

Necessity gives rise to invention: PlugInfo Audio Plug-In Explorer

Seattle, WA: In growing numbers, musicians and other audio professionals have posed the same question on forums: “how do I know which of my plug-ins rely on Rosetta when running on Apple’s latest hardware?” Great answers were not forthcoming, and that was the initial inspiration for PlugInfo. It started as a simple pet project, and with community feedback over the past month it has grown into an invaluable Mac® app.

Capable of scanning thousands of plug-ins in just a second or two, PlugInfo quickly reveals details including name, publisher, version, type, supported CPU architectures, the date the installed version was published, and the amount of disk space it occupies. Plug-in types ranging from VST, to Audio Unit, to AAX, to the newest CLAP standard are all supported.

The simple interface disguises a variety of helpful features. Sort by any column. Turn on filtering and type a few characters to narrow the list to matching plug-ins. Double-click on a publisher name to visit their web site. Select any number of plug-ins and you can open Finder windows selecting them wherever they're installed, or copy either the installation paths or full details to the clipboard for use in other apps.

Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, as have initial reviews. PlugInfo is available for a modest USD \$2.99 or international equivalent [on Apple's Mac App Store®](#) and for free at [ThinkerSnacks.com](#) initially for the true starving artists among us.



“ I’ve been recommending PlugInfo to every Mac-based musician and producer I know. They all love it as much as I do! ”

Ben Hall, Difficult Audio



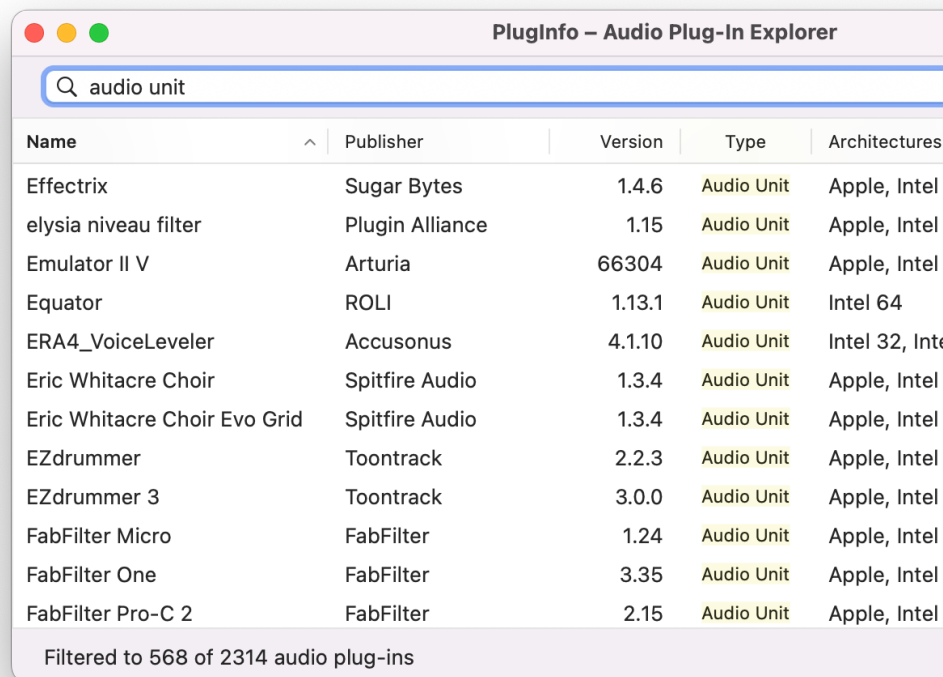
“ My Mac is not an M1 but this app is still very useful in finding the really old stuff that's accumulated over the years - the PowerPC 32/64 and Intel 32 only ones - I had quite a few of those! ”

Rob Aries, Keyboardist, Average White Band



“ Didn't know I needed it, now can't live without it! ”

Kevin Afflack, KA-Music President & Composer



About Kate Stone and ThinkerSnacks.com: Kate worked for decades at technology firms ranging from Microsoft to Apple to Amazon while wishing she had more time for music. She is not the Dr. Kate Stone currently serving as Chair of the MIDI Association Executive Board, but they both seem to find the coincidence amusing. Now retired, Kate devotes her time to composing for her non-existent cat and pursuing music-related software projects posted under the unlikely brand “ThinkerSnacks.com.” These efforts include PXToolkit, a freely available sample preparation tool for Sequential’s under-appreciated Prophet X. People kept asking for a way to send tips, so the token price of PlugInfo was chosen to encourage ongoing development of more music tech toys for the community.