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SCALES

a scale is a sequence of ordered musical notes.

----- SCALES -----

usually a scale is based on a selection of the 12 notes in an octave

PIANO KEYS:

	B		B			B		B		B		
W		W		W	W		W		W		W	W
00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12

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C CHROMATIC:

C	C#	D	D#	E	F	F#	G	G#	A	A#	B	C
00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12

C MAJOR:

C		D		E	F		G		A		B	C
00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12

C MAJOR PENTATONIC:

C				E	F		G				B	C
00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12

SCALES

see `ExampleBasics02Scales`

----- CHORD -----

a chord is a series of notes played simultaneously.

chords are often comprised of 3 tones and usually have a base or *root note* and additional notes (e.g 3rd and 5th).

C MAJOR:

C E G

00 04 07

RHYTHM + TIME

see `ExampleBasics03Beat`

----- RHYTHM + TIME -----

- speed is often measured in *Beats per Minute* (BPM)
- a beat usually refers to a quarter note
- 120BPM == 0.5SEC per quarter note
- MIDI Beat Clock == 24 pulses per quarter note (PPQ)
- 24PPQ*120BPM == 2880 pulses per minute or 48Hz

see ExampleEvent02MIDIClock