

Competitive Comparison

Feature	Cubase Studio 4	Sonar Studio 5.2	Logic Express 7.2	ProTools LE / M-Powered 7.1
Supported Platforms	Win (32; 64-bit compatible) OSX (Universal)	Win (32 + native 64-bit)	OSX (Universal)	Win (32-bit) OSX (Universal)
Audio Tracks	unlimited	unlimited	255	32
MIDI Tracks	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	256
Virtual Instruments	unlimited (via VSTi Rack and Instrument Tracks)	unlimited	64 (VST only with Wrapper)	RTAS only, via Instruments Tracks
Supported Plug In Formats	VST 2 and 3	VST 2, DirectX	AU	RTAS and TDM
Included Plug-ins				
Realtime Audio Plug-ins:	30	24	37	30
Offline Audio Plug-ins:	15			
Realtime Midi Plug-ins:	14			0
Virtual Instruments:	2	5	6	1
Media file database management system:	Powerful media file management system known as MediaBay. The central place for browsing, searching, managing and categorizing any type of media files.	Only file management tool with navigator pane and track folder	Small loop browser (AppleLoops) and small file explorer	Optional DigiBase
Sound Management	New Instrument Tracks, Track Templates, and VST3 categorization functions	no	Channel-Strip Presets, but no attributes and search engine	no
Realtime time stretching and pitch shifting with formant preservation	yes, extended AudioWarp (realtime transpose with formant preservation)	yes, but only with a Plug-In, no formant preservation	with AppleLoops only, no formant preservation	yes, but only for Acid-File playback
Full score layout and printing	yes, redesigned Score Editor with new features	no	yes	no
Play Order Track for pattern style arranging	yes	no	no	no
Extended Freeze	yes, extended Freeze function for CPU preservation (VSTi and audio channels) and Instrument freeze with or without effects	yes, Freeze function for tracks, FXs and synths	yes, but only for tracks	no
Full latency compensation, including external instruments and effects	yes	yes	only partly	no
User-Configurable Toolbar, Track Inspector, Track Controls & Transport bar	Multiple new possibilities for the user to customize the client, like the fully customizable Track Inspector and Channel Strip window.	yes, extended customize functions	yes, but only some possibilities like changing the Track column view	no
Supported Hardware	Windows DirectMusic, ASIO or OSX CoreAudio	Windows ASIO/WDM only	OSX CoreAudio only	Windows ASIO or OSX CoreAudio