Causticpacks and how to install them

Causticpacks were introduced with Caustic 3 to make it easier for users to install samples and presets in the correct location or path of your device. This format is compatible with the Android and iOS versions of Caustic, note that at the moment (December 2013), it is not working with the PC version (3.0.0).

With a bit more work the sounds can also be installed in Caustic 2 and the PC version of Caustic 3. This procedure is described further below.

The first step is to extract the zip file you have downloaded to your computer. It contains one causticpack file and some PDF and/or text files including the zvon_license.txt file.

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To import the sounds into your Android device, copy the causticpack file from your computer to Caustic 3 on your device using the built-in FTP server of Caustic 3 or your preferred method for transferring files from your computer to your device. The FTP server will copy it to the correct location. If you copy it manually, simply copy it in the "caustic" folder.

Then use the Import button from the Song tab in the Caustic 3 app menu and select it with the browser and load it. You may have to go up to the parent folder to find it.

The Import page will then open and you can check the "delete source archive after extraction" to save space on your device. Then press the Import button and Caustic will correctly and automatically install the content to the correct folders.

The sounds should now be available for you in Caustic. They will load in the demo version too.

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To import the sounds into your iOS device, use iTunes file sharing or the built-in FTP server of Caustic 3 to copy the causticpack file from your computer to Caustic 3 on your device. Then use the Import button from the Song tab in the Caustic 3 app menu and select it with the browser and load it. You may have to go up to the parent folder to find it.

The Import page will then open and you can check the "delete source archive after extraction" to save space on your device. Then press the Import button and Caustic will correctly and automatically install the content to the correct folders.

The sounds should now be available for you in Caustic. They will load in the demo version too.

Note that you can use software like iExplorer and iFunbox instead of iTunes to copy the ".causticpack" file to your device.

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To import the sounds into Caustic 2 (Android, PlayBook, PC) or Caustic 3.0.0 on a PC, rename the ".causticpack" file ".zip" and then extract it on your computer. From there copy the files to the correct locations on your device or computer.

The structure of the archive shows the correct paths. Basically you have to find your destination "caustic" folder, the one where the "presets", "samples" and "songs" folders are located.

Then copy the "zvon" folder(s) you will find and their sub-folders (if any) to their respective destination folder. For instance, if the archive has a "zvon" folder in caustic\presets\pcmsynth, copy it to the same folder on your device. Another example of path is caustic\samples\beatbox.

Note that not all my expansion packs have sub-folders or a beatbox folder. Also if you have previously installed some of my other expansion packs, you may already have the above "zvon" folders on your device. If so, you can just copy the content of this archive's zvon folders to their respective zvon folders on your device.

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Please refer to the Caustic 3 documentation for more info about its FTP server and Import features.

I hope that these instructions are clear but don't hesitate to email if you have questions.