Metronome

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# Feasibility study

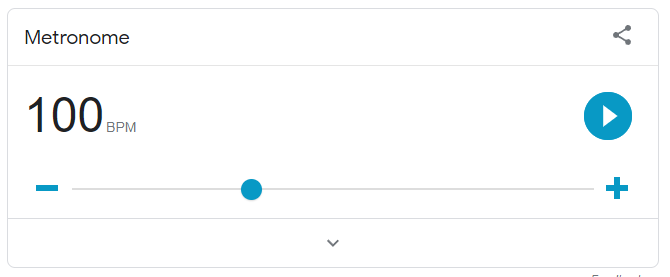
I would like to make a web based metronome. A metronome is a timer used by musicians so that they can keep track of their timing.

I know that this problem is solvable as there are online solutions already, (working out how fast to make the beep sounds) can be solved in a finite number of steps. The main calculation is converting a BPM (e.g. 60 beats per minute) to the delay (in milliseconds) between each beep. This is computationally simple. Using a theoretical approach.

The budget is limited (£0) and we have 2 weeks to complete the project.

# Analysis

Elliot is a 21-year-old man who has a hobby of music. He needs a simple metronome application that he can use easily each day.



<https://g.co/kgs/Ehuk8J>

Google has a built-in metronome. It’s free and easy to use. It has simple UI and also visually pulses meaning you don’t necessarily need audio on. Although it doesn’t show how far each beat you are like a traditional metronome.

A picture containing text, black, cellphone

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<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Rayzm-Mechanical-Metronome-Instruments-Traditional/dp/B071S9GDWR/ref=sr_1_3?keywords=mechanical+metronome&qid=1673120238&refinements=p_72%3A405434031&rnid=405433031&s=musical-instruments&sr=1-3>

Another solution is a mechanical metronome. It is easier to set up and hear than some other online solutions. Although it may not be 100% accurate compared to digital versions and you have to pay for it. It does show how far it is though the tick which can help for timing.

A picture containing text, device, blue, meter

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<https://www.amazon.co.uk/KORG-MA2-BLBK-Pocket-Digital-Metronome/dp/B07HL1H9JY/?th=1>

Digital metronomes are another physical solution and unlike mechanical metronomes they are more accurate. However they do need batteries to work and it is paid. It does show how far it is into a tick and has an adjustable BPM.

A screenshot of a computer

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<https://metronome.click/>

This is an free online metronome which is very good as it has adjustable BPM and visual ticking for users without sound. It has a stop and start button and shows how far it is throughout the tick. I think this is the best solution so far.

A picture containing text, electronics, control panel

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<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/the-metronome-by-soundbrenner/id1048954353>

This is a mobile metronome and is free but offers a paid version with more options. It is overall very good with all the essential options however one it is lacking is its visual tick isn’t too visible which would make it hard to use if you had no sound.

# Essential features

The solution needs to allow the user to set a specific BPM and start/stop the beat. On each beat it should make an audible noise (tick) and give visual indication in case someone cannot hear the audio.

The solution needs to work on any web browser.

There should be limited amounts of text so it’s more suitable for children.

There needs to be some buttons for adjusting the BPM.

A mini tutorial to quickly teach the user how the app works.

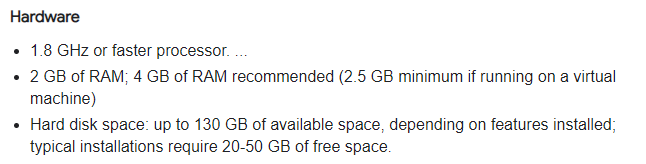
# Limitations

There isn’t enough time to add all additional features to the app however they could be added into later. My solution will not be able to compare your beat to see if you are in time. There is also no feature to log your progress. Also, another good feature would be to set the BPM over time so it changes.

There is no requirement to make a native android/apple app: the metronome is going to be purely on the web to make it as freely available as possible.

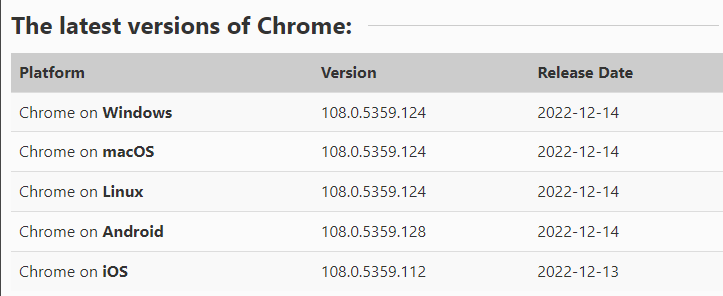
# Hardware and software requirements

For development, Visual Studio 2017 will be used which requires:



<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/visualstudio/releases/2017/vs2017-system-requirements-vs>

The user will also need to use a modern browser (e.g. chrome)

https://www.whatismybrowser.com/guides/the-latest-version/chrome

This is so that all the features of css / javascript / HTML5 work as expected.

My stakeholder has a Samsung Galaxy Tab A7 32 GB Wi-Fi Android Tablet – Dark Grey (UK Version)

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| Screen size: | 10.4 inches |
| OS: | Android 12 |
| Storage: | 32GB |
| RAM: | 4GB |

# Success Criteria

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| Number | Criteria | Justification |
| 1 | Must be accessible on an android 12 device in Chrome which is connected to the internet | The stakeholder has an android 12 device with reliable WiFi connection. Any updates to the app can be automatically rolled out to the users. |
| 2 | User can set the BPM | The stakeholder wants to practice between 50BPM and 120BPM |
| 3 | Any invalid BPM will be automatically corrected to the closest sensible value between 50-120BPM | The stakeholder wants to focus on drumming and might accidentally input invalid data |
| 4 | The user is able to shift the BPM by 5 | The stakeholder wants to be able to practice drumming at different speeds as they get better |
| 5 | There should be a start and stop button that toggles playing when pressed | The user should be able to control the metronome with their finger using the simple UI |
| 6 | When the metronome starts there should be an audible beep and visual cue | The stakeholder needs to drum along to a click sound using headphones |
| 7 | When the metronome starts there should be a visual indication showing when it would make a sound | Sometimes the metronome would be used without sound |
| 8 | A high contrast mode button to toggle between dark and light mode | Sometimes the metronome will be on a small screen a reasonable distance from the drummer and they need to see it at a glance without misreading anything |

# Design

# Algorithms

The user should be able to enter the BPM (beats per minute). The browser then needs to know how long to pause for between each tick. This can be done using the following algorithm.

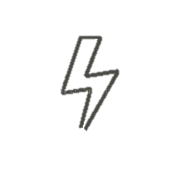
BPM = user input

Interval = 1 \* 60 \* 1000 / BPM

# Usability features



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# Implementation

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