THE DESIGN OF A LIGHTWEIGHT DSP PROGRAMMING LIBRARY



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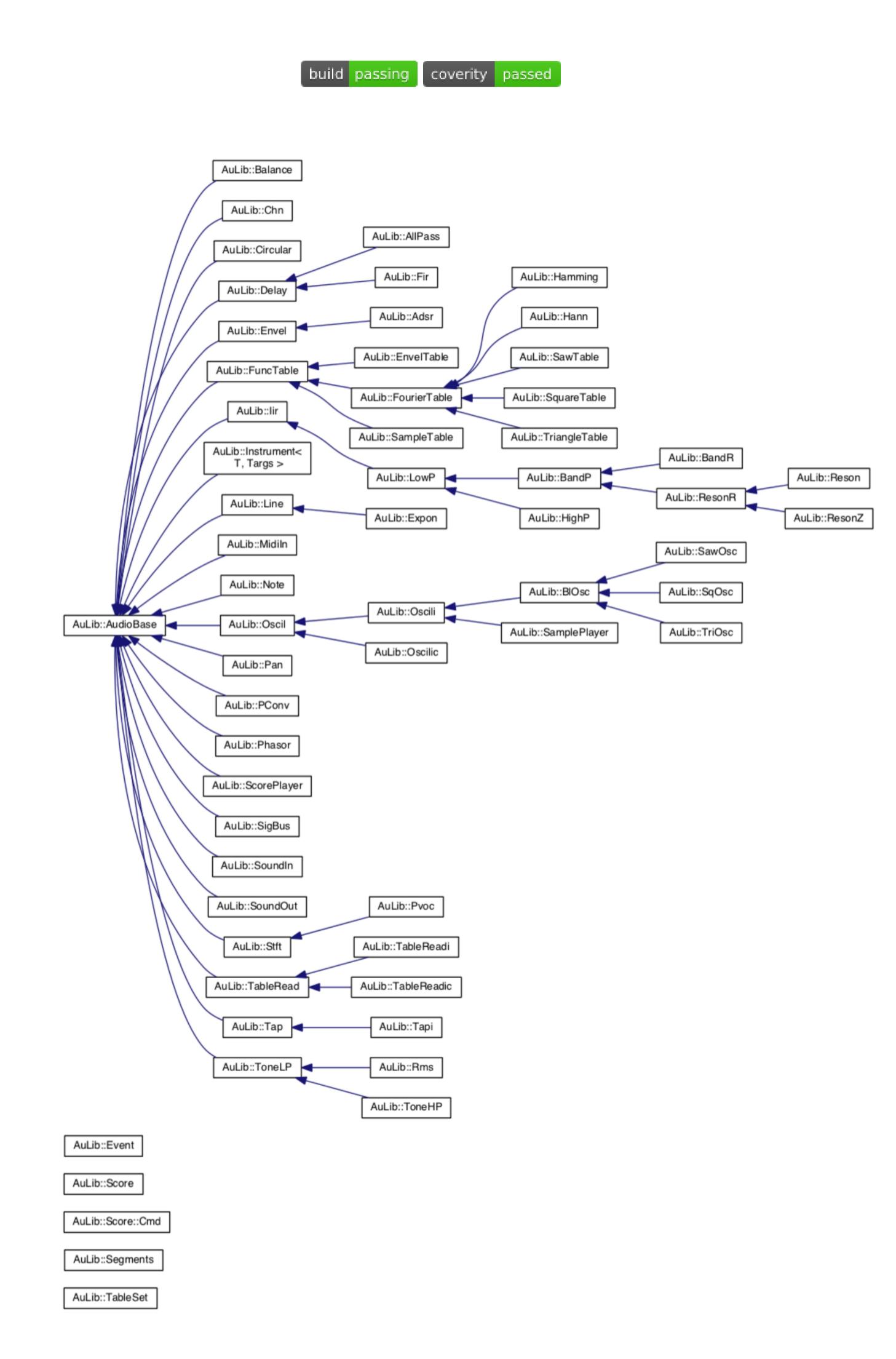
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Abstract

This paper discusses the processes involved in designing and implementing an object-oriented library for audio signal processing in C++ (ISO/IEC C++14). The introduction presents the background and motivation for the project, which is related to providing a platform for the study and research of algorithms, with an added benefit of having an efficient and easy-to-deploy library of classes for application development. The design goals and directions are explored next, focusing on the principles of stateful representations, code re-use and connectivity. The paper provides a general walk-through the current classes and a detailed discussion of two algorithms implementations. Completing the discussion, an example program is presented.

https://aulib.gitub.io



AuLib class hierarchy

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// Sinewave voice, derived from AuLib Note class
class SineSyn : public Note
protected:
 // control list
 uint32_t m_atn, m_dcn, m_ssn, m_rln;
 std::map<uint32_t, double> m_ctl;
  double m_bend;
  // signal processing objects
  Adsr m_env;
  Oscili m_osc;
  // DSP override
  virtual const SineSyn &dsp() {
   if (!m_env.is_finished())
     set(m_osc(m_env(), m_cps * m_bend));
     clear();
    return *this;
 // note off processing
  virtual void off_note() { m_env.release(); }
 // note on processing
  virtual void on_note() {
   m_env.reset(m_amp * 0.2, m_ctl[m_atn] + 0.001, m_ctl[m_dcn] + 0.001,
               m_ctl[m_ssn] * m_amp, m_ctl[m_rln] + 0.001);
  // msg processing
  virtual void on_msg(uint32_t msg, const std::vector<double> &data,
                     uint64_t tstamp) {
    // pitchbend;
   if (msg == midi::pitchbend) {
     int32_t bnd = (int32_t) data[1];
     bnd = (bnd << 7) | (int32_t) data[0];
     double amnt = (bnd - 8192.) / 16384.;
     m_bend = std::pow(2., (4. * amnt) / 12.);
    // ctrls: att, dec, sus, rel
    else if (msg == midi::ctrl_msg) {
     uint32_t num = (uint32_t)data[0];
     m_ctl[num] = data[1] / 128.;
 typedef std::array<int, 4> ctl_list;
  SineSyn(int32_t chn, SineSyn::ctl_list lst)
     : Note(chn), m_atn(lst[0]), m_dcn(lst[1]), m_ssn(lst[2]), m_rln(lst[3]),
       m_ctl({{m_atn, 0.01}, {m_dcn, 0.01}, {m_ssn, 0.25}, {m_rln, 0.01}}),
       m\_bend(1.),
       m_env(0., m_ctl[m_atn], m_ctl[m_dcn], m_ctl[m_ssn], m_ctl[m_rln]),
       m_osc() {
    m_env.release();
// Sawtooth voice, derived from SineSyn
class SawSyn : public SineSyn
 SawOsc m_saw;
 // DSP override
  virtual const SawSyn &dsp() {
   if (!m_env.is_finished())
     set(m_saw(m_env(), m_cps * m_bend));
     clear();
   return *this;
  SawSyn(int chn, SineSyn::ctl_list lst) : SineSyn(chn, lst){};
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// Convolution reverb
class Reverb
 const uint32_t esmps = 32;
 const uint32_t partsmps = 1024;
  SampleTable m_ir;
  Fir m_early;
  PConv m_mid;
  PConv m_tail;
 Reverb(const char *impulse)
     : m_ir(impulse, 1), m_early(m_ir, 0, esmps),
       m_mid(m_ir, esmps, 0, esmps, partsmps), m_tail(m_ir, partsmps, 0, partsmps){};
  const AudioBase & operator() (const AudioBase &in, double g) {
   m_tail(in);
   m_mid(in);
   m_{tail} += m_{mid} += m_{early(in)};
   m_tail *= g;
   return m_tail += in;
static std::atomic_bool running(false);
void stop_synth() {
 running = false;
// MIDI synthesiser
// ir - reverb impulse response file name
// dev - MIDI device number
// attn, decn, susn, reln, revn - midi ctl numbers
int midi_synth(const char *ir, int dev,
              int attn, int decn, int susn, int reln,
               int revn) {
    // Sinewave Synthesizer - channel 0 (MIDI 1), 8 voices
   Instrument < SineSyn, SineSyn::ctl_list> sinsynth(8, 0, {{attn, decn, susn, reln}});
   // Sawtooh Synthesizer - channel 1 (MIDI 2), 8 voices
   Instrument < SawSyn, SineSyn::ctl_list> sawsynth(8, 1, {{attn, decn, susn, reln}});
   // Convolution reverb
   Reverb reverb(ir);
   // Audio & MIDI IO
    SoundOut out ("dac", 1, 128);
    Midiln midi;
    if (midi.open(dev) == AULIB_NOERROR) {
      running = true;
      // listen to midi on behalf of sinsynth & sawsynth
      while (running)
         out (reverb (midi.listen (sinsynth, sawsynth), midi.ctlval (-1, revn)));
    } else running = false;
    return 0;
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MIDI synthesizer example, using the Instrument class for polyphonic performance. Voices are modelled by Note-derived classes SineSyn and SawSyn, which are instantiated by the Instrument objects sinsynth and sawsynth, each one responding to a specific channel and controller list.

These instruments are passed to a listen() method of the Midiln object midi, so that they can be controlled via MIDI. Each instrument holds the mix of its active voices. The output of midi, which contains the mixed audio of all instruments, is sent to the Reverb object reverb and from there to the output.

Although this example shows a MIDI-based application, the same principles can be applied to other means of control (e.g. Osc, score languages, etc.).