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DeckFields next to the well-known DJ programs

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DeckFields is DJ software for Mac and Windows (desktop app), with a browser version and an Android tablet version, all with one licence. Here it stands next to five well-known DJ programs, feature by feature, so you can see what DeckFields has that the others do not — and what it does not have (yet).

Signs: ✓ has it · ✗ does not have it · ~ partly, or only with extra hardware, software or another app · ? not confirmed in the sources. Data on the other programs: their own websites, release notes and the trade press, as published on 4 November 2026, DJ.Studio on 7 November 2026 (sources at the end). Features and prices change; check with the maker before you buy. Traktor, rekordbox, Serato, VirtualDJ, djay, DJ.Studio, Ableton Live and MPC are trademarks of their owners; DeckFields is not affiliated with them.

Only in DeckFields

✓	Only in DeckFields	Note
✓	One USB stick for rekordbox, Serato, Engine DJ and Traktor players at once, written straight from DeckFields; DJ sticks and libraries of five programs read and written both ways (desktop app)	Not found in the published features of the five others.
✓	REC & REPLAY: record a whole set, every move of knobs, faders, effects and stems, and play it back on the decks — the faders move by themselves	None of the five other programs does this.
✓	PreMix Studio: pre-mix sets on a timeline, with transitions that really drive the DeckFields mixer; fine-tune recorded sets move by move; export to Ableton Live, MPC XL, Logic Pro, FL Studio and any DAW; tempo meets in the middle before each blend and glides back, like a DJ does	Unique in this combination.
✓	STEMS with their own effects per part: 4-band EQ, gate, compressor, delay and reverb sends, presets — and everything recorded too	The others have stems, but with fewer or no effects per part.
✓	MIDI timecode (MTC) to lights, video or a DAW, and the stem levels as MIDI to lights and visuals	With the others only through extra software or plug-ins.
✓	Each part on its own screen (decks, mixer, pads, library, MIX IDEAS, set-time screen, Song Editor)	Unique to this extent.
✓	Club players follow DeckFields (LEAD) and DeckFields follows the players	rekordbox and VirtualDJ work with the players, but do not let the players follow.
✓	Blend/mashup finder on phrases and energy per phrase	None of the five in this form.
✓	Pads with 4 effect corners + pad sequencer + 20 pad effects with a setup page	Unique.
✓	Setup page with a live picture for every Beat FX and Send FX effect, GATE FILTER on 16 steps	Unique in this form.
✓	Tablets as remotes: PADS, SEQUENCER, MIXER or CLOCK, several tablets at once — no app, through the browser	Only VirtualDJ has a remote app (bought separately).
✓	Set time: clock, elapsed and countdown of the set length, large on its own screen; last 30 s red	Unique.
✓	Runs as a desktop app, as one file in the browser without installation, and on an Android tablet — with one licence	None of the five.
✓	Licence per customer — a DJ, an artist or a company — with several computers, 30 days offline	Handy for a DJ with a laptop and a studio computer, and for DJ schools, clubs and rental companies.

Feature by feature

Playing and decks	DeckFields 4.2.3	Traktor Pro 4	rekordbox 7	Serato DJ Pro 4	VirtualDJ 2026	djay Pro
4 decks	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hot cues with name and colour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	~
Adjust a cue/loop with the jog or by tapping the waveform, and save it back to a hot cue	✓	~	~	~	~	~
Automatic cues from the song structure (phrases, drops, mix points)	✓	✗	~	✗	✗	~
Phrase analysis (intro, drive, break, drop) on the overview	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗
Energy 1–10 per track and per phrase	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Flexible / dynamic beat grid	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Key shift with a separately saved copy (the original stays untouched)	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Play backwards (DIRECTION / reverse) as a button or lever	✓	~ via mapping	✓	✓	✓	✓
START ON / STOP ON: start or stop on the next beat or bar	✓	✗	~	✗	?	✗
Zoom level 0–100 saved per track	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Stems: separate vocals, drums, bass and melody and switch each part on or off	✓ desktop app	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Effects per stem: 4-band EQ, gate, compressor, delay and reverb sends, presets	✓	~	~	~	~	~
Stem levels as MIDI to lights and visuals	✓	✗	✗	✗	?	✗
SONG EDITOR / track editor: your own edit of a track (cut, repeat, move by the bar, fades) saved as a new file	✓ desktop app, PreMix Pro	✗	✓	✗	?	✗

Mixer and effects	DeckFields 4.2.3	Traktor Pro 4	rekordbox 7	Serato DJ Pro 4	VirtualDJ 2026	djay Pro
4-channel mixer with isolator EQ, filter with resonance, sends	✓	✓	✓	~	✓	~
Beat FX of a club mixer, with a setup page and live picture per effect	✓	~	~	✗	✗	✗
Send/return FX with their own settings (incl. GATE FILTER on 16 steps)	✓	✗	~	✗	~	✗
Separate performance-effects block after the master (scenes, release echo)	✓	✗	~	✗	✗	✗
Pads with 4 effect corners (XY under the finger)	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Built-in drum step sequencer	✓	✓	✓	✗	?	✓
Sampler / pads with your own sounds	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Save and open a pad set: 4 banks with effects and sequencer in one set	✓	✗	~	~	?	?
Sound packs (pads) for sale from the maker	✓	~	✓	✓	✓	~
VST plug-ins	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗
Loudness maximizer on the master	~	✓	✗	✗	?	✗

Mixer and effects	DeckFields 4.2.3	Traktor Pro 4	rekordbox 7	Serato DJ Pro 4	VirtualDJ 2026	djay Pro
Mastering in the program: a song, a mix or a recorded set through nine stages, with a loudness target (LUFS) and a true-peak ceiling, exported as WAV, AIFF, FLAC or MP3 (new in 4.1.17)	✓ PreMix Pro	✗	?	?	?	?
External input on a mixer channel: a turntable, CD player or line source through your audio interface, with the EQ, filter, fader and effects of the program (new in 4.2)	✓	✓	?	?	✓	?
The external input recorded as its own track of the recorded set, to edit afterwards (new in 4.2)	✓	?	?	?	?	?

Library and preparation	DeckFields 4.2.3	Traktor Pro 4	rekordbox 7	Serato DJ Pro 4	VirtualDJ 2026	djay Pro
Analysis on import: BPM, key, beat grid, energy, phrases	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Next-track suggestions on key, tempo and energy	✓	~	✓	~	✓	✓
Pre-listen a library track on the headphones without loading it on a deck (new in 4.1.17)	✓	✓	✓	?	?	?
Blend/mashup finder: which part of another track fits over the coming phrase	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	~
Import a rekordbox collection (XML) and USB stick	✓	~	✓	~	✓	?
Your own cues back to rekordbox (XML export)	✓ also Traktor NML and DJ USB sticks	✗	✓	✗	?	✗
Edit title, artist and tags, written into the file (MP3, WAV, AIFF, FLAC)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	?
Streaming services (Beatport, TIDAL, SoundCloud, Apple Music …)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cloud library / sync between computers	✓ own cloud folder	✗	✓	✗	✓	~
Two DJs share one library: cues, beat grids and playlists one DJ sets come to the other DJ (shared cloud folder; manual 14.4b)	✓ shared cloud folder	?	?	?	?	?
Smart playlists	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	?
AI playlists from a plain-language request	✓ typed or spoken	✗	✗	✗	~	✗

Exchange with other DJ programs (new in 4.1.12)	DeckFields 4.2.3	Traktor Pro 4	rekordbox 7	Serato DJ Pro 4	VirtualDJ 2026	djay Pro
Plug in a CDJ (rekordbox) USB stick and play it with its cues and beat grid, no XML step	✓ app	~ OneLibrary sticks	✓	?	✓	~ OneLibrary sticks
Write a USB stick for every CDJ / XDJ player since the CDJ-2000 (classic rekordbox format)	✓ app	✗	✓	?	✓ CDJ Export	✗
Write the newest Pioneer DJ / AlphaTheta library (OneLibrary)	✓ app	~ announced	✓	?	✓	✓
Read and write a Serato library on a USB stick	✓ app	?	?	✓	~ reads	~ reads
Read and write an Engine DJ library on a USB stick (Denon DJ, Numark, Rane players)	✓ app	?	?	?	?	?
Read and write Traktor collection files (NML)	✓ app	✓	?	?	~ reads	~ reads
Read and write the VirtualDJ library	✓ app	?	?	?	✓	?
One USB stick for rekordbox, Serato, Engine DJ and Traktor at once	✓ app	?	?	?	?	?
Sees a DJ USB stick when it is plugged in and offers its cues and playlists	✓ app	?	✓	?	✓	?

Automatic mixing	DeckFields 4.2.3	Traktor Pro 4	rekordbox 7	Serato DJ Pro 4	VirtualDJ 2026	djay Pro
Automix on the beat (beat-matched)	✓	~	✓	~	✓	✓
Automix with queue, recipe and plan (which track, which deck, which bar)	✓	✗	~	✗	~	~

Hardware and connections	DeckFields 4.2.3	Traktor Pro 4	rekordbox 7	Serato DJ Pro 4	VirtualDJ 2026	djay Pro
MIDI controllers with MIDI LEARN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Large library of ready-made controller mappings	~	~	✓	✓	✓	✓
CDJ-3000 as a controller (MIDI)	✓	~	✓	~	✓	~
CDJ-3000 over USB as a deck (HID): waveforms, beat grid, cover and cues on the player screen (new in 4.1.14)	✓ app 1.6.22	✓	✓	✓	✓	~ Mac only
Memory cues stored, called and deleted with the buttons of the CDJ-3000 (new in 4.1.14)	✓ app	?	✓	?	?	?
Follow club players on the link network (tempo, beat, position)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Let club players follow the software (LEAD)	✓	✗	✗	✗	?	✗
Each mixer channel separately to an external club mixer (DESK mode)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	~
DVS (timecode vinyl)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tempo and beat in sync with Ableton Live and other Link apps (Link)	✓ LINK SYNC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MIDI clock out on the beat of the master deck, for drum machines, synths and DAWs (new in 4.1.17)	✓	✓	?	~ extra hardware or app	?	~ Link only
Running light shows (DMX) — with DeckFields through MIDI timecode and stem levels to a lighting desk or lighting program	~ via MTC/MIDI	✗	✓	~	?	✗

Record, replay and PreMix	DeckFields 4.2.3	Traktor Pro 4	rekordbox 7	Serato DJ Pro 4	VirtualDJ 2026	djay Pro
Record the mix as audio (WAV)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Record the set as a 24-bit WAV (new in 4.2.2)	✓	✗ 16-bit only	✗	✓	?	?
REC & REPLAY: record every move (knobs, faders, effects, scratch, stems) and play it back on the decks	✓ desktop app	✗	✗	✗	?	✗
MIDI timecode (MTC) out to lights, video or a DAW	✓	~ MIDI clock only	~ extra software	?	~ plug-in	✗
Track timecode per song for programmed light and laser shows: LTC audio and Art-Net, next to MIDI timecode (new in 4.1.17)	✓ LTC · Art-Net: app 1.6.24	?	?	?	✗	?
Show control out: tempo and triggers (hot cue, phrase, time in the track) as OSC to lighting, laser and video programs (new in 4.1.17)	~ app 1.6.24	?	?	?	~ OSC query / subscribe (2026)	?
Pre-mix editor: a set on a timeline, with transitions that really drive its own mixer	✓ PreMix	✗	~	✗	~	✗
Stem moves and stem effects as lanes, keyframes and automation in the pre-mix	✓ PreMix	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Fine-tune a recorded live set move by move	✓ PreMix	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Export a pre-mix to Ableton Live, MPC XL, Logic Pro, FL Studio and any DAW	✓ PreMix	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Pre-mix tempo like a DJ: meets in the middle before the blend, beat on beat through it, then glides back slowly	✓ PreMix	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

Record, replay and PreMix	DeckFields 4.2.3	Traktor Pro 4	rekordbox 7	Serato DJ Pro 4	VirtualDJ 2026	djay Pro
Best order by key and BPM, with per track what moves and why (keep, cancel or change each one)	✓ PreMix	✗	~ suggestions	✗	~ suggestions	✗
Pre-mix out as a DJ set to rekordbox, Traktor or a CDJ USB stick, with memory cues	✓ PreMix	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Pre-mix as one mix file with loudness (LUFS) and true-peak limiter, plus tracklist	✓ PreMix	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Pre-mix with every track in its own key at any tempo, in play and in every export (KEEP KEY, new in 4.2.2)	✓ PreMix	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Tracks of a pre-mix levelled by measured loudness (LUFS), GAIN as an automation lane, and the set out as separate songs (new in 4.1.17)	✓ PreMix	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Learn your own blend style from the blends you made, save it and reuse it in every next mix (MY STYLE)	✓ PreMix	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

Screen and stage	DeckFields 4.2.3	Traktor Pro 4	rekordbox 7	Serato DJ Pro 4	VirtualDJ 2026	djay Pro
Each part (deck, mixer, pads, library, time, Song Editor) on its own screen	✓	✗	✗	✗	~	✗
Large set-time screen: clock, elapsed, remaining + countdown of the set length	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Last 30 s: red blinking time + flashing overview	✓	~	✓	~	?	?
Video mixing / visuals	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Link with the Sindare stage visuals (DotFields, VeilFields …)	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Karaoke / lyrics	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Live broadcasting (stream)	~ via OBS	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗

Platform, licence and price	DeckFields 4.2.3	Traktor Pro 4	rekordbox 7	Serato DJ Pro 4	VirtualDJ 2026	djay Pro
Mac and Windows	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	~
Runs in the browser without installation (one file)	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Tablet control (touch layout)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tablet or phone as a remote for the laptop (pads, sequencer, mixer, clock), several at once	✓	✗	✗	✗	~ separate app	✗
Free version	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Licence per customer (DJ, artist or company) with several computers, 30 days offline	✓	✗	~	✗	~	✗
Price model	€9.99/mo · PreMix from €9.99/mo	$149 one-off	$10–30/mo (yearly) or free	$11.99/mo or $299	Pro $19/mo	PRO subscription

Good to know: what DeckFields does not have (yet)

✗	Not in DeckFields	What that means
✗	Streaming services (Beatport, TIDAL, SoundCloud …)	DeckFields plays the music on your own computer or USB stick: WAV, MP3, FLAC, AIFF, M4A, OGG.
✗	DVS (timecode vinyl / CD)	Scratching with real records needs another program.
✗	Ready-made mappings for every controller	The CDJ-3000 works over USB as a full deck (4.1.14); 120 controllers and players are recognised by themselves; any other MIDI controller is linked with MIDI LEARN.
✗	Free version	No free version; a demo licence is available on request.
✗	DMX straight to the lamps	DeckFields drives lights through MIDI timecode (MTC) and the stem levels as MIDI to a lighting desk or lighting program, which drives the lamps over DMX. A MIDI interface or a virtual MIDI port is enough.
✗	Live broadcasting from inside the program	You stream with OBS Studio (free); DeckFields gives OBS a now-playing card with title, artist, BPM and key, and writes the tracklist with times.
✗	Video mixing, karaoke, VST plug-ins	Not in DeckFields. Video programs can follow the MIDI timecode.

Prices per program

Prices of the other programs as the makers or the trade press publish them in 2025–2026, mostly in US dollars without VAT.

Program	Model	Price	What you get	Free?
DeckFields 4.2.3	Subscription	€9.99 per month · €49.99 per 6 months · €89.99 per year (incl. 21 % VAT, beta prices) · customers of a DeckFields partner: 1 month extra free with the partner code	All DeckFields features; licence per customer (DJ, artist or company), several computers, 30 days offline	No free version (demo licences by name)
PreMix (on DeckFields)	Monthly subscription on top of a DeckFields plan	Per month · per 6 months · per year: Basic: €9.99 · €49.95 · €89.91 Stems: €29.00 · €145.00 · €261.00 early bird €15.00 · €75.00 · €135.00 Pro: €35.00 · €175.00 · €315.00 early bird €20.00 · €100.00 · €180.00 Early bird = the first 12 months; incl. 21 % VAT	Basic: PreMix Studio, REC & REPLAY, MIDI timecode, export to MPC XL and Ableton · Stems: Basic plus STEMS with effects per stem · Pro: Stems plus the SONG EDITOR and MASTERING (desktop app)	—
Traktor Pro 4	One-off purchase	$149 · upgrade from Traktor Pro 3: $74	All features, incl. stems, Pattern Player and Ozone Maximizer; no subscription	Trial version
rekordbox 7	Subscription in 3 tiers	Core $12/mo ($120/yr) · Creative $18/mo ($180/yr) · Professional $36/mo ($360/yr, with 5 TB cloud)	Performance mode, stems, DVS, video, edit in all plans; the plans differ mainly in cloud sync and number of devices	Free plan; fully free with a Hardware Unlock controller
Serato DJ Pro 4	Subscription or one-off	DJ Pro: $11.99/mo or $299 one-off · DJ Suite: $14.99/mo or $499 one-off	Suite adds DVS, Serato Video, Pitch 'n Time, extra FX, Flip and Play	Serato DJ Lite and Practice Mode free; Pro free with Pro-unlock hardware
VirtualDJ 2026	Subscription (professional use)	Pro: $19/mo · Business: $99/mo	Pro = professional use with broad controller support; Business = business support and several users	Free for home use (not when you earn money with it)
djay Pro (Algoriddim)	Free app + PRO subscription	The App Store shows PRO options of $6.99, $29.99 and $49.99	PRO unlocks all PRO features on Mac and iOS plus 1,000+ loops, samples and visuals; streaming needs its own subscription per service	Free basic version

PreMix next to DJ.Studio

Feature	DeckFields PreMix	DJ.Studio
Set on a timeline with transitions and automation	✓	✓ from Pro
Stems in the pre-mix	✓ PreMix Stems or Pro	✓ Pro + Stems
Export to Ableton Live	✓	✓ from Pro
Export to MPC XL	✓	✗
Export to Logic Pro, FL Studio and any DAW (stems and automation)	✓	?
Play the pre-mix live on the decks and mixer of the DJ software (faders move along)	✓	✗
Fine-tune a live-recorded set move by move	✓	✗
MIDI timecode to lights and video	✓	?
Mastering of the finished mix in the same program (PreMix Pro)	✓	?
Automation over a whole song, outside the blends: gain, EQ, filter, send and beat effects (new in 4.2)	✓	?
Best order by key and BPM (HARMONIZE)	✓	✓
See per track what moves and why, and keep, cancel or change each one before the order changes	✓	?
Tempo meets in the middle before each blend, beat on beat through it, glides back slowly (automatic)	✓	~ tempo automation
Out as a DJ set to rekordbox, Traktor or a CDJ USB stick, with memory cues	✓	~ rekordbox, Serato
Mix as one file with loudness (LUFS) and true-peak limiter, plus tracklist	✓	~ WAV/MP3 + tracklist
Learn your blend style from your own blends and save it as a blend preset for the next mixes	✓	?
Playlist in and out as M3U8	✓	?
Video export	✗	✓ Ultimate
Read libraries of rekordbox, Serato, Traktor …	✓ also Engine DJ and VirtualDJ, both ways	✓

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