

# Guidance for supplying files

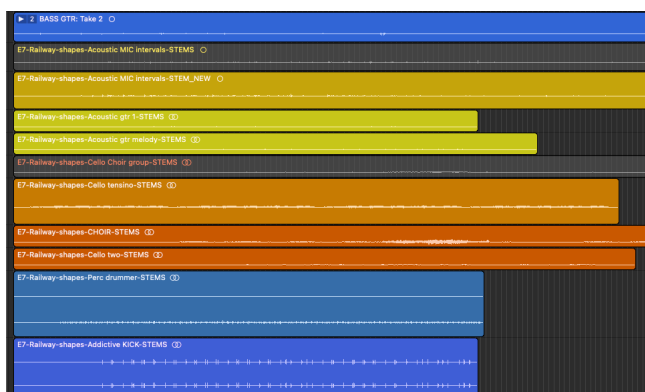
**File Formats:** Please provide all audio files as either WAV or AIFF, no MP3 or compressed, lossy formats.

## For Mastering

please supply stereo files of your 'final mix' without any extra compression or limiting (if you'd like to supply an additional separate file of a rough master that has been further compressed and limited that's fine, good for reference)

## For Mixing

Please supply WAV stems for each track of the song, which all start at the same point (ie. the beginning! They don't all have to finish at the same point) so that they are all lined up correctly when imported into a mixing session, per screenshot example (right).



## For Mixing & Mastering

- 1. Bit Depth:** Use a minimum of 24 bits per sample.
- 2. Sample Rate:** Use a sample rate of at least 44.1 kHz, which is the standard for audio CDs. Higher sample rates like 48 kHz or 96 kHz are also acceptable if your project requires it (e.g. for broadcast)
- 3. File Organization:** If you're submitting multiple audio files, organize them in a logical manner, such as creating separate folders for each song or segment (depending on project). This helps maintain clarity, avoids confusion and saves time!
- 4. Naming Convention:** Use clear and descriptive file names for each audio file. Including relevant information like the song title, version, and order can be helpful.
- 5. File Integrity:** Ensure that the audio files are not corrupted or damaged. Check each file thoroughly before submission to avoid any issues during the mastering process.
- 6. Headroom:** Make sure the audio files do not have any clipping or distortion. Leave enough headroom (-3 dB to -6 dB for mastering, more for mixing) to allow for further adjustments during mixing and mastering.
- 7. Provide reference mixes:** If available, include reference mixes that showcase kind of sound that you're aiming for. Even just a list of tracks, or link to a Spotify playlist is fine: This helps me understand your vision and achieve the desired results.