Show Libraries Buttons

These buttons allow you to switch between the libraries for the different Steinberg product families. Which buttons are available depends on the products and content installed on your system.

For example, Show HALion Libraries displays the libraries for HALion, HALion Sonic, or HALion Sonic SE.

Sort Libraries

Allows you to sort the list alphabetically (a-z), by size (starting with the largest library), or by date.

Text Search Field

Allows you to perform a text search to find a library. If you enter the name, or part of a name, of a library, the list is reduced to show only the libraries that contain this text string.

If you have registered a large number of libraries, this allows you to find a specific library faster.

Show Options

Opens/Closes the Options section of the Steinberg Library Manager.

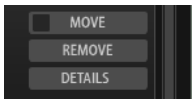
- Library default location allows you to specify the save location that you want to use by default when registering or moving libraries.

Show About Box

Opens the About box, a window showing information about the current version and build number of the Steinberg Library Manager. To close the About box, click it or press Esc.

Library Controls

All libraries have Move, Remove, and Details buttons.



Move

Allows you to move the library to a new save location. You can move several libraries simultaneously to a new location by activating the checkbox on the left side of the Move button for all the libraries that you want to move, and then clicking Move for one of the libraries.

NOTE

To activate/deactivate all libraries for moving, Alt-click the checkbox on a Move button.

Remove

Allows you to remove a library from your system.

Details

Expands the list to show which VST Sound containers are part of the library and where on your hard disks they are located. If a library contains a duplicate VST Sound container, a warning icon is displayed.

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Installing VST Sound Libraries

To install a new library, you must register the corresponding VST Sound container files.

Installing Libraries Using the Steinberg Download Assistant

If your VST Sound libraries come with a Steinberg content set or a Steinberg plug-in, they are installed using the Steinberg Download Assistant.

PROCEDURE

1. In the Steinberg Download Assistant, click Download.
2. When the download is complete, click Open to start the installation.
3. In the dialog, specify where you want to install the libraries and whether you want to keep the installation files.
   - Select Install to Default Location to save the libraries in the default location specified in the Steinberg Library Manager.
   - Select Install to Path to install the libraries in a specific folder.

     You can enter the path to the folder in the field on the right. To keep your system clean and uncluttered, we recommend that you create a dedicated folder for all your libraries and then create subfolders for each new library. You can also create multiple library folders on different hard disks.
   - Activate Keep Installation Files to keep the downloaded installation files. This is useful for backup purposes.

     NOTE

     Installation files can require a considerable amount of hard disk space. Therefore, it is advisable to save them on a hard disk dedicated for backup files.
4. Click OK.

RESULT

The libraries in the selected folder are registered to the MediaBay of your Steinberg plug-ins and DAW, and can be used the next time that you open the plug-in or the DAW.

Manually Installing Libraries

If your VST Sound libraries do not come with the Steinberg Download Assistant, for example, because you purchased them from a third-party manufacturer, you must install the libraries manually.

PROCEDURE

1. In the File Explorer/macOS Finder, navigate to the folder where the new VST Sound library is located and double-click the file.

If the folder contains several VST Sound library files that have not been installed yet, they are all installed when you double-click one of them.

2. In the dialog, specify where you want to install the libraries and what you want to do with the installation files.
   - Select Install to Default Location to save the libraries in the default location specified in the Steinberg Library Manager.
   - Select Install to Path to install the libraries in a specific folder.

     You can enter the path to the folder in the field on the right. To keep your system clean and uncluttered, you might want to create a dedicated folder for all your libraries and then create subfolders for each new library. You can also create multiple library folders on different hard disks.
   - Select Register in Place to install the libraries at the current location.
   - Activate Keep Installation Files to keep the installation files. This is useful for backup purposes.

     NOTE

     Installation files can require a considerable amount of hard disk space. Therefore, it is advisable to save them on a hard disk dedicated for backup files.
3. Click OK.

RESULT

The libraries in the selected folder are registered to the MediaBay of your Steinberg plug-ins and DAW, and can be used the next time that you open the plug-in or the DAW.

Moving Libraries

Moving libraries to another save location can be useful if you accidentally registered them to the wrong folder, or if you added a faster SSD hard disk to your setup and want to save your libraries there, for example.

PROCEDURE

1. Optional: If you want to move several libraries simultaneously, activate the checkbox on the left side of the Move button to activate them for moving.

   NOTE

   To activate/deactivate all libraries for moving, Alt-click the checkbox on a Move button.
2. Click Move.
3. In the dialog, navigate to the new location and click OK.

RESULT

The libraries are moved to the new location and the paths in the Steinberg Library Manager are updated.

Removing Libraries

You can remove a library if you do not want to use its contents any longer.

PROCEDURE

- Navigate to the library in the list and click its Remove button.

  NOTE

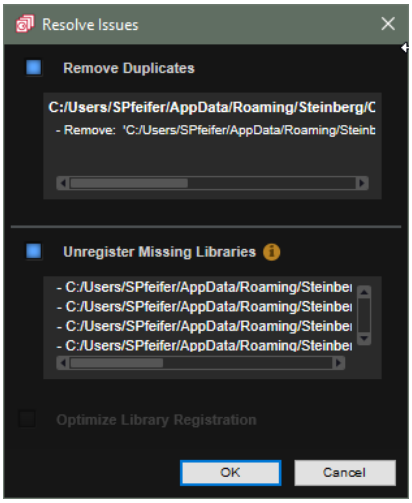
  Libraries can have dependencies to other libraries, for example, if a preset library is based on samples that were delivered exclusively with another library. If you try to delete this second library, the Steinberg Library Manager warns you that this library is required by another library.

Resolving Issues

If the Steinberg Library Manager encounters issues such as duplicate VST Sound containers or broken links to library locations, a warning icon is shown on the toolbar.

PROCEDURE

1. Click Resolve Warnings on the toolbar.
2. In the dialog, specify how you want to resolve the issues.



- Remove Duplicates removes any duplicate libraries that were detected.

  The duplicate libraries are shown in the dialog.

  This function removes the library with the older internal version number. If both files are identical, the library that is located in the default library location is kept.
- Activate Unregister Missing Libraries to remove libraries that can no longer be found in their registered location.

  This can happen if you delete libraries from your disk manually.

  NOTE

  If you registered libraries from a removable drive that is currently not mounted, they are listed here as well. However, in this case, you can ignore the warning. The libraries will work again when the drive is mounted.
- If Optimize Library Registration is available, the Steinberg Library Manager has detected possibilities of optimization. For example, this can be the case if you have

moved VST Sound files manually on your system, as opposed to using the Move function in the Steinberg Library Manager.

3. Click OK.

RELATED LINKS

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