



KEMPER PROFILER

Rig Manager 3 User Manual

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Rig Manager User Manual

About Rig Manager

Rig Manager™ is a editor and librarian software designed to help manage your personal amp collection for the PROFILER™

This is what Rig Manager can do among many other things:

- Backup all Rigs and Performances in your PROFILER
- Open old backup files and access all the Rigs and Performances inside
- Supply you with thousands of free Rigs, both from our cloud based Rig Exchange and also from own free offerings (Rig Packs).
- Sort and search Rigs conveniently
- Tag your Rigs to get a perfect overview
- Manager and create Performances
- Convert Impulse Response files to PROFILER Cabinets

Getting Started on Windows

“Rig Manager 32-Bit.msi” and “Rig Manager 64-Bit.msi” install all necessary applications and drivers along with this documentation. Please note that there are individual installers for 32- and 64-bit Windows versions. Once the installation has completed, you can find the application in the Start menu.

All you need to do now is connect your PROFILER with the PC using a standard USB cable.

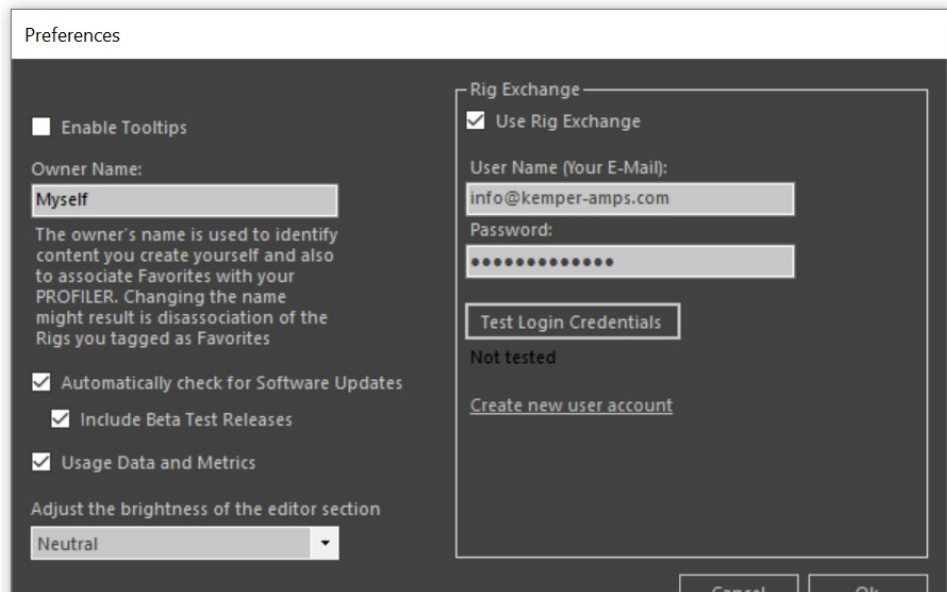


Once you launch Rig Manager, it will connect with your PROFILER and start syncing. Depending on how many Rigs you have installed, this might take a while. The good news, however, is that subsequent launches will be much quicker.

◆ Setting up

Next, please fill in your e-mail address (user name) and password for the Kemper website. Now, Rig Manager can connect to Rig Exchange™, providing you with thousands of free, additional Rigs.

✓ “Test Login Credentials” verifies your account info, it does not verify if your PROFILER is connected right.



Rig Manager needs a reasonably new revision of the Kemper operating system and will prompt you to update your amp if required.

Getting Started on a macOS

“Kemper Rig Manager.pkg ” installs all necessary applications and drivers along with this documentation. Once the installation has completed, you can find the application “Rig Manager” in the in the Applications folder.

All you need to do now is connect your PROFILER with the Mac using a standard USB cable.

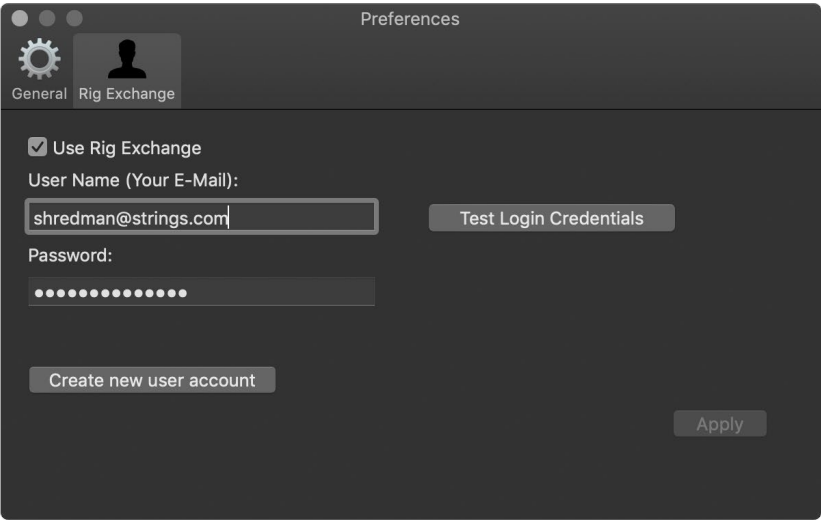


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Overview



The main window is divided into four sections. **1** The first section, located on the left, is called “Locations”. A location represents your PROFILER, what’s on your drive and also Rig Exchange. Select a location and the list in the middle of the application will show its content. The **2** List is the second section. Many operations take place in there. To select a Rig, click the corresponding row. To load and edit a Rig (play it with your PROFILER), double-click it. While you’re at it, take a look at the **3** Inspector on the right. It shows a table containing loads of additional info about the selected Rig. The information can also be edited by double-clicking on a cell. **4** Is the Editor Section. **5** is a search field to narrow down the list if required. The last section is the **6** footer bar. Information about the items selected within the List and also information on the Editor do show here.

Manage all your Rigs

Housekeeping

To see the entire content of your amp, and nothing else, select the location “PROFILER”. Editing tags, re-naming and deleting rigs in the main list will instantly be reflected in your PROFILER.

- ✓ Please note that a deleted rig will be gone, Rig Manager does not have a trash folder. A good alternative to deleting rigs is to move them out of the PROFILER to your local drive.

Prepare a collection

Assuming you would like to prepare a collection of your favorite Rigs, here’s a step-by-step guide:

- Click on “All Rigs” at the top of the Locations list on the left side. You will see all Rigs, independently of their location, in one big list. If you choose to search only a specific place, for instance the Rig Exchange, select “Rig Exchange” instead.
- Next, narrow down the list by searching through it using keywords, or sort it by clicking on a column header such as “Amp name” or “Date”. You can add more columns by right-clicking on the header bar.
- Once you’re happy with your pre-selection, you can start auditioning Rigs. Please note, this only works if a PROFILER is connected. Double-clicking on a Rig, sends the Rig straight into the PROFILER where you can play it.
- ✓ Rigs of interest can be made Favorites by ticking favorite in the Inspector. A favorite is symbolized by a green star icon.
- ✓ One other option is to drag a Rig you like to another location. This will copy the Rig. To store it permanently in your PROFILER, drag it onto the “PROFILER” location on the left.

Another typical task is to make a backup

Assuming you would like to backup all Rigs in your PROFILER, this is what you would have to do:

- Select your PROFILER in Locations on the left
- Select all Rigs in the main List
- Drag them all over to your Local Library in Locations
- ✓ Alternatively, create a folder on your desktop using the Finder, and drag all the Rigs onto this folder. This works both ways, you can also drag Rigs from a folder into the Rig Manager.

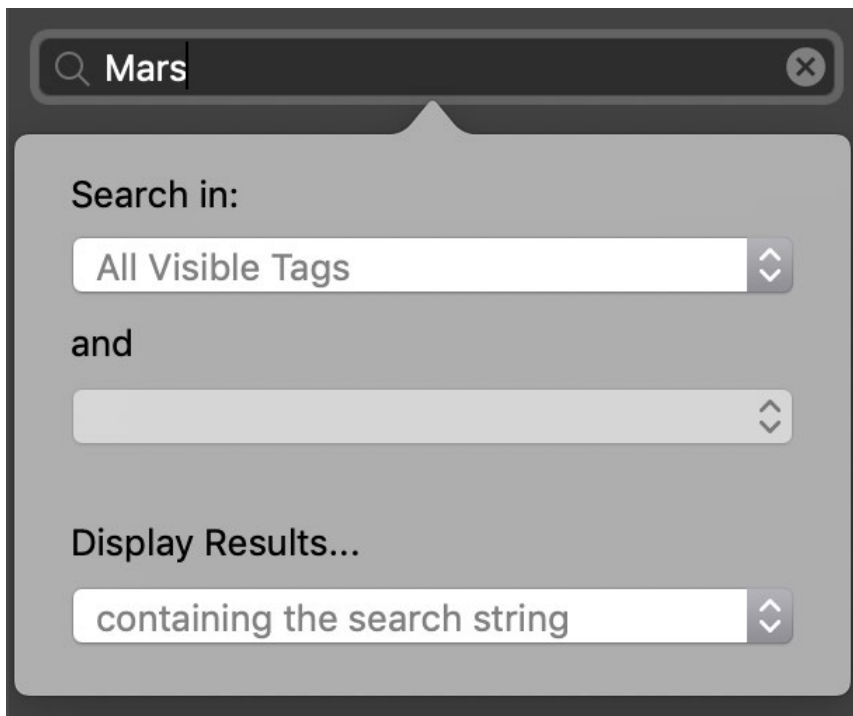
Move and copy things in between different locations

For certain tasks it can be handy to open multiple windows, and drag-and-drop items between them. Open a second window by opening the context menu for a Location

- A simple drag will create a copy of an item
- SHIFT-drag will move an item instead of creating a copy

Search options

Most Rigs available are fully tagged with useful information such as details on the cabinet and microphone used among many other things. The search field in the upper right corner allows you to search broadly by taking all locations into account as well as narrowing down your search by selecting specific tags only.



The screenshot shows a search interface with a dark background. At the top, there is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon on the left, the text 'Mars' in the center, and a close button (an 'X' in a circle) on the right. Below the search bar, there is a dropdown menu. The first section of the dropdown is labeled 'Search in:' and contains a text field with 'All Visible Tags' and a dropdown arrow. Below this is the word 'and' followed by another empty text field with a dropdown arrow. The second section of the dropdown is labeled 'Display Results...' and contains a text field with 'containing the search string' and a dropdown arrow.

- To browse for specific gain settings: Type “+++” in the search field and all rigs with a Gain from 3.0 - 3.9 will be shown.
- To Browse for specific rig ratings: Type “***” in the search field and all rigs with a rating of three stars will be displayed.



Tagging

The PROFILER features a sophisticated tagging system. One of Rig Manager's many purposes is to assist you when tagging your own Profiles and Rigs. In order to tag a Rig, you need to select it in the main List; the Inspector on the Right will be populated with the tags already set. Since tags can be used to filter Rigs, it is advisable to spend some time creating meaningful tags; this will make finding the Rig again a lot easier.

You can tag multiple Rigs at the same time. Select a few and take a look at the Inspector. The Tags which are not identical to all the selected Rigs will show "-- Multiple Values --". Note that you can still edit the values, but be aware of the consequences of altering many Rigs at the same time.

✓ "TAB" moves the cursor to the next tag

Use folders to structure your library

In some cases, it can help to organize your Rigs in a folder structure instead of solely relying on tagging methods. A right-click on "Local Library" allows you to create a sub folder which can hold as many rigs as needed. Please note that a sub folder can only exist in this place and not in the PROFILER itself.

Imports and Exports

Single Rig files (*.krig, kperformance and *.kpreset) can be imported and exported using the corresponding options within the file menu. Users who don't have access to their amp, or would like to send files attached to e-mails, might find this option useful.

You might already have created a number of backups with your PROFILER. Drag a backup file onto the application window, and Rig Manager will mount the backup as a location. Note that you cannot write new files to a backup. For most situations, it is advisable to mount, backup, and then copy all the files to another place - for instance your Local Library - this way you can easily access and modify files from a backup.

Rig Exchange

At the time of writing, our cloud based server offers you over 15000 free Rigs from fellow users from all over the globe. We would like to take the opportunity to thank all participants and also invite you to help our user base by uploading your own creations. To browse through all free Rigs, simply choose the location “Rig Exchange” on the left of Rig Manager’s main window.

To learn more about Rig Exchange, go here: <https://www.kemper-amps.com/rx>

Rig Packs

Those bundles of free Rigs are usually by an Artist or theme based, “Bass Rigs” for instance. Packs can be browsed by choosing the location “Rig Packs”. Rig Manager automatically downloads the latest offerings for you.

The Rig Editor

The editor is an extension of the main Rig Manager window which you can find at the lower End. The extension itself has an upper strip which represents the effect signal flow and a lower portion which hosts the actual editor area.

The Signal Flow

- ✓ You can re-arrange the effect by dragging those onto different effect slots. To make a copy instead, hold  (option) on macOS and  on Windows. Effect presets can be dropped onto slots from the usual locations such as your Local Effects library. To store an effect preset, simply drag it from the Signal Flow onto the Local Library or any other suitable place. A double click toggles if an effect is activated or not.

The Editor Area

Select an effect slot by single-clicking on the icon. This will make the editor controls adjust to what's available for this particular effect.

You can change the value of a parameter with the mouse by grabbing the control and dragging the mouse. Hold the  (shift) key for micro-adjustments. Alternatively, change the parameter in question on your PROFILER and the editor will follow.

Located on the left side are several menus to enable/disable an effect, select the actual effect algorithm or lock it against change. You will be familiar with all this since you know it from your PROFILER hardware already.

The Status Bar

Smart Save options and a lot of information in context to what you click and edit are located at this lower end of the Editor Area. The multiple Save buttons offer various options to save the edited Rig.

- “Store” becomes active once you’ve adjusted something in a Rig. It’s there to remind you to save your work when required.
- “Store to PROFILER” and “Store to Local Library” copy the Rig to one of the two locations. From this point onwards, you will work on the copied Rig instead. If an option is not available, the Rig is already located there.
- “Duplicate” creates a copy in the same location. Note that Rig Manager, in a second step will go to the new duplicate and will not automatically store the original Rig. If you like to keep the last state of the Rig you duplicate, you need to store it first.
- “Store in Performance” is available when a Rig is a part of a performances.

To the left of the store options, the Rig’s name or Effect’s name is displayed. On the outer left corner, you can find further info such as the parameter values.

Edit Morphs

To make a parameter morph, simply hold  (Command) on macOS and  on Windows while changing its value. As you can see, this creates an increasing span between two colored dots. The orange dot represents the toe position whereas the blue one shows the heel position. To change the toe value, release the option key. To reverse the position of the dots and therefore reverse how the parameter will morph, drag in the opposite direction.

Keyboard Shortcuts

The following Editor specific key commands are to your disposal:

Shortcut	Meaning
A	Amplifier Page
C	Cabinet Page
I	Input Page
O	Output Page
1 - 8	FX Slot #1 - 1#8
M	Trigger Morph Ramp (to simulate morphing)

A complete list of keyboard shortcuts can be found here: “Keyboard Shortcuts” on page 29

Context Menu Options

Effect Slots, as well as Parameters, have self-explanatory context menus. It’s always worth to check those out, they contain many shortcuts for you.

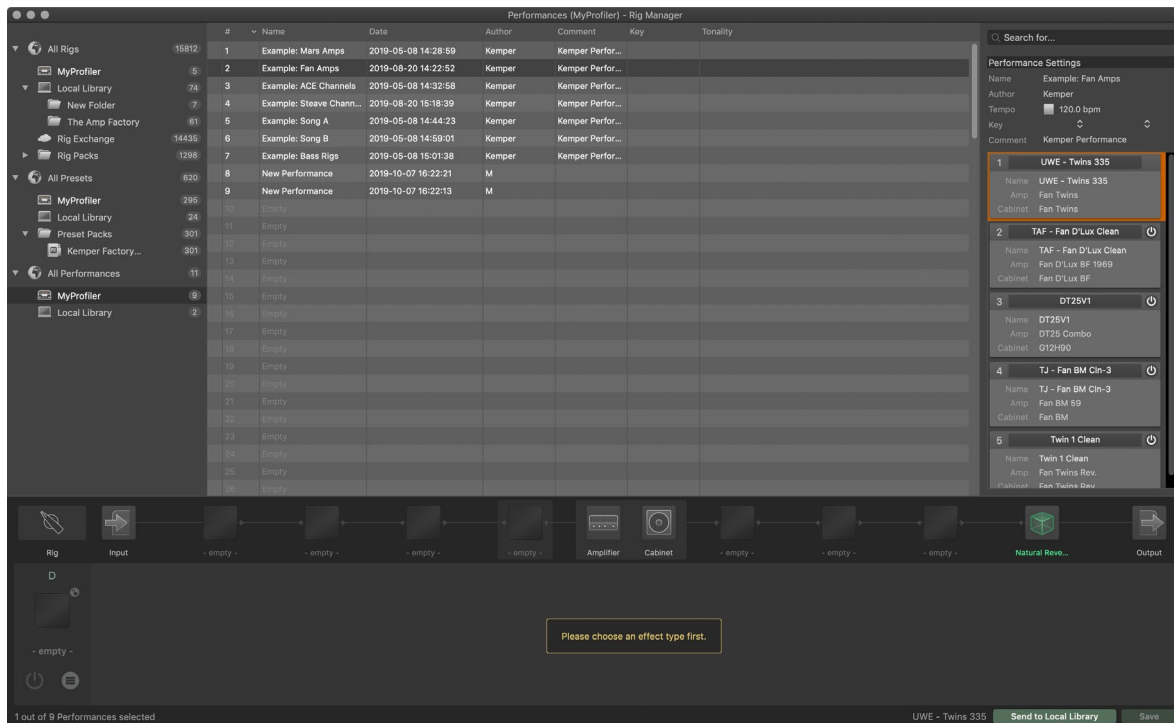
Handling Impulse Responses

To convert an Impulse Response audio file, simply drag it onto the Cab icon in the Signal Flow or onto a Preset library location for multi-file conversions. Several different bit rates, as well as file formats, are supported. If in doubt, use WAVE or AIF files with either 16 or 24 bits.

Alternatively, select a Preset location and choose File >Import Impulse Response from the menu.

Handling Performances

Rig Manager enables you to preview, collect and arrange PROFILER Performances and their respected Rigs.



Right click / **control**-click inside a column in list view opens a popup menu with the option to create a new Performance. This Performance will be empty at first and only the first slot will be enabled. As you can see, Performances can also be edited using an inspector on the right side of the window.

There are several ways to populate the empty slots with Rigs of your choice. We found, the preferred way to do so is to open a second windows with your Rigs in focus and drag those onto the empty Performance slots. To open a second window, right click on a location of your choice and select "Open in new window".

Once you will have filled up your new Performance, it is time to tweak it to your liking. Double clicking the slot's name to edit it, drag the slot around to shuffle the order.

Managing Performances

A Performance in PROFILER has a fixed location, in difference to the Rigs or Performances located on your hard drive, which are stored in a pool. As a result, managing Performances can require you to act slightly different depending on if you work in your Local Library or within the memory of your PROFILER.

Performances in the location PROFILER

This list consists of 125 entries. An “empty” performance is called “New Performance” and deleting it will initialize it instead. It reflects the memory content of your PROFILER.

Windows version: You can drag and drop in between rows. This way, you move and insert a Performance elsewhere. Holding  while dragging will result in a copy instead of moving an item.

Mac version: You can drag and drop in between rows. This way, you move and insert a Performance elsewhere. Holding  creates a copy instead of moving an item.

Performances in the Local Library

In there, handling performances is identical to the way you handle Rigs in your Local Library. Arranging happens though filtering and sorting rows. Sub folders can be created for a specific type of overview.

The Tools Menu

Backup and restore Rig Manager's entire content

Those backups contain the entire content of your Rig Manager including all Local Libraries and excluding the content of your PROFILER. The backups are cross-platform compatible, in other words you can use them to transfer your Library from Macs to PCs and vice versa.

Use this backup to migrate your data from one computer to another.

✓ Note, that this is a different backup to the one you can create in PROFILER and put on an USB stick.

Revert OS to Release version

This option comes to life once you allow Rig Manager to install beta versions on your PROFILER. It enables you to safely roll back to the last release version of PROFILER OS.

Export Tags to CSV file

Use this export function to transfer Rigs information and Tags to a text writer application.

Tips and Tricks

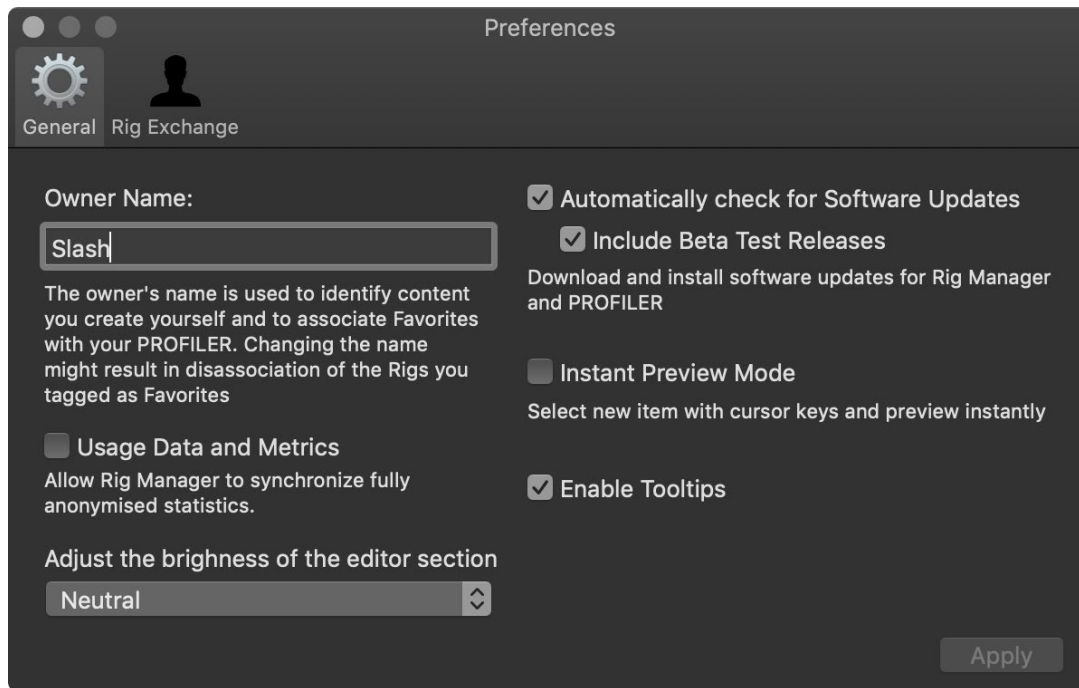
◆ **Tagging multiple rigs at once**

Especially when housekeeping you might want to select multiple rigs and tag them all at once.

◆ **Customize List view**

Right click on the Tab bar to choose which tags are visible. Drag the tabs to re-order the list view.

Preferences



◆ Automatically check for Software Updates

Enable this option to allow Rig Manager to periodically check for newer software version. This includes both updates to Rig Manager and also to PROFILER OS.

Beta releases contain new features and bug fixes but also may contain new issues we haven't addressed so far. We do not recommend you to use beta versions in a Production environment. If you decide to roll back to the latest release version you can do so by using the roll back option in the Tools menu of Rig Manager.

If you use a Public Beta version, we would like to encourage you to visit our Forum and join the testing community. To report an issue, log into your user account on the Kemper website [here](#):

Beta Test Portal <https://www.kemper-amps.com/betatest>

◆ **Show Tooltips**

When enabled, hovering over a rig with the mouse pointer will show more details on the rig. Hovering over the name of a tag will show an explanatory text.

◆ **Adjust brightness of the Editor section**

Change the brightness of the Editor section only.

Keyboard Shortcuts

Keyboard Shortcuts MacOS

Shortcut	Meaning
	Select next item (rig or location for instance)
	Select previous item
	Preview next Rig/Performance (only works, when you already preview an item)
	Preview previous Rig/Performance (only works, when you already preview an item)
 + 	Send the selected Rig/Performance to your PROFILER and store it there
 + 	Deletes the selected rigs instantly
 + 	Export Performance / Rig
 +  + 	New Performance
 + 	Make Favorite
 + 	0 to 5 rate a Rig 0 to 5 stars
 + 	Import Rigs/Performances
 +  + 	Import Impulse Response and make Preset
 + 	Open Backup
 + 	Move Performance or Slot Down (Performance mode only)
 + 	Move Performance or Slot up (Performance mode only)
 + 	Find
 + ,	Open Preferences
 + ?	Open Rig Manager Help

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Keyboard Shortcuts Windows

Shortcut	Meaning
Ctrl-I	Import Rigs/Performances/Presets
Ctrl-Shift-I	Import Impulse Response
Ctrl-E	Export Rigs/Performances/Presets
Ctrl-Shift-N	Create new Performance
Ctrl-Shift-B	Open PROFILER Backup
Ctrl-P	Open Preferences
Ctrl-F	Find
Ctrl-N	Open new window
Ctrl-F1	Open Rig Manager Manual
Ctrl-Del	Delete Delete Folder/Rigs/Performances/Preset
F2	Rename Folder
Ctrl-Enter	Load Rig/Performance into the editor and preview
Shift-Enter	Send the selected Rig/Performance to your PROFILER and store it there
Shift-F	Make Favorite
Shift-0 to Shift-5	Rate Rig
Ctrl-Up	Move Slot/Performance up
Ctrl-Down	Move Slot/Performance down
Home	Go to first entry in list

Shortcut	Meaning
End	Go to last entry in list
Left	Preview previous Rig/Performance
Right	Preview next Rig/Performance
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