

BitX – Command-Based Live Control System for Bitwig

BitX is a “ClyphX-style” command system for **Bitwig Studio**.

You control your project by naming **clips** and **cue markers** with special commands like:

```
()BPM 122:8 ()LIR Bass1:2 ()MPCXD 134 ()RSND
```

BitX reads those names, parses the commands, and manipulates Bitwig: BPM, sends, instruments, FX racks, note filters, external synths via Program Change, OSC, and more.

Installation

1. **Download** <https://personalaudio.lemonsqueezy.com/>
2. **Place** Create a PerSonal folder inside the Bitwig Studio Extensions folder and places the scripts inside of it
3. **Restart Bitwig**, then go to **Settings → Controllers → Add Controller → Per-Sonal → BitX** (or whatever you named it).

macOS Silicon:

The optional external display app is signed, but macOS might block it the first time.

Go to **System Settings → Security & Privacy** and click **Allow**.

You don’t have to compile the project — just drop in the compiled extension.

How it works

BitX watches **Clip Launcher clips** and **Arranger cue markers**.

Any name that contains commands starting with **()** is parsed.

You can chain multiple commands in one clip name:

```
()BPM 120 ()SMW Hello World ()SPN Starting set! ()MPCXD 210
```

Spaces between commands are allowed

Commands can have arguments (e.g. 120:8, Bass 1:3, C2:G5)

Command groups:

Group	Description
Transport & timing	BPM, time signature

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Track utilities	Sends, channel/note filters
Bitwig devices	Drum Machine, Instrument Selector, FX Selector
External synths	MIDI Program Change, Korg XD helper
UI & OSC	Popups, display window, OSC out
Navigation	Jump by track and clip name

Preferences

In Bitwig's **Controller Preferences**, you'll find:

Setting	Description	Default
Number of tracks	Visible tracks in the TrackBank	32
Number of scenes	Scenes per TrackBank	128
Number of layers	Layers per selector	32
Number of sends	Sends per track	4
Display Window	Show/hide external JavaFX window	Off
OSC Send IP / Port	OSC target	127.0.0.1 : 8000
OSC Cursor Remotes Output	Which OSC output receives cursor remotes	Output 1
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OSC Cursor Remotes Output (TouchOSC, TouchDesigner, etc.)

BitX can emit the currently active **Remote Controls** page (selected device / track remote / project remote) so external apps can bind controls in sync with Bitwig.

Setup

1. In **Preferences** → **OSC**, set your OSC outputs (host/port) and enable them.
2. Pick **Bitx Cursor Remotes Output** to choose which output receives the cursor remotes data.
3. Restart the controller after changing output settings.

Incoming (optional, from Torso T-1)

BitX listens for:

```
/torsoT1script/cc <channel> <cc> <value> <targetType> <targetTrack> <targetPage> <label>
```

This message updates the display and can trigger a cursor-remotes snapshot, but the output also updates when the active Remote Controls page or values change.

Outgoing (from BitX)

BitX sends:

```
/bitx/cursorremotes/page <pageName>  
/bitx/cursorremotes/knob1 <value> <name>  
/bitx/cursorremotes/knob2 <value> <name>  
...  
/bitx/cursorremotes/knob8 <value> <name>
```

Notes: - value is normalized 0.0..1.0. - If a slot has no remote, name is "0" and value is 0.0.

Command Reference

1. Transport & Timing

()BPM Set or transition BPM.

()BPM 124 → sets tempo instantly to 124 BPM

()BPM 124:8 → transitions to 124 BPM over 8 bars

Format:

()BPM <targetBPM>[:<bars>]

()STS Set time signature.

()STS 3:4

()STS 7:8

Format:

()STS <numerator>:<denominator>

Numerator	1-32
Denominator	1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32

2. Bitwig Device Utilities (Per Track)

()SCF **Set Channel Filter** allowed MIDI channels.

()SCF 1:5:9

- Uses the first *Channel Filter* device on the track.
- Disables all channels, then enables 1, 5, 9.

Format:

()SCF <ch1>:<ch2>:<ch3>...

Channels: 1–16

()SNF **Set Note Filter** key range.

()SNF D1:E5

()SNF C-2:G8

Format:

()SNF <minNote>:<maxNote>

()SNT **Set Note Transpose.**

()SNT 2

()SNT -1:12

()SNT 1:7:-25

Format:

()SNT <octave>[:<coarse>[:<fine>]]

Parameter	Range	Notes
Octave	-3 ... +3	
Coarse	-48 ... +48	semitones
Fine	-100 ... +100	mapped to -200%..+200%

3. Instrument & FX Selector (Layer-Based)

()LIR **Select Instrument layer** by name.

()LIR Bass 1

()LIR Keyscape Pad:2

Format:

()LIR <layerName>[:<remotePageIndex>]

()LFR **Select FX layer by name.**

()LFR Reverb Long

()LFR CrunchDelay:3

Format:

()LFR <fxLayerName>[:<remotePageIndex>]

()LDR **Load Drum Rack preset.**

()LDR 909_Kicks

()LDR IDM_Drums_01

Format:

()LDR <presetName>

4. Sends & Mix

()RSND **Reset all sends on all visible tracks.**

()RSND

Format:

()RSND

5. External Synths (MIDI Program Change)

()MPC **Generic MIDI Program Change.**

()MPC 10:1:5:2

()MPC *:*:3:*

()MPC 42:::15

Arg	Range	Description
Program	1-128	Converted to 0-127
Bank MSB	1-128	Converted to 0-127
Bank LSB	1-128	Converted to 0-127
Channel	1-16	Converted to 0-15

Use * or leave empty to skip that parameter.

(**)MPCXD** **Korg Minilogue XD slot selector (1–500).**

(**)MPCXD** 1

(**)MPCXD** 137

(**)MPCXD** 500

Format:

(**)MPCXD** <slot>

6. UI & Feedback

(**)SMW** **Show message** in the external Display Window.

(**)SMW** Hello World

(**)SPN** **Show Bitwig popup notification.**

(**)SPN** Drop coming up!

(**)OSC** **Send OSC message.**

(**)OSC** /bitx/section 1 intro

(**)OSC** /lights/scene 3

(**)OSC** /fx/reverb 0.5

7. Navigation & Jumping

(**)JUMPTO** **Jump to track & clip by name.**

(**)JUMPTO** Bassline:Verse A

Chaining Commands – Examples

(**)BPM** 124:8 (**)SMW** Warming up (**)SPN** Transitioning tempo

(**)LIR** Bass 1:2 (**)SNF** D1:E5 (**)SNT** 1:7

(**)MPCXD** 210 (**)SCF** 1:3:5 (**)SPN** XD slot 210

(**)LFR** Big Reverb:1 (**)RSND** (**)OSC** /lights/scene 5

Device UUID Reference

Device	UUID	Description
Instrument Selector	9588fbcf-721a-438b-b555-h97e4281f7a2	30+ instruments
FX Selector	956e396b-07c5-4430-a58d-f8d4fc916522a	30+ effects
Channel Filter	c5a1bb2d-a589-4fda-bb3e-f911bfdf5297b	100+ channels
Note Filter	ef7559c8-49ae-4657-s955e-11a9b	50+ notes
Note Transpose	0815cd9e-3a31-4429-fa266e-cabd952a3b68	12 notes
MIDI Program Change (MPC)	429c7dcb-6863-482c-ba61-s08463841cd3b	128 programs

Credits

Developed by **Creating Spaces**

Musician • Developer • Space Creator

Support at <https://personalaudio.lemonsqueezy.com/>