

GNormal Manual

Welcome to GNormal

GNormal tries to remedy denormal problems by introducing extremely low-level noise to the signal path. (If you don't know what that means, then you probably don't need GNormal).

Some CPUs employ techniques to extend the accuracy of floating-point calculations involving very small numbers. These small numbers are called denormals.

Unfortunately, calculations involving denormals can be very slow, drastically affecting audio DSP performance; and in most cases the numbers involved are too small to be of any interest anyhow.

Adding noise to the signal path can prevent denormals from reaching subsequent calculations by keeping the signal level above the denormal range. The level of the noise added is so low that it is inaudible.

Installation

1. All GVST plug-ins come compressed in a ZIP file, so the first step is to extract the files from the ZIP file.
2. Once extracted, you should have one or more DLL files, these are the plug-in files.
3. You need to copy the plug-in files to the appropriate folder for your host program.
4. In most cases, you will need either to restart the host program or re-scan the plug-in folder in order for newly-installed plug-ins to appear.

Hints

- The simplest way to configure GNormal is to place it before a suspect plug-in and set the "Level" parameter to maximum. Try each setting of the "Type" parameter to see if the problem goes away. When you have found a suitable noise-type, you should reduce the noise-level as much as possible.

Interface



The GNormal GUI has two knobs to control the two parameters.

Level: The maximum peak level of the generated noise.

Type: The type of noise generated. Some noise types are ineffective in particular circumstances. For example, "AC" noise will be removed by a low-pass filter. The only way of knowing which will work for a given plug-in is by trying them.

- DC: A constant value is added to the signal.
- AC: Like DC except that the sign of the added value flips every sample.
- Square: Like AC except that the sign flips less frequently, forming a square wave shape.
- Pulse: Occasionally adds a single value at the set level followed by zeroes.
- Noise: Adds white noise to the signal.

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