# **CROSSFADE**

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#### 1. Introduction

This is the SRS documentation for the CrossFade application, a tool used for transcription and composing music. This document is explained below.

### 1.1 Purpose

The purpose of the SRS documentation is to provide users with a description of what CrossFade does and how it will be expected to perform. The SRS document details the functional requirements of the software, including user interfaces, and algorithms used. It also provides the expected performance requirements, and non-functional requirements such as security, maintainability, and reliability. This information has been provided to the user so that they have a clearer image of what to expect from CrossFade.

## 1.2 Scope

CrossFade intends to provide professional & beginner musicians, composers, and music instructors with the ability to easily transcribe and edit music in the form of audio, MIDI, or MusicXML. The transcribed audio can be manually edited, and uses artificial intelligence to recognize errors in sheet music

#### 1.3 Definitions, Acronyms, and Abbreviations

Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) - Deep learning algorithm which can differentiate one image from another by assigning weights and biases to different aspects of the images. It is used in audio to differentiate different frequencies in a visual format.'

Deep Learning - Subfield of machine learning which uses neural networks to solve complex problems. Learning comes directly from the data, instead of being hand-engineered by humans.

Keyboard - An electronic piano used to produce sound and MIDI information.

Monophony - A phrase of music in which only a single voice is played at a time.

Musical Instrument Digital Interface (MIDI) - A communications protocol used to connect physical and virtual music devices and instruments. MIDI files store note information which can be used to trigger instruments and devices.

MusicXML - A markup language format used to interchange and distribute digital sheet music.

Polyphony - A phrase of music in which more than a single voice is played at a time

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#### 2. Overall Description

This section details the CrossFade application itself, including its purpose as a tool, and the fundamental parts that make it up.

#### 2.1 Purpose

CrossFade will allow users (musicians, composers, & teachers) to transcribe audio & MIDI to MusicXML format. It will also allow the user to import their own XML files. Once a file has been opened in CrossFade, the user will be allowed to manually edit the song, as well as have our advanced AI automatically check for – and correct – any detected errors. The file can then be saved and exported as an XML or MIDI file.

#### 2.2 Product Functions

- Live audio transcription.
- File import support to transcription (.mp3, .midi, .xml).
- Real time sheet music editing.
- Transcription error detection.
- Automatic error correction.
- Audio playback.
- File export support (.midi, .xml)

#### 2.3 User Characteristics

CrossFade is aimed at both beginner musicians – as a learning tool to help them visualize music and audio, and for experienced users in the music field, including advanced musicians, composers, and music educators.

## 2.4 Constraints

N/A

# 2.5 Assumptions and Dependencies

CrossFade has various libraries it depends on. For our artificial intelligence, we are relying on TensorFlow. To interface Python and MusicXML we are relying on the pymusicxml & Music21 libraries.