



AI DJ SET ARCHITECT

THE SETAURA BIBLE

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1M+

Track Target

350K+

Live Now

37

Genres

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Beatport

*"You're not just picking tracks,
you're engineering a journey."*

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Introduction

What SetAura is and how it helps you

SetAura is an AI-powered DJ set architect. Unlike track recommendation tools that simply suggest songs you might like, SetAura thinks about your set the way a professional DJ does — as a complete, engineered journey from first track to last.

What SetAura IS	What SetAura is NOT
A complete set planner	A streaming service
Harmonically engineered tracklists	A playlist recommender
Real tracks with verified BPM & key	A music discovery app
Energy arc structuring	An auto-DJ tool
Mix transition analysis	A live mixing platform
Direct Beatport buy links on every track	A track store itself

The Core Philosophy

Professional DJs understand that a great set isn't a random collection of great tracks — it's a deliberate arc with a beginning, a journey, and an end. SetAura encodes decades of DJ wisdom: harmonic key theory (Circle of Fifths), energy arc models from club culture, BPM progression principles, and crowd psychology. All of this runs automatically the moment you hit Forge.

The Track Library

SetAura draws from a library of **350,000+ verified tracks** — every track has a measured BPM, harmonic key, genre tag, label, and year. The library is updated daily and SetAura knows which tracks are charting right now, prioritising them in your sets. When SetAura picks tracks for you, everything it suggests is real, purchasable today on Beatport.

TIP — If you are new to SetAura, the fastest route to a great set is the Essentials tab. Three fields — genre, vibe, duration — and sensible defaults handle everything else. You can always fine-tune afterwards in the Fine-Tune and Advanced tabs.

Quick Start

A complete professional DJ set in under 60 seconds

Here is the fastest path from opening SetAura to holding a playable tracklist.

01	Open the Builder	Navigate to builder.html or click "Build a Set" from any page on setaura.io . Essentials, Fine-Tune and Advanced defaults are already pre-filled.
02	Pick Your Genre & Vibe	Choose a genre from the chip grid (BPM auto-fills) and one of the four vibe cards — Dark & Intense, Energetic, Euphoric, or Late Night. Each vibe also sets a matching occasion.
03	Adjust if Needed	Optionally tweak duration, track count, BPM range, or the Release Era filter in Fine-Tune. For real gigs, fill in Advanced — venue, slot, crowd age, notes.
04	Hit "Set the Aura"	Click the primary generate button. Watch the animated loading screen while your set is engineered.
05	Review the Arc	The energy arc shows your curve track by track. Check the Mix Check badges for any Rough transitions — they are the ones to focus on.
06	Swap & Refine	Hit Swap on any track you want to replace — 3 harmonically compatible alternatives appear instantly. Check the Set Quality Score to see if your changes improved the set.
07	Export & Buy	Copy the tracklist, export to Rekordbox/CSV, download a Gig Brief, or click straight through to Beatport to buy every track.

Building Your Set

Genre, mood, BPM, duration, experience level

1

GENRE

Tech House

Deep House

Techno

Afro House

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2

VIBE

Energetic

Dark & Deep

Euphoric

Late Night

3

DURATION

30 min

60 min

90 min

2 hrs

4

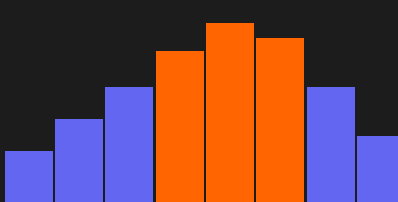
DIAL IT IN

BPM: 124–134

12 Tracks

Era: Any

LIVE PREVIEW



FORGE MY SET ■

SetAura Generator — ① Genre · ② Vibe · ③ Duration · ④ Dial It In · Live Preview · Forge

Step 01 — Genre

Choose your primary genre from the chip grid. Genres are grouped into categories. Clicking a genre chip automatically sets the BPM range to the genre's conventional range.

Category	Genres	Count
House	Afro House, Bass House, Deep House, Funky House, House, Jackin House, Melodic House & Techno, Minimal / Deep Tech, Nu Disco / Disco House, Organic House, Progressive House, Tech House	12
Electronic	Ambient / Experimental, Downtempo, Electro (Classic/Detroit/Modern), Electronica, Hard Techno, Psy Trance, Techno (Peaktime/Driving), Techno (Raw/Deep/Hypnotic), Trance (Main Floor), Trance (Raw/Deep/Hypnotic)	10
Bass & Beats	140 / Deep Dubstep / Grime, Amapiano, Bass/Club, Brazilian Funk, Breaks/Breakbeat/UK Bass, Drum & Bass, Dubstep, Hard Dance/Hardcore/Neo Rave, Latin Electronic, Main Stage, Trap/Future Bass, UK Garage/Bassline	12
Pop & Other	Dance, Indie Dance, Pop	3

37 genres across 4 live categories.

Step 02 — Set the Vibe

The Mood chip sets the emotional character of the set — influencing track selection, key relationships, and the shape of mix notes for each transition. Four vibe cards cover the Essentials tab fast path; the full set of 10 moods is reachable in Fine-Tune.

Mood	Character	Mood	Character
Energetic (default)	Driving, functional, club main-room	Dark & Intense	Brooding, underground, hypnotic
Euphoric	Emotional peaks, hands-in-the-air	Deep & Hypnotic	Rolling, hypnotic, sustained focus
Sexy & Smooth	Groove-led, sensual, sophisticated	Late Night	Stripped back, intimate, underground
Hype & Party	High-octane, crowd-pleasing anthems	Groovy & Funky	Bouncy, warm, feel-good groove
Uplifting	Bright, positive, forward-motion	Melancholic	Reflective, emotive, bittersweet

Step 03 — Parameters

Parameter	Description
BPM Range	Min and max tempo. Auto-set by genre. Override freely — SetAura auto-corrects if min exceeds max. Wider range = more dynamic energy variation.
Occasion	Club Main Room, After Party, Festival, Small Bar, House Party, Radio Mix, or Mixtape. Auto-set by your vibe card choice; only Festival currently changes the energy arc shape.
Set Duration	15 to 240 minutes. Controls overall length but not track count — longer duration with fewer tracks means longer mixes per track.
Number of Tracks	5 to 40 tracks. Combined with duration, sets the average track runtime. 12 tracks in 60 minutes = 5-minute mixes.
Release Era Filter	Year-range chip presets. See Chapter 04 for full detail.

Step 04 — DJ Experience Level

Level	Description
Beginner	Same or adjacent keys only · Crowd-friendly anthems · Simple mix notes · Easy transitions
Intermediate	Key-compatible mixing · Dynamic energy flow · Genre-aware selections · Moderate complexity
Advanced	Complex harmonic moves · Technical mixing notes · Underground selections · Wider key range

Professional

Full harmonic key navigation · Expert energy modulation · Curator-level choices ·
Deep cuts

Release Era Filter

Restrict your set to a specific year range

The Release Era filter lives inside Step 03 of the generator form. It lets you pin your set to a specific era — giving you instant access to the classic sound of any decade or the freshest tracks out right now. Just tap a chip and forge.

The 9 Era Presets

Chip	Year Range	Best for
Any	No restriction	SetAura picks the best tracks across all years
Pre-2000	1985–1999	Foundational sounds, nostalgia nights, old-school bookings
2000s	2000–2009	A full decade of early electronic music
2010s	2010–2019	A full decade of modern electronic music
2015+	2015–present	Recent-ish, still current-feeling catalogue
2018+	2018–present	Post-2018 new wave, contemporary feel
2020+	2020–present	Recent sounds, current club energy
2023+	2023–present	The freshest releases in the library
2026 Only (default)	2026	Cutting-edge — the chip updates each calendar year

How It Works

When you pick an era, SetAura strongly prioritises tracks from that period. If there are enough tracks available, your set will be built entirely from that era. If the genre you've chosen has fewer tracks from that period, SetAura gracefully expands its search window so you always get a complete, well-engineered set — never an error.

Era Label in Results

When an era filter other than "Any" is active, the era label appears in the DJ Tips section of your results — for example "Era: 2022+" — so you always know which constraint is applied.

TIP — Use "Pre-2000" for nostalgia nights and throwback bookings. Use "2023+" when a promoter specifically wants fresh, current sounds. "2026 Only" is perfect for cutting-edge festival slots where you want to be playing tracks the crowd has not heard before.

Advanced Options

Key Lock, Blend Genre, Artist Inspiration, Surprise Me

■ Surprise Me

The "Surprise Me" button (above the Forge button) randomises every parameter in a single click: genre, mood, BPM range, occasion, duration, track count, and experience level. Ideal when you want to explore genres outside your comfort zone or break creative block. A toast confirmation shows what was set before you generate.

■ Key Lock

The Key Lock section (click to expand, between Step 04 and the Forge button) lets you pin the opening and/or closing key of the set. Critical for DJ hand-offs — pin the end key to match the incoming DJ's opener. All 24 musical keys available (Ab minor through E major). Select "Any key" to leave unrestricted.

■ Blend Genre

Adds a secondary genre into the set alongside the primary. Useful for sets that evolve — starting in Deep House and flowing into Afro House. Set the ratio: 70/30 (dominant primary), 60/40, 50/50, 40/60, or 30/70. All genres in the main grid are available as blend targets.

■ Artist Inspiration

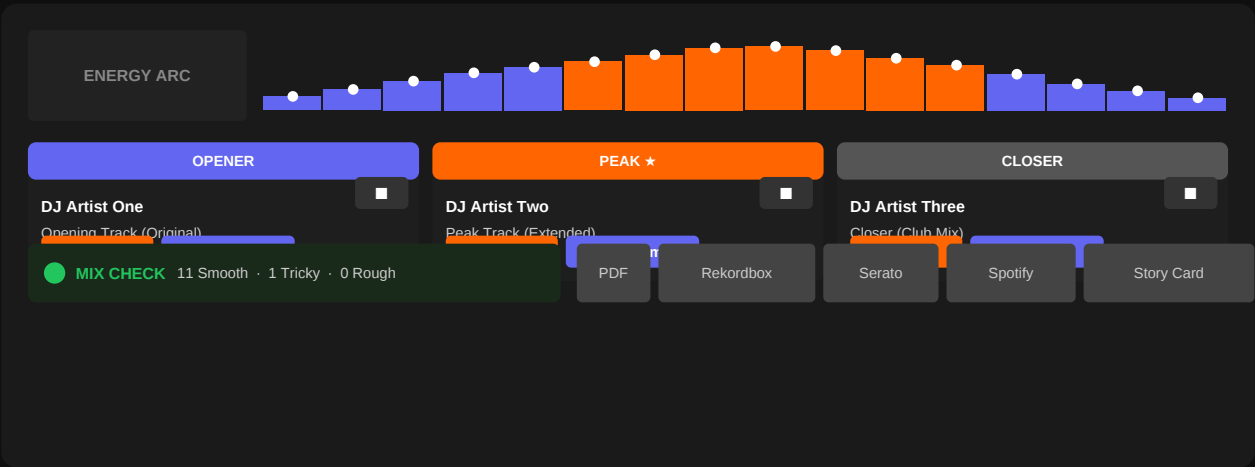
Type an artist name and SetAura uses it as an anchor for the set's aesthetic — drawing tracks from that artist's world (same label, similar BPM range, compatible key signature, shared genre DNA). This does not guarantee the artist's own tracks appear; it shapes the curatorial direction.

■ Live Preview Card

Just above the Forge button. Shows a real-time mini version of your set as you configure it: genre label, mood, duration, track count, BPM range, and a small energy arc preview. Updates on every chip click and slider move — so you always know what you are about to generate.

Reading Your Results

Energy arc, Mix Flow, Mix Check, tracklist



Results page — Energy arc · Track cards (Role · BPM · Key · Preview) · Mix Check · Export toolbar

Set Header

At the top of the results you will find: the generated set name, a one-line description, and four badge pills — Genre, Mood, Duration, and Occasion. Below: five stat figures: total track count, BPM range, unique keys used, average energy rating, and arc type.

SVG Energy Arc Waveform

An animated SVG waveform displaying the energy level of every track. The colour spectrum runs from indigo (lower energy) through orange (mid-peak) to bright orange (peak). Each dot represents one track — hover or click a dot to jump to that track in the tracklist.



Three most common arc shapes — select via Energy Arc dropdown

Arc Type	Shape
Journey	Gradual build from ~35% to a single peak at 65% through, then cool-down. Best for club sets.
Peak Time	Opens high, stays high. 70% energy from track 1. Festival and peak-hour sets.
Warm Up	Slow, patient climb from 20% to 70% over the full set. Best for early-evening slots.
Closing	Reverse arc — starts at 80%, peaks at track 3, then drops through to the finale.

Festival	Multiple micro-peaks with high baseline energy. Designed for outdoor, high-octane crowds.
Steady	Consistent 65–75% energy throughout. Radio mixes, mixtapes, long-form listening.

Mix Check — Transition Validator

Scores every track-to-track transition across three dimensions: Key Compatibility, BPM Delta, and Energy Delta.

Rating	Score	Meaning
Smooth	8–10	Perfect key move, minimal BPM jump. Play as-is.
Good	6–7	Minor key stretch or BPM bump. Workable with technique.
Tricky	4–5	Key clash or large BPM jump. Practise this transition.
Rough	0–3	Harmonic clash or extreme BPM shift. Consider swapping one track.

Track Cards — Data Fields

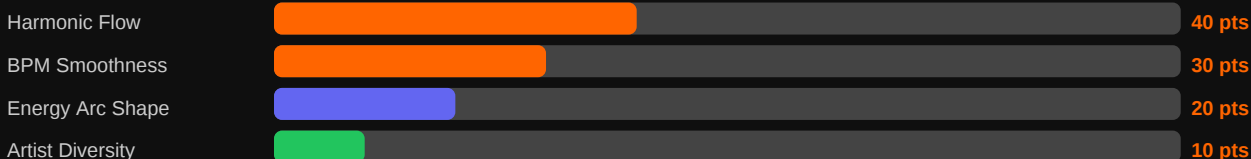
Field	Description
Track number + Peak indicator	Orange flame icon marks peak tracks
Artist & Title	The track's credited artist and release title
BPM	Measured tempo — not estimated
Harmonic Key	Musical key of the track (e.g. A minor, C major)
Energy Rating	Scale 1–10 — used to build the arc
Role	opener / build / peak / groove / cool-down / closer
Mix Notes	Specific mixing advice for bringing this track in and out

Quality Score

Understanding your 0–100 set score

After every generation, SetAura calculates a 0–100 quality score. This is a quantified measure of how well the set is engineered — not how many famous tracks it contains. Use it as a target: regenerate or swap tracks to push the score up.

Component	Points	Description
Harmonic Flow	40 pts	How smoothly keys transition between consecutive tracks. Perfect moves (same key or adjacent on Circle of Fifths) score 10/10 each. Clashes score 1/10.
BPM Smoothness	30 pts	How gradual the tempo changes are. Starts at 30 and deducts points for large jumps (>8 BPM = -4 pts, >4 BPM = -2 pts).
Energy Arc Shape	20 pts	How well the energy peak is positioned. 20 pts if peak lands at 50–75%. 12 pts at 40–85%. 5 pts otherwise.
Artist Diversity	10 pts	One point per unique artist, capped at 10. Diverse sets score higher than single-artist compilations.



Grade Reference

Grade	Range	Description
S	90–100	Flawless engineering. Every key move is compatible, BPM is smooth, peak lands perfectly.
A	80–89	Professional quality. Minor imperfections that won't be noticed on the floor.
B	70–79	Solid set. A few rough transitions but the overall flow is good.
C	55–69	Playable but needs work. Look at Mix Check for Rough badges and swap those tracks.
D	0–54	The set has structural issues. Try regenerating — your parameters may be too wide.

TIP — The two biggest levers are Harmonic Flow (40 pts) and BPM Smoothness (30 pts). If you have Rough transitions in Mix Check, swapping either of the two tracks involved is the fastest route to a higher score. Narrowing the BPM range also significantly improves smoothness.

CHAPTER 08

Customising Your Set

Swap tracks, Track Blacklist, Regenerate

■ Swap Tracks

Every track card has a Swap button. Clicking it reveals three curated alternative tracks — each with BPM and harmonic key displayed, and a "Reason" note explaining why this alternative works in this position of the set. The alternatives load instantly.

■ Track Blacklist

Hover over any track card to reveal a small icon button. Clicking it permanently blacklists that track — it will never appear in one of your generated sets again. Your blacklist is saved in your browser and persists across sessions. Manage or clear it any time from the Track Blacklist item in the profile menu.

■ Regenerate & Warm-Up Set

The Regenerate button rebuilds the set using the same parameters — useful when you want a fresh selection without changing your configuration. The Warm-Up Set button generates a separate warm-up set at lower energy, compatible BPM, and adjacent keys to the main set.

■ Track Previews

Each track card has a small play button that loads a 30-second preview — the clip plays directly in your browser, no extra click needed. Previews are sourced primarily from Beatport, with Apple Music, Spotify, and Deezer as fallbacks for tracks that don't have one. Clicking a different track's play button automatically stops the previous preview and starts the new one.

Track Feedback

A community-trained signal on every track

Every time you generate a set, you can tell SetAura what you think of the tracks it picked. This is a shared, site-wide signal, not a personal profile — your ratings combine with every other DJ's to nudge which tracks surface more or less often for everyone.

Using the Thumbs on Track Cards

After your set is generated, look at any track card. You'll see a thumbs-up and a thumbs-down button. Tap thumbs-up on a track that deserves to show up more often; tap thumbs-down on one that shouldn't. Both add to that track's running community total.

No Account Needed

Ratings are saved automatically — you do not need an account to rate a track. Tap the same button again to remove your rating, or tap the other button to switch it.

How It Affects Sets

A track's net rating (thumbs-up minus thumbs-down, across everyone) nudges its score during generation — it does not override the harmonic engine. A well-loved track will appear more often, but only when it genuinely fits the key and energy position in that slot.

TIP — Rating tracks helps the whole SetAura community, not just your own future sets — think of it as quality control for the catalogue. A few honest thumbs-down on tracks that never work in a set genuinely improve what everyone gets served.

Exporting Your Set

Story Card, PDF, Rekordbox, CSV, Spotify

Once your set is generated, you can export it in several formats — from social media images to files you can drop straight into your DJ software. All export options are available at the bottom of your generated set results.

Export	Description
Story Card	1080×1920px portrait image in SetAura dark branding — full energy arc, top tracks with keys and BPMs, set metadata, and SetAura watermark. Optimised for Instagram Stories and TikTok. Download and share directly from the results page.
PDF Set Sheet	A printable, formatted track listing with all metadata — artist, title, BPM, key, role, and mix notes. Open the browser print dialogue to save as PDF. Great for gig prep and handing to promoters.
Rekordbox XML	Exports a Rekordbox-compatible XML file with real BPM, key, and metadata per track. SetAura links out to Beatport rather than hosting audio, so tracks show offline until you relink your own purchased files via Rekordbox's File → Relocate.
Serato / Universal (M3U)	Exports an M3U playlist file compatible with Serato DJ Pro, Traktor, VirtualDJ, and most DJ software that supports playlist import — same relink note as Rekordbox applies.
Export CSV	Every track's position, artist, title, BPM, Camelot key, musical key, energy, genre, year, label, and Beatport link — the one format with zero caveats, ready for a spreadsheet or prep sheet.
Spotify Playlist (Pro)	Creates a real Spotify playlist from your set for logged-in Pro users. Useful for reference listening and sharing with collaborators — not a substitute for buying and playing the actual files.

TIP — For live gigs, export both the PDF Set Sheet (for reference on stage) and the Rekordbox or Serato file (to load into your software). The Story Card is your post-gig social media asset — export it before you leave the results page.

Meet Aura

SetAura's AI DJ assistant — and yes, it knows your set

Aura is SetAura's built-in AI DJ assistant — a knowledgeable second opinion covering harmonic mixing, BPM theory, set architecture, DJ gear, and genres. Aura can see the set you're currently looking at — the real tracks, keys, BPMs, energy ratings, and roles — so it answers about your actual tracklist, not generic advice.

How to Access It

Look for the chat bubble icon in the bottom-right corner of the generator page. Click it to open the chat panel — available any time, not only after generating a set.

What to Ask It

Question	What you get
"What should I open with?"	Aura reads your actual tracklist and tells you which track is the opener, and why it works in that slot.
"Any rough transitions in my set?"	Aura checks your real key and BPM sequence and flags anything worth reworking — specific tracks, specific fix.
"How do I mix out of an 8A track?"	A harmonic-mixing explanation of which keys work as the next move, and why, using the Camelot wheel.
"How should I structure a 90-minute peak-time set?"	Advice on energy arc theory — where to build, where to peak, how to close.
"What's a good BPM range for a warehouse rave?"	General guidance on tempo and genre conventions, independent of any set you have open.

Set-Aware and Knowledgeable

Aura reads your currently open set fresh on every message, so if you swap a track or regenerate mid-conversation it stays in sync — no need to re-explain your tracklist. Beyond your current set, it draws on deep general DJ knowledge for anything else: theory, gear, genres, and craft.

B2B Live Collab

Two DJs, one set, built together in real time

If you are playing a B2B or Opening B2B slot, SetAura lets you and your partner build the same set together live — genre, mood, energy arc and gig context all sync between you instantly, with no login required for either of you to join.

Starting a Session

Click "Collab" near the Forge tab, or the nudge banner that appears in Gig Context when you select the B2B or Opening B2B slot type. This makes you the host and generates a 6-letter session code. Share the code, or copy the invite link, with your partner — they open it and are connected instantly, no account needed.

What Syncs, and How

Behaviour	Fields
Syncs instantly as you click	Genre, mood/vibe, duration, experience level, release era, and every Gig Context chip (venue capacity, slot type, environment, crowd age)
Syncs live as you type (brief pause)	BPM range, track count, venue name, gig notes
Syncs once you finish editing	Artist inspiration, label filter, blend genre & ratio, key lock start/end

Who Can Generate

Only the host can hit "Set the Aura." This avoids burning both DJs' free generations on one set. While the host builds, the guest sees "Waiting for host..." on their Forge button. The moment the set is ready, it lands on both screens at once — no second click, no second API call.

Seeing Each Other

A presence bar shows both of you by name (or "DJ 1" / "DJ 2" if either of you hasn't signed in) with a coloured dot each. When your partner is actively editing a field, you'll see a small "DJ 2 editing..." badge appear next to it, so you never talk over each other or fight for the same control.

If the Host Disconnects

If the host's tab closes or their connection drops while the guest is waiting, the guest gets a toast prompting them to restart the session — instead of a spinner that waits forever. Either of you can leave the session at any time from the Collab panel.

Sharing, Buying & Export

Gig Brief, DNA Card, Beatport Buy Links, Batch Purchase

Beyond exporting to DJ software (covered in Chapter 11), SetAura gives you tools to share your set with the world — from a one-tap tracklist copy to embeddable mini players.

Tool	Description
Copy Tracklist	Copies a plain-text formatted tracklist to your clipboard — artist, title, BPM, key, and role per line. Paste it into your notes app, a promoter email, or a social media caption in seconds.
Gig Brief	A printable one-page gig brief you can hand to event organisers. Includes venue name, date/time, set duration, your name, genre, and the full tracklist with BPM and key. Click "Print" to save as PDF or print directly.
DNA Card	A 540×300px shareable PNG image: your set name, genre, the energy arc rendered as a bezier curve, and the peak track highlighted. Designed for Twitter/X and Discord. Download and post directly.
Embed Widget	Generates an iframe code snippet you can paste into any website or blog. The embed shows your set name, genre, top 5 tracks, and a "Build Your Own" link back to SetAura. Great for press pages, Linktree, or your own DJ site.

Buying Tracks

SetAura is Beatport-exclusive for purchasing — every track links directly to its real Beatport page (or a Beatport search if a direct link isn't available). Track previews may pull from Apple Music, Spotify, or Deezer as a fallback, but the buy links are always Beatport.

Batch Purchase

The "Buy Your Set" bar above the tracklist has three actions: **Buy on Beatport** opens every track's Beatport page in sequence so you can add them to your basket, **Copy Links** copies every Beatport link to your clipboard, and **Copy Setlist** copies a plain-text numbered tracklist.

Set Versioning

Save, restore and revisit past sets

SetAura automatically preserves every set you generate. Two systems work together: Set Versioning (within a session) and Set History (across all sessions).

Set Versioning	Set History
Saves up to 10 versions automatically	Every completed set saved permanently
Each version timestamped at generation	Shows genre, mood, occasion, track count
Click Versions in toolbar to see all	Rebuild any past set with one click
One-click restore to any previous version	Accessible via History page
Survives page refresh (saved in browser)	Also saved in your browser
Badge counter shows version count	Clear all from the History page

Recommended Workflow

Generate 3–5 versions of the same genre with different moods or BPM ranges, then compare quality scores to select the best one. Restore that version and use Swap to fine-tune individual tracks. This consistently produces better results than one-shot generation.

IMPORTANT — Browser Storage: Set Versioning and History are saved in your browser. Clearing your browser data or using private/incognito mode will erase them. For long-term storage, always export a PDF or copy the tracklist before closing the browser.

Achievements

SetAura tracks 11 achievements that persist across sessions. Click the badge button in the results toolbar to see your progress.

Achievement	How to Unlock
First Forge	Build your very first set
Electric	Achieve a Set Quality Score of 80 or higher
Diamond Set	Achieve a Set Quality Score of 90 or higher
Smooth Operator	All transitions rated Smooth in one set

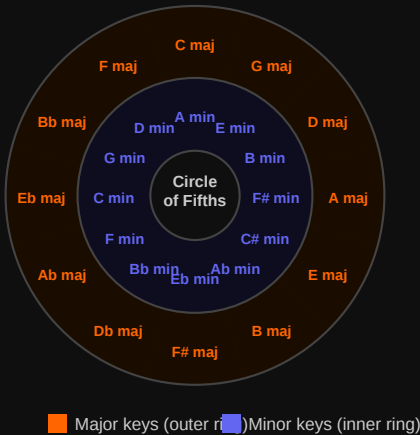
Genre Explorer	Build sets in 5 different genres
Globe Trotter	Build sets in 10 different genres
Regular	Build 5 sets total
Veteran	Build 10 sets total
Obsessed	Build 25 sets total
Night Owl	Build a set between midnight and 4am
Weekend Warrior	Build a set on a Friday or Saturday

When an achievement unlocks, a gold notification toast appears bottom-right. Multiple achievements unlocking at once are staggered 1.2 seconds apart.

Harmonic Mixing Reference

Harmonic key wheel, compatible moves, all 24 keys

Harmonic mixing is based on the Circle of Fifths — a music theory concept that maps all 24 musical keys to a 12-position clock face, with an inner ring (minor keys) and an outer ring (major keys). Adjacent positions are musically compatible — tracks in neighbouring positions blend without harmonic clashes.



Compatible Moves

Move	Example	Effect
Same key	A minor → A minor	Perfect harmonic blend. Zero clash. Full energy stay.
+1 step	A minor → E minor	Smooth step up — slightly lifts the emotional register.
-1 step	A minor → D minor	Smooth step down — subtle cool, works well into closers.
Relative key	A minor → C major	Shift from minor to major (or vice versa). Creates emotional lift or drop.
+2 step (energy boost)	A minor → B minor	Larger jump — noticeable energy lift. Use at peak moments.
Dominant	A minor → E major	Slightly adventurous. Creates forward momentum.

All 24 Harmonic Keys

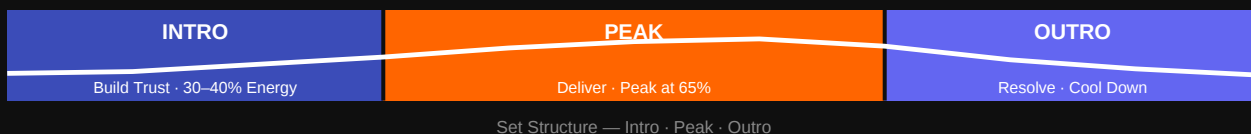
Minor Keys	Major Keys
Ab minor	B major
Eb minor	F# major

Bb minor	Db major
F minor	Ab major
C minor	Eb major
G minor	Bb major
D minor	F major
A minor	C major
E minor	G major
B minor	D major
F# minor	A major
C# minor	E major

Minor keys (inner ring, indigo) · Major keys (outer ring, orange) · Each row is a harmonically compatible pair

Pro Tips & Best Practices

Energy arc theory, crowd psychology, DJ wisdom



The 3-Section Rule

Every great set has three chapters: Introduction (build trust with the crowd), Peak (deliver the energy they came for), and Resolution (bring them back down gracefully). The Journey arc type in SetAura is built around this exact structure. When reviewing the energy arc, ask: is there a clear beginning, middle and end?

The 65% Peak Rule

Place your biggest track at around 65% through the set — not at 100%. Ending on your peak track is a beginner mistake that leaves the crowd with nowhere to go. Your quality score rewards peak placement in the 50–75% range. Use the energy arc to verify this visually before you play.

Harmonic Tension vs Resolution

Not every key move has to be compatible. Intentional harmonic clashes — a +5 key jump at a drop — can create massive crowd moments when used once. SetAura marks these as Rough transitions; do not automatically swap them. Review the Mix Check notes and decide if the clash serves the moment.

BPM as an Emotional Tool

Tempo affects how a crowd feels physically — not just how fast they move. A 2 BPM increase between consecutive tracks adds subtle forward momentum the crowd feels without noticing. A 6 BPM jump at peak time signals an energy shift. Never drop BPM mid-set except intentionally during a cool-down.

The Opener Strategy

The first track sets the entire tone of the night. SetAura assigns opener tracks at 30–40% energy — warm but not demanding. Never open with your best track. Open with something that creates anticipation. Experienced DJs often open with instrumental versions or tools precisely because they have no obvious hook to peak too early.

Reading the Room

SetAura gives you an intelligent starting point, but the crowd always has the final say. If your set feels too aggressive for the room at 11pm, use the Warm-Up Set button first. Stack two sets — warm-up then main — and use Set History to alternate between them as the room fills.

The Harmonic Swap Shortcut

When you see a Rough transition in Mix Check and want to swap one of the tracks, always swap the second track first. The reason: the first track is already harmonically connected to the track before it. Swapping the second track isolates the fix without breaking the backward connection.

Building Energy Without BPM

Energy is not just tempo. A track at 128 BPM can have higher perceived energy than one at 132 BPM — arrangement, density, and bass weight all contribute. Use the Energy rating (1–10) on each track card and the energy arc to understand the actual energy shape. The quality score rewards smooth energy progression as much as harmonic compatibility.

Using the Release Era Filter

The Release Era filter is a powerful curatorial tool. Classic (1990–2009) sets built for nostalgia nights often score higher on harmonic flow because the tracks from that era were written in more standardised keys. Use 2024+ for bookings where the promoter wants fresh, current sounds. Use "This Year" for cutting-edge festival slots.

Glossary

Every term explained

Term	Definition
Blend Genre	A secondary genre mixed into the set alongside the primary, at a configurable ratio (70/30, 60/40, 50/50, 40/60, or 30/70).
BPM Delta	The difference in tempo between two consecutive tracks. Larger deltas are harder to mix smoothly. SetAura flags differences above 4 BPM.
Commercial Dance	A broad genre label covering accessible, radio-friendly electronic dance music — used in place of older "Dance & Pop" categorisations. Includes contemporary club anthems with crossover appeal.
DNA Card	A shareable 540×300px PNG image of the set's energy arc, set name, genre, and peak track — designed for social media sharing.
Energy Arc	The planned rise and fall of energy throughout a set. Visualised as the waveform SVG in SetAura. The arc type (Journey, Peak, Warm-Up, etc.) determines the shape.
Enriched Track	A track in the SetAura database that has verified BPM and harmonic key data from Beatport — as opposed to AI-estimated values.
Genre-Aware Store Routing	Automatic selection of the best purchase platform per genre: Beatport for club genres, Traxsource for deep/Afro, Juno for DnB, Bandcamp for ambient.
Gig Brief	A printable one-page PDF-ready document with venue, date, and full tracklist — designed for promoters and personal gig prep.
Harmonic Key Wheel	A visual tool based on the Circle of Fifths that arranges all 24 musical keys in a clock-like layout. Adjacent positions are harmonically compatible for mixing. Inner ring = minor keys, outer ring = major keys.
Harmonic Mixing	The practice of selecting tracks whose musical keys are compatible on the Circle of Fifths, so they can be mixed without clashing or creating dissonance.
In-Era Bonus	A strong preference SetAura gives to tracks that fall within the exact year range you selected with the Release Era filter. Ensures your set is built primarily from your chosen era.
Key Lock	An optional constraint on the set's opening or closing musical key. Useful for DJ hand-offs or matching an existing room vibe.

Mix Check	SetAura's automatic transition scoring system. Rates each track-to-track move on key compatibility, BPM delta, and energy delta. Surfaces Rough transitions.
Mix Flow	The strategic text overview of a set — describing how to approach each section in terms of energy, mood transition, and crowd management.
Peak Track	A track assigned the "peak" role — shown with an orange flame icon. These are the highest-energy tracks in the set, placed at the arc's climax.
Release Era Filter	A 9-chip preset system that restricts track selection to a specific year range — from Pre-2000 through to the current year. SetAura strongly prioritises tracks from your chosen era.
Set History	A permanent record of every set you have generated, saved in your browser. Accessible from the History page.
Set Quality Score	A 0–100 composite score measuring harmonic flow (40pts), BPM smoothness (30pts), energy arc shape (20pts), and artist diversity (10pts).
Set Versioning	Automatic saving of up to 10 generated versions within a browser session. Restore any version instantly.
Story Card	A portrait 1080×1920px PNG image of the full set in SetAura branding — optimised for Instagram Stories and TikTok.
Surprise Me	A one-click button that randomises every generator parameter at once — genre, mood, BPM range, occasion, duration, track count, and experience level.
Track Blacklist	A saved list of tracks you never want suggested again. Added per-track by hovering over a track card and clicking the blacklist icon.
Track Role	The functional position of a track in the set: opener, build, peak, groove, cool-down, or closer. Each role has different energy and mixing expectations.
Warm-Up Set	A separately generated set at lower energy and BPM range, harmonically compatible with the main set, designed to precede it.

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