

# musicpad help

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OK, if you're REALLY completely lost with the blurb hereunder, you can give a try to the [TUTORIAL](#).

## instructions

musicpad is an online musical notepad which lets you code your musical inspiration in a simple way and generate midi files. Lots of features are already implemented (macros, polyrhythms) and lots of others will be added (randomization, midi controllers, sweeps, saves,...)

The core of musicpad is a cgi perl script. You can [fetch the sourcecode](#) and play around with it.

musicpad is not case sensitive, except for dEbUg, and macros. Don't put whitespace *inside* commands, but use as many whitespaces and new lines as wished *between* them.

## Notes

**A#5/8** : play A# at octave 5 for 1/8  
**notes** are : A to G.

**P** for Pause (see also - below)

**O** doesn't play any note, and is used for defining note, octave and/or duration. For example a oA5/16 defines a A5/16 as the default note but doesn't play it. A x would then play that note. Other valid syntax: n5 defines octave 5, o/16 defines duration 1/16, o5/16 defines octave 5 and duration 1/16, oA+/16 defines note A+ and duration 1/16, etc...

**A+** or **A#** means A sharp

**A-** or **Ab** means A flat

If you don't include all characteristic for the note, the missing characteristics will be the same as previous note.

Example:

- **A/4** : play A at same octave as

## quick reference

**a** : note (La)  
**b** : note (Si). Following a note: flat  
**c** : note (Do)  
**ctrl** : send midi control parameters  
**ch** : midi channel  
**d** : note (Ré)  
**dEbUg** : debug mode (case sensitive command)  
**dEbUgMaX** : debug overkill mode (case sensitive command)  
**duty** : default duty  
**e** : note (Mi)  
**f** : note (Fa)  
**g** : note (Sol)  
**globaloose** : define global time randomness  
**globalvelvar** : define velocity randomness  
**globalguitmode** : guitar mode by default  
**guiton** : activate guitar mode  
**guitoff** : de-activate guitar mode  
**i** : instrument  
**loose** : define time randomness  
**m\$** : define macro (lowercase only!)  
**mrnd\$** : define random macro (lowercase only!)  
**n** : play absolute or relative note  
**nt** : play temporary relative note  
**o** : don't play note  
**p** : pause  
**pitch** : pitch variation  
**r** : duration ratio  
**resolution** : song resolution  
**stress** : stressed notes definition  
**strum** : chord struming  
**soft** : soft notes definition  
**sysex** : send midi sysex  
**t** : transpose  
**tempo** : song tempo  
**tomson** : tom mode on  
**tomsoff** : tom mode off

previous note for 1/4

- **A4** : play A at octave 4 for same duration as previous note
- **C** : play C at same octave and for same duration as previous note

**8** : A number alone means different things depending on mode:

- in normal mode: same note as previous note for duration 1/8
- in guitar mode (**guiton**), a note 8 half-tones above previous "normal" note (a bit like a relative n+x note, except that it's only temporary and the note after this one will not be based on 8 half-tones above)
- in toms mode (**tomson**), the number indicate the Tom number to be played (from 1-highest to 6-lowest) for the same duration as previous note.

**X** : play same as previous note

- : pause of same duration as previous note (or pause)

= : the previous note is held for its initial duration (can be used multiple times: x== holds it 3 times longer, x=== 4 times, etc...)

**X, - and =** can be used for defining **rhythm patterns**. No whitespace is needed between those

**Nxx** : play absolute midi note xx (e.g. C5 = 60)

**N+x** or **n-x** : play new note with +x or -x half-tones relatively to previous note played.

**Nt+x** or **nt-x** : play new note with +x or -x half-tones relatively to previous note played, but doesn't change the reference note.

/ : octave +1

\ : octave -1

'**X** or '**A** ... : stress note (no space)

,**X** or ,**A** ... : soft note (no space)

**Ra/b** : next notes duration should be multiplied by a/b (allows playing triplets with 4/3 or 2/3 etc. Also used for polyrhythms)

**R1** : back to normal duration

[...]: chord. 4 different chord syntaxes are available:

- **[-5,0,3,7,...]** : notes definition

**tuning** : guitar tuning for chords

**u** : duty

**v** : velocity

**velocity** : default velocity

**velvar** : define velocity randomness

**x** : same note

**+** : Following a note : sharp

**-** : pause same duration. Following a note : flat

**=** : hold note

**#** : comment. Following a note: sharp

**\*** : repeat

**/** : define duration (or used in ratio) or octave +1

**\** : octave -1

**|** : change track

**\$** : play macro (see m\$)

' : stress note (no space)

, : soft note (no space)

[...] : chord (see the [chords list](#))

## some examples

**Chromatic:** [o/8 a d e f g a b / c](#)

**Melodic:** [o5/16 i27 \(c e g e a f b g\)\\*3 c e g a/4 | o/16 i27 \(c g / c \ g f / c \ g b\)\\*3 c g / c e/4](#)

**Rythm:** [iBD 4\\*8 | iSD \(P/8 8\)\\*8 | iCH 16\\*32](#)

**Rythm with subtil human feel:**  
[globaloose15,2 globalvelvar20,2 iBD 4\\*8 | iSD \(P/8 8\)\\*8 | iCH 16\\*32](#)

**Rythm played by beginner:**  
[globaloose50,1 globalvelvar30,1 iBD 4\\*8 | iSD \(P/8 8\)\\*8 | iCH 16\\*32](#)

**Rythm patterns:** [iB2 o/16 xx-xxx--\\*4 | iS2 o/16 --x---xx\\*4 | iHH o/16 -x-x-x-x\\*4](#)

**Polyrythm, triplets:** [iBD 8\\*8 | iCH r8/12 8\\*12](#)

**Polyrythm, play 17 over 15:** [iBD r16/17 16\\*17 | iCH r16/15 16\\*15 ...](#) or even simpler: [iBD 17\\*17 | iCH 15\\*15 ...](#)

**Playing with macros and track**

**shifts:** [|0 ch1 o1 i12 | ch2 i12 o1 v75 | ch3 i12 o1 v50 m\\$\(o/32 c e g e g / c \ g / c e\) m\\$2\(|0 \\$1 | r3/2 p/128 r1 \\$1 | r5/2 p/128 r1 \\$1\) \\$2\\*8](#)

in half-tones, relative to actual note.

- **[G:-,0,2,2,2,1]** : guitar chord, relative to guitar tuning ('-' for not-played string)
- **[Amin]** or **[min]** : standard keyboard chord. Chords have variations, usually :1 and :2, in some cases up to :5 - try min:1 , min:2.
- **[G:Amaj]** : standard guitar chord. Guitar Chords also have variations indicated with ':' . Note that guitar chord base note is to be written only with 'A-G' and 'b' for flat (don't use sharp '#', '+' or flat '-') (hey, don't complain, you still have 900+ guitar chords to choose from !!!)

you should take a look at the [chords list](#).

## Commands

**...\*x** or **( )\*x** : repeat x times

**m\$xx(...)** : define macro \$xx (NB: m\$ lowercase only)

**mrnd\$xx(...)** : define random macro \$xx; inside the macro, list all possible macros. Everytime you process the song, one macro will be randomly chosen from the list to remplace the random macro. (NB: mrnd\$ lowercase only)

**\$xx** : play macro \$xx

**ixx** : use instrument xx - see GM instruments list below

**iBD, iSD, ...** Use Bass Drum, Snare Drum, ... (defines both default note and Channel 10) - see drummap below. Playing standard notes on ch10 also produces drums.

**chxx** : use midi channel xx

**uxx** : (duty) note is played over xx% of normal length - 10 for staccato, 98 by default, 100 max

**vxx** : set velocity to xx (max 127)

**t+x** or **t-x** : transpose of x half-tones up or down (t0 to cancel transpose)

**|** : next track

**|0** : back to first track

**|x** : jump to track x (no space between

**Playing with macros and track shifts, dEbUgMaX mode ! (watch out...):** [dEbUgMaX |0 ch1 o1 i12 | ch2 i12 o1 v75 | ch3 i12 o1 v50 m\\$\(o/32 c e g e g / c \ g / c e\) m\\$\(|0 \\$1 | r3/2 p/128 r1 \\$1 | r5/2 p/128 r1 \\$1\) \\$2\\*8](#)

**Hold Notes:** [o/16 g g g d#===== f f f d=====](#)

**Fun with random macros:**[o6/64 m\\$\(c\) m\\$\(e\) m\\$\(g\) mrnd\\$\( \\$1 \\$2 \\$3\) \\$4\\*64](#)

**Fun with random macros & relative notes:** [m\\$\(n+2\) m\\$\(n-1\) mrnd\\$\(n\(\\$1 \\$2\) on40/64 \\$n\\*128](#)

**Guitar mode :** [guiton i25 oA3/16 0 4 7 = = = 4 5 2 4 0 0 = = - 11 12 11 = = 12 11 7 9 11 12 0 0](#)

**Temporary Transpose :** [i01 m\\$\(nt+2\) m\\$\(nt-1\) m\\$\(nt+4\) m\\$\(nt+7\) mrnd\\$\( \\$1 \\$2 \\$3 \\$4\) on60/32 \(x \\$n\)\\*128](#)

**Pitches :** [m\\$\(p\( P/8 pitch-20 P/16 pitch-40 P/8 pitch-20 P/16 pitch0 P/8 \) |0 ch1 i49 C5/2 D E F G | ch1 \\$p\\*5](#)

(note the use of a separate pitch track to be able to pitch a note while it's still playing)

## Chords (4 different ways) & strumming:

[tempo120 m\\$\(rythm\(o/16 x = x x 'x x x x = x x x 'x x x x \) i25 strum10,300,80 loose10,2 velvar10,1 oE3/8 o\[0,7,12,16,19,24\] \\$rythm\\*2 o\[0,5,12,17,21,24\] \\$rythm\\*2 p/4 oE4/8 o\[maj:2\] \\$rythm\\*2 o\[Amaj\] \\$rythm\\*2 p/4 o\[g:0,2,2,1,0,0\] \\$rythm\\*2 o\[g:0,0,2,2,2,0\] \\$rythm\\*2 p/4 o\[g:Emaj\] \\$rythm\\*2 o\[g:Amaj\] \\$rythm\\*2](#)

see also [the "I" project](#).

## using the songlist

| and x)

**stressxx** : stressed notes will be xx% stronger

**softxx** : soft notes will be xx% softer

**pitch+x** or **pitch-x** : change pitch of +/- x% (usually 100% = 2 half-tones).

**pitch0** to center pitch.

**#** : comment (the rest of the line is ignored)

**loosew,q** : add "human" feel to playing; notes hit will vary of +/- w milliseconds around exact time. The q parameter defines how centered notes are: with a q of 1 repartition is random (rectangular distribution), with a higher q notes are more centered on exact time (q=10 is almost always exact time); if you specify q=g, you get a gaussian distribution (ex: loose10,g). A standard value example would be loose20,2

**velvarw,q** : add another "human" feel to playing; notes velocity will vary of +/- w% around standard velocity. The q parameters defines how centered velocity is: with a q of 1 repartition is random (rectangular distribution), with a higher q notes are more centered on exact velocity (q=10 is almost always exact velocity); if you specify q=g, you get a gaussian distribution (ex: velvar10,g). A standard value example would be velvar10,2

**guiton**: activate Guitar mode (a number alone means a note with temporary transpose)

**guitoff**: de-activate Guitar mode

**tomson**: activate Tom mode (a number alone means the tom number to be played, on channel 10)






**tomsoff**: de-activate Tom mode

**ctrla,b** : send midi control parameters a,b

**sysexa,b,c,...** : send midi sysex values a,b,c,...


**struma,b,c** : chord strumming parameters - a = delay between notes in milliseconds, b = maximum time to trigger upstroke in milliseconds, c = upstroke volume in %. For a rythm guitar try strum10,300,80 . Parameters b and c are optionnal.

**tuning[E3,A3,D4,G4,B4,E5]** : defines guitar tuning.

- You have to be logged in to be able to save a song. Click on "register" on top left to get a user & password. In case you forgot your password just [send me an email](#).
- click on  to listen to a song.
- click on  to edit a song (even if it's not one of yours, but in that case you'll have to "save as new").
- click on columns header to sort songs
- you can filter songs on a word, or view only yours.
- by default new songs are  = not published, meaning only you can listen and edit them. Click on the icon to change its status to  published, and share it with other users.
- you can delete your song by clicking on . The [admin](#) can undelete them if needed.

## legal advice

By using musicpad you abide to the website's policy:

- You retain the rights to your own songs, but when publishing them (status ) you accept to share them with the other users, allowing them implicitly to copy and modify them at will.
- The admin is all-knowing and all-powerful. He can decide to ban abusive users, delete songs, delete or modify comments, etc...
- In case of problems, questions, requests, etc, contact [loic prot](#).

## Global Commands

Global Commands are valid for the whole song.

**tempoxx** : define tempo per quarter note (by default 60)

**resolutionx** : define resolution (0 for 96 ppqn, 1 for 192 ppqn, 2 for 384 ppqn, 3 for 1536 ppqn. 192 by default)

**dutyxx** : define default duty of notes (by default 98)

**velocityxx** : define default velocity of notes (by default 100)

**dEbUg** (case sensitive command!) : debug mode, will print out processings - allow you to debug your song... also

**dEbUgMaX** is an even more insanely complete debug mode...

**globaloosew,q** : define default loose parameters for all tracks (see loose above)

**globalvelvarw,q** : define default velvar parameters for all tracks (see velvar above)

**globalguiton**: all instruments are in guitar mode by default

## some notes

- Syntax structure can vary depending on song style and complexity. I personally like to define instruments first, then macros, then playing the song, but it's my personal taste. See also [the "I" project](#) for lots of song syntax examples.
- Non-spaced Pattern mode (xxx--) can be mixed with standard notes (F5). Be careful though: 'F---' (F and 3 times '-' without spaces) is interpreted as: F flat, then two pauses. Add spaces in case of uncertainty: 'F ---' (F, space, and 3 times '-') means F then 3 pauses, 'F- ---' (F, '-', space, and 3 times '-') means F flat then 3 pauses. Use the dEbUg mode if you don't understand why your code is "misinterpreted".
- **Known bugs:**
  - Some heavy songs can be very slow to create

depending on server traffic, and issue a time-out error. Don't be discouraged, try again, or try another time.

- When using song saving and editing, don't use the "back" command on your browser, ever - it might delete your song.

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## drummap

### code. midi. name

BD	36	Bass Drum 1
B2	35	Bass Drum 2
SD	38	Snare Drum 1
S2	40	Snare Drum 2
RS	37	Side Stick (RimShot)
HH	44	Pedal Hi-hat
OH	46	Open Hi-hat
CH	42	Closed Hi-hat
TA	54	Tambourine
T1	50	High Tom 1
T2	48	High Tom 2
T3	47	Mid Tom 1
T4	45	Mid Tom 2
T5	43	Low Tom 1
T6	41	Low Tom 2
CC	49	Crash Cymbal 1
C2	57	Crash Cymbal 2
TC	52	Chinese Cymbal (Trash)
RC	51	Ride Cymbal 1
R2	59	Ride Cymbal 2
RB	53	Ride Bell
SC	55	Splash Cymbal
CB	56	Cowbell
HC	39	Hand Clap

## general midi drummap

### note. code. name

B2	35	Bass Drum 2
C3	36	Bass Drum 1

## general midi instruments

### code. instrument

#### PIANO

1	Acoustic Grand
2	Bright Acoustic
3	Electric Grand
4	Honky-Tonk
5	Electric Piano 1
6	Electric Piano 2
7	Harpsichord
8	Clavinet

#### ORGAN

17	Drawbar Organ
18	Percussive Organ
19	Rock Organ
20	Church Organ
21	Reed Organ
22	Accoridan
23	Harmonica
24	Tango Accordion

#### BASS

33	Acoustic Bass
34	Electric Bass(finger)
35	Electric Bass(pick)
36	Fretless Bass
37	Slap Bass 1

### code. instrument

#### CHROMATIC PERCUSSION

9	Celesta
10	Glockenspiel
11	Music Box
12	Vibraphone
13	Marimba
14	Xylophone
15	Tubular Bells
16	Dulcimer

#### GUITAR

25	Nylon String Guitar
26	Steel String Guitar
27	Electric Jazz Guitar
28	Electric Clean Guitar
29	Electric Muted Guitar
30	Overdriven Guitar
31	Distortion Guitar
32	Guitar Harmonics

#### SOLO STRINGS

41	Violin
42	Viola
43	Cello
44	Contrabass
45	Tremolo Strings



C#3	37	Side Stick	38	Slap Bass 2	46	Pizzicato Strings
D3	38	Snare Drum 1	39	Synth Bass 1	47	Orchestral Strings
D#3	39	Hand Clap	40	Synth Bass 2	48	Timpani
E3	40	Snare Drum 2	<b>ENSEMBLE</b>		<b>BRASS</b>	
F3	41	Low Tom 2	49	String Ensemble 1	57	Trumpet
F#3	42	Closed Hi-hat	50	String Ensemble 2	58	Trombone
G3	43	Low Tom 1	51	SynthStrings 1	59	Tuba
G#3	44	Pedal Hi-hat	52	SynthStrings 2	60	Muted Trumpet
A3	45	Mid Tom 2	53	Choir Aahs	61	French Horn
A#3	46	Open Hi-hat	54	Voice Oohs	62	Brass Section
B3	47	Mid Tom 1	55	Synth Voice	63	SynthBrass 1
C4	48	High Tom 2	56	Orchestra Hit	64	SynthBrass 2
C#4	49	Crash Cymbal 1	<b>REED</b>		<b>PIPE</b>	
D4	50	High Tom 1	65	Soprano Sax	73	Piccolo
D#4	51	Ride Cymbal 1	66	Alto Sax	74	Flute
E4	52	Chinese Cymbal	67	Tenor Sax	75	Recorder
F4	53	Ride Bell	68	Baritone Sax	76	Pan Flute
F#4	54	Tambourine	69	Oboe	77	Blown Bottle
G4	55	Splash Cymbal	70	English Horn	78	Skakuhachi
G#4	56	Cowbell	71	Bassoon	79	Whistle
A4	57	Crash Cymbal 2	72	Clarinet	80	Ocarina
A#4	58	Vibra Slap	<b>SYNTH LEAD</b>		<b>SYNTH PAD</b>	
B4	59	Ride Cymbal 2	81	Lead 1 (square)	89	Pad 1 (new age)
C5	60	High Bongo	82	Lead 2 (sawtooth)	90	Pad 2 (warm)
C#5	61	Low Bongo	83	Lead 3 (calliope)	91	Pad 3 (polysynth)
D5	62	Mute High Conga	84	Lead 4 (chiff)	92	Pad 4 (choir)
D#5	63	Open High Conga	85	Lead 5 (charang)	93	Pad 5 (bowed)
E5	64	Low Conga	86	Lead 6 (voice)	94	Pad 6 (metallic)
F5	65	High Timbale	87	Lead 7 (fifths)	95	Pad 7 (halo)
F#5	66	Low Timbale	88	Lead 8 (bass+lead)	96	Pad 8 (sweep)
G5	67	High Agogo	<b>SYNTH EFFECTS</b>		<b>ETHNIC</b>	
G#5	68	Low Agogo	97	FX 1 (rain)	105	Sitar
A5	69	Cabasa	98	FX 2 (soundtrack)	106	Banjo
A#5	70	Maracas	99	FX 3 (crystal)	107	Shamisen
B5	71	Short Whistle	100	FX 4 (atmosphere)	108	Koto
C6	72	Long Whistle	101	FX 5 (brightness)	109	Kalimba
C#6	73	Short Guiro	102	FX 6 (goblins)	110	Bagpipe
D6	74	Long Guiro	103	FX 7 (echoes)	111	Fiddle
D#6	75	Claves	104	FX 8 (sci-fi)	112	Shanai
E6	76	High Wood Block				
F6	77	Low Wood Block				
F#6	78	Mute Cuica				
G6	79	Open Cuica				
G#6	80	Mute Triangle				
A6	81	Open Triangle				

**PERCUSSIVE**

113	Tinkle Bell
114	Agogo
115	Steel Drums
116	Woodblock
117	Taiko Drum
118	Melodic Tom
119	Synth Drum
120	Reverse Cymbal

**SOUND EFFECTS**

121	Guitar Fret Noise
122	Breath Noise
123	Seashore
124	Bird Tweet
125	Telephone Ring
126	Helicopter
127	Applause
128	Gunshot

## midi controllers (ctrl)

Below, a list of values to use in the ctrl a,b command ( a & b between 0 and 127 only).

Note: when two "1st Value" are given (like: 0 / 32), the first is used for the most significant byte (MSB), the second for the least significant byte (LSB). Use the MSB in priority.

1st Value	Controller Type	2nd Value	Remark
0 / 32	Bank Select	0 to 127	<i>(not used in minimal GM)</i>
1 / 33	Modulation	0 to 127	vibrato or tremolo...
2 / 34	Breath Controller	0 to 127	<i>(not used in minimal GM)</i>
4 / 36	Foot Controller	0 to 127	<i>(not used in minimal GM)</i>
5 / 37	Portamento Time	0 to 127	<i>(not used in minimal GM)</i>
6 / 38	Data Entry	0 to 127	see NRPN/RPN <i>(not used in minimal GM)</i>
7 / 39	Main Volume	0 to 127	
8 / 40	Balance	0-63=left, 64=center, 65-127=right	<i>(not used in minimal GM)</i>
10 / 42	Pan	0-63=left, 64=center, 65-127=right	
11 / 43	Expression Controller	0 to 127	
12 / 44	Effect Control 1	0 to 127	<i>(not used in minimal GM)</i>
13 / 45	Effect Control 2	0 to 127	<i>(not used in minimal GM)</i>
16 to 19	General-Purpose Controllers 1 to 4	0 to 127	<i>(not used in minimal GM)</i>
64	Damper pedal	0-63=off, 64-127=on	
65	Portamento	0-63=off, 64-127=on	<i>(not used in minimal GM)</i>
66	Sostenuto	0-63=off, 64-127=on	<i>(not used in minimal GM)</i>



67	Soft Pedal	0-63=off, 64-127=on	(not used in minimal GM)
68	Legato Footswitch	0-63=off, 64-127=on	(not used in minimal GM)
69	Hold 2	0-63=off, 64-127=on	(not used in minimal GM)
70	Sound Controller 1 (variation)	0 to 127	(not used in minimal GM)
71	Sound Controller 2 (sound)	0 to 127	(not used in minimal GM)
72	Sound Controller 3 (release time)	0 to 127	(not used in minimal GM)
73	Sound Controller 4 (attack time)	0 to 127	(not used in minimal GM)
74	Sound Controller 5 (brilliance)	0 to 127	(not used in minimal GM)
75 to 79	Sound Controller 6 to 10	0 to 127	(not used in minimal GM)
80 to 83	General-Purpose Controllers 5 to 8	0-63=off, 64-127=on	(not used in minimal GM)
84	Portamento Control		(not used in minimal GM)
91	Effects 1 Depth (reverb/delay)	0 to 127	(not used in minimal GM)
92	Effects 2 Depth (tremolo)	0 to 127	(not used in minimal GM)
93	Effects 3 Depth (chorus)	0 to 127	(not used in minimal GM)
94	Effects 4 Depth (vibrato)	0 to 127	(not used in minimal GM)
95	Effects 5 Depth (phaser)	0 to 127	(not used in minimal GM)
96	Data Increment +1	not used (0)	see NRPN/RPN (not used in minimal GM)
97	Data Decrement -1	not used (0)	see NRPN/RPN (not used in minimal GM)
99 / 98	Non-Registered Parameter Number (NRPN)	0 to 127	use with 6/38 or 96-97 (not used in minimal GM)
101 / 100	Registered Parameter Number (RPN)	0 to 127	use with 6/38 or 96-97 (not used in minimal GM)
120	All Sound Off	not used (0)	
121	All Controller Off	not used (0)	
122	Local keyboard on/off	0-63=off, 64-127=on	
123	All Notes Off	not used (0)	
124	Midi Mode Omni Off	not used (0)	
125	Midi Mode Omni On	not used (0)	
126	Midi Mode Mono	not used (0)	
127	Midi Mode Poly	not used (0)	

# Registered Parameter Numbers (RPN - ctrl 101/100 )

MSB/LSB (101/100)	Description
0 / 0	Pitch Bend Sensitivity (MSB = number of semitones, LSB = cents)
0 / 1	Fine Tuning (MSB = number of semitones with 64=A440, LSB = cents)
0 / 2	Coarse Tuning (MSB = number of semitones with 64=A440, no LSB)
0 / 3	Tuning Program Select ( <i>part of the MIDI Tuning Standard, not used in minimal GM</i> )
0 / 4	Tuning Bank Select ( <i>part of the MIDI Tuning Standard, not used in minimal GM</i> )
127 / 127	RPN Reset (no data entry needed)

Example: to set a Fine Tuning of -1.5 half-tones (-2+50%) versus A440, use the following commands: ctrl101,0 ctrl100,1 ctrl6,62 ctrl38,50

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## musicpad vs polymath

musicpad was initially inspired by [polymath.cgi](#). Here is a comparaisn of syntaxes on well-chosen polyrythms...

### polymath

#### Meshuggah - New Millenium Cyanide Chri

```
(t, 150) (n, CR CH SD BD)
((1 1P*3)*2)*2
|((4P 4*15)*2)*2
|(2P 1*7 2)*2
|((P, 16, (xxx 3 2 2)*2 xxx)*5 (P, 16, xxx 3 2 2 xxx))*2
```

```
tempo150
(
|0 iCC (1 P*3
| iCH (P/4 x
| iSD (P/2 x
| iBD o/16 (
) *2
```

#### Same with instru

```
tempo150
m$BD1(-----x
m$G1(A+/16 A+
m$G2(($G1*2 x:
(
|0 iCC (1 P*3
| iCH (P/4 x
| iSD (P/2 x
| iBD o/16 (:
| chl i34 nl
) *2
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## musicpad history

v2.22 - 17 Aug 2006 - minor interface changes  
v2.21 - 25 Aug 2004 - added tom mode, and tomson / tomsoff commands, and the q=g parameter for loose & velvar  
v2.2 - 17 Aug 2004 - added chords [...], strum and tuning commands.  
v2.1 - 16 Aug 2004 - corrected some bugs (WMP error, b as flat...). Added the guitar mode and the nt, pitch, sysex and ctrl commands.  
v2.0 - 11 Aug 2004 - a new interface with login & save.  
v1.4 - 10 Aug 2004 - deleted o, changed n to o , n used for new "relative note" command  
v1.3 - 06 Aug 2004 - added dEbUgMaX, loose and velvar commands  
v1.2 - 05 Aug 2004 - added dEbUg, '=' and \$mrnd commands  
v1.1 - 04 Aug 2004 - added global commands  
v1.0 - 03 Aug 2004 - initial release

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