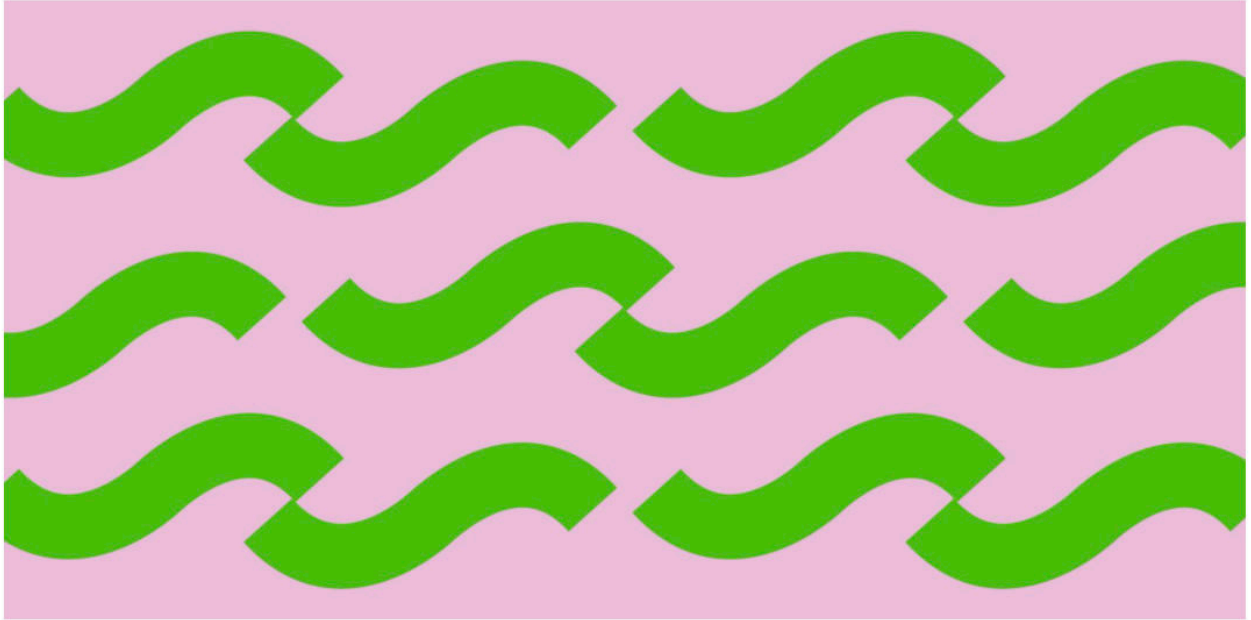


What do you want Ableton to do for you?



Getting your musical ideas from your head and into the real world.

Workflow: *The sequence of industrial, administrative, or other processes through which a piece of work passes from initiation to completion.*

Workflow will help you make ideas real things. Getting Ableton to do what you want will make this possible.

Let's start at the beginning...

Midi and Audio Tracks

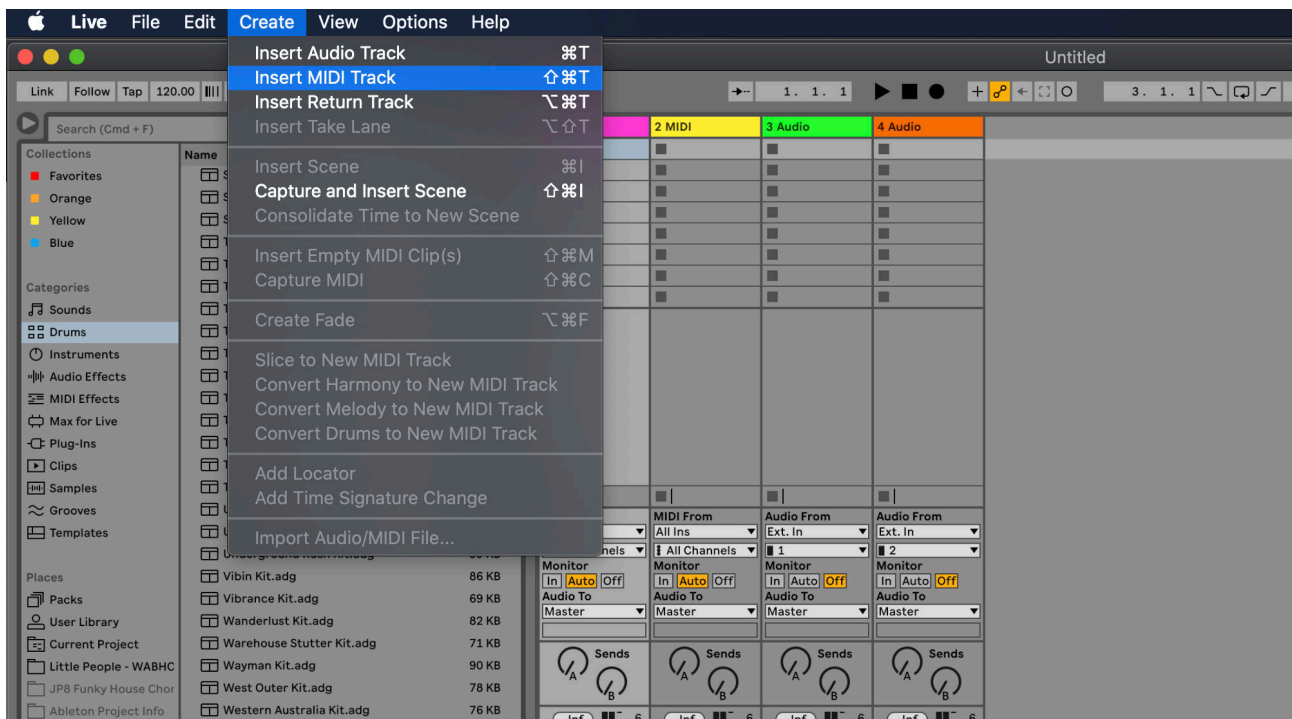
What is midi...

MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) is an industry standard music technology protocol that connects digital musical instruments, computers, tablets, and smartphones from different companies. MIDI is used every day around the world by musicians, DJs, producers, educators, artists, and hobbyists to create, perform, learn, and share music.

Inside Ableton we can create Midi tracks by inserting them as required.
See image below.

What is Audio...

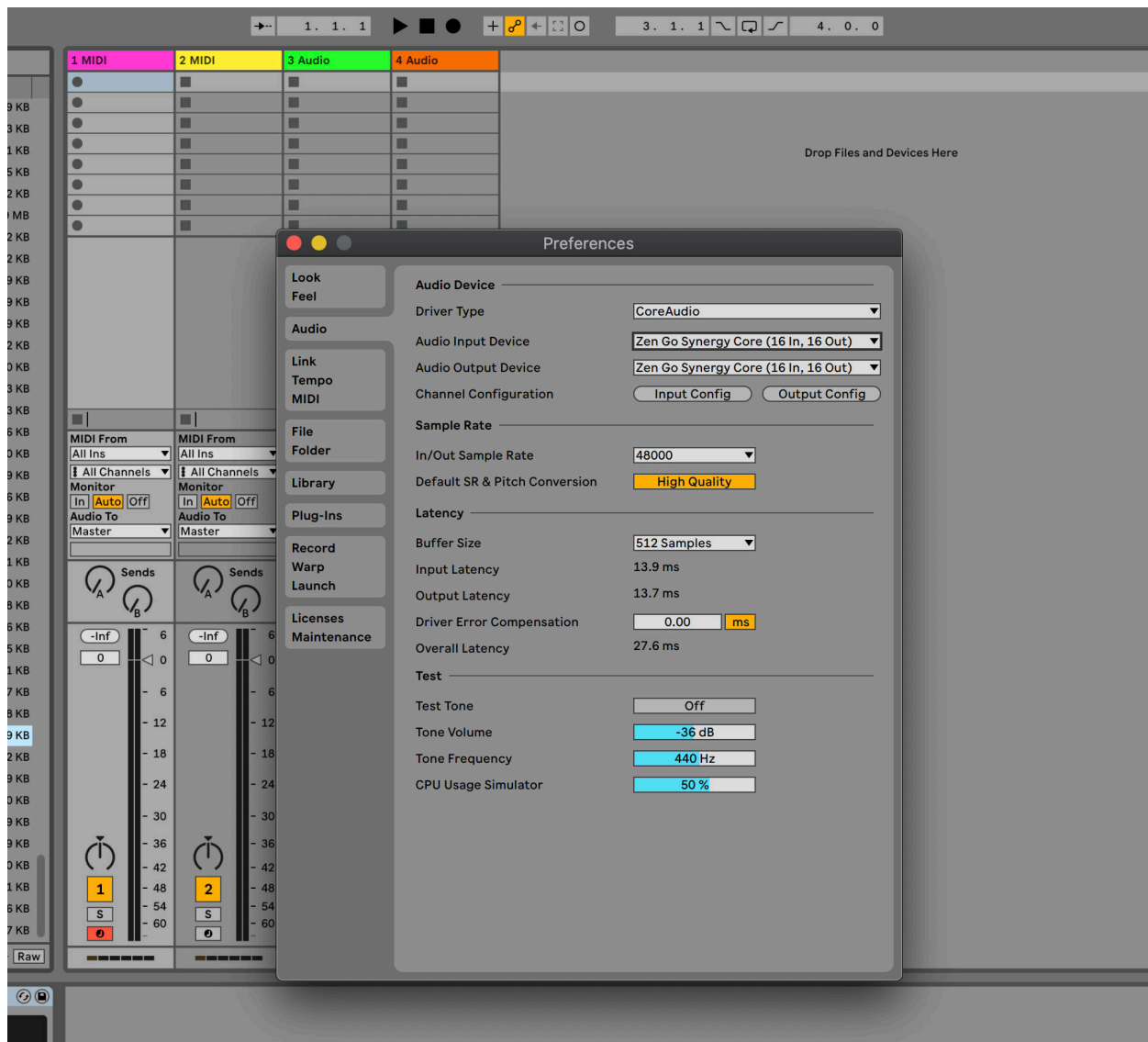
Audio is anything that you record into your Ableton session via a microphone or any previously recorded material such as vocals, drums, guitars, loops.



Preferences

The preferences panel will enable us to get Audio and Midi flowing in and out of Ableton via our hardware audio interfaces and midi keyboards.

Sometimes this will be referred to as iO (in/ out)



Audio and Midi Effects

These are often referred to as Plugins. Ableton has amazing audio and midi effects built into the programme, which we will learn more about in the course.

For now it is important to know what they are and what they do.

Audio Effect are often used to enhance a recording, such as a reverb or compression on a vocal or guitar.

Midi Effects are often used to enhance midi information, such as an arpeggiator or to generate chords and scales.



Audio and Midi effects (Plugins) when inserted will appear at the bottom of the screen.

Clips and Samples

Clips can be both Audio and MIDI information and in other DAW's they're referred to as Loops.

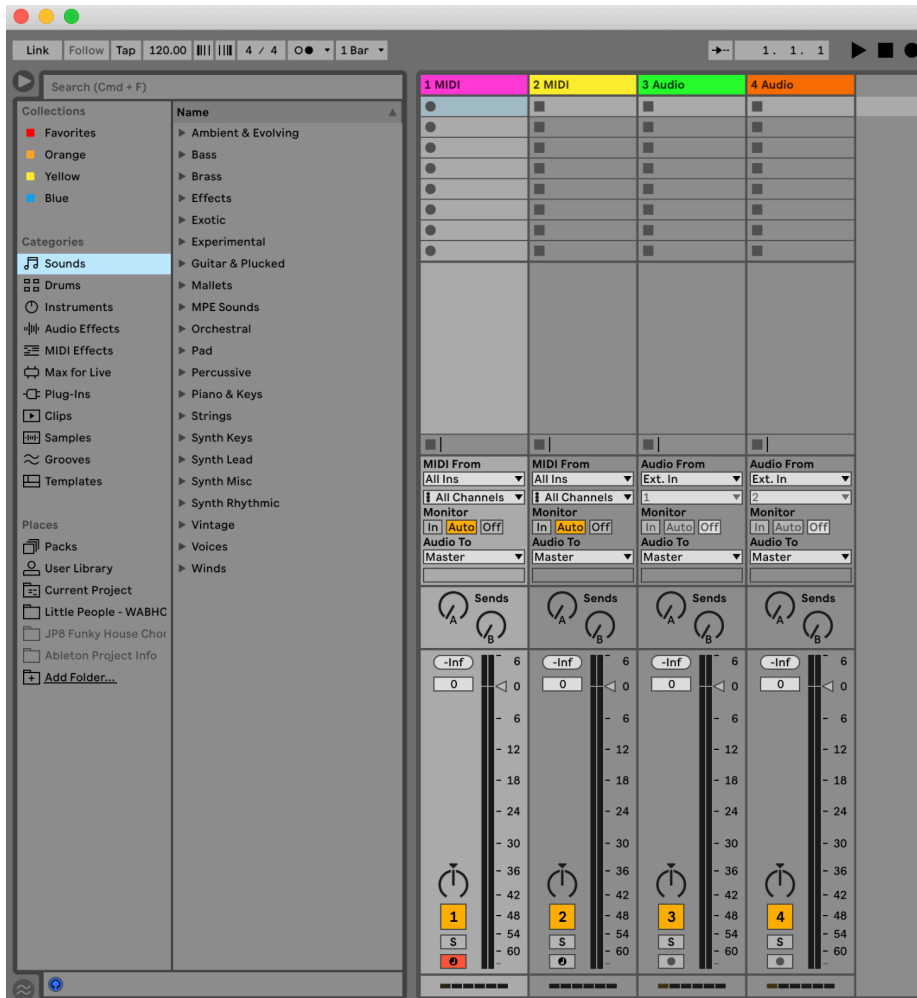
Samples are Audio recordings, often used in samplers and triggered using MIDI as they are in drum machines. The drum samples are short recordings of hits on the drum kit, organised in a sampler for you to replay when making drum patterns and grooves.

Samples are not only used for drums, they could be anything that your imagination will allow. Sounds from nature or string instruments.



Browser

On the left of the window in both Session and Arrangement view you will find the Browser. This is where you will find all the tools you need to get your ideas in motion.



We will be looking into Session and Arrange view in more depth in the next session.

Until then, go over the things we touched on in this session, get a grasp on the concepts and really ask the question...

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