

NKS PRESET LIBRARY: AIR MUSIC TECHNOLOGY XPAND!2

For Komplete Kontrol / Maschine



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Intro

Welcome to the Xpand!2 NKS Browser Pack for the Native Instruments Komplete Kontrol / Maschine software and hardware.

This NKS library contains 2600+ factory presets for Xpand!2 that can be loaded and browsed directly using the Komplete Kontrol and Maschine software/hardware. All presets have been converted to NKS files which contains the Xpand!2 preset information, tagging information and mapped controls. Additionally, a database file and plug-in artwork is also included to create entries in your User Library. Preset files can be browsed by sound type using tags in the same way as in the Xpand!2 preset browser and the sound preview feature will allow you to hear a preview of each preset before loading the instrument. Now updated for VST3 and MK3 keyboards.

Compatibility / Requirements

- Supports Komplete Kontrol 2.9+ / Maschine 2.16+
- Supports All Komplete Kontrol Keyboards
- Supports All Maschine Hardware
- Supports VST2 or VST3
- Supports PC / Mac
- [Xpand!2 Required](#)

This is NKS compatibility files only. This will not work without the actual VST/Library being installed

Download

A free version is available that contains a handful of presets for you to test with.

The full version is available for purchase with an immediate download.



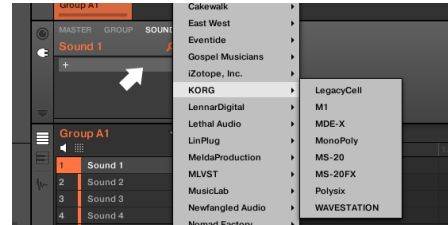
Installation



First ensure you have the VST plug-in installed and available to the software. Confirm if you need the VST2 or VST3 version.

In Complete Kontrol It should already appear in your File > Plug-ins menu.

In Maschine open the plug-in browser and check the VST is listed:



If the plug-in does not appear in the list of plugins, check that you have the correct paths to your VST folders in Preferences > Plugins > Locations. VST3 should be a default location but if you use VST2, make sure the correct path/s are listed then rescan.



Once the plug-in is confirmed installed and working with the software, copy the preset and artwork (if included) to the following locations:

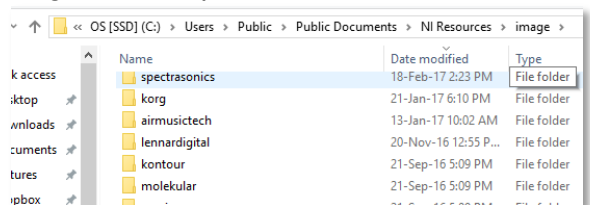
Database Files: Contains the browser images and database details for the NKS browser. Copy the "image" and "dist_database" folders included in the zip file to the following locations (existing image/dist_database folders may already exist so you want to just merge these files):

Windows: C:\Users\Public\Public Documents\NI Resources

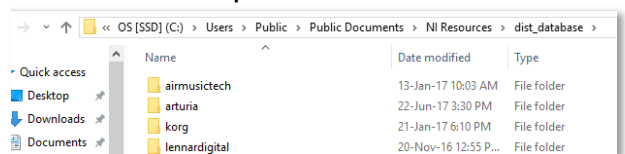
MAC: /Users/Shared/NI Resources



Image Folder Example:



Database Folder Example:



All User library database and image files will be held in these folders with a unique folder for each vendor/plug-in. Do not change the names or ordering of these folders, simply copy and merge with the existing folders in the above location

MACOS : IMPORTANT!!!

Be sure to copy the sub folders into the above locations. You want to add the folders with the existing folders, not replace existing folder. Mac users should be cautious NOT to "Replace" the entire image or database folder with the included ones. You want to **MERGE** these files. Choose to replace existing files only if they exist to update them, **DO NOT** replace the main folders or you will lose all your library artwork for all products!!!

Preset Files: Contains the preset files that need to be added to your user library. Copy this folder to your user library location. By default the user library is located at:

WIN: C:\Users\[USER]\Documents\Native Instruments\User Content

MAC: Users/[USER]/Documents/Native Instruments/User Content

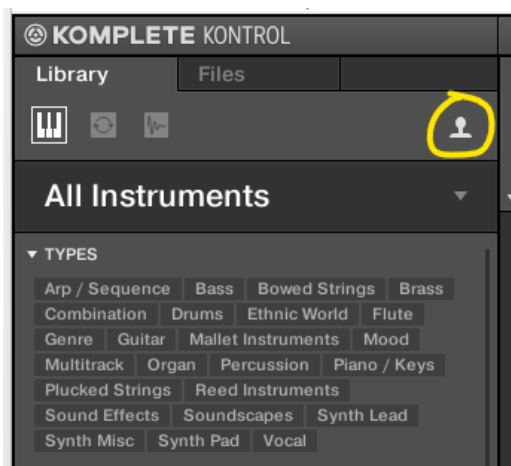
You can confirm this location within the Komplete\Maschine software Preferences > Library > User Library



NOTE: If you already have a previous version of this NKS library you should delete it and replace with the latest version.



After the files have been copied, launch the Komplete Kontrol in STANDALONE mode to do a library update. If the software is not set to auto-scan on start-up, open Preferences > Library then select Rescan



You will find your new instrument in the **USER LIBRARY** which you can switch to using the user library button.

It is possible to integrate custom libraries into the factory library with all your official NKS instruments, however this requires a small “hack” which is detailed on [This Page](#). For Mac users, this can be a more complicated process than Windows users and please note there is NO SUPPORT available from me to assist beyond the posted article.

If everything has worked correctly you should now see the plug-in listed in the browser with an assigned category, artwork for the plug-in and the installed presets will be listed in the browser.

Problems?

If you have issues with installation or usage, you can [Contact Me](#) or visit the [Forum Thread](#)

Installation Video PC:


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d1XnEDdMu0s>

Installation Video Mac:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amzq_T5kc90

The Preset Browser



Presets are accessed by selecting the User library icon at the top of the browser .

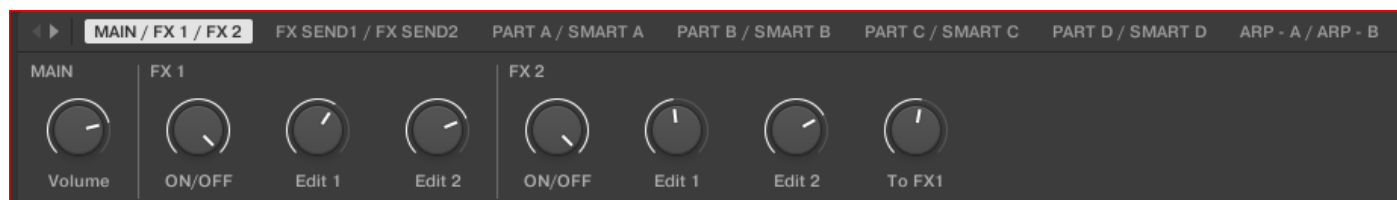
You can browse using any tags or reconfigure/rename tags using the tag editor in Komplete/Maschine.

Selecting a preset from the list will open the plug-in and automatically load the preset. You can then use the mapped controls to start tweaking the sounds.

Presets are logically mapped with master controls such as volume, pan and filters on the first pages then envelopes, effects and some sound design controls on further pages.

Controller Mappings

Most of the useful controls for all 4 layers have been mapped logically and labelled for quick and easy control of presets over 12 pages. Refer to the controller reference for a full list of available controls



Controller Reference

Controller Page: [1]=====

Control 1	(ID: 6)	: Volume	[MAIN]
Control 2	(ID: 107)	: ON/OFF	[FX 1]
Control 3	(ID: 108)	: Edit 1	
Control 4	(ID: 109)	: Edit 2	
Control 5	(ID: 110)	: ON/OFF	[FX 2]
Control 6	(ID: 111)	: Edit 1	
Control 7	(ID: 112)	: Edit 2	
Control 8	(ID: 113)	: To FX1	

Controller Page: [2]=====

Control 1	(ID: 16)	: Part A	[FX SEND1]
Control 2	(ID: 41)	: Part B	
Control 3	(ID: 66)	: Part C	
Control 4	(ID: 91)	: Part D	
Control 5	(ID: 17)	: Part A	[FX SEND2]
Control 6	(ID: 42)	: Part B	
Control 7	(ID: 67)	: Part C	
Control 8	(ID: 92)	: Part D	

Controller Page: [3]=====

Control 1	(ID: 13)	: Level	[PART A]
Control 2	(ID: 14)	: Pan	
Control 3	(ID: 7)	: Edit 1	[SMART A]
Control 4	(ID: 8)	: Edit 2	
Control 5	(ID: 9)	: Edit 3	
Control 6	(ID: 10)	: Edit 4	
Control 7	(ID: 11)	: Edit 5	
Control 8	(ID: 12)	: Edit 6	

Controller Page: [4]=====

Control 1	(ID: 38)	: Level	[PART B]
Control 2	(ID: 39)	: Pan	
Control 3	(ID: 32)	: Edit 1	[SMART B]
Control 4	(ID: 33)	: Edit 2	
Control 5	(ID: 34)	: Edit 3	
Control 6	(ID: 35)	: Edit 4	
Control 7	(ID: 36)	: Edit 5	
Control 8	(ID: 37)	: Edit 6	

Controller Page: [5]=====

Control 1	(ID: 63)	: Level	[PART C]
Control 2	(ID: 64)	: Pan	
Control 3	(ID: 57)	: Edit 1	[SMART C]
Control 4	(ID: 58)	: Edit 2	
Control 5	(ID: 59)	: Edit 3	
Control 6	(ID: 60)	: Edit 4	
Control 7	(ID: 61)	: Edit 5	
Control 8	(ID: 62)	: Edit 6	

Controller Page: [6]=====

Control 1	(ID: 88)	: Level	[PART D]
Control 2	(ID: 89)	: Pan	
Control 3	(ID: 82)	: Edit 1	[SMART D]
Control 4	(ID: 83)	: Edit 2	
Control 5	(ID: 84)	: Edit 3	
Control 6	(ID: 85)	: Edit 4	
Control 7	(ID: 86)	: Edit 5	
Control 8	(ID: 87)	: Edit 6	

Controller Page: [7]=====

Control 1	(ID: 28)	: ON/OFF	[ARP - A]
Control 2	(ID: 29)	: Latch	
Control 3	(ID: 30)	: Mode	
Control 4	(ID: 31)	: Rate	
Control 5	(ID: 53)	: ON/OFF	[ARP - B]
Control 6	(ID: 54)	: Latch	
Control 7	(ID: 55)	: Mode	
Control 8	(ID: 56)	: Rate	

Controller Page: [8]=====

Control 1	(ID: 78)	: ON/OFF	[ARP - C]
Control 2	(ID: 79)	: Latch	
Control 3	(ID: 80)	: Mode	
Control 4	(ID: 81)	: Rate	
Control 5	(ID: 103)	: ON/OFF	[ARP - D]
Control 6	(ID: 104)	: Latch	
Control 7	(ID: 105)	: Mode	
Control 8	(ID: 106)	: Rate	

Controller Page: [9]=====

Control 1	(ID: 22)	: Wave	[MOD - A]
Control 2	(ID: 24)	: MW Dest	
Control 3	(ID: 23)	: MW Rate	
Control 4	(ID: 25)	: MW Depth	
Control 5	(ID: 26)	: Pressure	
Control 6	(ID: 27)	: Depth	
Control 7	(ID: 117)	: PBRange	[PLAY - A]
Control 8	(ID: 114)	: Voice	

Controller Page: [10]=====

Control 1	(ID: 47)	: Wave	[MOD - B]
Control 2	(ID: 49)	: MW Dest	
Control 3	(ID: 48)	: MW Rate	
Control 4	(ID: 50)	: MW Depth	
Control 5	(ID: 51)	: Pressure	
Control 6	(ID: 52)	: Depth	
Control 7	(ID: 127)	: PBRange	[PLAY - B]
Control 8	(ID: 124)	: Voice	

Controller Page: [11]=====

Control 1	(ID: 72)	: Wave	[MOD - C]
Control 2	(ID: 74)	: MW Dest	
Control 3	(ID: 73)	: MW Rate	
Control 4	(ID: 75)	: MW Depth	
Control 5	(ID: 76)	: Pressure	
Control 6	(ID: 77)	: Depth	
Control 7	(ID: 137)	: PBRange	[PLAY - C]
Control 8	(ID: 134)	: Voice	

Controller Page: [12]=====

Control 1	(ID: 97)	: Wave	[MOD - D]
Control 2	(ID: 99)	: MW Dest	
Control 3	(ID: 98)	: MW Rate	
Control 4	(ID: 100)	: MW Depth	
Control 5	(ID: 101)	: Pressure	
Control 6	(ID: 102)	: Depth	
Control 7	(ID: 147)	: PBRange	[PLAY - D]
Control 8	(ID: 144)	: Voice	

FAQ?

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Can these presets be added to the Factory Library?

Yes they can. There are a couple of files that need to be created which are specific to your install locations. There are instructions on how to do this [Here](#)

Which Native Instruments Keyboard/Maschine hardware does this work with?

The NKS libraries will work with ALL Komplete Keyboard and Maschine Hardware

I'm not hearing any sound previews?

Check your preview volume is up in the Factory library and check you have a .preview folder with sound files in it. Some presets may have missing files so please report any issues with presets stating the preset name and the instrument/library.

I've noticed some issues

If you find any issues with incorrectly saved presets, sound preview issues, incorrect tagging etc please let us know the details and we will try and fix this up as quickly as possible.

I'm having some installation\usability issues!!!!!!!!!!

If you are having issues with installing and using the preset library, check out the [Forum Thread](#) to ask other users who may have some solutions. Also, check above for installation videos. Feel free to contact us if you still have issues.

Images are not displaying for the libraries?

This is normally down to the installation of the database/image folders not being correct. In some cases the plugin name could be different. If you cannot resolve your issue feel free to contact us (links below).

Can I get other VSTs or preset library's created as NKS?

I can only create presets for instruments I own or have a copy of. I am always on the lookout for new VST instruments at good prices so may do more down the track. If you are able to offer me a legal copy of a VST or can transfer me the library I can have a look if it is possible to make NKS compatible. If you are a plugin developere it may also be possible to add NKS compatibility for official factory inclusion. Feel free to contact me.

Contact \ Links

Website: freelancesoundlabs.com

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Forum Page: [Freelance Soundlabs 3rd Party NKS Libraries for Komplete Kontrol / Maschine](#)

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/freelancesoundlabs/>

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Air Music Technology Xpand!2 Changelog

v3.0.0 (7 Jan 2025)

- Regenerated all presets for VST3 compatibility

v2.6.0 (7 July 2022)

- Unified/Updated tagging over all NKS libraries and set library base version to 2.6.0

2.5.3 (12 Dec 2019)

- Fixed some images not displaying for Mac users due to _x64 being omitted from the plugin name on Mac

2.5.2 (19 April 2019)

- Re-rendered sound previews to address glitch issue at end of file and also reduce size of library.
- Cleaned up and improved some tagging across libraries.
- Some library paths have changed to group some plugins by developer in the user folder.

v2.5.0 (11-Mar-19)

- Updated NKS tagging to NKS 1.5

v2.2.0 (23 Mar 18)

- Updated controller pages with some new labels.
- Added more tagging to files
- Added version numbers to NKS file description

v2.1.1 (03 Dec 2017)

- Updated tagging to remove duplicate and incorrect tags
- Updated artwrk to include loaded splash image for Maschine/Komplete MK3
- Updated some sound preview files for bass sounds
- Updated documentation

v2.1 (29 Oct 2017)

- Generated sound preview files for all presets
- Updated plugin artwork
- Updated documentation

v2.0 (29 Oct 2017)

- Added library Banks for presets to allow selection of banks and librarys
- Removed [Library] tag placeholder

v1.1 (25 Feb 2017)

- Fixed vendor name in preset files

v1.0 (8 January 2017)

- Initial Version