

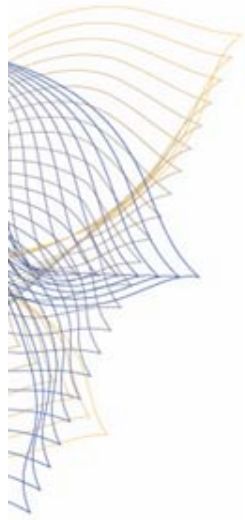
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Audio Scripting with Lua

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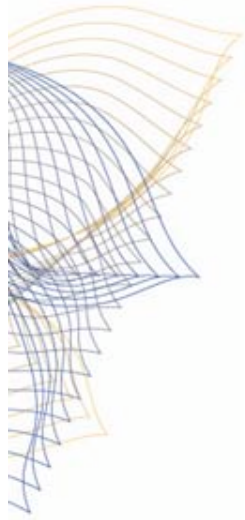
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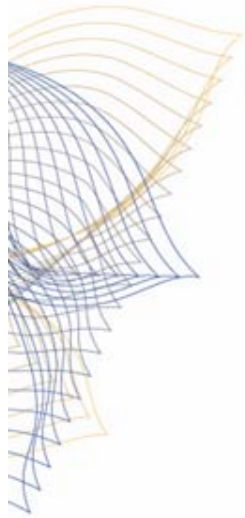
Audition

- **Plug-ins == DLLs**
 - Supports VST plug-in standard
 - 1 plug-in == 1 signal processing algorithm
- **Limitation: # of plug-ins shipped w/ product**
 - Engineers: C/C++ AND signal processing
 - No common definition of what an oscillator means
 - Not pushing the VST forefront
 - Focus on C/C++ community



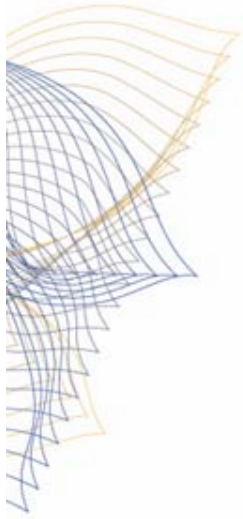
Audition + LuaSynth

- **Another plug-in**
 - VST standard
 - 1 plug-in can be many signal processing algorithms
- **Limitation: # of Lua scripts you can write**
 - Engineers: Lua, signal processing not critical
 - Same oscillator used through-out
 - Pushes the VST to the forefront
 - Focus on script authors community



What is LuaSynth

- **Sound/Music processing APIs in Lua**
 - CLM C libs (CCRMA/Stanford package)
 - Freeverb (Jezar's studio quality reverberation)
 - STK (Open source, physical modeling)
 - C Sound
 - You name it!
- **Lua VST GUI API**
- **Console App + VST Plug-in (POCs)**

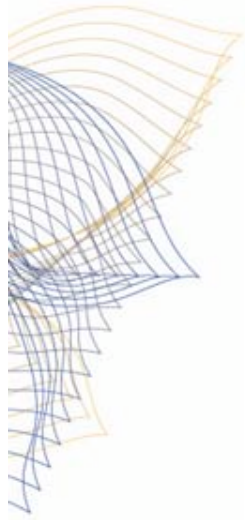


sample Lua plugin-script

```
pitch1=param(0)*4000;  pitch2=param(1)*4000
amp = .2;  dur = 8.0;  maxIndex = 8;  srate=44100
ends = dur * srate
```

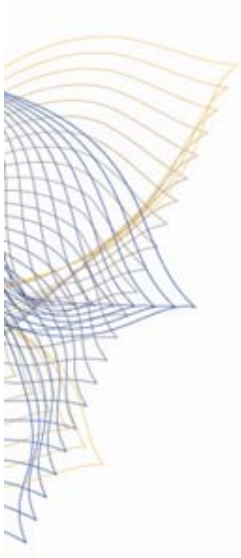
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o1 = Osc(pitch1);  o2 = Osc(pitch2)
e1 = Env({0, 1, .2, .3, 1, 0}, amp, 0, 200, ends)
e2 = Env({0, 1, .1, .1, 1, 0}, .2, 0, 100, ends)
c1 = Comb(.312, 1155)
c2 = Comb(.212, 733)
F = FreeVerb(.8, 1, 1.5, 1.0, .2, param(2))
```

```
function processIt(nSamples)
  for i = 0, nSamples-1, 1 do
    s = env(e1) * osc(o2, maxIndex * param(3) * env(e2) * osc(o1, 0.0))
    lo,ro = freeVerb(F, s, 0, .5)
    z1 = comb(c1, lo)
    z2 = comb(c1, ro)
    output(i, z1, z2)
  end
end
```



Some Numbers

- **Complex algorithms in real-time**
 - Around 50 osc + FreVerb on a 1.8GHz PC
- **Lua versus Native C implementation**
 - ~1.7x slower
- **tolua binding only outside sample loop**
 - ~3-5 times slower



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