

Project: AI Music Generator with LSTM

1 Objective

We use an **LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory)** neural network to generate music by training on **.midi** files.

The model learns the sequence of musical notes and predicts new notes to create original compositions.

2 Required Modules

You (and your students) must install these Python modules in the virtual environment (**.venv**):

```
pip install streamlit
pip install tensorflow
pip install pretty_midi
pip install music21
pip install numpy
pip install matplotlib
pip install joblib
```

Module purposes:

- **streamlit** → Web interface for interaction.
- **tensorflow** → Deep learning framework to build and train the LSTM model.
- **pretty_midi** → For reading/writing MIDI files.
- **music21** → Music analysis & note processing.
- **numpy** → Numerical computations.
- **matplotlib** → Visualization of loss curves/training.

- **joblib** → Saving/loading preprocessed data or model artifacts.
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3 Folder Structure

Example:

```
PythonProject/
| — app_streamlit.py    # Streamlit frontend
| — train.py           # Model training script
| — generate.py         # Music generation script
| — data/              # MIDI training files
| — model/             # Saved trained model
| — notes.npy          # Preprocessed note sequences
| — .venv/             # Virtual environment
```

4 Steps to Run the Project

Step 1 — Prepare Data

- Collect **.midi** files and put them inside the **data/** folder.
 - Preprocess them into note sequences using **pretty_midi** or **music21**.
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Step 2 — Train the Model

Run:

```
python train.py --data data/ --save model/music_model.h5 --epochs 50 --batch 64
--seq_len 50 --lr 0.001
```

Arguments:

- `--data` → Path to MIDI dataset folder
- `--save` → Path to save trained model
- `--epochs` → Number of training epochs
- `--batch` → Batch size
- `--seq_len` → Number of notes per training sequence
- `--lr` → Learning rate

After training:

- `music_model.h5` is saved.
- `notes.npy` stores note mappings for generation.

Step 3 — Generate Music

Run:

```
python generate.py --model model/music_model.h5 --notes notes.npy --output output.mid
```

This generates a **new MIDI file** based on learned patterns.

Step 4 — Run with Streamlit UI

Run:

```
streamlit run app_streamlit.py
```

- Opens a **web interface** in the browser.

- Allows users to **train** the model or **generate music** easily without command line.
 - Plays generated **.midi** or **.wav** output directly in the app.
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5 Execution Flow

1. **Data Loading** → Read MIDI files.
 2. **Preprocessing** → Convert to sequences.
 3. **Model Building** → LSTM layers + Dense output layer.
 4. **Training** → Optimize model weights.
 5. **Generation** → Predict next notes.
 6. **Output** → Save as **.midi** or **.wav**.
 7. **User Interaction** → Done through Streamlit UI.
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6 Extra Features You Can Teach

- Add **Tempo control** in generated music.
- Export directly as **.wav** file from MIDI.
- Let user **upload their own MIDI file** to train.
- Add **real-time note visualization**.