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# EVOLUTIONARY MUSICAL INTERACTIONS

# IN VIRTUAL REALITY

#### INTRODUCTION

The main aim of the project is to create an **exploratory virtual environment** in which users **evolve** musical interactions to suit their personal tastes.

#### **OTHER AIMS**

- ► Explore effect of VR on musical expression.
- Perform user studies at different stages of project.
- ▶ Investigate interaction techniques in Virtual Reality.
- Quantify implicit and explicit metrics for user engagement.
- Verify hypothesis that VR provides a novel, exciting way to interact with music.

### **CHALLENGES**

The balance between giving a user free control over their interaction, and guiding their interaction so it makes musical sense proved a complex issue.

#### **EVALUATION**

The efficacy of the project will be evaluated with a comprehensive user study, in which the user's **engagement factor** is implicitly tracked, and the user's responses are explicitly noted.

## **PROGRESS**

The Pure Data back-end, the genome, and the virtual reality frontend have been created. The user study and analysis have yet to be conducted.

# **REALISATION**

