



GarageBand

APPLE GARAGEBAND TUTORIAL

GETTING STARTED

Apple's GarageBand is a multi-track audio recording program that allows you to create and record your own music. GarageBand's user interface is intuitive and easy to use, making it a great choice to create music for a variety of applications eliminating copyright issues associated with using pre-recorded songs. Following, is a basic overview of what GarageBand does. Please note that this overview is not meant to be all-inclusive. For more detailed instructions, please use the **Help** menu within GarageBand.

GarageBand allows you to record **Real Instruments** such as a guitar or vocals, or **Software Instruments** using a musical keyboard. You can also build a song from a collection of more than 1000 pre-recorded Apple Loops, which can help create a truly impressive piece. The great thing about GarageBand is that you can use **Real instruments** and **Software Instruments** in the same composition.

REAL INSTRUMENTS

You can connect an electric musical instrument or a microphone to your computer and record it in a **Real Instrument** track. For example, you can record a rhythm track with your guitar and then record a lead track along with the one you just recorded. Lay down a bass track and some drums, and you're the whole band.

If you want to record any real instruments, you will need to connect them to your computer.

SOFTWARE INSTRUMENTS

Software Instruments are sounds that are generated using the application and an electronic keyboard. With a musical keyboard connected to your computer, you can play any variety of instruments from a grand piano to a full drum set. You can also record a piano track and change it to a guitar sound without re-recording. By adding additional tracks, you can layer several sounds together to achieve a full composition.

APPLE LOOPS

Using Apple Loops is an easy way to compose a song without having to play a note. When you access loops, you have over 1,000 different software and real instruments at your disposal to build your song. Simply click on the loop to hear its sound, and after previewing, drag and drop in the timeline. GarageBand will automatically create a new track for each new instrument you choose to use other resources.


OTHER RESOURCES


Below are a few excellent resources that will assist you in creating a professional sounding project.

Atomic Learning has some excellent video tutorials on **GarageBand**

Apple also has tutorials in .pdf format for download:

GarageBand At A Glance (828k / )

GarageBand Tutorial 1 - Basic Arranging (356k / )

GarageBand Tutorial 2 - Real Instruments (176k / )

GarageBand Tutorial 3 - Software Instruments (108k / )