

TOP 5 TIPS REASON

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1 WORK FAST WITH TEMPLATES

a project template set up with all of your favorite devices, patches, most commonly parallel effects, and audio tracks really helps to streamline your songwriting and production process. After creating a project these elements, make the file read-only so you don't accidentally overwrite it. Then, make it the Default Song Template in Reason's General Preferences. This way, as soon as you open Reason you'll be making music without any time setting up devices and tracks.

2 COMBINATORS FOR SOUND DESIGN

Constructing your own sounds is key to a unique identity in your productions. Combinators offer a quick and easy way build your own sounds without to know how every synth parameter works. By starting with a mixer in the combinator you can easily mix and layer instrument patches and effects for a monstrous sound without a single synth. After you cook up something you like, you can then save the combinator patch for quick recall in any of your Reason projects.

3 INDIVIDUAL OUTS FOR MAX CONTROL

Many of the devices feature individual outputs, Redrum, Kong, NN-XT, and Dr. Octo Rex. Learn how to assign sounds to these individual outs for maximum control over each signal in your mix. For example, when you can assign the drums in Kong to its individual outs you can add EQ and compression on the Main Mixer to the snare drum but not to the bass drum, or parallel reverb to the low tom but not the hi-hat. That's the level of control you want in order to produce truly pro sounding mixes.

4 MASTER BUS EFFECTS ARE COOL

DJs often run an entire stereo mix through an effect, such as tempo filters and delays, to add extra drama to their mixes. You can recreate this effect in Reason by an effect device, such as the PH-90 Phaser and the Alligator Filter Gate, in the Main Mixer's Master Section, at its main output. Then, automate the effect's Bypass button and some of its parameters to turn up the drama at specific points in your song.

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