A4: tabula rasa
Posted by void - 2013/03/28 03:48

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I've scripted a pattern & kit layout template for the Analog Four.

It establishes a one-to-one relationship between patterns and kits, i.e. pattern A01 is pre-linked to kit 001, A02 is linked to 002 etc.

This will save you some work if you want to start from scratch and maintain a strict linkage between patterns and kits. One pattern - one kit.

The sysex file contains 128 empty patterns and 128 empty kits.

The kits are just the default initialized kits as they are on OS 1.05 and named as the pattern they are linked against.

The patterns have a single trigless lock on the first step in the first synth track - this is necessary to maintain the link to the kit; the pattern just cannot be completely empty, else the A4 will unlink the kit.

If you send this sysex file to your A4, it will replace all patterns and kits:
https://dl.dropbox.com/u/50830178/tabula_rasa.syx

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Re:A4: tabula rasa
Posted by MK7 - 2013/03/28 09:23

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Thx for the effort.

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Re:A4: tabula rasa
Posted by anselmi - 2013/03/28 10:00

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this is a great starting point! thanks!

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Re:A4: tabula rasa
Posted by SBSIX - 2013/03/28 14:47

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That's great thank you very much! Must have been tedious work...

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Re:A4: tabula rasa
Posted by void - 2013/03/28 21:48

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Re:A4: tabula rasa
Posted by poonti - 2013/03/28 22:20

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Awesome! Dl'ed it for when I get an A4. Thanks for putting it together, Void.

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Re:A4: tabula rasa
Posted by SBSIX - 2013/03/28 22:44
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Ah now I see, you generated the sysx with a script, smart!

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Re:A4: tabula rasa
Posted by ZenPunkHippy - 2013/03/29 01:43
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Very useful, thanks for sharing!

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Re:A4: tabula rasa
Posted by void - 2013/03/29 08:23
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OK guys, for those of you with a Mac, I present to you

*** THE AMAZING A4 KIT SORTING MACHINE ***

it's a little app which can apply that one-to-one pattern-kit relationship to an existing A4 backup.
Just feed it a FULL BACKUP file and hit the sort button. It will create a modified backup file with the following tweaks:

Say, pattern A1 and A2 are both linked against kit 3, so it will make duplicates of that kit in slot 1 and 2 and link both patterns to their own kit. Optionally, it will also add the pattern name to the kit name. So a kit named "SUPERSMURFS" linked to pattern A01 becomes "A01 SUPERSMURFS".

It will do this with all kits, so every pattern gets its own kit, while your pattern/kit combinations are being preserved.

This should work on any Mac with OSX 10.7 +.

DOWNLOAD: http://cl.ly/350y2A1c0N2n

So this is a first test, I've just finished writing it, and actually typing these lines I now realise that there is a BIG FLAW:

The current version will blatantly overwrite any kits which are not linked by a pattern.

So yeah.. while the app is far from perfect, if you find the time to play around with it, I'd be happy to hear how it works out for you.. or if opens at all on your computer, crashes etc...

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Re:A4: tabula rasa
Posted by vst - 2013/03/31 23:34
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Took a while to load but I think I'm gonna like the workflow.

Thanks VOID!

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Re:A4: tabula rasa
Posted by void - 2013/04/01 00:33
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you're welcome and i really hope you guys have some use for this.
I am still working on improving that stuff...
so if you have any suggestions...

i'm especially interested in what you think of the sorting machine thing.
Currently implementing an option to save "orphaned" kits which are not linked to any patterns and would otherwise be lost...

loading the template should be a lot faster btw if you use a direct USB connection and set the MIDI port config to use USB ONLY for transfer in the A4...

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Re:A4: tabula rasa
Posted by JamieDrouin - 2013/04/04 21:38
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That tabula_rasa file is great, just what I needed!!!

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Re:A4: tabula rasa
Posted by DaCaVa - 2013/04/15 02:52
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Thank you so much sir, this is awesome!!!
Thanks for making a mac version as well;)

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