



PANAGEMENT USER MANUAL



Version 2.0

Foreword

Thank you for using AUBURN SOUNDS® PANAGEMENT.

PANAGEMENT 2 is a logical evolution of PANAGEMENT 1 but brutalize the original concept to make it prettier, better-sounding and **more useful**.

The first enhancement is of course increased realism through the use of a very integrated reverb. The design goal for this reverb is to bring you **algorithmic realism**: you can choose between 5 room presets and hear the wall material change. Early and Late reverb are distance-panned, binaurally-panned, like the dry signal.

That reverb maintain an **as-low-as-possible diffusion** at all times, in order to give a more realistic spatial effect without wasting too much headroom. This **rather tame reverb easily fits in the mix**, and is adequate for slight "shadows".

Noone likes tuning early reflections, or late reverb levels. So most of it is automatically set up to give you **realistic fades by default**.

PANAGEMENT 1's LFO was imprecise so we increased the modulation precision by 4x. The number of available shapes has doubled.

But positioning is not solely at the heart of the product anymore. **PANAGEMENT 2 FULL** is among the few products that can give you a binaural, ping-pong delay that includes reverb in its feedback loop. PANAGEMENT gives you cleanly separated binaural echoes that blends into the abyss.

Our objective at AUBURN SOUNDS® is to give you immediate power, quickly. PANAGEMENT is our flagship product, and will hopefully allow you to **control** your mix most easily – it's like getting 3D glasses.



Credits

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Versions

PANAGEMENT is available in different versions:

- **Panagement FULL (formerly "Enterprise Edition")** has all the features.
- **Panagement FREE** lacks the delay and chip bending.

Compatibility



PANAGEMENT is available as a **VST2 / VST3 / Audio Unit / AAX** plugin for **Windows 7 or later**, and **macOS 10.9 or later**.

Our plug-ins have been tested with a wide variety of Digital Audio Workstations hosts (DAW). However if you find out your DAW isn't supported, please report a bug at contact@auburnsounds.com.

We do not provide 32-bit builds for macOS anymore.

Supported sampling rates range from 44100 kHz to 384 kHz.

Installation

For Windows users:

Double-click on the .exe installer and follow the instructions.

When using the VST 2.4 format, you may have to enter the right VST 2.4 directory in order for your DAW to find the plug-in. This is usually explained in your DAW support page.

For macOS users:

Double-click on the .pkg installer. If GateKeeper complains about the Developer being unidentified, try again with Right Click / "Open".

You may need to reboot your Mac computer to see the new Audio Unit (Logic, Live, GarageBand...).



Parameters

Width

The **Width** parameter affects input stereo width (scales the Side signal from 0 to 200%), but also late reverb stereo width, and early reflections stereo width.

On 0% the input signal is reduced to mono which helps with precise binaural positioning.

By default, **Width** is also reduced by increasing **Far** (distance), in order to enhance realism.

Panorama view

This view allows to set distance ("**Far**") and **Pan**. Such parameters have an effect that default to realistic settings, but **can be modified by blue knobs**.

Room panel (middle-left)

Reverb On/Off enable/disable reverb.

Material select one of the five room presets. They not only modify the wall material, but also the simulated temperature, altitude, diffusion, and reverb modulation.

- **Concrete** simulates a concrete tunnel by night.
- **Heaven** simulates a room made of glass, 2000m above sea level.
- **Wood** simulates a french wooden chalet 900m above sea level.
- **Cave** simulates an underground complex.
- **Dark** simulates a classic plate, and filters highs more to give a more classical result.



Tail Favor bass or treble inside the reverb.

Bass Modify reverb input highpass, and internal resonance.

Size Room size (20% to 150%)

Reverb panel (bottom-left)

Decay scale decay time (20% to 500%).

Wet (Late Reverb Mix) Control mix between [dry + early reflection] signal and late reverb.

Predelay Mode Choose between auto predelay times, manual time, or tempo-synced.

Predelay Time Delay late reverb. Only available when Predelay Mode is FREE.

Far to Wide This control how much Width is affected by distance. **This control stays enabled when the Reverb is disabled.**

Far to Late This control how much the Late Reverb Mix is affected by distance. At the head boundary, this effect is always null.

Far to Early In Panagement, Early Reflections are mixed with Dry based on distance. This controls how much that mix is affected by distance. Inside the head boundary, this effect is always null: there are no early reflections there.

LFO

Shape: select LFO shape.

Tempo: select LFO tempo, or whether the LFO is free-running.

Frequency: when the LFO is free-running, select LFO frequency.



LFO to Pan: the LFO modulates **Pan**.

LFO to Distance: the LFO modulates **Far** (distance effect).

LFO to Gain: the LFO modulates Output Gain (post-reverb, but before the delay)

LFO to Tilt: the LFO modulates Tilt.

Phase: rotate phase of LFO for all targets **except Pan**.

Top-right panel

When turned to the left, **Tilt** decreases lows by 6 dB and increases highs by 6 dB.

When turned to the right, **Tilt** increases lows by 6 dB and decreases highs by 6 dB.

The **Tilt Filter** has a fixed cutoff frequency of 650 Hz.

Output fader: Output gain control.

Check Mono: Convert output to mono. For checking mono compatibility.

Delay panel

Delay On/Off enable/disable delay

Feedback dual panel set the Dry/Wet of the delay, along with its Feedback amount at the same time.

Delay Tempo Choose delay tempo, or free-running.

Delay Time Choose delay time. Only available when Delay tempo is set to FREE.

Delay LP and Delay HP Feedback loop filters. This helps making echoes more and more distant.



Diffusion How much of the Reverb goes into the feedback loop. This helps making echoes more and more distant. If the reverb is disabled, no **Diffusion** is available.

Warning: the input of the Delay is the (Early + Dry) mix from the reverberation unit. If the Reverb is completely Wet, then the delay won't work as the source is already fully diffused in late reverberation.

Bottom-right panel

Amount: scales all parameters effectiveness from 0 to 100%.

Pan-to-Delay scale Interaural Time Difference (ITD) from 0% to 200%. Default is around 0.7 ms.

Pan-to-Level scale Interaural Level Difference (ILD) effect from 0% to 200%. This is the effect of a regular pan pot.

Pan-to-Spectral scale spectral effect from 0% to 200% frequency. This is a shelf filter centered on 4000 Hz, roughly simulating head masking.

Chip Bending 1 to 6

This mod added 6 different algorithm changes to the original PGMT-400 chip. However, as this ancient unit isn't well understood, we're not able to tell precisely what happens there.



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Changelog

Version 2.0

- **New:** Binaural Reverb module.
- **New:** Binaural Delay module.
- **New:** Chip-bending module.
- Added Windows installer.

Version 1.4

- **New:** Volume pan control. Allows to tune inter-aural level difference.
- **New:** Zoom in and out of the panorama view with the mouse wheel.
- Added VST3 format.
- Added Mac installer.
- Added Pro Tools bypass support.
- More visual feedback for the goniometer (disabled, 2x).
- Fix compatibility with hosts: Open Broadcaster, Audio Hijack.
- 2x less CPU usage from an open UI.
- **Removed:** 32-bit support on macOS.

Version 1.3

- Add AAX Native and AAX AudioSuite support.
- Faster text drawing.
- Fix automation not recorded with panorama and LFO shape.



- Fix first transient attenuated.
- Fix crash in Vienna Ensemble Pro.
- Dropped support for Mac OS X 10.7.

Version 1.2

- Fix crash in macOS Sierra upon instantiation, all hosts.
- Panagement now uses 2x less memory.

Version 1.1

- Panagement now uses 40% less memory.
- Fix Cubase crashes in Windows and OS X.
- Fix Audition crash when processing a mono sample.
- Fix Apple Logic crash: threads would stay attached.
- Fix Audacity for Mac crash: was a multi-threading bug.
- Fix Digital Performer bug: no processing in Audio Unit.
- Fix pass-through of key presses to the host.
- Fix Ableton Live crash when scanning plugin.
- Fix slowness and partial update when UI is reopened.
- Changed the JPEG loader, 25% faster first UI load.
- Fix LFO not moving in Audio Unit.
- Fix LFO not moving when the host sequencer isn't playing.



Version 1.0

Initial release.

