

025:250 COMPOSITION: ELECTRONIC MEDIA I

Fall 2009

Track Controls in Pro Tools

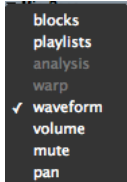
1. The track controls are on the left side of the edit window. Each track has a set of controls like the one shown below:



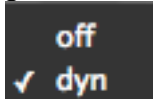
- a. The track name is "Audio 1." This can be changed to a new name, if desired.
- b. Underneath the track name are 3 buttons, shown below:



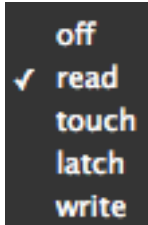
- c. The button on the left arms the track for recording, as discussed earlier in class.
- d. The middle button, S, solos the track.
- e. The button on the right, R, mutes the track.
- f. Selecting the word "waveform" brings up a menu like the one shown below:



- f. This menu will be discussed in class.
- g. The button labeled "dy" brings up a menu like the one below:



- h. The option "dyn" should be selected.
- i. The button labeled "read" brings up a menu like the one shown below:

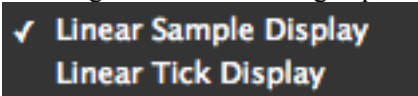


- i. The "read" options should be selected.

2. Other functions in the track controls display are discussed below.
- a. In the top right corner of the controls is a clock icon and white downward arrow, as shown below:

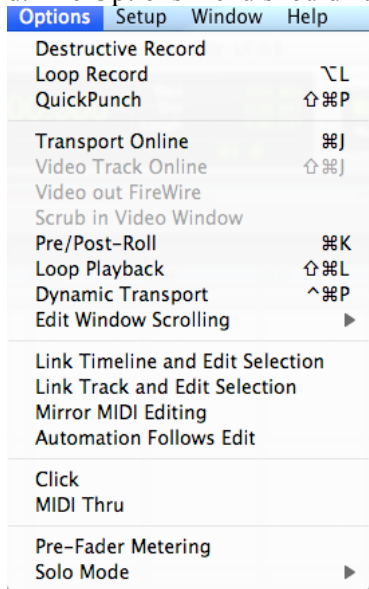


- b. Clicking on the arrow brings up a menu like the one shown below:

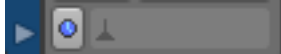


Select “Linear Sample Display,” as will be discussed in class.

- c. The meter on the right side of the controls displays the loudness of the sounds, as will be discussed in class.
- d. The Options menu should have “Pre-Fader Metering” unchecked, as shown below:

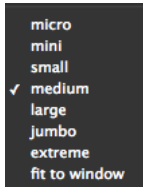


- e. The lower area of the controls looks like the image shown below:

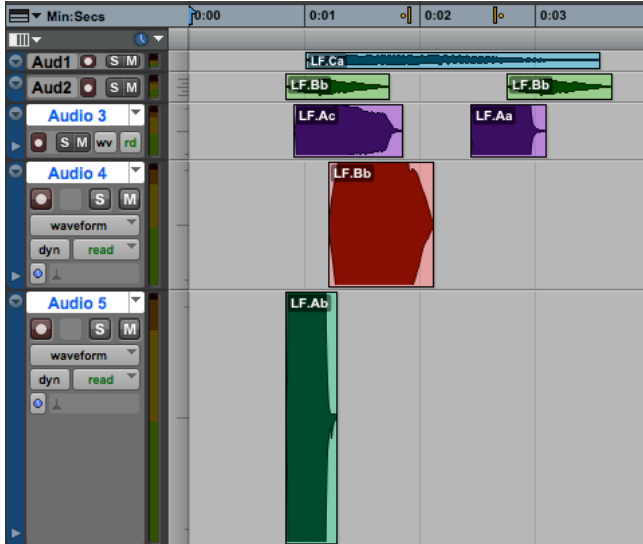


- f. The arrow on the left activates the automation lane, as discussed in class.
- g. These functions to the right of the arrow will be discussed later in class.

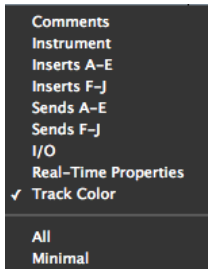
3. The controls in the upper left area of the track controls will be discussed below.
 - a. The arrow in the upper left corner brings up a menu like the one below:



- b. The menu items select the size of the track, as shown below:



- c. The arrow to the right of the track size arrow brings up a menu like the one below:



- d. These menu items select functions displayed to the right of the track controls, as shown below:

