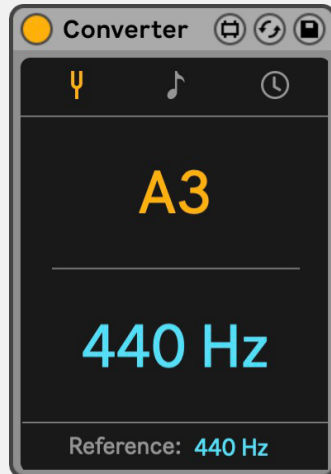


HELPERS Getting Started Guide



HELPERS is a collection of useful Max For Live utilities to help you with common tasks, saving you time and improving your workflow.

HELPERS consist of 5 useful utilities; Converter, Random Number, Scale Helper, Set Namer and Set Selector.

Load them onto your Master Track and save them with your Default Set to have quick access to handy tools when you need them.

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Installing HELPERS

Inside the folder you downloaded, you will find several .amxd files — these are Max For Live device files. To load them in Ableton Live, simply drag and drop them onto a Track in your project.

Note that you will need Max For Live installed to use HELPERS. Max For Live is included with Ableton Live Suite and can be purchased as an add-on for Ableton Live Standard.

To learn more about installing Packs in Ableton Live, see the [Installing 3rd Party Packs and Content in Ableton Live](#) guide.



Using HELPERS

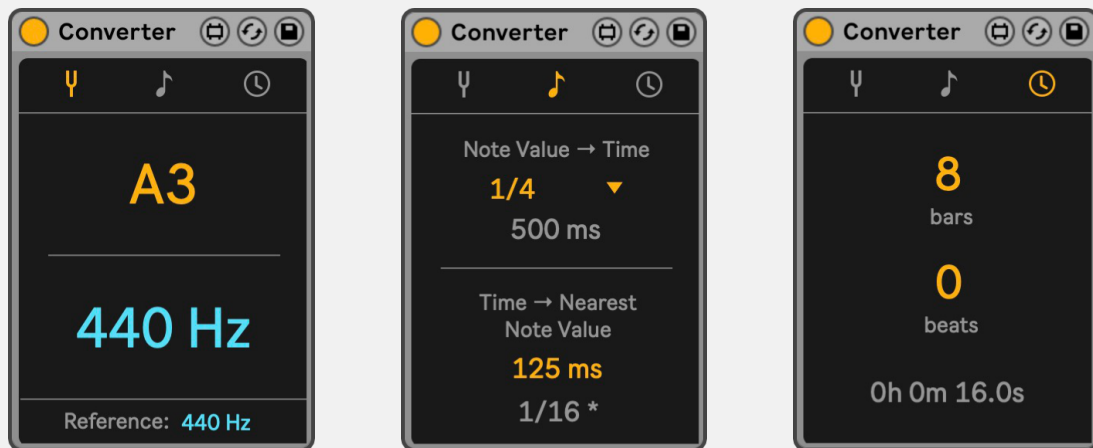
There are 5 HELPERS in total. Each one is explained below.

General Concepts

HELPERS don't produce or manipulate sound in any way. They are, instead, simple utilities designed to help you with specific tasks.

The optimal way to work with these devices is to always have them quickly at hand. For this, I'd recommend loading them onto your Master Track and saving them with your Default Set (see the '[Template Sets](#)' section in Live's User Manual for more info).

Converter



Converter has 3 modes that can be switched by clicking the icons at the top of the device.

Note To Frequency (*the tuning fork icon*) converts MIDI Pitch values to frequency (in Hz) and vice versa. Click and drag up and down on either control to set a value or click and type to set a specific value.

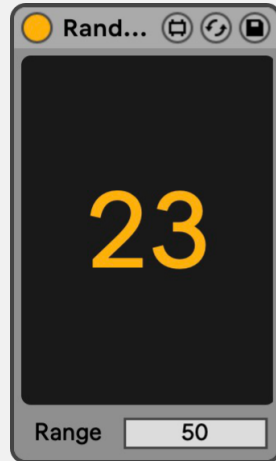
This is useful when you need to find out the frequency of a particular note, for example, when adjusting an EQ, or when you need to find the closest note to a given frequency.

Note Values mode (*the note icon*) converts note values (1/16, 1/4, etc.) to their corresponding time values and vice versa, according to the tempo of your session.

This can be particularly useful for setting time values of things like compressors or delays to match that of your project.

Bars & Beats mode (*the clock icon*) shows you how long, in hours, minutes and seconds, a certain number of bars and beats are, relative to your project's tempo.

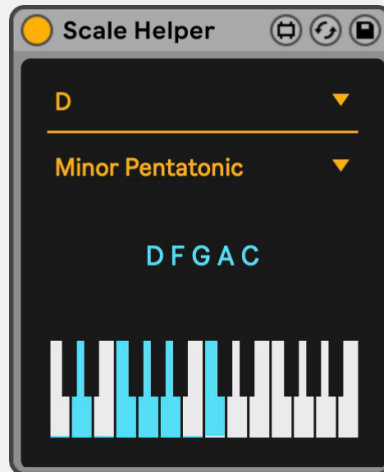
This can be useful when trying to work out how long your song might end up if it has a certain number of bars, or help you find how many bars it might take to fill a certain amount of time.



Random Number

Sometimes you just need a way to generate a random number in a session, perhaps to help you make a decision.

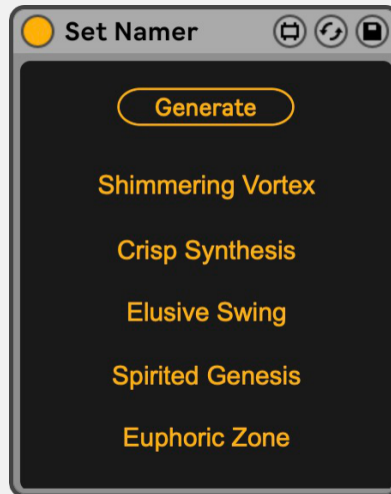
Simply set the maximum value you'd like to generate up to with the Range control, then click the number display to generate a random number.



Scale Helper

Scale Helper helps you figure out which notes are in a given scale, with options for several common scale types. It also shows you which keyboard notes they correspond to.

This is only really an issue if you're a music theory dummy like me, but it's SUPER helpful when you need it! 🤔

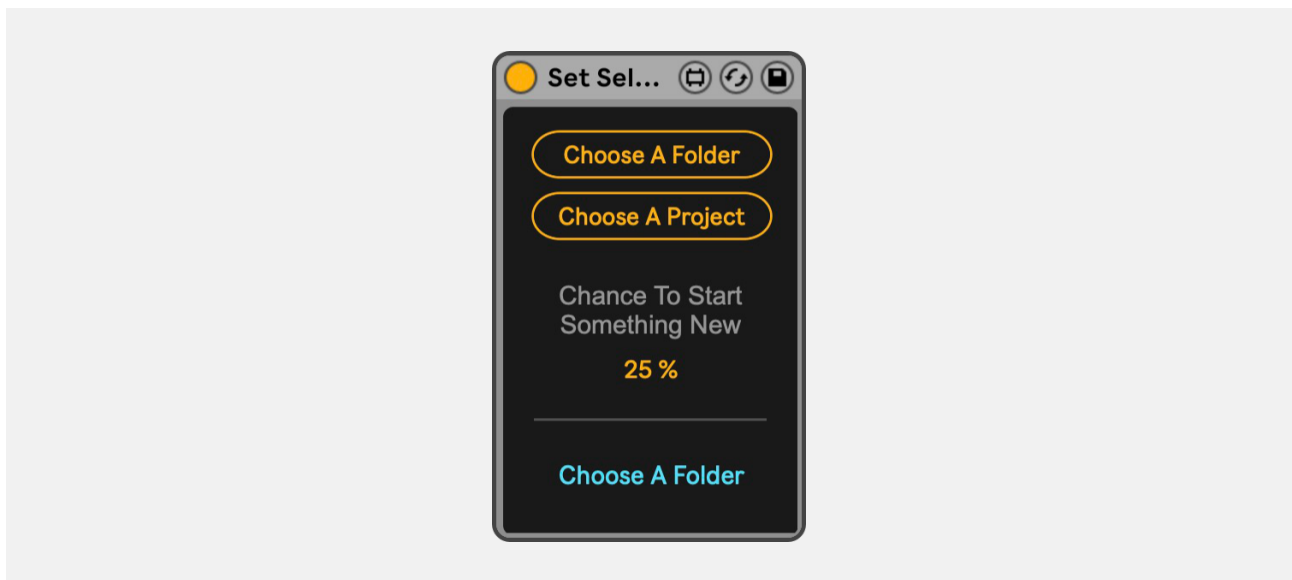


Set Namer

Set Namer helps you come up with memorable names for your projects. I'm sure we all have a folder of ideas called "Untitled 1", "Cool Idea #2" and "Sick Beat" - but no more!

Simply click the Generate button and Set Namer will combine an adjective and a noun from its built-in database of 400 words to give you 5 memorable project names to choose from.

These are not just random words — they have been chosen based on their appearance in actual song titles by successful artists (tastefully chosen from a random sampling of artists on Spotify).



Set Selector

Set Selector helps you overcome the choice paralysis of deciding what music to work on.

Simply click 'Choose A Folder' and navigate to wherever you save your Project Folders.

Then, click 'Choose A Project' and Set Selector will randomly pick a project for you to work on (you'll still have to open it manually yourself).

There is also a control to set the chance that Set Selector will recommend you 'Start Something New', so you can add yet another project you'll probably never finish to your never-ending folder of unfinished ideas... 🤖

Additional Info

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

HELPERS is made by Ableton Certified Trainer Tom Glendinning, also known as ELPHNT. For more devices, tutorials and free music production resources visit elphnt.io

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