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How to prepare for online mixing - in three steps

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STEP ONE
Preparations

01

1. Start by **creating a new folder for the song files** and name it "Artistname - Songname 000BPM".
2. **Bounce a rough demo of your song** - this helps me to keep focus on your vision and also acts as a reference point to check if any instruments are missing by accident. Any audio format is fine. Just make sure to name the file as demo/rough mix and include it to the folder created in previous step.
3. Please **check your tracks** are comped and in their final form. Check the tracks individually for:

- Rhythmic and timing errors
- Bad edits (clicks and pops at cut points and make fades/crossfades)
- Correctly labeled track names (Example: Kick, Snare, Clap, Bass, Piano, Lead Vocal, Back Vocal 1, Back Vocal 2 etc). Please don't put anything else in the file name!

4. **Turn off all non-essential processing** including panning eq's, compressors, reverbs etc. Exceptions are effects with an artistic/musical value. Most obvious example would be dry electric guitar vs amped sound. If in doubt feel free to include the track with processing (put a "_wet" label to the end of the filename) and I'll take care of the rest.

STEP TWO
Bouncing

02

1. **Bouncing settings**: WAV or AIFF files 44.1 KHz sample rate, 24 bit and up.
2. All tracks **must be bounced from the beginning**, even if an instrument only plays at the end of the song. This is to prevent confusion where instruments or vocals are placed in the song.
3. **Each instrument and vocal should have its own track.** For example don't bounce an organ track with a guitar solo in the middle of it when the organ is not being used. An exception here is use of samples.
4. To deliver you the quality product **I don't accept mp3 files and premixed instrumentals.**

STEP THREE
03 Uploading

1. To recap: your song **folder should now include a rough mix and all the individual tracks**. You are welcome to add include lyrics, any ideas or requests, links to reference tracks as a text file.
2. **Zip the song folder**: Right click on your folder on your PC or MAC and choose "Send to->Compressed folder" or "Compress "YourSongFolder"" respectively.
3. **Congratulations!** You are now done with prep and one step closer sounding awesome!
4. Easiest way is to send the file is to **visit LAKESIDESOUND.COM and use the upload form.**

ANY QUESTIONS?
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