

# DISTRHO Plugin Framework – An easier way to create audio plugins

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## Abstract

DISTRHO Plugin Framework, or DPF for short, is a C++ framework for creating audio plugins and OpenGL-based UIs.

## Keywords

Plugin, Framework, OpenGL, hmmm.

## 1 Introduction

Talk about developing plugins in general, not using a helper framework, related to next point (mix them).

Then 1. the many plugin formats, 2. LV2 being a bit more hard to develop for, 3. VST license thing.

Extend to 1. UI toolkits on linux, how LV2 is having issues dealing with it, 2. cross-platform is a challenge

## 2 Similar frameworks

Mention Juce and the cockos/reaper thing (not for linux).

Give special attention to licensing.

## 3 Overview or something

Base intro on how the framework works, what is supposed to do, the target.

Really basic intro here.

### 3.1 Licensing

Explain license reasons, the limitations on some code; example DSSI-UI uses liblo, VST can use vstsdk or GPLv2+ header.

### 3.2 Capabilities

Explain what devs can do.

### 3.3 Limitations

Explain what it can't do.

#### 3.3.1 Subsubsection

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## 4 Exporters

How the export works.

### 4.1 LADSPA

Text here about LADSPA.

### 4.2 DSSI

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### 4.3 LV2

Text here about LADSPA.

### 4.4 VST

Text here about LADSPA.

### 4.5 Other

How to extend.

## 5 Operating systems

Explain how the core works everywhere, but UI needs some platform-specific bits.

Reference pugl here.

### 5.1 Linux (X11)

Using glx and xlib.

### 5.2 MacOS

Using Cocoa.

### 5.3 Windows

Using win32, as expected.

### 5.4 Other

How to extend.

## 6 Conclusion and future work

Show some working plugin pics.

Mention which stuff is working properly and fully tested, and which didn't had time to check 100%.

Mention DISTRHO project I guess.

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Any other that used or tested DPF, like Harry and Andreee.

Linux Foundation maybe :P

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