

First Impressions of the Midas M32 4.0 firmware update

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Introduction

Midas released Version 4.0 of its firmware for their great M32 mixer last week. Since I worked quite a bit using the new version, I would like to document some findings here.

New Features

The new 4.0 release of the M32 firmware brings many new features to the table.

The most obvious feature is the much-improved UI. The darker, more flat UI appeals to me much more than the “old” UI of the M32.

With the new UI there comes a few different features:

- In the RTA view (in the EQ-view as well as the RTA Metering view) now has a spectrometer like coloring scheme (can be turned off/on globally in the Meters → RTA view)
- There now is a reworked Routing UI that allows for one-on-one routing
- The reworked Routing UI features a button to switch between a “Playback Routing” and a “Recording Routing” f.e. a USB-Playback routing from your DAW and a normal live Routing for recording. These are more or less just two different, hot switchable routing presets.
- The Scribble Scrip Text-Input was vastly improved and now features auto-completion (That is a considerable plus not to type everything a hundred times)

Conclusion

All in all, I love the new update for the M32. It just creates a more modern and wholesome user experience. And after I returned the mixer to the settings I was accustomed to before the update, I have to say, the M32 is just a better mixer with the new software update.