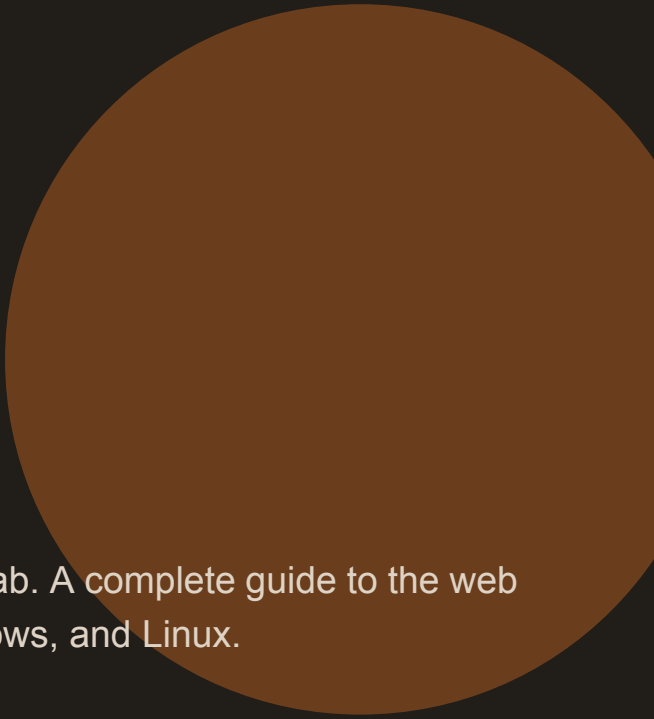




OFFICIAL USER GUIDE

Basstab Pro

From your first song to an editable, playable bass tab. A complete guide to the web preview and desktop application for macOS, Windows, and Linux.

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This guide reflects the current production behavior. Controls can vary by version, song source, account state, and whether a song has been unlocked.

1. Choose web or desktop

Both versions produce bass tablature and save it to your private library. Desktop is the complete practice workstation. Web is the fastest way to obtain and review a tab without installing software.

Capability	Web preview	Desktop app
Process a song	Yes, in the cloud	Yes, locally
Free result	Permanent tab view	Tab, playback, and local re-analysis
Audio playback	No	Yes, free
Unlocked song	Tab editing, tuner, insights, scales, PDF	All tools, looping, mixer, spot analysis, stem sync
Audio location	Uploaded, processed, then deleted	Local unless encrypted sync is chosen

Song upgrade: one credit costs \$2 and unlocks one song. Desktop analysis and playback remain free. On web, an unlock enables tab editing and PDF printing but never audio playback.

2. Account and credits

Web account

An account is required to process songs and use the private cloud library. Choose Sign In, then Create Profile. Supply a username, password, email address, accept the terms, and follow the email-verification link.

Desktop account

You can analyze and play local songs without an account. Sign in to upgrade a song, buy credits, synchronize library data, use cloud services, or move encrypted stems between desktop computers.

Buy and use credits

- 1 Open the account menu or choose Upgrade song or Unlock to print.
- 2 Select the number of credits. Each credit is \$2.
- 3 Complete Stripe checkout. Desktop opens checkout in the default browser.
- 4 Return to Basstab Pro. The balance refreshes and the pending unlock completes.

The account menu also provides purchase history, profile/email editing, password changes, support, desktop stem-vault controls, sign out, and account deletion.

3. Install the desktop app

Use the downloads at basstab.pro. Choose Apple Silicon for M-series Macs, Intel for older Macs, Windows x64 for standard 64-bit Windows PCs, or Linux x64.

macOS

- 1 Download the correct DMG.
- 2 Open it and drag Basstab Pro to Applications.
- 3 Launch Basstab Pro from Applications.

Windows

- 1 Download the x64 installer.
- 2 Run the installer and follow its prompts.
- 3 Open Basstab Pro from the Start menu.

Linux

- 1 Download the x64 AppImage.
- 2 Mark it executable in file properties or with `chmod +x Basstab-Pro*.AppImage`.
- 3 Run the AppImage.

Package managers

```
# macOS with Homebrew
brew tap wadaley/basstab-pro
brew trust wadaley/basstab-pro
brew install --cask basstab-pro

# Windows with Scoop
scoop bucket add basstab-pro https://github.com/wadaley/scoop-basstab-pro
scoop install basstab-pro
```

First-run analysis setup

Choose Install Demucs. Basstab Pro downloads an app-managed Python runtime, local analysis dependencies, and the Demucs model. Keep the app online until setup finishes. These files are outside the app, so later upgrades preserve them.

4. Update Basstab Pro

The desktop app checks shortly after launch. You can also open Tools > Check for App Updates. When a release is available, choose Download, quit the app, and install the new version over the existing one. Demucs models, local stems, and analysis logs are preserved.

- Homebrew: run `brew update`, then `brew upgrade --cask basstab-pro`.
- Scoop: run `scoop update`, then `scoop update basstab-pro`.
- Linux AppImage: download the new file, mark it executable, verify it launches, then remove the older file.

5. Process your first song

- 1 Choose or drop an audio file. Supported formats: MP3, WAV, M4A, AAC, FLAC, OGG, AIFF, and AIF. Cloud files must be at most 500 MB and should be no longer than 20 minutes.
- 2 Confirm your rights. Check the copyright/permission confirmation.
- 3 Wait for analysis. Basstab Pro separates stems, detects key and tempo, transcribes bass notes, and lays out tablature. The progress checklist shows the current stage.
- 4 Review the result. The song opens in the workstation and is added to the signed-in library. Desktop audio and stems remain local.

Desktop setup not ready? If the app shows Demucs setup required, choose Install Demucs. Local analysis cannot begin until the runtime, dependencies, and model finish installing.

6. Read the workstation

- Track pill: select the title to see available metadata such as artist, key, tempo, time signature, and duration.
- Tab: lines represent strings and fret numbers show where to play. Bar labels and the playhead locate the current passage.
- Tuning and transpose: unlocked songs can change instrument/tuning and transpose the displayed notes.
- Selection: drag across tab cells or the waveform. Desktop selections enable looping and spot re-analysis.
- Toolbar: tools depend on version, song source, and unlock state. Hover a locked control to see what is required.

7. Playback and practice

Playback is a free desktop feature. Use play/pause, seek, skip, and speed controls. Choose the original track, isolated bass, or backing mix when those local stems are available. Adjust song and bass levels from the mixer.

Loop a passage

- 1 Drag across tab cells or the waveform.
- 2 Choose the loop control.
- 3 Play the song; playback repeats the selected range.
- 4 Clear the loop from the loop bar when finished.

The web version intentionally contains no playback or playable audio, even after unlock.

8. Edit tablature

Tab edits change structured note and placement data, not original audio or encrypted stem files. They save locally and, when signed in, synchronize to the song record.

- Edit or add: right-click a tab cell, or long-press it on touch. Choose a fret/string or pitch suggestion, then save.
- Delete: open a note and choose Delete, or select a range and use the delete action.
- Undo: reverse recent edits in the current session.
- Reposition: choose an alternate string/fret when a pitch has multiple playable positions.

Web editing is limited to tab data. Playback, looping, mixer changes, note audition, and spot re-analysis require desktop audio.

9. Advanced tools

Spot re-analysis

Desktop only. Select a difficult passage, choose Spot, optionally enable a passage-specific override, run analysis, compare the proposed notes, and apply the result.

Tuner and Scale Browser

The tuner follows the current tab tuning. The Scale Browser explores scales, notes, chord shapes, and fretboard positions related to the detected key.

Insights & Analysis

Review musical tips, bass analysis, deeper theory notes when available, and ask follow-up questions. AI results may continue generating briefly after the tab appears.

Mixer and re-analysis

Desktop mixer controls adjust the practice mix. Local re-analysis is free and retains an existing song entitlement.

10. Library and encrypted stem sync

Library

Open My Library, then select a song to reload its analysis and edits. Deleting a song removes its cloud record; local desktop files are managed separately.

Stem Sync Vault

- 1 Sign in on desktop and open Stem Sync Vault.
- 2 Create a vault and choose a strong passphrase. Keep it safe; Basstab Pro does not receive it.
- 3 Load an unlocked desktop song and choose Save to cloud or Sync current song stems.
- 4 The desktop encrypts stems before upload. Another signed-in desktop downloads encrypted files and decrypts them locally after the vault is unlocked.
- 5 Use Restore from cloud only when you intend to replace the local copy.

Passphrase warning: losing the passphrase may make synced stems unrecoverable. Retain the original local files.

11. Export or print a tab

- 1 Load an unlocked song and choose the PDF icon.
- 2 On desktop, Basstab Pro generates a Letter-size PDF in Downloads and opens it in your PDF viewer.
- 3 On web, browser print preview opens. Select Save as PDF or a printer.

The export includes the current tab view and available metadata. Make tuning, transpose, and tab edits before exporting.

12. Privacy, storage, and copyright

- Web: audio is uploaded privately for processing and deleted afterward. Structured analysis, waveform data, metadata, and tab edits remain in the private account library.
- Desktop: analysis audio and stems stay local by default. Cloud import sends structured analysis, not playable audio.
- Stem sync: optional, desktop-only, and limited to unlocked songs. Stems are encrypted locally before upload.
- Copyright: process recordings you own or have permission to use. Private processing does not replace legal obligations.

13. Troubleshooting

Desktop says setup is required

Choose Install Demucs, keep the computer online, and wait for the model phase. If setup fails, retry after checking disk space and network restrictions.

A song will not process

Confirm the file is supported, non-empty, within the 500 MB and 20-minute cloud limits, and playable elsewhere. On web, refresh sign-in and verify an earlier job is not still running.

Desktop has a tab but no audio

A web-analyzed library song contains no audio. Choose the same source file on desktop to create local stems, or restore stems that were previously synced from another desktop.

An advanced control is locked

Sign in and upgrade the current song. If the control needs live audio, use desktop and ensure local stems are present.

Payment completed but the balance did not refresh

Return to the original Basstab Pro window, stay signed into the same account, and use checkout confirmation if offered. Refreshing or reopening also reloads the balance.

Still need help?

Open the account menu and choose Support. Include song name, platform, app version, and exact error text. Never send passwords or vault passphrases.

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