STEMSTATION 1.0.0

Quick Start

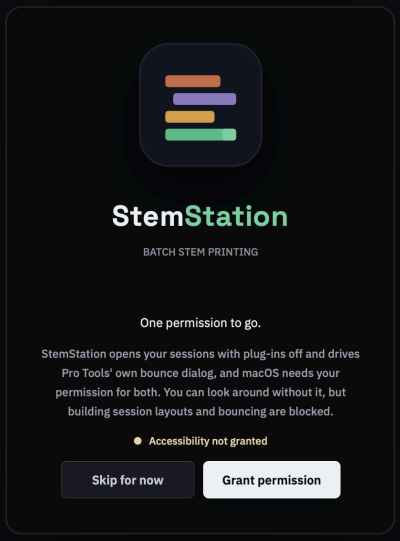
From install to your first printed batch, in six steps. The user manual covers every setting, status and recovery in depth.

01

Install and open

You need a Mac on Apple silicon, macOS 13 or later and Pro Tools 2024.10 or later. Drag **StemStation** into Applications and open it.

- **Sign in** with your account, or press **Sign up** to make one, then choose a plan or start a 7-day free trial.
- **Grant permission** when asked, and switch StemStation on in System Settings. StemStation drives Pro Tools for you, and macOS needs your permission for that.
- Take the two-minute **Walkthrough**, or press **Get Started**.



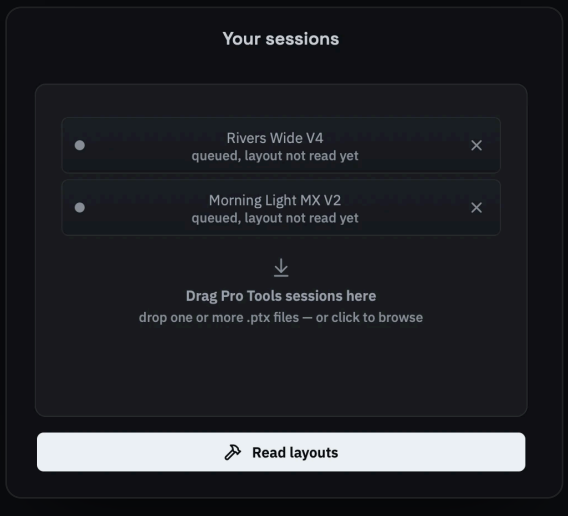
First launch.

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Add your sessions

Drag your `.ptx` files onto the box in the middle, then press **Read layouts**. The app reads each session's tracks straight from its file; Pro Tools is not needed for this.

- **Your sessions are never changed.** The app copies each one into a StemStation Projects folder beside it and works on the copy.
- Your stems still land in your own session folder, under Bounced Files.
- If a session cannot be read from its file, its row offers **Build with Pro Tools** instead.



Two sessions queued, waiting to be read.

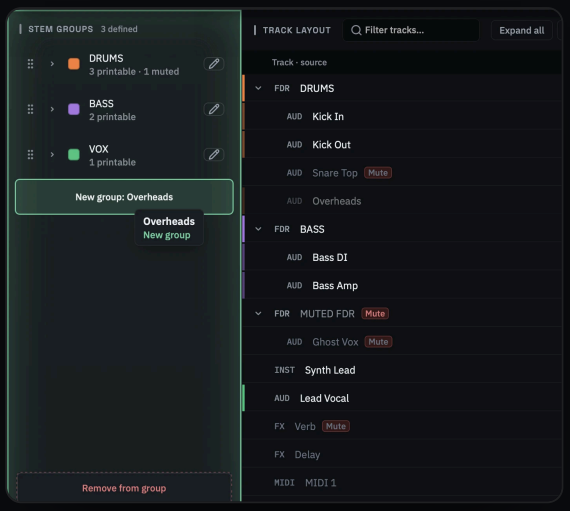
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Make your stem groups

Click one of your loaded songs in the Batch queue panel, top right, and choose whether it prints **Stems** or a **Stereo mix**. For stems, right-click any audio track or folder in the track list in the middle and add it to a new or an existing group, or drag it onto the Stem groups panel on the left. Every group becomes one file, named after the group.

- Add a folder and every track inside it comes along.
- **Mute or unmute tracks as needed.** For example, mute the vocal tracks to print an instrumental version. Right-click a track for **Mute for print** or **Unmute for print**.



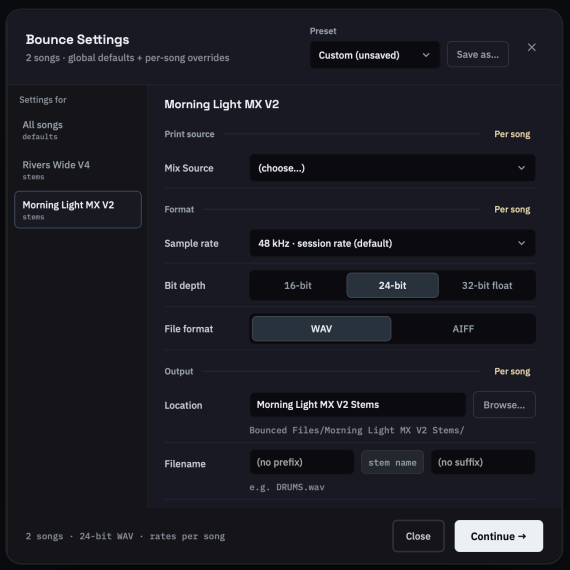
Overheads dragged to the panel: a new group is about to be made.

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Set the format and print

Press **Bounce**. With **All songs** selected, choose bit depth and file format for the batch. Click a song to set its **Mix Source** (required), sample rate, print region and output folder. Press **Continue →**, read the pre-flight, press **Bounce N songs**.

- **Won't print** on the pre-flight lists anything that needs fixing first.



One song's settings. Everything here belongs to the song.

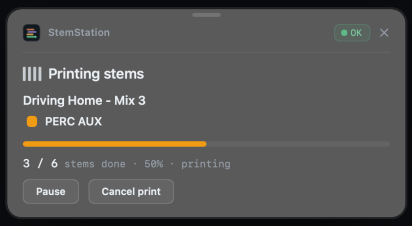
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Walk away

A small panel stays on top of Pro Tools and shows which song and stem is printing. StemStation works through every song on its own.

- **Don't touch Pro Tools** while it prints, and don't let the Mac sleep.
- **If Pro Tools stops responding, wait.** The app restarts it and carries on. About four minutes, and it looks idle.
- **Action needed in Pro Tools** means a dialog the app does not know. Answer it and printing continues.
- **Pause** and **Cancel print** each ask whether to finish the current stem first or act now. Stems already printed are kept.



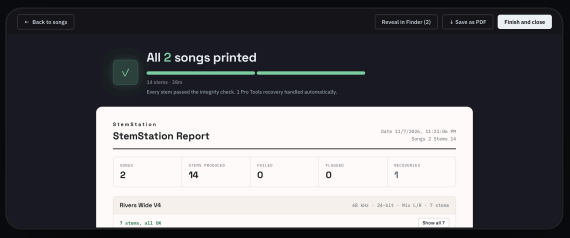
The progress panel.

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Check the result

When the batch ends, the report opens: how many songs printed, then every stem with its status, length and size. **Reveal in Finder** opens your stems; **Save as PDF** keeps a copy of the report.

- **Complete**: printed and checked. **Silent**: printed in full, almost no signal. Usually right; if not, check muted tracks and the Mix Source.
- **Truncated**, **Abandoned** or **Skipped**: the song needs another go, and the report says why. Each one has an **Include** / **Exclude** switch; **Retry** prints the included ones again.
- **Back to songs** starts a fresh batch. **Finish and close** quits StemStation.



The report at the end of a batch.

Watch the first run on a new or heavy session. Once it has printed cleanly once, it is safe to batch and walk away. Stuck? Send the encrypted support bundle from **Settings ▸ Status** to support@stemstation.app. It holds the app's own logs (song and folder names included), never your session files or audio.

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