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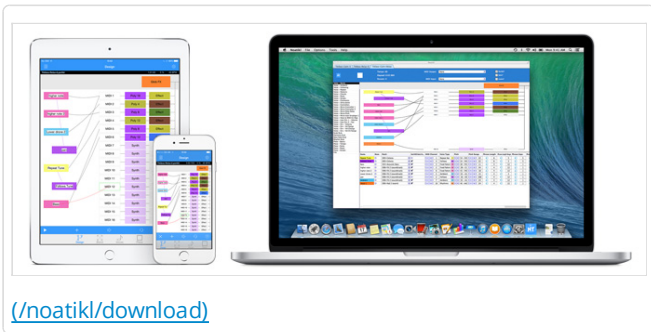
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Noatkl 2 - Generative Music Composer



Noatkl (pronounced "noh - tickle") is a very powerful generative ([MIDI](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MIDI)) music creativity application. It is the evolution of the [SSEYO Koan](/sseyo/koan) Generative Music System.

Noatkl generates its MIDI notes and MIDI controller events via the integrated [Noatkl \(MIDI\) Music Engine \(NME\)](/engine/nme/guide/). This MIDI data can be used to drive 3rd party external MIDI software or hardware, such as synths, FX units and samplers, that you connect to Noatkl, or the integrated (but optional to use) [Partikl Sound Engine \(PSE\)](/engine/pse/guide/), a powerful, advanced and modular synth + live FX network.

Don't forget to check out the [30 second videos!](#)

Noatkl is available for both [Desktop](#) (Windows/Mac OS X) and [Mobile](#) (iOS). Those using Desktop Audio software generally have a preferred workflow, using either a DAW with Plugins, or using and connecting a number of Standalone apps. So that you can use Noatkl Desktop in the way you prefer, there are 2 versions - Noatkl Desktop Standalone and the Noatkl Desktop Audio Plugins (VSTi/Aui). The Desktop versions (only) also have extensive built-in [scripting](/engine/nme/guide/#scripting) features which allow them to be used as a customisable [hyperinstruments](/engine/nme/guide/#scripting-hyperinstrument).

This guide details the various Noatkl app interface elements and what they do, as well as other kinds of application specific things such as installation, connecting to external MIDI sources etc. When it comes to defining how the music and sounds are generated, however, we direct you instead to the [NME Guide](/engine/nme/guide/) and [PSE Guide](/engine/pse/guide/) which cover all relevant objects, parameters and settings available.

Quick overview on the NME and how it works

The NME utilises a range of generative / aleatoric / stochastic / algorithmic music techniques and parameters and creates MIDI notes and MIDI controller events through the interaction of 4 different kinds of NME Objects: [Voice](/engine/nme/guide/#voice-types) (with 6 Voice Types), [Rule](/engine/nme/guide/#the-rules) (Scale, Harmony, Rhythm & Next Note), [Piece](/engine/nme/guide/#piece-basics) and [File](/engine/nme/guide/#file). There can be multiple instances of the first two objects in a "piece" and there are a large number of [Voice Object parameters](/engine/nme/guide/#scripting-objects) to affect and direct the composition.

Rather than being a traditional composer or instrumentalist, with the Noatkl app you are conductor, director, curator or gardener. You set up the rules and settings that let it generate a composition for you, in real time, in all its detail. Random events in combination with a powerful set of musical rules are used to create a stream of music that is ever-changing and continually fresh, but which is entirely in accordance to your personal artistic choices and musical direction. How you interpret what you hear is filtered through your own internal knowledge of music. This combination of chance and logic is what allows the music to stay fresh, interesting and unpredictable.

Noatikl Mobile

[Noatikl Mobile for iOS \(http://itunes.apple.com/app/id633262318\)](http://itunes.apple.com/app/id633262318) is installed via the [iTunes App Store \(https://itunes.apple.com/\)](https://itunes.apple.com/) as part of the download process.

Noatikl Desktop user - which variant should you use?

[A\) Noatikl Desktop Standalone](#)

Use this where:

- You have a sequencer which does not support per-channel routing of MIDI data output by a Noatikl Plug-in variant; or
- There is no Noatikl plugin variant for your sequencer (e.g. ProTools.); or
- You want to create self contained noatikl pieces that use the IM synth

Versions:

- Mac - available at the Mac App Store
- Windows - available as a 30 day trial from the Intermorphic web store

Noatikl Desktop Standalone runs as a tool on its own, but you can also use it to generate and send MIDI events to a MIDI output device or virtual MIDI port. You can use it in this manner with any Windows (e.g. Sonar, Reaper, Cubase etc.) or Mac (Logic, Cubase, Pro Tools etc.) MIDI sequencer (also referred to as a DAW or Digital Audio Workstation) or standalone software synth or sampler.

We have created tutorials and template projects to "get you started" for some of the popular sequencers. Download the file below, extract the contents to the appropriate place on your computer, and then follow the appropriate [tutorial](#) to see how the template project works:

- Logic 8 - [template project zip \(/noatikl/guide/resources/noatikl_standalone_template_logic_8.zip\)](#)
- Sonar 6 - [template project zip \(/noatikl/guide/resources/noatikl_standalone_template_sonar_6.zip\)](#)
- Cubase SE 3 - [template project zip \(/noatikl/guide/resources/noatikl_standalone_template_cubase_se_3.zip\)](#)

[B\) Noatikl Desktop Audio Plug-in](#)

Use this where:

- You have a sequencer (such as Sonar, Logic or Cubase) which supports per-channel routing of MIDI data output by a Noatikl Plug-in variant; or
- You can set up your sequencer to use a Noatikl VSTi to control multiple synths, all from one instance of Noatikl (depending on how your sequencer works note timing accuracy might be dependent of the setting for the [Noatikl timer resolutions](#)). See [Cubase VSTi video tutorial \(/noatikl/#cubase_vsti\)](#) or [Sonar VSTi video tutorial \(/noatikl/#sonar_vsti\)](#) for examples.

Versions:

- Windows - available as a 30 day trial from the Intermorphic web store
- Mac - available for free for Noatikl Mac App Store customers

If you're just using Noatikl to render audio using Noatikl's built-in synthesizer, then there are no special requirements for configuring a Noatikl Plug-in variant to work within your DAW. Noatikl will "just work".

However, if you want to process MIDI event data from a Noatikl plug-in variant, then you are likely to have some configuration work to do first.

Challenge number one: Noatikl emits data for more than one MIDI channel

The most fundamental challenge with the Plug-in variants of Noatikl, is that Noatikl is quite unique in the music world; in that it generates MIDI data across more than one MIDI channel. Why does this make things difficult? Well, most MIDI Plug-ins are designed to deal with

single channels of MIDI data, such as echo or delay effects; or even to generate simple sequences that target a single MIDI channel (such as standalone bass lines or drum riffs).

However, if you were to assign a Noatikl Plug-in variant to a MIDI track in your sequencer, you would find that you could attach that MIDI track to render through only one soft synth (such as a VSTi synth). This is not good ... as what you really want to do is render each channel of data generated by Noatikl through a different synth! Some sequencers are not able to split output from MIDI Plug-ins attached to a MIDI track, on a per-MIDI channel basis, to target different synthesizers with data from different MIDI channels generated by noatikl!

That said, many sequencers do work well with the Noatikl VSTi; Reaper, [Sonar](#) and [Cubase](#) being examples.

Challenge number two: the wide variety of plug-in formats

There is a huge range of plug-in formats, each of which behaves differently on different platforms. Noatikl is a MIDI-based generative music engine, and therefore is designed to emit (and respond to) MIDI events. However, each sequencer requires a slightly different variant of plug-in!

If you wish to use Noatikl as a plug-in MIDI event generator, then which plug-in variant to use, depends on what tool you are using, and which platform you are running on (e.g. Mac OS X or Windows).

- **Reaper** - Noatikl is deployed as a VST plug-in, as Reaper can route MIDI events generated from a VST plug-in into other VSTi synthesizers. [Further info](#).
- **Logic / Garageband** (for Mac) - Logic (which uses the Audio Unit Format, but which does not support VST plug-ins), simply doesn't support MIDI event generation by any Audio Unit plug-in... but we have documented a way to work-around this this. So you have two options to consider, depending on how you like to work: either use (follow the appropriate link to view the corresponding tutorial) the [Noatikl standalone](#) version or the [Noatikl AU](#) version.
- **Cakewalk Sonar/Home Studio** - Noatikl can be deployed in Sonar (Sonar 6 and up) as the Noatikl VSTi. See [the video tutorial \(/noatikl/#sonar_vsti\)](#) and [further info](#). The output from the Noatikl plug-in this is fed-in to your favourite synthesizer to render the MIDI events generated by Noatikl using the exact sounds you want. Note that there can be some timing problems inherent in using the Noatikl VSTi with Sonar; [see here \(/noatikl/faq/#faq-sonartiming\)](#) for more details about how to work-around these issues.
- **Cubase SE** - Noatikl can be deployed in Cubase (Mac/Windows) as the Noatikl VSTi. See [the video tutorial \(/noatikl/#cubase_vsti\)](#) and [further info](#). The output from this is fed-in to your favourite VSTi to render the MIDI events using the sounds you want.
- **Ableton Live** - Noatikl is deployed as a VST plug-in, See [the video tutorial](#) and [further info](#).

Challenge number three: not all hosts are equal!

Just to add to the challenge, not all hosts handle VSTi plug-ins correctly, and they all have their own ideosyncratic behaviours. So you'll probably need to experiment to find the Noatikl variant that works best with your favourite host. In if doubt, the standalone Noatikl version can usually be configured to work well with your sequencer; though the flexibility of the plug-in approach makes it well worth the effort in giving a plug-in variant of Noatikl a try too!

Noatikl Desktop Standalone and Desktop Audio Plugins

[Noatikl Desktop Standalone for Mac OS X \(http://itunes.apple.com/app/id665202676\)](#) is installed via the [Mac App Store \(https://www.apple.com/osx/apps/app-store.html\)](#) as part of the download process.

Noatikl Desktop Standalone / Desktop Audio Plugin for Windows are available for [downloaded here \(/noatikl/download\)](#) from the Intermorphic website as 30 day trial full versions, and are installed as below. See [Enter the Product Key](#) on how to unlock them after the trial period is up.

Installing Noatikl Desktop Software Downloaded from IM Website:

[Noatikl Desktop Standalone & Desktop Audio Plugin for Windows PC \(30 Day Trial Version\)](#)

- Tip: You cannot install a 32-bit version on a 64-bit OS or vice versa. Get the right version for your OS.
- The zip files you can download are called `noatikl_win64_standalone_setup.zip` / `noatikl_win32_standalone_setup.zip` or `noatikl_win64_plugin_setup.zip` / `noatikl_win32_plugin_setup.zip`
- Unzipping the relevant one for your OS will extract the file e.g. `noatikl_win64_standalone_setup.exe` or `noatikl_win64_plugin_setup.exe`
- Run to install the relevant 64-bit or 32-bit versions of:
 - `noatikl.exe` (standalone)
 - `noatikl_VSTi_win.dll` (VSTi plugin)

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c:\Program Files\VstPlugIns
```

- If you want to use the Noatikl VSTi, you might need to tell your Sequencer program to scan the appropriate folder for the Noatikl VSTi, as above.
- Note: Earlier versions of the installer used to install on 64-bit Windows a 32-bit plugin to `c:\Program Files (x86)\VstPlugIns`, but this is no longer supported.

Configuring your Windows computer so that Noatikl can route its MIDI data

1. Install and enable MIDI Yoke (or other similar software MIDI router such as Maple)
 - Download MIDI Yoke from <http://www.midiox.com/myoke.htm> (<http://www.midiox.com/myoke.htm>)
 - Install the software!
2. Proving MIDI Yoke works (e.g. in Cubase)
 - Create a MIDI project
 - On MIDI track 1 enter some notes with piano roll editor
 - Set "in:" to "Not Connected"
 - Set "out:" to one of the virtual MIDI Yoke ports.
 - On MIDI track 2 set "in:" to the same MIDI Yoke port.
 - Set "out:" to be your favourite VST Synth or sampler, e.g. "The Grand SE"
 - Press transport Play, and you should hear your MIDI events being rendered through a soft synth where your MIDI events have been routed from one track to the other through the MIDI Yoke driver.

Sequencer-specific Plug-in notes

- Reaper: [How to use the Noatikl VSTi in Reaper](#)
- Sonar: [How to route MIDI events from the Noatikl VSTi in Sonar](#)
- Cubase: [How to use the Noatikl VSTi in Cubase](#)
- Ableton: [How to use the Noatikl VSTi in Ableton](#)

[Noatikl Desktop Standalone / Audio Plugin Product Keys for Windows](#)

Noatikl Desktop Standalone & Desktop Audio Plugins for Windows are made available via our website as 30 day trial versions. To continue to use them after the 30 day evaluation period requires that you purchase the relevant licence(s) from the [Intermorphic webstore \(/store\)](#). Following your purchase you will be sent an Order Confirmation email that contains your Order ID, Customer ID (the email you used for purchase) and Product Key, or in some cases just a Product Key.

Note: The Product Key for the Noatikl Desktop Audio Plugin is different to the one for the Noatikl Desktop Standalone version, therefore you must enter your Product Key into the same product that you have licenced or it will not be accepted. For example, you must enter the Noatikl Desktop Audio Plugin licence key into the Noatikl Desktop Audio Plugin. To enter your Desktop Audio Plugin product key, launch the Plugin from your Windows Desktop Audio Workstation (DAW) or Sequencer that is a VST host (e.g. Sonar, Reaper, Ableton, Cubase etc) and then follow the instructions below.

As you are entering your Product Key into a plugin on a Windows PC, then you might need to ensure that you are running the host software (e.g. Reaper 3) "as Administrator" in order to get the product key to stick.

Entering the Product Key

- Open your Order Confirmation email.
- Launch Noatikl
 - Noatikl Desktop Standalone is launched as you would launch any standalone software.
 - Noatikl Desktop Audio Plugin must be launched via the VST host you are using it in.
- From the Noatikl / Noatikl Plugin Main Menu select Help > Noatikl Product Key.
- A dialog box will pop up, and you should copy the relevant information from your Order Confirmation email (i.e. Customer ID, Order ID and Product Key or where only Product Key is provided, then just that) and paste into the relevant fields. All information must be the same as that in your Order Confirmation email. If you have problems, [see this FAQ entry \(/noatikl/faq/#faq-productkey\)](#).

As of Noatikl 2.8.1 the Audio Unit plugin no longer requires a Product Key, but instead a Mac App Store purchased and installed version of Noatikl 2.8+.

IMPORTANT: If you purchased a Noatikl Plugin Licence from the Intermorphic Store but have NOT ALSO purchased Noatikl at the Mac App Store (and have a Noatikl 2.8+ version installed), then in order to activate the Noatikl Audio Unit Plugin you must FIRST ensure you have successfully enter your Product Key into a previous version of the Audio Unit Plugin. To check your license status for the Noatikl Audio Unit Plugin: From the plugin's [Menu bar](#), select [Help](#) -> Noatikl Product Key.

Garage Band 10 users: See the following - [How do I use Audio Unit plugins \(http://thegaragebandguide.com/garageband-10-au-plugin-in-fix\)?](http://thegaragebandguide.com/garageband-10-au-plugin-in-fix/)

- The downloaded zip file is called `noatikl_AU_mac.component.zip`.
- Unzipping it will extract the file `noatikl_AU_mac.component`
- Copy or move this file to:

- `Hard Disk/Library/Audio/Plug-Ins/Components`

Configuring your Mac so that Noatikl can route its MIDI data

Use the following steps, which are also shown in one of the video [tutorials \(/noatikl/#videos\)](#):

1. Enable your IAC driver
 - Click on the blue magnifying class (spotlight) icon on the top right of your Mac screen
 - Type "audio midi setup"
 - Click on the Audio MIDI Setup entry you will see listed under applications. This will run the audio midi setup application. Note: more advanced Mac users could use Finder to run this application directly, you will find it under Applications / Utilities Audio MIDI Setup
 - Click on MIDI Devices tab
 - Click on IAC Driver
 - Click on Show Info icon
 - Ensure that "Device is online" is ticked, and press Apply
2. We **strongly** recommend that you download and use the excellent [MidiPipe by SubtleSoft](http://homepage.mac.com/nicowald/SubtleSoft/) (<http://homepage.mac.com/nicowald/SubtleSoft/>), which you can get from <http://www.apple.com/downloads/macosx/audio/midipipe.html> (<http://www.apple.com/downloads/macosx/audio/midipipe.html>) ... a very useful piece of software, which most of our Mac tutorials rely on! Please also refer to the [Noatikl video tutorial - "creating your first piece on Mac" \(/noatikl/#standalone_firstpiece_mac\)](#) which will get you going with MidiPipe in 1 minute.

Sequencer-specific Plug-in notes

- Reaper: [How to use the Noatikl VSTi or Noatikl Audio Unit \(AU\) in Reaper](#)
- Logic: [How to use Noatikl AU in Logic](#)
- GarageBand: [How to use Noatikl AU in GarageBand](#)

Launching Noatikl

- iPhone / iPad / iPod touch:
 - Tap the Noatikl app icon in the App screen.
- Desktop PC or Mac:
 - on Windows PC, select

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Start > Programs > Intermorphic > Noatikl
```

- on Mac run

```
Finder > Applications > Noatikl
```

Once launched, the load screen will display for a few seconds as Noatikl loads up and show status updates such as "Loading skin" "version number" and "Loading content". Once Noatikl has loaded the load screen will disappear.

Copy Content In/Out (Backup)



It may seem odd to put this information right at the top of the guide, but it is because knowing how to back up your creative work (and transfer to/from device) is so very important and thus needs to be easy to find.

Backing up:

However you use our IM Apps, we **strongly recommend** you regularly and suitably back up your "**Suitable Content**" (see below) to somewhere safe: you don't want to lose it!

- **IM Apps on Mobile Device:** If you have a Mac/Windows PC we **strongly recommend** you use it to regularly and separately back up your Mobile Device "**Suitable Content**" (see below) to an "**Intermorphic Folder**" (see below) on that Mac/Windows PC. You should certainly do this **BEFORE** you remove an IM App from your device or you will lose your files!
- **iOS specific note:** Although making an iTunes backup of your device will back up all your installed apps AND their data (see: <http://support.apple.com/kb/ht4946> (<http://support.apple.com/kb/ht4946>)), if you **remove** and then **reinstall** an app, its DATA is not restored: the only way to get back that app's data is to do a device restore from a backup (See: <http://support.apple.com/kb/HT1766> (<http://support.apple.com/kb/HT1766>)) - but that also then OVERWRITES ALL device app data with whatever was in the backup. If you want or need to go that route, see [this FAQ entry \(/help/index.php/#faq-ios-itunesrestore\)](#).

IM Apps

Details in this section apply to Noatikl or Mixtikl ("IM Apps"), as relevant.

Suitable Content:

Noatikl [NT2.5+]

- Tiklpak/Pak, .noatikl, .partikl, .fxm, .tg, .DLS, .SF2

Mixtikl [MT6+]

- Tiklpak/Pak, .WAV, .Ogg, .MIDI, .mixtikl, .noatikl, .partikl, .fxm, .tg, .DLS, .SF2

Mac / PC - Intermorphic Folder:

Noatikl 2.3+ and Mixtikl 6 (OS X/Windows)

Our Desktop IM Apps save to a specific folder and look for content in that folder. This is to allow Suitable Content (above) to be shared/used between both mobile and desktop versions of those apps. We call this folder the "**Intermorphic Folder**". It is a **flat folder** (where tilde [~] or %HOMEPATH% in the pathname is a shortcut for your user account name), and is found here:

- ~/Music/Intermorphic/ (Mac)
- %HOMEPATH%\Music\Intermorphic (Windows)
- - Tip: If you are not sure where to find the **Intermorphic Folder**, use a Desktop IM App and try saving a .mixtikl or .noatikl file and then take a look to see what folder it appears in - that is the folder you're looking for!
 - If you want to use your own content in IM Apps, or want to move Suitable Content from an earlier version of Mixtikl or Noatikl, simply move it to the above **flat** folder(s).
 - IMPORTANT: A flat folder means that **all content** must be at the top level of that folder. It must not be in a subdirectory under it or it will not be found. So, for example, the [free Tiklpak AL Collections 1-3 \(/tiklpak/download\)](#) zip file would just go here, alongside any mix files you might have saved or indeed any other content e.g.: ~/Music/Intermorphic/IMTPALLoopEssentials1.zip

Copy: iOS <-> Mac / PC:

Noatikl 2.3+ and Mixtikl 6 (iOS)

Refer to Apple's docs on [iTunes Apps File Sharing \(https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT201301\)](https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT201301), as this is the latest information from them on how to do this.

- Tip: You may need to restart the IM App for it to be able to find any new content copied in.
- Tip: You can also email yourself mixes and recordings, and then import from those, but that is something that has to be done one file at a time.
- Note: All Suitable Content is shown in the root directory in the right hand side list. Ignore folders called "CompatibleAppsCache" and "intermorphic".
- Note: Click the following links for information related to [Noatikl 2.3 \(or earlier\) Desktop \(OS X/Windows\) \(/noatikl/faq/#oldAppPaths\)](#) or [Mixtikl 5 Desktop \(OS X/Windows\) \(/mixtikl/faq/#oldAppPaths\)](#).

Copy: Android <-> Mac / PC:

Mixtikl 6 (Android)

- Connect your Android device to your PC or Mac. It will appear in Explorer or Finder as a USB device.
- With Explorer or Finder look for a top level folder on the device or SD card called "**Intermorphic**" (i.e. NOT /Music/Intermorphic/).
- Copy your Suitable Content (see above) to/from this folder. If you want to access the same mixes and recordings in Mixtikl for Desktop, put them in the **Intermorphic Folder** (see above) on your Mac/Windows PC.
 - Tip: You may need to restart Mixtikl for it to be able to find any new content copied in.
 - Tip You can delete files on your Android device using [Menu > Tidy \(/mixtikl/guide/#tidy\)](#), or by deleting them via Explorer or Finder.
 - Note: Click the following link for information related to [Mixtikl 5 \(Android\) \(/mixtikl/faq/#oldAndroidAppPaths\)](#).

Remove Noatikl



Note: If you want to remove Noatikl so you can reinstall an older version, see the instructions [here \(/noatikl/faq/#faq-reinstall-older-version\)](/noatikl/faq/#faq-reinstall-older-version).

iPhone / iPad / iPod touch:

- In the App screen tap and hold the Noatikl application icon, and then press the jiggling black cross in the left corner of it.

PC:

- Select the corresponding Uninstall item

Start > Programs > Intermorphic > Noatikl >

Mac:

- With Finder, locate the following folders:

1. Hard Disk/Applications

- Drag `Noatikl` to the Trash

2. Hard Disk/Library/Audio/Plug-Ins/Components

- Drag `noatikl_AU_mac.component` to the Trash

3. Hard Disk/Library/Audio/Plug-Ins/VST

- Drag `noatikl_VSTi_mac.vst` to the Trash

Tip: If you want some (older) online video tutorials, you can find them [here \(/noatikl/#videos\)](#).

The following short text tutorials are to get you started fast, doing some very basic things with minimum fuss. The principles are the same for both Noatikl Desktop and Noatikl Mobile (even if slightly different).

Noatikl is a very deep app and quick tutorials are no substitute for further investigation - they are just to get you started! To that end, in most steps we link to further information where you can go on to read and learn more about various screens and what they are for.

[Open, Play a Piece; add a Template Voice; Save piece](#)

1. Launch Noatikl
2. Open a piece:
 - **Mobile:** Tap top left Menu icon to take you to the [Pieces Screen](#), and for one of the included demo pieces either double tap it or tap it to select it and press the top right Open button (folder icon). You may be asked if you want to Open the file or Add it to any already open piece. Choose the former and the piece will open in [Design View](#).
 - **Desktop:** Were you to already have pieces saved locally, you would go Menu > File > Open and select a file. Note: The [default folder \(/noatikl/guide/#pc\)](#) for Noatikl desktop is Mac: `~/Music/Intermorphic/` and Windows: `%HOMEPATH%\Music\Intermorphic .`
3. Play the piece:
 - **Mobile:** Tap the Play/Stop toggle button in the bottom toolbar
 - **Desktop:** Tap the Play/Stop toggle button in the top toolbar
4. Add a Template Voice:
 - **Mobile:**
 - Tap the + button in the bottom toolbar (next to Play/Stop toggle).
 - In the pop up list, tap any Pak on the left of the list except Noatikl Seed (e.g. DroneMaker1) and on the right tap a content item (e.g. Drn_M2_mid-ks), which also previews that item (or select Pak "Noatikl Seed" if you want to add a new default MIDI Voice of one of the Voice Types).
 - Tap the top right Add item and press OK to add it to the existing piece.
 - **Desktop:**
 - Select any parameter of a Voice you want to add a new Voice AFTER.
 - Select Menu > New to see the list of Templates available (or select Menu > Edit > Add Voice to add a new default MIDI Voice)
 - Tap a content item in the Template list which also previews that item, and then tap the Merge button to add it to the existing piece.
5. **Save your piece:**
 - **Mobile:** Tap top left Menu icon to take you to the [Pieces Screen](#). Tap in the white box with "untitled" text in it and enter a name for the piece ("MyPiece"), and then press the Save button to the right of that.
 - **Desktop:** Select Menu > File > Save, enter "MyPiece" in the Save As field and find the folder to save it to the [default folder \(/noatikl/guide/#pc\)](#) for Noatikl desktop being Mac: `~/Music/Intermorphic/` and Windows: `%HOMEPATH%\Music\Intermorphic .`

[Make a New Piece; assign MIDI channel; change the sound; change track/global FX](#)

1. Launch Noatikl
2. Create a Piece:
 - **Mobile:** From the [Pieces Screen](#), tap the + on the bottom toolbar to display the Template list. Tap Standard Templates Pak on the left, tap Simple File template on the right and then tap the top right New button and you will be returned to the [Design View](#) with a new piece based on that template. Press Play to hear it.
 - **Desktop:** Select Menu > New to show the template list and from Built-in select the Simple file template; press the New button at the top of the template list to be returned to the main screen with a piece based on that template. Press Play to hear it.

3. Assign MIDI channel: Tap and hold the Voice on the left and drag to the MIDI channel 1 box to the right (as you drag all of the MIDI channel boxes will become visible).
4. Change Wavetable SF2 sound: Tap the Synth box (to the right of the MIDI box) to launch the Partikl Network Editor and in that tap the purple box marked "1 Wavetable". In the left hand SF2/DLS drop box select IM_Synths.sf2 and in the right Patches drop box select "VoxA" and (mobile only: press the top left Design press the top left OK buttons twice in a row to return to the Design Screen with your new sound).
5. Change Track FX: The Track FX (if any) is applied to just the track. Tap the Effect box (to the right of the Synth box) to launch the Partikl Network Editor and in that tap the top toolbar Folder button to open the FX preset list. Select "Chorus-Strong" and (mobile only: first press the top left Design button) press the top left OK button to return to the Design Screen with your new FX. Tip: You can edit
6. Change Global FX: The Global FX (if any) is applied to the whole piece. Tap the Glob FX box (to the right of and above all the tracks) to launch the Partikl Network Editor and in that tap the top toolbar Folder button to open the FX preset list. Select "Reverb-9secs" and (mobile only: first press the top left Design button) press the top left OK button to return to the Design Screen with your new FX.
7. Save your piece: Follow the instructions in the first tutorial and save to "MyPiece2"

[Change track volume/pan; track mute/solo; change pitch; export a piece](#)

1. Launch Noatikl
2. Open the piece "MyPiece2" you saved in Tutorial 2 and play it.
3. Change track volume/pan:
 - **Mobile:** Tap the bottom tab bar Blend icon to go to the [Blend View](#), then drag the Voice icon around the screen to change its volume (up/down) and pan (left/right).
 - **Desktop:** Volume: In the left hand side Parameter Group display select the "Voice - User Env 1- Volume" parameter group. In the Envelope parameter control shown on the right, either draw on it with your mouse, or right click on it and select one of the options. Pan: Select the "Voice - User Env 1 - Pan" parameter instead and change the Envelope parameter control.
4. Change track mute/solo:
 - **Mobile:** In the [Blend View](#), tap on a Voice icon and from the pop up control select either Mute or Solo. Tip: You can also use the Mute or Solo button in the bottom toolbar.
 - **Desktop:** Check or uncheck the Mute parameter or, to solo just one Voice, select and hold the keyboard Control key when you select the Mute parameter.
5. Change Voice pitch:
 - **Mobile:** Tap on a Voice icon and from the pop up control select Edit to enter the [Voice View](#). Tap the left hand Basics group and then in the right of the screen scroll to find the Pitch parameter and use the slider or +/- control to change it. Tap the bottom Design tab to return to the [Design View](#).
 - **Desktop:** In the left hand side Parameter Group display select the "Voice - Basics" parameter group and then in the right hand side parameter grid change the value of the Pitch parameter using +/- control or just type a value in that parameter's grid cell.
6. Export a piece:
 - **Mobile:** Tap top left Menu icon to take you to the [Pieces Screen](#). Tap the Export icon in the bottom toolbar and choose how you want to export it!
 - **Desktop:** Select Menu > File > Export > Export with Partikl Sounds and your piece is exported as a URL to the clipboard.

Noatikl Desktop comes in Standalone and AudioPlugin (VSTi / UAi) versions. It is a deep product and it does take time to master - but it is worth the effort. This section will go through the main areas of the desktop interface so that you can become familiar with what does what and we will go on from there.

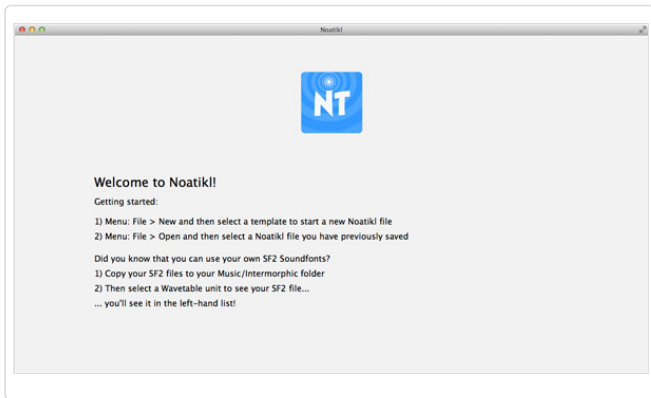
Note: do also check out [Noatikl Mobile](#), which has the majority of the power of Noatikl Desktop.

Before you start ...

Ensure you have [installed](#) Noatikl Desktop and have it [correctly setup for MIDI Out](#) if you wish to use that. If you use Logic, also note the [special instructions for Logic](#).

OK, let's get going!

When you first load Noatikl Desktop you see the following screen which gives you some quick pointers on what to do next:



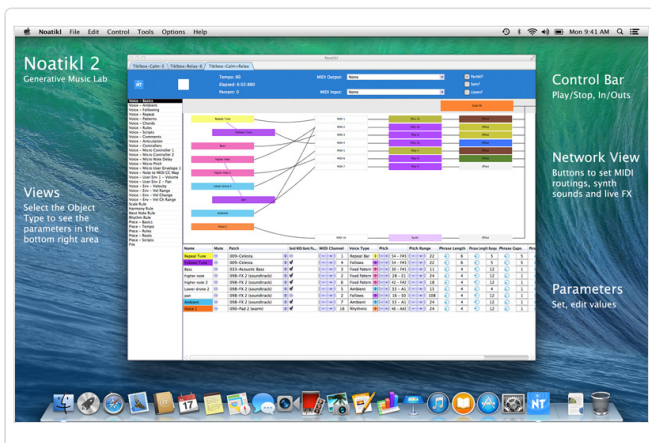
Noatikl Start screen

Playing your first piece

Noatikl Desktop Standalone doesn't come with any demo pieces, but we do have two finished pieces from [Tiklbox Relax \(/tiklbox/relax\)](#) for you to try out.

To load and play them, you need to do is to have Noatikl Desktop Standalone installed and select the Dropbox links. Once the pieces have loaded, just press the Noatikl Play button and enjoy!

- Tiklbox Calm 5 - [Dropbox File \(https://www.dropbox.com/s/4ct59c7jd7ijqx2/tiklbox-calm5.noatikl?dl=0\)](https://www.dropbox.com/s/4ct59c7jd7ijqx2/tiklbox-calm5.noatikl?dl=0) (see [FAQ \(/help/index.php#faq-dropbox\)](#))
- Tiklbox Relax 6 - [Dropbox File \(https://www.dropbox.com/s/mfq1wizxcv91ik3/tiklbox-relax6.noatikl?dl=0\)](https://www.dropbox.com/s/mfq1wizxcv91ik3/tiklbox-relax6.noatikl?dl=0) (see [FAQ \(/help/index.php#faq-dropbox\)](#))



Noatikl Desktop UI

The screenshot above was taken of Noatikl playing a mix of the two pieces above and it contains a number of generators (voices). This helps illustrate the different areas in the Desktop interface.

Control Bar

The top "Control" bar contains the Play/Stop button (press Play to hear Noatikl), as well as information on piece progress, and fast access to some key MIDI options (as these are very important for many Noatikl users).

Play and Stop

- Noatikl Standalone Play

The Play button starts you playing. You will only see this button for Noatikl standalone; for the plug-in variants of Noatikl, play/stop is controlled directly by your DAW (Digital Audio Workstation)'s transport controls.

Note: you might first want to set-up a MIDI device through which to render your music. See [MIDI Routing](#) or [MIDI Output](#) for more info on this.

Note: if you have Sync? selected, then playback won't start making any sounds until the sequencer that you are listening to has the play button pressed on its own transport control. In this case, you must first press Play before Noatikl can respond to events from your sequencer's transport control.

- Noatikl Standalone Stop

The Stop button stops you playing. You will only see this button for Noatikl standalone; for the plug-in variants of Noatikl, play/stop is controlled directly by your DAW's transport controls.

- Noatikl Plug-in Play and Stop

Press the Play This File! checkbox to indicate which of your open documents is to be played in response to the Transport control in your DAW. Remember that Noatikl can have more than one document open at once, so this checkbox tells the DAW which of the open Noatikl files to play.

Progress indicators

When the piece is playing, you will see various interesting properties get displayed in the Playback group:

- Tempo

This shows the current Piece tempo. If you are using one of the Noatikl Plug-in variants, then this value will be the value that is forced by the sequencer host in which Noatikl is running.

- Elapsed

The elapsed time in Measures:Beats:Ticks format (MBT). Note that if you are using one of the Noatikl Plug-in variants, then this value might be up to a bar ahead of the value displayed by your sequencer's transport control; this is because Noatikl composes ahead according to a latency dictated by the behaviour of your host sequencer.

- Percent

The approximate elapsed Noatikl Piece position, relative to the Piece Duration.

MIDI Output

Whether or not you have "Partikl?" checked (which allows sounds and effects to be rendered via the [PSE \(/engine/pse/guide\)](#)), you can optionally ask Noatikl to deliver MIDI event data from the Voices in your piece to a MIDI Output device.

If you are running within a sequencer which does not support MIDI routing from one VST to another then you **must** select any value **other** than "Sequencer MIDI Pipeline" (otherwise your MIDI events will not generate any sound in the sequencer).

If you are using some other VST Host which allows MIDI data to be routed from one VST into another one (e.g. Reaper), then you may select any of the available options; though you are most likely to want to select the "Sequencer MIDI Pipeline" option.

- Standalone

Mac: select an IAC port, and maybe use [MidiPipe by SubtleSoft \(http://www.apple.com/downloads/macosx/audio/midipipe.html\)](http://www.apple.com/downloads/macosx/audio/midipipe.html) to render your audio data. Please refer to the [Noatikl video tutorial - "creating your first piece on Mac" \(/noatikl/#standalone_firstpiece_mac\)](#) which will get you going in about 1 minute.

Windows – use a MIDI output device; use MIDI Yoke or Maple if you want to route data from Noatikl to your DAW!

- Plug-in

In general, use the "Sequencer MIDI Pipeline" option.

- Audio Unit (AU)

- See listed IAC Driver Bus 1 (this assumes you have configured the IAC as outlined above) and perhaps some other devices.

- VST

- Mac: See "Sequencer MIDI Pipeline" followed by Mac - IAC Driver Bus 1
- Windows: Use Microsoft GS Wavetable SW Synth or perhaps some other MIDI output devices such as MIDI Yoke channels.

MIDI Input

You can tell Noatikl to listen-out for incoming MIDI data on the specified port. Noatikl can use incoming MIDI information for various purposes, including synchronisation and as a hyper-instrument through Listening Voices.

Checkboxes

- Partikl?

By default, the "Partikl?" checkbox is ticked. This means that Noatikl will play the MIDI events generated by the generative Voices, through the built-in [PSE \(/engine/pse/guide\)](#).

- If you tick the "Partikl?" checkbox, and have no MIDI Output device specified, Noatikl will send data only to PSE.
- If you tick the "Partikl?" checkbox, and set a MIDI Output device, Noatikl will send data simultaneously to both PSE and your MIDI Output device!
- If you clear the "Partikl?" checkbox, Noatikl will only deliver its MIDI output to whatever MIDI Output device you have specified - in this case, make sure you have a MIDI Output device specified, or you won't hear anything!

- Sync?

You can use the Sync feature to allow Noatikl (when playing through an external MIDI device or port) to synchronise with audio playback in your favourite Sequencer. Once this checkbox is selected, then playback won't start making any sounds until the Sequencer that you are listening to has the play button pressed on its own transport control.

Note: you will experience a degree of MIDI latency (i.e. all notes offset by a certain amount) and some small variation in the note playback timing (typically +/- 5 or 10ms). We are looking at ways to minimise this in later updates. If you record the Noatikl output to a MIDI file, then it is fairly easy to adjust for the latency and also quantise (if you want) the note timing.

- Noatikl Standalone

Check the "Sync?" checkbox and set your Noatikl MIDI input device to listen-out to the MIDI port to which you have told your Sequencer to send MIDI sync information.

Press the Noatikl Play button.

Noatikl will then start and stop playing automatically in response to your pressing the play and stop buttons in the Sequencer.

For an example of setting this up see also [this FAQ entry \(/noatikl/faq/#faq-sequencermidisync\)](#).

- Note: Noatikl does not currently support "Resume", so if you press "stop" in your sequencer, then to restart Noatikl you will first need to rewind your sequencer head to the beginning before pressing "play".

- Noatikl Plug-in

Press the play / stop buttons in your transport control.

- MIDI Sync using Logic:

Using Logic Pro on the Mac, you can use [MidiPipe by SubtleSoft \(http://homepage.mac.com/nicowald/SubtleSoft/\)](http://homepage.mac.com/nicowald/SubtleSoft/) to provide the "cabling" between Noatikl and Logic. Please refer to the [Noatikl video tutorial - "creating your first piece on Mac" \(/noatikl/#standalone_firstpiece_mac\)](#) which will get you going in 1 minute. Set-up couldn't be easier.

1. Set noatikl's in and out ports to MidiPipe, engage the Sync? option and hit play in noatikl.
2. Open Logic, set the sync option to send midi clock to the MidiPipe port and that's it really. Once you've done that, the Logic transport controls work both Noatikl and Logic - hit play in Logic and Noatikl starts composing and feeding the tracks in Logic with midi data. What you do with it then is up to you. Control the tempo of the piece live in real-time from Logic's transport. Or, if you have them, you can use a hardware transport controller!

- Note for Logic 8 Users:

To use MIDI sync in Noatikl AU for Logic 8:

1. Just connect-up IAC1 in the click and port layer... i.e. remove the SUM option... if you don't use the SUM input you need to connect input ports on a port by port basis. Needs good eyesight and a steady hand if you have a lot of ports.
2. project MIDI sync settings to send to IAC port 2.
3. noatikl file: set output IAC1, output IAC 2, sync = checked.
4. Should then work OK.

- Listen?

This is provided to protect against MIDI feedback, which can occur with some sequencers, notably Logic (which will by default present all data output to a port, as an input to all other ports).

- If Listen? is ticked or if Noatikl is using the Plug-in internal sequencer pipeline, then:
 - MIDI events from the MIDI input will be passed-through to Noatikl
 - the MIDI Input trigger scripts will respond to MIDI input

- listening voices will compose where appropriate
- all note on/off events presented at the input will reach the output.
- Noatikl will try to harmonize with incoming MIDI note data.
- If Listen? is not selected and if Noatikl is not using the internal sequencer pipeline, then:
 - MIDI events from the MIDI input will not be passed-through to Noatikl
 - the MIDI Input trigger scripts will not respond
 - listening voices will not compose
 - the **only** events that will be passed through to Noatikl will be MIDI Sync events
 - Noatikl will **not** try to harmonize with incoming MIDI note data.
- Noatikl 1.5+, Logic and midi feedback
 - Noatikl V1.5+ listens to incoming MIDI data to allow you to create dynamic hyperinstruments. In order to use this feature in the standalone version of Noatikl, Logic users are advised to [take the following steps](#) to eliminate the risk of midi feedback.

Voice / Generator Network Editor

The central "Network" editor / panel is where you marry voices (note generators) to MIDI channels, PSE synth sounds and FX. It shows a view of all NME Voices, together with cells showing the associated MIDI channel and any PSE Synth, Track Effect and Global Effect settings. Refer to the [NME Guide \(/engine/nme/guide/\)](#) for information on Voice and Piece parameters and the [PSE Guide \(/engine/pse/guide/\)](#) for information on Synth and FX parameters and Networks.

If you drag from a Voice box to a MIDI channel box that will tell the system that the Voice will play through the defined MIDI channel. If a new voice is added to a piece, the voice won't be assigned to a specific MIDI channel; if you haven't yet hooked-up a Voice to a MIDI channel, Noatikl will decide on a free MIDI channel to hook-up the Voice to when it starts playing.

- Patch and MIDI Channel

The Voice "Patch" parameter defines which MIDI Patch command to send for each MIDI channel - in general, you should only hook-up multiple Voices to the same MIDI channel if they all share the same Patch parameter.

- MIDI Channel 10

MIDI Channel 10 is reserved for the Drum instrument. Every voice with a Drum Patch, should generally be attached to MIDI Channel 10.

- Synth

If the "Partikl?" checkbox is checked, then MIDI events are routed for each channel through a [PSE \(/engine/pse/guide/\)](#) configuration defined by the associated Synth box, which by default will use the PSE's built-in MIDI Wavetable synth (using the Patch defined by the Voice's Patch parameter). If you want to use a custom sound, click the Synth button to invoke the Synth editor dialog.

- Track Effect

The output from every Synth box can be passed through a custom PSE Effect network. If you want to use an Effect, click the Effect button to invoke the Effect editor dialog!

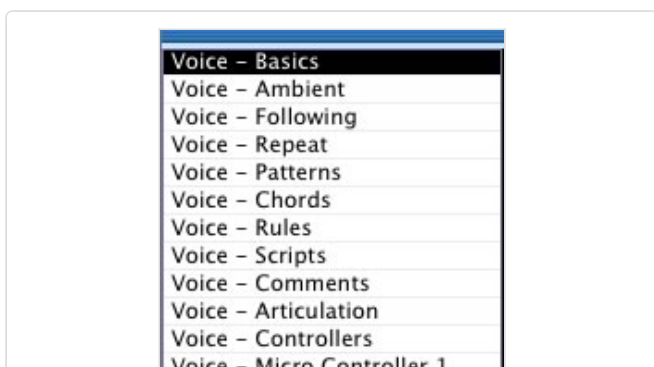
- Global Effect

The output from every PSE Effect is added together and passed through a Global Effect network. If you want to use a Global Effect, click the "Glob FX" button to invoke the Global Effect editor dialog. This dialog looks the same as for the Track Effect dialog.

By default, the dialog shows no effects units. You can alter the network to use a custom set of sound effects units in various configurations; or select from a list of built-in preset effects.

Object Type View

The left view lets you select which type of NME Objects you want to edit the parameters for in the Parameter panel below.



- [NME Voice Objects \(/engine/nme/guide/#voice-types\)](#)

This is probably the most important Object Type in Noatikl. A Voice is a Noatikl object that represents a generator of Music data. For example, a Voice can be used to play a fixed musical pattern. Or, a voice can be used to create notes according to various musical rules. A Voice can also be used to emit MIDI controller information that is used to control your favourite sequencer. You must have at least one Voice in your Noatikl composition but you may have many more if you want. The basic behaviour of a Voice is defined by its Voice Type property. You may tell Noatikl that individual Voices use specific Scale Rules (other any other of the supported Rules).

Voice – Micro Controller 2
 Voice – Micro Note Delay
 Voice – Micro Pitch
 Voice – Micro User Envelope 1
 Voice – Note to MIDI CC Map
 Voice – User Env 1 – Volume
 Voice – User Env 2 – Pan
 Voice – Env – Velocity
 Voice – Env – Vel Range
 Voice – Env – Vel Change
 Voice – Env – Vel Ch Range
 Scale Rule
 Harmony Rule
 Next Note Rule
 Rhythm Rule
 Piece – Basics
 Piece – Tempo
 Piece – Rules
 Piece – Roots
 Piece – Scripts
 File

Object Type View

• [NME Rule Objects \(/engine/nme/guide/#the-rules\)](/engine/nme/guide/#the-rules)

Scale Rule, Harmony Rule, Next Note Rule and Rhythm Rule. These rules provide the settings that govern what notes are composed, and when. Each Voice object can use it own rules, as well the Piece Rules object (below).

• [NME Piece Objects \(/engine/nme/guide/#piece-basics\)](/engine/nme/guide/#piece-basics)

There is always exactly one Piece object in your Noatikl composition. The Piece object manages various high-level properties of your composition. These include things like what musical rules to follow by default (where not overridden by individual Voices), the Tempo to follow, and various other global properties.

• [NME File Objects \(/engine/nme/guide/#file\)](/engine/nme/guide/#file)

You can store certain basic bookkeeping information related to your file, such as the title of the composition and the author. The File object doesn't define any data that affects what you hear in your composition.

NME Parameters View

The bottom "Parameters" view contains a table where you can view and edit [all of the NME Objects and Parameters \(/engine/nme/guide/#scripting-objects\)](/engine/nme/guide/#scripting-objects) that make-up your Noatikl

composition. It gives you access access to all the editors for the group of objects and parameters you select in the left panel. In the above picture, the Voices are listed together with their basic parameter values. Voices will flash here to show that they are playing a note.

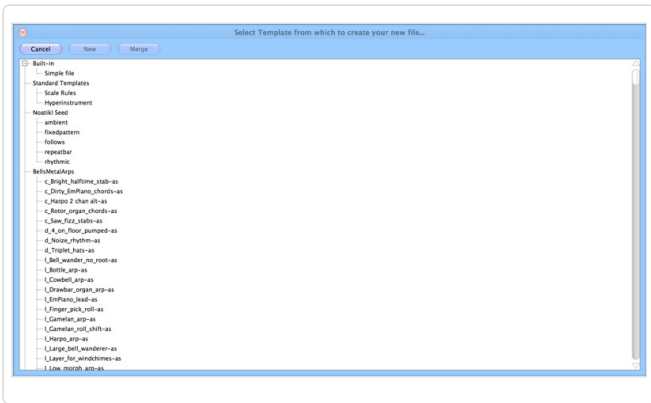
You can add Voices (or other musical objects) within the table, so that each row represents a different Voice, and each column represents a different attribute of that Voice. Use the menu items to add, delete and copy voices and other objects.

Creating your first piece with Noatikl Desktop

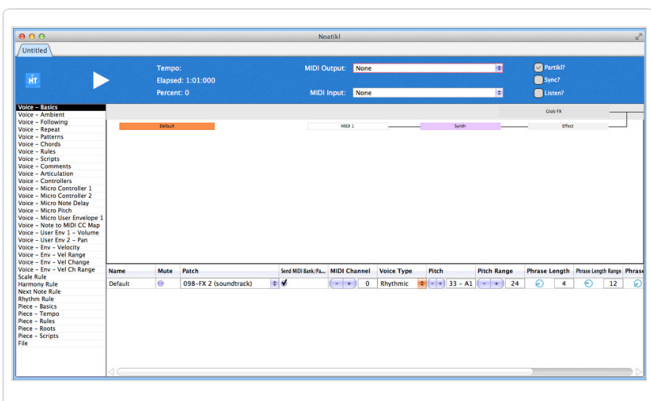
Open Noatikl, and then From the Noatikl menu, select File -> New.

This presents you with the Template list (first image below) containing a large selection of Noatikl templates from which you may base your new Noatikl composition.

Select the 'Simple file' item from the list of templates. This will present you with an empty piece (second image below). Then just press Play.



Template List



Empty Piece

File Menu

- New

Creates a new piece for editing; select the template that you want to use as the basis for your new piece, via the dialog that is presented to you. Which templates get listed, depends on which template packs you have got installed.
- Open...

Browse for a Noatikl or Partikl file to open.
- Merge...

Browse for a Noatikl or Partikl template or file to merge into the currently open piece.

 - From Template

From any installed templates, browse for a template that you want to merge-in to your current piece; Noatikl does the "right thing", pulling in all voices and rules from that template (it does **not** replace any rules, but will bring-in rules that do not currently exist in your piece); copies-in all voices and renames each voice if required to keep them unique. Try merging in one or more drum templates! Note that any sound definitions are not merged in. If you want the sound definitions, you'll need to open a new file from that template, and export/import the sounds you want using the Synth and Effects cells.
 - From File

As for Templates, but browse for a Noatikl file that you want to merge-in to your current piece. Try taking any piece, merging-in any other piece, and amaze yourself at what you hear.
- Close

Close the currently open piece.
- Save

Save your document as a Partikl file with its current name in its current folder location.

Note: There are two file formats supported by Noatikl 2.

 - .partikl - Partikl files (e.g. myfile.partikl) contain all the Noatikl parameter definitions and all associated PSE sound & FX definitions. Partikl files are the primary file format for Noatikl 2. You can change a .partikl file extension to .noatikl and Noatikl will still load it.
 - .noatikl - Noatikl files (e.g. myfile.noatikl) contain only Noatikl parameter definitions. They do not contain any PSE sound definitions. Noatikl files were the only file format supported by Noatikl prior to Noatikl 2. The way to create this kind of file is from File > Export > Noatikl File.
- Save As...

Save your document as a Partikl file with a new name or folder location.

 - Tip: Making/saving your own templates
 - To create a new Noatikl file which can be used as a template, perhaps one based on the Scale Rules template to which you have added some of your own rules added, simply save this as e.g. My_Scale Rules.partikl. You can then re-open this whenever you want, and you can also rename it to a .noatikl file (see above).
- Import

Import a Noatikl or Partikl document from the clipboard.
- Export...
 - Export With PSE Sounds

Export your Noatikl rules and all sound settings as a Partikl document to the clipboard.
 - Save As Noatikl Rules...

Save your file's core Noatikl rules as a Noatikl document with a new name or folder location.
 - Export Noatikl Rules

Export your file's core Noatikl rules as a Noatikl document on the clipboard.
- Open Recent

Open from a list of your recently accessed Noatikl files (not available in the Mac standalone version).

Edit menu

Use the Edit menu items to copy and paste object parameters. The menu items available under Edit are as follows:

- Undo
Where possible, Noatikl presents an Undo option.
- Redo
Where possible, Noatikl presents an Redo option.
- Add Voice
Adds-in a new default object of the currently viewed type.
- Cut Voice
Cuts the currently focused object.
- Copy Voice
Copies the currently focused object.
- Copy Parameter
Copies the currently focused parameter.
- Paste Voice
Pastes in the most recently copied or cut object or parameter.
- Delete Voice
Deletes the currently focused object.
- Default Parameter
Restores the currently focused parameter to its default value.
- Default Column
Restores all parameters in the currently focused column to their defaults.
- Default Row
Restores all parameters in the currently focused row to their defaults.

Control menu

Use the Control menu items to play / stop tracks. The menu items available under Control are as follows:

- Play / Stop
Starts or stops the piece playing (you can also use the Ctrl+Spacebar shortcut).
- Solo Voice
Solos the selected voice.
- Unmute All Voices
Unmutes all voices.
- Mute All Voices
Mutes all voices.

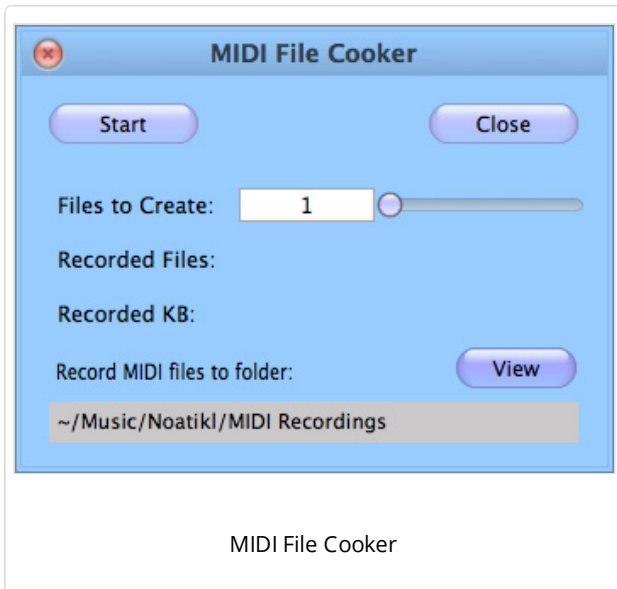
Options menu

- Check for Updates when Noatikl starts
 - Select this to allow Noatikl check the Intermorphic website for a simple text file to let it know if there is an update available. Not available in the Mac Standalone version
- Reset Column Widths
 - Resets the column widths for every parameter, to their default values.
- Output Devices
 - Select your Output audio device to be targeted by Noatikl's built-in PSE synth.

Tools menu

Use the Tools menu items to access integrated helper utilities. The menu items currently available under Tools are as follows:

- Noatikl Script Window
Displays the Noatikl script window.
- MIDI File Cooker
Launches a utility to capture (as fast they can be generated) a user configurable number of takes to sequentially numbered MIDI files. For MIDI file saving, see also [Preferences](#).



- Start/Stop
Starts off/stops the "cooking" process (make sure you have a Noatikl file loaded, and have set the number of "Files to Create" and "Record MIDI files to folder" below).
- Close
Closes the dialog.
- Files to Create
Use the slider to select a number from 1-100 (or double click the number field to enter a number).
- Recorded Files
Tells you how many MIDI files have just been recorded.
- Recorded
Tells you the total size of the MIDI files that have just been cooked.
- View
Use this button to see the folder where the recordings are saved.

Important note: when cooking a MIDI file, the tempo comes from the [NME Piece Tempo \(/engine/nme/guide/#piece-tempo\)](#) parameters; not from any host sequencer.

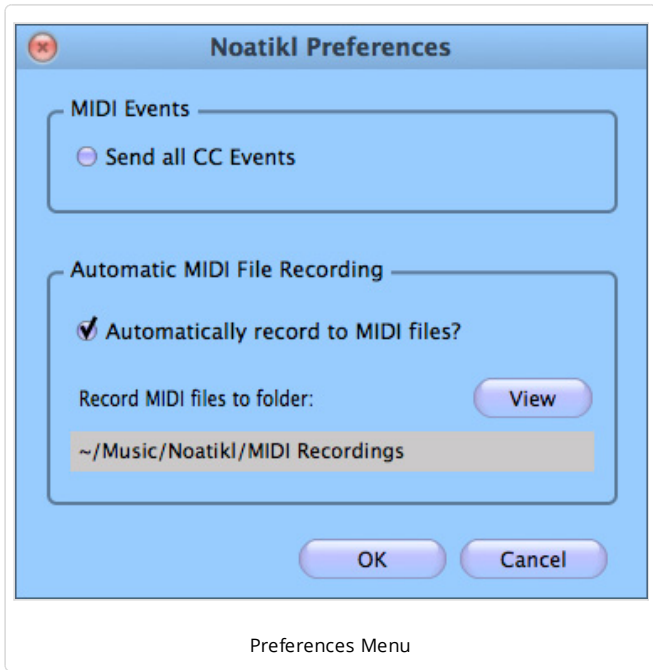
- Show Folders
 - Show MIDI Recordings Folder
Shows the folder where Noatikl saves MIDI recordings.
 - Show Noatikl Data Folder
Shows the folder under which Noatikl saves and opens Partikl files such as your custom Synth and Effects networks.
 - Show Partikl TG Folder
Shows the folder under which Noatikl saves and opens your custom Synth networks.
 - Show Partikl FX Folder
Shows the folder under which Noatikl saves and opens your custom Effects networks.
 - ~/Library/Noatikl Folder (Mac only)
Displays a pop up with instructions on how to find this folder.

Help menu

- Online User Guide
- Noatikl Forum
- Online Licence
- About Noatikl
- Noatikl Product Key

Preferences menu

Use the relevant Preferences menu item to define the key settings that the way that Noatikl works. These include settings for MIDI CC Events, and also to allow automatic MIDI recording of a live playback (see also [Tools](#)), as follows:



Mac: Noatikl > Preferences...; Windows: Options > Preferences...

- Send all CC Events - If you clear this checkbox, the only MIDI CC events sent by Noatikl will be Bank Select (for patch selection), and those from Micro Controllers and User Envelopes. The reason for this is to (optionally) suppress most of the CC messages that Noatikl sends out as some synths don't seem to like them.
- Automatically record to MIDI files? - use this checkbox to enable automatic recording of Noatikl output to a MIDI file - select the tick box to enable this behaviour.
- View - use this button to see the folder where the automatic MIDI file recordings are saved.
- Note: You wouldn't want to set the auto-record toggle button if you were using Noatikl for an installation!
- Note: when auto-capturing a recording through this preferences setting, where the tempo comes from depends on what configuration you are currently using:
 - Noatikl Plug-in: the tempo comes from the host
 - Noatikl Standalone synced to host: the tempo comes from the host
 - Noatikl Standalone unsynced: Noatikl provides its own tempo from the from the [NME Piece Tempo \(/engine/nme/guide/#piece-tempo\)](/engine/nme/guide/#piece-tempo) parameters

If you want to send MIDI output from Noatikl to a MIDI port or device, you will need to redirect the "MIDI Output" from Noatikl using a technique appropriate to your version of Noatikl.

- Mac: use an IAC MIDI port; this is built-in to every Mac. As an alternative, you could use [MidiPipe by SubtleSoft](http://homepage.mac.com/nicowald/SubtleSoft/) (<http://homepage.mac.com/nicowald/SubtleSoft/>).
- Windows: Use [MIDI Yoke](http://www.midiox.com/index.htm?http://www.midiox.com/myoke.htm) (<http://www.midiox.com/index.htm?http://www.midiox.com/myoke.htm>) or [Maple virtual MIDI port](http://www.maplemidi.com/Maple_driver.html) (http://www.maplemidi.com/Maple_driver.html).

If you are using a DAW/Sequencer, you must also assign one or more MIDI tracks to listen-out to the port to which you are directing your Noatikl output! Note that for quick testing of this approach on Windows, you have the option of directly targeting your built-in Windows wavetable synth.

You'll find a lot of information on how to configure the various variants of Noatikl in the [Noatikl FAQ \(/noatikl/faq\)](#).

What Sequencers support direct sending of MIDI data from Noatikl, onwards to other Instrument Plug-ins?

Reaper for Mac and Windows:

- Reaper supports pass-through of MIDI events generated from VSTis
- Relevant Noatikl versions:
 - noatikl_VSTi_win.dll
 - noatikl_VSTi_mac.vst
 - noatikl_AU_mac.component
 - noatikl.exe (standalone Windows)

[How to use Noatikl VSTi / AU with Reaper](#)

Reaper is very easy to use with the Noatikl VSTi or Noatikl Audio Unit!

Follow these instructions to get something playing in under two minutes!

1. Run Reaper.
2. New Project (it'll have started with a new project anyways).
3. Track -> Insert New Track.
4. Click the "FX" button in the silvery panel on the LHS side; that panel is basically the controller for the track, the FX is how you attach FX chains (VST/AU) to the track...
5. Type noatikl in the filter list to make it easy to find...select either the AU or VSTi version of Noatikl, and press OK.
6. In Noatikl, File -> New -> Simple (or open a file you already have).
7. In Reaper, press the play button

Logic / Logic Express / GarageBand for Mac

- Logic and Garage Band both support Audio Units
- You can also use Noatikl standalone with Logic
- Relevant Noatikl versions:
 - noatikl_AU_mac.component
 - noatikl.app (standalone)

[How to use Noatikl AU with Logic / Garageband](#)

To use Noatikl AU with Logic is very easy; simply download the [template project zip](#) (/noatikl/guide/resources/noatikl_au_template_logic_8.zip) and follow the [video tutorial \(/noatikl/#logic_au\)](#).

Cakewalk (e.g. Sonar, HomeStudio) for Windows:

- There are some [keyboard issues \(/noatikl/faq/#faq-sonar6keyboard\)](#) with Sonar 6...
- Relevant Noatikl versions:
 - noatikl.exe (standalone)
 - noatikl_VSTi_win.dll

[How to use Noatikl VSTi with Sonar](#)

Sonar works well with the Noatikl VSTi (albeit with some possible keyboard issues in older versions of Sonar)! There can also be some timing problems inherent in using the Noatikl VSTi with Sonar; [see here \(/noatikl/faq/#faq-sonartiming\)](#) for more details about how to work-around these issues.

The steps for using Noatikl VSTi under Sonar Home Studio (which is similar to Sonar Studio/Producer) are as follows (see also the [video tutorial \(/noatikl/#sonar_vsti\)](#)). These steps might also work (in slightly different form) with earlier versions of Sonar; let us know if you find out.

Configuring the Noatikl VSTi the first time, for use with Sonar

When you've first copied the Noatikl VSTi to your computer, be sure to scan for the VSTi. On my machine, this involves the following steps:

- Select Tools -> Cakewalk Plug-in Manager from the Menu
- In the VST Configuration section, click on the Options button. Add to the list of scan paths, the folder to which you copied the noatikl_VSTi_win.dll file (on my machine, this is C:\Program Files\Steinberg\Cubase SE 3\Wstplugins, but could also be something like C:\Program Files\Wstplugins) .
- Press the Scan VST Plug-ins button.
- Noatikl_VSTi_win should now appear in the VST Instruments (VSTi) Plug-in Category.

Using the Noatikl VSTi within your Sonar Project

- Step 1: Add the Noatikl VSTi to your project
 - To add the Noatikl VSTi to your project, do not start by using the synth rack; it will crash Sonar.
 - Insert the Noatikl VSTi by right-clicking the FX bin of an **audio** track; select the Noatikl VSTi plug-in.
 - Load-up a Noatikl file (or create a new one) within noatikl. That will give you something to hear in a moment. Make sure you set the MIDI Channel parameter for each voice, so you can be sure which software synth you want to direct it to.
 - Next, open-up the Synth Rack (Views -> Synth Rack)
 - Right-click on the far-right pane of the Noatikl VSTi, and click on "Enable MIDI Output". This lets Sonar use the MIDI output data emitted from the VSTi by noatikl. If you forget this step, Noatikl will remain silent.
 - Close the Synth Rack.
- Step 2: Add some Software Synths
 - Add as many software synths as you want to your Sonar Project; one for every distinct sound you want rendered by your Noatikl piece. Each software synth is on a separate audio track, of course.
- Step 3. Prepare your MIDI tracks.
 - Create one MIDI track per Noatikl MIDI channel that you're interested in. For **every** such track:
 - You **must** make sure that Input Echo is turned-on! Note: you can see weird behaviour with Sonar, where changing one MIDI track's Input Echo status can reset the Input Echo status of another track (!); watch-out for this. The way to avoid this is first to select the Options -> Global -> General menu item, and ensure that the "Always Echo Current MIDI Track" item is **not checked** (the default behaviour is that this is checked, which is not what you want).
 - Select the MIDI Input as the appropriate Noatikl MIDI output (for example, noatikl_VSTi_in 1-> MIDI Ch.1). Set a separate Noatikl MIDI output channel for each MIDI track.
 - Set the output device as the appropriate software synth that you added earlier.
 - We have found that if you should set-up at least some MIDI data in at least one track (such as dummy MIDI controller events), otherwise the Noatikl data will be ignored! You probably also want to set a loop start and end point (presumably, choosing a loop size equal to or greater than your Noatikl Piece Length).
 - Save your project before you forget
- Step 4: play and enjoy
 - Start playback - enjoy what you hear! Note that of course if you have too many software synths in your project, or are running on a slow computer, you might hear some audio break-up.

Cubase for Mac and Windows:

- See the [tutorials](#) for hints on how to get started.
- Relevant Noatikl versions:
 - noatikl.exe (standalone Windows)
 - noatikl.app (standalone Mac)
 - noatikl_VSTi_win.dll and noatikl_VSTi_mac.vst

[How to use Noatikl VSTi with Cubase](#)

Cubase (Windows/Mac) works well with the Noatikl VSTi. The steps for using it with Cubase SE 3 are as follows (see also the [video tutorial \(/noatikl/#cubase_vsti\)](#)). These steps might also work (in slightly different form) with other Steinberg authoring tools; let us know if you find out.

Configuring the Noatikl VSTi the first time, for use with Cubase SE 3

When you've first copied the Noatikl VSTi to your computer, be sure to scan for the VSTi.

Using the Noatikl VSTi within your Cubase SE project

- Step 1: Add the Noatikl VSTi to your project
 - To add the Noatikl VSTi to your project, launch the VST Instruments window by selecting Devices -> VST Instruments from the menu
 - Insert the Noatikl VSTi by clicking the top area in the first VST instrument slot; select the Noatikl VSTi plug-in (noatikl_VSTi_win or noatikl_VSTi_mac).
 - Load-up a Noatikl file (or create a new one) within noatikl. That will give you something to hear in a moment. Make sure you set the MIDI Channel parameter for each voice, so you can be sure which software synth you want to direct it to.
- Step 2: Add some Software Synths
 - Return to the VST Instruments window.
 - Add as many software synths as you want to your Project; one for every distinct sound you want rendered by your Noatikl piece. In the above screen shot, you'll see three soft synths that have been set-up in the VST Instruments window, listed after the Noatikl VSTi plug-in.
- Step 3. Prepare your MIDI tracks.
 - Create one MIDI track per Noatikl MIDI channel that you're interested in. For **every** such track:
 - Select the MIDI Input ("in") as the appropriate Noatikl MIDI output (for example, noatikl_VSTi_win or noatikl_VSTi_mac).
 - To ensure that your MIDI track listens-out to only one of the MIDI channels output by Noatikl, select the Input Transformer button, and select the Local entry in the pop-up list that appears. In the presets drop box, select Channel Filtering followed by the specific channel that you want to listen to. Finally, set the Active Module 1 checkbox, and close the window. In case you find these instructions confusing, you should find that they are made clear in the [video tutorial \(/noatikl/#cubase_vsti\)](#).
 - Set the MIDI Output ("out") to be the appropriate software synth that you added earlier.
 - You **must** make sure that Record Enable is turned-o.
 - Save your project before you forget
- Step 4: play and enjoy
 - Start playback - enjoy what you hear. Note that of course if you have too many software synths in your project, or are running on a slow computer, you might hear some audio break-up.

Ableton Live for Mac and Windows:

- Ableton Live does not supports pass-through of MIDI events generated from VSTis
- Relevant Noatikl versions:
 - noatikl.exe (standalone Windows)
 - noatikl.app (standalone Mac)
 - noatikl_VSTi_win.dll and noatikl_VSTi_mac.vst

[How to use Noatikl VSTi with Ableton](#)

The steps for using Noatikl VSTi under Ableton Live are as follows; these steps apply to both the Windows and Mac versions of Ableton

Live.

Configuring the Noatikl VSTi the first time, for use with Ableton Live

When you've first copied the Noatikl VSTi to your computer, be sure to scan for the VSTi from Ableton. Once done, you should see noatikl_VSTi_win (Windows) or noatikl_VSTi_mac (Mac) in Ableton's list of "Plug-In Devices".

Using the Noatikl VSTI within your Ableton Live Project

- Step 1: Add the Noatikl VSTi to your project
 - Add the Noatikl VSTi by selecting the plug-ins view, and dragging noatikl_VSTi_win (Windows) or noatikl_VSTi_mac (Mac) from Ableton's list of "Plug-In Devices" on to a MIDI track.
 - Show the input/output options for your tracks; set the track with Noatikl on it, such that input is set to "No Input".
 - Show the Noatikl editor window, and set-up a file to play (e.g. create a couple of voices).
 - Set the Noatikl MIDI Output to be a spare MIDI port; such as MIDI Yoke NT 1 (Windows) or IAC Port 1 (Mac); you can then hide Noatikl if you want to clear some screen space.
- Step 2: Add some Software Synths
 - Create another MIDI track.
 - Drag a VSTi synth onto that track.
 - Make that track's MIDI Input to be the MIDI Port to which Noatikl is sending its data; such as MIDI Yoke NT 1 (Windows) or IAC Port 1 (Mac) in this example.
- Step 3: play and enjoy
 - Start it all playing
 - If you can't hear anything, make sure that the green "on" button was set in the bottom panel in Ableton where Noatikl is shown. If this isn't enabled, you won't see Noatikl flash away when playing notes; so that is a clue to if you need to press this button or not!

Pro Tools

- We are not creating an RTAS plugin at this time, so recommend using Noatikl standalone with Pro Tools.
- Relevant Noatikl versions:
 - noatikl.app (standalone)

There is a separate section just for Logic and Noatikl Standalone. This because to run Noatikl under the direct control of Logic's own transport controls, and also route MIDI event data from Noatikl such that Logic can pick-up that data, requires that a little bit of preparation work is done first.

Logic sums all incoming midi data to the current active track in the arrange window because this is normally what you might want. However, it isn't what you want with Noatikl and the Logic manual isn't clear as to how to change this.

Using Noatikl Desktop Standalone application with Logic Pro:

1. Enable IAC bus and assign this as the Noatikl output
2. Launch Logic
3. Select first track in the Arrange window and create an Audio Instrument track.
4. Insert instrument plug-in of choice.
5. Set MIDI channel of this instrument to 1
6. Arm for recording
7. Repeat for up to fifteen other tracks - assigning each one to a different MIDI channel
8. Go to File -> Song Settings -> Recordings
9. Check the box marked "Auto demix by channel if multitrack recording"

This now works correctly i.e. setting Noatikl to transmit on c1 directs the data to the first instrument in Logic, transmitting on c2 goes to the second etc.

You are now ready to make amazing music with Noatikl and Logic on your Mac.

Noatikl, Logic and MIDI feedback

Noatikl V1.5+ listens to incoming MIDI data to allow you to create dynamic hyperinstruments.

In order to use this feature in the standalone version of Noatikl, Logic users need to take certain steps to eliminate the risk of MIDI feedback.

Due to the way Logic implements it's own MIDI through system, it is essential for Noatikl to use different MIDI ports for MIDI in and MIDI out. Port sharing will cause MIDI feedback, lockups and the risk of system crashes.

Instructions for using the IAC driver.

Open Audio/MIDI setup in the Applications/Utilities folder. Select the MIDI tab.

Double click on the IAC icon and select Ports Click on the Add port button underneath the ports window. Accept the default setting by clicking Apply.

In Noatikl select IAC bus 1 as the MIDI output bus and IAC bus 2 as the MIDI input bus

Launch Logic.

Open the Environment window (Command 8) and select the Clicks and Ports layer.

Click on New -> Monitor to create a new Monitor object. Draw a cable from the Midi input object from IAC Bus 2 and connect it to this monitor. Do not connect the output of this monitor to any other object in the environment.

In the arrange page, select "Settings -> Synchronisation". Click on the MIDI tab. Set the MIDI clock destination tab to be IAC Bus 2 and you are good to go.

Instructions for MidiPipe

See also: [Noatikl video tutorial - "creating your first piece on Mac" \(/noatikl/#standalone_firstpiece_mac\)](#) which will get you going with [MidiPipe by SubtleSoft \(http://homepage.mac.com/nicowald/SubtleSoft/\)](#) in 1 minute.

To create a second MidiPipe port, drag another MIDI in and MIDI out into your current pipe.

Select the second MIDI input and click on the blue menu display tab to show all the MIDI inputs. Click on Edit virtual Inputs

Click on New Virtual Input to add the second input, repeat this in the Virtual Outputs view to create a new virtual output. Click Done.

Highlight the first Midi output in the pipe. Ensure the box marked Pass Through is unchecked (this box is checked by default).

Save your Pipe.

In Noatikl select MidiPipe input 1 as the output and MidiPipe Output 2 as the input.

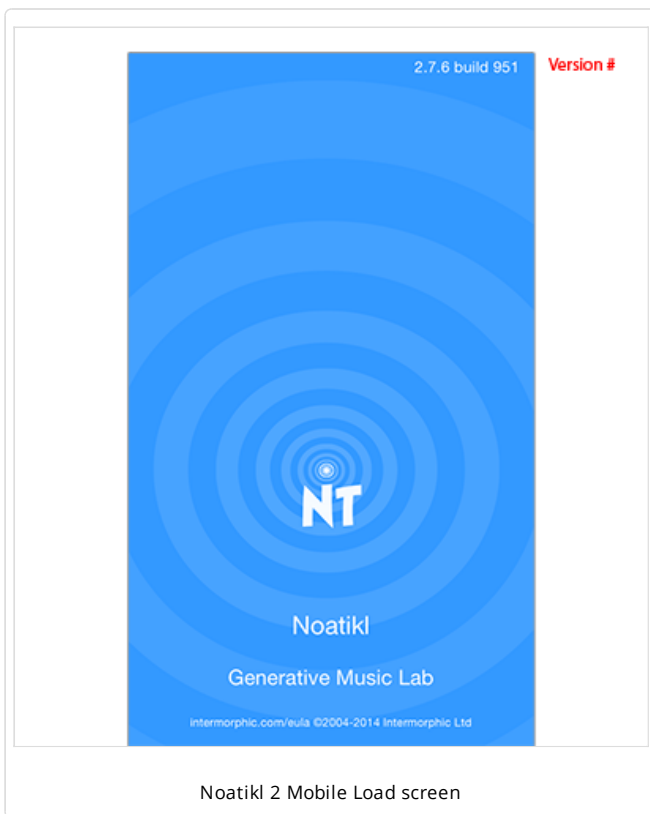
Instructions for Logic

Launch Logic.

Open the Environment window (Command 8) and select the Clicks and Ports layer.

Click on New -> Monitor to create a new Monitor object. Draw a cable from the MIDI input object from MidiPipe Output 2 and connect it to this monitor. Do not connect the output of this monitor to any other object in the environment.

In the arrange page, select Settings -> Synchronisation. Click on the MIDI tab. Set the midi clock destination tab to be MidiPipe Input 2



Noatiki Mobile for iOS ([available at the Apple App Store \(http://itunes.apple.com/app/id633262318\)](http://itunes.apple.com/app/id633262318)) has all the power of [Noatiki Desktop](#) (including support for [PSE Soundfont \(SF2\) Wavetables \(/engine/pse/guide/#tg-wavetable\)](#)) except that it does not support Scripting or Listening Voices.

That said, it has a useful "Blend" mode for X-Y blending of elements with a "drift" facility as well as support for Inter-App Audio / Audiobus and [CoreMIDI / Virtual MIDI](#). As with Noatiki Desktop, Noatiki Mobile takes a bit of time to master - but it is worth the effort.

This Noatiki Mobile section goes through the main areas of the mobile interface so that you can become familiar with what does what and we will go on from there. The parameters are all detailed in the preceding Noatiki desktop sections.

The "Views"

There are four main "Views" selectable via the bottom tab bar (see Views below). The first two views are where you design and blend pieces and are unsurprisingly called the Design and Blend views. The other two views are the Voices and Piece views, but more on those later. OK, let's get started, and to do that, we open and play one of the included demo pieces!

Playing your first piece

Noatiki Mobile comes with two demo pieces; these are finished pieces that are in [Tiklbox Relax \(/tiklbox/relax\)](#). From either the Design or

Blend view (see Views below), select the top left button which takes you to the Pieces screen. To open one of the Tiklbox pieces either double tap it or tap it and then tap the top right Open button. To play it, tap the left Play button in the bottom toolbar.

Creating your first piece

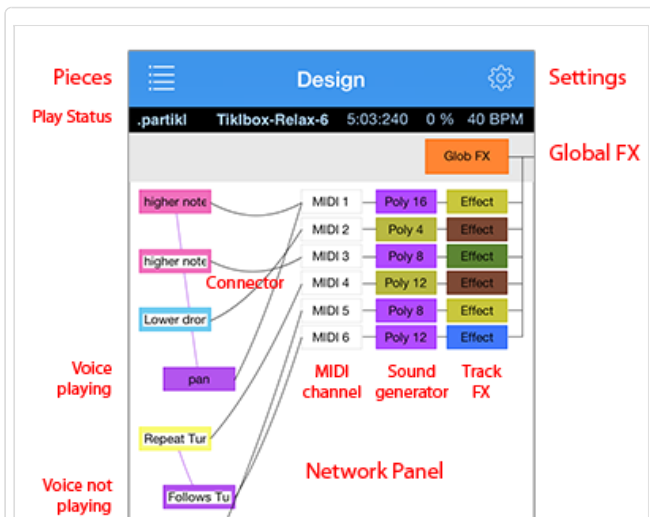
The next thing to do is to create your own piece. From either the Design or Blend view (see Views below), select the top left button which takes you to the [Pieces](#) screen.

In the Pieces screen select the top right "New" ("+") button and you are presented with the Template screen containing the list of available Noatiki templates from which you may base your new Noatiki composition.

Simply select one and press the top right "New" button and you get taken to the Design view - you now have a new piece to edit as you wish!

Design View

The Design view is where you will do your piece construction and set up.



Top Panel

The top panel contains the "[Pieces](#)" button on the left and the "[Settings](#)" button on the right.

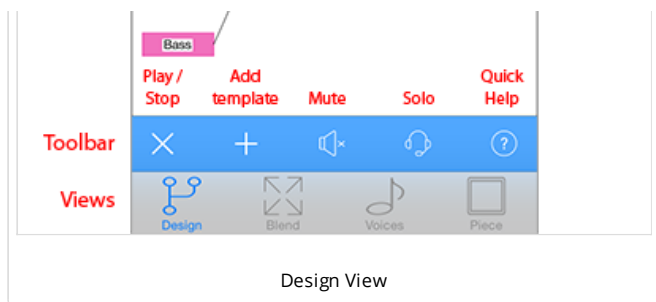
Piece Status Panel

Below this is the small Piece status panel and this shows the piece name, elapsed time in Measures:Beats:Ticks format (MBT), elapsed piece position (%) relative to the piece duration and the piece tempo.

[PSE Global Effect Panel \(/engine/pse/guide/#networkeditor\)](#)

The output from every Effect is added together and passed through a Global Effect network. If you want to use a Global Effect, click the "Glob FX" button to invoke the Global Effect editor dialog. This dialog looks the same as for the Track Effect dialog.

By default, the dialog shows no effects units. You can alter the network



tell the system that the Voice will play through the defined MIDI channel. If a new voice is added to a piece, the voice won't be assigned to a specific MIDI channel; if you haven't yet hooked-up a Voice to a MIDI channel, Noatikl will decide on a free MIDI channel to hook-up the Voice to when it starts playing.

- MIDI Channel

The Voice "[NME Patch \(/engine/nme/guide/#voice_patch\)](/engine/nme/guide/#voice_patch)" parameter (see Voices View) defines which MIDI Patch command to send for each MIDI channel - in general, you should only hook-up multiple Voices to the same MIDI channel if they all share the same Patch parameter.

- MIDI Channel 10

MIDI Channel 10 is reserved for the Drum instrument. Every voice with a Drum Patch, should generally be attached to MIDI Channel 10.

- Sound Generator

If the "Partikl" toggle is checked in the Settings screen, then MIDI events are routed for each channel through a PSE Synth configuration defined by the associated Synth box, which by default will use PSE's built-in MIDI Wavetable synth (using the Patch defined by the Voice's Patch parameter). If you want to use a custom sound, click the Synth button to invoke the Synth editor dialog.

- Track Effect

The output from every Synth box can be passed through a custom Effect network. If you want to use an Effect, click the Effect button to invoke the Effect editor dialog.

Tap on a voice to get a standard iOS pop-up menu (Edit | Mute / Hear | Solo / All | Delete | Copy / Paste). To Paste a voice (once copied) you must tap an existing voice and then select Paste.

Toolbar

The toolbar contains the Play/Stop control, as well as a button to add templates, buttons for mute and solo screens, and a help/more button.

Views

At the bottom of the screen are 4 tabs that allow you to display the 4 main views, Design, Blend, Voices and Piece.

Blend View

The Blend view is where you will do your piece blending (easily change volume and pan settings) and also have fun with the drifting capability (where voices can auto blend)!



to use a custom set of sound effects units in various configurations; or select from a list of built-in preset effects.

Voice / Generator Network Editor

The central "Network" editor / panel is where you marry voices (note generators) to MIDI channels, [PSE synth sounds and FX \(/engine/pse/guide\)](/engine/pse/guide). It shows a view of all Noatikl [NME Voices \(/engine/nme/guide\)](/engine/nme/guide), together with cells showing the associated MIDI channel and any PSE Synth, Track Effect and Global Effect settings.

Tap/hold on a voice and you can drag it up/down to change the voice order. If you drag from a Voice button to a MIDI channel box that will

Top Panel

The top panel contains the "[Pieces](#)" button on the left and the "Drift" button on the right. The 4 Drift options are: Manual (blend), Drift, Flock, Drift & Flock.

Piece Status Panel

As Design screen.

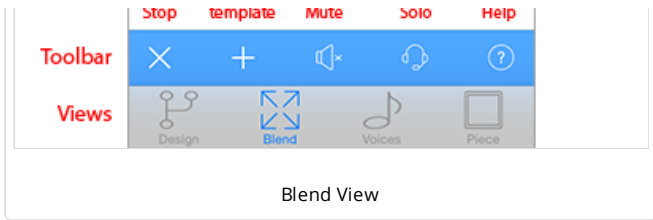
Central Area

The central area shows the piece voices and you drag them left/right to change their pan position, or up down to change their volume. Tap on a voice to get a pop-up menu (Edit | Mute / Hear | Solo / All | Delete | Copy / Paste | Pin). Selecting Pin will allow you to anchor that voice so that it will not drift.

Toolbar

As Design view

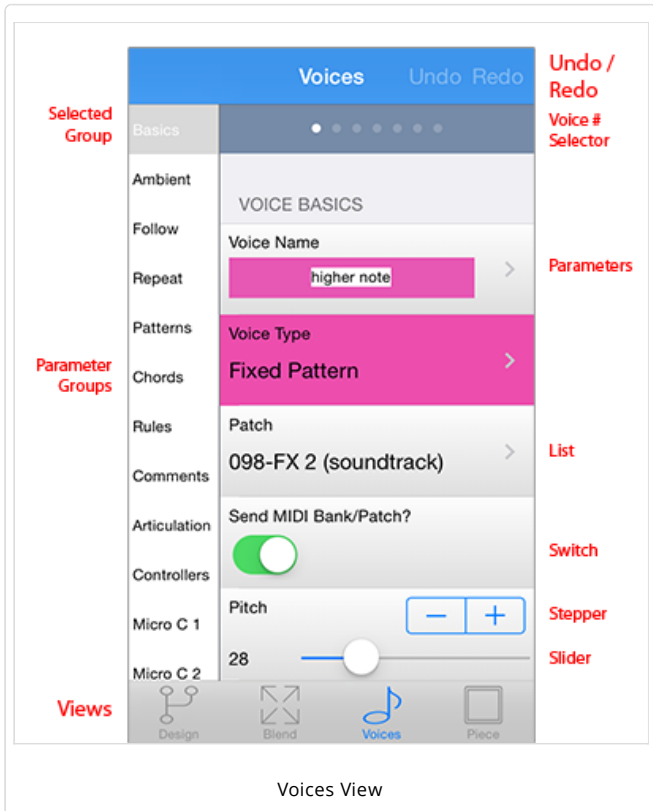
Views



As Design view.

Voices View

The Voices view is where you edit all the parameter values for each of the voices in the piece. Simply select the Parameter Group on the left hand side, and then edit the parameters on the right!



Status Bar

Tap this to go back to the top of the list and display the Basics parameter group.

Voice # Selector

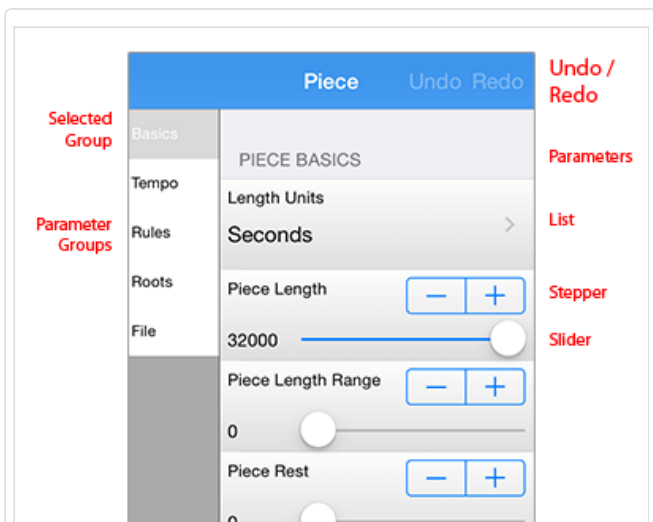
Tap left or right of this to quickly move between NME Voices.

NME Voice Parameter Groups (left panel)

Tap one of the groups to display, on the left, the parameters for that group. Refer to the [NME Guide \(/engine/nme/guide/\)](#) for information on Voice parameters.

Piece View

The Piece view is where you edit all the NME Piece parameter values for the piece itself. Simply select the Parameter Group on the left hand side, and then edit the parameters on the right. Refer to the [NME Guide \(/engine/nme/guide/\)](#) for information on parameters.



Status Bar

Tap this to go back to the top of the list and display the Basics parameter group.

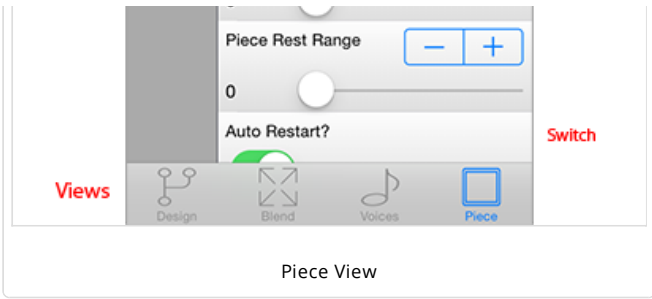
NME Piece Parameter Groups (left panel)

Tap one of the groups to display, on the left, the parameters for that group. Refer to the [NME Guide \(/engine/nme/guide/\)](#) for information on Piece parameters.

Tips

The Piece parameters can make a big difference how your piece sounds, especially the tempo and root. When exporting a piece for use in Mixtikl, remember that it is best to use a maximum piece length (32,000 seconds).

If you are going to be making your piece available for others to use, you may well wish to include your own copyright statement for the

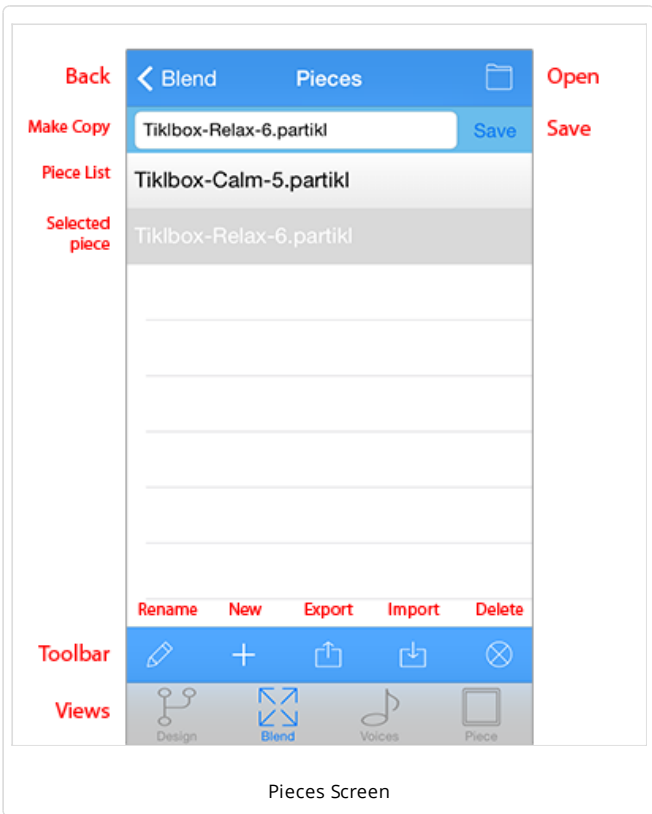


Piece View

piece. Each voice can also have its own copyright statement.

Pieces Screen

The Pieces screen is where you open / save / create new pieces etc, and also access the list of templates should you want to add one to your current piece.



Pieces Screen

Top Panel

On the left of the top panel are the "[Design](#)" or "[Blend](#)" button on (depending on how you accessed this screen). On the right is the "Open" button which will open the selected piece.

Make Copy Panel

The Make Copy panel is where you can save the currently selected piece to a new name (create a copy). Pressing Save will save the piece (to back up or transfer this off your iOS device see [Copy In/Out](#)).

Piece List

Select a piece in the list and then use the toolbar buttons to carry out an action on it.

Tip: Double tap a piece to see the option to open it or merge into the existing piece.

Selected Piece

The selected pieces will be indicated with a highlight.

Toolbar

The toolbar contains the Rename piece button, and buttons to create a [New piece from a template](#), Export and Import pieces to/from the clipboard and to Delete pieces.

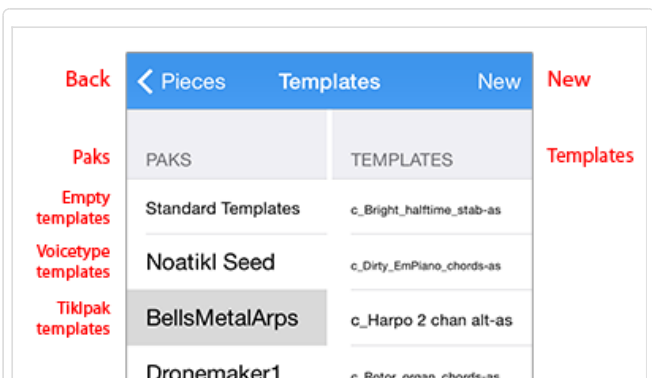
Tip: When you open a piece, you get presented with an option to merge it into an existing piece. This can be really useful and fun. Try merging the two included Tiklbox pieces in this way!

Views

As Design view.

Templates Screen

The Templates screen is where you select and open templates that you want to base a new piece on (when accessed via Pieces screen) or add to the current piece (when accessed via Design/Blend views).



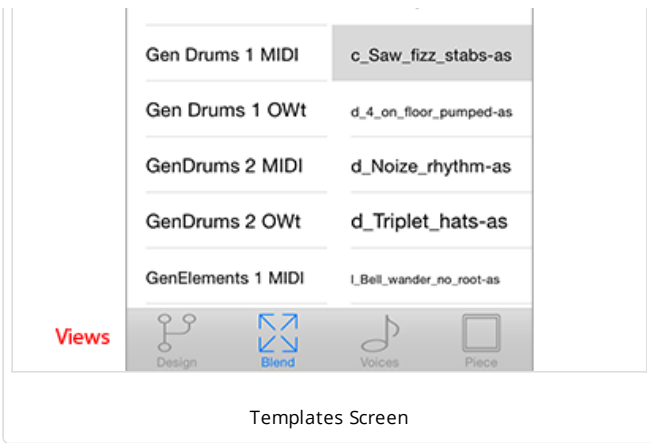
Top Panel

On the left of the top panel are the "[Pieces](#)" button or "[Design](#)" or "[Blend](#)" buttons (depending on how you accessed this screen). On the right is the "[New](#)" ("[+](#)") or "[Add](#)" button (depending on how you accessed this screen). The New button takes you to the Templates screen and the Add button takes you back to the view you were last in (Design or Blend).

Template List

Tap a template to preview it. Tap it again to stop the preview.

Empty Templates



Templates Screen

There are two simple template that you can choose if you wish as plain starters.

Voice Type Templates

These let you start a new piece with a particular voice type.

Tiklpak Templates

Noatikl Mobile includes all the template that are in Noatikl, grouped by Tiklpak. There are a lot of templates, so just scroll down the screen as you would any list in iOS.

Views

As Design view.

Settings Screen

This screen is where you configure how you want Noatikl to play its

sounds and how to control other apps via Audiobus and Core MIDI.

Top Panel

On the left of the top panel is the "Design" button. On the right is the "About" button which, when tapped, shows you the Noatikl version number (also shown on the load screen as Noatikl Mobile loads).

Audio Output

Note: Inter-App Audio and [Audiobus \(http://audiob.us\)](http://audiob.us) are on by default. To use either of these you need to route Noatikl via an Inter-App Audio or AudioBus enabled app.

PSE Synth for Sounds & FX (/engine/pse/guide): On by default. Enables PSE sounds, which all voices use as this is the sound generator for Noatikl. Turn this to off when you want to play through an external synth(s) and you do not want to hear the PSE sounds as well. **NOTE:** When this is set to OFF you will not hear anything from Noatikl unless you have a MIDI device connected (and you will hear sounds through that instead).

Audio Rate: 44 kHz by default. 44 kHz gives the highest quality sound output from the modular synth (should you be using that). Depending on how complex your piece is in terms of sounds and FX, however, older devices might struggle at this output rate. In which case, you can try reducing how hard Noatikl works the processor by reducing the output rate to 22 kHz.

MIDI Output

Core MIDI

(<http://developer.apple.com/library/ios/#documentation/MusicAudio/Reference/CACoreMIDIRef/>): Off by default. When enabled, tells Noatikl to send-out MIDI events via Core MIDI. Apps that are [Core MIDI enabled \(http://www.iosmusician.com/app-lists/core-midi\)](http://www.iosmusician.com/app-lists/core-midi) can take advantage of this.

Virtual MIDI: Off by default. When enabled, causes Noatikl to present a number of Virtual MIDI ports - one Omni (all channels) and 16 per-channel virtual MIDI ports - and Noatikl sends MIDI events as Virtual MIDI ports over Core MIDI.

MIDI Clock: Off by default. When enabled, tells Noatikl to send-out MIDI Clock events over Core MIDI / Omni channel.

Latency: 100ms by default. Sets Latency (milliseconds) to apply to MIDI events sent-out to Core MIDI / Virtual MIDI by Noatikl. Use to help remove jitter if using e.g. Network MIDI.

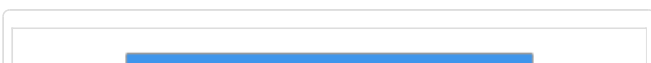
Tuning: Off by default. Useful option for tuning external analog synths - causes all notes sent-out by Noatikl to be "forced" to the specified pitch.

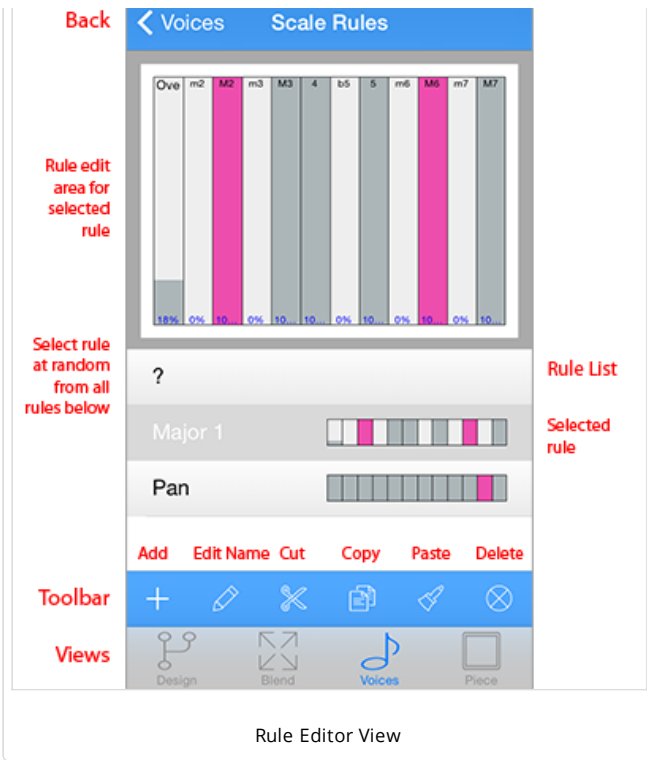
Rule Editor

This view is where you select and (real-time) edit the Rules used in your voice or piece - be they Scale, Harmony, Next Note or Rhythm rules.

Rule Edit area

This control lets you change the rule elements. Tap on the element to





change its value. The composition engine accomodates all rule changes in real-time - which can be a lot of fun!

So that you can tell when a voice using the currently selected rule composes using it, it flashes the colour of the voice type used by that voice. This is primarily to remind you that other voices rely on that rule, so if you are going to change it then the way other voices compose may change, too. It can be useful to have the same rule used by all voices, but if you want to, then each voice can have its own rule!

Rule List

Below the Rule Edit area is a scrollable list contains all of the defined rules. Tap a rule to select it so that you can edit it in the Rule Edit area above.

Toolbar

The toolbar contains the Add Rule button, as well as a the Edit Rule Name, Cut, Copy and Paste buttons and the Delete button. When you select the Add Rule button you are presented with a set of included default rules. For Scale rules these include Major, Minor, Dorian, Hypodorian, Hypolydian, Hypomixolydian, Hypophrygian, Lydian, Mixolydian, Pentatonic, Phrygian.

Edit Pattern View

This view is where you edit all the Pattern parameters. Patterns are a little tricky to use in the mobile version (because of limited string

editing), so be aware.

Edit Pattern

Tap in the field to edit the NME Pattern or Sub-pattern. The [NME Pattern Syntax \(/engine/nme/guide/#voice-type-fixedpattern\)](#) can take a bit of getting used to and you will need to study it carefully if you want to use patterns.

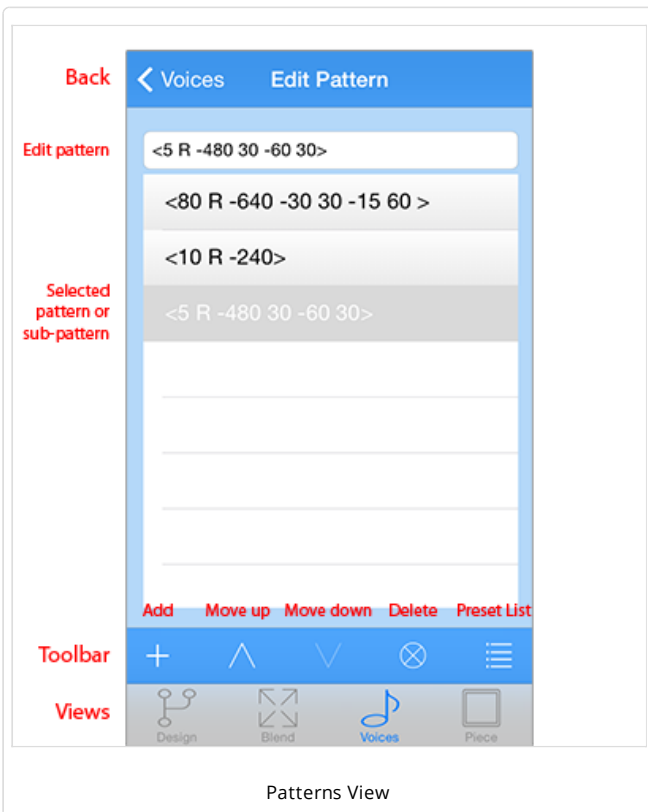
Toolbar

The toolbar contains the Add Pattern button, as well as a the Up and Down buttons to move patterns up and down, the Delete pattern button and the Presets button. Select the Presets button display a list of preset included patterns to choose from.

IMPORTANT: The pattern you select in the presets list **OVERWRITES** your current selected pattern.

Tip

Patterns are a way that can be used to create hidden structure in a piece. Set up a voice to be of Voice Type Pattern, set its volume to be zero (e.g. in the Blend view), but do not mute it (or it will not count in terms of composition). Then, follow that Fixed Pattern voice with another voice. Set up the following voice with Chords Strategy set to Chordal Harmony and you will never hear the pattern but it will be used as an invisible skeleton around which to compose! If you want to hear the pattern, set Follows Strategy to Semitone Shift.



30 Second Videos



iPhone: https://youtu.be/8KSKL_EB2H8 (https://youtu.be/8KSKL_EB2H8)

iPad: <https://youtu.be/hbYKbP96vWU> (<https://youtu.be/hbYKbP96vWU>)

See also the list of available [Noatiki videos \(/noatiki/#videos\)](/noatiki/#videos).



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