

Æ|Dream Protocols — Manual EN



ALIEN ESSENTIALS (Æ)|DREAM PROTOCOLS

NI KONTAKT (FULL VERSION)

Æ|Dream Protocols is an interactive text tool to kickstart your writing process and come up with great and unconventional ideas for lyrics. Expand your inner voice sample pool and take your listeners on an unexpected poetic journey.

Æ|Dream Protocols comprises three interactive themes and a word pool with more than 13.000 words. You can also collect and save your favourite words in your own scrap book and save it to disk.

Æ|Dream Protocols uses the KONTAKT sampler environment and can be controlled via MIDI.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

KONTAKT 7.10.6 or higher (Full Version)

Æ|Dream Protocols — INTRODUCTION

CHANCE AS AN ARTISTIC STRATEGY

"By reaching towards an imaginary literature, the post-future novel offers itself as a way forward. First of all, we have to accept that English writing has been far too slow in its adoption of avant-garde techniques, in comparison with popular music, art and films. The narrative fabric of the latest cult movie is woven through with jump cuts, freeze-frames, montage, slow motion shots, tracking shots, hand-held camera techniques, and the like. House, hip-hop and garage recordings contain elements of remixing, scratching and sampling."

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2001/jan/10/fiction.film>

Æ|Dream Protocols is a KONTAKT Sample Instrument without sounds.

Dream Protocols is the algorithmic translation of artistic strategies that deliberately rely on chance and the arbitrary assembly or remixing of texts. Going back to the early 20th century, Surrealists, Dadaists, and later the artists of the Beat Generation engaged with these methods, often with surprising results that are now part of the legacy of the early avant-garde. The Dream Protocols program follows, in the broadest sense, the principle of aleatoricism, the use of non-systematic operations that deliberately lead to unpredictable, largely random results.

Dream Protocols is therefore deliberately situated at the heart of many digital music productions as a KONTAKT instrument - it lines up as a tool in the collection of many sample instruments and thus becomes an organic component of KONTAKT's user interface. It is no longer necessary to switch to a browser or open extra apps. In line with KONTAKT's philosophy, the program can be controlled entirely via a MIDI keyboard, and existing MIDI data can trigger new words.

WORDPOOLS AS A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION FOR LYRICS

Æ | Dream Protocols offers a variety of word collections (WORD POOLS) from which words are displayed randomly. The word collections themselves come from specific themes, word families, lists, or compilations and are intended to expand the view of language: from portmanteau words to internet slang to 21st-century neologisms — the vitality of language culture is overwhelming, especially against the background of the systematic recording of these phenomena on the internet. Only the comprehensive collections of the modern web (e.g., Wikipedia / Wiktionary / Urban Dictionary etc.) make it possible to access the vast pools of words and phrases in a curated and meaningful way.

The strategy of chance should be applied in a directed and targeted manner: it's not about the arbitrary randomness of a word, but about a conscious artistic decision that emerges from interplay with chance.

The great vitality and diversity of language is already evident in the word collections. Above all, new media and the expansion of the digital virtual into our everyday living spaces demand and promote a constant expansion of language building blocks. A multitude of new cultural techniques have emerged that find cross-media application: sampling, remixing, customization, updates, placeholders, up to AI-based algorithms like Deep Dream or Deep Fake.

In this spirit, Dream Protocols is intended to provide impulses as an inspiring tool based on chance.

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MAIN SCREEN



THEME SWITCH / ENTER MAIN SCREEN (KEY D9)

Pressing the green key when on the Main Screen cycles through the available themes. In any of the settings screens, pushing the green key switches back to the Main Screen.

On the Main Screen, random words from the selected pools can be displayed using any MIDI key (except for the colored function keys). The newest word is always displayed in a highlighted manner,

depending on the theme selected. Also depending on the theme, a list of secondary words is displayed alongside the main one.



Screenshot — THEME | "BILLBOARD"



Screenshot — THEME II "FILM POSTER"



Screenshot — THEME III "VAPORWAVE"

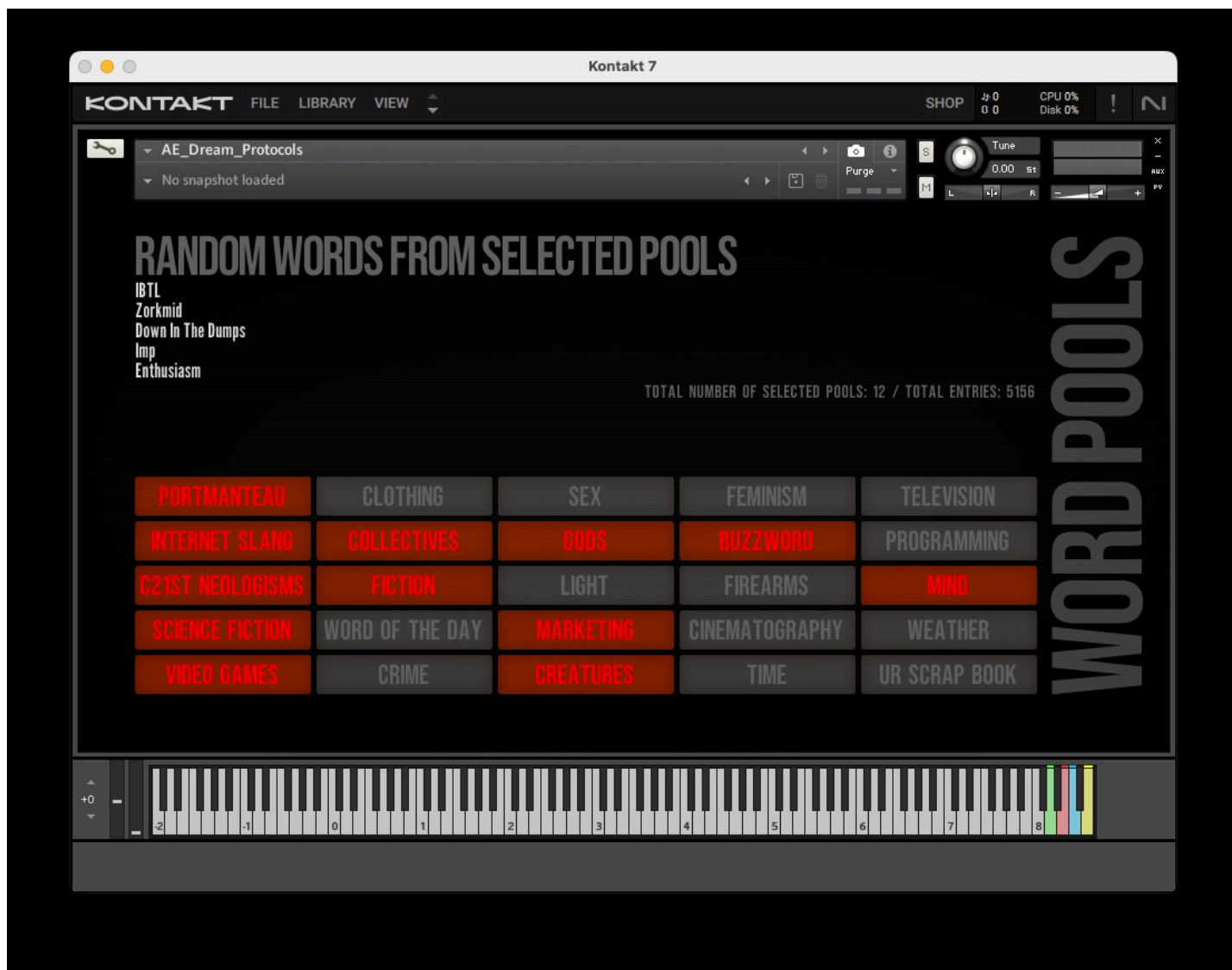
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WORD POOLS

ENTER WORD POOL SELECTION (KEY E9)

The red key switches to the Word Pools Screen.

Here, any number (up to 25) of Word Pools can be combined with each other. On the Main Screen, words are randomly displayed from all selected Word Pools. The last pool is editable in Scrap Book Mode and can be filled with your own words. The word pools are a curated and edited list of words based on entries from the free online dictionary WIKTIONARY.



Screenshot — WORD POOLS

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SCRAP BOOK

ENTER SCRAP BOOK (KEY E9)

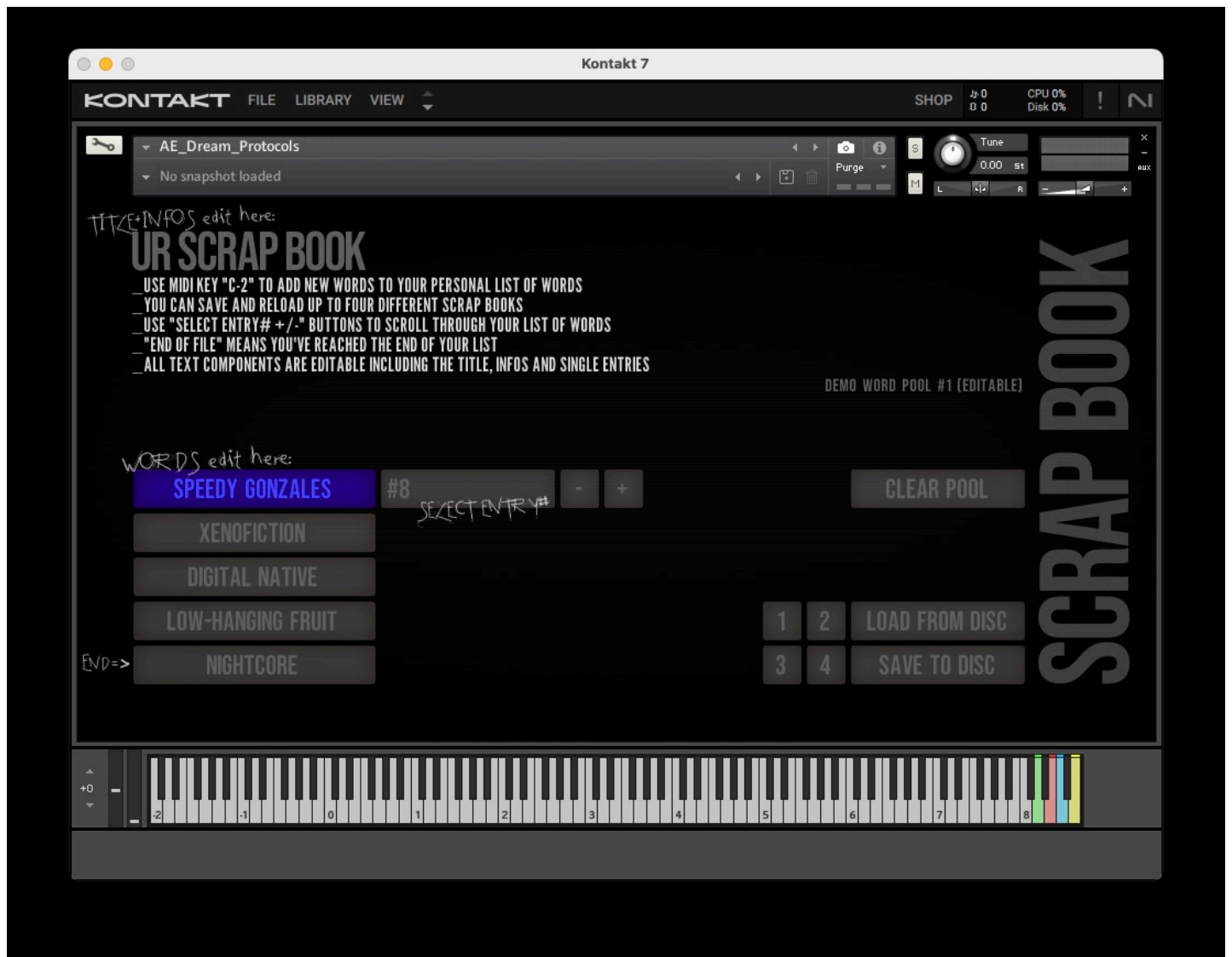
The blue key switches to the Scrap Book Screen.

Here you can collect and edit your own words. The "+" and "-" keys allow you to scroll through the list step by step.

The "Active Entry #" number indicates the current position of the word in the list.

To load or save a list, select a slot (1-4) and then click "LOAD FROM DISC" or "SAVE TO DISC".
 "CLEAR POOL" deletes the current pool.

The data stored on the hard drive is not affected by this.



Screenshot — Saving Words from the Main Screen to the Scrap Book

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COLLECT FAVOURITE WORDS

SAVING WORDS TO THE SCRAP BOOK (KEY C-2)

This key saves the current new word to the Scrap Book at the last current position (max. 2999).

Various words can be saved this way, which are randomly displayed from the entire Word Pool.

NOTE: The Scrap Book itself cannot be selected in the Word Pool to use this function. Also, at least one Word Pool must have been selected.

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CREDITS

ENTER CREDIT SCREEN (KEY G8)

This is the Credit screen including the latest version number of the program.



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The text categories in this program are based on content from the free dictionary Wiktionary. As in any dictionary the content may contain strong language, including verbal references to sex, violence and content some may consider offensive.

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<https://vimeo.com/1077665429>

Æ Dream Protocols | WALKTHROUGH

<https://vimeo.com/1078367858>

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