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Getting Started

Introduction

Thank you for purchasing **TC-Data**. Your support is greatly appreciated, and it means I can continue developing innovative music apps for iOS and Mac OS X. **TC-Data** is the product of countless hours of programming and research into controller design.

Your comments, feedback, and news are important to me. If you use **TC-Data** in a performance or recording, please let me know through the website <u>www.bitshapesoftware.com</u> or email <u>feedback@bitshapesoftware.com</u>. Your creative output is one of the reasons making software instruments is rewarding!

TC-Data Overview

TC-Data is a programmable MIDI and OSC (Open Sound Control) controller the iPad, driven by multitouch and device motion controllers. TC-Data makes no sound; it is a controller interface for any instrument or software that can receive MIDI or OSC.

TC-Data does not have on-screen objects to control during performance. Instead, the performer's touches generate the control information. Some controllers are driven by a single touch. For example, the speed of the touch as it moves around the screen is its *Touch Speed*. Other controllers are generated with multiple touches, such as *Distance to Previous Touch*, where the positions of two touches are compared. Finally, the iPad's device motion capabilities can be used as controllers. The accelerometer, gyroscope and compass can be assigned as controllers to turn your iPad into a expressive motion controller.

MIDI Quick Start

To connect **TC-Data** to another synth app on your iPad, open the target synth app and check for the following two settings:

- 1. Background Audio Mode
- 2. MIDI Input Mode

Be sure both of these options are on and available. If a synth app does not support external MIDI input or background audio mode, it will not receive any MIDI data from **TC-Data**.

Open **TC-Data**, and select a patch from the Quick Load Button popover within the 'MIDI' group (swipe the list once to the right). By default **TC-Data** broadcasts MIDI messages to any available target synth on iOS.

More setup options are available, including creating a virtual MIDI port within **TC-Data**, or passing incoming MIDI through to **TC-Data's** targets. See [5.1.1 General] for more information about these Settings.

OSC Quick Start

To connect **TC-Data** to another device via OSC (Open Sound Control), run through the following steps:

- 1. Make sure both the iPad running **TC-Data** and the target device (computer) are on the same Wi-Fi network.
- 2. Be sure to double check IP address numbers after entering (more below)
- 3. Be sure to double check that the port number is the same for both the target and **TC-Data** (more below)

Find the IP address of the target device. Be sure it is the IP address of the Wi-Fi connection, and not another network connection (e.g., Ethernet).

Open TC-Data, and open an OSC patch from the Quick Load Button popover, and the 'OSC' group (swipe twice to the right).



Switch to the Patch view. Open the Utilities Ξ popover in the upper left corner and choose OSC Setup. Enter the IP address, and choose a port that will match your target software's expected port.

Open your target software, and configure the incoming port and message tags to receive data from TC-Data.

The messages sent from **TC-Data** are always a list of two float values: {voice value}. The voice value corresponds to a touch's voice allocation, and should be used to route the data to the proper polyphonic destination. See [6.0 OSC and MIDI Voice Allocation] for more information.





An example OSC setup between TC-Data and Pd (Pure Data). Note the matching port number, and message routing.

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Interface

Navigation

1.0 Navigation Bar



Show the Navigation Bar by double-tapping the Show Navigation Bar Button in the Performance view. Here you can switch between views. The Navigation Bar will hide automatically when a touch is played in the Performance view.

While the Navigation Bar is showing, **TC-Data** can rotate its orientation. See [2.3 Axis Labels] and [iPad Rotation] for more information.

1.1 TC-Data Views

The **Performance** view is where you can play the currently loaded patch. The **Load / Share** view is where you can load, save, duplicate, rename and share patches. In the **Patch** view, you can create outputs and modules to design your patch. The **Settings** view allows you to change the display style and colors, and has a quick help reference area.



Views

2.0 Performance



- 1. Quick Load Button
- 2. Message List
- 3. Axis Labels
- 4. Performance Area
- 5. Device Motion Position
- 6. Gyroscope Reorientation Button
- 7. Patch Name
- 8. Navigation Bar Button

The **Performance** view is the edge-to-edge multitouch interface for generating touch control data. It will display the active controllers as you play, as well as an optional message list which shows all outgoing control messages.



2.1 Quick Load Button

Double-tap the Quick Load Button to pop open a list of patches to load. Swipe left and right to change between folders of patches. There is an \triangle All Notes Off button for quickly silencing stuck notes when in the Performance view.



2.2 Message List

The Message List displays a scroll of MIDI and OSC messages generated during performance. It is useful for seeing live values when in the Performance view. Turning off the list can improve graphics performance and touch responsiveness.



2.3 Axis Labels

The Performance view is unique in that is does not rotate when the iPad is reoriented. This is because moving the device can be part of the performance (for motion control), and having the screen rotate beneath your fingers is an undesired effect.

You can reorient **TC-Data** whenever the Navigation Bar is visible to switch between portrait and landscape modes. Many controllers depend on X or Y-axis positions. To keep X / Y controllers consistent, those axes are always fixed as follows:



The X-axis is always the short axis, and the Y-axis is always the long axis, regardless of the interface orientation. You can invert the minimum and maximum of these axes in **Settings** >> **General** >> **Invert Axes**. The **Axis Labels** will remind you which way is up (labeled +) and which way is down (labeled -) for each axis.

2.4 Performance Area

The entire screen is used as the performance area. Many controllers require multiple touches to activate. As you touch the screen, the graphic display will update to show you which types of controllers are active, and what their positions or values are. If you wish to customize which interface objects appear in the view, choose **Settings >> Display >> Performance View**.



2.5 Gyroscope Reorientation Button

When the gyroscope is in use, you can reset the 'natural' position of the device by double-tapping this button. The pitch, roll, and yaw positions will all be zeroed. You can reset the orientation any time during performance by double-tapping the **Gyroscope Reorientation Button**.

2.6 Show Navigation Bar Button

Double-tap this button to show the **TC-Data** Navigation Bar.

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3.0 Load / Share

Patches 🗮	LFO Arpeggio		
All Patches	2 Patch Name LFO Arpeggio ⊗ Tags LFO MIDI Notes Sequence × Table 3	MIDI OSC Angles	
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Performance L	oad/Share Patch Settings		

- 1. Folders and Patches
- 2. Patch Information
- 3. Patch Tags
- 4. Comments
- 5. Outputs and Controllers List
- 6. Live Preview View

- 7. File Management Buttons
- 8. Patch Organizer
- 9. AirDrop Sharing
- 10. Email Sharing

The Load / Share view is your portal to loading, saving, duplicating, importing and exporting **TC-Data** patches. It is also a place to organize and share your patches.

When working on your own patches, **TC-Data** will keep a working copy saved in a temporary location in case you leave the app. However, it is a good idea to save your work permanently by visiting this view.



3.1 Folders and Patches

This area shows the patches installed on your device, organized by folder. The actual patch files can be found in the iTunes App File Sharing section of your iPad.

The All Patches folder is always available, and shows every patch installed. The other folders are Tag Searches and Groups and can be created or deleted to suit your needs [see 3.8 Patch Organizer].

When scrolled to either the **Organizer** or **Sharing** areas, tap and drag (or swipe right) a patch or folder to drag that patch into the view for organization or sharing.

3.2 Patch Information

This area shows the currently loaded patch information. The title, tags, and comments for a patch are set here.

3.3 Patch Tags

Add descriptive tags to patches for easy searching and organization later. Choose from a list of common tags by pressing the button, or type in your own. Some tags are managed by TC-Data, and cannot be added or removed by the user.

3.4 Comments

Add comments to patches to explain particular setups or useful performance techniques.

3.5 Outputs and Controllers List

See a quick overview of all outputs and controllers in the loaded patch, plus the value ranges they are sending.



3.6 Live Preview View

The **Live Preview** view allows the currently loaded patch to be played when not in the Performance view. It can be dragged and thrown around the screen, and docks itself automatically on the right side of the screen.

3.7 File Management Buttons



Create a **New Patch**. You can choose from a list of standard configurations depending on the kind of patch you wish to create.



Save currently loaded patch. If a patch is not saved before loading another patch, it will lose its changes.



Duplicate currently loaded patch. Pressing this button creates a copy of the current patch, and loads the copy.



Delete the currently loaded patch. This operation is not undoable.

3.8 Patch Organizer

Create and edit patch organizing folders in this area. Make a **Tag Search** folder to filter all patches by tag, and a **Group** folder to collect any patches together into a folder. Drag patches from the **Folders and Patches** sidebar to add the patch to a Group, or add the tags in a Tag Search to that patch.



Some tags are managed by **TC-Data**. For example, the 'MIDI' tag is added automatically if a patch contains any output that sends MIDI. The user cannot add or remove the 'MIDI' tag manually. For this reason, dragging a patch into a Tag Search that only contains managed tags is not allowed.

Note:

You can tell the difference between managed tags and normal tags by the color of the tag text. White tags are editable by the user, tinted tags are managed by TC-Data.

3.9 AirDrop Sharing

If another device is on the same Wi-Fi or Bluetooth network, **TC-Data** will recognize the device and the two will appear on each other's screen in the **AirDrop Sharing** area. Drag a patch or folder onto the floating screen to transfer the patches to the other device.

You can disable automatic searching by pressing your screen display in the middle of the AirDrop Sharing area.

If the devices do not appear but are nearby, toggle automatic searching off / on for both devices.

3.10 Email Sharing

Drag a patch or folder onto the Email Sharing floating icon to email a patch or folder.

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4.0 Patch



- 1. Utilities
- 2. Add Output
- 3. Output Sections
- 4. Minimize and Maximize Buttons
- 5. Outputs
- 6. Data Entry
- 7. Live Preview View

The **Patch** view contains the guts of a **TC-Data** patch, and always displays the currently loaded patch. It is the editing area.



4.1 Utilities

The **Utilities** popover shows functionality pertaining to the currently loaded patch, as well as OSC address entry and a dedicated CC generator for MIDI mapping.

Utilities	
OSC Setup	>
Patch Options	>
Transpose	>
Randomize	>
CC Generator	>
All Notes Off	Ń

OSC Setup is where the target IP address, port, and device message tag are entered.

Patch Options include setting custom grid divisions and suppressing the first touch. Choose **Suppress First Touch** if the patch uses multitouch controllers where the first touch may not be useful (like *Distance to First Touch*).

The **Transpose** section is for changing the key filters of all MIDI Note outputs. You can shift by interval, or set to a particular key or mode.

The **Randomize** section is a quick way to globally randomize controllers, triggers, and values.

The **CC Generator** is a utility that mutes all MIDI output except for a ramping CC value of your choice. Use this when a synthesizer supports MIDI mapping, but only by listening to incoming MIDI data. The CC Generator outputs on MIDI Channel 1.

Press All Notes Off Ato stop stuck MIDI notes.

4.2 Add Output

Add outputs and modules from this popover. For more information on outputs and modules see [9.0 Outputs].

4.3 Output Sections

The Patch view is organized into sections by output type. The sections are:

- OSC
- OSC Trigger
- MIDI Note
- MIDI CC
- MIDI Pitch Bend
- MIDI Aftertouch
- MIDI Patch Change
- AHDSR
- LFO
- Table
- Sequencer

4.4 Minimize and Maximize Buttons

To conserve screen space, view multiple controller graphs, and speed up editing, outputs can be minimized. Each output has its own minimize button, and can be tapped when minimized to maximize. Entire sections can be minimized with the **Minimize** and **Maximize Buttons**.



4.5 Outputs

An **Output** is an OSC or MIDI generator driven by one or more of **TC-Data's** controllers. Outputs in the Patch view are organized by section. For more information on outputs and modules see [9.0 Outputs].

4.6 Data Entry

Enter values into output controllers with either a textfield or data slider. Each textfield has a **nub** to its right for quick value changes. Drag up or down to increase / decrease the value. There are two sensitivities, coarse and fine, which correlate to the left / right overlays that appear when dragging.

4.7 Live Preview View

The Live Preview view allows the currently loaded patch to be played when not in the Performance view. It can be dragged and thrown around the screen, and docks itself automatically on the right side of the screen.





5.0 Settings



1. Settings Sections

The **Settings** view is where you can set global user options, such as interface options, display settings, and color changes. The Settings view also has a quick help reference section.



5.1 Settings Sections

5.1.1 General

The General section allows you to customize editing, performance, and MIDI options.

The Minimize / Maximize Outputs at Patch Load options will shrink or expand all outputs for newly loaded patches. If neither is selected, the patches own output minimize settings will be preserved.

Polyphony in **TC-Data** is how many touches are allowed during performance. For example, if **Max Touches** is set to five, a sixth touch will steal the earliest touch's polyphonic slot. Polyphony does not have anything to do with the number of MIDI notes being generated.

The **MIDI Pass Through** setting takes incoming MIDI messages, for example from a connected MIDI interface, and sends them out to all MIDI output destinations. Connect a MIDI keyboard controller to the MIDI IN port to combine the notes with **TC-Data's** continuous controller generation.

Virtual MIDI Output is a virtual port created by TC-Data for applications that do not automatically create their own virtual MIDI destination. TC-Data will appear as a valid input source with this option enabled.

The **Note Message Delay** amount is how many milliseconds a MIDI note message will be delayed before firing. This is useful when target a synthesizer ramps CC message values, and the note messages occur too quickly.







With MIDI Note Message Delay



Pressing the **Restore Patch Presets** button will prompt you to restore any deleted preset patches that come with **TC-Data**. This function will copy missing presets into the User Documents folder of **TC-Data**. It will not overwrite any existing patches.

5.1.2 Display

The Screen Axes options Invert X Axis and Invert Y Axis will flip the minimum (-) and maximum (+) edges for the Performance area and Live Preview view. See [2.3 Axis Labels] for more information about the screen orientation.

The **Performance View** options provide a choice for user interface buttons and labels to be visible on screen. Show or hide the Quick Load Button, Patch Title, and Axis Labels. **TC-Data** can show a representation of MIDI note on velocity for each touch. Also, a scrolling Message List can display all outgoing messages being generated.

Note:

Turning off **Show Message List** can improve interface responsiveness in the Performance view on some devices.

Reduced Drawing Mode is an option to turn off anti-aliasing in the Performance view. Some devices will see a marked improvement in interface responsiveness with this option enabled.

Custom Controller Drawing is a way to enjoy the many controller graphics displays in the Performance view. Normally, only the controllers used in a patch will display their graphics cues. With **Override Patch Controller Display** enabled, you can choose to display whichever cues you want for a custom display.

Note that Override Patch Controller Display is a purely aesthetic option. The controllers displayed are not doing anything (except looking good).

5.1.3 Colors

Choose the color set that best suites you. The entire interface will change to reflect the color set chosen.

5.1.4 Help

Here there are a number of in-app videos to watch to learn about connecting OSC and MIDI from **TC-Data**, as well as some interface lessons.

5.1.5 About

Contact information and links to the App Store to rate **TC-Data**. There is no in-app reminder to rate **TC-Data**, so consider this my one moment of asking, and thanks!

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Performance

Performance Basics

TC-Data was designed from the ground up as a multitouch driven controller. That is to say, the multitouch data itself is what generates control data. Some apps have buttons, sliders, and other on-screen objects that are controlled with a multitouch interface. In these systems, the multitouch capability is meant to enhance the interface accessibility, but it is not the means of control.

TC-Data takes a different approach. The multiple touches on the screen are examined, and relationships between them are used as controller data streams. Take this example: in most controllers, there may be a knob that targets a synthesizer's volume. The user touches the screen to move the knob, which changes the volume. With **TC-Data**, that job will be given to a touch controller. Perhaps the volume level will be controlled by the *Average Distance to Group Center*. The farther apart the touches are spread, the louder the volume.

The power of this system is the ability to create complex synth responses using sets of simple touch controllers. When a patch uses multiple touch controllers, the performative capabilities change dramatically depending on the style of performance.

Voice Allocation

6.0 OSC and MIDI Voice Allocation

Each touch in the Performance view is given its own polyphonic voice allocation. Users who have created polyphonic synthesis graphs in programs like Pd or Max/MSP may be familiar with this technique.



6.1 OSC Voice Allocation

When the very first touch occurs, it is assigned the voice value 0. The next touch to occur will be voice 1, followed by voice 2, and so on until the maximum polyphony value is reached. When that occurs, **TC-Data** will cycle back to the beginning to search for a new free voice slot. In short: any given touch will have a voice value between 0 - 10.

Touches keep their voice values for the duration of the touch lifecycle. If voice 2 is released before 1 and 3, nothing changes about the other voice assignments. If the maximum polyphony is exceeded, the earliest created touch will be destroyed to make space for the newly created touch.

Finally, group controllers and device motion controllers have a special voice assignment of -1. This is because there is only one control value created no matter how many touches are on screen. For example, the *Average Angle To Center* averages every touch on screen to create one control value. A voice value of -1 indicates it is not tied to any particular touch.

6.2 MIDI Voice Allocation

For MIDI users, note that assigning a voiced controller (one which has voiced values for each touch) to an output like the MIDI CC output is a special case. To avoid the zippering and wasted messages that would occur if every touch's value were sent to the CC target, only the most recently created touch will send its value.

Device Motion

The physical motion of the iPad, or **Device Motion**, can be used as a controller. You can turn and twist the device to change filters and effects, or even create vibrato through movement. The screen will display an orientation graphic that will move based on the motion of the device. Follow the graphic carefully to learn how to maneuver the iPad.

For more information about Device Motion, see [7.3 Device Motion Controllers].



iPad Rotation

Since physically moving the iPad can be part of the synthesis generation, device rotation is disabled while in the Performance view. To temporarily enable rotation, double tap the Show Navigation Bar Button. You can then rotate the device to your current orientation.

The axes of the device are treated statically throughout **TC-Data**. The rule is: the X-axis is always the left / right axis when holding the device with the Home button along the bottom, and the Y-axis is always up / down. There is a strong reason for this. When programming, it is significant which axis is assigned to a parameter. If the axes changed arbitrarily, it would be impossible to retain consistency in performance.

Performance Tips

When first performing any patch, try a variety of touch interactions. Some patches are designed to be held down for long durations, others are meant to be 'plucked' with short touches. Here are a few common gestures that can trigger complex responses from patches:

- Hold multiple touches down, and move them around the screen
- Change the number of touches on the screen
- Move touches around the screen quickly, or slowly
- 'Throw' the touches by moving them quickly, then releasing
- 'Pluck' the screen by tapping and releasing quickly
- 'Stretch' a group of touches by moving them farther apart, then closer together
- 'Twist' a group of touches like you are turning a knob



Be aware that while some patches may feel as though they are sensitive to touch pressure, the iPad does not respond to touch pressure. Use a light touch when performing **TC-Data**. The capacitive touch screen is sensitive to the charge of your finger, not the pressure it exerts on the screen (that is a resistive touch screen).

If you are performing **TC-Data** in a live show, you may wish to turn off your iPad's automatic sleep function (Auto-Lock). You can turn off this function in the iPad's Settings, under General.

Prevent accidental Home Button taps in the System Preferences under General >> Accessibility >> Guided Access.

Also, be sure to turn off Multitasking Gestures in the iPad's Settings, under General. Otherwise, moving groups of touches may close the app, or switch to another open app.

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Patch Editing

Controllers Explained

At the heart of **TC-Data** is a complex system that pulls as much user interaction as possible from the iPad. This system analyzes multitouch relationships and the movement of the device to create controllers. Each controller represents a single mode of interaction.

It is important to understand the different types of controllers to make the most out of TC-Data in your projects.

7.0 Voiced vs. Global Controllers

Some controllers generate their values by following a single touch voice [6.0 OSC and MIDI Voice Allocation]. These controllers are **Voiced** controllers. A simple example of a voiced controller is *Touch X Position*. Each touch has its own position along the x-axis, so the controller reports a value for every active touch.

Other controllers may depend on the entire collection of touches to generate their value. These controllers are **Global** controllers. A basic global controller is *Group Count*. This controller sends a value based on the number of currently held touches (between 0-8). This number is not unique to a single touch voice, and so the controller will report the same value to *every* voice that follows it.

When assigning controllers to outputs, it is important to know whether the output parameters should follow a voiced or global controller. More information about controllers can be found in the following section.



8.0 Controller Types

TC-Data has a variety of controllers to use when building patches, most of which pull data directly from multitouch relationships. There are four types of controllers:

- 1. Touch-based controllers
- 2. Device Motion controllers
- 3. Module controllers (AHDSR, LFO, Table, Sequencer)
- 4. Special controllers (Constant, Patch Loaded, None)

In this section, the different controller types will be explained.

Controllers		Triggers	
Touch	>	Touch	>
Group	>	Group	>
Motion	>	Motion	>
AHDSR	>	Table	>
LFO	>	Sequencer	>
Table	>	Patch Loaded	
Sequencer	>	None	
Constant			

7.2 Multitouch Controllers

Multitouch controllers are created by touching the screen in the Performance view. Multitouch data streams are built by comparing these touches to one another.



Multitouch controllers are split into two categories. **Touch** controllers are voiced controllers that have values for every active touch. Note that in many cases more than one touch is needed to generate the data. For example, the *Angle To Previous Touch* checks the position of two touches to find the angle between them, and assigns that value to the latter touch.

Group controllers are global controllers that examine the entire collection of active touches (the group) to generate their data. One example is *Total Distance To Center*, which sums all of the touches' distances to the center of the screen.

Like the **Controllers** popover list, there is a corresponding **Triggers** popover list that shows triggers generated by touch data, device motion, and modules. The same voiced and group categorization applies.

7.3 Device Motion Controllers

Device Motion controllers are global controllers that pull data from the physical movement of the iPad. There are three device motion sensors: the accelerometer, the gyroscope, and the compass. The accelerometer measures the rate of change in the device's motion through three axes. The gyroscope measures the device's position in space by describing its rotation around three axes. Finally, the compass compares the direction of the device to a fixed heading: magnetic north.



Accelerometer (x, y, z) and gyroscope (pitch, roll, yaw) motions



TC-Data uses these data sources as continuous controllers. When the iPad's orientation is reset, gyroscope controllers will output their minimum value. As the device is rotated, controller values will change based on the deviation from that position. Accelerometer controllers do not require an orientation reset.

The gyroscope can reset its natural position (orientation). Double-tap the Gyroscope Reorientation Button to zero the rotation values when you are in a comfortable resting position, or when you wish to offset the position to hold a value.

Since the compass reports the same motion as gyroscope yaw, it will not reset to a new fixed heading with the Gyroscope Reorientation Button is pressed. Use the compass when you want a permanently fixed spatial reference in your patch.

7.4 Module Controllers

TC-Data has four different **Module** types: **AHDSRs**, **LFOs**, **Tables**, and **Sequencers**. In this section their functionality will be explained. For a detailed look at programming **Modules**, see [Module Programming, p. 41].

7.4.1 AHDSR

An AHDSR is an envelope generator. AHDSR stands for *attack*, *hold*, *decay*, *sustain*, and *release*. This module ramps smoothly along its envelope shape. Each part of the AHDSR envelope shape can be changed in real-time by another controller. Plus, the output of the AHDSR can be scaled, allowing for complex data streams.

TC-Data differs from **TC-11** in how **Hold** is implemented. In **TC-Data**, hold is the duration after the attack time finishes where the maximum point of the envelope is held.





7.4.2 LFO

LFOs are low frequency oscillators. They can be used to add a slow periodic change to a Parameter, or a wild vibrating effect. Each LFO has an assignable waveform that cycles at controllable rate. In addition, the cycling waveform can be scaled (amplitude adjusted), and shifted (center position change). When a Parameter is controlled by an LFO, it will be modulated by the incoming slow-cycling waveform.

7.4.3 Table

A **Table** is an indexed array of values. Its **Index** parameter takes incoming controller data and maps it to read through the Table from start to finish.

Think of the Table as a way to discretize a controller's values. For example, if a Table's **Index** parameter is set to *Touch X Position*, the incoming X position is used to look up the value at the corresponding position in the Table. Instead of a smooth stream of values that comes from *Touch X Position*, a set of discrete values would be output to create a 'stair-step' data stream.

Note:

When a new index position is read from a Table, the value will only be sent once, and the Table will wait for a new index to be accessed. This prevents duplicate messages from clogging the output stream.

7.4.4 Sequencer

TC-Data has a powerful step **Sequencer**. The Sequencer stores up to 128 values which it can play through to generate a customized stream of values. All Sequencer parameters are controllable: playback rate, value adjustment, sequence length and position, and playback controls.

For more information about using Sequencers, see [14.0 Sequencers].



7.5 Special Controllers

7.5.1 Constant

Most parameters can be set to a **Constant** controller (the exception is the OSC Output, which must have a variable controller). Parameters set to constant controllers have their values set once by the user.

Outputs driven by constant controllers send their values when the following events occur:

- 1. The user changes the constant value
- 2. A patch finishes loading

7.5.2 Patch Loaded

The **Patch Loaded** trigger is useful for firing a trigger once when the patch first loads. For example, starting playback of a Sequencer immediately after loading a patch.

7.5.3 None

As the name suggests, the **None** trigger allows a parameter to have no trigger control.

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Output Programming

9.0 Outputs

An **Output** has one main function: translating **TC-Data** controllers into standard MIDI or OSC messages. Outputs are organized by their outgoing message type, for example MIDI Note or OSC Trigger.

To create an output, use the + Add Output button. To delete an output, tap and hold the output and choose the Delete menu option. To duplicate the output, choose Duplicate.



- 1. Output Target
- 2. Controller Graph
- 3. Controller Selection
- 4. Start and End Values
- 5. Slope
- 6. Sensitivity

9.1 Output Target

The **Target** for any output is the destination where the converted output message is sent. For OSC outputs, the target is a textfield where a custom message tag is entered:

/tcdata/0-data X

Note that the first part of the message is always the **Tag** set in **Utilities >> OSC Setup**.


For MIDI outputs, the target is a **MIDI Port** and **Channel** as detected by the CoreMIDI system. By default, **TC-Data** sets MIDI outputs to broadcast on all available MIDI ports, except for the Network Port.

Note:

The Network Port is ignored when choosing 'All' for your MIDI output target. This is because the WiFi connection used by Network MIDI can introduce a significant amount of lag in messaging.

You can choose a specific MIDI port and channel for each individual MIDI output. This allows a single patch to discretely control multiple synthesizers separately.

Note that if the specific target is not available (for example, if another iOS app is not running), **TC-Data** will temporarily set the output to broadcast on 'All' available ports.

9.2 Controller Graph

The **Controller Graph** shows a real-time readout of the controller data translated into the output's value range. This is useful to view how the slope and sensitivity of your controller are performing as you play, as well as viewing the exact values sent by outputs.



A minimized output showing the controller graph in full view



9.3 Controller Selection

The **Controller Select Button** allows you to choose which controller will be watched by that parameter. When you press the button, you will be shown a list of controller categories that are appropriate for that parameter. You can navigate the menu to choose a controller. When you tap the controller name, it will be selected as the source for that parameter.

This is where most of the fun happens in programming **TC-Data**. Choosing a novel way of controlling a parameter may open up a new sound or style of performance. Some controllers are driven very directly by the player, like touch-based controllers. Others, like an LFO module, will run by themselves with as much (or as little) user interaction as you decide. When constructing a patch, deciding which areas of your patch you want to control directly is often a good first step.

For more information about controllers, see [Controllers Explained].

9.4 Start and End Values

All controllers generate their own particular range of values. A parameter will take that range and map it to its own **Start** and **End** values.

The most basic example of this is the *Touch X Position* parameter. The far left of the screen is the controller's minimum limit (0 pixels), and the opposite side of the screen is the maximum limit (768 pixels). The position of the touch within that range would set the parameter's value, mapped to whatever minimum / maximum value range the user has set (for example, 0-127 for many MIDI messages).

To 'invert' the range of a parameter, simply flip the start and end values (for example, 127-0).

Note:

When controlling a MIDI Note output with a Table or Sequencer, keep in mind that the sequence values will only represent actual MIDI notes when the start and end values of the Note parameter are 0-127.



9.5 Slope

The **Slope** value weighs incoming controller data along a curve. This makes controllers cover more distance over a particular range and less of another. Setting the slope well can be the key to making a controller 'feel' right.

The following table shows exactly how the sloping calculations work, along with a graph to visualize the change. Output controller graphs will also change to reflect how the slope is set.



Let us look at one example to see how slope can affect a patch. If a MIDI Note On Velocity parameter is controlled by *Touch X Position*, with a range from 1-100, changing the slope will change how much of the screen will be playing stronger notes, and how much of the screen with be playing softer notes. For mostly softer notes, choose 0.4 or lower. For an even spread, choose 0.5. For mostly louder notes, choose 0.6 or higher.



Differences in slope, with the *Touch X Position* mapped to a parameter with a range of 1-100

9.6 Sensitivity

Some controllers have a user-definable **Sensitivity** setting. For example, you can decide whether *Touch Speed* reacts to slow movements in a drastic way (high sensitivity), or if it should require a violent gesture just to set it going (low sensitivity). Not only does this allow flexibility in performance, but it can dramatically change how an output parameter reacts to a controller.

In particular, Sensitivity should be addressed by the user when using controllers in the **Time** category. For example, *Creation Time Since Previous Touch* can be used to simulate chording if the sensitivity is high enough.

The sensitivity value will appear automatically for controllers that support it. A higher value makes a controller more sensitive, a lower value makes it less so.

10.0 Special Output Features

10.0.1 MIDI Note Output

The default MIDI Note output only shows the **Note** and **On Velocity** parameters. You can also control **Off Velocity** and **Polyphonic Aftertouch** (Poly) by tapping and holding the output, and choosing **+ Off Velocity** or **+ Poly**. If you remove those parameters, they will revert to constants.



Each MIDI Note output has an optional **Key Filter**. Tap the Note parameter graph to open the key filter popover. Highlighted notes will play, and notes generated that do not fit the custom scale will be shifted to the nearest acceptable note.



A key filter will C#, E, F#, A, and B filtered out

Note outputs also have a controllable **Key Filter Parameter** which allows up to 12 filters to be shifted through during performance. Tap and hold the MIDI Note output, and select **+ Key Filter** to add the parameter control. Multiple scales can be constructed and changed on the fly using any of the available controllers.



A key filter with active controllable parameter

Try using different types of controllers to shift through different keys. For example, connect *Gyroscope Roll* +/- to the Key Filter parameter to tilt the device through three different scales or chords.



10.0.2 MIDI CC Output

When MIDI programs and hardware receive messages, they hold the new value until a new value occurs. This can be a problem when one patch sets a CC value that another patch ignores. For example, if CC #7 Volume is set to 0, and the user loads a new patch which does not send CC #7, the target synthesizer will stay at zero volume.

To compensate for this, **TC-Data** sends the following common CC values at the beginning of every patch load:

CC #1	0
CC #7	127
CC # 10	64
CC #11	127
CC #64	0

CC messages sent at patch load

10.0.3 MIDI Patch Change Output

You can add the **Bank Change** parameter by tapping and holding the output, and choosing **+ Bank**.

If the Patch Change parameter is set to a constant controller, the constant value is sent at launch. It receives a special dispatch order over other constant parameters. Patch Change constants are sent first, followed by a 100ms delay, followed by the rest of the initial values.



Module Programming

The three **Module** controllers in **TC-Data** are the **AHDSR**, **LFO**, and **Sequencer**. In this section we will look at their functionality and some tips for using them in your patches.

11.0 AHDSR

The **AHDSR** is an envelope generator. When triggered, it ramps a control value along a userdefined envelope shape. Like traditional **AHDSRs**, the envelope starts at a zero [0] value, then ramps to its full value before returning to zero [0].



- 1. AHDSR Parameters
- 2. AHDSR Graph

11.1 AHDSR Parameters

The **Start** and **End** parameters are the two triggers that start and stop value ramping. A start trigger that occurs before the envelope has finished its cycle will re-trigger the envelope from the beginning.

Attack is the time (ms) from zero to the maximum envelope value. Hold is the time (ms) where it will stay at maximum before the initial decay. **Decay** is the time (ms) to ramp down to the **Sustain** value, which is the percentage of the maximum where it will stay until the end trigger is received. **Release** is the time (ms) to ramp back down to zero.

Scale is a parameter which live scales the entire envelope as it is running. Use this parameter to add an extra mode of control to the envelope output.

To use the Hold and Scale parameters, tap and hold the AHDSR output and choose + Hold or + Scale.

11.2 AHDSR Graph

The AHDSR Graph is a live update of how the AHDSR is shaped with the current parameter controls. Use it to watch how your envelope shape changes based on your performance.

Note that the AHDSR Graph is not to scale, but rather does its best to represent the changes in values in a clear visual way.



12.0 LFO

The **LFO** is a low frequency oscillator. It has a selectable waveform and control over the rate of oscillation and amplitude. **LFOs** are generally used for periodic control of parameters, but can also facilitate quasi-random parameter control.



- 1. LFO Waveform Graph and Selection
- 2. LFO Waveform Select Buttons
- 3. LFO Parameters

12.1 LFO Waveform Graph and Selection

The **LFO Graph** shows a live image of how the rate, center, and scale parameters are working together to make the current LFO wave.

Tap the LFO Graph to bring up the LFO Waveform Select popover. Scroll through the dozens of waveforms to find the shape you need.



12.2 LFO Waveform Select Buttons

There are two **LFO Waveform Select Buttons** to allow for quick cycling through the available waveforms. Tap them to move forward and backward through the list.

12.3 LFO Parameters

The **Rate** parameter controls the LFO rate, and has a range of 0-30Hz. The **Center** parameter changes the vertical center of the wave. The **Scale** parameter changes the amplitude scale of the wave.

Use the Center and Scale parameters to make the LFO stretch over the range you need.





13.0 Table

A **Table** is an indexed array of values. Its main function is to take an incoming controller to scrub through the table indexes and output the indexed value. This can make an otherwise continuous controller discrete.



- 1. Table Graph Range Buttons
- 2. Table Graph
- 3. Table Function Buttons
- 4. Table Parameters



13.1 Table Graph Range Buttons

The Table has up to 128 values, which can be viewed by tapping the range buttons. The Table will automatically switch to the range of values that contains the current index position when a controller changes it.

13.2 Table Graph

Set and view the Table values with the **Table Graph**. Tap a value slider, or drag over the graph to change a range of values. Each value is between 0-127 (floating point).

If the Table has an active Add parameter, lines will appear above and below the graph's sliders. These indicate the actual reported value of the Table when read.

The graph will update to show the currently active index by highlighting the appropriate index slider, including switching the view to the necessary range if the Table length is greater than 16.

13.3 Table Function Buttons

The **Rand** function sets each value in the active Table length to a random value. The **Ramp** function will evenly step from 0 to 127 over the Table length.

13.4 Table Parameters

The **Index** parameter uses an incoming controller to set the current Table index. For example, if *Touch Y Velocity* is used, when the velocity is zero, the Table index would be at the very beginning. As the velocity reaches its maximum, the Table index would be near the end.

The Table will send its value only when a new index is set. This prevents the Index parameter from rapidly reading the same index as it receives its controller values. To force a re-trigger of the same index, choose a trigger for the **Reset** parameter.



For example, if *Touch Y Position* controls the Index parameter, a simple kind of keyboard screen division can be created. Drag a touch from Y- to Y+ to scrub through the Table. If a touch taps a location, then wishes to tap the same location again, a reset command must be sent to the Table to allow the re-triggering of the same index. In this case, a good candidate is *Touch Ended*.

Example:

Create a new 'Scale' patch. This default patch divides the Y-axis of the screen into 10 divisions. Note how the Touch Ended trigger allows for the same index to be sent multiple times in a row.

The Add parameter will add a value to the outgoing Table, allowing for live shifting of the Table values. To use the Add parameter, tap and hold the Table, and choose + Add.

The Add parameter can be used in some clever ways to extend a Table's scale. For example, use another Table to add specifics amounts, like 0 or 12 for an octave step. For more information about using two or more Tables together, see [13.3.2 Table Order].

Example:

Load the patch **Three Octave Scale** to see how two Tables work together to create a scale on the Y-axis and octave leaps on the X-axis.

13.3 Table Special Functionality

13.3.1 Setting Custom Grids

Because Tables are often used to divide the screen, special shortcuts are available to customize the axes into checkered boxes. After setting the Index parameter End value, tap and hold the Table and choose an appropriate axis with **Set X Grid**, **Set Y Grid**, or **Set R Grid**. You can undo your change in **Utilities >> Patch Options**.



Note that grids have a maximum custom division of 32 for the X and Y axes, and 16 for the R-axis.

13.3.2 Table Order

When controlling one Table with another, it is important to get the order correct. The rule is: Tables send their values in order from topmost Table downward.



Tables send their values in order from top down

Because of this, Tables which have parameters controlled by other Tables should have their controlling Tables above them. This ensures the proper order of execution for parameter updates.



14.0 Sequencer

A **Sequencer** is playable sequence of values. Like the Table module, Sequencers have a 128 index array where the user can design a series of specific values. Sequencers have the ability to step through the sequence at a user controlled rate, and have more options for live data transforming.



- 1. Seq. Graph Range Buttons
- 2. Seq. Graph
- 3. Seq. Position Gates
- 4. Seq. Function Buttons
- 5. Seq. Playback Parameters
- 6. Seq. Parameters



13.1 Sequencer Graph Range Buttons

Sequencers have up to 128 values, which can be viewed by tapping the range buttons. The Sequencer will automatically switch to the range of values that contains the current index position during playback.

13.2 Sequencer Graph

Set and view the sequence values with the **Sequencer Graph**. Tap a value slider, or drag over the graph to change a range of values. Each value is between 0-127 (floating point).

If the Sequencer has an active Add or Scale parameter, lines will appear above and below the graph's sliders. These indicate the actual reported value of the Sequencer after being shifted and scaled.

The graph will update to show the currently active index by highlighting the appropriate index slider, including switching the view to the necessary range.

The graph will also dim values that are skipped because their position gate value is off.

13.3 Sequencer Position Gates

The **Position Gate** buttons show whether a sequence index will be played or skipped. By default all indexes are set to play. You can create a rhythm by turning some position gates off.

13.4 Sequencer Function Buttons

The **Rand** function sets each value in the active sequence length (from its current start position to the end of its length) to a random value. The **Ramp** function will evenly step from 0 to 127 over the sequence length.



The Rate Format button allows the Rate parameter unit to be changed to a preferred musical format. If the rate format is Hz (Hertz), the rate of sequence playback will read out in cycles per second. Otherwise, the rate format is displayed in BPM (beats per minute), where each step is equal to the note value selected. For example, if the rate format is set to a 16th note, and the Rate parameter is a constant 120 BPM, each step will occur 0.125 seconds after the previous. This is equivalent to a rate of 8Hz.

The **Sync** button allows one Sequencer to have all of its playback, start position, and length parameters synchronized to another **TC-Data** Sequencer. Use this to lock performance of two or more Sequencers together.

13.5 Sequencer Playback Parameters

The four playback parameters are **Play**, **Step**, **Stop**, and **Reset**. Play will begin the regular stepping through the sequence. Step will instantly step one index forward. Stop immediately halts the sequence. Reset sets the next sequence index back to the beginning.

There are buttons in the view added for editing convenience. Use these buttons while designing your Sequencer, but consider which triggers you wish to use to control playback during performance.

13.6 Sequencer Parameters

The Rate parameter controls the Sequencer playback rate. Its range is from 0.1Hz to 30Hz.

The Add parameter will add a value to the entire sequence, allowing for live shifting of the sequence values. To use the Add parameter, tap and hold the Sequencer, and choose + Add.

The **Scale** parameter scales the sequence values. It can scale between 0-100% of the sequence value. To use the Scale parameter, tap and hold the Sequencer, and choose **+ Scale**.



When using both the Add and Scale parameters, keep in mind that the Add parameter acts first, and then the value is scaled.



Sequencer Add and Scale Parameters

The **Start Position** parameter allows for the beginning index of playback to move freely through the sequence. Use this to construct long sequences of values which can then be shifted through during playback. To use the Start Position parameter, tap and hold the Sequencer, and choose **+ Start Pos**.

The Length parameter determines the sequence length. Sometimes it can be useful to set the sequence length to 1, and simply use the Add and Scale parameters to shift the one playing value around.





Start Position and Length Parameters



Appendices

Troubleshooting

If you are experiencing odd behavior from **TC-Data**, check the following common solutions for assistance. If your issue is not addressed here, please email <u>feedback@bitshapesoftware.com</u> with a description of the problem. If the issue is an app crash, feel free to include the crash log, located at ~/Library/Logs/CrashReporter/MobileDevice/*iPadName/TC-Data_iPad.crash.* This will help keep **TC-Data** as solid of an app as possible.

14.0 Issues / Solutions

Target synthesizer makes no sound	•Check that the target synth is Background Audio enabled				
	 Check that the target synth accepts incoming MIDI ports 				
	 Load a new patch, or send CC#7 and CC#11 MIDI messages to reset any volume controls 				
Graphical slowdown	•Turn off the Message List in Settings >> Display >> Show Message List				
	•Turn on Reduced Draw Mode in Settings >> Display >> Reduced Draw Mode				
The notes created are not what are expected	 Check the MIDI Note output Key Filter 				
	 Check the Note parameter value range, especially when using a Table or Sequencer (0-127 expected) 				



OSC messages are intermittent	•Connect to a different WiFi network
	 Create a peer-to-peer WiFi network directly with your target computer
OSC message do not appear	 Make sure the iPad WiFi is connected
	• Double check the IP address
	• Double check the port number
	•Test to see if any messages arrive. If so, check that the message tag routing matches the incoming message tags
	• Did you really check the IP address?

Appendix A: Symbols

A few symbols are used as shorthand indicators. They often represent common properties of controllers.

17.0 Symbols

•••	A controller or module is a 'Touch' controller. A unique value is sent for each touch.
	A controller or module is a 'Group' controller. A single value is sent to all touches.
$\bullet \rightarrow \bullet$	A Sequencer that is 'Poly Routed.' Each successive value is sent to the next available active touch index.
t	Touch or group began. Signifies controllers that only send when a touch / group is created.
1	Touch or group ended. Signifies controllers that only send when a touch / group finishes.
-/+	A controller that rests at its midpoint, and both pushes towards its maximum and pulls towards its minimum based on direction of movement.
	Drag handle. A cell or drawer can be dragged.



Appendix B: Controllers

The term 'first touch' refers to the touch that begins a new group of touches. It will be colored differently than all following touches. The term 'previous touch' refers to the last touch created before starting a new touch. The x-axis of the iPad is the narrow axis (768 points wide). The y-axis of the iPad is the long axis (1024 points).

The Min and Max generated values by the controller are mostly inconsequential when programming **TC-11**. They are only listed here for your information.

Controller:	Description:	Min:	Max:	Units:	Sensitivity:
Creation Time Since First	Time difference between a touch and the first touch.	0	2	Seconds	YES
Creation Time Since Previous	Time difference between a touch and the prevoius touch.	0	2	Seconds	YES
Time Alive	A running value that reports the time a touch has been active.	0	5	Seconds	YES
Time Alive 1	A running value that reports the time a touch has been active.	0	5	Seconds	YES
Time Stationary	A running value that reports the time a touch has not moved.	0	5	Seconds	YES
Time Stationary ↑	A running value that reports the time a touch has not moved.	0	5	Seconds	YES
Time Moving	A running value that reports the time a touch has been moving.	0	5	Seconds	YES

18.0 Touch ••• Controllers

Controller:	Description:	Min:	Max:	Units:	Sensitivity:
Time Moving ↑	A running value that reports the time a touch has been moving.	0	5	Seconds	YES
X Position	The x-axis position of the touch.	0	767	Points	NO
Y Position	The y-axis position of the touch.	0	1023	Points	NO
X Position ↓	The x-axis position of the touch.	0	767	Points	NO
Y Position ↓	The y-axis position of the touch.	0	1023	Points	NO
X Position ↑	The x-axis position of the touch.	0	767	Points	NO
Y Position ↑	The y-axis position of the touch.	0	1023	Points	NO
Speed	The speed of the touch.	0	10000	Points per second	YES
X Velocity	The x-velocity of the touch.	0	10000	Points per second	YES
X Velocity -/+	The x-velocity of the touch.	-10000	10000	Points per second	YES
Y Velocity	The y-velocity of the touch.	0	10000	Points per second	YES
Y Velocity -/+	The y-velocity of the touch.	-10000	10000	Points per second	YES
Velocity to Center	The velocity towards / away from the center of the screen.	0	10000	Points per second	YES
Velocity to Center -/+	The velocity towards / away from the center of the screen.	-10000	10000	Points per second	YES
Rotation Speed Around First	The rate of rotation around the first touch.	0	5	Degrees per second	YES
Rotation Speed Around Center	The rate of rotation around the center of the screen.	0	5	Degrees per second	YES

Controller:	Description:	Min:	Max:	Units:	Sensitivity:
Rotation Speed Around Group Center	The rate of rotation around the center of the group.	0	5	Degrees per second	YES
Distance to First	The distance between a touch and the first touch.	0	1280	Points	NO
Distance to First \downarrow	The distance between a touch and the first touch.	0	1280	Points	NO
Distance to First ↑	The distance between a touch and the first touch.	0	1280	Points	NO
Distance to Previous	The distance between a touch and the previous touch.	0	1280	Points	NO
Distance to Previous ↓	The distance between a touch and the previous touch.	0	1280	Points	NO
Distance to Previous ↑	The distance between a touch and the previous touch.	0	1280	Points	NO
Distance to Center	The distance between a touch and the center of the screen.	0	640	Points	NO
Distance to Center ↓	The distance between a touch and the center of the screen.	0	640	Points	NO
Distance to Center ↑	The distance between a touch and the center of the screen.	0	640	Points	NO
Distance to Group Center	The distance between a touch and the center of the group.	0	1024	Points	NO
Distance Traveled	The distance between a touch and the center of the group.	0	10000	Points	YES
Distance Traveled ↑	The distance between a touch and the center of the group.	0	10000	Points	YES

Controller:	Description:	Min:	Max:	Units:	Sensitivity:
Distance to Start	The distance between a touch's position and its starting position.	0	1280	Points	NO
Distance to Start ↑	The distance between a touch's position and its starting position.	0	1280	Points	NO
Distance to Start X	The distance between a touch's x-position and its starting x-position.	0	768	Points	NO
Distance to Start X -/+	The distance between a touch's x-position and its starting x-position.	-768	768	Points	NO
Distance to Start X ↑	The distance between a touch's x-position and its starting x-position.	0	768	Points	NO
Distance to Start X -/+ ↑	The distance between a touch's x-position and its starting x-position.	-768	768	Points	NO
Distance to Start Y	The distance between a touch's y-position and its starting y-position.	0	1024	Points	NO
Distance to Start Y -/+	The distance between a touch's y-position and its starting y-position.	-1024	1024	Points	NO
Distance to Start Y ↑	The distance between a touch's y-position and its starting y-position.	0	1024	Points	NO
Distance to Start Y -/+ ↑	The distance between a touch's y-position and its starting y-position.	-1024	1024	Points	NO
Distance to X- Edge	The amount of distance covered from a touch's starting position and the X- screen edge.	0	1	N/A	NO

Controller:	Description:	Min:	Max:	Units:	Sensitivity:
Distance to X+ Edge	The amount of distance covered from a touch's starting position and the X+ screen edge.	0	1	N/A	NO
Distance to X Edges	The amount of distance covered from a touch's starting position and a X screen edge.	0	1	N/A	NO
Distance to X Edges -/+	The amount of distance covered from a touch's starting position and a X screen edge.	-1	1	N/A	NO
Distance to Y- Edge	The amount of distance covered from a touch's starting position and the Y- screen edge.	0	1	N/A	NO
Distance to Y+ Edge	The amount of distance covered from a touch's starting position and the Y+ screen edge.	0	1	N/A	NO
Distance to Y Edges	The amount of distance covered from a touch's starting position and a Y screen edge.	0	1	N/A	NO
Distance to Y Edges -/+	The amount of distance covered from a touch's starting position and a Y screen edge.	-1	1	N/A	NO
Distance to X-Y- Corner	The distance between a touch and the (X-,Y-) corner.	0	1279	Points	NO
Distance to X-Y- Corner ↓	The distance between a touch and the (X-,Y-) corner.	0	1279	Points	NO
Distance to X-Y- Corner 1	The distance between a touch and the (X-,Y-) corner.	0	1279	Points	NO

Controller:	Description:	Min:	Max:	Units:	Sensitivity:
Distance to X-Y+ Corner	The distance between a touch and the (X-,Y+) corner.	0	1279	Points	NO
Distance to X-Y+ Corner ↓	The distance between a touch and the (X-,Y+) corner.	0	1279	Points	NO
Distance to X-Y+ Corner ↑	The distance between a touch and the (X-,Y+) corner.	0	1279	Points	NO
Distance to X+Y- Corner	The distance between a touch and the (X+,Y-) corner.	0	1279	Points	NO
Distance to X+Y- Corner ↓	The distance between a touch and the (X+,Y-) corner.	0	1279	Points	NO
Distance to X+Y- Corner ↑	The distance between a touch and the (X+,Y-) corner.	0	1279	Points	NO
Distance to X+Y+ Corner	The distance between a touch and the (X+,Y+) corner.	0	1279	Points	NO
Distance to X+Y+ Corner ↓	The distance between a touch and the (X+,Y+) corner.	0	1279	Points	NO
Distance to X+Y+ Corner ↑	The distance between a touch and the (X+,Y+) corner.	0	1279	Points	NO
Angle to First	The angle between a touch and the first touch.	0	360	Degrees	NO
Angle to First ↓	The angle between a touch and the first touch.	0	360	Degrees	NO
Angle to First ↑	The angle between a touch and the first touch.	0	360	Degrees	NO
Angle to Previous	The angle between a touch and the previous touch.	0	360	Degrees	NO
Angle to Previous ↓	The angle between a touch and the previous touch.	0	360	Degrees	NO
Angle to Previous ↑	The angle between a touch and the previous touch.	0	360	Degrees	NO

Controller:	Description:	Min:	Max:	Units:	Sensitivity:
Angle to Center	The angle between a touch and the center of the screen.	0	360	Degrees	NO
Angle to Center ↓	The angle between a touch and the center of the screen.	0	360	Degrees	NO
Angle to Center 1	The angle between a touch and the center of the screen.	0	360	Degrees	NO
Angle to Group Center	The angle between a touch and the center of the group.	0	360	Degrees	NO
Rotation Around First	Angular rotation around the first touch.	0	720	Degrees	YES
Rotation Around Center	Angular rotation around the center of the screen.	0	720	Degrees	YES
Rotation Around Group Center	Angular rotation around the center of the group.	0	360	Degrees	YES
Random ↓	Random number generated when the touch begins.	0	99999	N/A	NO
Random ↑	Random number generated when the touch ends.	0	99999	N/A	NO
Random when Starts Moving	Random number generated whenever the touch starts moving.	0	99999	N/A	NO
Random when Stops Moving	Random number generated whenever the touch stops moving.	0	99999	N/A	NO
Random when Starts or Stops Moving	Random number generated whenever the touch starts or stops moving.	0	99999	N/A	NO
Random when Dragged (Long)	Random number generated when the touch drags a long distance.	0	99999	N/A	NO

Controller:	Description:	Min:	Max:	Units:	Sensitivity:
Random when Dragged (Medium)	Random number generated when the touch drags a medium distance.	0	99999	N/A	NO
Random when Dragged (Short)	Random number generated when the touch drags a short distance.	0	99999	N/A	NO
Touch is Alive	Max value sent while the touch is alive.	0	1	N/A	NO
Touch Size	The amount of contact a finger has with the screen.	21	73	Points	NO
Touch Size ↓	The amount of contact a finger has with the screen.	21	73	Points	NO
Touch Size ↑	The amount of contact a finger has with the screen.	21	73	Points	NO

18.1 Group Controllers

Controller:	Description:	Min:	Max:	Units:	Sensitivity:
Creation Time Since Previous Group	The time since the last group began when a group begins.	0	5	Seconds	YES
Group Time Alive	A running value that reports the time a group is active.	0	5	Seconds	YES
Group Time Stationary	A running value that reports the time a group is stationary.	0	5	Seconds	YES
Group Time Moving	A running value that reports the time a group is moving.	0	5	Seconds	YES
Group Time Alive 1	A value that reports the time a group is active.	0	5	Seconds	YES
Group is Alive	Max value sent while the group is alive.	0	1	N/A	NO

Controller:	Description:	Min:	Max:	Units:	Sensitivity:
Group Count	The number of active touches out of the user set maximum polyphony.	0	8	N/A	NO
Group Count Absolute	The number of active touches out of 11.	0	11	N/A	NO
Touches Created Per Second	The number of touches created per second.	0	100	N/A	YES
Touches Ended Per Second	The number of touches released per second.	0	100	N/A	YES
Group Center X	The average x-position of all touches.	0	767	Points	NO
Group Center Y	The average y-position of all touches.	0	1023	Points	NO
Group Total Speed	The sum of all touch speeds.	0	80000	Points per second	YES
Group Center Speed	The speed of the group center position.	0	10000	Points per second	YES
Total Rotation Speed Around Center	The rate of all rotation around the center of the screen.	0	40	Degrees per second	YES
Total Rotation Speed Around Group Center	The rate of all rotation around the center of the group.	0	40	Degrees per second	YES
Total Distance to First	The sum of all distances to the first touch.	0	4000	Points	NO
Total Distance to Previous	The sum of all distances to previous touches.	0	4000	Points	NO
Total Distance to Center	The sum of all distances to the center of the screen.	0	5000	Points	NO
Total Distance to Group Center	The sum of all distances to the center of the group.	0	2880	Points	NO

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Controller:	Description:	Min:	Max:	Units:	Sensitivity:
Average Distance to First	The average distance to the first touch.	0	1280	Points	NO
Average Distance to Previous	The average distance to previous touches.	0	1280	Points	NO
Average Distance to Center	The average distance to the center of the screen.	0	640	Points	NO
Average Distance to Group Center	The average distance to the center of the group.	0	384	Points	NO
Group Center Distance Traveled	The cumulative distance the center of the group moves.	0	10000	Points	YES
Closest to Center	The smallest active distance to center.	0	640	Points	NO
Farthest From Center	The largest active distance to center.	0	640	Points	NO
Total Angle to First	The sum of all angles to the first touch.	0	2880	Degrees	NO
Total Angle to Previous	The sum of all angles to previous touches.	0	2880	Degrees	NO
Total Angle to Center	The sum of all angles to the center of the screen.	0	2880	Degrees	NO
Average Angle to First	The average angle to the first touch.	0	360	Degrees	NO
Average Angle to Previous	The average angle to previous touches.	0	360	Degrees	NO
Average Angle to Center	The average angle to the center of the screen.	0	360	Degrees	NO
Total Rotation Around Center	The sum of all touches' rotation around the center of the screen.	0	1440	Degrees	YES
Total Rotation Around Center Running	The cumulative sum of all touches' rotation around the center of the screen.	0	720	Degrees	NO

Controller:	Description:	Min:	Max:	Units:	Sensitivity:
Total Rotation Around Group Center	The sum of all touches' rotation around the center of the group.	0	720	Degrees	YES
Total Rotation Around Group Center Running	The cumulative sum of all touches' rotation around the center of the group.	0	720	Degrees	NO
Random (Group) ↓	Random number generated when the group begins.	0	99999	N/A	NO
Random (Group) ↑	Random number generated when the group ends.	0	99999	N/A	NO
Random when Group Starts Moving	Random number generated whenever the group starts moving.	0	99999	N/A	NO
Random when Group Stops Moving	Random number generated whenever the group stops moving.	0	99999	N/A	NO
Random when Group Starts or Stops Moving	Random number generated whenever the group starts or stops moving.	0	99999	N/A	NO
Random when Group Dragged (Long)	Random number generated when the group center drags a long distance.	0	99999	N/A	NO
Random when Group Dragged (Medium)	Random number generated when the group center drags a medium distance.	0	99999	N/A	NO
Random when Group Dragged (Short)	Random number generated when the group center drags a short distance.	0	99999	N/A	NO
Fastest Speed	The fastest active touch speed.	0	10000	Points per second	YES

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Controller:	Description:	Min:	Max:	Units:	Sensitivity:
Slowest Speed	The slowest active touch speed.	0	10000	Points per second	YES
Min X	The lowest active touch x- position.	0	767	Points	NO
Max X	The highest active touch x- position.	0	767	Points	NO
Min Y	The lowest active touch y- position.	0	1023	Points	NO
Max Y	The highest active touch y- position.	0	1023	Points	NO
Group Center X↓	The x-position of the group center when it is first created.	0	767	Points	NO
Group Center X ↑	The x-position of the group center when it is ended.	0	767	Points	NO
Group Center Y ↓	The y-position of the group center when it is first created.	0	1023	Points	NO
Group Center Y 1	The y-position of the group center when it is ended.	0	1023	Points	NO
Total X Velocity	The sum of all touch x- velocities.	0	80000	Points per second	YES
Total X Velocity -/+	The sum of all touch x- velocities.	-80000	80000	Points per second	YES
Total Y Velocity	The sum of all touch y- velocities.	0	80000	Points per second	YES
Total Y Velocity -/+	The sum of all touch y- velocities.	-80000	80000	Points per second	YES

Controller:	Description:	Min:	Max:	Units:	Sensitivity:
Total Velocity to Center	The sum of all touch velocities towards / away from the center of the screen.	0	10000	Points per second	YES
Total Velocity to Center -/+	The sum of all touch velocities towards / away from the center of the screen.	-10000	10000	Points per second	YES
Group Center X Velocity	The group center x-velocity.	0	10000	Points per second	YES
Group Center X Velocity -/+	The group center x-velocity.	-10000	10000	Points per second	YES
Group Center Y Velocity	The group center y-velocity.	0	10000	Points per second	YES
Group Center Y Velocity -/+	The group center y-velocity.	-10000	10000	Points per second	YES
Group Center Velocity to Center	The group center velocity towards / away from the center of the screen.	0	10000	Points per second	YES
Group Center Velocity to Center -/+	The group center velocity towards / away from the center of the screen.	-10000	10000	Points per second	YES
Total Rotation Around Center -/+	The sum of all touches' rotation around the center of the screen.	-1440	1440	Degrees	YES
Total Rotation Around Center Running -/+	The cumulative sum of all touches' rotation around the center of the screen.	-1440	1440	Degrees	NO
Total Rotation Around Group Center -/+	The sum of all touches' rotation around the center of the group.	-720	720	Degrees	YES

Controller:	Description:	Min:	Max:	Units:	Sensitivity:
Rotation Around Group Center Running -/+	The cumulative sum of all touches' rotation around the center of the group.	-720	720	Degrees	NO
Total Touch Size	The sum of the amount of contact the fingers have with the screen.	21	803	Points	NO
Average Touch Size	The average amount of contact the fingers have with the screen.	21	73	Points	NO
Max Touch Size	The largest amount of contact the fingers have with the screen.	21	73	Points	NO
Min Touch Size	The smallest amount of contact the fingers have with the screen.	21	73	Points	NO

18.2 Device Motion Controllers

Controller:	Description:	Min:	Max:	Units:	Sensitivity:
Accelerometer X	Acceleration minus gravity on the (short) x-axis.	0	π	Radians	NO
Accelerometer X -/+	Acceleration minus gravity on the (short) x-axis.	-π	π	Radians	NO
Accelerometer Y	Acceleration minus gravity on the (long) y-axis.	0	π	Radians	NO
Accelerometer Y -/+	Acceleration minus gravity on the (long) y-axis.	-π	π	Radians	NO
Accelerometer Z	Acceleration minus gravity on the (through) z-axis.	0	π	Radians	NO
Accelerometer Z -/+	Acceleration minus gravity on the (through) z-axis.	-π	π	Radians	NO
Pitch	Rotation around the x-axis.	0	π/2.0	Radians	NO
Pitch -/+	Rotation around the x-axis.	-π/2.0	π/2.0	Radians	NO
Pitch (Touch) ↓	Rotation around the x-axis.	0	π/2.0	Radians	NO
Pitch (Touch) ↓ -/+	Rotation around the x-axis.	-π/2.0	π/2.0	Radians	NO
Pitch (Touch) 1	Rotation around the x-axis.	0	π/2.0	Radians	NO
Pitch (Touch) 1 -/+	Rotation around the x-axis.	-π/2.0	π/2.0	Radians	NO
Pitch During Touch	Rotation around the x-axis, changing only during touch.	0	π/2.0	Radians	NO
Pitch During Touch -/+	Rotation around the x-axis, changing only during touch.	-π/2.0	π/2.0	Radians	NO
Pitch (Group) ↓	Rotation around the x-axis.	0	π/2.0	Radians	NO
Pitch (Group) ↓ -/+	Rotation around the x-axis.	-π/2.0	π/2.0	Radians	NO
Pitch (Group) 1	Rotation around the x-axis.	0	π/2.0	Radians	NO
Pitch (Group) 1 -/+	Rotation around the x-axis.	-π/2.0	π/2.0	Radians	NO
Pitch During Group	Rotation around the x-axis, changing only during group.	0	π/2.0	Radians	NO

Controller:	Description:	Min:	Max:	Units:	Sensitivity:
Pitch During Group -/+	Rotation around the x-axis, changing only during group.	-π/2.0	π/2.0	Radians	NO
Pitch During Group Running	Rotation around the x-axis, cumulative changing only during group.	0	π/2.0	Radians	NO
Pitch During Group Running -/+	Rotation around the x-axis, cumulative changing only during group.	-π/2.0	π/2.0	Radians	NO
Roll	Rotation around the y-axis.	0	π	Radians	NO
Roll -/+	Rotation around the y-axis.	-π	π	Radians	NO
Roll (Touch) ↓	Rotation around the y-axis.	0	π	Radians	NO
Roll (Touch) ↓ -/+	Rotation around the y-axis.	-π	π	Radians	NO
Roll (Touch) 1	Rotation around the y-axis.	0	π	Radians	NO
Roll (Touch) 1 -/+	Rotation around the y-axis.	-π	π	Radians	NO
Roll During Touch	Rotation around the y-axis, changing only during touch.	0	π	Radians	NO
Roll During Touch -/ +	Rotation around the y-axis, changing only during touch.	-π	π	Radians	NO
Roll (Group) ↓	Rotation around the y-axis.	0	π	Radians	NO
Roll (Group) ↓ -/+	Rotation around the y-axis.	-π	π	Radians	NO
Roll (Group) 1	Rotation around the y-axis.	0	π	Radians	NO
Roll (Group) 1 -/+	Rotation around the y-axis.	-π	π	Radians	NO
Roll During Group	Rotation around the y-axis, changing only during group.	0	π	Radians	NO
Roll During Group -/ +	Rotation around the y-axis, changing only during group.	-π	π	Radians	NO
Roll During Group Running	Rotation around the y-axis, cumulative changing only during group.	0	π	Radians	NO

Controller:	Description:	Min:	Max:	Units:	Sensitivity:
Roll During Group Running -/+	Rotation around the y-axis, cumulative changing only during group.	-π	π	Radians	NO
Yaw	Rotation around the z-axis.	0	π	Radians	NO
Yaw -/+	Rotation around the z-axis.	-π	π	Radians	NO
Yaw (Touch) ↓	Rotation around the z-axis.	0	π	Radians	NO
Yaw (Touch) ↓ -/+	Rotation around the z-axis.	-π	π	Radians	NO
Yaw (Touch) 1	Rotation around the z-axis.	0	π	Radians	NO
Yaw (Touch) 1 -/+	Rotation around the z-axis.	-π	π	Radians	NO
Yaw During Touch	Rotation around the z-axis, changing only during touch.	0	π	Radians	NO
Yaw During Touch -/ +	Rotation around the z-axis, changing only during touch.	-π	π	Radians	NO
Yaw (Group) ↓	Rotation around the z-axis.	0	π	Radians	NO
Yaw (Group) ↓ -/+	Rotation around the z-axis.	-π	π	Radians	NO
Yaw (Group) 1	Rotation around the z-axis.	0	π	Radians	NO
Yaw (Group) 1 -/+	Rotation around the z-axis.	-π	π	Radians	NO
Yaw During Group	Rotation around the z-axis, changing only during group.	0	π	Radians	NO
Yaw During Group -/ +	Rotation around the z-axis, changing only during group.	-π	π	Radians	NO
Yaw During Group Running	Rotation around the z-axis, cumulative changing only during group.	0	π	Radians	NO
Yaw During Group Running -/+	Rotation around the z-axis, cumulative changing only during group.	-π	π	Radians	NO
Total Motion	Sum of pitch, roll, and yaw.	0	π*2.5	Radians	NO

Controller:	Description:	Min:	Max:	Units:	Sensitivity:
Total Motion (Touch) ↓	Sum of pitch, roll, and yaw.	0	π*2.5	Radians	NO
Total Motion (Touch) ↑	Sum of pitch, roll, and yaw.	0	π*2.5	Radians	NO
Total Motion During Touch	Sum of pitch, roll, and yaw, changing only during touch.	0	π*2.5	Radians	NO
Total Motion (Group) ↓	Sum of pitch, roll, and yaw.	0	π*2.5	Radians	NO
Total Motion (Group) ↑	Sum of pitch, roll, and yaw.	0	π*2.5	Radians	NO
Total Motion During Group	Sum of pitch, roll, and yaw, changing only during group.	0	π*2.5	Radians	NO
Compass Heading	Magnetic heading.	0	360	Degrees	NO

18.3 Miscellaneous Controllers

Controller:	Description:	Min:	Max:	Units:	Sensitivity:
Constant	Single unchanging value.	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO



Appendix C: Triggers

The term 'trigger' is used to describe a command to start a synth process. The AHDSR and Sequencer modules use triggers to control playback. Sequencers and Tables can also generate triggers.

19.0 Touch ••• Triggers

Trigger:	Description:
Touch Began	Sent when a touch begins contact with the screen.
Touch Ended	Sent when a touch ends contact with the screen.
Touch Began or Ended	Sent both when the touch begins and ends contact with the screen.
Started Moving	Sent whenever a touch begins moving from a stationary position.
Stopped Moving	Sent whenever a touch stops moving.
Started or Stopped Moving	Sent both when the touch begins or stops moving.
Drag (Long)	Sent whenever a touch has moved 200 points.
Drag (Medium)	Sent whenever a touch has moved 100 points.
Drag (Short)	Sent whenever a touch has moved 50 points.



19.1 Group • Triggers

Trigger:	Description:
Group Began	Sent when a group begins contact with the screen.
Group Ended	Sent when a group ends contact with the screen.
Group Started Moving	Sent whenever a group begins moving from a stationary position.
Group Stopped Moving	Sent whenever a group stops moving.
Group Center Drag (Long)	Sent whenever the group center has moved 200 points.
Group Center Drag (Medium)	Sent whenever the group center has moved 100 points.
Group Center Drag (Short)	Sent whenever the group center has moved 50 points.
Touch 1 ↓	Touch 1 began contact with the screen.
Touch 1 1	Touch 1 ended contact with the screen.
Touch 2↓	Touch 2 began contact with the screen.
Touch 2 1	Touch 2 ended contact with the screen.
Touch 3↓	Touch 3 began contact with the screen.
Touch 3 1	Touch 3 ended contact with the screen.
Touch 4↓	Touch 4 began contact with the screen.
Touch 4 1	Touch 4 ended contact with the screen.
Touch 5↓	Touch 5 began contact with the screen.
Touch 5 1	Touch 5 ended contact with the screen.
Touch 6↓	Touch 6 began contact with the screen.
Touch 6 1	Touch 6 ended contact with the screen.
Touch 7↓	Touch 7 began contact with the screen.
Touch 7 1	Touch 7 ended contact with the screen.
Touch 8↓	Touch 8 began contact with the screen.



Trigger:	Description:
Touch 8 1	Touch 8 ended contact with the screen.
Touch 9↓	Touch 9 began contact with the screen.
Touch 9 1	Touch 9 ended contact with the screen.
Touch 10↓	Touch 10 began contact with the screen.
Touch 10 1	Touch 10 ended contact with the screen.
Touch 11↓	Touch 11 began contact with the screen.
Touch 11 1	Touch 11 ended contact with the screen.
1 Touch Chord ↓	Any time 1 touch contacts the screen.
2 Touch Chord ↓	2 touches contact the screen simultaneously.
3 Touch Chord ↓	3 touches contact the screen simultaneously.
4 Touch Chord ↓	4 touches contact the screen simultaneously.
5 Touch Chord ↓	5 touches contact the screen simultaneously.
6 Touch Chord ↓	6 touches contact the screen simultaneously.
7 Touch Chord ↓	7 touches contact the screen simultaneously.
8 Touch Chord ↓	8 touches contact the screen simultaneously.
9 Touch Chord ↓	9 touches contact the screen simultaneously.
10 Touch Chord ↓	10 touches contact the screen simultaneously.
11 Touch Chord ↓	11 touches contact the screen simultaneously.
≥ 1 Touch Chord ↓	Any time 1 touch or more simultaneously contacts the screen.
≥ 2 Touch Chord ↓	2 touches or more contact the screen simultaneously.
≥ 3 Touch Chord ↓	3 touches or more contact the screen simultaneously.
≥ 4 Touch Chord ↓	4 touches or more contact the screen simultaneously.
≥ 5 Touch Chord ↓	5 touches or more contact the screen simultaneously.



Trigger:	Description:
≥ 6 Touch Chord ↓	6 touches or more contact the screen simultaneously.
≥ 7 Touch Chord ↓	7 touches or more contact the screen simultaneously.
≥ 8 Touch Chord ↓	8 touches or more contact the screen simultaneously.
≥ 9 Touch Chord ↓	9 touches or more contact the screen simultaneously.
≥ 10 Touch Chord ↓	10 touches or more contact the screen simultaneously.
1 Touch Chord 1	Any time 1 touch ends contact with the screen.
2 Touch Chord 1	2 touches end contact with the screen simultaneously.
3 Touch Chord 1	3 touches end contact with the screen simultaneously.
4 Touch Chord 1	4 touches end contact with the screen simultaneously.
5 Touch Chord 1	5 touches end contact with the screen simultaneously.
6 Touch Chord 1	6 touches end contact with the screen simultaneously.
7 Touch Chord 1	7 touches end contact with the screen simultaneously.
8 Touch Chord 1	8 touches end contact with the screen simultaneously.
9 Touch Chord 1	9 touches end contact with the screen simultaneously.
10 Touch Chord 1	10 touches end contact with the screen simultaneously.
11 Touch Chord ↑	11 touches end contact with the screen simultaneously.
\geq 1 Touch Chord 1	Any time 1 touch or more simultaneously ends contact with the screen.



Trigger:	Description:
\geq 2 Touch Chord 1	2 touches or more end contact with the screen simultaneously.
\geq 3 Touch Chord 1	3 touches or more end contact with the screen simultaneously.
≥ 4 Touch Chord \uparrow	4 touches or more end contact with the screen simultaneously.
≥ 5 Touch Chord \uparrow	5 touches or more end contact with the screen simultaneously.
≥ 6 Touch Chord ↑	6 touches or more end contact with the screen simultaneously.
≥ 7 Touch Chord \uparrow	7 touches or more end contact with the screen simultaneously.
≥ 8 Touch Chord ↑	8 touches or more end contact with the screen simultaneously.
≥ 9 Touch Chord ↑	9 touches or more end contact with the screen simultaneously.
≥ 10 Touch Chord ↑	10 touches or more end contact with the screen simultaneously.

19.2 Device Motion Triggers

Trigger:	Description:
Pitch Crossed Center	Sent when the device tilts across the center point of its pitch.
Roll Crossed Center	Sent when the device tilts across the center point of its roll.
Yaw Crossed Center	Sent when the device rotates across the center point of its yaw.
Pitch Drag (Long)	Sent whenever pitch has moved a large amount.



Trigger:	Description:
Pitch Drag (Medium)	Sent whenever pitch has moved a medium amount.
Pitch Drag (Short)	Sent whenever pitch has moved a small amount.
Roll Drag (Long)	Sent whenever roll has moved a large amount.
Roll Drag (Medium)	Sent whenever roll has moved a medium amount.
Roll Drag (Short)	Sent whenever roll has moved a small amount.
Yaw Drag (Long)	Sent whenever yaw has moved a large amount.
Yaw Drag (Medium)	Sent whenever yaw has moved a medium amount.
Yaw Drag (Short)	Sent whenever yaw has moved a small amount.

19.3 Sequencer Triggers

Trigger:	Description:
Sequencer # •	Trigger sent when a Sequencer steps to its next value. Every touch receives the same trigger simultaneously.
Sequencer # •••	Trigger sent when a Sequencer steps to its next value. Each touch gets its own trigger based on the touch's current sequence parameters.



Trigger:	Description:
Sequencer # •→•	Trigger sent when a Sequencer steps to its next value. Cycles through to the next available touch voice.
Sequencer # Reset •	Trigger sent when a Sequencer steps back to its first value. Every touch receives the same trigger simultaneously.
Sequencer # Reset •••	Trigger sent when a Sequencer steps back to its first value. Each touch gets its own trigger based on the touch's current sequence parameters.

19.4 Miscellaneous Triggers

Trigger:	Description:
None	No trigger.
Patch Loaded	Trigger sent once when the user switches to the Performance view.