

# The i-score interactive sequencer

an intermedia sequencer for interactive scenarios authoring

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# Futuroscope, France : the Sprinter



Credits : Blue Yeti

# Tumbleweed



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# The software

The screenshot displays a software interface for creating and managing curves and automations. The interface is divided into several panels:

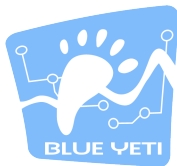
- Top Panel:** Contains menu items (File, Edit, Object, Play, Tool, View, Settings, About) and a toolbar with buttons for "Interpolate states", "Select and Move", "Create", "Move Slot", "Sequence", "Scale", "Grow/Shrink", "Keep Duration", "Create Curves", "Interpolate in frame", "Undo", and "Move a comment block".
- Left Panel (Devices):** A list of devices and their parameters. The "OScDevice" is selected, showing parameters like "focus", "master", "still", "flash", "imColor", "addColorB", "addColorG", "addColorR", "backgroundColorB", "backgroundColorG", "backgroundColorR", "alpha", "scale", "speed", "TimeRecPosition", "layerSetGroupB", "layerSetGroupA", "crossfader", "layer", "mediaSet", "media", "auto", "transformer", "on", "type", "particle", "patch", "thickness", "subdivT", "subdivX", "soundInput...", "dimapinAlp...", "colorOn", "soundInput...", "resetLevel", "dimappingL...", "FillMode", "shapeType", "matrix", "RipX/Y/Z", "RipX/Y/Z", "extrusionL...", "depthScale", and "depthScale".
- Center Panel (demo):** A timeline view showing a sequence of events. A blue line represents a curve, and a red line represents a loop. Annotations include: "This will trigger when a condition on remote parameters become true", "Various elements can rejoin themselves", "The full dots will send a cue (a list of OSC messages)", "Boolean condition on remote parameters", "A curve", "Other curves", "In sequence", "Automation.1", "top.8: OSCdevice/master", "3: OSCdevice/masde", "A loop", and "Loop pattern".
- Right Panel (Inspector):** A panel for editing the selected object. It includes a "Constraint" section, a "Name" field, a "Label" field, a "Full view" section with "Start State" and "End State" buttons, a "Durations" section with "Default Duration" and "Loop content" checkboxes, a "Processes" section with "Add Process" and "Processes" buttons, and a "List of Processes" section showing "Automation.1" and "Automation.2" through "Automation.5".

# Contributors, Companies, Agencies involved



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Artists: Les Baltazars, Renaud Rubiano, Antoine Villeret...



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# Demonstration



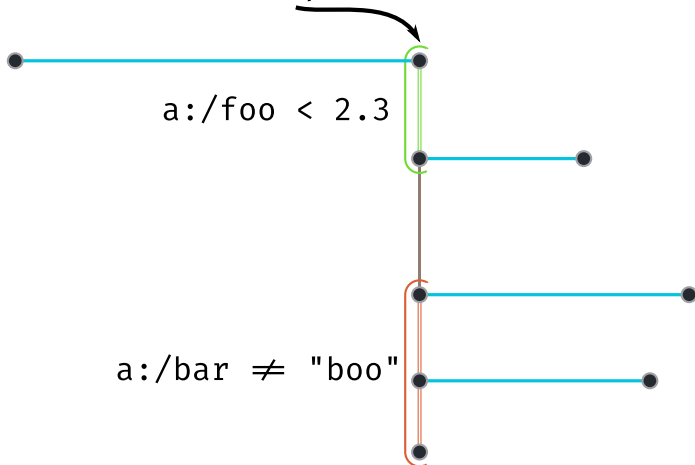
# Inter-operability

- ▶ Compatible environments :  
Max/MSP, **PureData**, Unity3D, **OpenFrameworks**,  
**Processing**, **Jamoma**, Modul8, Millumin, Quartz  
Composer, **Qt**...
- ▶ Anything that communicates over **OSC**.
- ▶ Extensibility via **plug-ins**\*

\*API not stable until v 2.0

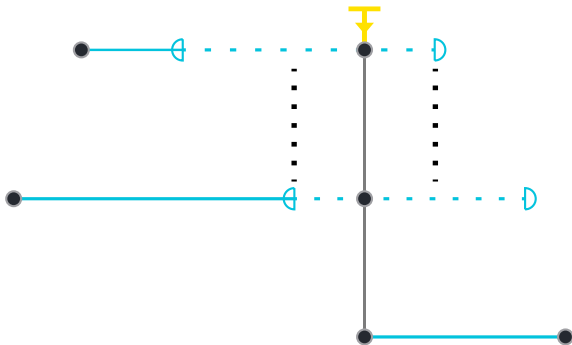
# Conditions

Evaluated at this point in time

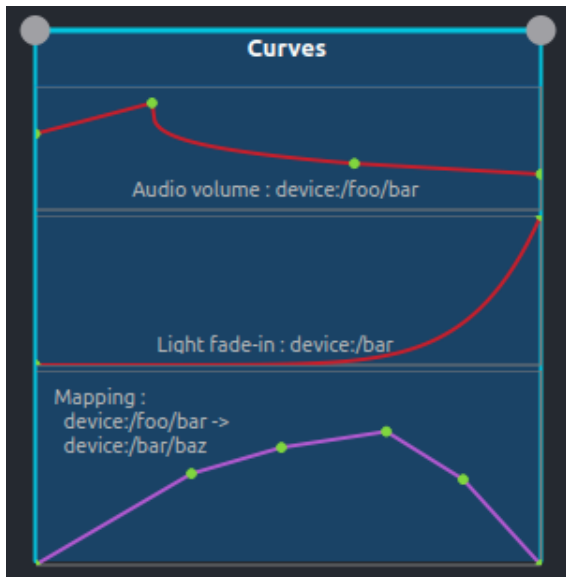


# Triggering

Video:/pony/best = "Fluttershy"



# Automations, mappings



Various kinds of curves

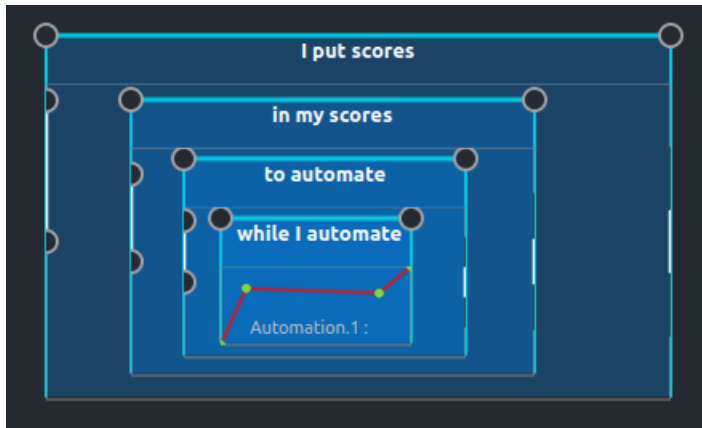
# JavaScript

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function(t) {  
    var obj = new Object;  
    obj["address"] = 'dev:/foo/bar';  
    obj["value"] = t + iscore.value('other:/baz');  
    return [ obj ];  
}
```

Will get called at each tick

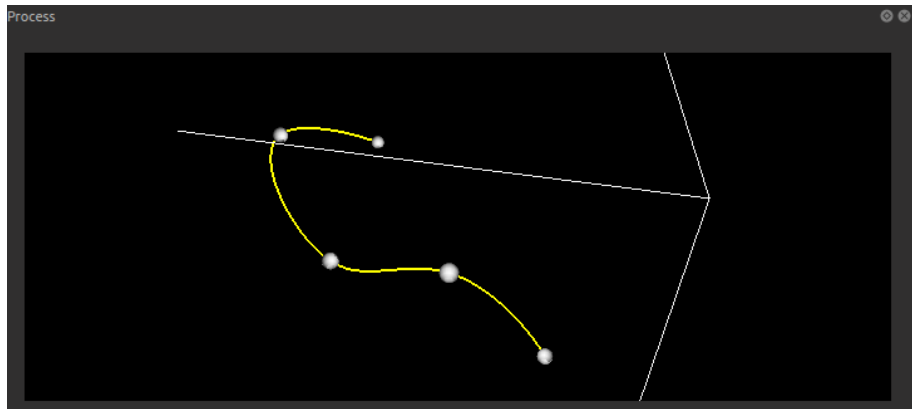
- ▶ Uses Qt's QJSEngine.
- ▶ For now API with a single function : fetch a remote value.

# Hierarchy



Scenarios can be **nested** arbitrarily

# WIP : Spatial automations



- ▶ **3d splines** that uses VTK. Can be used to create paths in space for instance.
- ▶ **Spatial mappings** to compute collisions, distances, etc. and performs actions according to the result of such computations.

# Future : distribution ?

- ▶ Currently : multiple instances can work together at the editing stage.
- ▶ In progress : distributed execution.
- ▶ Example scenarios :
  - ▶ 100 phones controlling a parameter together.
  - ▶ Live backups if a computer dies during performance.
  - ▶ Offloading due to performance requirements.



# Future : other features

- ▶ **MIDI, WebSockets** support
- ▶ Some level of **patching**, like Pd
- ▶ Complete **remote-control** abilities.  
Currently : execution can be followed via a web page.
- ▶ Port execution engine to **FPGA**.
- ▶ Audio engine ?

# Contributing

- ▶ **UX, UI** (mock-ups were done but not entirely implemented)
- ▶ **Documentation**, writing demo scenarios
- ▶ **Translations**
- ▶ Implement the **Minuit** protocol in your software with the OSSIA API
- ▶ Many "low-hanging fruit" TODOs
- ▶ Mobile devices ports :
  - ▶ **Android** : builds and run but requires adapted UI.
  - ▶ **Web port** : with PNaCl, runs but crashes. Will open the way to WebAssembly.
  - ▶ **iDevices** (many artists use them).

# Links

- ▶ **Grab a release !**

`github.com/OSSIA/i-score/releases`

- ▶ **Protocols and implementations :**

`github.com/OSSIA`

- ▶ **Official website (not up-to-date) :**

`i-score.org`

Thanks ! Questions ?

Credits: 'simple' Beamer theme, Facundo Muñoz; Fira font