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Posted by [Richard Faylor](#) on Thu, 20 Nov 2008 01:29:28 GMT  
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Posted by [Jim Drago\[2\]](#) on Thu, 20 Nov 2008 17:35:22 GMT  
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Heya Richard; concepts in drum programming have progressed by leaps and

bounds since OS9 was discontinued. After multi-layered samples (so different velocities triggered different samples) proved insufficient for realism, the hippest drum sequencing plugins moved to techniques like "alternate strokes" where even two consecutive snares at the same velocity trigger different R hand and L hand samples, and multiple samples for each stroke so you can "mix" your drums for more "room" or capture bleed from one in the mics of the others.

Drum programs also started to add sequencer components with included performance libraries of MIDI patterns. Most of the stuff requires a reasonably fast computer and OSX. Things that might interest you would include:

FXPansion's BFD <http://www.fxansion.com/index.php?page=1>

XLNAudio's "Addictive Drums" <http://www.xlnaudio.com/>

For percussion, Wizoo's "Latigo", a killer Latin percussion sequencer <http://www.soundonsound.com/sos/jun05/articles/wizoo.htm>

It might be worth your while to consider booting into OSX to do your drum programming in order to take advantage of the possibilities these packages offer, many of them undreamed-of in the days of OS9 - and for what a single drum sample CD used to cost.

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