



Getting Ahead – Pre-course Work

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Digital Music Production Level 3 Extended Certificate

Welcome to Digital Music Production Level 3 Extended Certificate. In preparation for the start of the course, please complete these tasks and have them with you to hand in during your first week of college in September.

These tasks should take you approximately four and a half hours to complete and are designed to give you an introduction to the subject, and the expectations we have for you to complete at least four and a half hours of independent study, per subject, per week.

Task 1

Please read the following article <https://www.careersinmusic.com/how-to-produce-music/>

Produce a high-quality pdf (not drawn) diagram detailing the equipment that you need to produce music using computers. It should include: a computer, qwerty keyboard, mouse, controller keyboard and headphones.

Label and colour code the cable and connection types (USB, jack etc.).

Task 2

Using either AudioTool (<https://www.audiotool.com/user/login>) or any DAW of your choice.

(here are some tutorial videos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1p0CcBY6VE&list=PLuZhzi4PboMnEzf2vK5vmolBlqdw h4svm>)

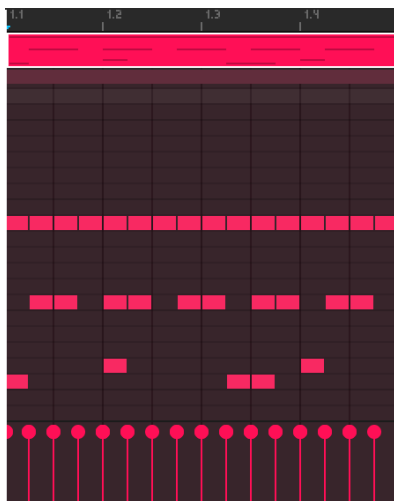
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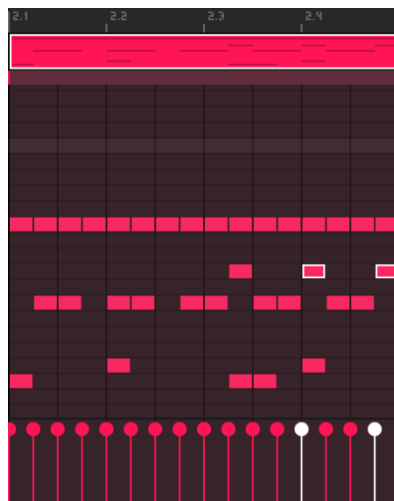


- Replicate the drum beat that I have made exactly.

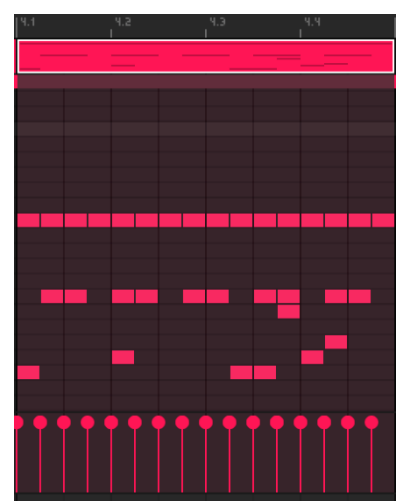
Here are the images of the different bars mentioned in the video:



Bars 1 and 3



Bar 2

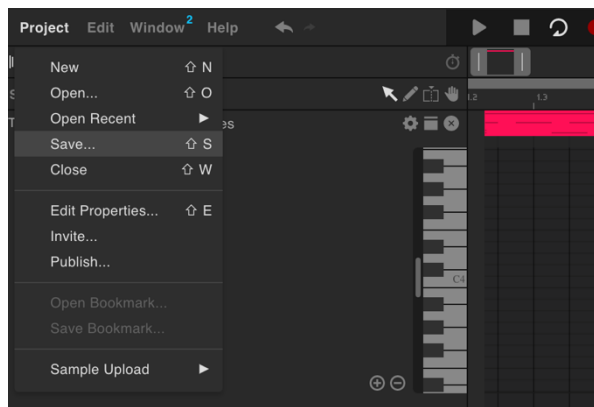


Bar 4

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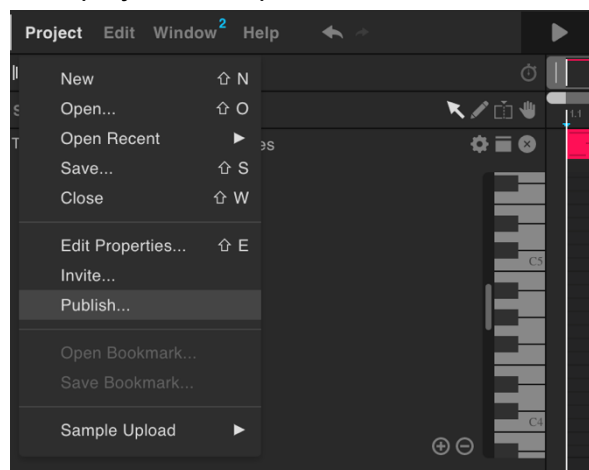
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- Once you have done this you should extend or embellish it in any way that you see fit. This could include variations, creating new sections, adding melodic or chordal parts to it, or even creating a whole new song.
- Make sure that you save it

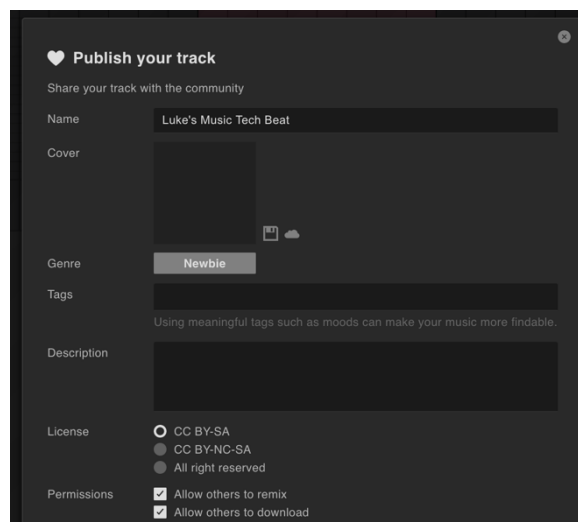


You can then share this with me using the following steps:

- Go to the project menu/publish



- Name your track with your **Full Name** in the title, then click Publish.

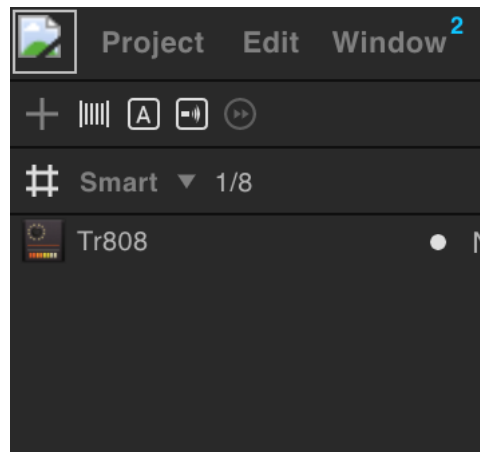




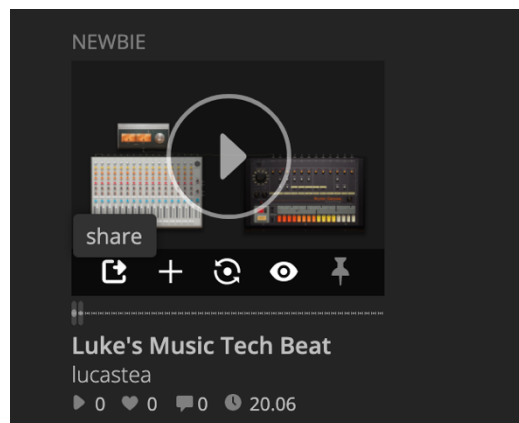
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- Go back to your project and click the icon to the left of the project menu



- You should see your song in this window, hit share and tap the email button. Please forward it to me at taplin@brock.ac.uk



Have a fun summer and create as much music as you can! I look forward to meeting you in September.



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Reading List

Essential

The Producers Manual by Paul White - <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Producers-Manual-Paul-White/dp/0956446019>

Desirable

Secrets of Dance Music Production (attack magazine)

- https://www.amazon.co.uk/Secrets-Dance-Music-Production/dp/0956446035/ref=pd_lpo_14_t_0/260-8332646-8897831?encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=0956446035&pd_rd_r=2ee70a30-e8d4-4907-8e30-da5f219d3698&pd_rd_w=cjMeM&pd_rd_wg=VcLNS&pf_rd_p=7b8e3b03-1439-4489-abd4-4a138cf4eca6&pf_rd_r=40ZVCDHXY49PAQCEPYQT&psc=1&refRID=40ZVCDHXY49PAQCEPYQT

The Mixing Engineers Handbook by

Bobby Owsinski - https://www.amazon.co.uk/Mixing-Engineers-Handbook-4th/dp/0998503347/ref=sr_1_1?crid=2HU4NUR975C57&dchild=1&keywords=the+mixing+engineers+handbook&qid=1591987226&s=books&sprefix=the+mixing+engineers%2Cstripbooks%2C135&sr=1-1

The Recording Engineers Handbook by

Bobby Owsinski - https://www.amazon.co.uk/Recording-Engineers-Handbook-4th/dp/0998503304/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=the+recording+engineers+handbook&qid=1591987258&s=books&sr=1-1

The Ultimate Live Sound Operators Handbook by Bill Gibson

- https://www.amazon.co.uk/Ultimate-Operators-Handbook-Guides-Online/dp/1617805599/ref=sr_1_6?dchild=1&keywords=live+sound&qid=1591987478&s=books&sr=1-6

Step By Step Mixing: How to create great mixes using only 5 plug -ins

by Byorgvin Benediktsson - https://www.amazon.co.uk/Step-Mixing-Create-Great-Plug-ins/dp/1733688803/ref=rtpb_6/260-8332646-8897831?encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=1733688803&pd_rd_r=744580af-7012-4540-a73d-683fed18f73f&pd_rd_w=896W3&pd_rd_wg=QP5MS&pf_rd_p=a8cfd057-ca3a-4bdc-a002-589a7993c909&pf_rd_r=SNRCBB0QZ14SSWP9CF98&psc=1&refRID=SNRCBB0QZ14SSWP9CF98



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Websites

<https://www.soundgym.co>

<https://www.musicradar.com>

<https://www.soundonsound.com> (free access to June issue)

<https://learningsynths.ableton.com>

YouTube

Studio Recording

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MixWithTheMASTERS> - Mix With The Masters

<https://www.youtube.com/user/WarrenHuartRecording> - Produce Like a Pro

<https://www.youtube.com/user/soundonsoundvideo> - Sound on Sound

Audio Production

<https://www.youtube.com/user/FACTmagazine> - Fact Mag

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCafxR2HWJRMfSdyZXvZMTw> - Look Mum No Computer

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqjAXHR5DHTCahIHpg7vspg> - Dawless Jammin with Jade Wii

<https://www.youtube.com/user/songstowearpantsto> - Andrew Huang

Live Sound

<https://www.youtube.com/user/www73171> - Dave Rat

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzGrvDiniEMuS-9fC9nPLZA/videos> - Live Sound Tips