



SoftStep Converter & Librarian Reference Manual

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About the SoftStep Scene Librarian

The Scene Librarian can be used to transfer scenes and presets from one SoftStep preset folder to another. You would want to do this when updating to a new software version if you wish to transfer your presets from the previous version's preset folder. This will allow you to add your own presets from earlier version to the list of current factory presets so that you can keep all of the most recent versions of the factory presets.

Perhaps the most exciting use of the Scene Librarian is being able to easily share scenes with other SoftStep users. The Librarian makes it possible for SoftStep users to send each other preset folders so that others can load them up, choose a scene and add that scene to their Scene list and save it into their own Preset folder.

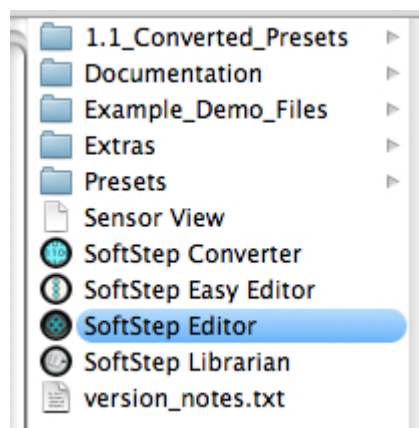
Before getting started

Before opening up the SoftStep Scene Librarian you will need to know a few things.

Make sure you do not move any files or folders out of the SoftStep Music Applications directory. The application files and folders must remain as they are after installing.

To the right is an image of what the Mac directory will look like. You can see the Presets folder where version 1.2's presets are located. This folder must be named Presets and must stay in the same folder with the SoftStep Editor application and the SoftStep Librarian. You should not keep other Presets folders in this directory.

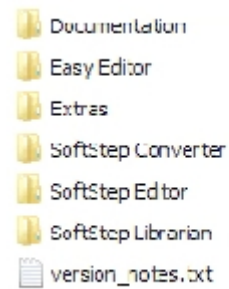
Also note the SoftStep Converter application and the 1.1_Converted_Presets folder. These should also stay put.



To the right is an image of the Windows directory.

The Presets folder is located within the SoftStep Editor folder with the SoftStep Editor. Do not move these out of this folder. The Presets folder should not be renamed and should be the only Presets folder in the SoftStep Editor directory.

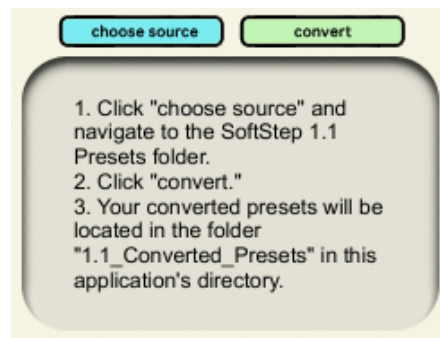
Also note the SoftStep Converter folder. This contains the SoftStep Converter and the 1.1_Converted_Presets folder. These should not be moved.



SoftStep Converter

If you have scenes you wish to use from the SoftStep Music Application Version 1.1, one thing you may wish to do is use the SoftStep Converter to convert your presets to the correct format for use in the current version of the SoftStep Editor (V1.2).

Below is an image of the SoftStep Converter application:



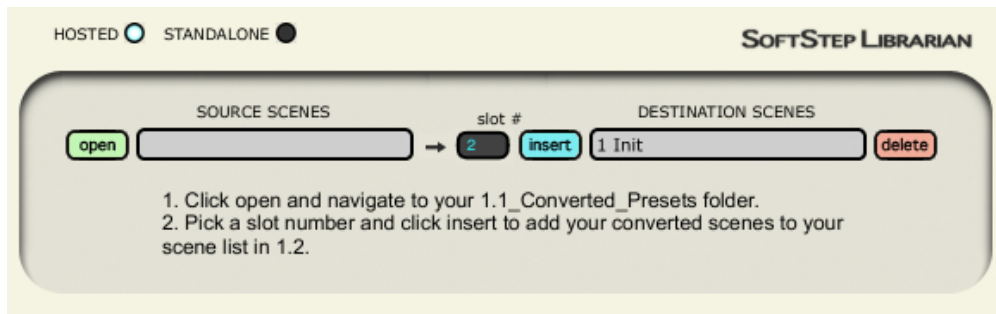
Follow the Steps below to use the SoftStep Converter:

1. open the SoftStep Converter app
2. click "choose source" and navigate to your presets folder from version 1.1 (this should not be moved into the SoftStep 1.2 directory)
3. click the "convert" button and wait until the converting process is finished.
4. exit the Converter

You converted Presets are now located in the 1.1_Converted_Presets folder. You may now open up the SoftStep Scene Librarian to copy the scenes you want into the current Presets folder.

Overview

When you first open up the SoftStep Scene Librarian be sure to wait until the application fully loads. This may take a minute or two but when it finishes loading this is what you will see:



The Scene Librarian works with 2 preset folders, the **Source Scenes** and the **Destination Scenes**. The Source Scenes menu contains the scenes you are copying from. The Destination Scenes menu references the preset folder that is in the SoftStep directory with the SoftStep Editor. This will be where the scenes save.

The first thing you will want to do is click the **open** button so you can load in the preset folder from which you will be copying. Navigate to the preset folder of your choice and click choose. The list of Scenes from that preset folder will now be available from the Source Scenes menu. (Note: use the 1.1_Converted_Presets folder as your source if you are transferring your presets from version 1.1 of the SoftStep software. Make sure you've already used the SoftStep Converter to get them into the Converted Presets folder in the correct format).

Now you can choose your scene(s) from the list of sources. If you are in **Hosted** mode the Source Scenes and Destination Scenes that appear will be the scenes that are available in Hosted mode. In **Standalone** mode both menus will both show their Standalone scenes.

When you have chosen a scene you can select a slot number and click the insert button. If you select a slot number that is already taken by one of the scenes in the destinations list, your scene will not replace this scene but rather cause all scenes after it to shift their slot numbers.



You can insert as many scenes as you wish in both Hosted mode and Standalone mode. You can also use the delete button to delete selected destination scenes. This is particularly useful if you accidentally place a scene in a slot you are unhappy with.



Now your inserted scenes will be available in the scene lists when you open up the SoftStep application!

The scenes are stored in the Presets folder in the SoftStep 1.2 directory folder (Windows users will find this folder within the SoftStep Editor folder inside the SoftStep directory). The Presets folder you used as your sources will still be in tact in the location you stored them prior to using the SoftStep Scene Librarian.