// The locations of the various files
// algorithmically generated 'melody':
Document.open("/Users/richdpl/Documents/Music/Melodia/MelodiaSynthFunc/Functions/~melodia.rtf")

// the programming for SC's interface with the unit
Document.open("/Users/richdpl/Documents/Music/Melodia/MelodiaSynthFunc/Functions/~ardMelodiaPingPot.rtf")

// Load functions and synths
(s.waitForBoot(
  
  /*~/Documents/Music/Melodia/MelodiaSynthFunc/SynthDefs/*`.loadPaths
  /*~/Documents/Music/Melodia/MelodiaSynthFunc/Functions/*`.loadPaths
   ) */))

// add some reverb and test
(~rev = Synth.new("reverb", [\inBus, ~effect]));
~myModNote.value( 3.rand, 880.rand, 2.0, 5.4, 0.4, 2.0*(2.0.rand)

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// Intro
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// Where to pitch this: originally it was mechanism, metaphor, music and magic, talking about physical computing,
interfaces, the hardware/software metaphor and how these components should come together (with maybe some 'magic'
sprinkled in) to form an interesting musical performance/composition.

// Research focuses
1. The physical interface: design, construction and use;
2. The algorithmic control of music;
3. The links between these two focuses;
4. Different in acoustic and electronic music;
5. These focuses lead to the following questions...

// Research questions
1. What is the meaning of physical gesture as a cause of music?
2. What is the relationship between physical gesture and music metaphorical relationships?
3. What does it mean to be skilled musically?
4. What are the differences in aims and approaches between musicians and non-musicians?
5. What are the importance of the motor skills involved in musicianship?

// Other systems
1. Nintendo Wii, Microsoft Natal, Sony Move and the Apple iPhone
2. G-Speak, Vicon systems, Gypsy MIDI, etc.;
3. BBC News - Sony shows off its motion controller PlayStation Move

// Linking real world data to software
1. These systems now commonly allow significantly more physical control of some algorithmic processes;
2. these processes (musical or not) are usually highly limited and controlled;
3. If used musically, these limitations reflect the quality and scope of the results;
4. In general, they are analogical systems in that they seek to replicate the real world, rather than interpreting it creatively and/or metaphorically.

// Mechanism, metaphor, magic and music
1. **What** do I mean by metaphor?
2. **Relationship** of the physical and the algorithmic is the nature, quality and validity of the metaphor existing between physical action and software-driven reaction;
3. **Current** technology emphasises convincing metaphorical links and in music, physical modelling) - see the iPad;
4. **Magical** properties (also see Natal clip, about 3/4 of the video);
5. The synthesiser - is it a musical instrument? Is a laptop

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// Demonstration
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/*
 * Ultrasound sensor;
 * Is instructed by the Arduino board to send out a ping;
 * Processing on the chip detects its return and sends this data;
 * In this case the data is then used by me within SuperCollider
 * Other devices about which I may have a chance to demonstrate
 * This is a deliberately simple device looking at the implementation
 * I'll be demonstrating some basic functionality, particularly the musical algorithms.
 * It's likely that two of these units will be used to construct a dance duet sequence where two strands of music, controlled by movement, will interlink...
*/
// activate the arduino (and check pots)
~ardMelodiaPingPot.value;

// close the connection if necessary
~ardMel.close; // close just the port you've just opened
SerialPort.closeAll; // close all ports.

// This starts the principal algorithm and sets sudden movement
(~melodia.value;
~suddenMove = 1800;
)

// If there is no object inside the set distance, by default 200
~myDist = 4000;
~myDist = 1000;
~myDist = 500;
~myDist = 2000; // default

// So one simply holds one's hand in range and the algorithm wil
// One of the things that many people did when first introduced
the unit. In general, with

~suddenMove = 1800;

// the unit only occasionally responded (when the melodic algori

~suddenMove = 400; // this works much better...
...and is a specific algorithm included to provide this response, the unit is more responsive. If the value is too low, the unit responds to every movement and you don't hear enough of the task itself:

```plaintext
~suddenMove = 10;

~suddenMove = 400; // the default value;
```

This configuration of values is a clear example of how interaction and algorithmic response is not necessarily immediately apparent;

Almost invariably one's initial ideas have to be modified (and compromised) because of physical reality.

The current configuration isn't ideal, but it generally works in practice.

With the sudden movement algorithm set, this may well be triggered accidentally unless one is very careful. Also, movements of objects within range that one is not even considering can have an effect: working on a swivelling chair where the movement of its back can, unbeknownst, trigger a response.
More detailed investigation of the melodic and rhythmic aspects of the algorithm

The Melodia algorithm is not particularly sophisticated and there's a tendency for these configurations to reach a point at which they're 'satisfactory enough' and there sit, forever incomplete.

Here's the actual file if necessary:

```plaintext
Document.open("/Users/richdpl/Documents/Music/Melodia/MelodiaSynthFunc/Functions/~melodia.rtf")
```

Start the algorithm with default settings

```plaintext
~suddenMove = 1800; // so we know it's the algorithm
~melodiaTask.stop; ~melodiaTask.reset; // if it's going already
~melodia.value;
```

Again, nothing will happen if nothing's in range

Frequencies are in fact derived from a row:

```plaintext
~pPatt = [ 0, 3, 1, 0, 9, 10, 11, 1, 7, 0, 8, 2, 4, 6, 5 ];
```
// taken originally from an earlier composition of mine.

// However, for a variety of reasons, and not least because the make a huge difference. If I change the row:
~pPatt = [ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 ];
~pPatt = [ 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1 ];
~pPatt = [ 0, 0, 0 ];

// In addition to the pitches, there is a rhythmic element conta
~myDurArray = [ 4.0, 3.0, 2.0, 1.0, 1.33, 0.25, 0.25, 0.125, 0.0001, 0.0001 ];

// From this array, at each iteration of the melodic loop, one v creates a fairly liberal result. However, it's easy to create a indicator more clear:

(~melodiaTask.stop; ~melodiaTask.reset;
~melodia.value;
~density = 32.0;
~myDurArray = [ 0.25, 0.125 ];)

// Now I can close the unit to hear the rhythm more precisely (t
~ardMel.close;
SerialPort.closeAll; // might need to do this too.

// so one can set different rhythmic tendencies
~myDurArray = [ 0.5, 0.25, 0.125 ];

~myDurArray = [ 0.5, 0.25, 0.0001 ];
~myDurArray = [ 0.75, 0.001 ];
~myDurArray = [ 0.5, 0.25 ];
~myDurArray = [ 0.75, 0.5, 0.25 ];
~myDurArray = [ 0.75, 0.5, 0.25, 0.125, 0.125 ];
~myDurArray = [ 0.2 ];
~myDurArray = [ 0.2, 0.25 ];
~myDurArray = [ 0.2, 0.25, 0.33, 0.4, 0.5 ];
~myDurArray = [ 0.125 ];
myDurArray = [ 0.25, 0.125 ];
myDurArray = [ 0.375 ];

// or change them algorithmically
(~rhythmTask = Task({
    100.do({
        ~myDurArray = [ [ 0.25, 0.125 ], [ 0.375, 0.35 ] ].choos
        2.0.rand.wait;
    });
}).play;

// this stops that last task
~rhythmTask.stop; ~rhythmTask.reset;

// this brings us back to normal
(~melodiaTask.stop; ~melodiaTask.reset;
~melodia.value;
)

~rev = Synth.new("reverb", [\inBus, ~effect]); // just in case

// if I start it again you immediately hear the effect:
~ardMelodiaPingPot.value;

(~melodiaTask.stop; ~melodiaTask.reset;
~melodia.value;
~density = 32.0;
~myDurArray = [ 0.5, 0.25 ];
)

// Now, if I move in front of the unit, you'll hear a very clear generically with the variable
-density = 8.0;

// Here, the lower the value the more potential movement there is.

-density = 160.0;

// the density value is acting as a 'gear'.

-density = 16.0;

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// Movement algorithm
// Most technical part
// NB the posting codes below can be commented in melodia after

Document.open("/Users/richdpl/Documents/Music/Melodia/MelodiaSynthFunc/Functions/~melodia.rtf")

// The quantity of movement is chosen through the following algo emerging from the unit

~postOrigVal = true;
~postOrigVal = false;

// is put into pairs with a simple switch

~postPairs = true;
~postPairs = false;

// and the second value of each pair is subtracted from the first and it's absolute value taken:
if ( myDiff == true , { myDiffVal1 = pingVal; myDiff = false; } , { myDiffVal2 = pingVal; myDiff = true; } ) {
  myDiffVal = ((myDiffVal1 - myDiffVal2).abs);
}

~postDiffVal = true;
~postDiffVal = false;

// As is to be expected, the values are rather jumpy as, even with what feels to be fairly constant motion, there is plenty of quantisation taking place. For this reason, all values

~postav = true;

// whose size can be varied (so creating smoother results or a faster response)
~mySize = 100;
~mySize = 4;
~mySize = 1;
~mySize = 10;

~postav = false;

// which gives rise to a single value:
~postavmean = true;
~postavmean = false;

// this might need restarting to get a clearer value in the window
~ardMel.close;
SerialPort.closeAll;
~ardMelodiaPingPot.value;

// which is graphically illustrated in the window at the top of the screen. It is this value which is used, along with the variable density above, to control the 'tempo' of the algorithm.

( ~melodiaTask.stop; ~melodiaTask.reset;
~melodia.value;
~density = 16.0;
~myDurArray = [ 0.25 ];
// the original duration array
~myDurArray = [ 4.0, 3.0, 2.0, 1.0, 1.33, 0.25, 0.25, 0.125, 0.0

// and pitch array
~pPatt = [ 0, 3, 1, 0, 9, 10, 11, 1, 7, 0, 8, 2, 4, 6, 5 ];


// Bonus bits
// Melismas


// clearer to begin with without the unit
~ardMel.close;
SerialPort.closeAll; // might need to do this too.

// Included in the melodia algorithm is a value that represents is
~myTupletCoin = 0.001
// which is effectively off.

// 50/50 chance of a melisma with each loop
~myTupletCoin = 0.5

// easier to hear the rhythms
~myDurFactor = 0.2

// only melismas
~myTupletCoin = 1.0

// 'semituplets'
~myTupletArray = [ 4.0 ]

// no pauses from the 'melody' and readjust the duration
~myDurArray = [ 0.01 ]
~myDurFactor = 10.2

// 'semituplets' and 'triplets'
~myTupletArray = [ 4.0, 3.0 ]

// and so on
~myTupletArray = [ 3.0, 4.0, 5.0 ]

~myTupletArray = [ 0.51, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0
~myTupletArray = [ 4.0, 5.0, 7.0, 13.0 ]
~myTupletArray = [ 5.0, 6.0, 100 ]
~myTupletArray = [ 3.0, 4.0 ]
~myTupletArray = [ 0.51 ]

// back to the original
(
~melodiaTask.stop; ~melodiaTask.reset;
~melodia.value;
~density = 16.0;
~myDurArray = [ 4.0, 3.0, 2.0, 1.0, 1.33, 0.25, 0.25, 0.125, 0.0
~myTupletCoin = 0.5;
~myDurFactor = 0.1;
)

~ardMel.close
SerialPort.closeAll // might need to do this too.

// turn unit on again
~ardMelodiaPingPot.value
// then you must do this again
// and remember the pots are now effective
(~melodiaTask.stop; ~melodiaTask.reset;
~melodia.value;
~density = 32.0;
~myTupletArray = [ 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0, 11.0
~myDurArray = [ 4.0, 3.0, 2.0, 1.0, 1.33, 0.25, 0.25, 0.125, 0.0
~myTupletCoin = 0.5;
~myDurFactor = 0.1;
)
// Pots and Performance

// You'll notice how inspite of the unit, there's plenty of code intentions, I ended up including a couple of potentiometers to control some other parameters (I made room for four!).

// (Potential area for more work here: pros and cons of developing an entirely computer interaction free composition/performance).

// I wanted originally to use a ribbon potentiometer (like a fader) but imagination had overestimated reality and it didn't work in the way I expected.

// In this case, the two I implemented set the variable \texttt{~myDurFactor}.

// Demonstrate with the above.

// Finally, I'm very aware of two issues: one is that use of the 'synthesiser', something of which I'm very suspicious. Also, the physical action and coding/evaluating – still a physical action,

// A good example happened at a performance earlier this month, a function three times, thinking it was a function that created

\texttt{~h3.value}

// In fact, I evaluated this three times:
// This function, unfortunately generated 2 minutes of sustained
to wait for over two minutes while the functions played out as I
evaluated functions.

// In the real world, objects that created such different sounds
probably colour: a bass drum and piccolo. In code, they differed
future, I am considering making the triggering of functions such
objects whose aspect metaphorically relates to their effect.

// everything off
~ardMel.close
SerialPort.closeAll // might need to do this too.

// Gaggle: something I prepared earlier
()
y = Window("Gaggle").front;
y.bounds = Rect(0, 0, 888, 500);
m = MovieView(y, Rect(10, 10, 868, 480));
m.path_("/Users/richdpl/Documents/Music/Canterbury/hci2009_p2g_1")