EASTWEST

COMPOSERCLOUD

ON-DEMAND INSTRUMENT DOWNLOADS

GETTING STARTED

WELCOME TO COMPOSERCLOUD+

ComposerCloud+ is the largest, most detailed virtual instrument collection on the planet, opening the gates to thousands and thousands of professional-quality instruments.

For more information, visit: https://soundsonline.com/composercloud

Powered by the Opus Software

Our brand new Opus software engine replaces Play and has been years in development. "Many improvements were made to the Play software engine over the last decade but we suddenly had a unique opportunity," says producer Doug Rogers, "we were able to bring Wolfgang Kundrus in as head of software development. He was the mastermind behind the creation of Cubase, Nuendo, and Studio One. Then we were able to bring in Wolfgang Schneider, the creator of Kontakt. With these two titans of music software development now on our team, we decided it was time to develop a brand new software engine from the ground up. The Opus software engine is the realization of this effort, and will be the launching pad for many exciting new products in the future.

Please visit the EastWest Sounds YouTube channel for software and product walk-throughs, including those linked to directly below.

- EastWest Opus Engine Walkthrough
- EastWest Hollywood Orchestra Opus Edition
- EastWest Hollywood Orchestrator

Main Features of Opus

These are top-line features of the Opus software engine.

- **On-Demand Instrument Downloads:** You no longer have to wait hours for an entire EastWest Library to download. With on-demand instrument downloads, individual instruments can be downloaded from seconds to minutes, and played instantly by prioritizing the download process in real-time based on the notes you play.

- **Faster Performance:** Opus was built from the ground up to be the fastest sample engine on the market, with the most efficient use of computer resources possible. It runs natively on Apple's new M1 processors, and Intel-based Macs, and is compatible with the latest MacOS Monterey and Microsoft Windows 11 operating systems.

- **Better Looking:** EastWest Libraries have been upgraded with high-resolution (retina) user intefaces that are scalable to any size, providing ultimate flexibility, especially when used with high-resolution computer monitors.

- **Powerful Script Language:** Scripting is an essential part of overall instrument design, and is used to model instrument behavior, implement sonic features not possible to achieve otherwise, and define user interaction. Opus features a brand new, powerful script language called OpusScript developed by Wolfgang Schneider, the creator of Kontakt. It empowers sound designers to express their ideas, and deploy actual functionality and behavior that the underlying software did not contain to begin with.

- **Custom Keyswitching:** Now users can build their own keyswitch instruments in a dedicated area of the user interface, creating multi-articulation instruments with a variety of options to meet any creative need.

- **Advanced Automation:** EastWest Libraries load with their own automation configurations, but users are free to add their own parameters, and build macro parameters, where multiple targets can be automated by a single macro. The new MIDI Controller Mapping area allows you to re-map MIDI CCs to any number assignment you like.

- **Multi-Instrument Setups:** A new area of the user interface handles multi-instrument setups, or 'Performances'. An array of controls and options allow you to customize how multiple instrument interact with each other, including defining octaves, key ranges, and more.

HOW TO INSTALL COMPOSERCLOUD+

To begin, download the EastWest Installation Center, through which you will be able to download the Software, Libraries, and activate your License.
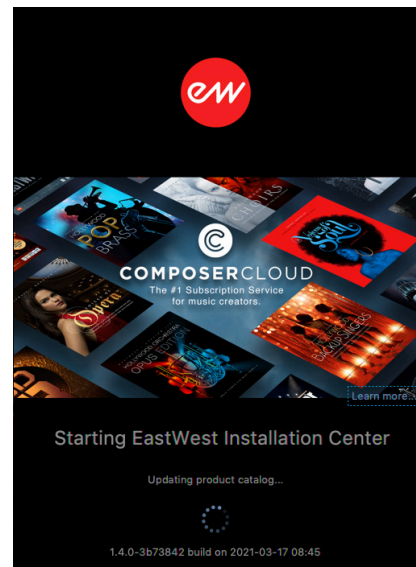
Step 1: Download and Install the Installation Center

The Installation Center can be downloaded from the 'Software & Product Updates' section of the EastWest Support Center. After downloading and installing the package, the Installation Center will open automatically. It is installed here:

- MacOS: MacHD/Applications/East West/
    EW Installation Center

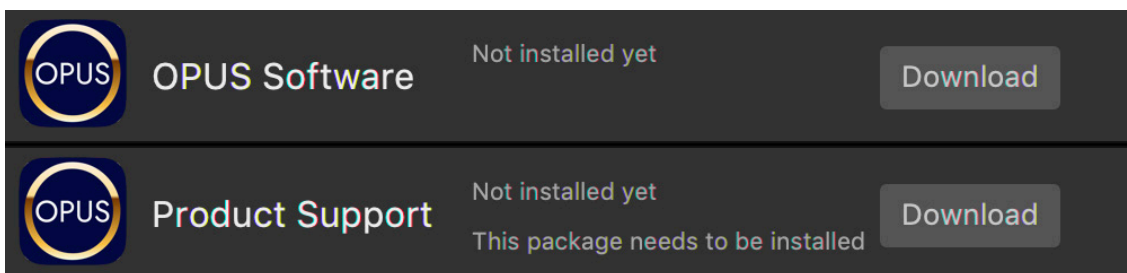- Windows: C:\Program Files\East West\
    EW Installation Center

When the Installation Center opens, enter the East-West account name and password created during registration and allow a moment while it gathers data from your account.

If the Installation Center is already installed, log in and download the latest version by clicking the 'Download' button on the update panel located near the top the Installation Center. The installer will launch automatically, allowing you to proceed through the prompts to update your software.

Step 2: Download and Install Opus Software and Product Support

Click the 'Download' buttons in the Opus Software and Product Support panels that appear near the top of the Installation Center. Once the downloads are complete, the installer will launch automatically, allowing you to proceed through the prompts to install Opus, the software that powers EastWest Libraries.
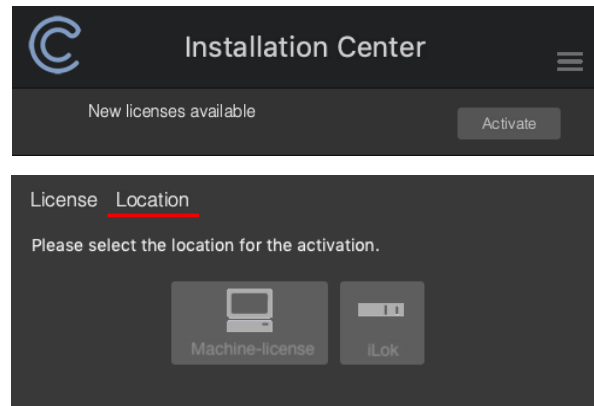
PLEASE NOTE! The Product Support installer must be run! If it does not launch automatically after downloading, go to the location on your computer where the file downloaded, and double-click to launch the installer from there, proceeding through the prompts to complete the installation.

Step 3: Activate the ComposerCloud License

Click the "Activate" button near the top of the Installation Center to open the Activation Assistant window, which will lead you through the activation process.

Click 'Next' to proceed past the Introduction tab, then select the Composer-Cloud license in the License tab and click 'Next'.

The Location window will give you the option to activate your license on your computer (called a machine-based license) or to a registered iLok security key. Make sure your iLok security key is plugged in if that's your preferred option.
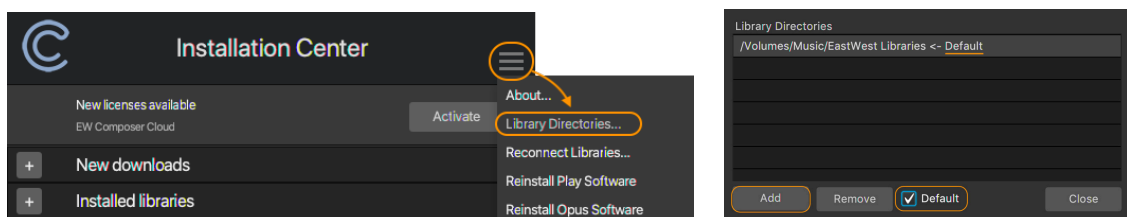

iLOK USERS: If you have an iLok account but you have not connected it to your EastWest account, an Activation Assistant will help link the two accounts. This only needs to be done once. Only iLok 2 and 3 keys are compatible (iLok 1 keys are <u>not</u> compatible).

Step 4: Set the Installation Path

Create a folder on your computer using the Finder (MacOS) or File Explorer (Windows) called 'EastWest Libraries' (or something similar) that will serve as the Library Directory where libraries are downloaded to.

In the EW Installation Center, click the Main Menu and choose 'Library Directories…', Next, click the 'Add' button and add in the location of the folder you just created. Then make the location the default location to download libraries to by clicking the 'Default' check-box at the bottom of the options window (it will show a '< - Default' next to it).

PLEASE NOTE! Umlauts (ä, ö, ü), diacritics (ó, ò, õ, ȯ, ȧ, ō etc.) and any non-roman characters can result in the file path not being properly read. This can result in an error after the installation, when the library is in use. Please remove these umlauts and diacritics from your file path!

WINDOWS USERS: If you are on Windows, we recommend putting that folder close to your drive name to avoid errors related to file path length being too long. For example, we recommend something like this: F:\EastWest Libraries.

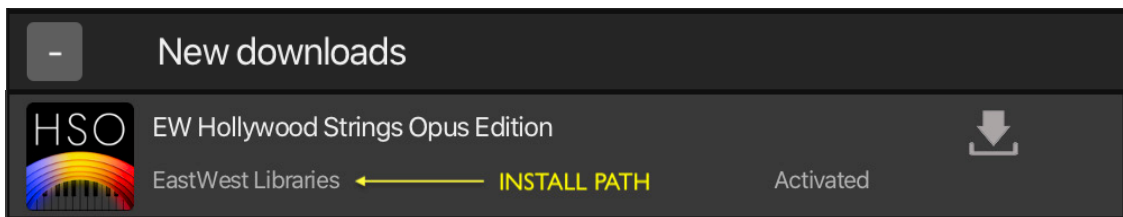## Step 5: Download Instruments In Opus

Instruments can be downloaded individually in Opus, without the need to wait for an entire library to finish. With On-Demand Downloads, an instrument is delivered at the speed of your internet connection, and with priority note streaming, you can begin to play an instrument before it's even finished downloading.

CONTINUE READING the 'How to Download Instruments' section below to proceed, or if you'd like to download entire EastWest Libraries, see the note below.

How to Download an EastWest Library

If you find an instrument that you like, and would like to download the entire library it came from, return to the Installation Center and pickup the instructions at 'Step 5: Download EastWest Libraries' in this ComposerCloud Getting Started guide.

PLEASE NOTE! When you have part of a library already installed (by downloading instruments individually in Opus), the Installation Center will download the remaining content to that existing installation path. This path appears under the library name in the 'New Downloads' section of the Installation Center.
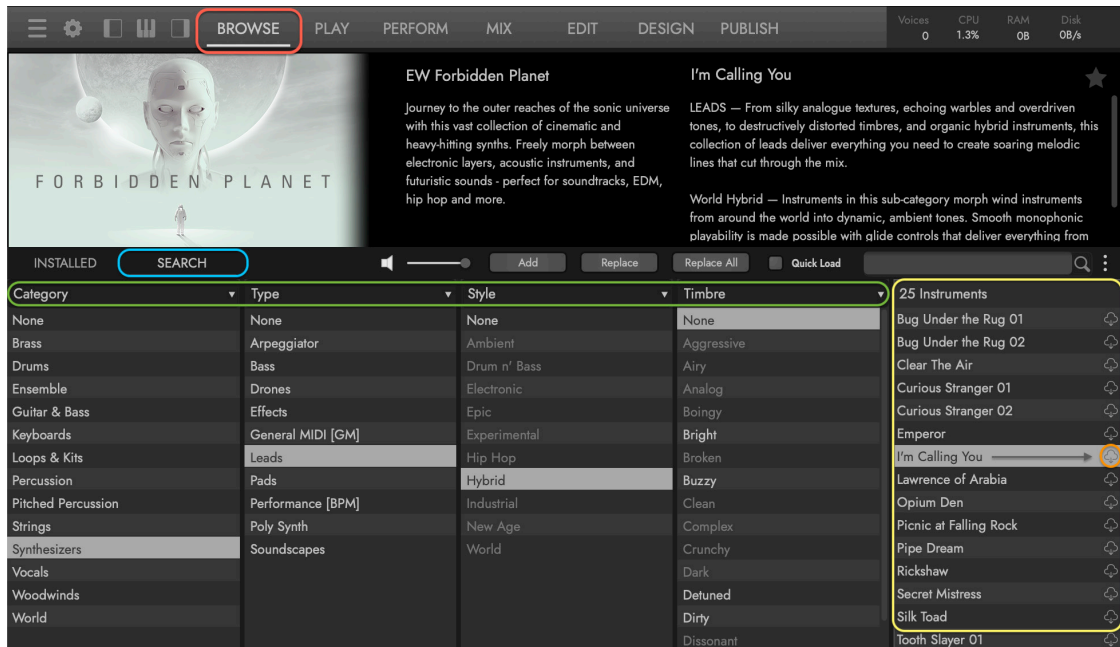
HOW TO DOWNLOAD INSTRUMENTS

Download instruments at the speed of your internet connection, and with priority note streaming, you can begin to play an instrument before it's even finished downloading.
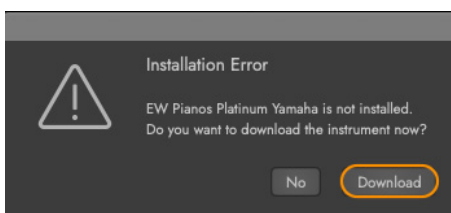
To begin, launch Opus in either stand-alone mode, or as a plug-in in your preferred DAW.

Click on the BROWSE PAGE , then click on the SEARCH MODE and select the desired tags that populate the ATTRIBUTE TAG COLUMNS .

For example, click on the 'Synthesizers' tag in the Category column, the 'Leads' tag under Type, and the 'Hybrid' tag in the Style column to populate the RESULTS LIST COLUMN on the right with instruments that meet the chosen criteria, and are available for download.
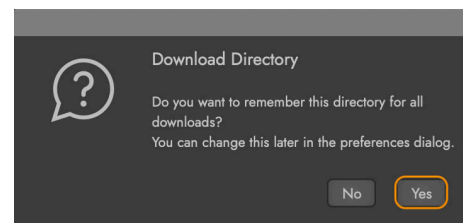

Click on the ON-DEMAND DOWNLOAD ICON that appears to the right of each instrument in the list to download the instrument, or simply double-click on it.

Click 'download' in the dialog window that appears, and in the 'locate directory for downloads' window, navigate to the 'EastWest Libraries' location you set in 'Step 4: Set the Installation Path', and click 'Open'.
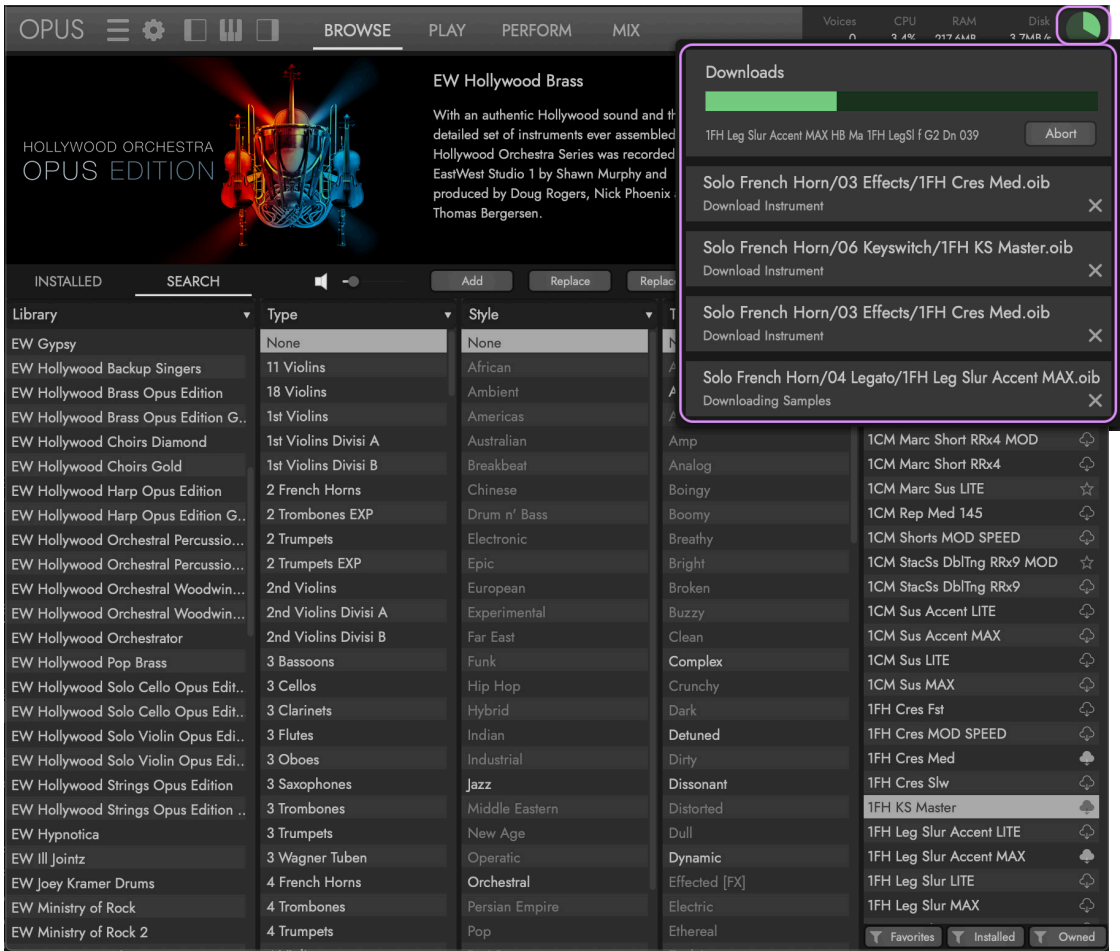
Now a dialog box will ask if you wish to remember this location for future downloads. In most cases, the answer is 'Yes'.

Download Progress

Opus will begin downloading the instruments and samples into the 'EastWest Libraries' directory set above. You can track the download progress in the top-right corner of the Opus user interface, where the PROGRESS INDICATOR will fill in the circle with green when the download has completed. You can immediately begin playing the instrument as it's being downloaded.

When downloading multiple instruments, click on the 'Progress Indicator' to open up the PROGRESS PANEL, where all instruments that are currently being downloaded will appear. Here, you can use the 'Abort' command to stop all downloads, or use the 'X' icon next to the individual instruments to stop them from downloading.

HOW TO FIND HELP

Visit EastWest's Support Center for Software and Product Updates, FAQs, Library and Software Manuals, and Getting Started guides.

Live Chat

EastWest's Support Center offers Live Chat, the fastest way to reach a Support Team Member to help resolve any technical issues you may be having.

Click on the red "Chat Now" box that appears in the lower-right corner. Fill in your name and email address, then click "Start the Chat", or if an agent is not available click "Leave a Message" by explaining your issue, and a Support Agent will respond as soon as they're available.
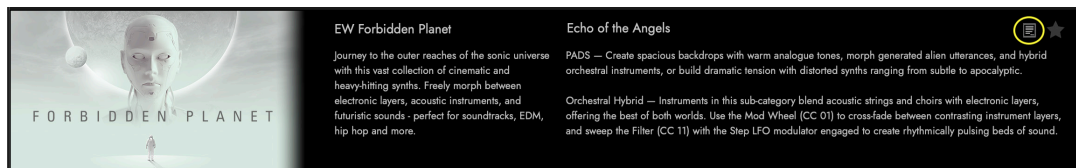
Video Tutorials and More

Visit us on YouTube for video walkthroughs, tutorials, and trailers, and join the discussion on Facebook for the latest announcements.

- **YouTube:** https://www.youtube.com/user/EWQLTutorials
- **Facebook:** https://www.facebook.com/eastwestsound

Documentation

In addition to being available at the EastWest Support Center, the latest User Manuals for each product, and the Opus Software Manual are accessible directly inside the Opus Software itself.

- **Library User Manuals** are accessible by clicking on the USER MANUAL BUTTON located in the top-right corner of the Description Box, found in the Browse page.

- **Opus Software Manual** is accessible by clicking on the SETTINGS MENU BUTTON and in the Navigation Bar, and selecting the HELP OPTION at the bottom of the menu. It provides a comprehensive dive into all the features and controls available in Opus.