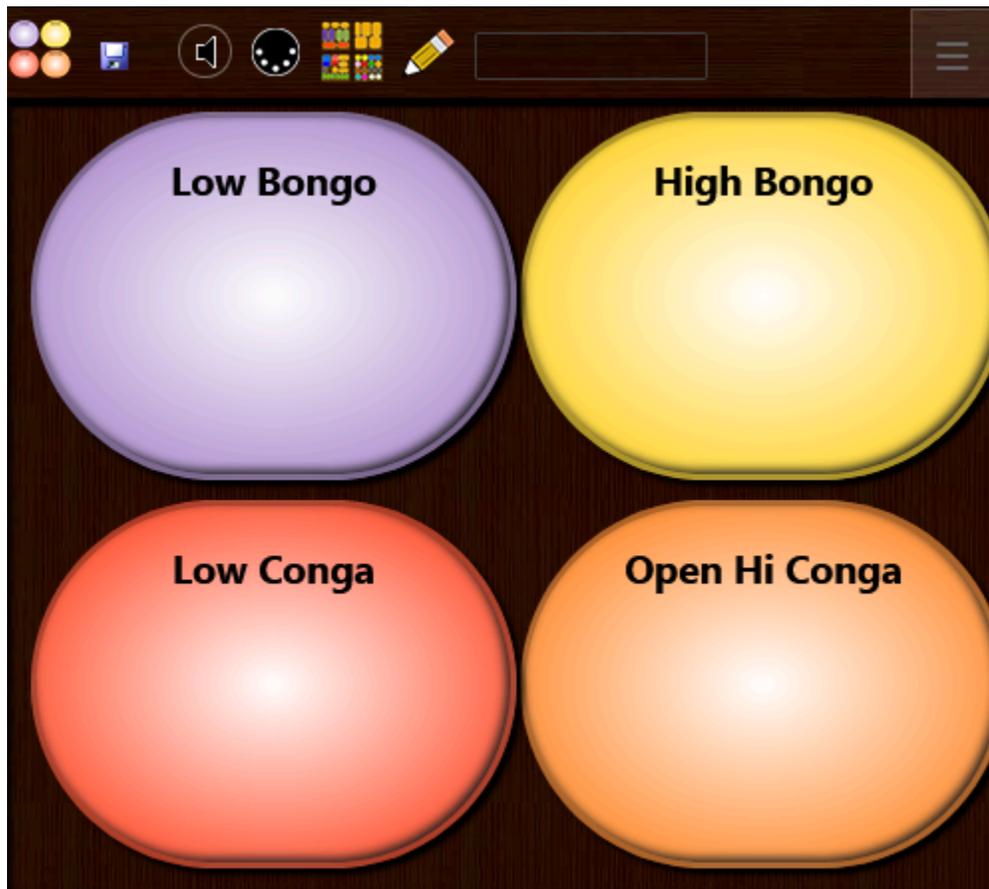


Sound-pads Help

Stec Records

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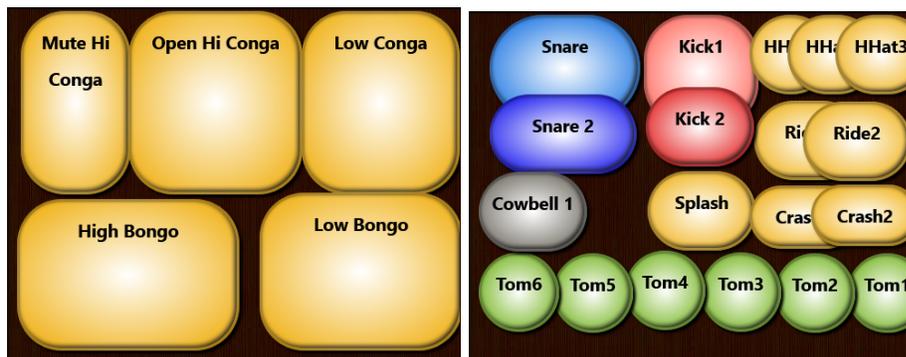
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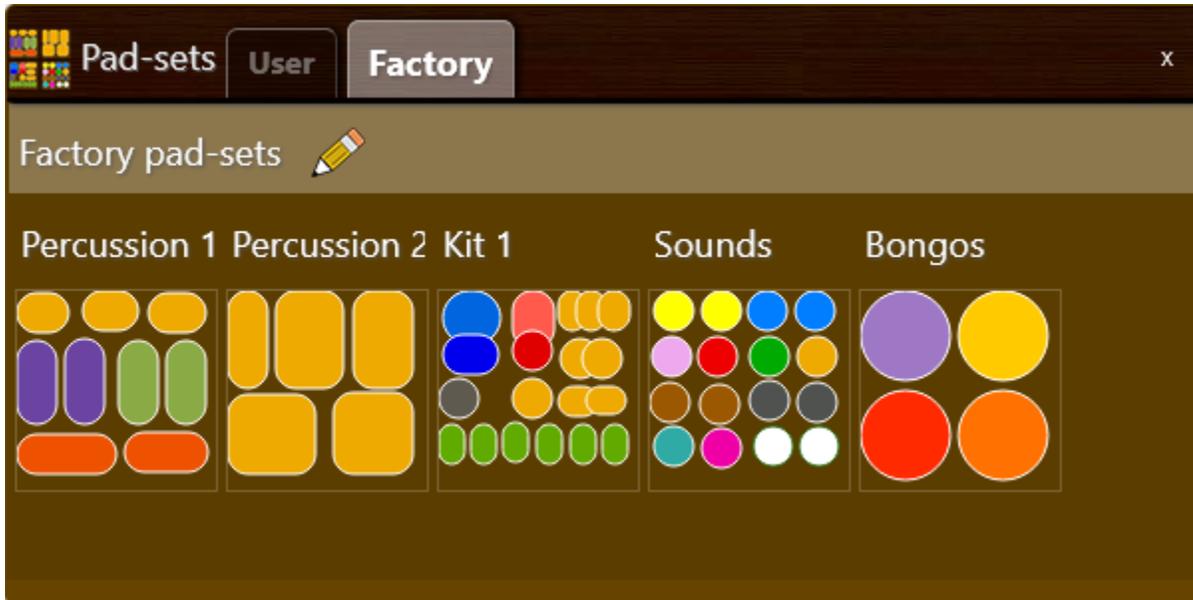
Pad-sets

Pad-sets are collections of sound-pads that can be moved around, resized and recolored.



Pad-set picker

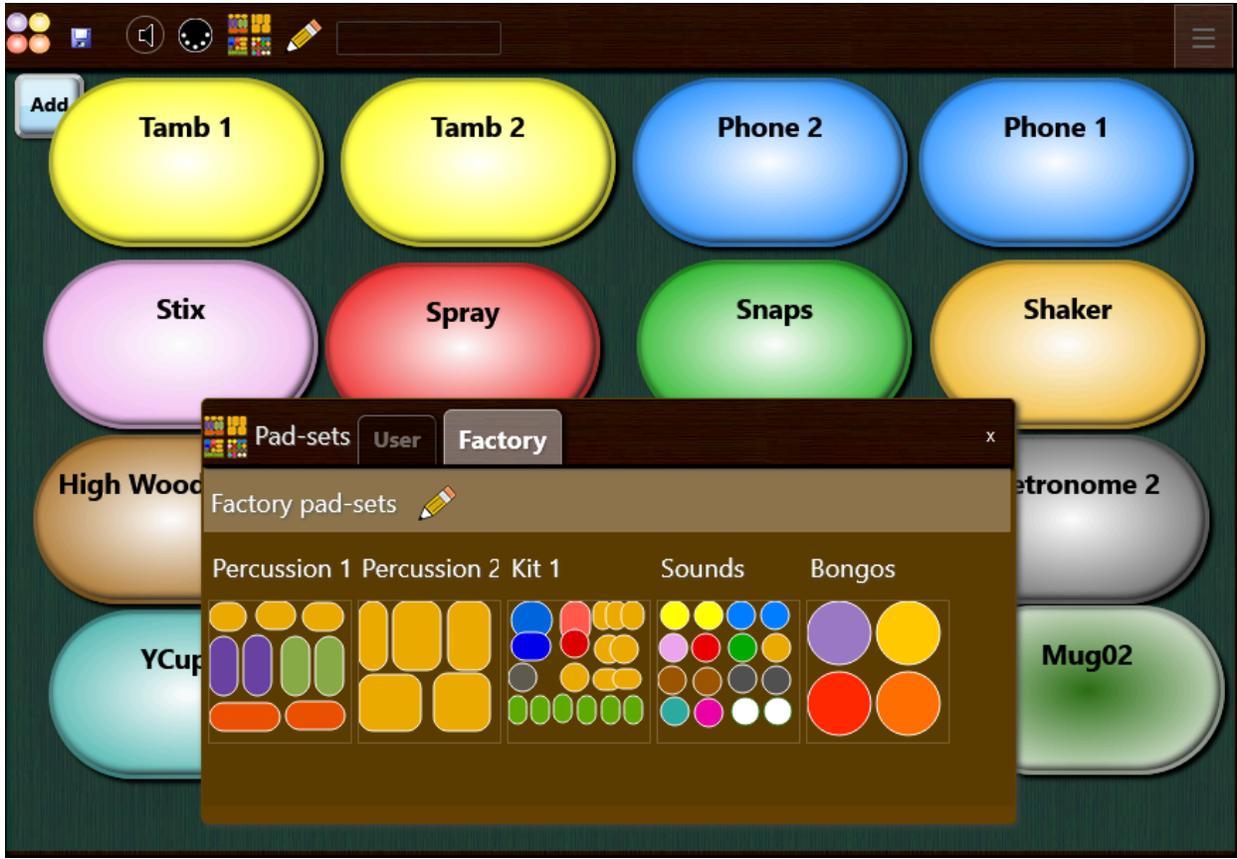
Pad-sets are selected with the Pad-set picker that shows a tab for user pad-sets and for factory pad-sets.



Each thumbnail is created using size, placement and colors of the pads in the set to make them easier to identify. You simply click a thumbnail to load the pad-set.

Factory pad-sets

When factory pad-sets are loaded, the background changes color and an “Add” button appears in the top left corner of the panel.

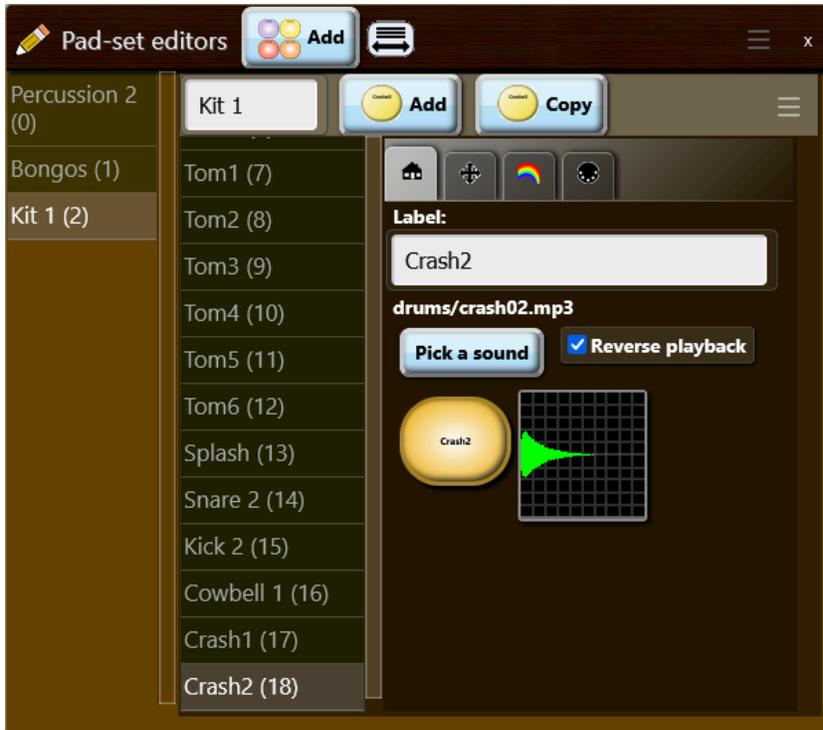


When you click the Add button, the factory pad-set gets copied to the user sets where it can be edited if needed.



Pad-sets editor

When you click the pencil icon on the main panel or the picker, the pad-sets editor is shown. The editor contains a list of the pad-sets on the left and an editor for the selected pad-set on the right.

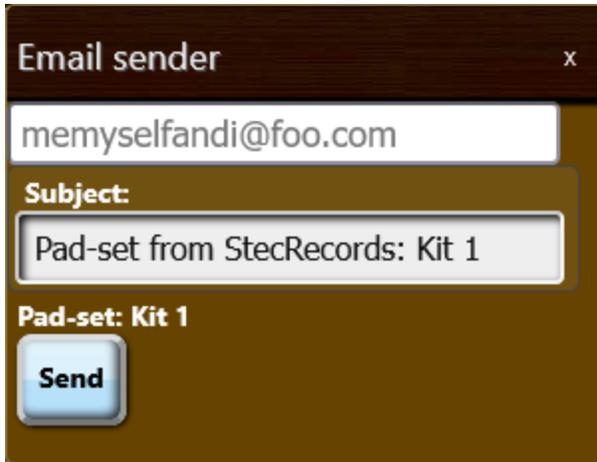


Menu

- **Add a pad-set** - Adds a new pad.
- **Email a pad-set** - Opens up the “Email sender” panel that lets you email a pad set to a friend or even yourself to archive it or add it to another device.
- **Import a pad-set** - Opens the Import panel that lets you import pad-sets that have been sent via email (base64 encoded)
- **Save to computer** - Opens a prompt that lets you save the pad-set to your computer.
- **Get from computer** - Opens a sub panel that lets you select a pad-set file from your computer to import into the app.
- **Clear all** - Removes all pad-sets.
- **Export sets** - *developer-mode-only*. Exports the pad sets to the clipboard as a JSON string.

Email sender

This is the panel you use to email a pad-set to a friend or yourself.



The email will look like this:

This is a pad-set from the Sound-pads panel from [StecRecords.com](http://www.stecrecords.com).

pad-set data: (base64 encoded)

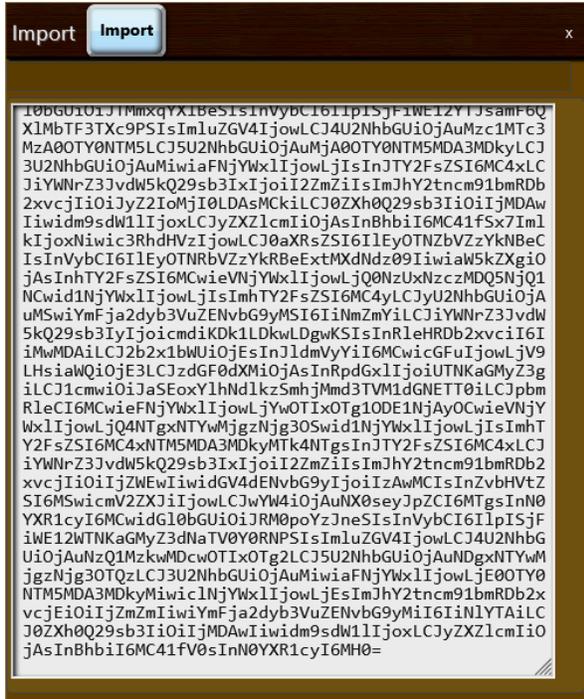
eyJpZCI6MiwidGI0bGUiOiJTMmwwSURFPSIsImRlc2NyaXB0aW9uIjojVzJSbGMvTnlhWEIw

You can import this to the Sound-pads panel here:
<https://www.stecrecords.com/homepage/soundsPanel/index.php>

You copy the letters and numbers between the two lines and paste them into the Import Panel.

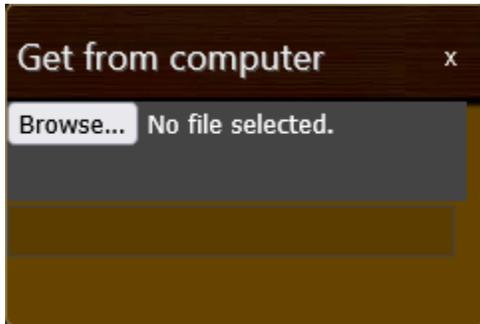
Import Panel

This is the import panel where you enter encoded data that gets sent from the Email sender panel.



Get from computer

When you get a file from the computer, the following prompt appears:

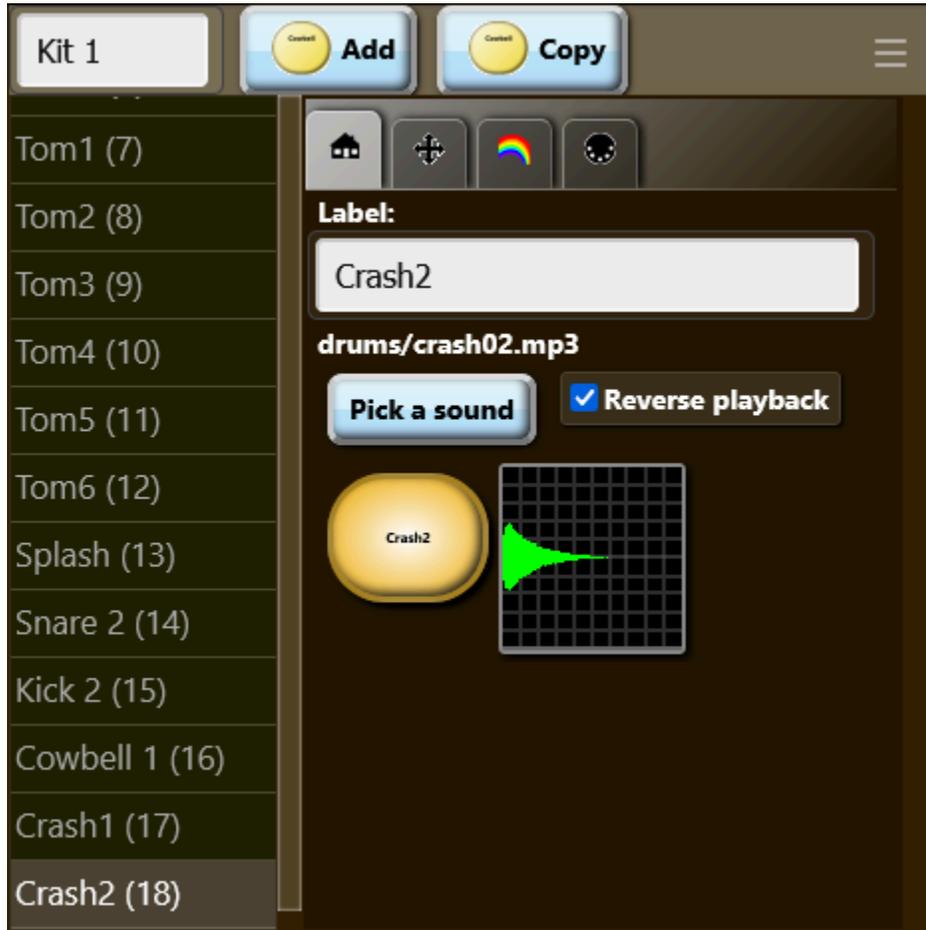


When you click “Browse...” and select a file, the following prompt appears giving you the option of importing the pad-set:



Pad-set editor

A pad-set editor allows you to add pads to a set and edit their properties.



Saving changes

When changes are made to the user pad-sets a “save” icon (floppy disk) appears beside the app icon that saves the changes to browser storage when clicked.

Note - Changes are ONLY saved in your browser memory but get restored when you refresh or return to the page on that browser.

Pad editor

To make it easier to find specific properties of a pad, the properties have been grouped into a home panel, a dimensions panel, a colors panel and a MIDI panel. .

The home panel

The home panel lets you pick a sound to use with the pad and to optionally change the name of the pad which defaults to the name of the sample.



Label

The label is the text that appears on the pad. It defaults to the name of a sound sample if you pick one but can be changed afterwards.



File url

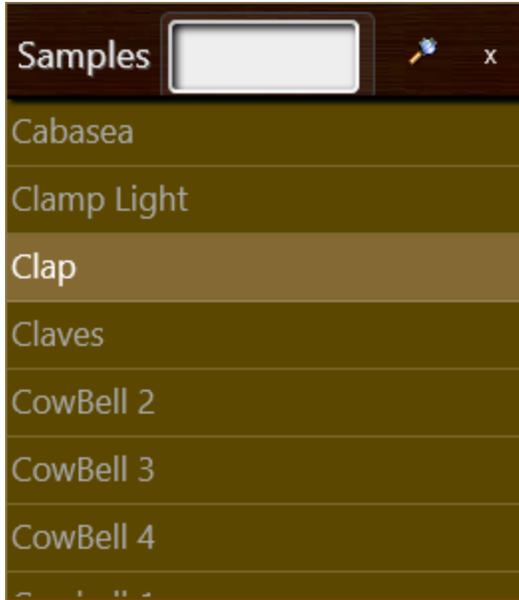
Shows the relative path and filename of the sound sample.



“Pick a sounds” button



This opens the “Samples” panel where you can select a sound to use with your pad.



“Reverse playback” checkbox

When checked, the sound assigned to the pad will be played back in reverse (backward).



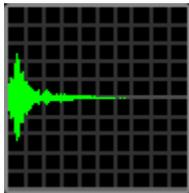
Test pad

A version of the pad that can be clicked to test.



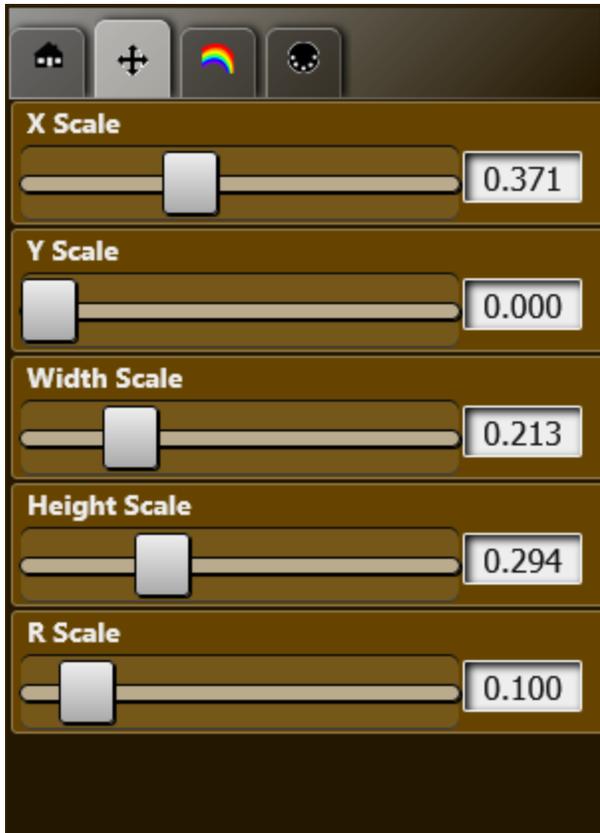
Waveform viewer

A small waveform viewer that shows the audio for the sound sample.



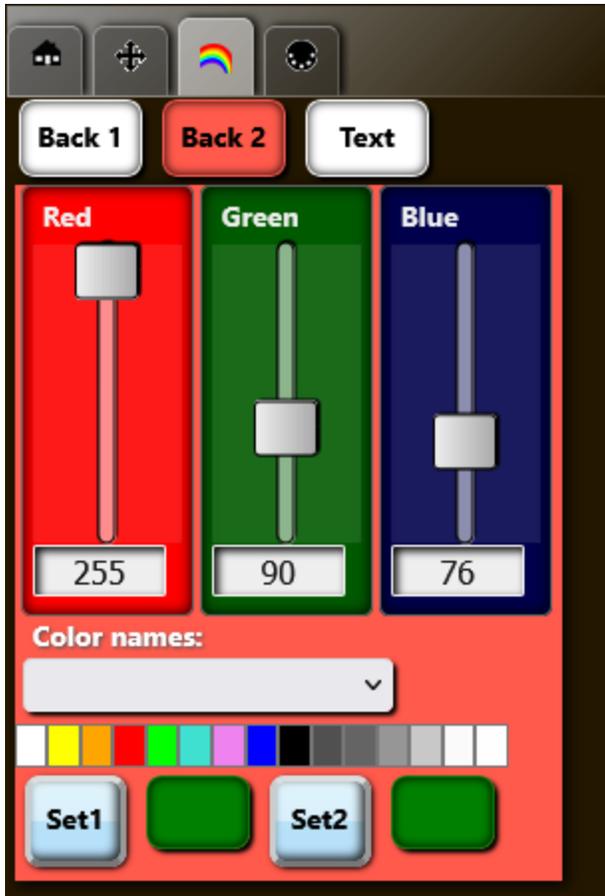
The dimensions panel

The dimensions panel lets you set the x and y position of the pad as well as the width, height and corner radius. These values are all relative to the width and height of the panel.



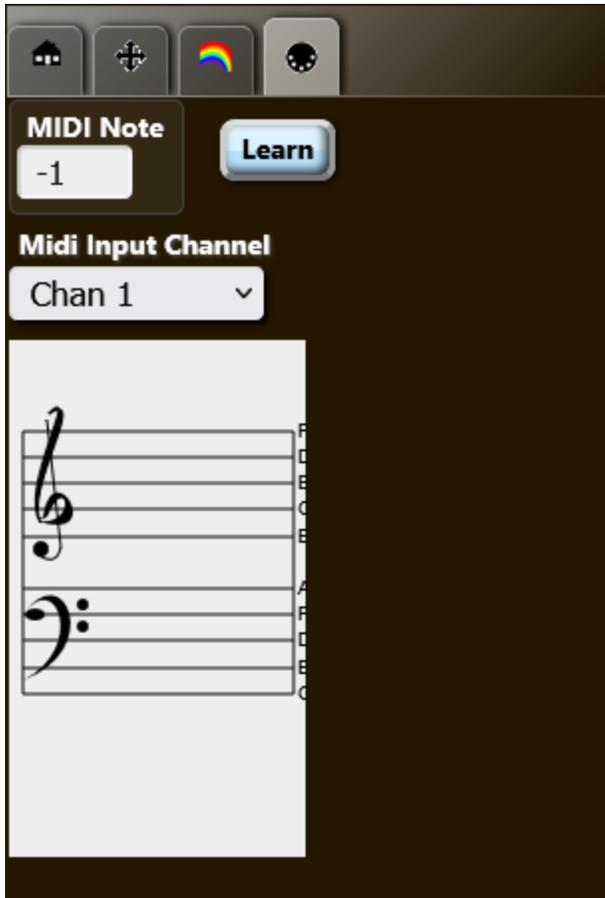
The colors panel

The colors panel lets you set the two colors used to create the gradient for the pad and a the color for the text. Back 1 is the inner color and Back 2 is the outer gradient color.



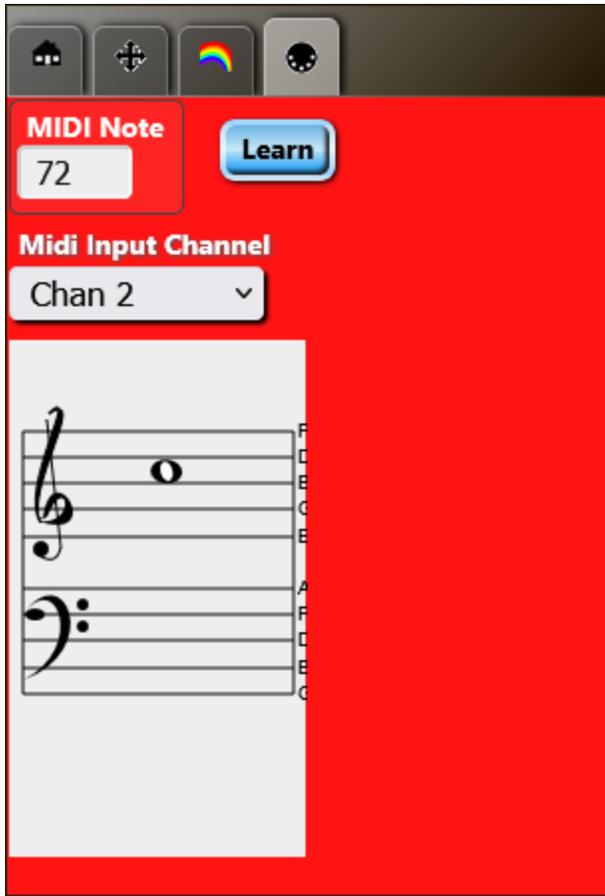
The MIDI panel

The MIDI panel lets you define a musical note that will trigger the pad's sound using the velocity in the message.



Learn Mode

The MIDI channel for the note can also be specified and a special Learn mode can be enabled with the “Learn” button which turns the background red and updates the MIDI note and channel to incoming notes.



Main toolbar



App icon

Clicking it shows and hides the splash screen that shows information about the app including the version.

Sound volume

Opens the Volume tool that includes a slider for adjusting the sound level (volume) of the pads.



MIDI panel icon

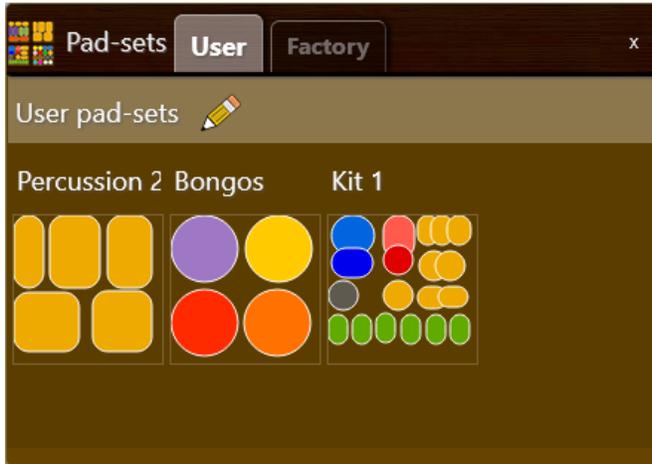
Opens the MIDI-enable panel that drops down below the main toolbar and contains an “Enable MIDI?” button the user can click to enable [web]-MIDI on the app.



Pad-set picker

The Pad-set picker lets the user select pad-sets from the factory library or from the users saved sets.

User pad-sets



Factory pad-set

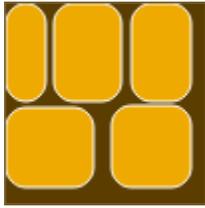


Percussion 1



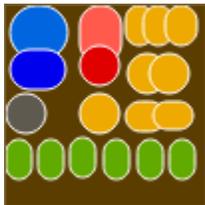
Includes 3 congas, 2 bongos, 2 timbales and 2 agogo

Percussion 2



Includes 3 congas and 2 bongos.

Kit 1



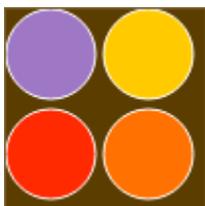
Includes 2 snares, 2 kicks, 3 hihats, 2 rides, 2 crash cymbals, a splash cymbal, a cowbell and 6 toms.

Sounds



Includes 2 tamboreens, 2 rotary phones, drum sticks, aerosol spray, finger snaps, shaker, 2 wood blocks, 2 mechanical metronome clicks, a yogurt cup, maracas and 2 mugs.

Bongos



Includes a low bongo, a high bongo, a low conga and a high conga.



Editor link

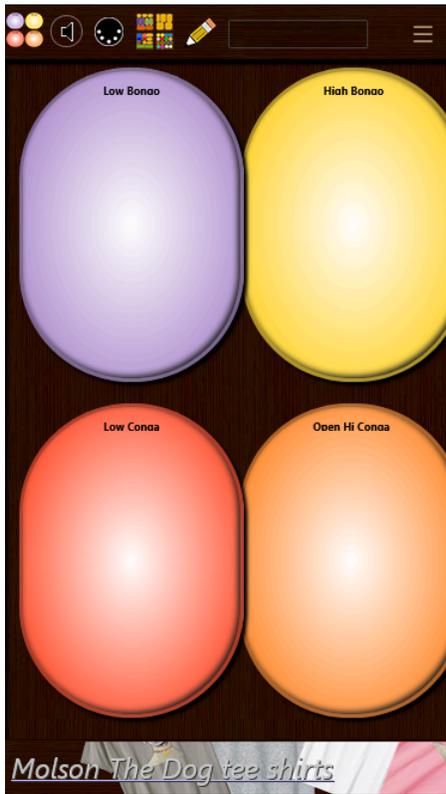
When present, the pencil icon opens the pad-sets editor (see [Pad-sets editor](#))

Devices

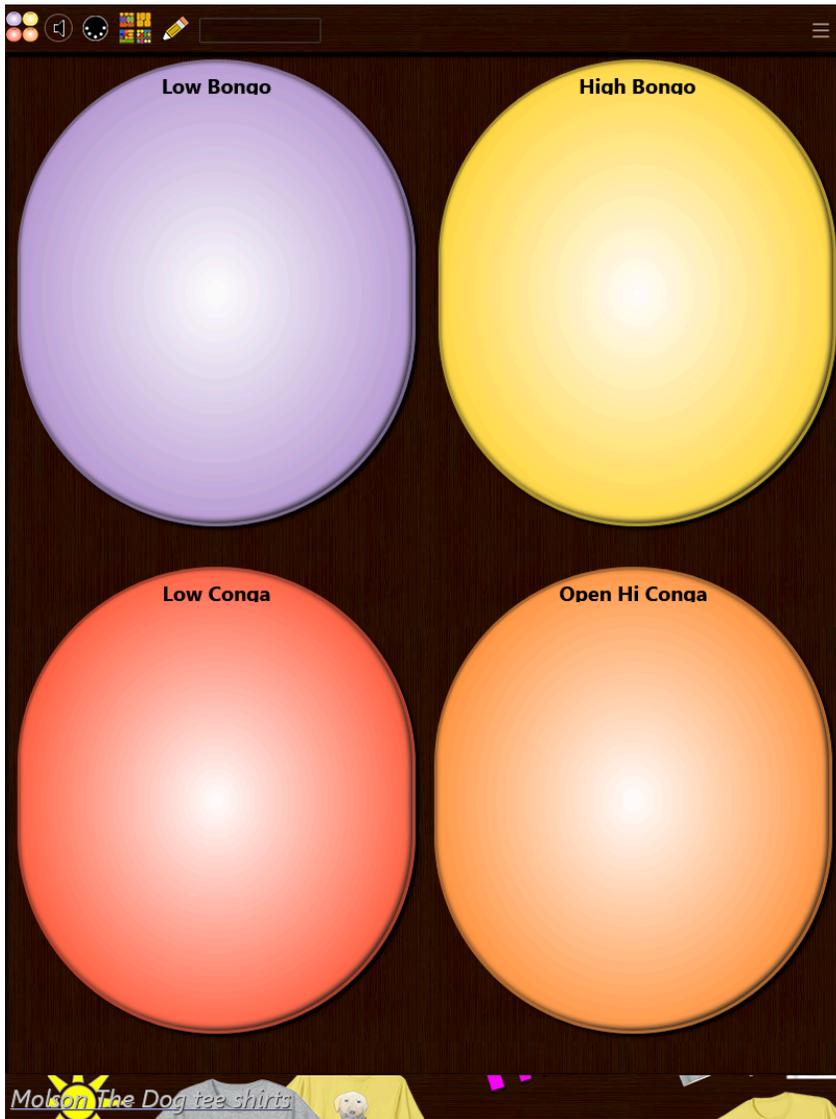
The Sound-pads app will run on nearly all modern devices to connect to the Internet including smartphones, tablets, laptops and desktops.

The screens of the app are identical for all devices except on phone screens where the editor panels only show one panel of the editor's splitter at a time and adding "Back" buttons to provide navigation.

phones:



tablets



Main Menu



Opens the pad-set picker.



Contact

Opens a panel that lets you send a message to the Stec Records



Submit pad-sets

Opens a panel that lets you submit a pad-set for a possible factory preset on a future release.



Reverb level

Opens a tool that lets you adjust the level of the reverb.



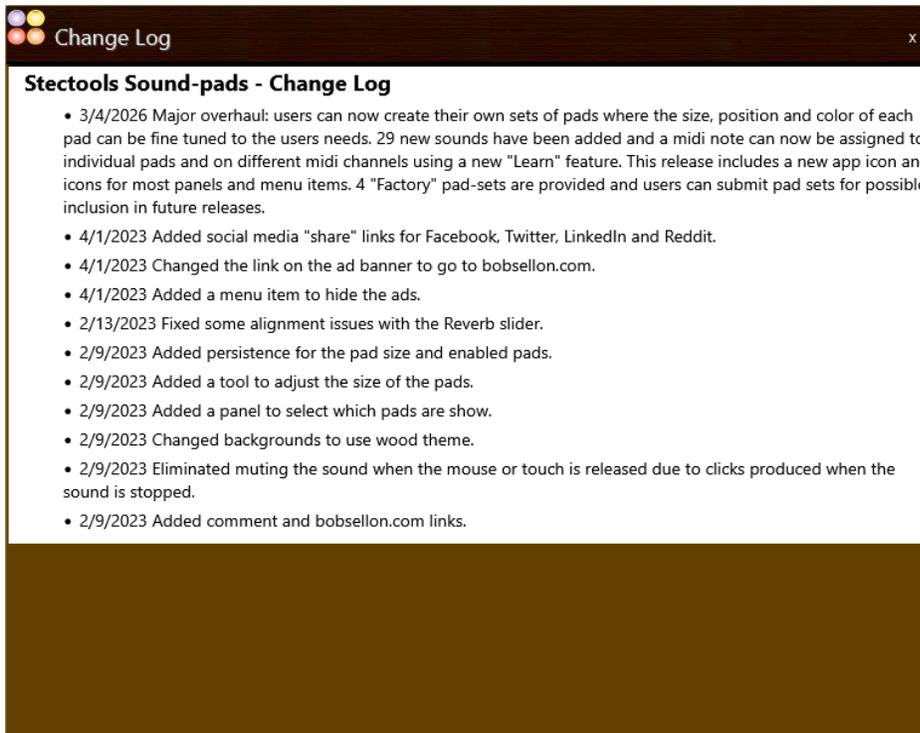
No Ads

Hide the ads along the bottom of the panel.



Change log

Opens a panel that shows the changes made to the app by date.



About

Opens the splash panel that shows briefly when the app starts up. You can also show this by clicking the app icon in the top left corner.



Opens this file.