

Guide to BOOK Appendix E Examples: *Victor Lazzarini*

MIDI Programming with PortMIDI

These are the examples discussed in the text. All of them require PortMIDI to be downloaded and installed. Instructions for this are found in <http://portmedia.sourceforge.net/>.

Once PortMIDI is installed, assuming its headers are in `/usr/local/include` and the library file is in `/usr/local/lib` the examples can be built as follows:

Windows

On Windows, with the MINGW/MSYS, the PortMIDI library should be installed in `c:/msys/1.0/local/lib` and headers in `c:/msys/1.0/local/include`. This is needed for the system to see it at `/usr/local/include` and `/usr/local/lib`. Then you can build a program with just

```
gcc -o pmidiout pmidiout.c -I/usr/local/include -L/usr/local/lib -lportmidi -lwinmm
gcc -o pmidiin pmidiin.c -I/usr/local/include -L/usr/local/lib -lportmidi -lwinmm
gcc -o arpeg arpeg.c -I/usr/local/include -L/usr/local/lib -lportmidi -lwinmm
```

`-lportmidi` tells the linker to look for **portmidi** and `-lwinmm` tells the linker to look for **winmm**, which is the Windows low-level library on which portmidi depends.

WARNING: on Windows, using the MINGW/MSYS terminal, there might be a buffering issue with `printf()` and `scanf()` in MIDI programs. Because `printf()` output is buffered, it will only be displayed after the program exits, so the program (shown below) will block waiting for input (to `scanf()`), if a device number is entered the program proceeds. When it ends all messages appear on terminal. A solution is to either run the program from the Windows command line or to double-click on its icon.

OS X

Similarly, with OS X once you have portmidi installed, it's just:

```
gcc -o pmidiout pmidiout.c -I/usr/local/include -L/usr/local/lib -lportmidi
gcc -o pmidiin pmidiin.c -I/usr/local/include -L/usr/local/lib -lportmidi
gcc -o arpeg arpeg.c -I/usr/local/include -L/usr/local/lib -lportmidi
```

This assumes the header files are installed in `/usr/local/include` and the `portmidi` library is in `/usr/local/lib`. If the library and headers are installed elsewhere, the `-I` and `-L` options have to be changed to match the location of these files.

To run these programs, just type the command name in the terminal, using `./` to make sure you are running the programs you have just built (and not something else in your executable path), eg.:

```
./pmidiin
```

Linux

On Linux once you have `portmidi` installed, it's just:

```
gcc -o pmidiout pmidiout.c -I/usr/local/include -L/usr/local/lib -lportmidi  
-lporttime -lasound  
gcc -o pmidiin pmidiin.c -I/usr/local/include -L/usr/local/lib -lportmidi  
-lporttime -lasound  
gcc -o arpeg arpeg.c -I/usr/local/include -L/usr/local/lib -lportmidi  
-lporttime -lasound
```

This assumes the header files are installed in `/usr/local/include` and the `portmidi` library is in `/usr/local/lib`. If the library and headers are installed elsewhere, the `-I` and `-L` options have to be changed to match the location of these files. You will need to have all the headers and libraries for `alsa` too (`libasound`).

To run these programs, just type the command name in the terminal, using `./` to make sure you are running the programs you have just built (and not something else in your executable path), eg.:

```
./pmidiin
```