

The stem tracks included on this dvd contain segmented instrumentation broken down from the master mix of each song. (e.g. stereo drum mix, stereo guitar mix, stereo keyboard mix, etc.) The audio files for these stems can be loaded/imported into any digital audio workstation (DAW) that supports the simultaneous playback of at least 8 stereo tracks.

Before you can start importing these files, you'll need to create an empty session in your DAW with a 44.1kHz sample rate and 16bit bit depth.

IMPORTING AUDIO FILES

The most simple method of importing the stem audio files into your DAW is to drag them from the finder/desktop and drop them into the DAW track window. Most DAW software supports this method of importing. Once the files have been imported, make sure that they all start at EXACTLY THE SAME TIME (each on a separate track). Organize the tracks to the order of your preference and assign them to the desired outputs.

Alternately you can use the import feature from the DAW menu. Some examples are:

Pro-Tools

1. Go to "File->Import->Audio..."
2. Locate and select the audio files to import. You may select multiple files by pressing Command + click (Mac) or Control + click (Windows).
3. Click the "Convert->" button to add the files to the "Regions to Import" window.
4. Click "Done"
5. A window will open prompting you to choose a destination for the converted files. Choose a destination and click "Open"
6. The "Audio Import Options" window will appear. Set the Destination to "New Track" and the location to "Session Start." Click "OK"
7. The tracks will appear in the Edit window. Drag them to the desired order and assign them to the desired outputs.

Logic

1. Create a stereo audio track for each stem you wish to import
2. Select the first track
3. Go to "File->Import Audio File..."
4. In the "Open File" window, locate and select an audio file to import and click "Open"
5. Select the next audio track and repeat steps 3-5 until finished
6. The tracks will appear in the "Arrange" window. Drag them to the desired order and assign them to the desired outputs.

Audacity

1. Go to "File->Import->Audio..."
2. Locate and select the audio files to import. You may select multiple files by pressing Command + click (Mac) or Control + click (Windows).
2. For each audio file a window may appear asking whether to copy or reference the original file. Choose "Make a Copy of the file before editing" and click "OK"
3. Drag the tracks to the desired order and assign the master output to the desired output.

PLEASE NOTE

-These stems were created from the master mix of each song. All stereo panning from the master mix has been applied to the associated stem for each instrument, i.e. if a specific guitar was panned 100% to the right side of the master mix, it will also be panned 100% to the right side of the guitar stem. As a result the meter for the left side of the guitar stem will show that no audio is present. This is normal and no cause for alarm.

-Depending on your audio hardware, distortion may occur when all of the stems are played at the same time. If this occurs, simply reduce the volume for each stem track in your DAW software until the distortion is not audible.