



## **Native Instruments launches Kontakt 8: the industry-standard sampling platform reinvented**

*Kontakt 8 introduces new creative tools, the Leap framework, and enhanced sound-building capabilities for making your own instruments*



**Berlin, September 23, 2024** – Native Instruments is proud to announce the release of Kontakt 8, the latest evolution of the industry-standard platform for sample-based instruments. Trusted by top producers, sound designers, and composers for over two decades, Kontakt continues to lead the way in sound creation with cutting-edge tools and the industry's most comprehensive sound library.

## What's new in Kontakt 8?

Kontakt 8 introduces new assistive features that upgrade every Kontakt instrument, old and new:

- **Tools**—An innovative way to break through writer's block. The new Chords and Phrases Tools instantly spark creativity with curated MIDI content and randomization options. Plus, partners can also offer their own Tools, expanding the possibilities even further.
- **Leap**—An ultra-fun way to play with loops and one-shot samples, adding creative FX on the black keys. Kontakt 8 includes twelve new *Leap Expansions*—handpicked loops for specific genres and styles, from 80s New Wave to Afrobeats, Latin Trap, and more.

Other key features include:

- **Conflux added to the Factory Library**—A new instrument that blends samples with a wavetable oscillator, delivering unique soundscapes that combine organic and synthetic elements in real time. Conflux adds to the over 900 meticulously sampled instruments included in the Factory Library.
- **Komplete Instrument Building Toolkit**—Introduces the Komplete Script language and Komplete UI framework, enabling developers to build high-DPI reactive interfaces. Real-time sound manipulation is enhanced through additional FM, Phase Modulation, and Ring Mod wavetable oscillators, unlocking a new category of instruments and expanding Kontakt's creative potential beyond traditional sampling.
- **Seamless DAW and Hardware Integration**—Direct integration with Kontrol S-Series MK3 keyboards and major DAWs provides hands-on control and an optimized workflow, perfect for live performances and studio environments.
- **New future-proof interface**—Kontakt 8 features a redesigned interface and refined UX for a modern workflow, with continuous updates ensuring users stay ahead. This ongoing evolution makes it a lasting partner in any music creator's journey.
- **Kontakt ecosystem**—Kontakt seamlessly integrates with a vast ecosystem of DAWs, third-party instruments, and libraries. With hands-on hardware

integration from S-Series MK3 keyboards, Kontakt provides a unified platform that constantly enhances creative workflows and supports an extensive range of professional audio needs.

Kontakt 8 builds on its legacy as a premier platform for sound design and sampling by introducing innovative features that enhance creativity and streamline production. With a rich included Factory Library and access to thousands more officially licensed instruments from Native Instruments and third-party developers, Kontakt 8 continues to be the go-to choice for professionals and beginners alike.

### **Learn more**

[Kontakt 8](#)

### **Pricing**

MSRP

\$299 / €299

Crossgrade from qualifying products

\$149 / €149

Update from Kontakt 7

\$99 / €99

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For over 25 years, Native Instruments has been at the forefront of musical innovation. Our technology has revolutionized how people express themselves through sound across the world.

Today, we work to provide everyone with access to the worlds of music production, audio engineering, and DJing. Our portfolio contains industry leading products such as Komplete, Kontakt, Maschine, and Traktor.

In June 2023, iZotope, Brainworx, and Plugin Alliance became part of Native Instruments, further strengthening the breadth of our offerings, the expertise of our team, and the potential to offer our community a streamlined customer experience. With our powers combined, we have engineering capabilities across integrated software and hardware, AI and machine learning, the cloud, and more.