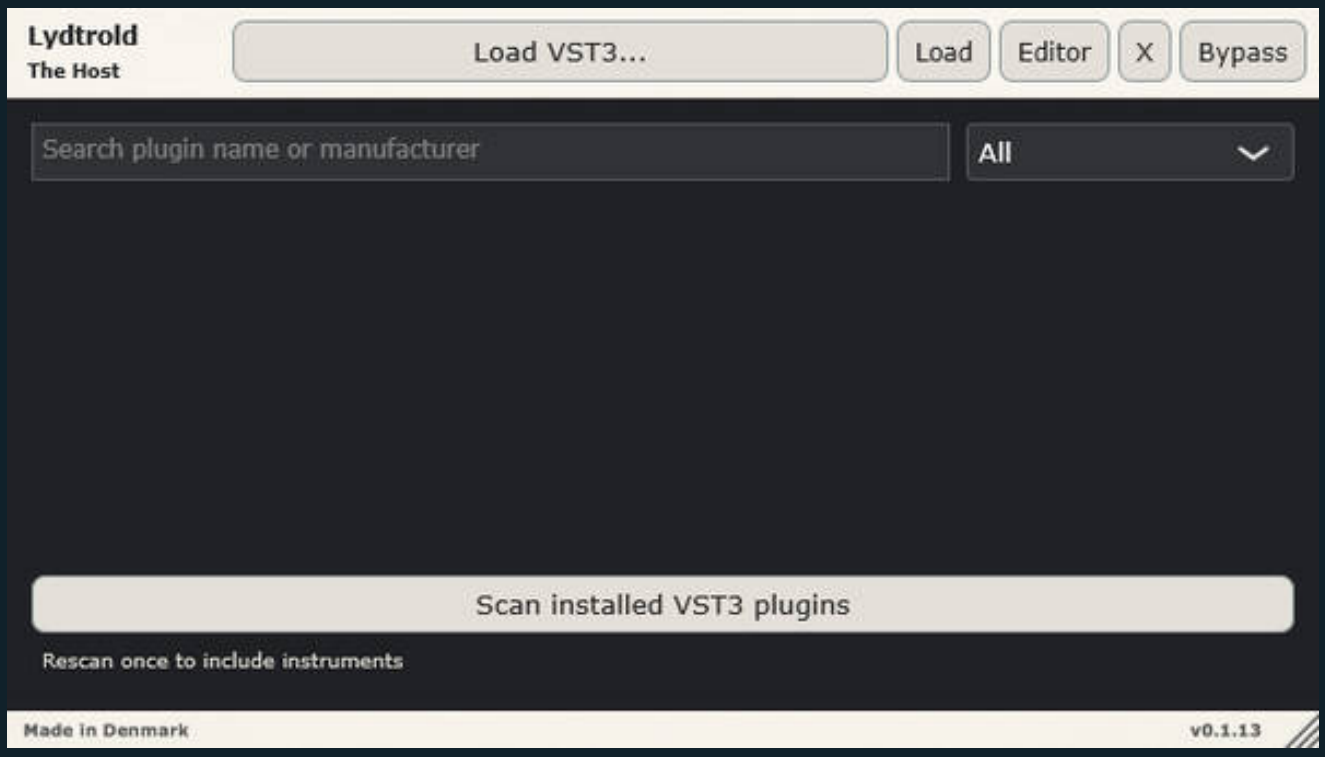
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The Host

Host a VST3 instrument or effect



User Manual

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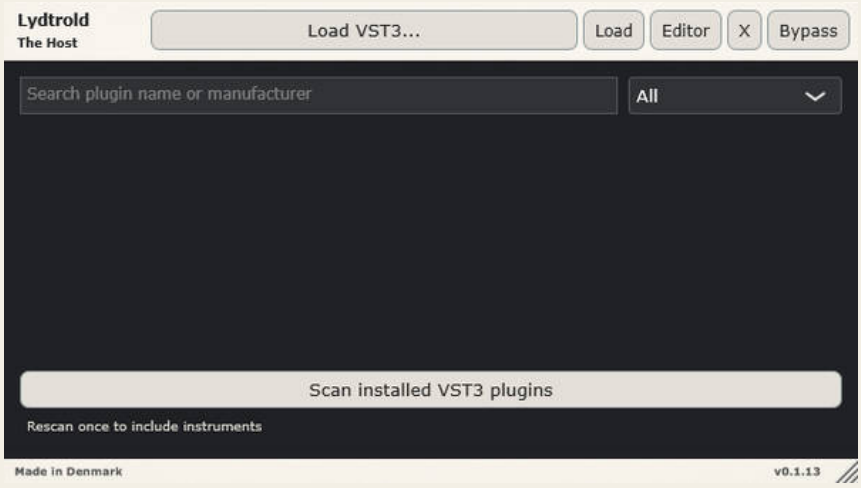
Native product; no AAX DSP edition listed

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Meet The Host

Host a compatible VST3 instrument or effect inside another compatible DAW plug-in format.



Your first session

1. Install and authorise the VST3 you want to use separately. The Host does not include third-party plug-ins or their licences.

2. Insert The Host, scan, then search or filter the list and choose one compatible VST3.

3. For an instrument, use an instrument track and route MIDI to it. For an effect, route audio through the track. Save the session to recall the hosted state.

02 / REFERENCE

Controls and behaviour

Names follow the front panel; alternate host parameter names are included where useful. Ranges describe control values, not recommended settings.

CONTROL	RANGE / OPTIONS	HOW TO USE IT
Scan / plug-in browser	Actions	Scans installed VST3 plug-ins and lists recognised instruments and effects inside the existing content area.
Search / category	Browser controls	Filters the list by name or vendor-provided category. Categories include Instruments, EQ, Dynamics, Reverb, Delay and Saturation.
Plug-in selection	One hosted VST3	Loads a compatible instrument or effect and shows its own editor.
Hosted editor	Third-party controls	Controls the hosted plug-in using its original interface. Its parameters are not dynamically added as AAX automation parameters.
Host bypass	On / Off	Provides the wrapper bypass control exposed to the outer host.
Window size	Resizable	Adapts the view to the hosted editor; free-background double-click restores nominal/native fit.

03 / IN PRACTICE

Workflows and troubleshooting

VST3 instrument in an AAX track

In Pro Tools, load The Host on an Instrument track and select the instrument. Check MIDI input, instrument output and monitoring. Some instruments require stereo.

Effect workflow

Select an installed effect, adjust its original editor, and save a host session or preset. Main mono/stereo output is supported; auxiliary multi-outputs and hosted MIDI output are not exposed.

If the result is unexpected

Plug-in missing. Confirm a compatible VST3 is installed and rescan. The browser does not load AU or AAX files as VST3.

Instrument is silent. Check MIDI routing, track monitoring, channel configuration and the instrument licence.

Session cannot restore the sound. Ensure the same third-party VST3, dependencies and authorisation are available. Hosted parameters are not separate AAX automation lanes.

04 / INSTALLATION AND SESSIONS

Install, recall and get help

Download and install

Visit https://lydtrold.com/installer and download the public Lydtrold Installer for your platform. Close your DAW before installing or updating. For AAX, Pro Tools must be fully closed. Enter the licence key associated with your purchase or Free Collection, select the product and required formats, then install.

Choose the format

Use AU in compatible Mac hosts, VST3 in compatible Mac or Windows hosts, or AAX Native in Pro Tools. This product is Native; inclusion in a DSP bundle does not make it an AAX DSP plug-in.

System compatibility

The public Mac plug-ins support Intel from macOS 10.15 and Apple silicon from macOS 11. The current public Mac installer requires macOS 12 or later. Use a compatible 64-bit DAW and check the product page for current platform and format availability. Third-party hosted plug-ins can have higher requirements.

Recall and automation

Save the DAW session and use supported host presets to retain settings. Host automation applies only to parameters exposed as automatable by the installed edition. Analysis displays, browser actions and other non-parameter controls are not automation lanes. For The Host, save hosted state in the session; hosted parameters are not dynamically exported as AAX automation parameters.

Support

Visit https://lydtrold.com/contact. Include the product name and installed version, operating system, DAW version, plug-in format and relevant routing. Describe the steps that reproduce the problem and the expected result.

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