

# Template ~~Meta~~ Music Programing

or `constexpr` Composition

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# How to make a Synthesiser

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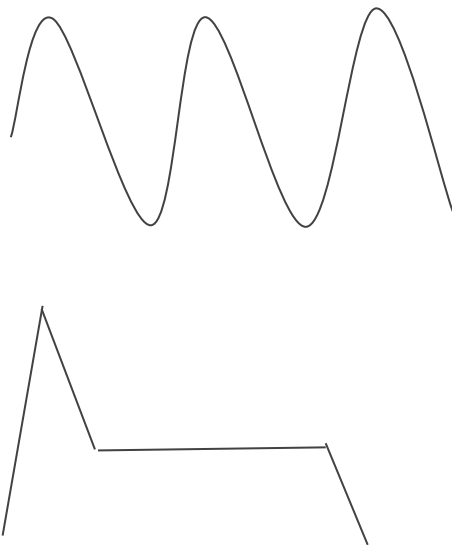
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[https://github.com/AshleyRoll/template\\_music\\_programming](https://github.com/AshleyRoll/template_music_programming)

# Oscillator and Envelope Generator

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- Simple `std::sin()` wave generator
- Envelope ramps volume over time
  - Attack - initial impulse to high volume
  - Decay - reduce to normal level
  - Sustain - same level until note released
  - Release - fade to zero



# Notes and Instrument

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- Notes define the pitch (frequency) and duration
- An Instrument takes notes and renders them using its settings (oscillator and envelope generator)

```
static constexpr sample_rate Rate{ 8'000 };
```

```
sin_synth<Rate> synth{  
    envelope{ 0.005_sec, 0.0_dBfs, 0.02_sec, -3.0_dBfs, 0.005_sec },  
    -1.0_dBfs  
};
```

```
synth.play_note("A4"_note, (0.1_sec).to_samples(Rate), (1.5_sec).to_samples(Rate));
```

# Sequencer and Parser

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- Sequencer triggers the instrument at the right time for each note
- Parses the Music Notation and generates a list of notes
- WAV file renderer makes blocks of audio for instrument to write into; combines into one giant `std::array<std::byte>`

```
sequencer sequencer{ synth };
```

```
static constexpr auto music_length = parse_music_length(musicSource);  
sequencer.parse_music(musicSource);
```

```
wav_renderer_mono<Rate, music_length> wav{};  
wav.render(sequencer);
```

# Music Notation

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```
auto musicSource = [] -> tmp::music {
  return tmp::music{ tmp::beats_per_minute{ 120 },
    R"(
      | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
      | - - + - - + - - + - - | - - + - - + - - + - - | - - + - - + - - + - - | - - + - - + - - + - - |
G#4 | : : : | : : : | : : : | : : : |
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A#3 | # # : : : | # # : : : | # # : : # : ## | : : : |
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    )" };
};
```

# All together

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```
[[gnu::section(".wavefile"), gnu::used]]
constexpr auto const WaveData = [] {
    using namespace tmp;
    using namespace tmp::literals;
    using namespace tmp::instruments;

    static constexpr sample_rate Rate{ 8'000 };

    sin synth<Rate> synth{
        envelope{ 0.005_sec, 0.0_dBfs, 0.02_sec, -3.0_dBfs, 0.005_sec },
        -1.0_dBfs
    };
    sequencer sequencer{ synth };

    static constexpr auto music_length = parse_music_length(musicSource);
    sequencer.parse_music(musicSource);

    wav_renderer_mono<Rate, music_length> wav{};

    wav.render(sequencer);
    return wav.data;
}();
```

# Extract WAV file

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```
gcc --std=c++23 -O3 \  
    -fconstexpr-ops-limit=9999999999999999 \  
    -c song.cpp -o song.o
```

```
objcopy --only-section=.wavefile \  
    -O binary song.o song.wav
```