

RGB MUSIC ORAN GILBOA & ZEHAVIT LEIBOVICH



BASIC IDEA

Let the user "hear" an image OR

Create music from an image



RELATED PAPER - VUZIK

- A painting graphic score interface for composing and control of sound generation
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WHAT IS VUZIK?

Vuzik is an interface for creating and visualizing music through painting gestures on a large interactive surface

Motivation: open up new ways to create and realize musical ideas

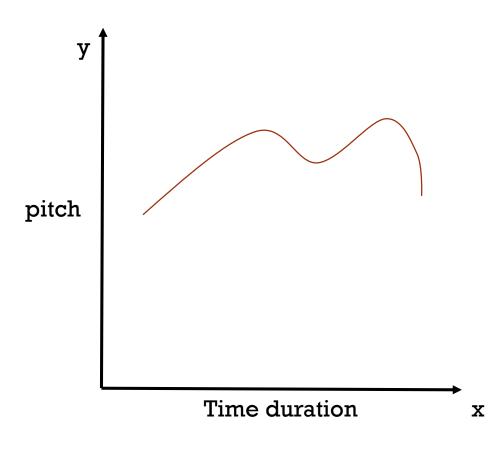
How?

Using the understanding of basic concepts about the physical world to build a usable understanding of music's structure and encourage more intuitive music exploration and creation

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oq7c43mZYdY



FIRST STEP- SOUND VISUAL MAPPING



- Each color is paired to a unique instrument tone
- Thickness of the line reflects the loudness



SECOND STEP - HEAR THE PAINTING

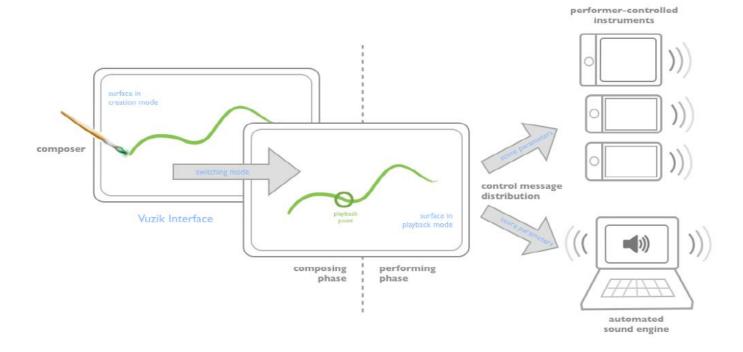
Two modes of operation:

- 1. Creation "paint" music in real-time
- 2. Playback hear the entire canvas or a selected stroke



IMPLEMENTATION AND USE CASE

 GUI is implemented in C# (WPF) and utilizes the open sound control protocol for messaging





APPLICATIONS

- Originally envisioned as a tool for children to explore music and sound
- Offering the capability for more advanced music composition

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNzV7lvgJjI 0:57



FUTURE WORK

- Continue developing vuzik as an educational tool for elementary schools
- Further validate it as composition tool by creating more music works



BACK TO RGB MUSIC



THE PROJECT

RGB Music is a software interface for creating music from an image through clicking on the image.

In this project we aim to map between visual elements to sound elements. For example:

- Map from the RGB value of a chosen pixel to unique instrument tone
- Can be configured to average the RGB value using neighbors pixels



RELATED WORK - VUZIK

- Pros:
 - Very interactive
 - Suitable even for children that can't read
- Cons:
 - Not public
 - User needs to be very creative in order to produce fare music



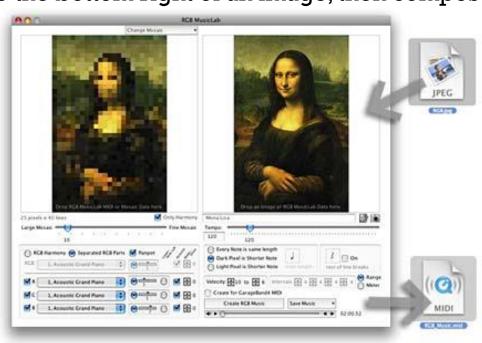
RELATED WORK - RGB MUSIC LAB

- Created by Kenji Kojima, a Japanese visual artist.
- http://www.kenjikojima.com/rgbmusic
- Create a music from an image

• Reads RGB value of pixels from the top left to the bottom right of an image, then composes

an music

- Pros:
 - Contains a lot of options for user input
 - Very advanced
- Cons:
 - Not free
 - Out dated no support





IMPLEMENTATION

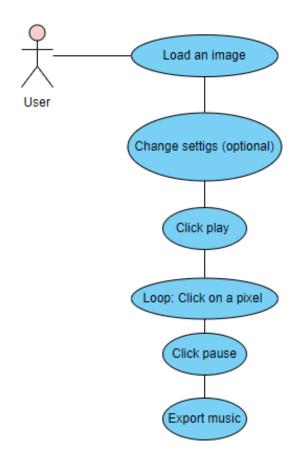
The project will be implemented in Python using the following libraries:

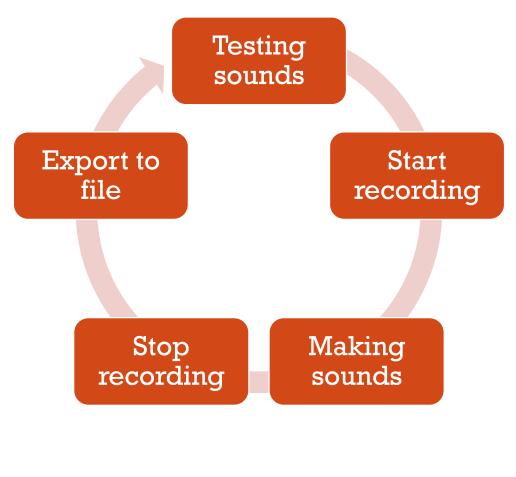
- Tkinter UI
- SuperCollider as server
- OSC as client to interact with SC for creating music
- PIL Python library for image processing



MAIN USE CASE

The main use case is very basic – just load the image and click on the image to create music







PHASE 1 — DEMO



PROS OVER OTHER PRODUCTS

- Our program let the user control which parts from the image will affect the final work
- The user can use multiple images for creating one work



PROJECT TIMELINE

Phase 1:

 Implement an engine that creates a sound based on the RGB of the current pixel (according to mouse location)

• Phase 2:

- Add UI and logic for user input: Sliders, selection of instrument, etc.
- Support configuration of using neighbors pixels
- Record the music created

Phase 3:

Add support for creating a music using multiple pictures



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