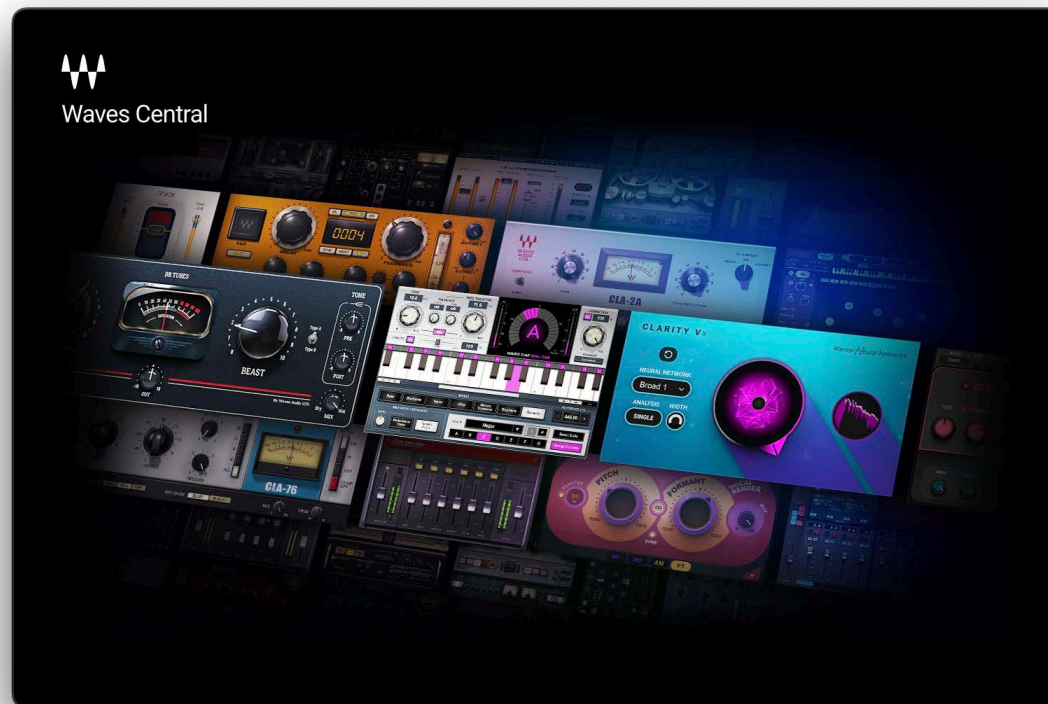




Waves Central

User Guide



Use Waves Central to install and activate the latest version of Waves products.

Waves Central can be downloaded [here](#).

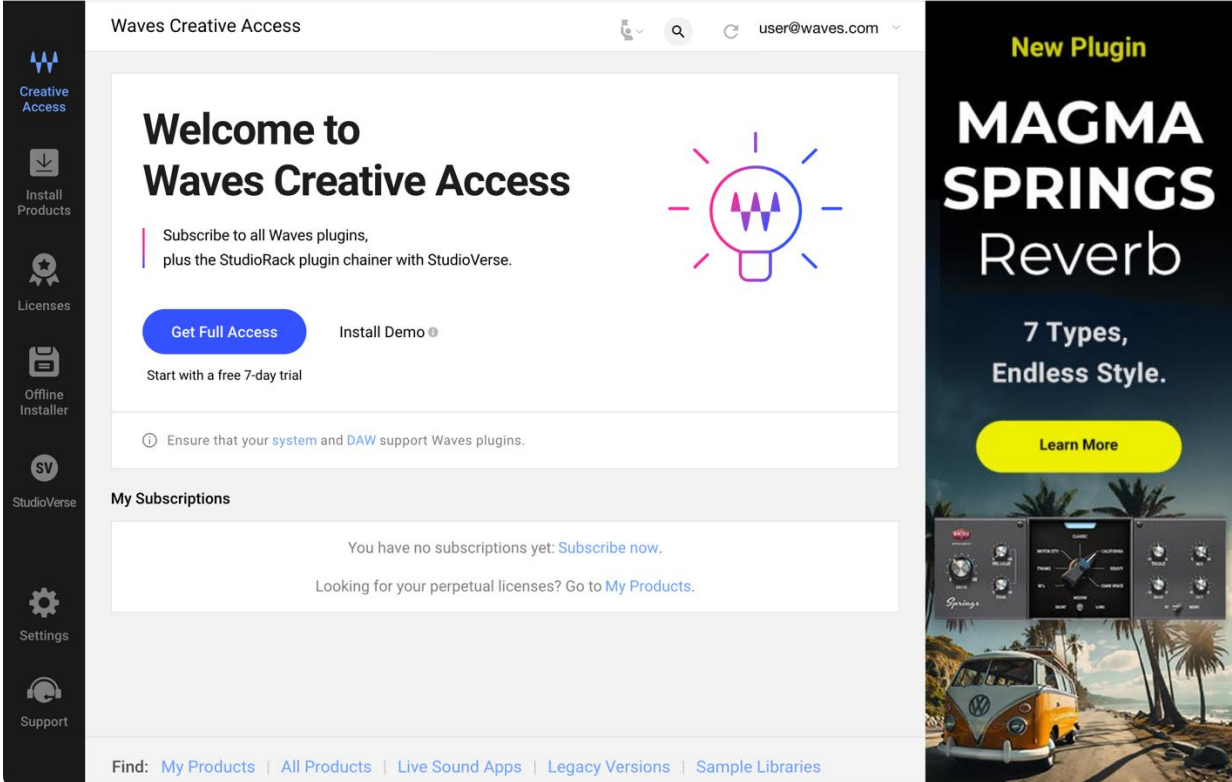
Navigating Waves Central

Waves Central is organized in seven pages that can be accessed via the tabs on the left side.

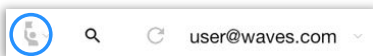
Want to learn more about a topic? Click the nearby [Learn More](#) button. This will take you to a detailed, up-to-date article that tells you what you need to know.

Diagram illustrating the Waves Creative Access interface layout:

- Main Section:** The central area containing the welcome message, subscription options, and product listings.
- Left Sidebar (Navigation Tabs):**
 - Manage plugin subscriptions
 - Install and activate Waves products
 - Manage and move licenses
 - Create and run offline installers
 - Get started with StudioVerse
 - File locations, privacy, maintenance
 - Support articles, specs, system information
- Right Sidebar (Promotional Banner):**
 - New Plugin: MAGMA SPRINGS Reverb
 - 7 Types, Endless Style.
 - Learn More button
 - Summary of pending install/activate activity



There are four useful tools at the top of the window:



Tour walks you through the most common processes in Waves Central. Click the Tours icon (circled) and select a tour from the menu.

Search helps you locate products directly.

Reload refreshes Central.

Username identifies the current Waves account. Click on the down arrow to review your account or log out.

Creative Access Page: Set Up a Subscription

The Creative Access page is the gateway to Waves Creative Access subscriptions. From here you can start, install, activate, and manage subscriptions, as well as get updates.

The screenshot shows the Waves Creative Access web interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with icons for Creative Access, Install Products, Licenses, Offline Installer, StudioVerse, Settings, and Support. The main content area has a header 'Waves Creative Access' and a user profile 'user@waves.com'. Below the header is a 'Welcome to Waves Creative Access' section with a lightbulb icon and three main buttons: 'Get Full Access' (with a 'Start with a free 7-day trial' note), 'Install Demo' (with a 'Try all Waves plugins in demo mode.' note), and 'Get Full Access' (with a 'Start a subscription.' note). A note below these buttons says 'Ensure that your system and DAW support Waves plugins.' Below this is a 'My Subscriptions' section stating 'You have no subscriptions yet: [Subscribe now.](#)' and 'Looking for your perpetual licenses? Go to [My Products.](#)'. At the bottom is a 'Find:' section with links to 'My Products', 'All Products', 'Live Sound Apps', 'Legacy Versions', and 'Sample Libraries'. On the right side of the page is a vertical banner for 'New Plugin MAGMA SPRINGS Reverb' with '7 Types, Endless Style.' and a 'Learn More' button. Below the banner is a small image of a vintage VW bus.

My Subscriptions
A list of your plugin subscriptions. To start a subscription, click "Subscribe Now."

My Products
Manage your perpetual licenses here.

My Products
A list of all Waves products for which you have a license.

All Products
A list of all Waves products.

Live Sound
A list of all available Waves Live sound applications and drivers.

Legacy Versions
Links to the offline Installers page for older versions of Waves products.

Sample Libraries
Takes you to a web page where you can download sample libraries for Waves virtual instruments.

Getting Started

To get started, you'll need a Waves account. If you've ever purchased a Waves product, you have one. If not, you can set one up from the waves.com home page.

[My Subscriptions](#) shows your Creative Access subscriptions. If you don't already have one, click [Get Full Access](#). This link will take you to the Waves Creative Access page, where you can start your subscription.

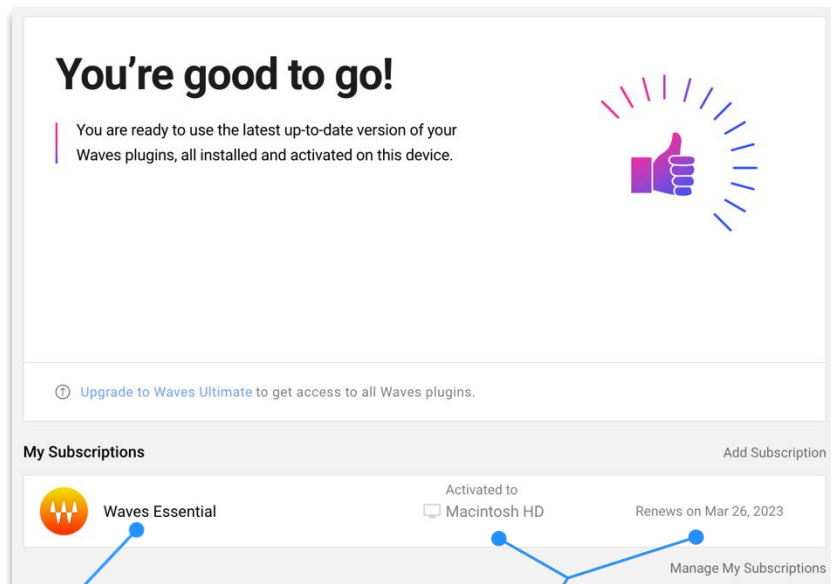
When you install and activate your subscription, you will be asked where you want to activate your license: on this computer or on a USB flash drive. You will also be asked if you want to download the Waves sample libraries. These libraries, which are used by the Waves sampler and virtual instruments, are very large. If you do not use these products, you may choose not to download the sample files now. You can always download them later.

Waves Central installs the entire catalog of Waves plugins, no matter which subscription you choose. This means you can always demo any plugin. If you load a plugin that's not in your subscription, it will work in a demo mode. The plugin will be fully functional, but there will be occasional mutes. If you later subscribe to the Waves Ultimate option, all Waves plugins will be available without audio mutes and your settings will remain intact.

Install and Activate Your Subscription Later

Install & Activate

If you're not ready to install and activate your Waves Creative Access subscription at the time of purchase, don't click [Install & Activate](#) on the waves.com purchase page. You can install this later with Waves Central.



Subscription Options

If you have more than one subscription, they will all show here.

Subscription Status

Shows the status and location of the license and date of the next automatic payment.

Manage Your Subscription

This takes you to the **My Subscription** page in your Waves account.

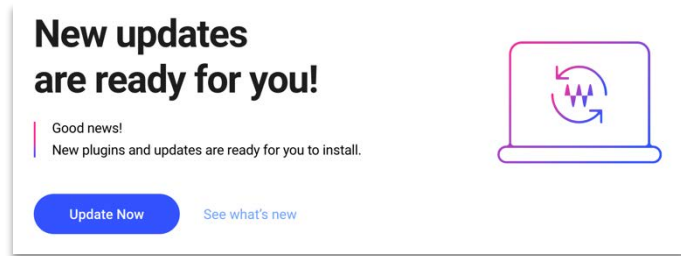
You can also install and activate from the Waves Central Creative Access page by clicking [Install & Activate](#). If you have already installed the plugins, you will see only [Activate](#) on the button.

[Learn More](#)

Once your subscription is ready to go, you'll see this page.

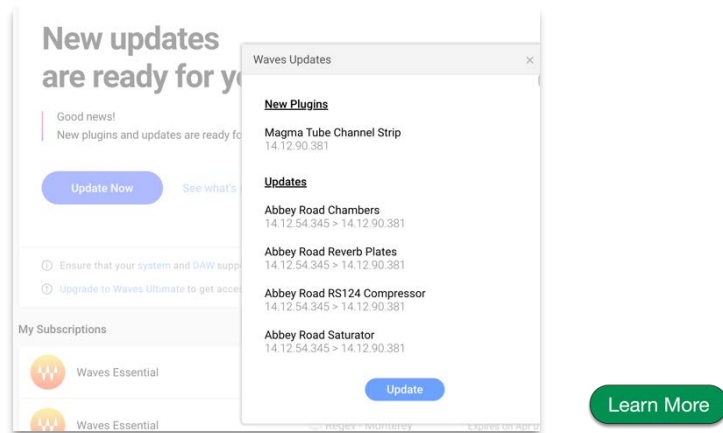
Creative Access Updates

When new plugins are available for your Waves Creative Access subscription, a blue Update button will appear on the Waves Creative Access page.



Click the Update button to see a list of updates that will be installed. If a new plugin is available, it will appear at the top of the list. Click the [Update](#) button in this window to update/install plugins.

We recommend that you regularly visit Waves Central to check for updates.



Install and Activate Products

The Install and Activate Products page shows all Waves products. Here you can install and activate your products, update products, and find legacy product installers. If you have subscribed to Waves Creative Access—and have no other Waves products—you will probably not need to visit this page, since you can manage your subscription in the Creative Access page.

The screenshot shows the 'Install and Activate Products' interface. Annotations include:

- My Products**: A list of your Waves products (points to the 'MY PRODUCTS' tab).
- Plugin Subscriptions**: View subscriptions (points to the 'PLUGIN SUBSCRIPTIONS' tab).
- All Products**: A list of all Waves products (points to the 'ALL PRODUCTS' tab).
- View**: Filter by version, subscriptions, and applications (points to the 'View' dropdown).
- Current Version**: (White background) (points to the 'CLA Nx' row).
- Selected Product**: (points to the 'Waves Essential' row).
- Legacy Version**: (Striped background) Click "Learn More" to download this version. (points to the 'Torque' row).
- Activated License Location and Status**: (points to the 'Activated' column header).
- Product Not Installed**: (points to the 'Installed' column header).
- Selected Products**: Review selected products. Choose destinations for license and sample libraries. (points to the right sidebar).

Product	License location	Activated	Installed
API 550 V14.0.0 Visit store page	Not Activated	—	✓
BB Tubes V14.0.0 Visit store page	Macintosh HD	✓	✓
CLA Nx V14.0.0 Visit store page	Macintosh HD	✓	—
Gold + RenMaxx V14.0.0 Visit store page	Macintosh HD	✓	✓
Inspire Virtual Instruments Collection V13.0.0 Visit store page	Macintosh HD	✓	—
Waves Essential SD HD	Not Activated	—	—
Torque V13.0.0 Visit store page	Macintosh HD	✓	—



A small notepad icon indicates that there is more than one plugin associated with this download. Click to see its contents.

Updates available

This notification appears when product updates are available. These may include product improvements or bug fixes. This updates all plugins to the latest version, so it can take a few minutes. A restart may be required.

[Learn More](#)

My Products

- Use the [View](#) menu to show only the products you want to see.
- You can install the current product version online. Click the button next to the product name to add product to the install queue. Your selections will appear in the [Selected Products](#) list on the right. Click the X to remove products from the queue.
- If you are installing sample libraries, you can select between the SD and HD versions, or none.
- Click [Install](#) to install the selected products. If there are licenses to be activated, choose the device where you want to send them (your computer or a USB flash drive). Click [Install and Activate](#).
- If your list includes products of a previous version, you will see [Learn More](#) on the right side. This takes you to a link where you can download the offline installer for that version.

Plugin Subscriptions

- Shows the Waves subscriptions available for installation and activation.

All Products

- View and install the current version of all Waves products, whether or not you have a license.
- SoundGrid applications are not licensed under a subscription; activate their licenses separately.

Manage Licenses

Use the Licenses page to activate, move, deactivate, or recover a license.

Licenses

NOT ACTIVATED | CONNECTED DEVICES | DISCONNECTED DEVICES

View | All

Export licenses status to a CSV file.

Licenses selected for activation.

Activate

Selected Products

Review selected licenses. Choose destinations for license and sample libraries. Important notices are

Activate

Summary

Gold + RenMaxx
V14.0.0 | Full License
14500E54C5CC48EE9E3F9466EBF53A58

Inspire Virtual Instruments Colle...
V13.0.0 | Full License
0611CF405B2742F2AC25C27D25C63F...

Target for Licenses:
Macintosh HD

Selected Products

Review selected licenses. Choose destinations for license and sample libraries. Important notices are

Activate

Waves Creative Access

Start Free Now

Spherix Immersive Compressor & Limiter
V14.0.0 | TLN 365 Days
Expires on Jul 31, 2023

Remind me

Central can remind you that it's nearing time to renew a license. [Remind Me](#) sets a reminder in your personal calendar. Open the drop-down menu to choose your calendar.

Not Activated

This is a list of your licenses that are not activated to a device.

To activate a license:

- Select your product licenses (they will appear in the summary on the right).
- Click [Activate](#).

The selected license is activated to your computer or a USB flash drive. When a license has been activated on a device, it will no longer appear in this list.

[Learn More](#)

Connected Devices

This shows the licenses activated on this computer or on a USB flash drive connected to it.

To deactivate a license:

- Select your products.
- Click [Deactivate](#) (the license moves to your Not Activated list).

[Learn More](#)

Disconnected Devices

This is a list of your licenses on devices that are not connected to this computer. It can be used to recover a license from a device that has been damaged or lost.

To recover a license:

- Select the products.
- Click [Recover](#) (default).

The selected license is sent back to your Not Activated list or to a connected device. You can recover a license once per year.

[Learn More](#)

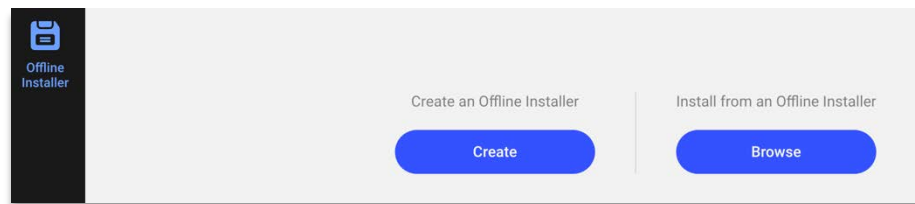
Offline Installer

Only the current version of Waves products can be installed online with Waves Central. There are, however, occasions when you cannot, or do not want to, install online, such as when you:

- install older versions of Waves products,
- install Waves products to a computer that is not connected to the internet.

In these cases, you can create an offline installer, a one-click customizable tool for product installation.

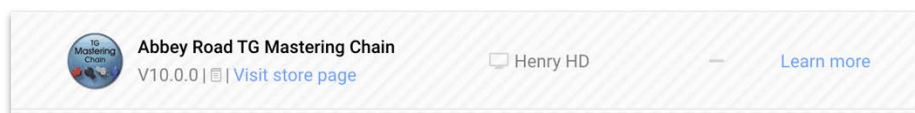
Install from an Offline Installer



To install from an offline installer, follow these steps:

- Click [Browse](#).
- Navigate to the offline installer and select it. You can open the installer folder and click on the “install.cen” file or drag the installer directly onto the Waves Central interface.
- Click [Install](#).

[Learn More](#)



If your list of products in the My Products tab of the Install Products page includes products of a previous version, you will see [Learn More](#) on the right side. This takes you to a link where you can download the offline installer for that version.

[Learn More](#)

Create an Offline Installer

To create an offline installer of current Waves software, follow these steps:

- Click [Create](#). Select the products for your offline installer.
- In the Selected Products panel, choose a platform according to the target offline computer (Mac or Windows).
- Click [Create an Installer](#).

Note: An offline installer does not include your license. Use the Licenses page to transfer licenses. If you want to move between host computers, you may choose to activate your license to a USB flash drive rather than your host computer's drive. A legacy product will work with a newer license, so you can combine a subscription with your legacy plugins.

StudioVerse

This is your introduction to StudioVerse. From this page you can visit the StudioVerse web site to learn what StudioVerse has to offer. Or you can install the entire the Waves plugins library so that you can demo all the StudioVerse plugin chains.

A plugin chain is a record of the structure, plugins, and settings of a StudioRack. It is a comprehensive snapshot of the chain. StudioVerse lets you store and recall your chains online, so you have access to them from any location. But that's just the beginning: StudioVerse is an online community where you can post your chains and share them with other users or load chains from industry-leading pros. StudioVerse can even scan a track and recommend chains based on the sonic fingerprint of your track.

A StudioVerse chain includes macros that help you adjust the chain's controls, based on sound attributes, not numbers.

StudioVerse

user@waves.com

Welcome to Waves StudioVerse

StudioVerse is Waves' AI-powered online community for plugin chain presets. It opens from the Waves StudioRack plugin chainer, giving you instant access to thousands of plugin chains. [Learn more.](#)

You can use StudioVerse just with the plugins you already have (this will limit the chains you can use).

Or, access all plugins and all chains by installing a demo of all Waves Plugins (This demo is not time-limited but will introduce audio mutes).

[Demo all Waves plugins](#) [Install just StudioRack](#)

ⓘ Ensure that your [system](#) and [DAW](#) support Waves plugins.

📁 Start a free [Waves Creative Access](#) plugin subscription (includes StudioRack).

Demo all Waves plugins

(Available if your Waves plugins are older than V13.)

Installs all Waves plugins, including plugins for which you don't hold a license. All plugins in a chain will load, and the chain will perform as expected, but unlicensed plugins will exhibit periodic audio mutes.

Choose whether you want to download the sample files for the Waves sampler or instruments. If you don't use Waves instruments, do not download the samples, as these folders are quite large.

Please review the following options:

Samples for Waves instruments and sampler

☒ Don't install samples (Samples are already installed)

[Continue](#)

Install just StudioRack

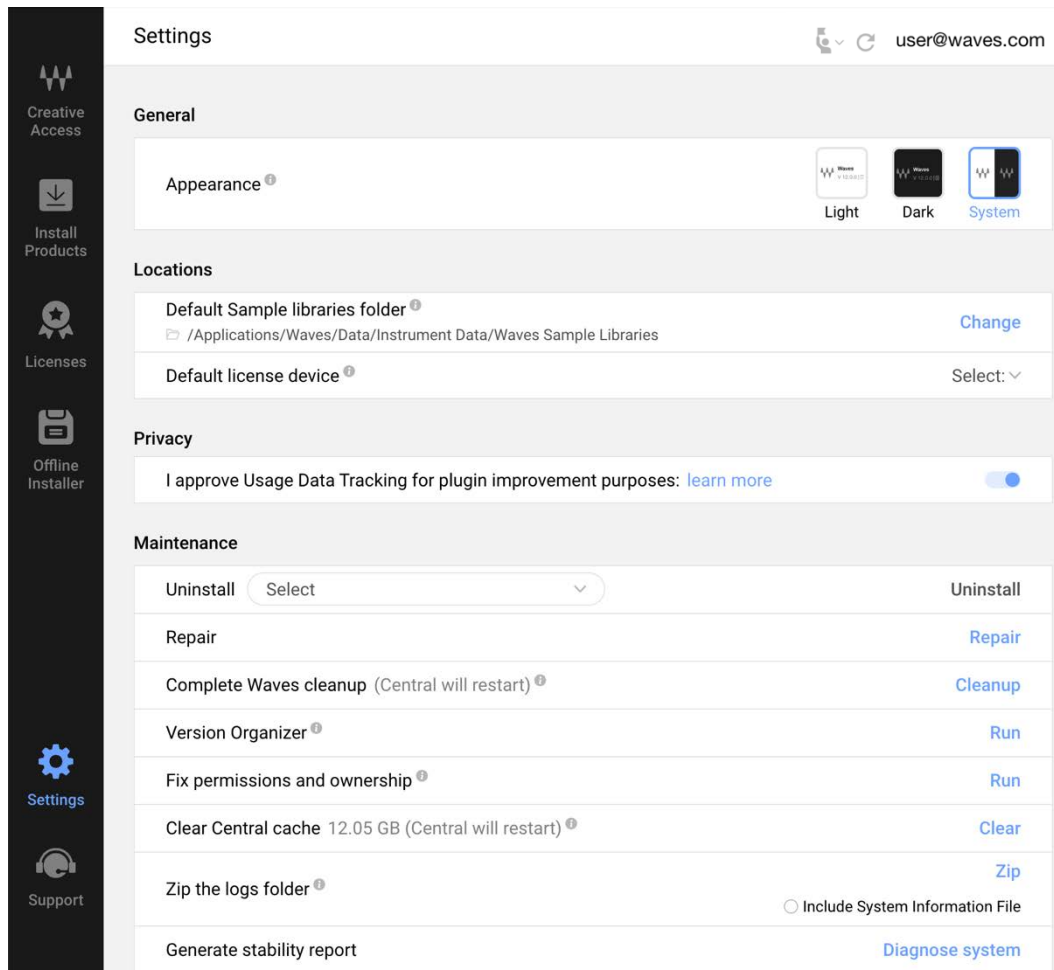
(All plugins are current, but StudioRack is not installed or is not up to date.)

Installs the current version of StudioRack, without the plugins.

[Learn More](#)

Settings

The Settings page is used to control the look of the interface and the default file locations, as well as to clean up your plugins files. Each control has a [tooltip](#) or a prompt that explains its function.



General

Set the look of the interface.

Locations

Define where sample libraries are stored and set the default location of the license.

Privacy

Allow Waves to collect plugin usage data for product improvement.


Maintenance


Tools for troubleshooting and cleaning up your system. Supplies system information to Waves technical support, if necessary.


The first time you launch Waves Central, or if Central detects a permissions problem, it will automatically repair Waves file and folders permissions and ownership to ensure a clean installation. If you later encounter installation problems, you can run “Fix permissions and Ownership” manually.


Support


The Support page answers questions about installing, managing, and updating your Waves products. You will also find technical requirements, system information, release notes, and contact information on this page.


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Need more help? Get in touch: [Email Tech Support](#) | [1-865-909-9200 ext.1](#) (Long distance charges may apply)

Waves technical support contact information is shown at the bottom of the page.