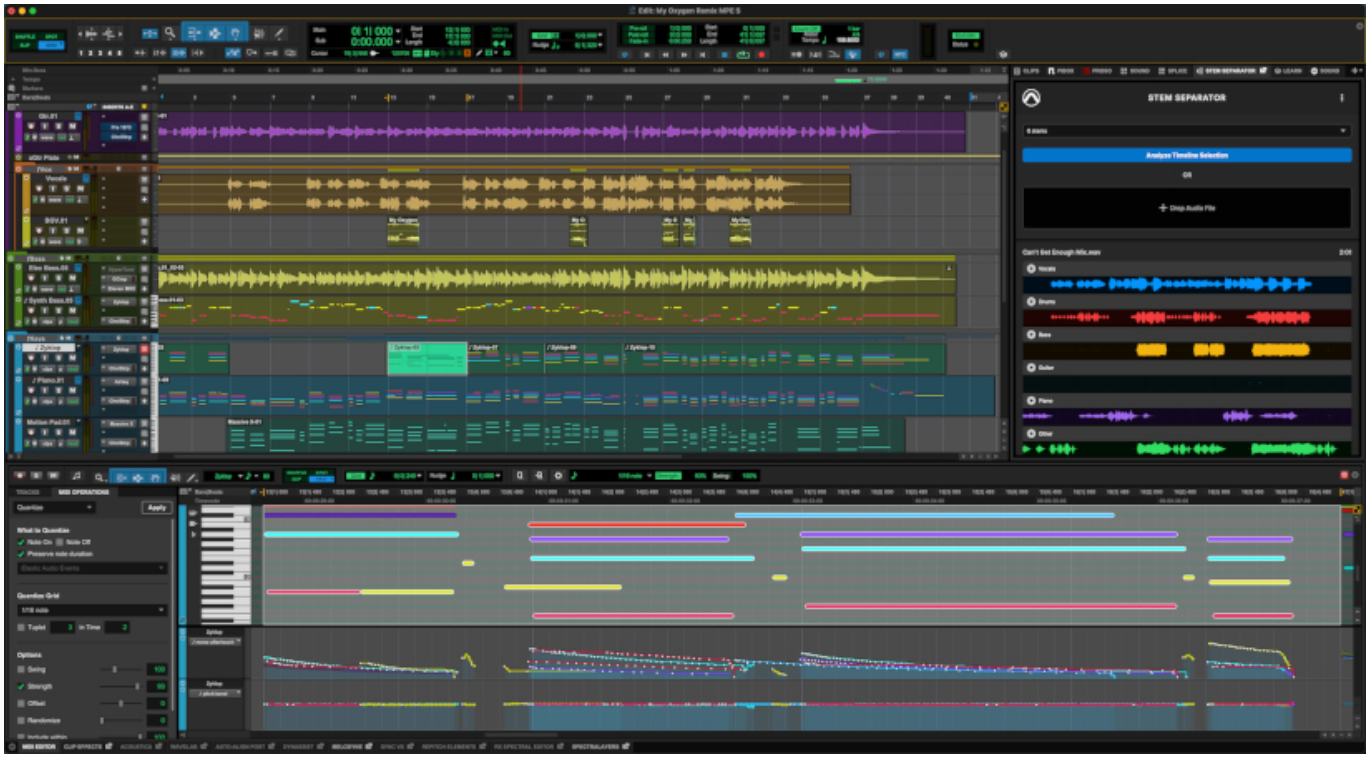
Avid Pro Tools 2026.11



Avid today announced the release of Pro Tools 2026.11, introducing powerful new features and enhancements that accelerate music creation and audio post production, expand creative possibilities, and deliver a more seamless user experience. At the heart of the release is Pro Tools Extensions, a new plugin format that enables session-wide experiences, allowing creators to access advanced workflows from Avid and third parties directly within Pro Tools. The update also introduces Pro Tools Stem Separator, a new AI-powered Extension for separating audio into individual elements, alongside support for MIDI Polyphonic Expression (MPE) and focused improvements to the Pro Tools experience on Windows.

“The way music and audio professionals work is constantly evolving, and we want Pro Tools to evolve with them,” said Sam Butler, Vice President, Product

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Management, Avid. “Extensions represent an important step forward, bringing new technologies and innovative capabilities directly into Pro Tools to support a wider range of creative experiences. It's about giving creators greater choice and flexibility while allowing them to stay focused on their work – reflecting our commitment to making Pro Tools more powerful, open and accessible for users at every level.”

Unlike traditional AAX plugins that operate on individual tracks, Pro Tools Extensions can support processes spanning multiple tracks or entire sessions, opening up new possibilities for integrated sound libraries, workflow automation, and collaboration. Accessible directly from the Pro Tools Edit window, extensions enable creators to work with a wider range of specialized tools without interrupting their creative flow.

The new format supports Extensions from leading audio technology partners, including:

- Pro Sound Effects and Soundly – Providing integrated access to sound effects libraries for faster sound discovery and audio post production workflows.
- Forte – Streamlining track importing, organization, and delivery.
- Pibox – Supporting collaboration and feedback throughout the audio production process.

Existing Splice and SoundFlow integrations, introduced in 2025, will also be available as Extensions, providing a simpler, more consistent way for users to access these integrated tools and their AI-enabled capabilities.

The new Pro Tools Stem Separator Extension enables music producers, remixers, and audio post production professionals to isolate individual elements from existing recordings without exporting files to external applications or uploading audio to cloud services. Using AI, it separates recordings into up to six stems – vocals, drums, bass, guitar, keys and other – opening up new possibilities for remixing, editing, sound design, and repurposing existing audio. Users simply drag audio into the Extension, preview the separated elements and bring the resulting stems back into their Pro Tools session as individual tracks. Pro Tools Stem Separator is included at no additional cost with all versions of Pro Tools, including the free Pro Tools Intro.

Pro Tools 2026.11 also introduces MIDI Polyphonic Expression (MPE), giving musicians, composers, and producers more detailed control over virtual instruments and MIDI performances. Unlike conventional MIDI, where changes such as pitch bend typically affect multiple notes simultaneously, MPE enables individual notes to respond independently to expressive gestures, including pressure, pitch movement, and other performance controls. This allows creators using compatible controllers and virtual instruments to produce more expressive and nuanced performances – from realistic articulations of acoustic instruments such as violins and guitars to dynamic electronic sounds. MPE also expands possibilities for real-time sound

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design, enabling musicians to manipulate timbre, filters, and effects as they perform.

The latest release also focuses on Windows users, introducing High DPI support to deliver sharper, more readable visuals on modern high-resolution displays, including 2K, 4K, and 8K monitors. Intelligent per-monitor scaling improves the experience of working across displays with different resolutions, while enhanced compatibility scaling helps deliver a more consistent interface. The update additionally introduces improved dark theme support for Windows title bars, menus and common dialogs, creating a more cohesive interface. Pro Tools 2026.11 also includes Playlist Clip Color Coding, providing more consistent colors across tracks for different takes to simplify session organization.

Pro Tools 2026.11 is available now to Pro Tools Artist, Studio, and Ultimate subscribers and perpetual license holders with an active upgrade plan, as well as Pro Tools Intro users. All major new enhancements are supported across Pro Tools versions, including the 30-day trial.

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