

fBox Console Standalone

Virtual Analogue Mixing Console (Application)

Standalone application (.exe) and VST3 plugin for Windows

The same 32-channel desk, running as its own Windows application with no recording software at all. Load audio files onto the channels, mix, and render a stereo file.

Installing it

This zip holds an **.exe** installer, the plugin version, this guide, and the full PDF manual. Run the .exe and follow it through.

Windows may warn you the first time you run it. A blue box appears reading "Windows protected your PC". Click **More info**, then **Run anyway**. Nothing is wrong. That warning appears for any Windows program the system has not seen many times before, and it says nothing about whether the software is safe.

Getting a sound in two minutes

- 1 Run the .exe to install, then launch fBox Console.
- 2 Click Audio Set in the header. Set Device type to ASIO, pick your audio interface, and choose a sample rate and a buffer size of 512.
- 3 Use the dropdown at the top of Channel 1 and choose Load to browse for an audio file.
- 4 Repeat for as many channels as you need, then press Play.
- 5 Use TRIM to set level, aiming for peaks around -12 to -6 dBFS, then the fader for balance.

Almost every report of crackles or dropouts comes back to the Audio Set panel, so it is worth getting right once. Click Scan Plugins in the header before loading anything into an insert slot.

New to mixing?

TRIM sets how hard the signal drives the channel, the fader sets how loud it sits in the mix, and you want level roughly right with TRIM before you start balancing with faders.

Everything else is flavour you can add slowly once the balance is there. Keep every move small: the console's sound comes from many stages interacting gently, not from one big move.

You do not need the rest of it

fBox is a whole studio, but nothing in it depends on anything else. Every plugin works on its own, on one track, in whatever software you already use. **fBox Console** is a 32-channel mixing desk and **fBox Rack** is a channel strip that hosts other plugins. Both are worth having and neither is a hub the rest runs through. Leave them until you want them.

The full manual is in this zip and goes far deeper, control by control. Installation help is at fboxaudio.com/install.html. Stuck on any step? Email info@fboxaudio.com and tell us exactly which one.