

Ableton Live 11 Complete API Reference & Installation Guide

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Overview

Ableton Live 11 provides multiple ways to programmatically control the DAW:

1. **AbletonOSC** - OSC (Open Sound Control) interface via MIDI Remote Script
2. **Python Remote Scripts** - Native Python API for control surfaces
3. **Max for Live (M4L)** - Visual programming with Live API access
4. **Live Object Model (LOM)** - The underlying object hierarchy

Key Facts

- **Python Version:** Live 11 uses **Python 3** (Live 10 and earlier used Python 2.7)
 - **AbletonOSC Ports:** Listens on port **11000**, sends replies on port **11001**
 - **API Hierarchy:** Application → Song → Tracks → Clips/Devices → Parameters
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Installation Paths & File Locations

Application Installation

Windows

C:\ProgramData\Ableton\Live 11.x.x\

- |— Program\
 - | — Ableton Live 11 Suite.exe
- |— Resources\
 - | |— MIDI Remote Scripts\
 - | | |— _Framework\
 - | | | |— _Generic\
 - | | | |— _Tools\
 - | | | |— ableton\
 - | | | | |— v2\
 - | | | |— APC40\
 - | | | |— Push2\
 - | | | | |— [other control surfaces]\
 - | |— Core Library\
 - | |— Python\
 - | | |— ...

macOS

/Applications/Ableton Live 11 Suite.app/

- |— Contents/
 - | |— App-Resources/
 - | | |— MIDI Remote Scripts/
 - | | | |— _Framework/
 - | | | |— _Generic/
 - | | | |— _Tools/
 - | | | |— ableton/
 - | | | | |— v2/
 - | | | |— [control surfaces]/
 - | | |— Core Library/
 - | | |— Python/
 - | | | |— ...

User Data Locations

Windows

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C:\Users\[username]\
├── Documents\
│   └── Ableton\
│       ├── User Library\
│           ├── Remote Scripts\    # Custom MIDI scripts (Live 10.1.13+)
│           ├── Presets\
│           ├── Samples\
│           ├── Templates\
│           ├── Clips\
│           ├── Defaults\
│           └── Grooves\
│       └── Factory Packs\
├── AppData\
│   └── Roaming\
│       ├── Ableton\
│           ├── Live 11.x.x\
│               ├── Preferences\
│                   ├── Template.als
│                   ├── Options.txt
│                   └── Log.txt    # Debug/error log file
```

macOS

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/Users/[username]/
├── Music/
│   ├── Ableton/
│   │   ├── User Library/
│   │   │   ├── Remote Scripts/
│   │   │   ├── Presets/
│   │   │   ├── Samples/
│   │   │   ├── Templates/
│   │   │   ├── Clips/
│   │   │   ├── Defaults/
│   │   │   └── Grooves/
│   │   └── Factory Packs/
│   └── Library/
│       ├── Preferences/
│       ├── Ableton/
│       │   ├── Live 11.x.x/
│       │   │   ├── Log.txt
│       │   │   └── Options.txt
│       ├── Application Support/
│       └── Ableton/
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Core Library Location

- **Windows:** `C:\ProgramData\Ableton\Live\Resources\Core Library`
- **macOS:** `/Applications/Ableton Live 11 Suite.app/Contents/App-Resources/Core Library`

Third-Party Remote Scripts Installation

As of Live 10.1.13+, place custom scripts in:

- **Windows:** `\Users\[username]\Documents\Ableton\User Library\Remote Scripts\`
- **macOS:** `/Users/[username]/Music/Ableton/User Library/Remote Scripts/`

Live Object Model (LOM) Architecture

The Live Object Model is a hierarchical structure representing all accessible parts of Live.

Root Objects

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live_app    → Application object
live_set    → Current Song/Set
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control_surfaces N → Control surface at index N
this_device → M4L device containing the path

Object Hierarchy

Application (live_app)

- view
- control_surfaces[]
- document → Song

Song (live_set)

- view
- master_track
- tracks[]
 - view
 - mixer_device
 - volume
 - panning
 - sends[]
 - devices[]
 - parameters[]
 - view
 - clip_slots[]
 - clip
 - view
 - notes (MIDI clips)
 - arrangement_clips[]
- return_tracks[]
- scenes[]
- cue_points[]
- visible_tracks[]
- groove_pool

Core LOM Classes

Application

python

class Application:

Properties

browser *# Browser object*

control_surfaces *# List of control surfaces*

current_dialog_button_count *# int*

current_dialog_message *# str*

view *# Application.View*

Methods

get_bugfix_version() *# Returns: int (e.g., 2 in 11.0.2)*

get_document() *# Returns: Song*

get_major_version() *# Returns: int (e.g., 11)*

get_minor_version() *# Returns: int (e.g., 0)*

press_current_dialog_button(index)

Song

python

class Song:

Transport Properties

is_playing *# bool*

current_song_time *# float (beats)*

tempo *# float (BPM, 20-999)*

signature_numerator *# int*

signature_denominator *# int*

Loop Properties

loop *# bool*

loop_start *# float (beats)*

loop_length *# float (beats)*

Record Properties

record_mode *# bool*

session_record *# bool*

arrangement_overdub *# bool*

punch_in *# bool*

punch_out *# bool*

metronome *# bool*

Track Collections

tracks *# list of Track*

return_tracks *# list of Track*

master_track *# Track*

visible_tracks *# list of Track*

scenes *# list of Scene*

Quantization

clip_trigger_quantization *# int (0=None, 1=8bars...14=1/32)*

midi_recording_quantization *# int*

Methods

start_playing()

stop_playing()

continue_playing()

stop_all_clips()

tap_tempo()

trigger_session_record()

undo()

redo()

capture_midi()

create_audio_track(index)

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create_midi_track(index)
create_return_track()
create_scene(index)
delete_track(index)
delete_return_track(index)
delete_scene(index)
duplicate_track(index)
duplicate_scene(index)
jump_by(beats)
jump_to_next_cue()
jump_to_prev_cue()
```

Track

```
python
```


class Track:

Identity

name *# str*
color *# int (RGB)*
color_index *# int (0-69)*

Mixer

volume *# via mixer_device*
panning *# via mixer_device*

States

arm *# bool (record arm)*
mute *# bool*
solo *# bool*
current_monitoring_state *# int (0=In, 1=Auto, 2=Off)*

Routing

available_input_routing_channels
available_input_routing_types
available_output_routing_channels
available_output_routing_types
input_routing_channel
input_routing_type
output_routing_channel
output_routing_type

Structure

can_be_armed *# bool*
has_audio_input *# bool*
has_audio_output *# bool*
has_midi_input *# bool*
has_midi_output *# bool*
is_foldable *# bool (is group track)*
is_grouped *# bool*
is_visible *# bool*
fold_state *# bool (group folded)*

Children

clip_slots *# list of ClipSlot*
devices *# list of Device*
mixer_device *# MixerDevice*
arrangement_clips *# list of Clip*

```
# Playback
playing_slot_index      # int (-2=stop, -1=none, 0+=slot)
fired_slot_index       # int

# Meters
output_meter_left      #float (0.0-1.0)
output_meter_right     #float (0.0-1.0)
output_meter_level     #float (0.0-1.0)

# Methods
stop_all_clips()
```

ClipSlot

```
python

class ClipSlot:
    # Properties
    has_clip            # bool
    clip                # Clip or None
    has_stop_button     # bool
    is_playing          # bool
    is_recording        # bool
    is_triggered        # bool

    # Methods
    fire()
    stop()
    create_clip(length) # Creates empty MIDI clip
    delete_clip()
    duplicate_clip_to(target_slot)
```

Clip

```
python
```

class Clip:

Identity

name *# str*

color *# int*

color_index *# int*

Type

is_audio_clip *# bool*

is_midi_clip *# bool*

Playback

is_playing *# bool*

is_recording *# bool*

is overdubbing *# bool*

is_triggered *# bool*

playing_position *# float (beats)*

will_record_on_start *# bool*

Length/Position

length *# float (beats)*

start_time *# float (arrangement position)*

end_time *# float*

loop_start *# float*

loop_end *# float*

start_marker *# float*

end_marker *# float*

position *# float (loop start alias)*

Audio Properties

gain *# float (0.0-1.0)*

pitch_coarse *# int (semitones, -48 to +48)*

pitch_fine *# float (cents, -50 to +50)*

warping *# bool*

warp_mode *# int (0=Beats, 1=Tones, 2=Texture, 3=Re-Pitch, 4=Complex, 6=Pro)*

sample_length *# float (for audio clips)*

file_path *# str (for audio clips)*

MIDI Properties

muted *# bool*

Launch

launch_mode *# int (0=Trigger, 1=Gate, 2=Toggle, 3=Repeat)*

launch_quantization *# int (0=Global, 1=None, 2=8Bars... 14=1/32)*

```
legato                # bool
velocity_amount       # float (0.0-1.0)
ram_mode              # bool (load into RAM)
has_groove            # bool

# Methods
fire()
stop()
duplicate_loop()

# MIDI Note Methods (MIDI clips only)
get_notes(start_time, time_span, start_pitch, pitch_span)
get_notes_extended(from_time, time_span, from_pitch, pitch_span)
set_notes(notes_tuple)
add_new_notes(notes_tuple)
replace_selected_notes(notes_tuple)
remove_notes(start_time, time_span, start_pitch, pitch_span)
remove_notes_extended(from_time, time_span, from_pitch, pitch_span)
select_all_notes()
deselect_all_notes()
get_selected_notes()

# Audio Warp Methods
add_warp_marker(beat_time, sample_time)
remove_warp_marker(beat_time)
move_warp_marker(beat_time, new_beat_time)
```

Device

```
python
```

```

class Device:
    # Identity
    name                # str
    class_name          # str (e.g., "Operator", "Reverb", "PluginDevice")
    type                # DeviceType (1=audio_effect, 2=instrument, 4=midi_effect)

    # State
    is_active           # bool

    # Parameters
    parameters          # list of DeviceParameter

    # Methods
    store_chosen_bank(bank_index, parameter_indices)

```

DeviceParameter

```

python

class DeviceParameter:
    # Identity
    name                # str
    original_name       # str

    # Value
    value               # float
    default_value       # float
    min                 # float
    max                 # float

    # Type
    is_enabled          # bool
    is_quantized        # bool (discrete values only)
    value_items         # list of str (for quantized params)

    # Automation
    automation_state    # AutomationState
    state               # ParameterState

```

Scene

```

python

```

```
class Scene:
    # Identity
    name          # str
    color          # int
    color_index    # int

    # State
    is_empty       # bool
    is_triggered   # bool

    # Tempo
    tempo          # float
    tempo_enabled  # bool

    # Time Signature
    time_signature_numerator # int
    time_signature_denominator # int
    time_signature_enabled   # bool

    # Children
    clip_slots      # list of ClipSlot

    # Methods
    fire()
    fire_as_selected()
    set_fire_button_state(state)
```

AbletonOSC API Reference

AbletonOSC is the recommended way to control Live 11 via OSC. Install by copying the `AbletonOSC` folder to your Remote Scripts directory.

Connection Settings

- **Listen Port:** 11000
- **Reply Port:** 11001
- **Protocol:** UDP

Application API

Address	Params	Response	Description
<code>/live/test</code>		'ok'	Test connection
<code>/live/application/get/version</code>		major, minor	Get Live version
<code>/live/api/reload</code>			Reload AbletonOSC
<code>/live/api/get/log_level</code>		level	Get log level
<code>/live/api/set/log_level</code>	level		Set log level (debug/info/warning/error/critical)
<code>/live/api/show_message</code>	message		Show message in status bar

Song API

Transport Methods

Address	Params	Description
<code>/live/song/start_playing</code>		Start playback
<code>/live/song/stop_playing</code>		Stop playback
<code>/live/song/continue_playing</code>		Resume playback
<code>/live/song/stop_all_clips</code>		Stop all clips
<code>/live/song/tap_tempo</code>		Tap tempo
<code>/live/song/trigger_session_record</code>		Toggle session record
<code>/live/song/undo</code>		Undo
<code>/live/song/redo</code>		Redo
<code>/live/song/capture_midi</code>		Capture MIDI
<code>/live/song/jump_by</code>	beats	Jump by beats
<code>/live/song/jump_to_next_cue</code>		Next cue point
<code>/live/song/jump_to_prev_cue</code>		Previous cue point

Track/Scene Creation

Address	Params	Description
/live/song/create_audio_track	index	Create audio track (-1=end)
/live/song/create_midi_track	index	Create MIDI track (-1=end)
/live/song/create_return_track		Create return track
/live/song/create_scene	index	Create scene (-1=end)
/live/song/delete_track	index	Delete track
/live/song/delete_return_track	index	Delete return track
/live/song/delete_scene	index	Delete scene
/live/song/duplicate_track	index	Duplicate track
/live/song/duplicate_scene	index	Duplicate scene

Song Properties (Get/Set)

Property	Type	Description
tempo	float	BPM (20-999)
metronome	bool	Metronome on/off
is_playing	bool	Playing state
current_song_time	float	Position in beats
loop	bool	Loop enabled
loop_start	float	Loop start (beats)
loop_length	float	Loop length (beats)
record_mode	bool	Record mode
session_record	bool	Session record
arrangement overdub	bool	Arrangement overdub
punch_in	bool	Punch in
punch_out	bool	Punch out
signature_numerator	int	Time sig numerator
signature_denominator	int	Time sig denominator
clip_trigger_quantization	int	Clip trigger quantize
midi_recording_quantization	int	MIDI record quantize
groove_amount	float	Global groove amount
root_note	int	Root note
scale_name	str	Scale name

Usage: /live/song/get/tempo, /live/song/set/tempo 120.0

Bulk Data Query

```
/live/song/get/track_data 0 12 track.name clip.name clip.length
```

Returns: `[track_0_name, clip_0_0_name, clip_0_0_length, clip_0_1_name, ...]`

Track API

Track Properties (Get/Set)

Property	Type	Description
<code>name</code>	str	Track name
<code>color</code>	int	RGB color
<code>color_index</code>	int	Color index (0-69)
<code>arm</code>	bool	Record arm
<code>mute</code>	bool	Mute
<code>solo</code>	bool	Solo
<code>volume</code>	float	Volume (0.0-1.0)
<code>panning</code>	float	Pan (-1.0 to 1.0)
<code>send</code>	float	Send level (needs send_id)
<code>current_monitoring_state</code>	int	0=In, 1=Auto, 2=Off
<code>fold_state</code>	bool	Group folded
<code>playing_slot_index</code>	int	Currently playing slot
<code>fired_slot_index</code>	int	Triggered slot

Usage: `/live/track/get/volume 0` → returns `(0, 0.85)`

Track Routing

Property	Description
<code>available_input_routing_channels</code>	List input channels
<code>available_input_routing_types</code>	List input types
<code>available_output_routing_channels</code>	List output channels
<code>available_output_routing_types</code>	List output types
<code>input_routing_channel</code>	Current input channel
<code>input_routing_type</code>	Current input type
<code>output_routing_channel</code>	Current output channel
<code>output_routing_type</code>	Current output type

Track Methods

Address	Params	Description
<code>/live/track/stop_all_clips</code>	<code>track_id</code>	Stop all clips on track

Clip Slot API

Address	Params	Description
<code>/live/clip_slot/fire</code>	<code>track_id</code> , <code>slot_id</code>	Fire clip slot
<code>/live/clip_slot/create_clip</code>	<code>track_id</code> , <code>slot_id</code> , <code>length</code>	Create empty MIDI clip
<code>/live/clip_slot/delete_clip</code>	<code>track_id</code> , <code>slot_id</code>	Delete clip
<code>/live/clip_slot/get/has_clip</code>	<code>track_id</code> , <code>slot_id</code>	Check if slot has clip
<code>/live/clip_slot/get/has_stop_button</code>	<code>track_id</code> , <code>slot_id</code>	Check stop button
<code>/live/clip_slot/set/has_stop_button</code>	<code>track_id</code> , <code>slot_id</code> , <code>state</code>	Set stop button
<code>/live/clip_slot/duplicate_clip_to</code>	<code>t_id</code> , <code>s_id</code> , <code>target_t</code> , <code>target_s</code>	Duplicate clip

Clip API

Clip Control

Address	Params	Description
/live/clip/fire	track_id, clip_id	Fire clip
/live/clip/stop	track_id, clip_id	Stop clip
/live/clip/duplicate_loop	track_id, clip_id	Duplicate loop

Clip Properties (Get/Set)

Property	Type	Description
<code>name</code>	str	Clip name
<code>color</code>	int	RGB color
<code>color_index</code>	int	Color index (0-69)
<code>gain</code>	float	Clip gain
<code>pitch_coarse</code>	int	Semitones (-48 to +48)
<code>pitch_fine</code>	float	Cents (-50 to +50)
<code>loop_start</code>	float	Loop start (beats)
<code>loop_end</code>	float	Loop end (beats)
<code>start_marker</code>	float	Start marker
<code>end_marker</code>	float	End marker
<code>position</code>	float	Loop position
<code>warping</code>	bool	Warp enabled
<code>warp_mode</code>	int	0=Beats,1=Tones,2=Texture,3=Re-Pitch,4=Complex,6=Pro
<code>launch_mode</code>	int	0=Trigger,1=Gate,2=Toggle,3=Repeat
<code>launch_quantization</code>	int	0=Global,1=None,2=8Bars...14=1/32
<code>muted</code>	bool	Clip muted
<code>legato</code>	bool	Legato mode
<code>velocity_amount</code>	float	Velocity amount (0.0-1.0)
<code>ram_mode</code>	bool	Load to RAM

Clip Read-Only Properties

Property	Description
<code>length</code>	Clip length in beats
<code>sample_length</code>	Audio sample length
<code>start_time</code>	Arrangement start time
<code>file_path</code>	Audio file path
<code>is_audio_clip</code>	Is audio clip
<code>is_midi_clip</code>	Is MIDI clip
<code>is_playing</code>	Is playing
<code>is_recording</code>	Is recording
<code>is overdubbing</code>	Is overdubbing
<code>playing_position</code>	Current play position
<code>has_groove</code>	Has groove

MIDI Note Operations

Get notes

`/live/clip/get/notes track_id clip_id [start_pitch pitch_span start_time time_span]`

→ Returns: `track_id`, `clip_id`, `pitch`, `start_time`, `duration`, `velocity`, `mute`, ...

Add notes

`/live/clip/add/notes track_id clip_id pitch start_time duration velocity mute ...`

Remove notes

`/live/clip/remove/notes track_id clip_id [start_pitch pitch_span start_time time_span]`

Listening to Playing Position

`/live/clip/start_listen/playing_position track_id clip_id`

→ Continuously sends: `/live/clip/get/playing_position track_id clip_id position`

`/live/clip/stop_listen/playing_position track_id clip_id`

Scene API

Scene Methods

Address	Params	Description
<code>/live/scene/fire</code>	scene_id	Fire scene
<code>/live/scene/fire_as_selected</code>	scene_id	Fire and select next
<code>/live/scene/fire_selected</code>		Fire selected scene

Scene Properties

Property	Type	Description
<code>name</code>	str	Scene name
<code>color</code>	int	RGB color
<code>color_index</code>	int	Color index
<code>tempo</code>	float	Scene tempo
<code>tempo_enabled</code>	bool	Tempo enabled
<code>time_signature_numerator</code>	int	Time sig numerator
<code>time_signature_denominator</code>	int	Time sig denominator
<code>time_signature_enabled</code>	bool	Time sig enabled
<code>is_empty</code>	bool	Scene is empty
<code>is_triggered</code>	bool	Scene triggered

Device API

Address	Params	Response	Description
<code>/live/device/get/name</code>	t_id, d_id	t_id, d_id, name	Device name
<code>/live/device/get/class_name</code>	t_id, d_id	t_id, d_id, class	Device class

Address	Params	Response	Description
<code>/live/device/get/type</code>	t_id, d_id	t_id, d_id, type	1=audio_effect, 2=instrument, 4=midi_effect
<code>/live/device/get/num_parameters</code>	t_id, d_id	t_id, d_id, count	Parameter count
<code>/live/device/get/parameters/name</code>	t_id, d_id	t_id, d_id, names...	All param names
<code>/live/device/get/parameters/value</code>	t_id, d_id	t_id, d_id, values...	All param values
<code>/live/device/get/parameters/min</code>	t_id, d_id	t_id, d_id, mins...	All param minimums
<code>/live/device/get/parameters/max</code>	t_id, d_id	t_id, d_id, maxs...	All param maximums
<code>/live/device/set/parameters/value</code>	t_id, d_id, vals...		Set all params
<code>/live/device/get/parameter/value</code>	t_id, d_id, p_id	t_id, d_id, p_id, val	Single param value
<code>/live/device/set/parameter/value</code>	t_id, d_id, p_id, val		Set single param
<code>/live/device/get/parameter/value_string</code>	t_id, d_id, p_id	t_id, d_id, p_id, str	Formatted value

View API

Address	Params	Response	Description
<code>/live/view/get/selected_track</code>		track_id	Selected track
<code>/live/view/set/selected_track</code>	track_id		Select track
<code>/live/view/get/selected_scene</code>		scene_id	Selected scene
<code>/live/view/set/selected_scene</code>	scene_id		Select scene
<code>/live/view/get/selected_clip</code>		track_id, scene_id	Selected clip

Address	Params	Response	Description
<code>/live/view/set/selected_clip</code>	track_id, scene_id		Select clip
<code>/live/view/get/selected_device</code>		track_id, device_id	Selected device
<code>/live/view/set/selected_device</code>	track_id, device_id		Select device

MIDI Map API

Address	Params	Description
<code>/live/midimap/map_cc</code>	track_id, device_id, param_id, channel, cc	Map CC to parameter

Note: MIDI channels are zero-indexed (channel 1 = index 0)

Listener Pattern

For any property, you can listen for changes:

```

/live/[object]/start_listen/[property] [ids...]
→ Sends updates to: /live/[object]/get/[property]

/live/[object]/stop_listen/[property] [ids...]

```

Example:

```

/live/song/start_listen/tempo
→ Whenever tempo changes, receives: /live/song/get/tempo 120.0

/live/song/start_listen/beat
→ On each beat, receives: /live/song/get/beat beat_number

```

Python Remote Scripts API

Script Structure

A minimal Remote Script requires:

YourScript/

```
|— __init__.py  
|— YourScript.py
```

__init__.py

python

```
from .YourScript import YourScript
```

```
def create_instance(c_instance):  
    return YourScript(c_instance)
```

YourScript.py (using _Framework)

python

```

from _Framework.ControlSurface import ControlSurface
from _Framework.TransportComponent import TransportComponent
from _Framework.ButtonElement import ButtonElement
from _Framework.EncoderElement import EncoderElement

# MIDI Types
MIDI_NOTE_TYPE = 0
MIDI_CC_TYPE = 1

class YourScript(ControlSurface):
    def __init__(self, c_instance):
        ControlSurface.__init__(self, c_instance)
        with self.component_guard():
            self._setup_transport()
            self._setup_mixer()

    def _setup_transport(self):
        transport = TransportComponent()
        # ButtonElement(is_momentary, msg_type, channel, identifier)
        transport.set_play_button(ButtonElement(True, MIDI_NOTE_TYPE, 0, 60))
        transport.set_stop_button(ButtonElement(True, MIDI_NOTE_TYPE, 0, 61))
        transport.set_record_button(ButtonElement(True, MIDI_NOTE_TYPE, 0, 62))

    def song(self):
        return self._c_instance.song()

    def log_message(self, message):
        # Writes to Live's Log.txt
        ControlSurface.log_message(self, message)

    def disconnect(self):
        ControlSurface.disconnect(self)

```

Live Module Access

```
python
```

```
import Live

# Access application
app = Live.Application.get_application()
version = app.get_major_version()

# Access song (from within ControlSurface)
song = self.song()
tempo = song.tempo
song.tempo = 120.0

# Access tracks
for track in song.tracks:
    print(track.name)
    track.mute = False

# Access clips
track = song.tracks[0]
clip_slot = track.clip_slots[0]
if clip_slot.has_clip:
    clip = clip_slot.clip
    clip.fire()

# Access devices
for device in track.devices:
    print(f'{device.name}: {device.class_name}')
    for param in device.parameters:
        print(f' {param.name}: {param.value}')
```

Listener Pattern (Python)

```
python
```

```
def setup_listeners(self):
    self.song().add_tempo_listener(self._on_tempo_changed)
    self.song().add_is_playing_listener(self._on_playing_changed)

def _on_tempo_changed(self):
    self.log_message(f"Tempo changed to {self.song().tempo}")

def _on_playing_changed(self):
    if self.song().is_playing:
        self.log_message("Playback started")

def disconnect(self):
    self.song().remove_tempo_listener(self._on_tempo_changed)
    self.song().remove_is_playing_listener(self._on_playing_changed)
    ControlSurface.disconnect(self)
```

Framework Classes

The `_Framework` folder contains utility classes for building control surfaces:

Core Classes

Class	Purpose
<code>ControlSurface</code>	Base class for all scripts
<code>ControlSurfaceComponent</code>	Base for components
<code>ControlElement</code>	Base for MIDI elements
<code>ButtonElement</code>	MIDI note/CC button
<code>EncoderElement</code>	Rotary encoder
<code>SliderElement</code>	Fader/slider
<code>ButtonMatrixElement</code>	Grid of buttons

Components

Class	Purpose
TransportComponent	Play/stop/record controls
MixerComponent	Volume/pan/sends
SessionComponent	Clip launching grid
DeviceComponent	Device parameter control
ChannelStripComponent	Single channel strip
ClipSlotComponent	Single clip slot

Modern v2 Classes (Live 10+)

Located in `ableton/v2/`:

```
ableton/  
├── v2/  
│   ├── control_surface/  
│   │   ├── control_surface.py  
│   │   ├── component.py  
│   │   └── elements.py  
│   ├── base/  
│   └── ...
```

File Types & Extensions

Extension	Description
.als	Ableton Live Set (project file)
.alc	Ableton Live Clip
.adg	Ableton Device Group (rack preset)
.adv	Ableton Device Preset
.agr	Ableton Groove

Extension	Description
<code>.asd</code>	Ableton Sample Analysis Data
<code>.ask</code>	Ableton Skin (UI theme)
<code>.ams</code>	Ableton Modulation Set (Operator)
<code>.amxd</code>	Max for Live Device
<code>.alp</code>	Ableton Live Pack
<code>.py</code>	Python source (Remote Scripts)
<code>.pyc</code>	Python compiled bytecode

Resources & Documentation Links

Official Documentation

- [Live Object Model \(Cycling '74\)](#)
- [Live API Overview](#)
- [Installing Remote Scripts](#)

API Documentation

- [Live 11.0 Python API XML](#)
- [NSUSpray Live API Docs](#)
- [Structure Void MIDI Remote Scripts](#)

AbletonOSC

- [AbletonOSC GitHub](#)
- [PyLive \(Python client\)](#)

Decompiled Scripts

- [Live 11 Remote Scripts \(cylab\)](#)
- [Live 10.1 Remote Scripts](#)

Tutorials

- [Framework Classes Introduction](#)
- [Remote Scripts Blog](#)

Tools

- [Control Surface Studio](#) - Visual script builder
 - [MIDI Monitor \(macOS\)](#)
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Quick Reference: Common Operations

Start/Stop Playback (OSC)

```
/live/song/start_playing  
/live/song/stop_playing  
/live/song/continue_playing
```

Fire Clip (OSC)

```
/live/clip/fire 0 0 # Track 0, Clip 0
```

Change Tempo (OSC)

```
/live/song/set/tempo 128.0
```

Get All Track Names (OSC)

```
/live/song/get/track_names
```

Arm Track for Recording (OSC)

```
/live/track/set/arm 0 1 # Track 0, armed
```

Set Device Parameter (OSC)

```
/live/device/set/parameter/value 0 0 1 0.5 # Track 0, Device 0, Param 1, Value 0.5
```


Create MIDI Clip (OSC)

```
/live/clip_slot/create_clip 0 0 4.0 # Track 0, Slot 0, 4 beats long
```

Add MIDI Notes (OSC)

```
/live/clip/add/notes 0 0 60 0.0 0.5 100 0 # C4 at beat 0, 0.5 beat duration, velocity 100
```

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