

# Modular in the DAW

## Cardinal origins, tips and tricks

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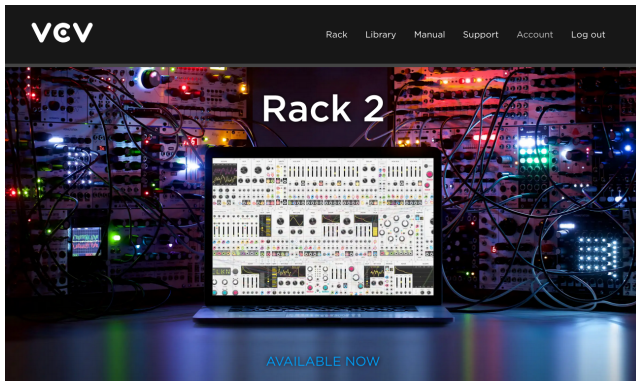
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- Cardinal publicly released as alternative open-source plugin version



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- Around 4 months later the first Cardinal stable release!
- (intentional delay/padding for Rack v2.0 to go out first)
- As example due diligence:  
<https://github.com/DISTRHO/Cardinal/blob/main/docs/LICENSES.md>

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- Cross-platform, running on: FreeBSD, Linux, macOS, and Windows.
- Multi architecture: x86, x86\_64, ARM, ARM64, RISC-V

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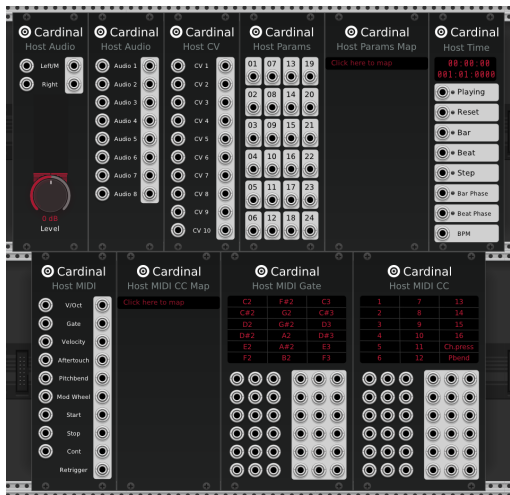
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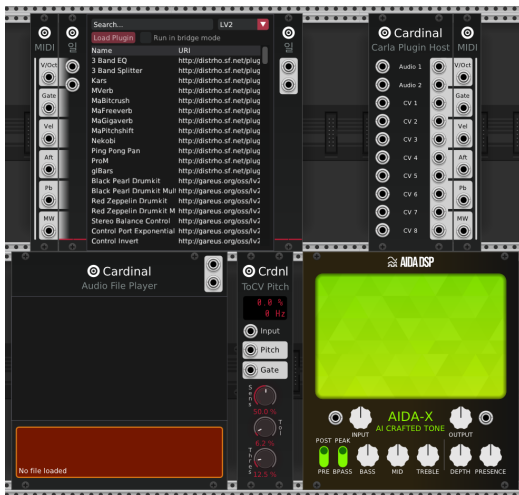
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- Community guidance? (just us 2 are not enough to lead a community)

# Thank You

- VCV and Rack dev community
- Users posting their work on patchstorage.com
- You! for listening

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