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A setup is a way to create a new N4 'setup' plugin from the main N4 plugin, it inherits all of its features, but it can have its own custom properties, skin, program list, and 'tweaked' parameters.

How to create a setup:

1. Open your DAW and load the N4 plugin.
2. Click on the 'Setups' button at the top of N4 GUI, the setups browser will appear.
3. Click on the New setup button [+] in the top left hand corner, the setup editor will appear.
4. Define the setup properties:

Name: Name your setup, it could be a specific library name or a category like re-verbs, compressors where you can put similar libraries together.

Magic ID: This must be 4 characters long, any characters will work, the time of creation is an easy thing to use: 18:17 > 1817

Description: This can be used to describe your setup, but is not not required

Default skin: Choose the skin the setup will load from the menu that opens

Select your plugin format

5. Open up the Finder menu of N4, find all of the programs you would like to include in the setup and drag and drop them into the main field of the setup editor. This could be one single library, or a category like all your reverbs, compressors etc.

6. Choose the program that you want to load when the setup loads, then click the [d] button at the bottom of the editor.

If you have more than one program in the setup, different comp ratios for example, you can find and load them using the finder button.

If you do not define a default program the setup will load the default N4 plate skin, then you will have to use the finder to open the program every time you use the setup.

(If this happens just re-open the setup and choose the default program save, reopen your DAW.)

7. Tweaks: Tweaks give you the opportunity to modify certain parameters of the setup. Click the [Tweaks] button in the bottom right hand corner, then click the [+] button that appears in the new field, then add the following to the 'Add new tweak' screen as needed:

Name: DSPBUFFER

Value: 2048-8192 (for reverb libraries), 256-512 (for compressors)

Name: LEDSPPEED*

Value: 1

Name: GUIRATE*

Value: 15000-25000.

Name: AHEADLENGTH*

Value: 5000

Name: OTIMED

Value: 5

To create a ZL setup use the following:

Name: ZEROLATENCY:

Value: 1

Click OK

*These can be added outside of setups by editing the N4 .xml found in your plugin folder.

The Tweaks editor is divided into Local and Global, each represented by a tab. Local tweaks are only applied to the current setup. Global tweaks are applied to every setup when you save it (not a part of a specific setup). When a setup is saved, global tweaks are applied first and then after that the local tweaks are applied. If no tweaks are defined, the original values from base N4 plugin are used.

8. When everything is defined properly, click the Save button. Restart your DAW and it should detect your new setup plugin. The setup will have the name you gave it, it will not be called N4.

For a more in-depth explanation of Setups please refer to the official setups manual available here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2161186247437661/permalink/2754485818107698>