Culmination Project

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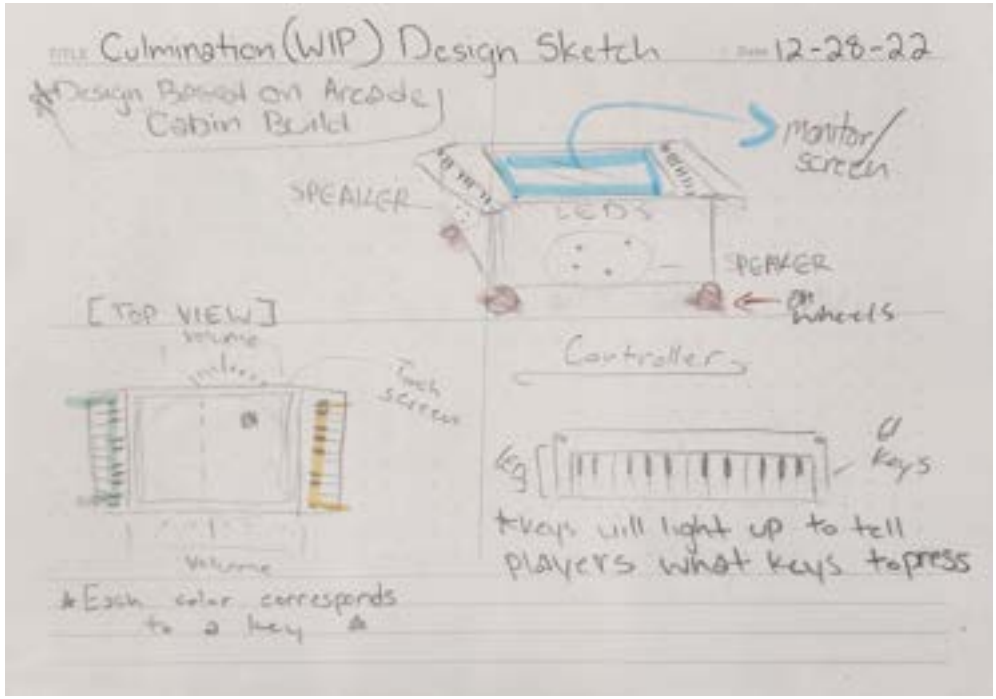
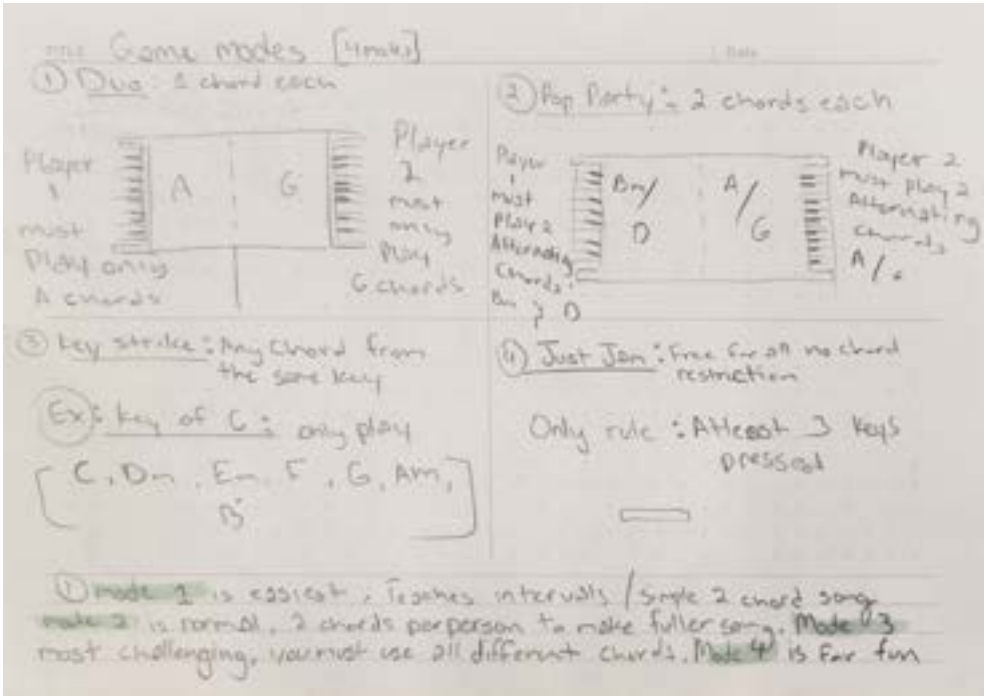
Introduction

Throughout my college experience I have explored the various ways audio can be more immersive and interactive.

Previously, my experience with audio has been related to music production, and sound design for mediums like, radio, podcast, and film and television.

For my culmination, I want to combine my experience with music, with my interest in video games, to create a fun and challenging twist to the Atari classic: Pong.

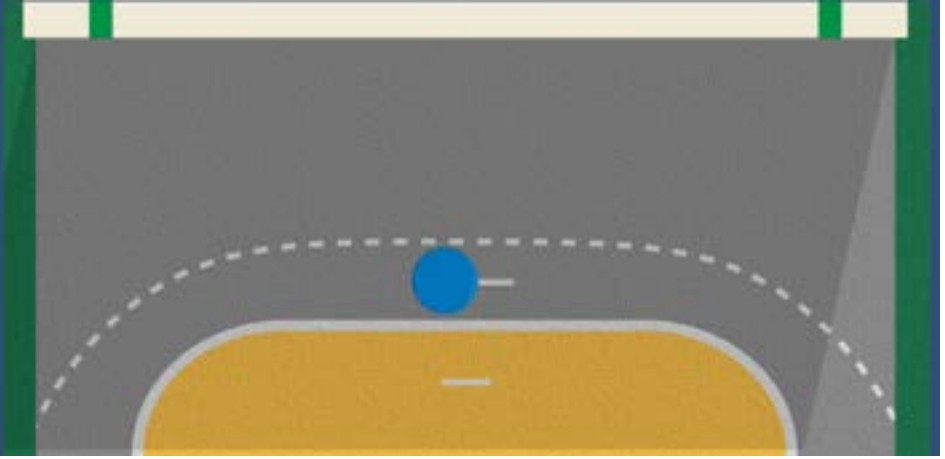




Project Description

Piano Plunk is table tennis with a musical twist. Players will have to play chords on a piano in order to hit the ball back and forth, creating a song.

The initial protype will be created in Unity, and I will use a variety of programs for the visuals and audio components of this project.

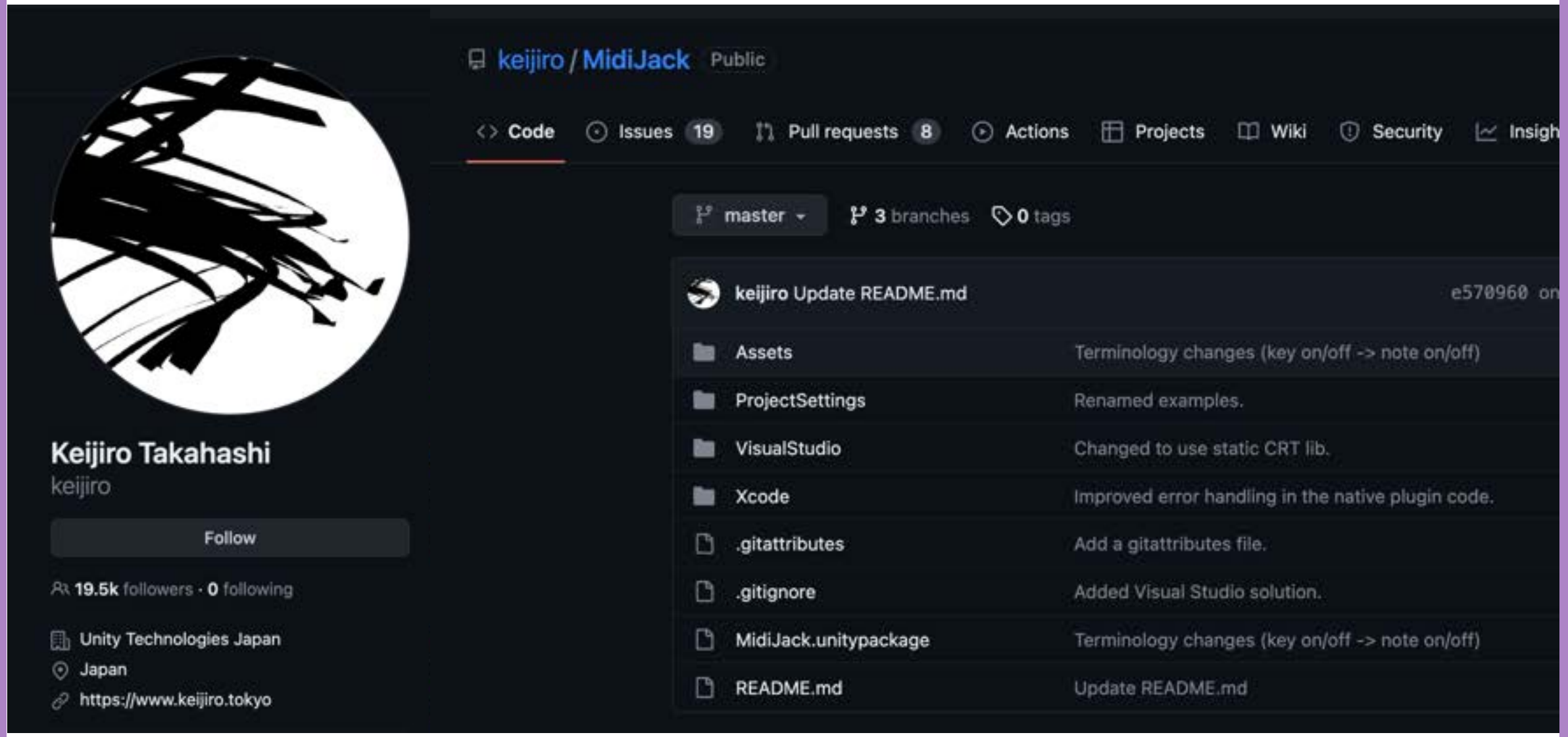


Main Concepts

Piano Pong will be a 1 to 2-player music game that teaches tonality and keys by challenging players to only use musical chords in order to hit the ball back and forth.

The player will have a piano on screen to guide them but will mostly be relying on memory and hand/finger placement to hit the incoming ball successfully.

All assets will be designed on paper, then brought to life through 4 main programs: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MIDI Jack

MIDI Jack is a MIDI input plugin for Unity.

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Midi Controller

Positives

- 49 keys
- UBS Midi
- Foldable

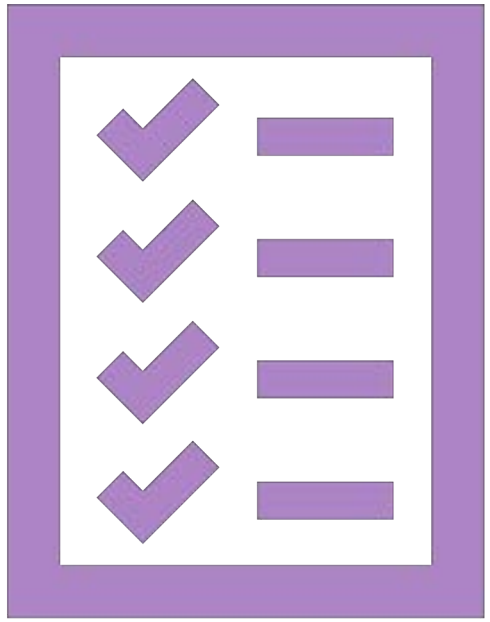
Challenges

- Latency/Lag
- USB unreliable

Budget Estimate

Culmination Project - Materials & Resources				
Hardware				
Materials:	Description:	QTY	Unit Cost	Total Price
Midi Controller	Carry-on 49 Keys Folding Piano	2	$99.00	$198.00
Laptop	Macbook Pro	1	$0.00	$0.00
Unity	Game dev software	1	$0.00	$0.00
Logic	Sound design software	1	$0.00	$0.00
Adobe CC	Adobe Illustrator for Assets	1	$0.00	$0.00
			Subtotal	$99.00
			10% Contingency	$9.90
			Total Materials	$108.90

Monthly Goals – Game Plan



Deliverables

Piano-Plunk

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1. Section I - Game Overview

1.1. Game Concept

[Piano-Plunk] is a musical twist on the Atari classic, "Pong" in which players play chords in order to hit the ball back and forth, simultaneously producing a "song"

1.2. Feature Set

2 player rhythm game. Dual piano controller. Create a song while playing a round of ping pong. Playback the song you created

1.3. Genre

Rhythm Game, Multiplayer, Arcade

1.4. Target Audience

All ages, but mostly kids and young adults with an interest in music

1.5. Game Flow Summary

Game flow is thought provoking but straight forward. Players with little to no musical background will be guided by LEDs lighting up keys that they are allowed to press at all given times. Each round flows very rhythmically and has players rely on their opponent in order to maintain rhythm and key.

1.6. Look and Feel

The game will be very colorful and use a minimalist low poly style. All assets will be 3D but played from a birds eye view perspective, almost as if looking into a box.

The player who begins can pick the starting inversion of their respected chord. The ball will bounce accordingly. Players will have to play the correct chord inversion that will hit the ball. The longer the game goes the faster the beat will become and the more instruments will play. The round ends when a player misses the ball and/or fails to play a Triad. Once the round ends players can listen back to their creation.

2.1.2. Mission/Challenge Structure

The challenge is to always play a triad. A bar cannot be created if the game doesn't receive three inputs. If a player only plays 1 or 2 keys then the ball would just go off screen, very similar to air hockey. The song would fade out and the keyboard sounds would distort. This is the only challenge required regardless of what game mode is played. The players can play other keys (1 or 2) in addition (more leaning towards the just jam mode) and they will play out loud but it won't count as their turn.

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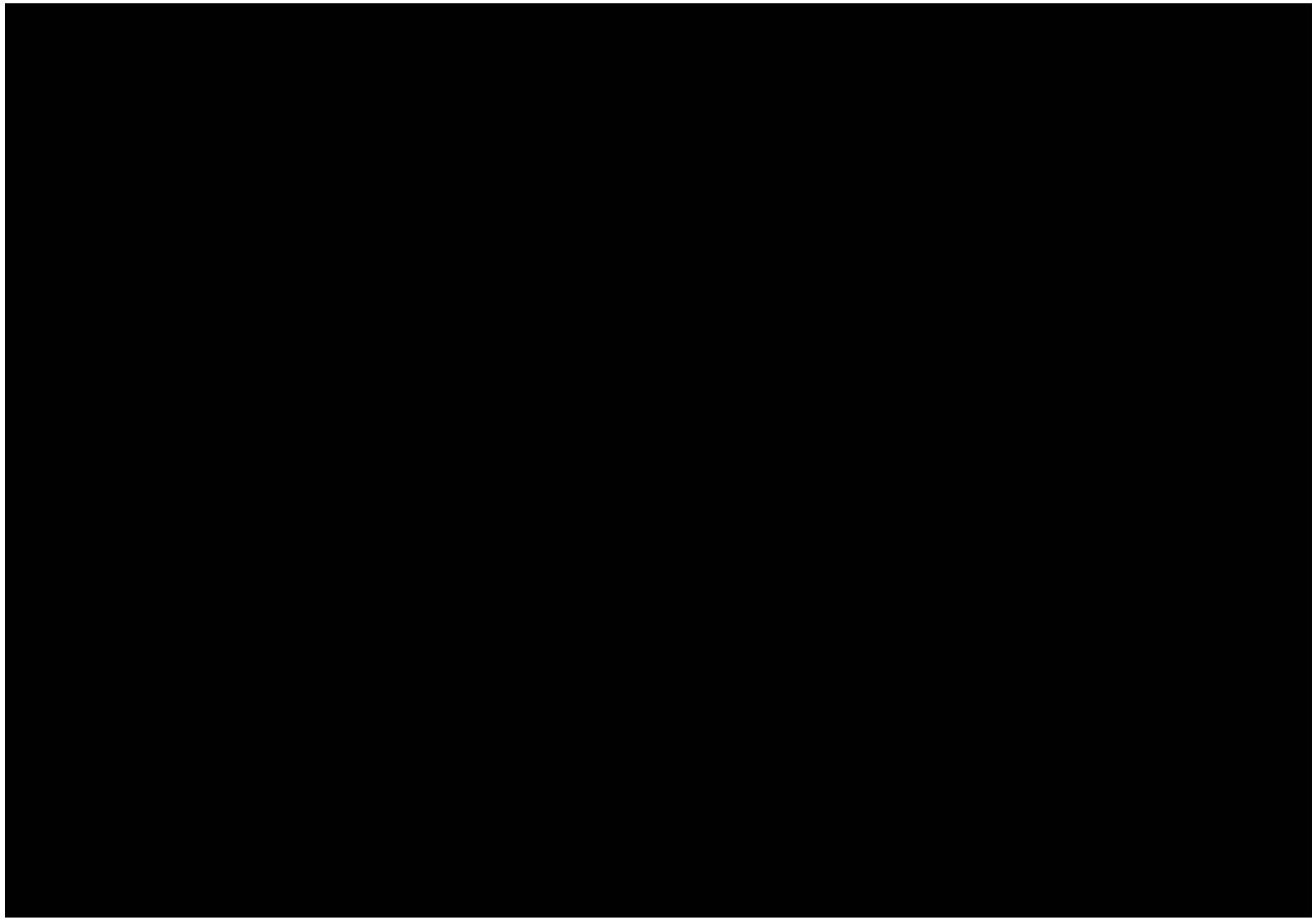

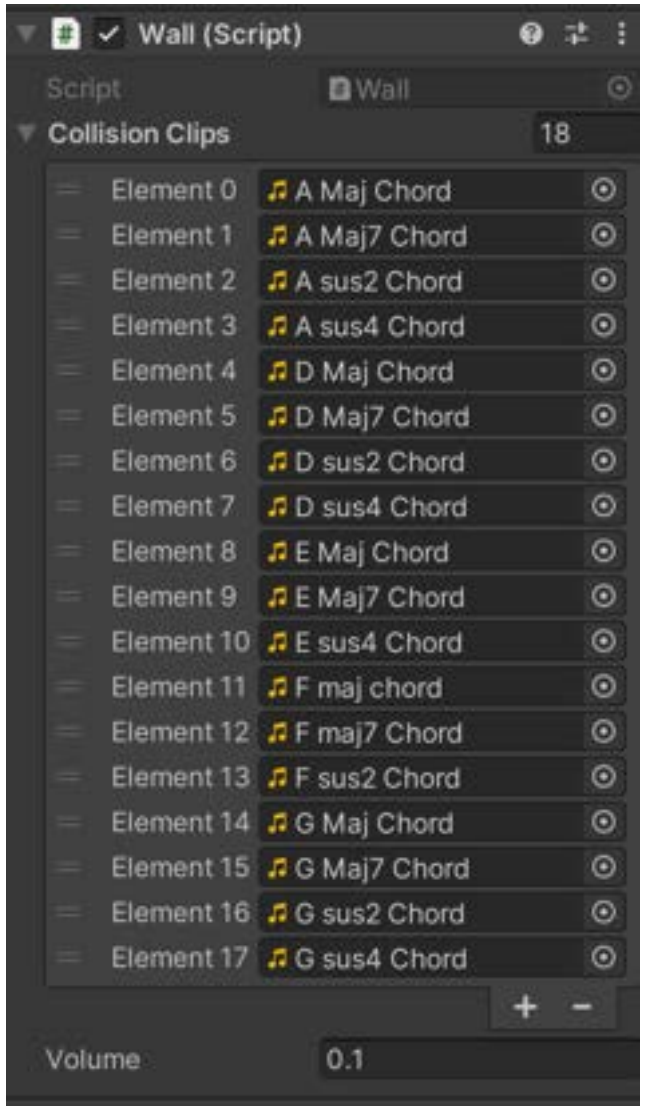

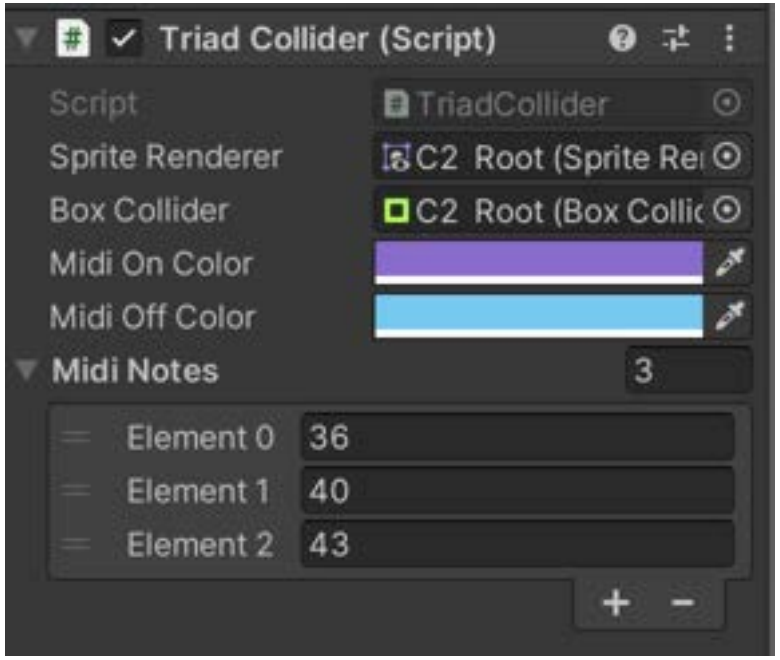

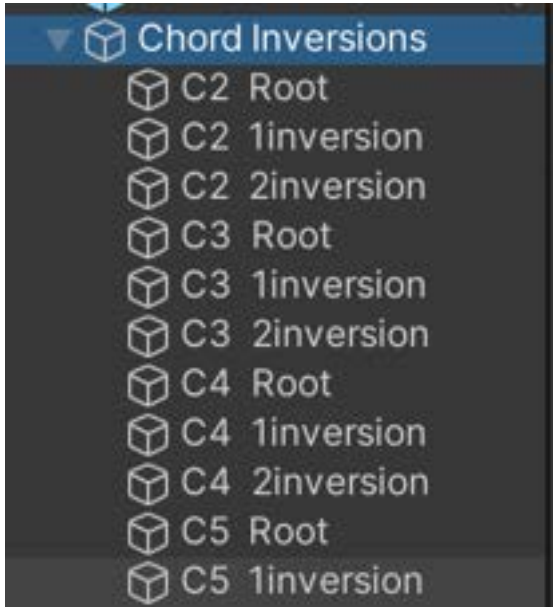

Main Scripting Components

```
using System;
using System.Collections;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using UnityEngine;
using UnityEngine.SceneManagement;
using MidiJack;

public class What : MonoBehaviour
{
    public static What Instance;
    public SpriteRenderer spriteRenderer;
    public BoxCollider2D boxCollider;
    public int midiNote;
    public Color midiOnColor;
    public Color midiOffColor;
    public AudioClip myAudioClip;
    private Color originalColor;
    private bool isColliding;
    private bool hasPlayedAudio;
    private GameManager gameManager;

    private void Awake()
    {
        gameManager = GameManager.Instance;
    }

    void Start()
    {
```

```
    public KeyCode startKey = KeyCode.Space;

    private Rigidbody2D rb;
    private Vector2 direction;

    void Start()
    {
        rb = GetComponent<Rigidbody2D>();
    }

    void Update()
    {
        if (Input.GetKeyDown(startKey))
        {
            direction = new Vector2(Random.Range(-1f, 1f), Random.Range(-1f, 1f)).n
            rb.velocity = speed * direction;
        }
    }

    void FixedUpdate()
    {
        if (rb.velocity.magnitude > 0)
        {
            if (Mathf.Abs(transform.position.x) > xBounds)
            {
                direction = new Vector2(-direction.x, direction.y);
            }
        }
    }

    private void OnCollisionEnter2D(Collision2D collision)
    {
        Debug.Log("Collision detected!");
        if (collision.gameObject.CompareTag("OutOfBounds"))
        {
            SceneManager.LoadScene("GameOverScene");
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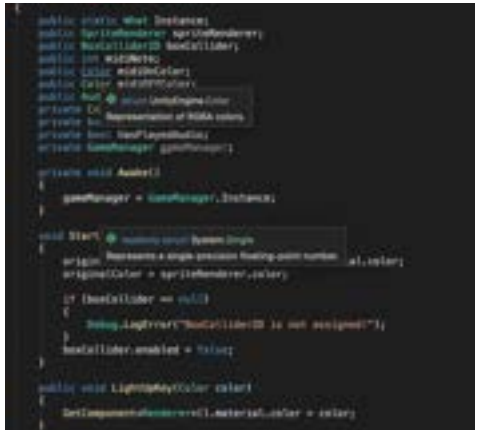

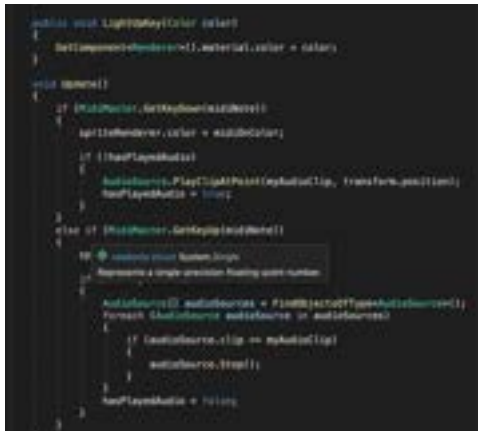

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        if (MidiMaster.GetKeyDown(midiNote))
        {
            spriteRenderer.color = midiOnColor;

            if (!hasPlayedAudio)
            {
                AudioSource.PlayClipAtPoint(myAudioClip, transform.position);
                hasPlayedAudio = true;
            }
        }
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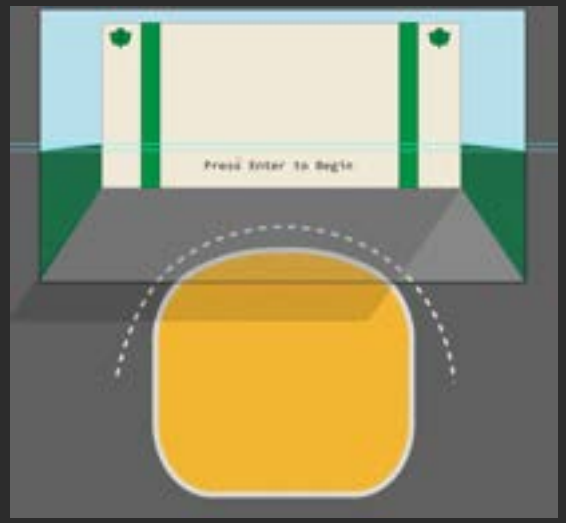
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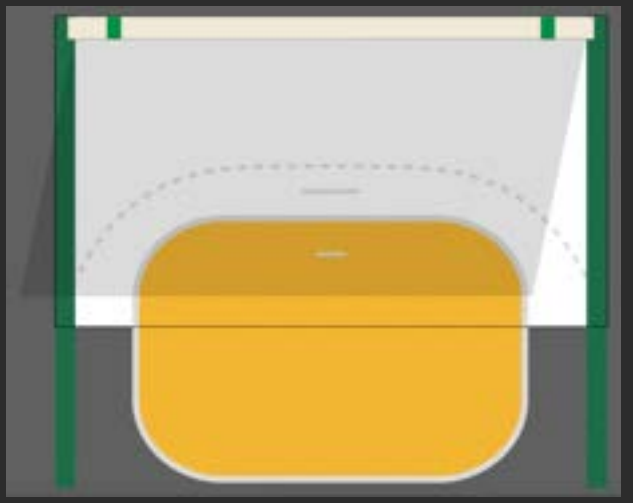

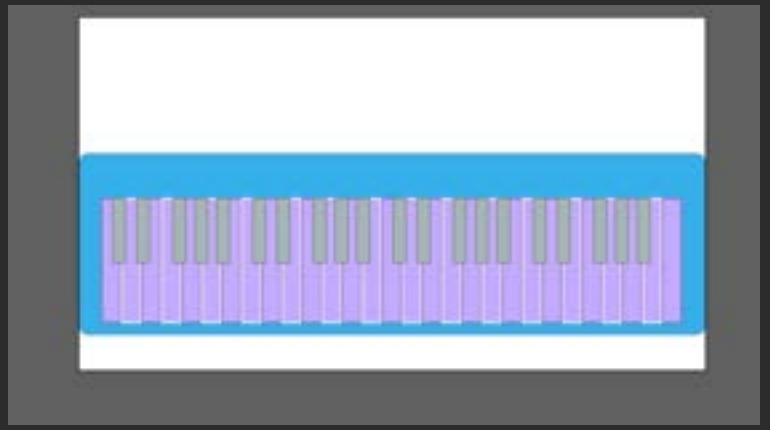


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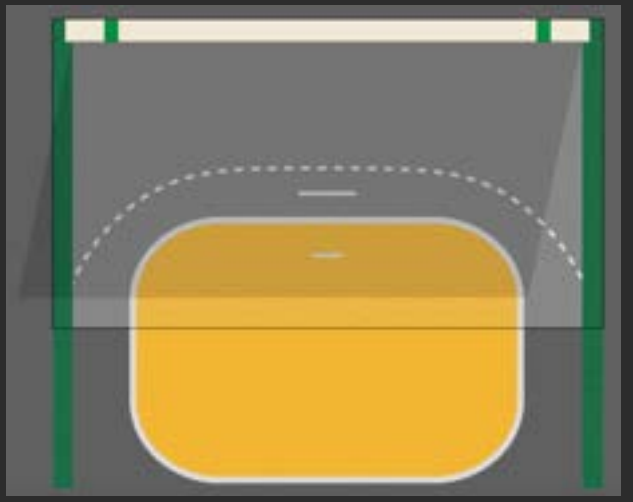

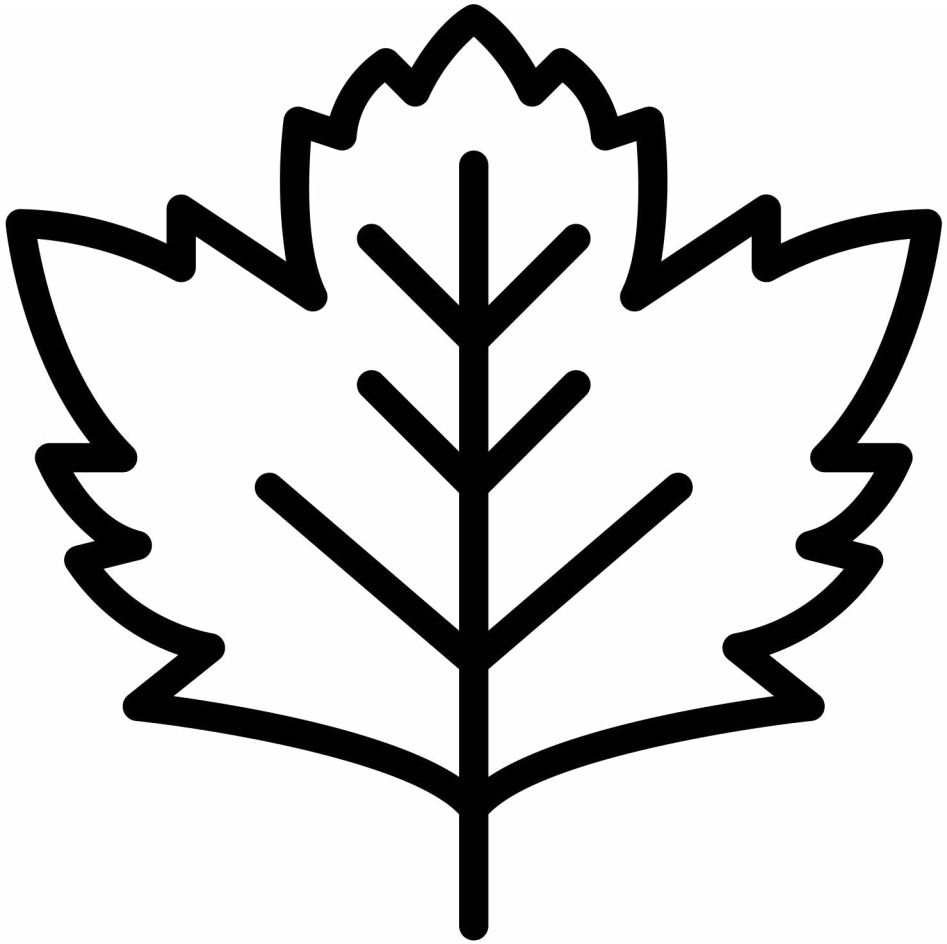

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Game Over!

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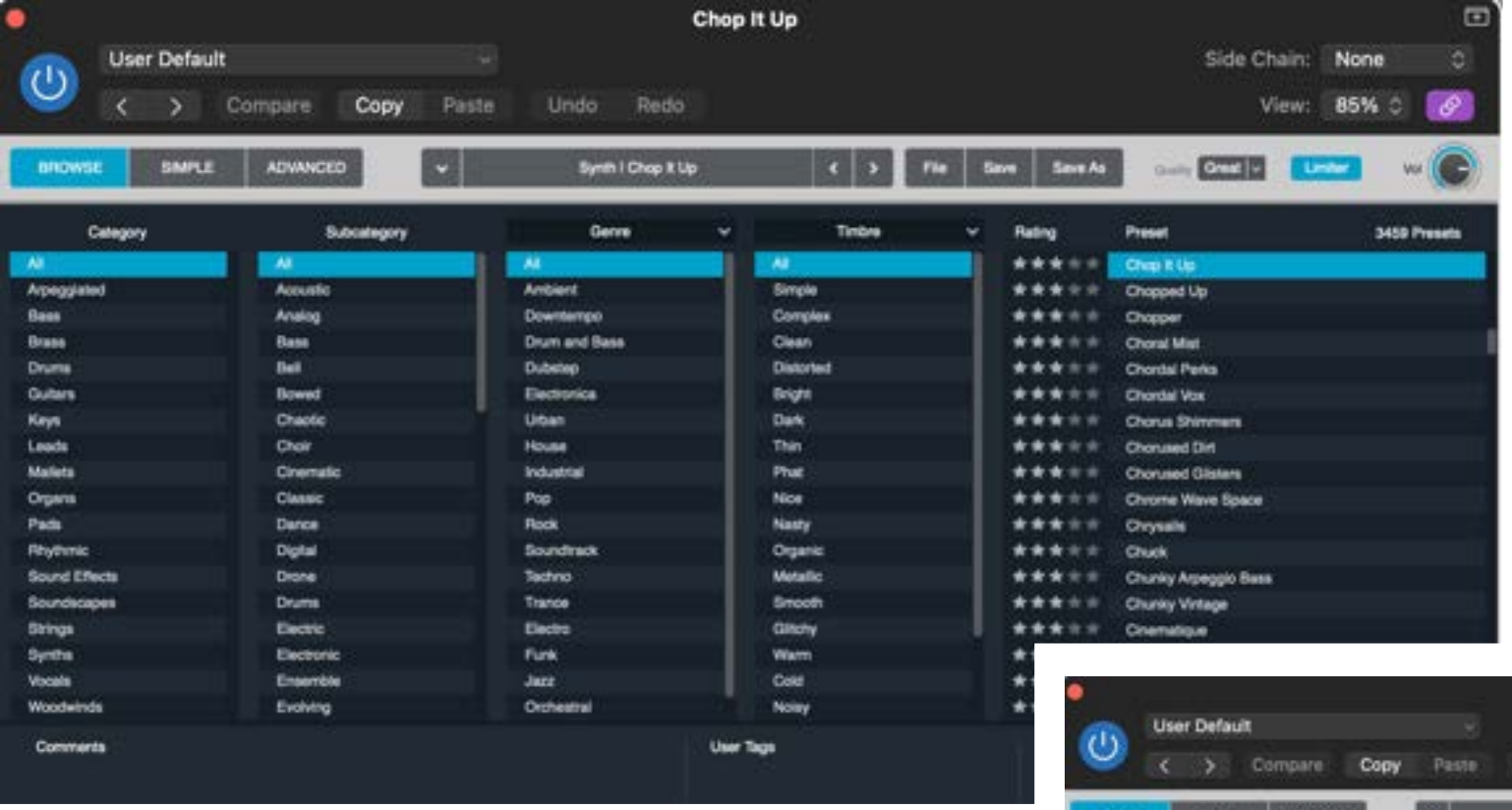
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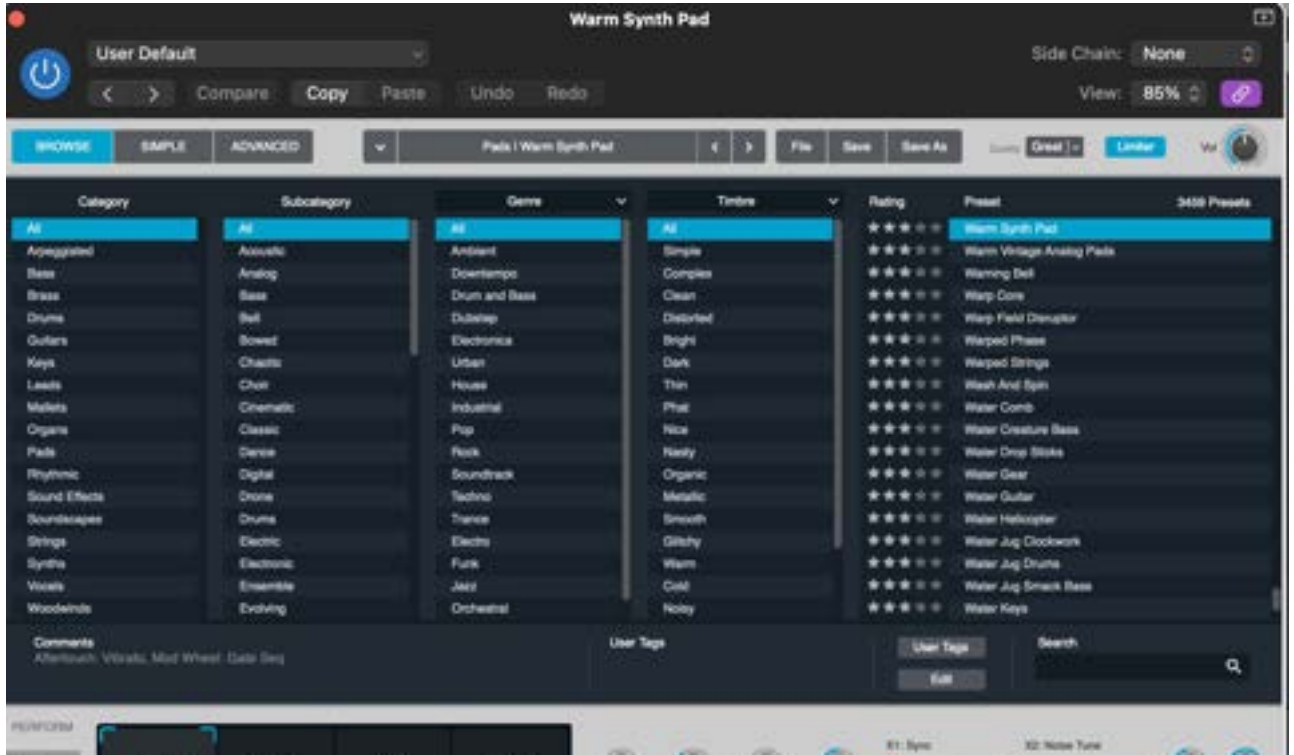
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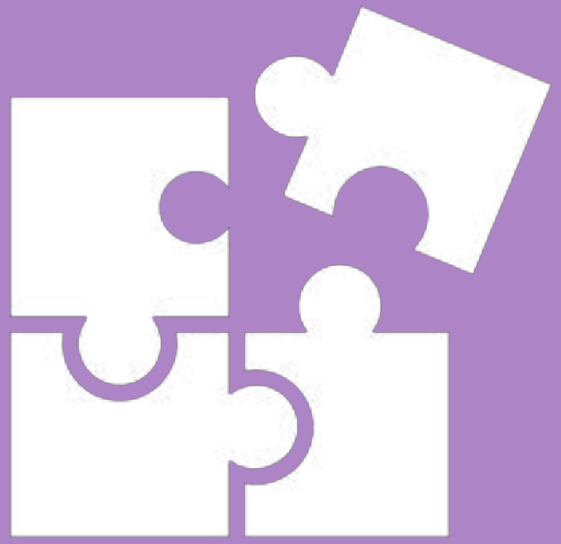

Conclusion

Through this culmination I learned…

- Importance of Time Management
- Troubleshooting and thinking outside the box
- There's nothing wrong with starting from scratch. It's part of the process
- Programing/coding may look intimidating, and it's okay.

Thank You