to install rekordbox and how to use rekordbox features is displayed.
- 2 Click the button to download.
- 3 Read the terms of software license agreement carefully, and then click the [Agree] checkbox to continue.
- 4 Click [Download].  
Downloading rekordbox will start.
- 5 Double-click the downloaded file to unzip it.
- 6 Double-click the unzipped file to launch the installer.
- 7 Follow the instructions on the screen to install rekordbox.

# Launching rekordbox

Before starting rekordbox, log on as the computer's administrator.

To use rekordbox for the first time, or if you have not already set up a Pioneer DJ account for another version of rekordbox, the windows for setting up a Pioneer DJ account will be displayed. Then with your computer connected to the internet, launch rekordbox and follow the instructions on the screen to do the following.

If an earlier rekordbox version than ver. 6.0 has been installed, you must first convert a previously used library to be used. For details, see "Converting the library of an earlier rekordbox version than ver. 6.0" (page 9).

### Hint

- With your computer connected to the internet, you can access the online manual and support site from the [Help] menu on rekordbox.

### For Mac

Select [Application] on the Finder, click the [rekordbox 6<sup>\*</sup>] folder, and then double-click [rekordbox.app].

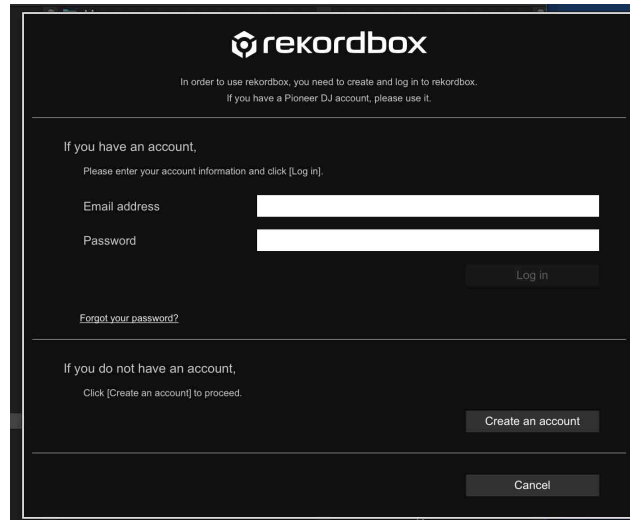
\* This number stands for a version number.

### For Windows

Double-click the [rekordbox] icon (shortcut) on the desktop.

## Setting up the Pioneer DJ account

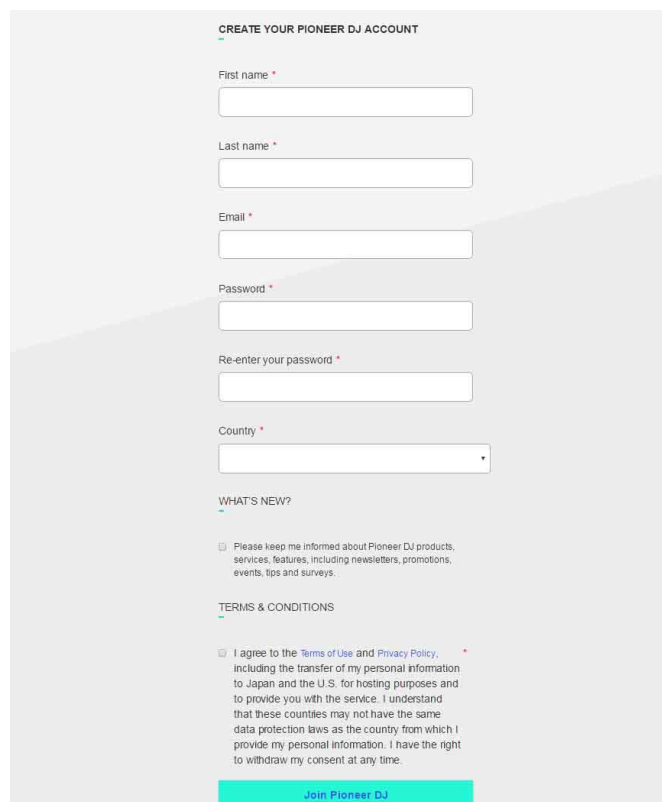
- 1 Launch rekordbox.  
The Pioneer DJ account setup window is displayed.



The screenshot shows the rekordbox login and account creation interface. At the top, the rekordbox logo is displayed. Below it, a message states: "In order to use rekordbox, you need to create and log in to rekordbox. If you have a Pioneer DJ account, please use it." The interface is divided into two main sections. The first section, "If you have an account," prompts the user to enter their account information and click [Log in]. It includes input fields for "Email address" and "Password," a "Log in" button, and a link for "Forgot your password?". The second section, "If you do not have an account," prompts the user to click [Create an account] to proceed. It includes a "Create an account" button and a "Cancel" button at the bottom.

If you have already set up your Pioneer DJ account for an earlier rekordbox version, this window is not displayed. You can use rekordbox without procedures on this section.

- 2 Click [Create an account].



The screenshot shows the "CREATE YOUR PIONEER DJ ACCOUNT" form. It includes input fields for "First name", "Last name", "Email", "Password", "Re-enter your password", and a "Country" dropdown menu. Below the form, there is a "WHAT'S NEW?" section with a checkbox for "Please keep me informed about Pioneer DJ products, services, features, including newsletters, promotions, events, tips and surveys." and a "TERMS & CONDITIONS" section with a checkbox for "I agree to the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy, including the transfer of my personal information to Japan and the U.S. for hosting purposes and to provide you with the service. I understand that these countries may not have the same data protection laws as the country from which I provide my personal information. I have the right to withdraw my consent at any time." A "Join Pioneer DJ" button is located at the bottom of the form.

## Preparing rekordbox

- 3 Enter your name, email address, password, and country.  
If you want to receive emails containing Pioneer DJ news, click the checkbox.
- 4 Read the terms of service and privacy policy, and then click the checkbox if you agree with the terms.  
If you disagree with terms, you cannot use rekordbox.
- 5 Click [Join Pioneer DJ].  
An email with further account setup information will be sent to the email address you entered.  
If you do not receive the email, check the junk folder of your email software.
- 6 Complete the setup by following the information in the email.
- 7 Go back to rekordbox, enter the account name and password, and then click [Setup].  
rekordbox is available to be used by clicking [OK].

### **Entering administrator's password (Mac) / Allowing user account control (Windows)**

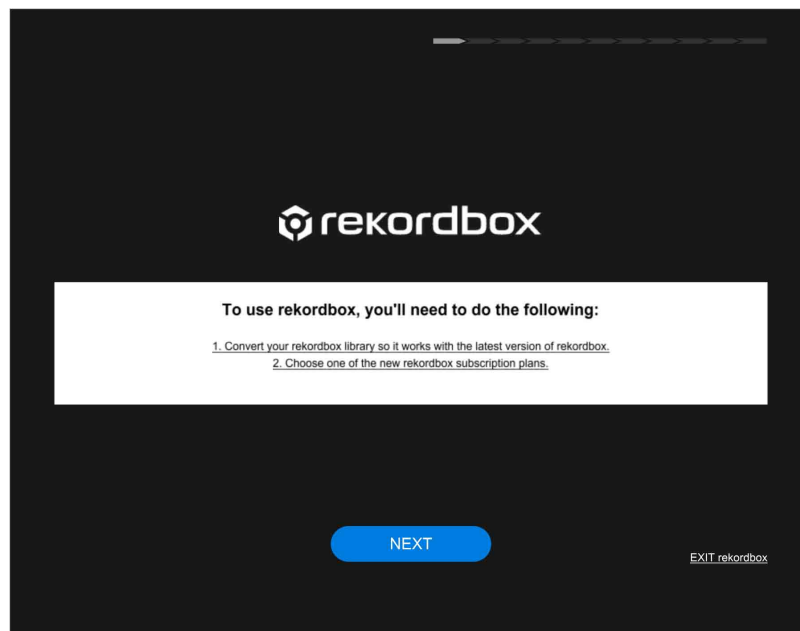
If using a Mac computer, you will be asked to input a password. Enter the administrator's password of your Mac. If using a Windows computer, you will be asked if you allow rbinit.exe to make changes on your computer. Confirm the publisher, and then click [Yes].



## Converting the library of an earlier rekordbox version than ver. 6.0

If you use the library of an earlier rekordbox version than ver. 6.0, you need to convert it. (You can create an empty library without using the library of an earlier rekordbox version.)

When you start rekordbox and answer the questions shown on the screen, the following screen is displayed.



1 Click [NEXT].

2 Click [START].

The library conversion will start.

Click [NEXT] if you are not using the library of an earlier rekordbox version than ver. 6.0.

### Hint

- To cancel the library conversion, click [CANCEL]. You will need to convert the library again.
- Even if you cancel the library conversion or do not convert the library, you can convert it later. Select [Import your library from ver. 5 (or earlier)] from [Library] in the [File] menu at the top of the screen.

### Note

- If there is not enough free space on the computer drive, an error screen appears. Check your computer's free space, and then click [Retry] to start the library conversion again.
- The library conversion may take time, and you cannot use rekordbox until the conversion is complete.

## When the [Choose your plan] window is displayed

Choose your plan

	Free \$0/month		30 Day Free Trial Core \$9.99/month \$6.99/month INTRODUCTORY OFFER Offer ends May 30, 2020	30 Day Free Trial Creative \$14.99/month \$9.99/month INTRODUCTORY OFFER Offer ends May 30, 2020
	Free of charge	When a Hardware Unlock device is connected		
*1 Some models are not supported *2 Some functions are limited				
Number of active devices	-	-	2	4
<b>Export mode</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Performance mode</b>				
Control with a computer	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control with DJ equipment		✓ Hardware Unlock devices only	✓ All supported devices	✓ All supported devices
DVS		✓ Hardware Unlock devices only *1	✓ All supported devices	✓ All supported devices
Recording		✓	✓	✓
Sharing mix (Uploading recorded files to social media)		✓	✓	✓
Video play	✓	✓	✓	✓
Video output	✓ *2	✓ *2	✓ *2	✓
Lyric	✓ *2	✓ *2	✓ *2	✓
RMX EFFECTS				✓
Saving sampler sequences				✓
<b>Cloud Library Sync</b>				
Full database editing across mobile and desktop devices				✓
Dropbox support				✓

New subscription plans for rekordbox ver. 6

Choose your plan

Click to proceed

Finished

Click [Choose your plan] to open the rekordbox website (rekordbox.com), and contract a subscription plan. For details on subscription plans, refer to “Compare plans” on the rekordbox website.

rekordbox.com/en/plan/

Click [Click to proceed] if you have already contracted a subscription plan or do not want to contract one.

### Note

- The information on the above window is just an example. For actual prices and applicable services, refer to the rekordbox website.

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# Setting up rekordbox

- “About authentication by DJ equipment (Hardware Unlock)” (page 11)
- “Activating your computer with your contracted subscription plan” (page 12)
- “Setting up KUVU” (page 13)
- “Installing the audio driver” (page 14)
- “Setting up the audio output” (page 14)

## About authentication by DJ equipment (Hardware Unlock)

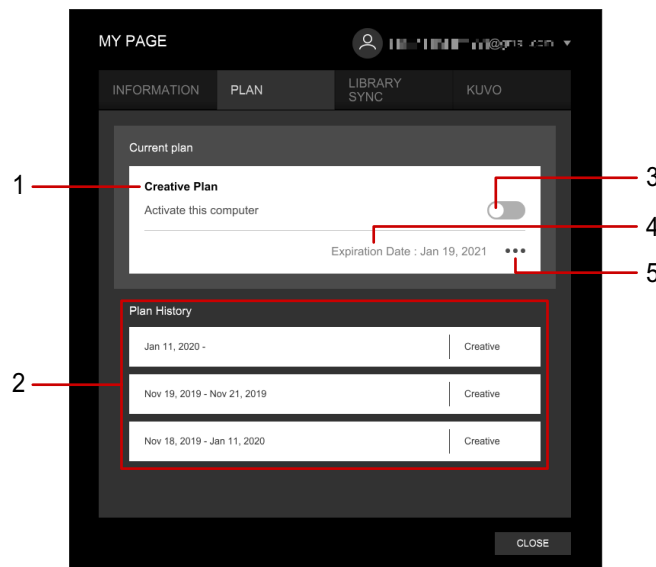
Depending on the Pioneer DJ equipment, when you connect the DJ equipment to your computer on which rekordbox is installed, you can use limited functions, such as recording in the PERFORMANCE mode and the DVS function, without contracting a subscription plan. For details on supported DJ equipment, refer to the rekordbox website.

[rekordbox.com/en/support/hardwareunlockproducts/](https://rekordbox.com/en/support/hardwareunlockproducts/)

Refer to the Instruction Manual of the connected DJ equipment.

## Activating your computer with your contracted subscription plan

By contracting a subscription plan, you can use rekordbox on multiple computers by logging in to them with the same Pioneer DJ account, and use limited functions. Click [MY PAGE] in the upper-right of the screen to display the [MY PAGE] window, click the [PLAN] tab, and then activate your computer.



1. Your currently contracted subscription plan
  2. Contract history for your subscription plan
  3. Turn the activation on/off.
  4. Expiration Date for your currently contracted subscription plan
  5. Click here and select the following.
    - [Change/cancel your plan]: Change or cancel your subscription plan.
    - [Subscribe to a plan]: Contract a subscription plan.
    - [Check for active devices]: Check the activation status on other computers and mobile devices.
- For details and notes on updating a contract, check the FAQ provided on the rekordbox website.

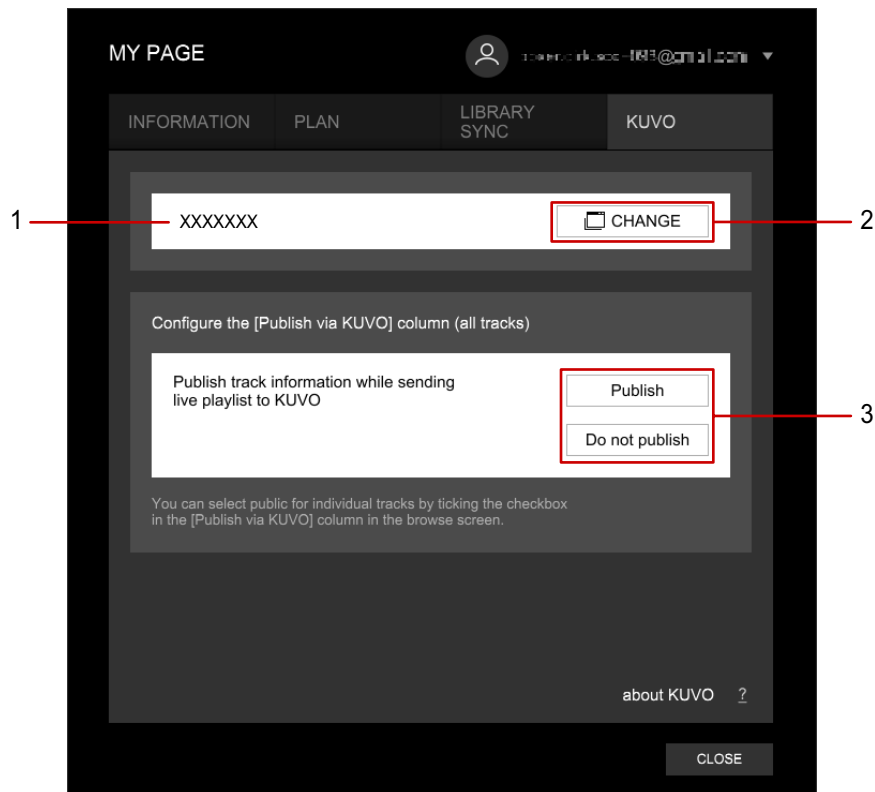
### Hint

- If you use the same Pioneer DJ account, you can activate multiple computers and mobile devices with a single subscription plan. The number of computers and mobile devices that you can activate is limited in accordance with your subscription plan. Therefore, if you purchase a new computer and use it with rekordbox, deactivate an old one first.

## Setting up KUVO

You can set your DJ performance information to be public or not. Click [MY PAGE] in the upper-right of the screen to open the [MY PAGE] window. Click the [KUVO] tab to set up KUVO.

For details on how to upload files to KUVO, refer to “rekordbox Instruction Manual” on the rekordbox website.



1. Current account
2. Switch the account.
3. Set the performance information for all tracks to public/private.

## ■ To use KUVO


Refer to the configuration guide.

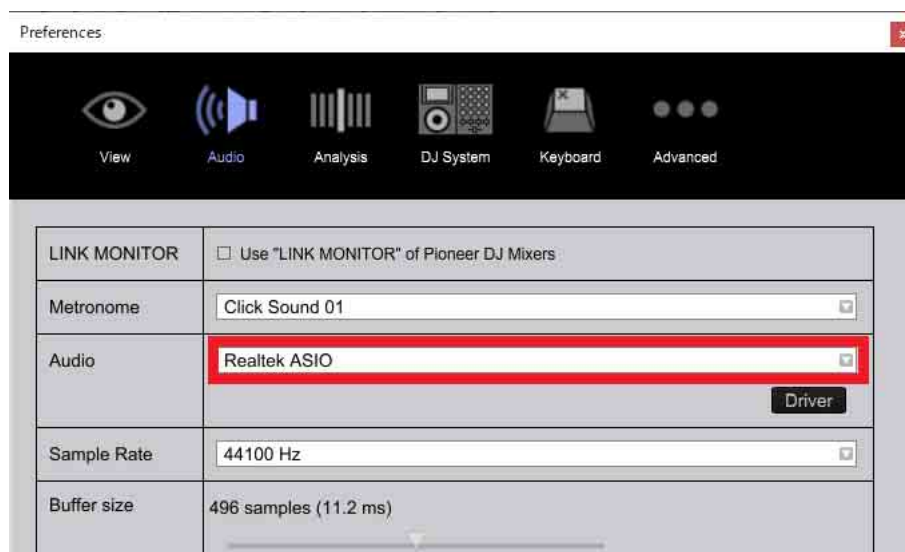
[http://kuvo.com/kuvoweb/docs/configuration\\_guide/ConfigurationGuide.pdf](http://kuvo.com/kuvoweb/docs/configuration_guide/ConfigurationGuide.pdf)

## Installing the audio driver

When connecting Pioneer DJ equipment to the computer, the driver installation screen is displayed. Follow the instructions on the screen to install the driver. For details, refer to the Instruction Manual of the Pioneer DJ equipment.

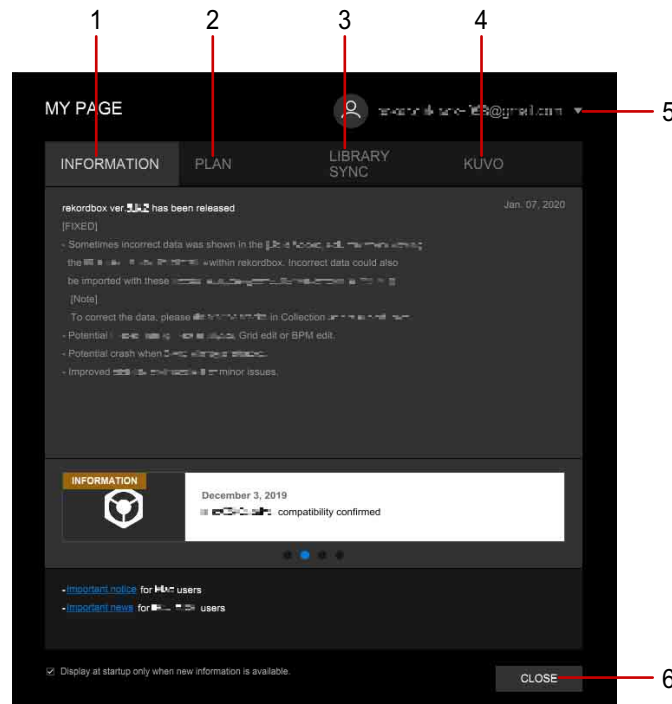
## Setting up the audio output

Click  in the upper-right of the screen to open the [Preferences] window, and then select the speaker on [Audio] of the [Audio] tab.



## About [MY PAGE]

Click [MY PAGE] in the upper-right of the screen to open the [MY PAGE] window. The currently logged-in Pioneer DJ account is displayed in the upper-right of the screen. You can switch the Pioneer DJ account.



1. Notifications from the rekordbox website (rekordbox.com) are displayed.  
When you click the [Do not show this information again] checkbox at the bottom of the screen, you can set notifications to stop being displayed when rekordbox starts if there are no new notifications.
2. Check or change your currently contracted subscription plan. (page 12)
3. Set the Cloud Library Sync function.  
For details, refer to “Cloud Library Sync Operation Guide” on the rekordbox website.
4. Set KUVO to be public or not. (page 13)
5. Pioneer DJ account is displayed.  
When you click here and select [Switch Account], you can switch the Pioneer DJ account.  
When you click here and select [Change Profile], you can change the profile of your Pioneer DJ account.
6. Close the [MY PAGE] window.

## EXPORT mode and PERFORMANCE mode

## About the EXPORT mode

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PRO DJ LINK has two export functions. Use USB EXPORT to export a managed library of music files or playlists to a USB storage device or SD card. The USB storage device or SD card is inserted into a DJ player. Use LINK EXPORT to connect the computer to the DJ player. In both functions, you can share music files, playlists, etc. with DJ equipment on the same network. For details of PRO DJ LINK, refer to “Using with DJ equipment (PRO DJ LINK)” of “rekordbox Instruction Manual” on the rekordbox website.

You can enjoy simple DJ mix with the [2 PLAYER] mode.



## About the PERFORMANCE mode

Use the PERFORMANCE mode for DJ mix performance on rekordbox. You can enjoy professional DJ performances with up to 4 decks, 16 samplers, and various features including the effect function.



Depending on your subscription plan, some functions may not be available. For details on subscription plans, refer to “Compare plans” on the rekordbox website.

[rekordbox.com/en/plan/](https://rekordbox.com/en/plan/)

### Download and install the sample pack

You can download “sample pack” audio files which can be used for the rekordbox sampler. Select [Sample Pack] > [Download Sample Pack] from the [File] menu at the top of the screen. Downloading will start. After downloading, select [Import Sample Pack], and then select the downloaded file. The downloaded file will be imported to rekordbox. After the import, you can use the audio files for the sampler.

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## System requirements

Before installing rekordbox, make sure to read “Software end user license agreement” (page 27).

### ■ Supported OS

rekordbox is supported by the following OS:

- Mac: macOS Catalina 10.15 (latest version), macOS Mojave 10.14 (latest version), macOS High Sierra 10.13 (latest version), macOS Sierra 10.12 (latest version)
- Windows: Windows® 10, 8.1

The latest information (supported OS, required operating environment, etc.) is available on the rekordbox website ([rekordbox.com](http://rekordbox.com)).

### ■ Required system (minimum required operating environment)

Make sure that your computer meets the following system requirements before installing rekordbox. For details on the latest information, refer to the rekordbox website.

- CPU: 2.5 GHz dual-core Intel®processor Core™ i5
- Memory: 8 GB (or more) RAM
- Hard disk/SSD: 2 GB (or more) free space (excluding space necessary for storing music files)
- Display resolution: 1 280 × 768 (or larger)
- Sound: Audio output to speakers, headphones, etc. (built-in or external audio device)
- Internet connection: For the account registration or inquires, use a web browser supporting 128-bit SSL (e.g. Safari 10 or later, Internet Explorer® 11 or later).
- USB port: A USB port is required to transfer music files to a USB storage device (flash memory, hard disk, etc.) or to connect to a DJ controller.
- LAN port: An Ethernet LAN adapter (RJ45 port) is required for communication with DJ equipment to transfer music files to a PRO DJ LINK compatible CDJ/XDJ series, etc. For details, refer to the Instruction Manual of the Pioneer DJ product.

**Note**

- Full functionality is not guaranteed with all computers even when the above operating environment conditions are fulfilled.
- Even with the required memory capacity indicated for the operating environment above, rekordbox may not provide full functionality and performance due to lack of memory in the cases described below. Take the necessary measures to ensure sufficient free memory. Adding extra memory, in order to achieve stable performance, is recommended.
  - When there are many tracks being managed in the rekordbox library.
  - When resident programs and services are running.
- Depending on your computer's power saving settings, it may not be possible for your computer to achieve its optimum CPU and/or hard-disk processing capacity. Especially with a laptop computer, use an external AC power source to ensure best performance when using rekordbox.
- rekordbox may not operate properly if combined with other programs installed on your computer.

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# Communications environment on the computer

Depending on your computer's security software and operating system settings, communications with DJ equipment or mobile devices may be interrupted. If this occurs, check your settings for the following 7 programs to ensure that they are not blocked. The program extension depends on the OS of the computer; e.g. the extension ".app" is for Mac and ".exe" for Windows:

rekordbox  
PSvNFSd  
PSvLinkSysMgr  
edb\_streamd  
ls-unity-rekordbox-win  
rbhttpserver  
rbcloudagent.exe

When sharing of the computer's internet connection is enabled, problems may arise in communications with other computers or DJ units connected on the LAN. Disable sharing before connecting the computer to the LAN.

- Mac: Open [System Preferences], and uncheck [Internet Sharing] under [Sharing].
- Windows: Open [Local Area Connection Properties], and then at [Sharing], uncheck [Allow other network users to connect through this computer's Internet connection] under [Internet Connection Sharing].

Communications with DJ equipment or mobile devices may also be interrupted if the network (IP address, port number, etc.) is restricted by a router or another communications device.

For details on the communications devices, security software, and the settings of the operating system, contact the respective manufacturer or your sales agent.

# File formats that can be loaded and played

Files that can be loaded and played on rekordbox are listed below.

- It may not be possible to read or play copyright-protected music files.
- For music files (file formats) that can be loaded and played on DJ equipment produced by Pioneer DJ, refer to the Instruction Manual of the DJ equipment.

## ■ Music files

Music file	Compatible formats	Encoding method	Bit depth	Bit rate	Sampling frequency	File extension
MP3	MPEG-1 AUDIO LAYER-3	CBR VBR	16 bit	32 kbps to 320 kbps	32 kHz 44.1 kHz 48 kHz	.mp3
	MPEG-2 AUDIO LAYER-3	CBR VBR	16 bit	16 kbps to 160 kbps	16 kHz 22.05 kHz 24 kHz	.mp3
AAC	MPEG-4 AAC LC	CBR VBR	16 bit	8 kbps to 320 kbps	16 kHz 22.05 kHz 24 kHz 32 kHz 44.1 kHz 48 kHz	.m4a .mp4
WAVE		Uncompressed PCM	16 bit 24 bit	—	44.1 kHz 48 kHz 88.2 kHz 96 kHz 192 kHz	.wav
AIFF		Uncompressed PCM	16 bit 24 bit	—	44.1 kHz 48 kHz 88.2 kHz 96 kHz 192 kHz	.aif .aiff

Music file	Compatible formats	Encoding method	Bit depth	Bit rate	Sampling frequency	File extension
Apple Lossless		Compressed PCM	16 bit 24 bit	—	44.1 kHz 48 kHz 88.2 kHz 96 kHz 192 kHz	.m4a
FLAC		Compressed PCM	16 bit 24 bit	—	44.1 kHz 48 kHz 88.2 kHz 96 kHz 192 kHz	.flac .fla

## ■ Video Files

- File extension: mpg, mp4, m4v, avi (Windows), qtz (Mac)
- Video format
  - Codec: h.264, mpeg-4, mpeg-2
  - Display resolution: up to 1 920 × 1 080
- Audio format: LPCM (aiff), aac, mp3

## ■ Image files

- File extension: jpeg, png, gif (animated gif files are not supported)
- \* Depending on the OS or the operating environment of your computer, some files may not be imported or played.

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## Supported media (file system)

Note that rekordbox can only write to SD memory cards and USB storage devices (flash memories or hard disks) which use a file system listed in the table below.

Recording media	FAT16	FAT32	NTFS	HFS	HFS+
SD memory cards	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
USB storage devices	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓

- To check the compatibility of SD memory cards and USB storage devices (flash memories or hard disks) with your DJ equipment produced by Pioneer DJ, refer to the Instruction Manual of the DJ equipment.
- HFS+ is available for Mac.

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## Online support site

Before making inquiries on rekordbox operating procedures or technical issues, read this manual and check the FAQ provided on the rekordbox website.

- AlphaTheta Corporation collects your personal information for the following purposes:
  1. To provide customer support for your purchased product
  2. To inform you of product or event information via e-mail
  3. To obtain feedback collected by survey for product planning purposes
  - Your personal information is kept confidential corresponding to the privacy policy set forth by our company.
  - AlphaTheta Corporation's privacy policy can be viewed on the rekordbox online support site.
- When making inquiries regarding rekordbox, please be sure to let us know your computer type and specifications (CPU, installed memory and other connected peripherals, etc.), the operating system and version used, as well as concrete information regarding the issue at hand.
  - To inquire about configuration of your computer with non-AlphaTheta Corporation peripheral devicesand to obtain the corresponding technical support, contact the manufacturer or retailer.
- Further version updates are anticipated for improved functionality and performance of rekordbox. Update programs will be available for download on the rekordbox online support site. We strongly recommend you check for the updates to always use the latest version of rekordbox.



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Please note that AlphaTheta Corporation cannot accept responsibility for the legality, morality or reliability of operation with regard to the use of rekordbox by customers. Problems in operation of rekordbox may arise due to the operating environment of the customer's computer and of rekordbox, or conflict with other software.

Please note that AlphaTheta Corporation cannot accept responsibility for loss of your registered information. Please make a separate note of information you have registered and store it in a safe place.

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# Copyright warning

The use of rekordbox is restricted with regard to the playing and copying of copy-protected music.

- The program may not operate properly if copy-protect encryption data is embedded in recorded media.
- Playback, analysis, and other operations may stop if copy-protect encryption data is detected as embedded in recorded media.

The material you record is for your own listening enjoyment, and cannot be used for other purposes without permission from the copyright owner.

- Music recorded from CDs and other media may be protected by the copyright laws of individual countries as well as by international convention. You are solely responsible for the lawful use of the recordings you make.
- When handling music that has been downloaded over the internet, the person who has downloaded the music is fully responsible for using the music in compliance with his/her contract with the website from which the music was downloaded.

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