A One-Page Introduction to Circa

Circa records audio you send to it and plays it back, over and over in a loop. There are six places for recording audio; we call them layers because they can all play at once, creating layered collages of sound.

These six circles represent the layers; click or tap on them to select a layer. You can start with the far left one. You'll see the circle, and the rectangle below, fill with sound as you record.

Click here to start recording some sound. Click it again and Circa will stop recording and start playing your sound in a loop. Click it a third time and you can record more sound on top. Click it again to go back to playing, and so on.

Click in here to make the playback position jump around. You can also drag here, sort of like scratching a record or rocking the reels on a tape deck.

Click this strip to make the loop play slower or faster, or backwards, or both. You can drag in this strip to make sounds that might be funny, or kind of queasy-making, or both. The damping knob controls how fast this strip changes the audio.

When you're adding more sound to the selected layer, this knob controls how much of the old sound persists. Leave it at 100 if you want to keep the old sound. Turn it down a little to make the old sound fade out as the loop cycles.



If you don't like the last thing you added, click this to remove it.
Click it again to bring it back; it's an undo/redo button.

Use this to erase parts of the layer as it plays.

Use this to clear audio from a layer without changing the layer's length.

This stops the layer when it's playing. If you click it a second time, the play position jumps back to the beginning. If you hold it for a second or so, it empties the selected layer so that you can start all over again.

Maybe you'd like to make the layer sound different with a filter. There's a menu here to select a filter type, and knobs to tweak the filter.

Click another one of the layer circles and do it all again to add a new layer to your collage.

That should keep you busy for awhile, but there's lots more to know and it won't all fit on this page. Everything else is revealed in the User Manual, which you can find on the Circa Product Page here: https://www.audiodamage.com/products/ad059-circa