NTPD

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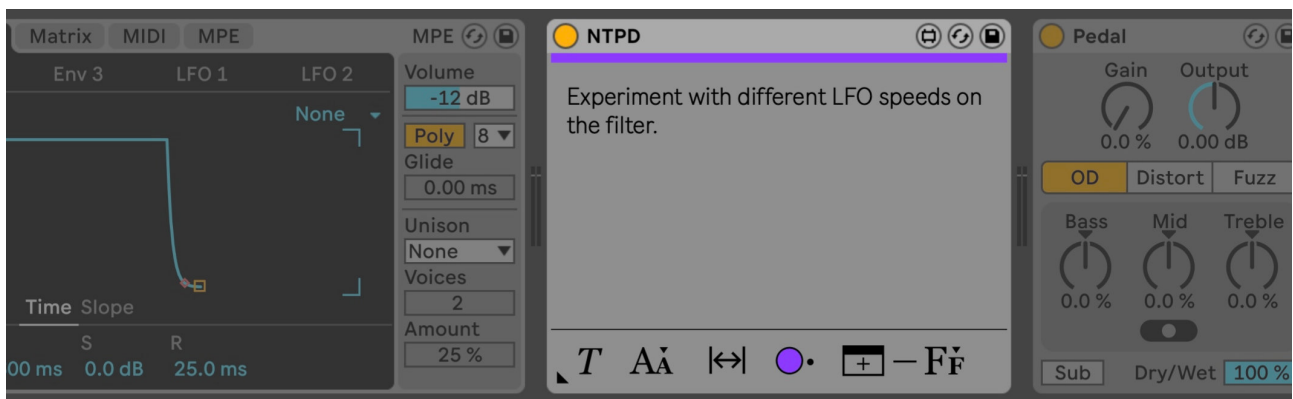T ǍA |↔| ○•   + — F̌F

NTPD Getting Started Guide

NTPD is a simple way to store notes directly in your Ableton Live sessions.

Use NTPD to store ideas, session info, notes about synth patches, reminders or whatever else you can imagine, and it's all right there in your Live Set.

NTPD Lite

NTPD Lite is a free, feature reduced version of NTPD. Its core functionality is the same, but it lacks the floating note features as well as a MIDI version.

Apart from the reduced features, everything else in NTPD Lite behaves as described in this guide.

If you'd like the additional features and want to support continued development of NTPD, please consider purchasing the full version at elphnt.io/store/ntpd

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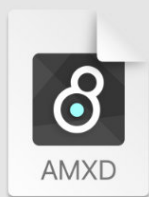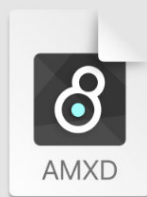
⚙️ Installing NTPD

Inside the folder you've downloaded you'll find files named NTPD.amxd and NTPD MIDI.amxd.

The core version of NTPD is an Audio Effect which can be placed on any track in Live.

NTPD MIDI can be placed before an Instrument on a MIDI Track allowing you to place NTPD anywhere in your device chain.

NTPD MIDI.amxd   NTPD.amxd

Simply drag either of these .amxd files onto a compatible track to load NTPD. Add multiple instances of NTPD to the same Track or different Tracks to have multiple notes within your set.

*Note: NTPD requires Max For Live so if you can't load the .amxd file you might not have Max For Live installed. Max For Live is included with Live Suite and can be purchased as an add-on for Live Standard.

Add NTPD to the User Library or Places

You can also save NTPD to your User Library or the Places section in The Browser. If you're not familiar with how to do this in Ableton Live I'd recommend watching this video on the subject:
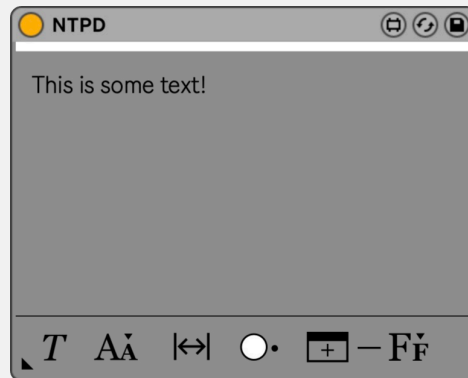
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📝 Using NTPD

NTPD is fairly straightforward to use; simply click in the blank text area at the top of the device and start typing to add a note.

Controls

From left to right the controls are as follows:

◢ Click to hide and show the control bar.

T Click to toggle the font style. There are 3 font styles available; serif, sans serif and monospaced.

A̮Ă Click and drag up and down to adjust the font size of the inline note.

|↔| Click and drag up and down to adjust the width of the device.

○ • Click on the larger of the two dots to open your system's native colour picker and choose a colour for the note. Click the smaller of the two dots to have NTPD inherit its colour from the Track its on.
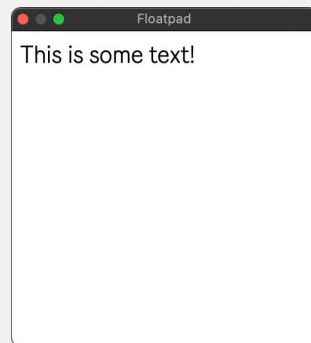
⊞ Click to open the Floatpad (floating note).

F̮F̆ Click and drag up and down to adjust the font size of the Floatpad.

The Floatpad

Pressing the Open Floatpad button will open a separate, floating notepad.

This notepad has separate text to the inline note and will remain visible even when switching to a different Track. This allows you to see multiple notes from separate Tracks at the same time.

To resize the Floatpad simply hover over any edge until the cursor changes to a resize arrow then click and drag to resize the Floatpad.
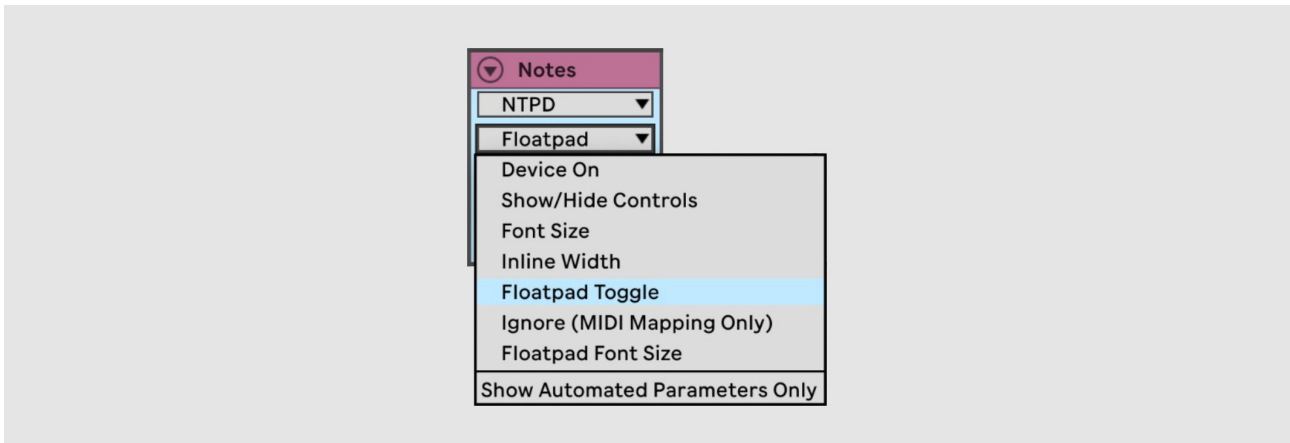
The Text Area

The Text Area in the inline note and Floatpad behave in exactly the same way. Drag across text to select it and use the Select All, Cut, Copy and Paste keyboard shortcuts as usual, as long as the cursor is within the Text Area.

Mouse scrolling within the text area is not possible, but you can use the up and down arrow keys to scroll through the text.

Automating The Floatpad

One very useful 'hidden' feature is the ability to automate the opening and closing of the Floatpad. This can be useful to have certain notes show at specific points in the timeline, or when a particular Clip is triggered.

When looking at the automatable parameters for the NTPD device you will notice there is a control called 'Floatpad Toggle'. Use this to automate the Floatpad open and closed.

A number of NTPD's other controls are also automatable.

Please refer to the Automation and Editing Envelopes chapter of the Live Reference Manual for more information on automation.

ℹ️ Additional Info

If you have any questions or issues please get in touch at elphnt.io/contact

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