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Thread: [TOP 11 COMPLETELY FREE DAWs \(Digital Audio Workstations\)](#)

Rsynced - August 22, 2025, 4:00 pm

? TOP 11 COMPLETELY FREE DAWs (Digital Audio Workstations)

1. AKAI MPC BEATS (PC/MAC) ?

[? Download MPC Beats](#)

[? MPC Beats Academy](#)

Akai MPC Beats is a free beat-making DAW inspired by the legendary Akai MPC hardware. The best part is MPC Beats Academy – you can go from zero to pro in just months if you follow the courses!

2. Waveform Free ?

[? Download Waveform Free](#)

Cross-platform (Windows, macOS, Linux). Unlimited tracks, plugin support, professional layout.

3. Cakewalk by BandLab (Windows only) ?

[? Download Cakewalk](#)

Formerly SONAR Platinum, now 100% free. Full-featured with unlimited tracks, 64-bit engine, VST support.

4. Studio One Prime ?

[? Download Studio One Prime](#)

Free version of Studio One. Unlimited tracks, intuitive workflow, but no 3rd-party plugin support.

5. LUNA ?

[? Download LUNA](#)

Free DAW from Universal Audio. AI features (voice control, instrument detection). Works on macOS and Windows.

6. Pro Tools – Intro ?

[? Download Pro Tools Intro](#)

Free version of Pro Tools. Limited to 8 audio, instrument, and MIDI tracks.

7. LMMS (Linux MultiMedia Studio) ?

[? Download LMMS](#)

Open-source, cross-platform. Pattern-based workflow with VST/LADSPA/LV2 support.

8. Audacity ?

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Legendary free editor. Great for recording, podcasting, and simple multitrack editing.

9. GarageBand (macOS only) ?

? [GarageBand](#)

Beginner-friendly, comes with instruments and loops. Free with every Mac.

10. SoundBridge ?

? [Download SoundBridge](#)

Free DAW with VST support, MPC-style sequencer, and a clean interface.

11. Zrythm Free ?

? [Download Zrythm](#)

Open-source DAW with MIDI/audio recording and advanced production features.

? All of these DAWs are completely FREE! ??

Phantom_NiNja - August 24, 2025, 2:23 am

(Aug 22, 2025 04:00 PM)Rsyncd Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) TOP 10 COMPLETELY FREE DAWs (Digital Audio Workstations)

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URL: <https://www.tracktion.com/products/waveform-free>

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The FREE ones are ALL good in a different ways depending on your workflow style. I personally use multiple DAWS often for one single project.

LMMS is ok, but not great. It is still highly in development.

Pro Tools – Intro is the BEST for high end recordings out of the box if you have a USB audio interface.

I forgot to add AKAI MPC Beats to the list, I'm going to update that now. It's #1 for hiphop / rap and the beats academy is outstanding free education. All you really need is a MIDI to USB keyboard and you are in business. You can just use a mouse and keyboard if necessary.

More info:

<https://www.akaipro.com/mpc-beats>

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLyawkFIWnO1NXKeiDWWdUGgn4V_d_Kxv

[Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1LUvA2GibSY>]

Stanley - *September 1, 2025, 6:59 pm*

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Thanks,
Stanley

Rsynced - *September 26, 2025, 2:17 pm*

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