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LED MASTER

3 STEPS AWAY FROM A FULL LEDSHOW

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Welcome to LEDMaster

1-2-3 Go

LEDMaster is an all-in-one solution to run LED light shows for everyone. Originally designed around Kling-Net, this fast and easy application will take your LED show to the next level. Designed in 3 steps, it is fast and easy to use and will do most of the configuration automatically for you.

Step 1 - Mapping mode

Your Kling-Net devices will be automatically recognized by the software, after which you can place them on the *Canvas*. By using Kling-Net, you can forget about Art-Net, DMX, nodes, addressing and everything else. It is all done for you. When *Mapping* the devices on the *Canvas*, virtual groups of devices called *Zones* can be defined. These will make your setup even more easy and flexible.

Step 2 - Programming mode

The programming mode allows you to create Sequences in a very simple way. You can use our Live Patterns or you can use imported videos from your own library.

Timeline based

Our timeline based editor means you can easily program your full show, but of course you can also go for live interaction to make your show completely interactive.

Live Patterns

Our completely new Live Pattern generator will allow you to have hard edged visual output on the smallest or biggest LED installations. Forget about buying expensive videos or the headache of creating them yourself. We will generate them live for you, based on the mapping you have made.

Step 3 - Performance mode

Live performance is the key for the show. Trigger the *Sequences* you created live, manually, randomly or sequentially. You have all the options available to create the show that you prefer. Our easy beat detection makes sure that Visuals are synchronized with the music. Also Live Patterns can generate unique visuals adapted to the sound atmosphere of your show.

Documentation

The present User Manual covers all the aspects of LEDMaster 1.0 software. Any changes, or any addition in the next intermediate releases (1.1, 1.2 etc.) will be detailed in the Release Notes PDF document, which can be found in the software installation folder on your computer.

Software Installation

Installing the Software - Windows

1. To install the ArKaos LEDMaster software, insert the LEDMaster installation CD into your computer or download the installer from the ArKaos website.
2. Double-click on the installation file to launch the installation wizard.
2. Follow the on-screen instructions.
3. Once the installation is complete click Finish. The ArKaos LEDMaster software is now ready to be used.
4. Start LEDMaster by going to Start → ArKaos LEDMaster 1.0 → LEDMaster.
5. Follow the *Activation* procedure described further in this document.

If you would like to uninstall ArKaos LEDMaster software go to Start → ArKaos LEDMaster 1.0 → Uninstall.

Installing the Software - Mac OS

1. To install the ArKaos LEDMaster software, insert the LEDMaster installation CD into your computer or download the .dmg image file from the ArKaos website.
2. If you downloaded the .dmg image file, double-click to mount the image. A LEDMaster drive will appear on the desktop. Double-click on it.
3. A window opens to invite you to drag and drop the LEDMaster application to the *Applications* folder.
4. Doing so installs LEDMaster automatically.
5. Otherwise the application can also be moved manually to the *Applications* folder.
6. Start LEDMaster from the *Applications* folder by double-clicking on it.
7. Follow the *Activation* procedure described further in this document.

To uninstall ArKaos LEDMaster software go to *Applications* folder. Drag and drop LEDMaster application file to the Trash.

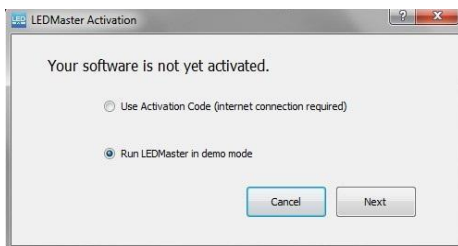
About your license

When you buy the software, you also receive an Activation Code. It is very important to keep this code in a safe place since it is the proof that you own a license of LEDMaster. It might be needed in the future to re-install the software or to obtain upgrades.

Activating/Deactivating your software

Software Activation Dialog

When you launch the application for the first time, the LEDMaster Activation dialog will be displayed.

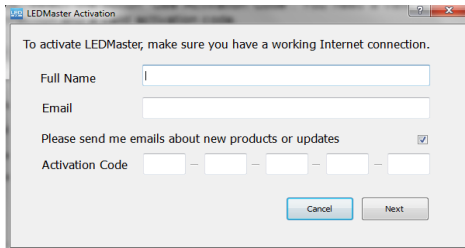


About the Demo Mode

From the Activation dialog, by default, you can run the software in demo mode. The software would still be fully functional but a watermark will be output to remind that the application runs in demo mode.

Using Activation Code

To activate the software, select the option “Use Activation Code”. You need a valid email address, an internet connection and a valid activation code.



The image shows a dialog box titled "LEDMaster Activation". The text inside reads: "To activate LEDMaster, make sure you have a working Internet connection." Below this text are four input fields: "Full Name", "Email", "Activation Code" (which is a five-digit numeric field with dashes between digits), and a checkbox labeled "Please send me emails about new products or updates" which is checked. At the bottom right of the dialog are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Next".

Fill in your full name, your email address and your activation code and click “Next”. It is important to memorize which email address you used to activate the product.

You will get a confirmation screen when the *Activation* is successful.



The image shows a confirmation dialog box titled "LEDMaster Activation". The text inside reads: "You have successfully activated LEDMaster application." Below this text is a mouse cursor and a button labeled "Run Application" at the bottom center.

You could also register if the software is already running in Demo mode. To do so, go to *File* → *Preferences*, select *Activation* tab, press the “*Activate machine*” button and fill in your personal data and a valid activation code.

Deactivating your machine

If your application is already activated, you can use the option “*Deactivate machine*” under the *Activation* tab in the “*Preferences*” menu. Once deactivated successfully, you can reuse the activation code on another machine.

Using the Software

General

Toolbar



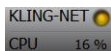
In order to switch between the application modes, you can use the toolbar buttons to go respectively to *Mapping*, *Programming* and *Performance* modes.



Navigation arrows are placed next to the ArKaos Pro logo and serve as an alternative way of switching between modes.






The *Audio VU meter* reacts to the audio input and gives feedback if the audio input level is either too low or almost saturated. The *Audio VU meter* is present in *Programming* and *Performance* modes.



The *Status indicators* give the summary of the connected LED devices status and the activity of the CPU.

Kling-Net signal icon shows one of the following statuses:

-  all connected devices are detected (green)
-  at least one connected device is not responding (yellow)
-  no devices detected (red)

Help bar

Help bar is at the bottom of the application window. When you place the mouse over an interface element, it displays short descriptions and how to use instructions.

Application Menu

LEDMaster Menu [Mac OS Only]

Contains information about LEDMaster, preferences and option to quit the application

File Menu

Allows to select the active project.

Contains preferences and option to quit application. [Windows Only]

Edit Menu

Contains *Undo* and *Redo* options.

Help Menu

Contains the following options:

<i>Documentation</i>	Opens the PDF version of this document
<i>Release notes</i>	Opens the Release Notes for the current software version
<i>ArKaos PRO Web Site</i>	Opens browser on the ArKaos PRO Home page
<i>About</i>	Opens the 'About' dialog [Windows Only]

Preferences

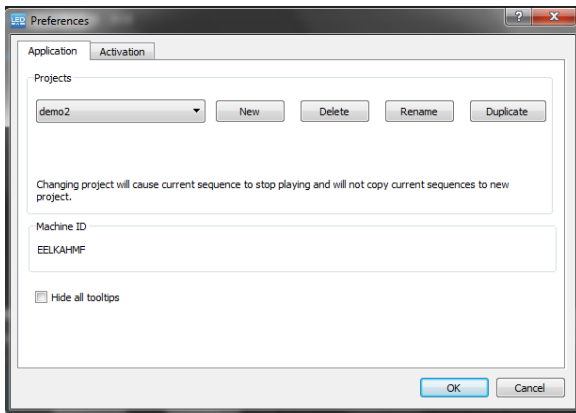
The *Preferences* dialog is where you configure all the main settings of LEDMaster. It is organized in two header tabs, *Application* and *Activation*.

Application Tab

The *Machine ID* is used to identify you machine for any support request.

The *Hide all tooltips* option hides all tooltips in the application. This is recommended for instance for touch screens.

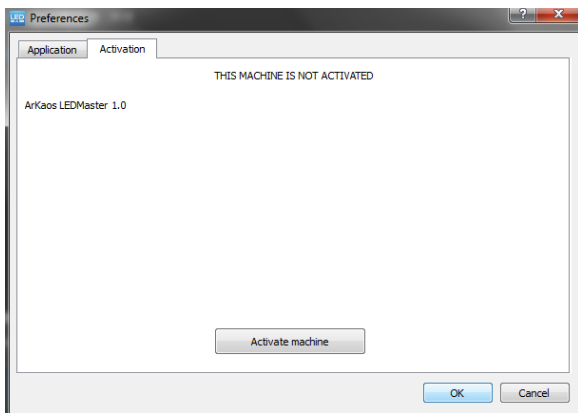
All *Sequences* and settings made in the application are stored in the current *Project*. You can create new projects, switch to another projects, as well as rename, duplicate or delete the current *Project*. Some Demo projects are also provided to discover the software.



Activation Tab

If LEDMaster runs in *Demo mode* the software can be activated by clicking on the *Activate machine* button.

If the software runs in *Activated mode*, the software can be deactivated by clicking on the *Deactivate machine* button.





Mapping mode

Mapping mode allows you to define areas of the LEDMaster visual output that will be sent to the connected LED devices. *Mapping mode* has been designed to be simple and easy to use. Each manipulation of a device mapped is immediately reflected on the connected LED device. Once you've created your *Mapping*, LEDMaster will use it to feed the connected LED devices with *Patterns*, videos, etc.

Mapping mode window consists of 4 main parts described below:

- The Devices
- The Canvas
- The Properties
- Using Zones.

ID	Name	Size	IP
10468	Eaton	16x8	10.0.5.111
10500	Eaton	16x8	10.0.5.111
10502	Eaton	16x8	10.0.5.111
10504	Eaton	16x8	10.0.5.111
10506	Eaton	16x8	10.0.5.111
10507	Eaton	16x8	10.0.5.111
10508	Eaton	16x8	10.0.5.111
10509	Eaton	16x8	10.0.5.111
10510	Eaton	16x8	10.0.5.111
10514	Eaton	16x8	10.0.5.111
11190	Eaton	16x4	10.0.5.111
11192	Eaton	16x4	10.0.5.111

Device info

Device properties		Mapping properties	
Name:	10502	Position X:	16x8
Manufacturer:	Eaton	Position Y:	16x8
Size:	16x8	Size X:	16x8
		Size Y:	16x8
		Rotation:	0
		Horizontal flip:	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Division:	1
		Vertical flip:	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Devices

The *Connected devices* panel displays the list of the devices that are currently connected or that were connected in the past. Information about Device ID, Product Name, Size and IP address is displayed.

Devices that are already mapped on the *Canvas* are displayed in green while the unmapped devices appear in black. Disconnected devices are displayed in red.

CONNECTED DEVICES

ID	Name	Size	IP
1048	Elston	16x4	10.0.5.111
1050	Elston	16x4	10.0.5.111
1052	Elston	16x4	10.0.5.111
1054	Elston	16x4	10.0.5.111
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1100	Elston	16x4	10.0.5.111
1102	Elston	16x4	10.0.5.111
1104	Elston	16x4	10.0.5.111

Labels for the left screenshot:

- Add selected device to Canvas (arrow pointing to ID 1052)
- Selected device (arrow pointing to ID 1052)
- Connected device (arrow pointing to ID 1054)
- Mapped device (arrow pointing to ID 1056)

CONNECTED DEVICES

ID	Name	Size	IP
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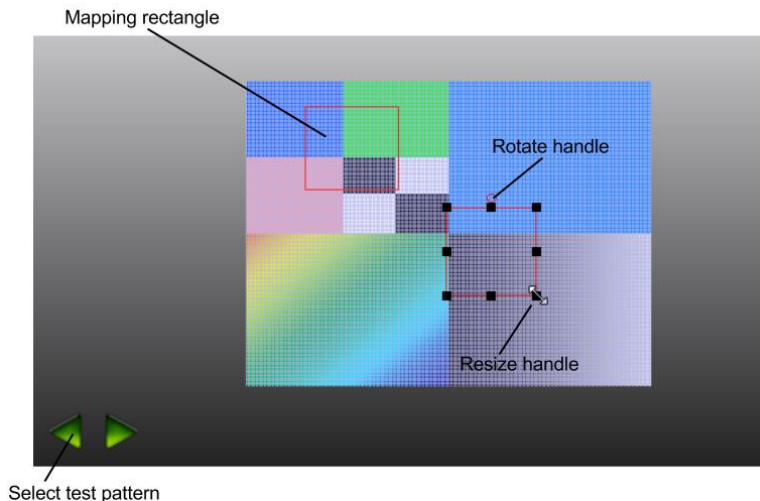
- Disconnected device (arrow pointing to ID 1052)

To add a device in the setup, drag and drop it to the *Canvas*. It will automatically create a “mapping rectangle”. The area included in the rectangle will be grabbed and sent to the corresponding device.

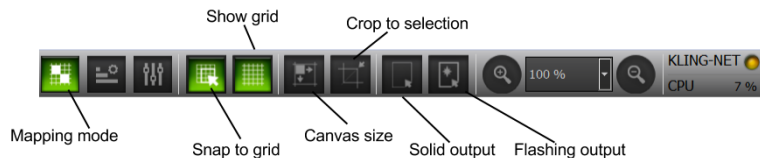
The Canvas

The main part of the *Mapping mode* interface is the output image represented by the *Canvas*. The *Canvas* represents the entire visual output from which some areas will be grabbed and sent to the physical LED device.

You can change the test pattern by clicking on left and right arrows at the bottom-left corner of the *Canvas* panel.



The size of the *Canvas* is the size that will be used to render *Visuals* in LEDMaster. You can change it using the *Canvas size* icon in the toolbar. You can also automatically adjust the *Canvas* size to the selected devices using the *Crop to selection* toolbar option. In order to select multiple devices on the *Canvas* keep Ctrl/cmd key pressed on Windows/Mac OS while selecting the devices. To zoom the *Canvas* in/out you can either use the *Zoom in/out* option from the toolbar, or you can use the mouse scroll. When you use the mouse scroll you can *Zoom in/out* centered on the position of the mouse pointer.



The Properties

Mapping properties are displayed and can be modified in the bottom right panel, while *Device properties* displayed in the bottom left panel are fixed and represent the selected device's properties.

To edit *Mapping properties* for a device, click on a mapping rectangle on the *Canvas*. Properties will appear in the *Mapping properties* panel. You can adjust the mapping properties (*Position*, *Size* and *Rotation*) of the selected device directly on the *Canvas*. Using *Show grid* and *Snap to grid* options in the toolbar, you can position your devices in a quick and easy manner. When the *Snap to grid* option is ON you can only position your device so its edge is on the intersection of two grid lines.

Flip and *Divisor* options are available only in the *Mapping properties* panel. *Horizontal/Vertical Flip* reflects the image along central horizontal/vertical axis of the device rectangle. You can preview the area occupied by the selected device in the *Device preview* panel at the bottom left part of the screen.

Divisor option splits the selected LED device horizontally so that it appears as multiple devices. Each piece of device can be mapped independently. The "sub-devices" will then appear as normal devices in the *Connected devices* list.

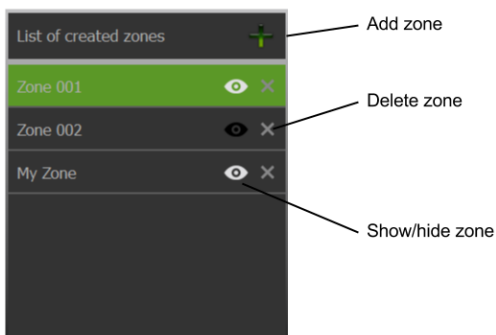
Device info			
Device properties			
Name:	11300		
Manufacturer:	Elation		
Size:	16x16		
Mapping properties			
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Size X:	70,00	Size Y:	70,00
Rotation:	0	Horizontal flip:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Divisor:	1	Vertical flip:	<input type="checkbox"/>

When mapping your devices *Solid output* and *Flashing output* option in the toolbar can help you setting them up. If you choose *Solid output* for the selected device, the physical LED device is going to project a solid color, while *Flashing output* will make the physical device start blinking.

Using Zones

Zones are rectangular subarea on the *Canvas* which can be defined so that a *Cue* only renders to a specific area of the *Canvas*. Using *Zones* allows to send different visuals to different *Devices* or group of *Devices*. The *Default zone* covers the whole area of the *Canvas*.

In the *Programming mode*, *Cues* can be assigned to the *Default zone* or any of the created *Zones*.



In order to manage *Zones* you are able to:

- Add *Zone*;
- Delete *Zone*;
- Show/Hide *Zone*;
- Rename *Zone*.

To add a new *Zone*, select one or more devices and click on the “+” icon. The *Zone* created is the smallest rectangular area containing the selected devices. One *Device* can fall into multiple *Zones*. If you select a *Device* which is already in *Zone 1*, and you add *Zone 2*, then the selected device will be in *Zone 2* as well.

You can remove *Zones* from the *Canvas* by clicking on the cross icon next to the *Zone* in the *List of created zones*. The “eye” icon allows to temporarily hide a *Zone* from the *Canvas*. You can *Rename* a *Zone* by double-clicking, or clicking and holding mouse cursor on a *Zone*’s name.

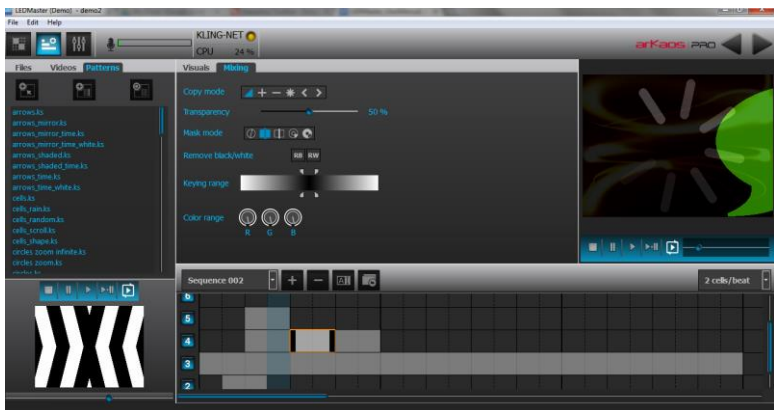


Programming mode

Programming mode allows preparation of *Sequences* that will be played on physical LED devices with intuitive and efficient visual content management.

The *Programming mode* window is arranged in 5 main parts described in chapters below:

- Browser Panel
- Sequence Grid
- Settings Panel
- Output Preview
- Master Preview.

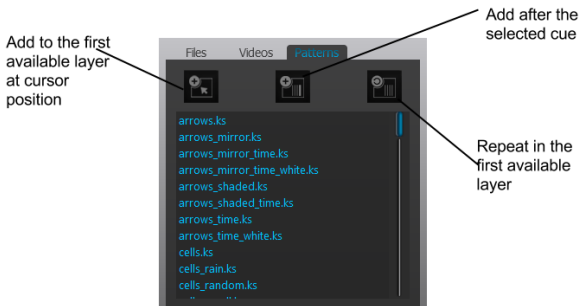


Browser panel

The *Browser Panel* displays the list of *Visuals* provided with the application in its *Videos* and *Patterns* tab. You can use those *Visuals* to create your performance *Sequences*. You can also import video files from your computer's file system by going to the *Files* tab.

There are three shortcut icons in the *Browser panel* for adding visuals to the *Sequence grid*:

- Add to the first available *Layer* at *Cursor* position
- Add after the selected *Cue*
- Repeat over entire first empty *Layer*



Patterns

Patterns are animated visuals generated live, based on a set of parameters. They allow to create unique customized look. They are produced specifically for the required output resolution, without upscale or downscale, to preserve hard edges on LED displays.

Audio Patterns react on an audio input signal to create unique visuals. *Text Patterns* let you display any text in any language.

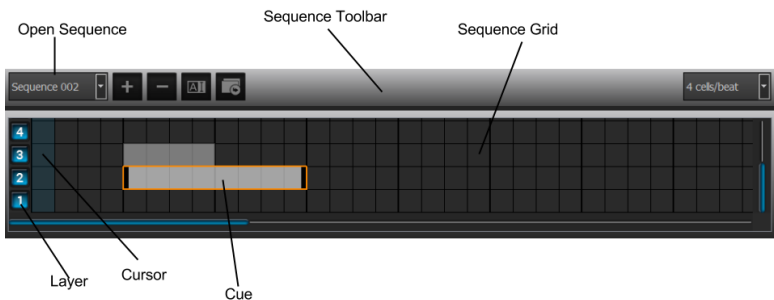
With the combination of *Patterns* and their parameters, an infinite number of different visuals can be created. This is far more efficient than creating each time a unique video. The application comes bundled with *Patterns* that you can use to create your LED show.

Patterns have a given duration and will occupy multiple beats accordingly when you drag and drop them on the *Sequence grid*. Depending on the *Pattern* type, shrinking or stretching them in the *Sequence grid* will mean playing them shorter/longer or playing them faster/slower.

For some *Patterns* you can adjust the speed, change the shape, the text and color settings, or decide to play it back and forth by choosing the "ping-pong" play mode. Each *Pattern* exposes different parameters.

Sequence Grid

Sequence grid component consists of 8 *Layers* each with an unlimited number of *Cues*. There is a *Cursor* showing the progress in time of the *Sequence* being played.



How to program a Sequence

Each *Layer* consists of cells which can be populated with *Cues*. When you drag and drop a *Visual* from the *Browser* panel to the *Sequence grid* it occupies a certain number of cells depending on its length and speed. You can then rearrange the *Cues* in the *Sequence grid* by using drag and drop. If there is not enough space for a *Cue* to move to a position, meaning that there is another *Cue* in the grid occupying that place, you will get a notification.

When programming *Sequences* you should have in mind that *Layers* stack on top of each other starting from Layer 1 up to Layer 8. The mixing is done based on the *Copy Mode* of the *Cues*.

A *Cue* can be selected by clicking on it and deleted by pressing "Delete" key.

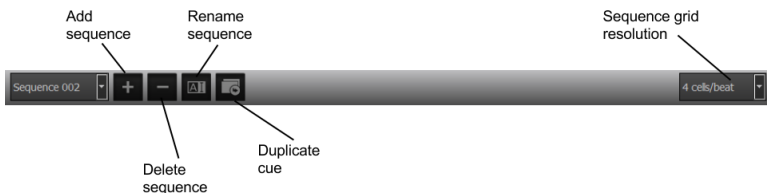
The grid is magnetic and *Cues* are always snapped to fill full cells. Stretching or shrinking a *Cue* plays it slower/faster or longer/shorter based on the type of *Visual*.

You can replace a *Cue* in the *Sequence grid* by dropping a new *Visual* from the *Browser* panel on it. If the original *Cue* was for example occupying 4 cells in the *Sequence grid* and you want to replace it with a *Visual* that is 8 cells long by default, the new *Visual* will be shrunk to 4 cells.

The *Sequence toolbar* consists of actions to manage the *Sequences* in the *Sequence grid* component. You can:

- Add Sequence
- Remove Sequence
- Open Sequence
- Rename Sequence or
- Change *Sequence grid* resolution (default resolution is 2 cells/beat).

From the *Sequence toolbar*, you can also duplicate the selected *Cue* in the grid.



Beat controlled Sequence

The default BPM value is 120. If you assign a video of 1 second to a *Layer*, that video will occupy 8 cells of the *Sequence grid* component in *4 cells/beat resolution*. If you, then, stretch the same *Cue* to 16 cells it means that it will be played 2 times slower. If, however, you want to play that *Cue* 2 times faster, you will need to shrink it to occupy 4 cells of the *Sequence grid*.

If you drag a *Pattern* to the *Sequence grid*, that *Pattern* will occupy a number of beats based on its duration. You would then be able to speed it up or down by shrinking or stretching it over the *Sequence grid*.

There are *Patterns* that cannot be speeded up or down by changing their length. Those are *Patterns* that react on sound. If you stretch some of those *Patterns* over the *Sequence grid* that will not speed them down, but make them last longer.

Layer Management

On the *Sequence grid* you can switch *Layers* on or off by clicking on their numbers. All *Layers* are ON by default, which means their content will be mixed and sent to the output.

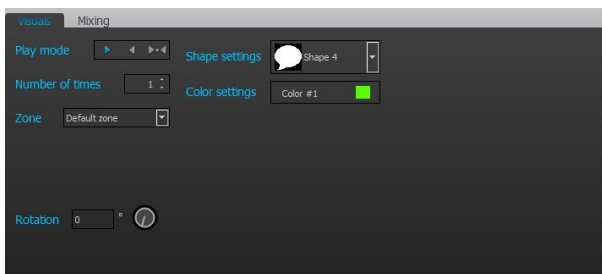
Settings panel

Settings panel is used for modifying parameters of the selected *Cue* in the *Sequence grid* and contains the two following tabs:

- Visual
- Mixing

Visual tab

Visual tab settings adjust whether the selected *Cue* is a video or a *Pattern*. Also settings differ depending on the selected *Pattern*. *Visual tab* may contain the following settings:



Play mode	Chooses how the <i>Cue</i> should be played: <i>Play forward</i> , <i>Play backward</i> , <i>Play ping-pong</i> .
Number of times	Defines how many time the <i>Visual</i> should be played during the <i>Cue</i> length.
Zone	Defines to which <i>Zone</i> output the <i>Cue</i> should be rendered.
Rotation	Defines a direction in which a <i>Pattern</i> will propagate.
Text	Defines the text to be displayed by the <i>Pattern</i> .
Shape settings	Chooses a shape to be displayed by the <i>Pattern</i> .
Color settings	Select with which colors the <i>Pattern</i> should be displayed.

If a video is asked to be played 3 times over a duration, it will also be played 3 times faster. If that behaviour is not desired, then the *Cue* should be stretched to be 3 times longer.

Some patterns can't be accelerated or slowed down by stretching the *Cue*. That's the case for example for *Infinite Patterns* that are based on an animation that can last forever and *Audio Visualizers*. Stretching these *Patterns* will only make them last longer.

If a *Pattern* takes the full duration of a *Sequence* that is played in loop mode, then the *Pattern* will loop seamlessly forever. This can also be easily achieved by using the third button above the *Pattern* list called "Fill entire first empty layer".

Mixing tab

Mixing tab contains the following settings:

- Copy mode
- Transparency
- Mask mode
- Remove black/white
- Keying range
- Color range (RGB).

Mixing settings define how the selected *Cue* in one *Layer* will be mixed with the *Cue* in the *Layer* below the selected one.



Copy Mode

The *Copy mode* defines the basic composition between the current *Layer* and *Layers* below. *LEDMaster* supports the following *Copy modes*:

- **Mix:** In this mode, the pixel colors are mixed together, with a blending value depending on the transparency, like a traditional mixer. This is the default *Copy mode*. The slider *Transparency* that is placed below the *Copy modes* acts as a transparency control for the current *Layer*. *Transparency* set to 100 % replaces any content from *Layers* below.
- **Addition:** In this mode, the pixel values of the current *Layer* are added to the ones of the previous *Layers*. This means that “dark” pixels in the current *Layer* image won’t alter the pixels that are underneath, while “light” pixels will saturate the image underneath.
- **Subtraction:** In this mode, the pixel values of the current *Layer* are subtracted from the pixel value in the underlying *Layers*. “Dark” pixels from the current *Layer* won’t alter the pixels of the *Layers* underneath, while “light” pixels will darken them.
- **Multiplication:** In this mode, the pixels from the current *Layer* will be multiplied by the pixels of the underlying *Layers*. For a pixel to appear bright in the Output image, the equivalent pixel of the current *Layer* and the underlying *Layer* needs to be bright. If any of the *Layers* has a dark pixel, the result will be dark.

- **Minimum:** This mode takes the pixel that is the darkest between the current *Layer* and the *Layer* underneath.
- **Maximum:** This mode takes the pixel that is the brightest between the current *Layer* and the *Layer* underneath.

Mask Mode – Chrominance / Luminance keying

There are 5 basic *Mask modes* for *Visual* contents. These affect how the *Visual* content interacts with other running *Visual* contents.

Keying is a technique where some pixels are made transparent depending on their characteristics. Creating a *Key* is simply defining this interaction depending on the color or brightness of a pixel.

Chrominance keying 'removes' pixels based on their colors.

Luminance keying 'removes' pixels based on their brightness level.

The **Mask mode** switches allow you to select, from left to right:

- No keying;
- Luminance keying (band reject);
- Luminance keying (band pass);
- Chrominance keying (band reject);
- Chrominance keying (band pass).

Band reject means that the selected luminance/color band will disappear, while **band pass** will let the selection through.

Remove black/white option acts as a shortcut option for **Luminance reject**.

Color range settings can be used to change the tint of the visual. Each of the **R,G,B** sliders remove a certain amount of that component from the selected *Cue*.

Output Preview

Output preview is showing the *Sequence* opened in the *Sequence grid* in real time. It allows you to see what is being sent to your external devices and also to prepare and preview your show without a need to connect an external Output.

Under the *Output preview* window you have functions to set a playback mode for the *Sequence* that is opened in the *Sequence grid*. Following playback modes are available:

- Play once
- Pause at end
- Play in loop
- Stop
- Pause

Media Preview

Media preview window is located in the bottom left corner of the *Programming mode* interface and displays one of the following:

- The selected *Cue* of the *Sequence grid*;
- The selected *Visual* from the *Browser* panel.

To preview, double-click on an item in the *Browser Panel* or select a *Cue* in the *Sequence grid*.

The *Cue* from the *Sequence grid* that is displayed in the *Media preview* window is currently active which means that it can be modified in the *Settings* panel.

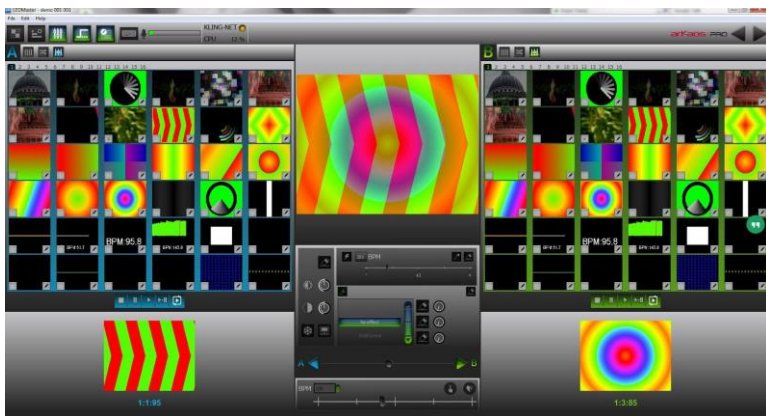


Performance mode

Performance mode is a playback mode used for triggering the *Sequences* made in the *Programming mode* interface.

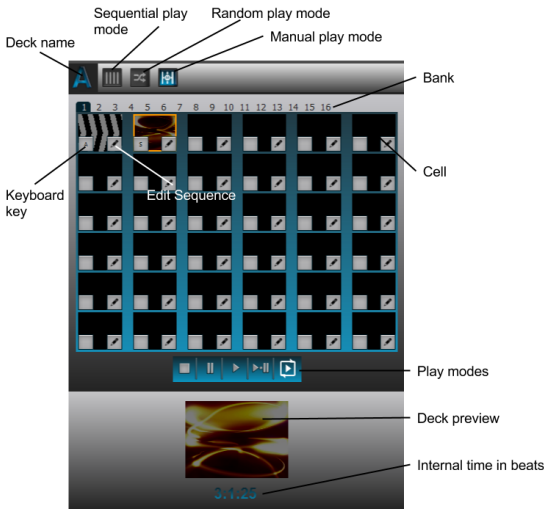
Performance mode is organized around 3 main areas described in the subchapters below:

- Triggering Decks A and B
- Master Control and Master Preview
- Tempo Control Panel



Triggering Decks

Performance mode consists of the 2 *Decks*, *A* and *B*. Each *Deck* consists of 16 *Banks*, which are placed in tabs. Each *Bank* consists of 36 *Cells*. *Banks* and their *Cells* are always visible and serve as *Sequence* containers.

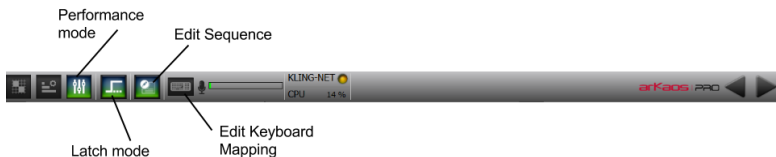


The 2 *Decks* can be played in 3 different ways:

<i>Sequentially</i>	Playing <i>Sequences</i> from a <i>Bank</i> in the order they are defined
<i>Randomly</i>	Playing <i>Sequences</i> from a <i>Bank</i> randomly
<i>Manually</i>	Manual triggering of <i>Sequences</i>

Both *Decks* are independent and played in parallel, while *Sequences* which belong to one *Deck* can only be played sequentially.

Each newly created *Sequence* is assigned to the first empty *Cell* in both *Decks*. *Performance mode* automatically reflects changes made to *Sequences* in *Programming mode*. You are able to rearrange the order of *Sequences* using the *Edit sequence* option from the toolbar. You can also drag and drop *Cells* to rearrange *Sequences*.



Latch mode

In *Latch mode*, when you press a key, you run the *Sequence* assigned to that key until you click the same key again. If *Latch mode* is OFF, a *Sequence* is running as long as you keep the key pressed. Shift key can be used to force *Latch mode* even if the *Latch mode* is turned off.

Edit Sequence

The following options for *Edit Sequence* are available in a dropdown menu: *Copy*, *Paste*, *Cut*, *Clear*, *Set Sequence*, *Edit* and *Grab Thumbnail* option. Those options are hidden when the *Edit Sequence* option in the toolbar is OFF.

Set Sequence lets you select another *Sequence* for that *Cell* or allows to see which *Sequence* is currently assigned.

Edit option brings you back to the *Programming Mode* to edit the *Sequence* currently assigned to the *Cell*.

Grab Thumbnail lets you update the *Sequence* thumbnail with the current image in the preview below on the *Deck*. It is only available for the active *Sequence*. This feature can be used to choose thumbnails that are more representative of a *Sequence* or avoid cases of black thumbnails.

Keyboard mapping

Each *Cell* can have a *Keyboard key* assigned to it to trigger the *Sequence*.

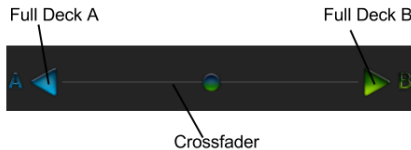
You are able to change the keyboard mapping by selecting *Edit keyboard mapping* option from the toolbar. To assign a key, select a certain *Cell* and press the desired *keyboard key*.

Master Control and Master Preview

Master preview window is a preview of the actual output that is sent to the LED devices.

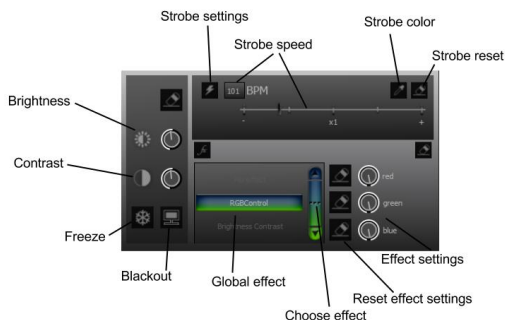


A *Crossfader* slider below the *Master preview* is used to control the mix between *Sequences* being played in *Deck A* and *Deck B*. If *Full Deck A/Full Deck B* arrow buttons is pressed, *Sequence* being played in *Deck A/Deck B* is displayed in *Master preview* and on the mapped LED devices. You are able to trigger *Full Deck A/Full Deck B* by using the *Left/Right arrow* keyboard shortcuts.



Master control panel incorporates effects that can be applied real-time to the actual output and provides the following controls:

- Brightness
- Contrast
- Black out
- Freeze
- Strobe
- Global effects



Strobe parameters can be set in *Master controls* panel:

- *Strobe Speed* in BPM (Beat Per Minutes)
- *Strobe Color* from the color palette
- *Strobe Reset* to restore default values.

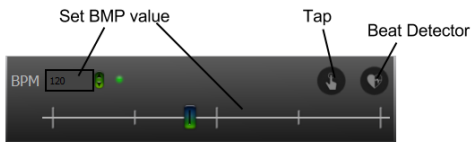
By default *Strobe speed* equals to the main BPM (slider value set to x1). You can adjust the strobe to be slower or faster than the main BPM by moving the *Strobe slider* to the left or to the right.

For each *Global effect* a set of parameters can be adjusted. To select a *Global effect* you can either use up and down arrows or "... " label which displays the list of all *Global effects*.

Tempo control panel

In the *Tempo control* panel, the following controls are available:

- **BPM** (Beat Per Minute) input field and slider
- **Tap** button to manually adjust the speed in the rhythm of the music being played
- **Detect BPM** button to automatically pick up the BPM of the music being played



The *Up Arrow* key can be used as a keyboard shortcut for the *Tap* action.

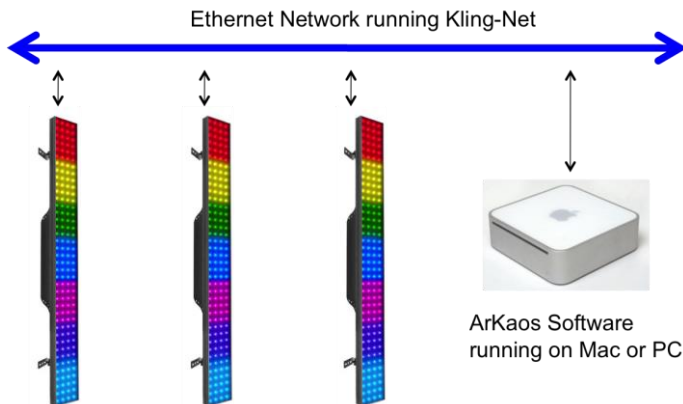
The *Down Arrow* key can be used as a keyboard shortcut for the *Detect BPM* action.

Times are displayed in *Measure:Beat:Tick* format standard in music software. *Ticks* are 1/100th of a *Beat*. For instance 1:1:00 would mean the first *Beat* of the first *Measure*.

Pixel Mapping over Kling-Net

Concepts

Kling-Net is a protocol designed to simplify the setup and operation of display devices such as LED devices. Those LED devices are connected to a computer through a standard Ethernet network.



The purpose of Kling-Net is:

- To allow the connection of display devices to a computer through an automatic configuration
- To dynamically configure the network by assigning IP numbers to the LED devices
- To ensure a perfect time synchronization of many display devices
- To avoid using expensive hardware video converters usually needed to send video to display devices
- To allow creating a heterogeneous network of display devices made by different manufacturer and controlled by a Theater computer
- To add some intelligence into display devices in order to allow device autoconfiguration

With Kling-Net, display devices and network installations become straightforward to setup. Kling-Net is independent of DMX, ArtNet or E1.31 (also called Streaming ACN) protocols.

Hardware setup

Kling-Net is designed to make the best use of your Ethernet network.

To make your network as simple as possible, you can connect the devices directly to your server.

Kling-Net requires a Gigabit compatible Ethernet card (1000 Mbps). Kling-Net runs fine on a 100Mbps network but the number of device that can be used will be limited.

Kling-Net offers a lot of flexibility concerning the IP addresses you can use.

The address of the server should be in the range of local IP addresses:

- 2.0.0.0 to 2.255.255.255
- 10.0.0.0 to 10.255.255.255
- 172.16.0.0 to 172.31.255.255
- 192.168.0.0 to 192.168.255.255

Note:

Kling-Net assigns IP addresses to the LED devices on power up. If you change the IP address of the server you must turn off and on again the LED devices and restart LEDMaster.

Performance Tips

- Using MPEG-2 movie format usually provides better performances.
- Movie formats like H.264/MPEG-4 AVC, Apple ProRes and VP8 are supported but require more powerful hardware.
- Avoid using movies that have unnecessarily high resolution. Using 640x480 or smaller is usually enough to drive LED displays.
- Do not overuse *Layers*. Mixing multiple *Layers* together requires extra processing.
- Optimize the size of the *Canvas* based on your LED devices.
- Check that an anti-virus is not slowing down your disk access.
- An SSD drive can help reducing heavy disk access if you need to use larger videos.
- Close any heavy application running that could stall your CPU if the output playback is not smooth.
- It is not supported to run multiple Kling-Net servers like LEDMaster on a same network.

Minimal and Recommended Hardware

Minimum Requirements

CPU	Intel Core2 Duo 1.8GHz or AMD Athlon X2 64 2.0GHz
Memory	2.0GB

Recommended Specifications

CPU	Intel Core i5 3.5GHz or AMD FX 6300 3.5GHz
Memory	4.0GB

Additional Requirements

Storage Space	1GB
Optical Drive	DVD-ROM drive
Sound	DirectX 9.0c compatible sound card (Windows)
Windows OS	Windows XP SP3 / Windows Vista SP2 / Windows 7 / Windows 8.1
Mac OS	Mac OS 10.6+
Internet	Internet connection is required for Activation

List of Patterns

Patterns can be divided in a few categories based on their behavior and the list of parameters you are able to set.

Gradient Patterns

Gradient Patterns are *Patterns* that display smooth color transitions from one color to another.

Without Rotation

- Gradient Radial Cycling Smooth.ks
- Gradient Radial Cycling.ks
- Gradient Radial Static.ks
- Gradient Spiral Square.ks
- Gradient Zooming Square.ks

With Rotation

- Gradient Rotation Static.ks
- Gradient Scrolling Rotating.ks
- Gradient Scroll Rotation Smooth.ks
- Gradient Scroll Rotation.ks

Text Patterns

Text Patterns are *Patterns* that contain scrolling text animations. They provide *Text*, *Font* and *Color settings* and sometimes *Rotation*.

Without Rotation

- Text Characters Scroller.ks
- Text Scroller with Background.ks
- Text Scroller.ks
- Text Spinner.ks

With Rotation

- Text Radial Gradient.ks
- Text Zoom.ks

Audio Visualizers

Audio Visualizers require an audio input signal. They generate unique visual effects based and synchronized on the music.

Without Shapes

- Audio Radial Zoom.ks
- Audio Spectrum Boxes.ks
- Audio Spectrum Filtered.ks
- Audio Spectrum Up Down.ks
- Audio Spectrum.ks
- Audio Wave Basic.ks
- Audio Wave Filled Cycling.ks
- Audio Wave Filled.ks
- Audio Wave Filtered.ks
- Audio Wave Radial.ks
- Audio Wave Up Down.ks

With Shapes

- Audio Spectrum Shapes.ks
- Audio Wave Shape Filtered.ks
- Audio Wave Shape.ks
- Audio Zooming Shape Graded.ks
- Audio Zooming Shape.ks

Zoom Patterns

Zoom Patterns display different shapes zooming in or out.

Without Shapes

- Zoom Rectangle.ks
- Zooms Multi.ks

With Shapes

- Zoom Shape Radial Gradient.ks
- Zoom Shape.ks

Arrows Patterns

Arrows Patterns display arrows moving in a predictable manner, for example arrows that scroll from left to right or arrows with the mirroring effect applied.

- Arrows Mirror.ks
- Arrows Shaded.ks
- Arrows.ks

Line Patterns

Line Patterns consist of lines moving horizontally and/or vertically.

- Lines Horizontal Vertical.ks
- Lines Horizontal.ks
- Lines Vertical.ks

Random Patterns

Random Patterns consist of randomly generated shapes.

- Random Colors.ks
- Random Squares.ks
- Random Pixels.ks

Solid Patterns

Solid Patterns display plain color background or plain color shapes.

- Solid Color.ks
- Solid Shape.ks

Spinning Patterns

Spinning Patterns consist of colored bars rotating in an adjustable speed rate.

- Spin Counter Down.ks
- Spin Counter Up.ks
- Spinner.ks

Circle Patterns

Circle Patterns consist of circle shapes which move randomly.

- Circles Filtered.ks
- Circles Zoom.ks

Uncategorized Patterns

Uncategorized patterns.

- Checkboard Scroller.ks
- Raining Shapes.ks
- Ramp.ks
- Rotor.ks
- Shape Scroller.ks

List of Effects

Color Effects

- RGBControl
- RGBControl Inverse
- Brightness Contrast
- Brightness Contrast Inverse
- Brightness Contrast XT
- Contrast Brightness XT Inverse
- RGB Cycling Slow
- RGB Cycling Fast

Kaleidoscope Effects

- Triangle Kaleido
- Triangle Kaleido Cyclic
- Square Kaleido
- Square Kaleido Cyclic
- Hexagon Kaleido
- Hexagon Kaleido Cyclic
- Lozenge Kaleido
- Lozenge Kaleido Cyclic

Stroboscope Effects

- Stroboscope

Solarize Effects

- Solarize
- Solarize Smooth
- Inverse Solarize
- Inverse Solarize Smooth

Posterize Effects

- Posterize
- Posterize Smooth
- Posterize Hue
- Posterize Hue Smooth

Saturate Quantize Effects

- Saturate Quantize
- Saturate Quantize Smooth

Kolor Special Effects

- Kolor Special FX
- Kolor Special FX Smooth

Glossary of Terms

- **Device** – A Kling-Net LED fixture
- **Visual** - A video or a *Pattern*.
- **Cue** - Cues are *Visuals* with configured parameters and ready to be played.
- **Layer** - Each *Layer* can contain an “infinite” number of *Cues* which are being played sequentially. *Cues* placed in different layers are being played in parallel and mixed together.
- **Sequence** - A set of *Cues* played sequentially or in parallel on different *Layers*.
- **Sequence Grid** - The matrix used to edit a *Sequence* with 8 rows representing the *Layers* and Beat/Measure separators to represent time.
- **Zone** - A virtual group of *Devices* defined in *Mapping mode* to which cues can be output.
- **Pattern** - A visual generated real-time by the application.
- **Project** - A container that includes the *Mapping*, *Sequences*, effects and parameters set for a show.
- **Activation** - Process of registering LEDMaster online with an activation code.
- **Canvas** - The 2D output area defined with a given width and height.
- **Mapping** - Defining the area of the *Canvas* that should be displayed on each *Device*.

Support, Information and Contact

ArKaos PRO has created a number of support channels to ensure you get the most direct and efficient answers to your questions or support requests you may have.

ArKaos PRO Support Centre : http://support.arkaos.net/	ArKaos PRO Users Forum : http://www.arkaos.net/forum
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Solutions

As always, ArKaos Support Team is ready to help you if you should encounter any problem.

Our online Support Centre also features a Trouble Ticket System, which allows our team to receive your support requests and follow up the resolution of your problem as well as eventual future issues.

We strongly recommend that you register for an ArKaos PRO Support Account (free) on our Support Centre in order to be able to check the status of your trouble tickets, post replies to our team or create new trouble tickets directly from our web interface.

Our support team answers your requests during office hours (CET) on weekdays.

ArKaos PRO Users Forum

If you just want to discuss with other ArKaos PRO software users, share tips and experiences about our products or third party software / hardware etc. Our Users Forum is the place to be! (This is not the place to request for help, see above).

Knowledge base articles

Our online Support Centre features a FAQ / Knowledge base where a solution to the most common registration / configuration problems has been posted.

Distributors and Resellers

Our distributors and resellers are also at your service if you would like to request information in your language, advice on additional hardware or software, solutions or quotes for a particular configuration etc.

A complete list of distributors and resellers for VJ/DJ or Show/lighting products can be found on our web site at:

<http://www.arkaospro.com/dealers>

Thank you very much for your interest in our products, we hope you will enjoy using this version as much as we enjoyed creating it!

The ArKaos PRO Team