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INTRODUCTION

In the world of musical performance, a “Setlist” is a list of songs to be performed in a specific order. A setlist creates the structure for a show, letting you plan ahead how to start strong, avoid lulls, and finish memorably. A setlist also helps band members (and crew/techs) to be ready for what comes next, instead of stopping to ask questions or search for settings on equipment. A short “singer/songwriter” **Setlist** might contain 4 songs. A typical modern rock/pop concert setlist might have from 12-25 entries. A hard working cover band might play four different sets covering a total of 100+ songs!

The Fractal Audio **Setlist/Song** feature provides a way to prepare an ordered Setlist of named Songs. FC footswitches can then change songs in order and present the various sounds needed for their named Song Sections (intro, verse, solo, etc.). Like FC Layouts, Setlists and Songs can be edited through the Axe-Fx III front

panel or in Axe-Edit, which also includes convenient utilities for import, export, and more.

The Setlist Songs feature requires an FC-6 or FC-12 Foot Controller. On the FC, Song footswitches allow you to select songs. Section footswitches load sections from the current song. Setlist footswitches allow you to choose different Setlists.

CREATING SONGS & SETLISTS

The Setlists/Songs feature is accessed through a new area of the global SETUP menu called FC Setlists/Songs. To use this feature, you must first create one or more Songs, then add them to a Setlist in the desired order. Assign FC Switches to any FC layout to access the various Sections of the current Song.

NOTE: Setlists, Songs and Sections are like other areas of “Setup” in that all changes take effect immediately and they do not need to be stored.

SONGS & SECTIONS

- Each song has a number, a name (10 chars) and contains six numbered Sections.
- Each section has a number, a name (10 chars), and a designation of one Preset and one Scene (1-8 or DEFAULT).
- Up to 128 songs can be created in total.

For Example, imagine Song 1, named “All I Want”

- Section 1: named **“Intro”** loads Preset 1, Scene 1
- Section 2: named **“Verse”** loads Preset 1, Scene 2
- Section 3: named **“B-Section”** loads Preset 3, Scene 1
- Section 4: named **“Chorus”** loads Preset 510, “Default Scene”
- Section 5: named **“Solo”** loads Preset 1022, Scene 6
- Section 6: is not used in this song. Its **“Preset”** is “NONE”, which disables the section.

TO CREATE A SONG

Creating a song is easy: enter a name and define up to six sections:

- Open SETUP: FC Setlists/Songs and page right to “Songs”.
- Navigate to any Song and press NAME SONG (push knob C). Enter a name using controls that work identically to those for presets and scenes.
- Next, press Enter or EDIT SONG (push knob B). Define each of up to six Sections by using the controls to enter a PRESET number, a SCENE number, and a section NAME.
- Press Exit when finished to return to the master Songs list.

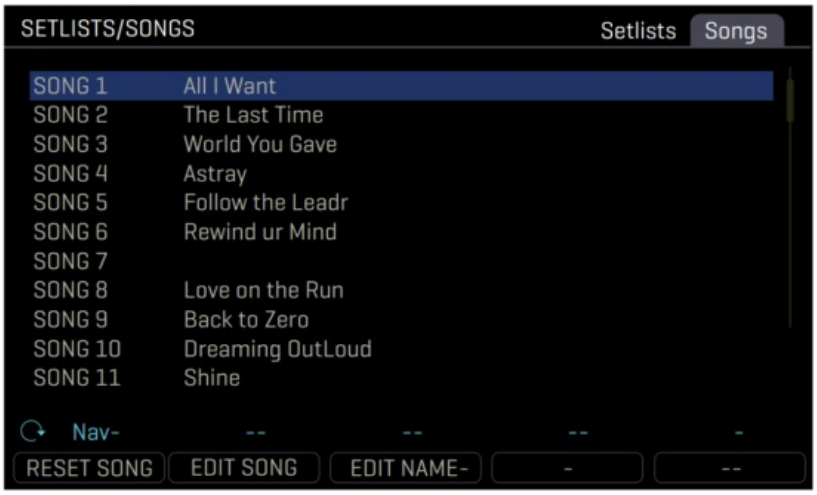


Fig 1: The Songs page of the Setlists/Songs menu, aka the "Master Songs List"

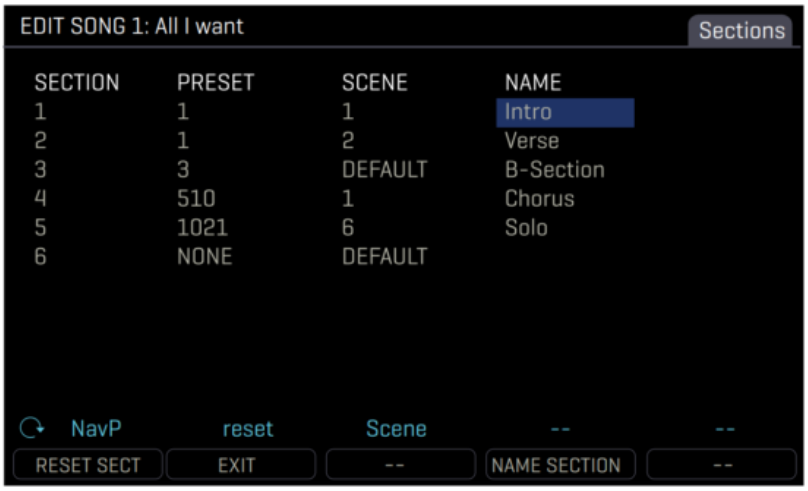


Fig 2: The Edit Song page of the Setlists/Songs menu, where Song Sections are created.

ABOUT SETLISTS

Each of the four Setlists contains up to 32 songs in numbered positions. A particular song can appear more than once in the list. Empty slots are permitted only at the end.

- Each Setlist has a number and a name (10 chars).
- The "ACTIVE!" Designation makes any one setlist "active," determining which list of songs will be used to populate FC footswitches. Most people will only ever use one Setlist. Others might use different Setlists for different bands/gigs. Others might play epic shows and need to activate different set lists as the show proceeds.
- To change the active Setlist, open SETUP/FC Setlists/Songs, and turn Knob C to move the "ACTIVE!" marker, or use FC "Setlist" footswitches.

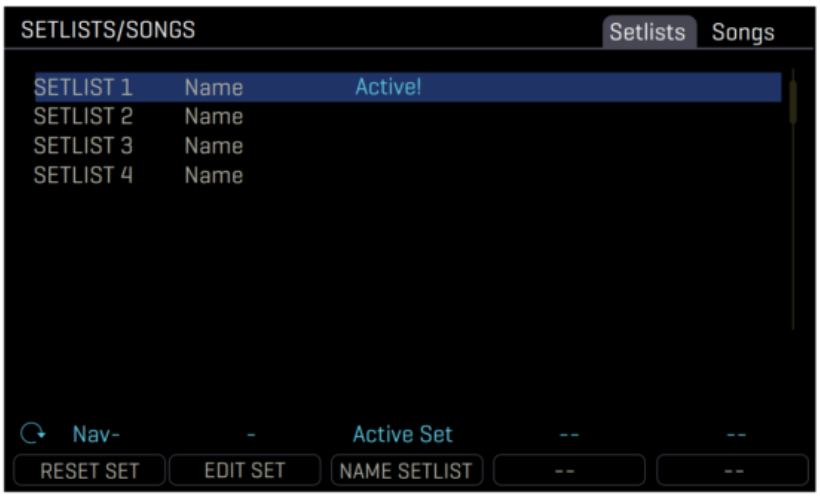


Fig 3: The Setlists page of the Setlists/Songs menu, where you can access setlists for editing or change the Active Setlist.

Fig 4: The Edit Setlist page of the Setlists/Songs menu allows you to easily insert, remove, or re-order the songs in a Setlist.

FC FUNCTIONS

The Setlist/Song feature uses three new categories of FC footswitch functions: SETLIST, SONG, and SECTION. Each function has one or more self-explanatory parameters, plus various options for the FC footswitch “Mini-Display”. Detailed documentation will be found in the Fractal Audio Footswitch Functions Guide.

SETLIST FUNCTIONS

Three “SETLIST” functions change the Active Setlist:

- SETLIST: SELECT : This makes the designated Setlist “Active” by its number, 1–4.
- SETLIST: TOGGLE : This toggles between two setlists, making them “Active”.
- SETLIST: INC/DEC. : This incrementally steps through the Setlists to select one as Active.
- You can also change the Active Setlist on the Setlists page of SETUP: FC Setlists/Songs, or using Axe-Edit.

SONG FUNCTIONS

Three “SONG” functions load Songs based on their numbered positions within the Active Setlist.

- SONG: SELECT IN SET : This loads a song by its numbered position (1–32) in the Active Setlist.
- SONG: TOGGLE IN SET : This toggles between two songs by their numbered positions in the Active Setlist.
- SONG: INC/DEC IN SET : This incrementally steps forward or backward through all of the non-empty songs in the Active Setlist. (Empty songs are skipped automatically, and any empty songs at the beginning or end of the list are skipped when the list “wraps.”)

SECTION FUNCTIONS

Three “SECTION” functions load sections from the current song. Whenever a Song Section is loaded, the main display of the FC changes to show the name of the current song, and the name of the current section.

Three functions select songs from within the current Active Setlist.

- SONG SECTION: SELECT : This loads a Section by its number in the current Song.
- SONG SECTION: TOGGLE : This toggles between two Sections of the current Song.
- SONG SECTION: INC/DEC : This incrementally steps forward or backward through all of the Sections in the current Song. (Empty Sections are skipped automatically, and any empty Sections at the beginning or end of the list are skipped when the list “wraps.”)

FC SAMPLE LAYOUTS

Two sample layouts are provided for instant implementation of the Setlists/Songs feature on an FC-6 or FC-12.

You can download them from:
https://www.fractalaudio.com/downloads/manuals/fas-guides/SSS-Sample-FC-Layouts.zip.

These layouts modify factory default Layout 7 on the FC, which is part of the “Performance” layout set. If you’re not using the default factory layouts, or if you modified these, you can still import these layouts, but you may find it better to create or modify your own using the functions detailed on the previous page.

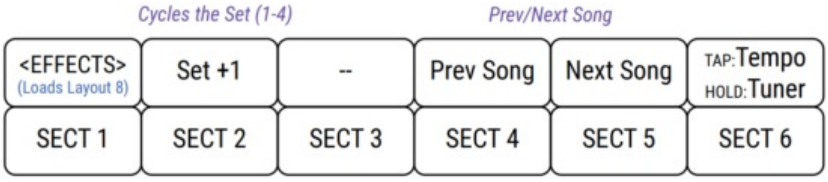
Importing a layout is easy with Axe-Edit:

1. Open the FC-Edit area of Axe-Edit.
2. Click the number for the layout you wish to replace (#7 in this case)
3. In the Layouts editor, click the “Edit” dropdown menu and select “Import Layout”. Browse to the desired file and the process will complete automatically.

LAYOUT DETAILS

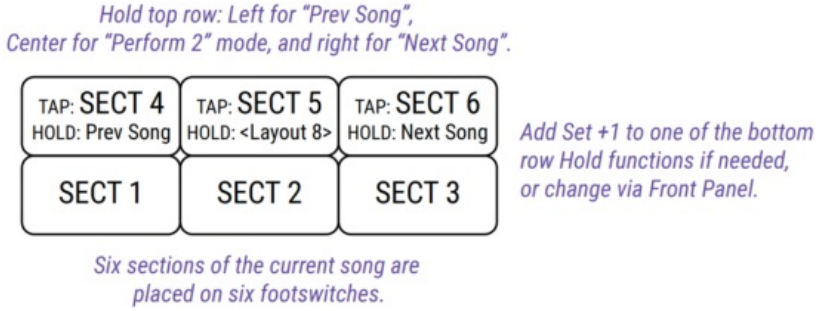
The following diagrams show the functions assigned to tap and hold in the sample layouts. Remember that Factory Layout 7 works in tandem with Factory Layout 8, so each example below includes some way to go to that layout.

7 PERFORM SET 1 (FC-12)



Six sections of the current song are placed across the bottom row.

7 PERFORM SET 1 (FC-6)



In order to keep Section footswitches activating on the downstroke, the FC-6 layout does not include a way to change the active Setlist. You can do this easily from the front panel (see **fig.3)** or you could assign Setlist Increment (+1, Wrap) to the Hold function on switch 1, 2, or 3, using this to cycle through Setlists.

GETTING HELP

Our forum is a source of great help ranging from product Q&A to tutorials and more. Fractal Audio staff participate in the conversations, and response times can be very fast.
Find it at https://forum.fractalaudio.com
A wiki maintained by members of the Fractal Audio community, is also an excellent resource:
https://wiki.fractalaudio.com
You can get support directly from Fractal Audio Systems at: **https://www.fractalaudio.com/international-ordering** or internationally via our dealers listed at **https://www.fractalaudio.com/international-ordering**

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