
New Science Lab's...

Posted by actuel - 2007/07/31 12:31

So as is the trend around here, the Science Labs interest ebbs & flows. Nonetheless, with the UW Science Lab #2 now polling we have no current Labs running for any of the Elektron boxes.

I'm happy to help organize new Labs but would like to hear from you all on what the next Labs should be. So spit out some ideas and let's get the gears going!

Also, I'm happy to continue to create sample packs for the UW Labs. Let me know any suggestions or complaints you may have with the last set.

cheers all
actuel

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by hageir - 2007/07/31 20:17

I've always missed the lab times..
but this time = uhoh! no sirrie bob! :-)

ideas:

Only samples from old western movies (gunshots, horseshoe sounds, shouting, saloon automatic piano, indian sounds, bow being stretched, etc.) :- HAH! (maybe mixed with a few machines / pi, trx, etc.)

Only one sample, a bass (the sinewave for example)
and use that on all the 16 tracks (or less) and mangle them into different sounds on each track..

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by hageir - 2007/08/06 15:35

sooooooo
any updates? :-D

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by futureimage - 2007/08/06 17:18

How about one for the SPS1 only.....?

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by ipassenger - 2007/08/06 18:37

I'd like to second the SPS only vote. not that i am biased at all. No, not at all.

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by hageir - 2007/08/06 19:56

yeah, it'll broden the competition a little :-)
it never ocured to me that there are sps-1 only users still out there :-D
it seemed like everyone went nuts with the uw upgrade..

Re: New Science Lab's...

Posted by HBINC - 2007/08/06 20:10

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how about MD versus MM, it?s time we decide which is the better machine once and for all. no other rules apply, may the better beat be the winner...

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by hageir - 2007/08/06 20:39

^^ 8-)
GOOD ONE!
let's do it!

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by daswesen - 2007/08/06 21:03

MD-UW too?

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by HBINC - 2007/08/06 21:08

daswesen wrote:
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as long as no other sound sources are used, e.g. no ROM-loading, I think any sps is ok!

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by daswesen - 2007/08/06 21:37

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Re: New Science Lab

Posted by HBINC - 2007/08/06 22:00

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I dont need sampled MM to beat the MM-crowd, MD rules! :-x

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Posted by actual - 2007/08/06 22:03

Some quick thoughts to chew on...

I'm happy to host whatever Science Lab the community desires and while a MnM vs. MD Lab can be done, it would never be definitive due to obvious differences...check the product pages, they're two different focus's.

Also, the Science Labs are about pushing us to learn the machines and pushing our understanding by limiting or setting parameters that make us delve deeper.

I think a MnM vs. MD would be lopsided personally. Give me some more definitive parameters that you all are imagining.

Additionally, we have to think about the UW crowd. This is why in the past we've made the Labs seperate. That way the playing field is level and each machine can get a proper Science treatment based on it's characteristics.

blah, blah, blah... :-D

thoughts?

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Again, the Science Labs focus isn't about competition and ego. Here's the defacto text from the Science Lab page:

"Welcome to the Science Lab, the place to delve underground and go weird. The goal of the Lab is for you to dig deeper into your Elektron gear by focusing on a specific aspect of the machine, such as a single synth engine, a particular technique, or a small set of samples."

If it makes you feel any better, here's this following award:

"Elektron-Users here by awards _____ (insert name here) the winner of the _____ (Science Lab name) and your _____ (Elektron MnM,MD, or MD/UW) is the king forever. You're a badass, sleep well knowing it."

:D

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Since it will be MD-users vs MM-users I dont see the ego part in that, it's more team building kind of thing! and yes Im trying to stir up some energy :-D

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by Ookpikk - 2007/08/07 05:26

Now that I have the MDUW, I'd totally be up for some lab action.

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by enapa - 2007/08/07 11:10

The contest inself as said before is not the deal, the things you can do when put inside a frame of limitations, and to hear how different others react inside the same frames is the cool part.... i take more pride loosing and have a nice-track and improved skills than being a superhero from a LAB...

I challagne a MD every day, say one channel, one synthesis that are somewhat similar.... If MD where so good.... why is there a need to have so many channels??? i often make all my drums.... and synths on 6 tracks of mono!!

I actually considering selling my mpc and get a mr-mono nr2 for my collection... hehe... Dual mono!!

...and... arent there some labs that are runing??

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by actual - 2007/08/07 11:21

alright ima try to steer this thread back to the point. i'm seeking suggestions on new LAB's for the following machines:

Monomachine - SFX

Machinedrum - MD SPS-1

Machinedrum - UW

here's an example of the last LAB's:

- > MachineDrum: use only the TRX->XC machine.
- > UserWave: use only samples from the sample pack, plus optional RAM machines.
- > Monomachine: use only the SuperWave Ensemble machine plus one optional effect.

cheers,
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Re: New Science Lab

Posted by daswesen - 2007/08/07 12:21

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Posted by futureimage - 2007/08/07 13:57

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Posted by enapa - 2007/08/07 17:41

Maybe the Digipro beatbox can vs MD?s E12??

someone who has md and mnm can test wich samples that are most like-sounding...

New Monochallenge:

GND>GND only!!

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by Ookpikk - 2007/08/07 18:40

How about, for the MDUW

1 machine (of any kind)

Both RAM machines

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by HBINC - 2007/08/07 19:02

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Re: New Science Lab

Posted by hageir - 2007/08/07 19:11

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I #OOPS#ING 2nd THIS! 8-)

let's do it!

ALL the tricks in the book baby!

that's amazing!

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by Tantacle - 2007/08/08 00:46

I don't have a suggestion for an actual lab, but I do have 3 or so suggestions for the way they're done. Some of this may just be my ignorance, and some of this is probably borderline site-suggestion stuff, but here goes:

a) For whatever new labs are decided on, I think one thing that would help up the participation level would be well-defined submission cut off dates right from the start. As far as I can tell, the only currently posted cut off dates are for voting on the entries.

That may sound counter intuitive, but I think that most people tend to procrastinate if they're given the option, especially for something that's "just for fun". I'm not knocking anyone- I'm one of the worst about this. I was genuinely excited about the MnM lab, but it still took me ~2 extra weeks to enter my submission, simply because I knew the lab wasn't ending anytime soon.

If the submission cut off date is set in stone, it may kick some of the stragglers into gear and get some more submissions going.

b) I think a shorter lab period might help, too. No matter what lab is decided on, there will probably be a few people who would have participated but didn't because they disliked the lab subject, so it's kind of a bummer to have to wait so long for another chance. I think a good balance might be about a month in total: 3 weeks for submissions, 1 week for voting. It looks like the labs used to actually be monthly, judging from the lab page...

c) Lastly, and I don't think this is actually stopping anyone from participating, but once I had my submission ready, I found the lab submittal process to be a little bit confusing. Clicking the "Science Lab" menu option didn't show me anything about the still-open Monomachine lab or provide a link to enter a submission. I eventually did find the upload page, but it really did take me a surprising amount of time to get there, being a newb and all. Don't get me wrong: I think the site design is awesome, but a little more info/functionality on the main lab page would be very handy.

-Joel

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by actual - 2007/08/08 04:26

thx Tantacle for you suggestions, i really appreciate you taking the time to offer such well thought out suggestions. here's some quick thoughts on your points:

a & b) i agree about the cutoff date. historically Elektron-Users Labs participation has been real hit & miss. we've only had a few Labs ever have more than 5 entries. i know Glaive (site admin) would set deadlines for entries but would often leave the submission date open a bit longer to try to allow for more entries.

we initially had a more systematic way of dealing with LABS but the lukewarm interest has made us waiver in hopes of drawing more entrants.

as for the judging, again, the original system was that when one LAB would close, another would open. ideally, this allows 30 days to work on the current submission and 30 days to vote until the next LAB and so forth.

i'm open to a shorter voting span, i personally suggest nothing less than 2 weeks. i say this because i vast majority of the registered users who come by here aren't checking the site daily and sometimes not even weekly. the voting span length is typically left open for longer periods so there more than say 7 votes like in the current poll.

c) yes :). it isn't the most concise or functional system. it was far worse before, and it has only been slightly improved when we upgraded. as it is now, all entries and files go to the "Downloads" portion of the site. we've tried to make the language clear on that page as to where you desired files should go. i will make an effort to explain the process a bit more in detail in the future with a link taking you to the appropriate "Download" section, but this is all i can really do at the moment.

again, i thank you for you suggestion and will make an effort to employ them. in the future, though appropriate here, try keeping 'suggestions' to the "Site Suggestions" forum.

thx
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Re: New Science Lab

Posted by glitched - 2007/08/08 05:00

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Yeah, I'm for this idea. Sounds pretty advanced, but just about anything can be done with the FM machines.

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by hageir - 2007/08/08 05:16

can you put up a banners on the site which say:
"LAB OPEN, x-many DAYS LEFT"
"LAB CLOSED, PLACE YOUR VOTES"

so that everyone can see it or something..
anyways, I vote for a mnm - md (uw or not) standoff :-D

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Posted by actual - 2007/08/08 06:00

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No & Yes. Unfortunately XOOPS isn't advanced enough in its core modules to make a banner listing "x-many DAYS LEFT". I can always mention LAB OPEN, LAB CLOSED, PLACE YOUR VOTES". Creating a module and coding the PHP do as you requested is possible but it's just not gonna happen. It would take time that I and the others can't afford to dedicate at the moment towards such an endeavor. I can make it a "Sticky" post and potentially a sidebar item but no banners (shirks).

This all takes time folks. Many suggestions we can easily accomodate others require coding & more importantly time. This site is admin'd by Glaive, Divi, and myself but much of the work and time is my own.

All suggestions are considered and if we can add them easily and it's to the benefit of the community on a whole then we try to make it so.

cheers
ca

EDIT: again, thx for the suggestions. PLEASE keep them in the appropriate area "Site Suggestions". so they don't get lost in the shuffle and forgotten about

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by hageir - 2007/08/08 06:44

alright, it was just a suggestion, nothing serious :-)
but thanks a ton for doing this anyways!

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by HBINC - 2007/08/10 21:59

another idea, starting with a syx-file (1 pattern + 1 kit) then the lab is about using song mode, and maybe lfo tracks as well, to remix it to something new!

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by daswesen - 2007/08/10 22:23

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Posted by HBINC - 2007/08/11 15:05

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Then I think 1 kit would be the natural starting point, from that you make not more than 1 pattern and using lfo and song mode to make it into something musical?

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Re: New Science Lab

Posted by daswesen - 2007/08/11 15:15

sounds cool!

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Re: New Science Lab

Posted by hageir - 2007/08/12 05:39

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Posted by HBINC - 2007/08/12 13:36

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yeah, and wearing nothing but a tanktop with a light shining in our face, all beat up and gagged :-)

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Re: New Science Lab

Posted by HBINC - 2007/08/13 22:07

after about 2 weeks of discussion around "the next lab" some pretty interesting point can be made...

- md and mm, use them together but dont compare them, they dont like when we do that
- too many lab ideas lead to violence and a better elektron user site
- its better to get the beat up than just get beat up
- elektron user prefer to lab wearing tanktops and blindfolds
- that digipro beatbox vs e12 was a really good one, but fell on the "no mm vs md" rule
- the lab ego-o-meter is currently on "chill"
- the lab-o-meter is currently "luke warm"
- it will probably take awhile until we lab again!

...Silence Lab :-D

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by actual - 2007/08/13 22:49

oh HBINC, i'm not sure how to respond to your ploys...

so far, aside from muttering, it seems we need to get back on track and have 3 Science Labs:

Monomachine
Machinedrum
Machinedrum UW

this is originally why i started the thread and restated that same point on page #2. i am not trying to knock your fun or rebel rousing HBINC but if you want to hold your WWF MnM vs. MD(UW) wank war then do it. i'm not preventing that at all. start a thread, create you parameters or lack of, give start and a end date and i'll make it a sticky. i can also setup the poll come close.

now on to the Labs, i am happy to go ahead and create a new UW sample set for the next uw lab. >> done (give me a couple of days), or we can use daswesen's suggestion: use only 3 tracks (so 3 different machines), and 3 ctrl machines. no rom nor ram machines.

this idea seems interesting too: "another idea, starting with a syx-file (1 pattern + 1 kit) then the lab is about using song mode, and maybe lfo tracks as well, to remix it to something new!" but someone would need to supply the OG pattern + kit, and preferably not enter

anyway, you guys are the community and participants. i'm fine to choose for you and we've done it that way in the past a few times. i just thought i'd let you all way-in on this new batch of LABS.

i love you all, lets be merry. :-D

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by HBINC - 2007/08/14 00:55

actual wrote:
WWF MnM vs. MD(UW) wank war

ok, I got your point pages ago and I'm still surprised with the energy and creativity you are putting in opposing to the idea. but cheers to that, and to a funny quote. Now let's get on with the labs, please :-D

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Re: New Science Lab

Posted by actual - 2007/08/14 01:30

sorry HBINC, my crafty remark wasn't intended to be a dig at you personally nor your idea. if it was taken as a snub, i apologize. that was definitely not my intent. i was just going along with the theme of "battle". seriously, i meant if you guys want to do a MnM vs. MD, i'm happy to assist. i was just trying to play moderator and differentiate that from the Science Labs.

peace

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Re: New Science Lab

Posted by enapa - 2007/08/14 09:17

aint anyone up for gnd>gnd on mono??

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Re: New Science Lab

Posted by futureimage - 2007/08/14 11:23

Yeah I'm up for GND-GND on the MD! :-P lol Who can do the best John Cage tribute

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Yeah, the MD's GND-GND is silence.

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Re: New Science Lab

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Posted by HBINC - 2007/08/14 17:28

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Re: New Science Lab

Posted by futureimage - 2007/08/14 21:01

I guess it wouldn't stop you using the FX though. I got some really weird stuff going sometimes (dunno if it was glitching) where I could get the delay to do stuff on its own (feedback without ANY sounds... werd, could be filter amping the signal I guess?)

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Re: New Science Lab

Posted by HBINC - 2007/08/14 21:08

I wanna give it a shot, hope it works or it will be a pretty lame entry, lol

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Re: New Science Lab

Posted by actuel - 2007/08/14 21:39

Just a note, we just did a GND oriented Lab last November.

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Re: New Science Lab

Posted by actuel - 2007/08/23 17:50

I'm cooking up a new sample set for the UW science lab #3 today. should have it done by the evening.

I'm always jealous you guys have UW's. :)

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Posted by enapa - 2007/08/23 22:05

mono ; digipro: wave...

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any one up for battle??

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by actuel - 2007/08/23 22:53

DigiPro sounds fine. I'll add the contest now.

To anyone wanting another machine. Feel free to drop suggestions here, we can always consider making your suggestion a contest next time :)

/actuel

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by actuel - 2007/08/23 23:15

We still need a Lab for the SPS-1. Simple suggestion takes it...

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by papertiger - 2007/08/23 23:30

how about the PI machines for the sps contest? limit it to 4 of them? I use them the least so it would be a good way to learn them.

guess i'll have to enter after suggesting it, huh?

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by actuel - 2007/08/23 23:37

done papertiger. i expanded the parameters a bit. good luck everyone!

/actuel

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and a bloody good one!

we should have different styles:

Ambient / Melodic

Electronic / Dance / Techno

Hip Hop

Disco / Pop

etc.

:-D

Re: New Science Lab

Posted by glitched - 2007/09/04 04:22

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My only concern with this idea is that the remix material needs to be previously written on a Elektron box so that that everyone can load the SysEx file into their machine. So there would be one SysEx file for the MnM, MD, and MDUW. That way everyone is has the exact same start point.

I always like the idea of shaking hands with others out there but not sure it would work unless it was a UW only thing. Which in the future we may consider.

It's a good suggestion nonetheless...

peace

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Re: New Science Lab

Posted by glitched - 2007/09/04 19:14

Ah, ok, I sort of missed the point. You want start out with a complete .syx (kit and all) and go from there. I was thinking more from a traditional remix standpoint. Either way would be interesting.

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Re: New Science Lab

Posted by actual - 2007/09/17 21:06

Now for all the jibber-jabber and interest in this thread, I'm assuming you're all working on having you entries ready by September 23rd correct?

lovely :-D

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