

# USER INTERACTION IN OPTICAL MUSIC RECOGNITION

Analysis and Examples


Brian Stern

**CIR** Centre for Interdisciplinary Research  
**MMT** in Music Media and Technology



 Schulich School of Music  
École de musique Schulich

**DDMAL** DISTRIBUTED DIGITAL MUSIC  
ARCHIVES & LIBRARIES LAB

 Social Sciences and Humanities  
Research Council of Canada

Conseil de recherches en  
sciences humaines du Canada

**Canada** 

# OVERVIEW

- Advantages of User Interaction
- Demonstrations
- Client vs. Server
- Optical Music Recognition (OMR)
- Client-Side Development Challenges

# ADVANTAGES OF USER INTERACTION

- User can see the effects of their choices in real-time
- Allows for more informed, less arbitrary decisions
- User can correct computer's mistakes

# DEMONSTRATIONS

# CLIENT-SERVER MODEL

- Server:

- Many powerful computers in remote locations
- Only runs before page load and after page submission (generally), so inherently non-interactive
- Run-time of programs less important than client-side, as they can run in the background

- Client:

- Runs on your computer, in your browser
- Different browsers can run the same program differently, so behaviour must be standardised
- Generally much less computationally powerful than server-side execution
- Same program will run slower client-side vs. server side
- Sometimes programs can be prohibitively slow
- Starts executing once page has loaded

# OPTICAL MUSIC RECOGNITION (OMR)

- The process of converting digital images of music scores to symbolic notation
- Many steps involved in OMR
  - Rotation
  - Cropping
  - Binarisation
  - Despeckling
  - Staff Finding/Segmentation
- Some steps automatic, others are open to user input

# ADVANTAGES OF INTERACTIVITY IN OMR

- User can preview expensive image processing operations and send the parameters to the server
- Server can still do all the “heavy-lifting”
- Once parameters for one image are chosen, same parameters can be applied to all images from that collection

# THANK YOU!

**CIR** Centre for Interdisciplinary Research  
**MMT** in Music Media and Technology



 Schulich School of Music  
École de musique Schulich

**DDMAL** DISTRIBUTED DIGITAL MUSIC  
ARCHIVES & LIBRARIES LAB



Social Sciences and Humanities  
Research Council of Canada

Conseil de recherches en  
sciences humaines du Canada

**Canada** 