10. MP Host Favorites

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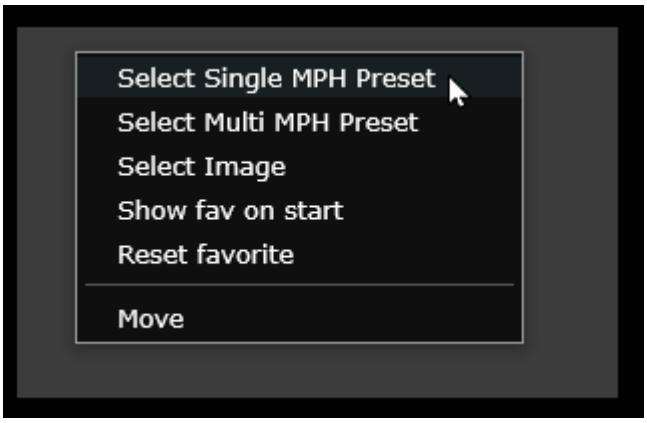


> **You need to create MPH presets first and assign them to Favorites.** This video explains the MP Controller best practices.

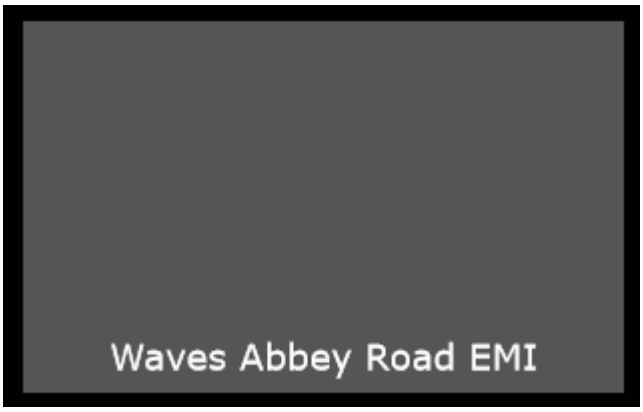
The Favorites screen has placeholders for favorite plugins, so that they can be loaded instantly using the touch function or mouse click.

For every placeholder, an image can be selected to be displayed and an MPH preset. Clicking on touching on the placeholder's area loads the MPH preset.

Right click on a box area in the Favorites window and select the placeholder's favorite mph .xml file preset. The placeholder will take the name of the .xml preset file.



Once a Favorite is assigned it will look like this:

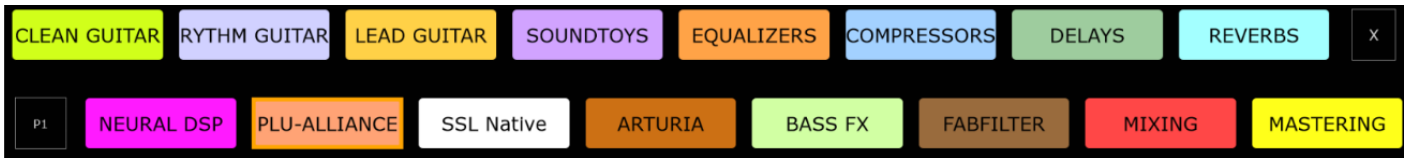


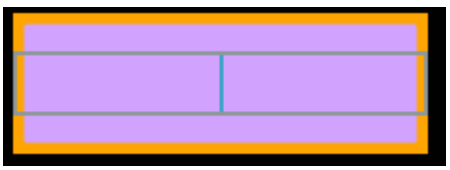
Within the same menu you can select an image of your favorite plugin. You can use the Thumbnail utility below to create images once you assign a few Favorites.

> Altenatively for images, you can take screenshots of your plugins (using your OS or other software) , save them as jpg on your computer and then select these screenshots via the Favorites menu to appear in each box.

Naming the categories

You can write a name on the top categories by right clicking on the category button. The text box will appear. Press enter once you are done typing.





> Note that the images selected will be automatically resized and then copied in the ~/MP/Host/Images/Favorites folder.

> See video on how to create Favorites

NEW! Utility for creating screenshots of your favorite plugins automatically

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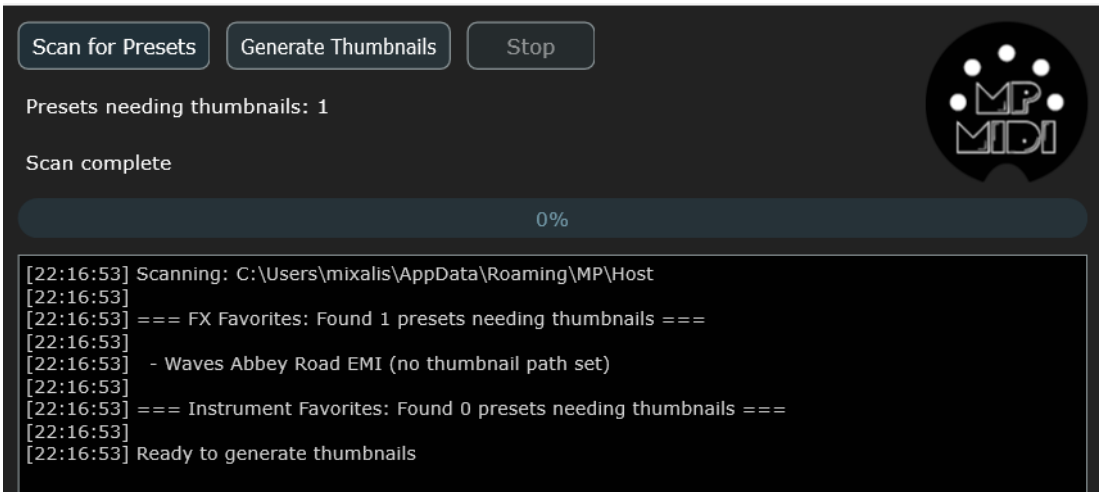
On the Mac you need to set permissions for the utility app: System Preferences → Security & Privacy → Privacy → Screen Recording

Set your favorites in the MP Host Favorites first. Then run the utility to generate thumbnails.

If you delete any thumbnails from ~/MP/Host/Images/Favorites and run the utility again, it will create the thumbnails.

Run the utility to create the thumbnails and then open the MP Host. The thumbnails should appear in the Favorites.

Note that the utility works only for Single Host presets (.xml) but not for MultiHost presets (.mxmlf and .mxmli)



How it works

When you click on "Scan for Presets" the utility will read the InstFavorites.xml and FXFavorites.xml which are the files that hold your favorites. It will show a list of Favorites that don't have a

thumbnail assigned. Clicking on "Generate Thumnails" will begin loading the plugin of each preset set as a favorite and taking a screenshot. Then setting the path to the screenshot in the InstFavorites.xml or FXFavorites.xml.

If a plugin crashes during loading it will be added in the Plugin-Exclude-List.txt so the next time you run the tool will not scan that plugin. Because it saves the xml file every time it creates a new plugin screenshot, the next time you run the utility, will not generate screenshots for the ones that were done before the crash occured.

Suggestion for taking screenshots:

> **Windows:** Windows Print Screen tool (Snipping tool), Lightshot , Flameshot, Greenshot
>
> **Mac:** Built-in macOS Tool (Cmd + Shift + 5), QuickTime (already installed on Mac), Flameshot

Load up a plugin in the DAW or the MPH.

Take a screenshot of the plugin by pressing "print screen"

Then click the Save icon to save it on the desktop.

Then choose that saved image file to set it as a favorite background.

Categories

The favorites are separated into categories, each category has a placeholder in the top two rows of the favorite screen. The category placeholders can be renamed by right clicking and typing the name you want.

There are 16 categories of favorites and each category can carry 24 favorite plugins, in total 384 can be selected (384 for audio effects and 384 for instruments).

The favorites are separated for audio effects and instruments, so you can set different categories and favorites for audio effects and instruments.

The favorites screen can be optionally set to load on startup from the same right click menu.

The above options can be selected by right clicking on each of the favorites placeholders.

The favorites are stored in two separate files FXFavorites.xml and InstFavorites.xml in the ~/MP/Host folder.

> Here is a demo video on favorites

Moving to a new Mac computer

In the case you will get a new Mac, copy the MP/Host folder to the new Mac (delete the hardware id and mph license files and get ones from the server).

If your username is different from your previous Mac, you can open FXFavorites.xml and InstFavorites.xml files in a text editor and check that the path to presets is the same.

You can change it by doing a find and replace ALL in the text editor.

For example on your previous Mac, it could be:

/Users/USERNAME/Library/Application Support/MP/Host/Presets/Comp/preset-name.xml

And on your Mac, if your username is different, then the absolute path will be different. You can replace the username with the current one for all favorites and the path will be correct again.

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