

MIDI

...talk to me baby

MIDI

- “Musical Instrument Digital Interface”
- Developed by the Roland Corporation
- Why?
- c.1983 - Prophet 600 (by Sequential Circuits)
- Universal Open Standard

MIDI: how it works

- it is a language
- “talk to me baby”
- binary code
- communicated over ports and cables

MIDI: information

- notes
- controllers
- SYSEX
- metadata

MIDI: Note Info.

- what note?
- when does it start?
- what is the velocity?
- when does it end?

MIDI: CC Info.

- volume
- panning
- effects

MIDI: Ports and Channels

- Ports are “Highways” - cable connections
- Channels are “Lanes” - 16 lanes each way