Chapter 24. Meeting 24

24.1. Announcements

24.2. Sonic System Projects: The Turbo Sonic Whopper

- Created by Jillian Reddy, this instrument combines features of a turntable with a tape head and a magnetic disc
24.3. Sonic System Projects: The Airemino

- Created by an anonymous MIT student, this instrument provides Theremin-style pitch control with breath-control event trigger
24.4. Sonic System Projects: The XY Drum

- Created by an anonymous MIT student, a piezo-based drum trigger using a custom on-board microcontroller for signal analysis and synthesis
24.5. Sonic System Projects: The ChordMaster

- Created by Andrew Sugaya, this iPhone app permits storing up to six chords for playback by strumming gestures
Chapter 25. Meeting 25

25.1. Announcements

25.2. Evaluations

• Please complete an on-line evaluation for this subject

25.3. Quiz Review

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25.4. Music Technology: Divisions

• Four Divisions
  • Sound recording and its influences
  • Instruments and interfaces
  • Languages and representations
  • Algorithmic and generative music systems (Spring 2010)
• Alternative organizations?
• What is left out?

25.5. Music Technology: Trends

• Musical and technological influence of persons from diverse backgrounds
• Faster, cheaper, easier
• Coercion and abstraction, bending and hacking
• Modularity and reuse
• New types of collaboration, interaction, and authorship
• Others?

25.6. The Future: Tools, Control, and Creativity

• Will new tools offer greater musical diversity or greater homogenization?

• Which is more important: hardware capabilities or software designs and interfaces? Will faster machines give us better musical tools? An engineering problem or an aesthetic and cultural problem?

• Dynamic systems over fixed works? Consumers as co-producers?

25.7. Sonic System Projects: Convolver

• Created by an anonymous MIT student, this Java-based implementation of a convolution reverb permits re-iterative processing in the sprit of Alvin Lucier.

25.8. Sonic System Projects: SlowCoder

• Created by Gerg Perkins, this PD-based implementation of a 60-band vocoder uses amplitude envelope feedback to provide creative manipulation of time-domain re-synthesis.

25.9. Sonic System Projects: Melow

• Created by Joseph Diaz, this PD-based implementation of a Melotron re-creation employs noise and random-probabilities to emulate the unpredictable performance of the Melotron.
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