Al Biles

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Short Bio



- BS in Psychology from UoK
- MS in Computer Science from UoK
- Professor in the School of Interactive Games and Media at RIT
- Used to teach all HCI courses at RIT
- CS Chair from 1990-1993
- Teaches game development
- Program Coordinator for first B.S. IT program

GenJam

What?

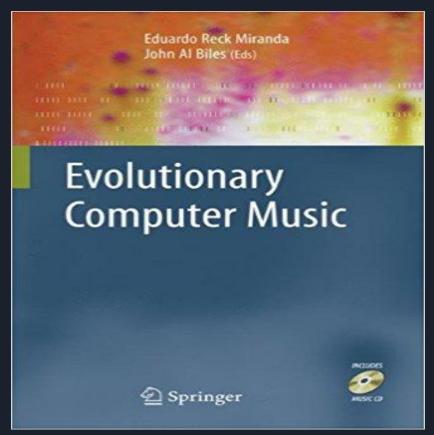
- "Genetic algorithm that learns to improvise jazz"
- Can complement performer for entire melody, plays lower notes while composer plays higher notes
- This is where the genetic "chromosomal" mapping comes into play
- Can trade 4's and 8's with performer
- "Working musician"

How?



Evolutionary Computer Music

- Published in 2007
- Elaborates on genetic algorithms used to generate music
- Explains GenJam's architecture
- Explains how to use evolutionary approaches to model the change in musical style over time
- Says techniques have anthropological uses as well



Miscellaneous

- Teaches courses on edX
- Auditioned with GenJam for America's Got Talent
- Virtual Quintet is the name of his first GenJam album
- @Genjamguy on soundcloud
- @GenJamGuy on github