



# MIX PREP

NOTES FOR

## PREPARING YOUR AUDIO FOR MIXING

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## BEFORE SENDING.

Here's a guide to getting your tracks ready to send. Following these steps will ensure I spend more time mixing and less time fixing.

**Clean up your session.** Make sure you are sending the best possible version of your session. Check crossfades, sloppy edits, and unwanted noises.

- **Performance Edits.** Ensure that you've made all the performance edits (tightening drums or tuning vocals etc) that you want to make. Typically this isn't a part of the mixing process and will come at an **additional cost.**
- **Consolidate.** Make all your tracks the exact same length by consolidating them. This way no matter what DAW they are loaded into they will start and finish at the same time.

- **Label (and number) Tracks.** Please label tracks in the following format:

*'Number\_Instrument'*

For example: '1\_Kick' '2\_Snare'

- **Files to Send.** All files should be sent at the same Quality as they were recorded. For example 48kHz, 96kHz etc

### **Please send the following**

- **Draft Mix** - Your mix of the song.
- **Stems** - Stems are the stereo tracks that make up your mix eg: 'Drums' as one stereo file, rather than each multi-track (kick, snare, overheads) of the drums. Include effects etc, the stems (when placed in a session together) should roughly make up the draft mix.

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- **Multi tracks.** These are all the files that individually make up your stems and your song. Only send tracks you want in your song, this avoids any confusion with arrangements. Turn off all master buss processing and export the multi-tracks. Ensure that you retain the balanced (the mix) of the multi-tracks when you export them. That way I pick up where you or the recording engineer left off.
- **Information.** A document with the following: Artist, Song Title, Key, Bpm, Recorded with a click?

**Double Check and Send.** All the files should contain audio, be the exact same length and labelled correctly.

Once you are **%100** on the above please ZIP send the files via your preferred file sharing platform.

