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Abstract

Tiny trainable instruments is a collection of instruments for media arts, using machine learning techniques and deployed in microcontrollers.

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UROPs Peter Tone, Maxwell Wang

Opera of the Future

Future Sketches

Family and friends

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Chapter 1

Introduction

Cras nec mauris feugiat, aliquam elit ac, blandit ex [1].

1.1 Section sample

Nulla sed sem finibus, vehicula quam at, vulputate tellus¹

1.1.1 Subsection sample

Donec blandit dolor a ipsum sodales, eget aliquet nisl fermentum.

1. Item 1.

1.1.2 Another subsection sample

This is done by using some combination of

$$a_i = a_j + a_k$$

$$a_i = 4a_j + a_k$$

$$a_i = a_j \ll m\text{shift}$$

¹Here is a sample footnote referencing figures B-1 and B-2.

Chapter 2

Background

2.1 Instruments

2.1.1 BASTL

2.1.2 Critter & Guitari

2.1.3 monome

2.2 Education

Mitch Resnick's book Lifelong Kindergarten

2.3 Machine learning

2.4 Digital rights

Electronic Frontier Foundation

Edward Snowden

Chapter 3

Early experiments

3.1 Microcontrollers

Arduino

Teensy

3.2 Machine learning

Class at School of Machines by Gene Kogan and Andreas Refsgaard

Chapter 4

Tiny trainable instruments

4.1 Design principles

1. Cheap
2. Privacy

4.2 Technology

Arduino microcontroller

Arduino library KNN

TensorFlow Lite Micro

4.3 Programmable / remix

4.4 Philosophy and experience

4.5 Inputs

Enumerate sensors from the Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense

4.6 Outputs

Buzzer

Servo

Chapter 5

Project evaluation

5.1 Digital release

GitHub repository

Arduino library

5.2 Audience engagement

5.3 Workshop

5.4 Multimedia show

Chapter 6

Conclusion

This thesis project is a

6.1 Future work

6.1.1 Education

New workshops, using multimedia outputs.

6.1.2 Artist workflow

Training instead of programming.

6.1.3 Packaging

PCBs and enclosures

6.1.4 Gallery

Appendix A

Tables

Table A.1: Armadillos

Armadillos	are
our	friends

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