How to Guide: Importing REX files into Logic Pro & MIDI into FL Studio by Mike Sinton

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We take a look at importing REX files (Recycle!) into Apple's Logic Pro sequencer software in OS X. Recycle or REX loop files are very useful since they contain tempo and slice data for the loop, making them easy to edit and re-arrange in your sequencer software. Almost all major sequencer software titles now support REX file import including Reason, Cubase, Logic, Sonar & Ableton Live.

First off you'll need the REX shared Library installed. Navigate to the Propellerhead Software website and download and install the REX Shared Library for OS X. Once you've installed the update there are several ways to import REX files into Logic.

1) Drag and drop the desired REX file from a finder window onto an audio track in the arrange window, this will open the Recycle file import dialogue box, press OK to import the REX file.

2) Copy the REX files that you'd like to import into your EXS24 Sampler Instruments folder (User -> Library -> Application Support -> Logic -> Sampler Instruments). From the EXS24 front panel click the preset window and choose 'Refresh Menu'. The REX files will then show up as Sampler Instruments in your EXS24 preset list.

Importing MIDI into FL Studio

Our How to guides series take a quick look at importing MIDI files like those you'll find here on DMS and assigning one of FL Studio's built-in synths to play the sequence.

1) Open up FL Studio and create a new project (we've chosen to use the handy 'Minimal' template).

2) Click the 'Channels' menu, choose 'Add One' and then select an instrument of your choice.

3) Right-Click your new channel and choose 'Piano Roll' from the top of the drop-down menu that appears - this will open up FL's piano roll editor window.

4) Now to import our MIDI file! From the Top left of the piano roll window click the small arrow, and then choose 'File' from the top of the drop-down menu. From the 'File' menu choose 'Import MIDI file...'.

5) Navigate towards your downloaded MIDI files (.mid) and select one. A dialogue box will appear named 'Import MIDI data' - click accept to import all channels (almost all MIDI files on DMS will only have channel 1 available, however many MIDI files you'll download from the web will have multiple channels - i.e. an entire song's worth of MIDI data).

6) Hit play! You'll now hear the imported MIDI data playing! The piano roll editor allows you to edit the note data of the imported MIDI data in the same way that you'd edit your own musical creations.

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