# **Canstrument Manual**

For iPod touch, iPhone and iPad devices.



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### Introduction

Canstrument is a motion-based musical instrument. Canstrument turns your iOS devices motion into musical expression. Roll, pitch or turn the device to play a scale, shake the device to play a tambourine, different motions can be used with different instruments. Canstrument is completely customizable to ensure that each users motion-type can be properly utilized.

# **Screens in Canstrument**



Canstrument opens up to the main screen which allows you to access **Settings** (top left), **Help** (top right), or begin playing with **Play Now!**, **Instrument list**, or **Advanced**.



Canstrument Sensitivity: 20

Play now is meant as a quick introduction to how motion can make music. To get creative, choose Motion Instruments from the start screen.



**Play now!** view shows only your sensitivity slider. This instrument is a piano based off all the orientation changes of the device. The sensitivity slider will increase or decrease the amount of sound produced from motion.

The instrument screen gives easy access to the most used features of an instrument.

Advanced BluesGuitar	Edit
orientation	
scale	
sampler: Guitar	
network: (Not connected)	

Advanced mode opens up all the possibilities of creating a unique motion instrument of your own.

#### **Instruments Screen**

Inside the instrument screen you will have a set of options to choose from to help customize your experience.



How do you want to play? Done



Pitch: up-and-down



Yaw: side-to-side



Roll: twisting

Average All combined

How do you want to play? Done

х		Y
Dyna	Current Max: 4	on Max
	Reset Max	
Z		SUM



Select Sound – change your instruments sound

Blues Guitar Select sound
Crystal
Drums
ElectricBassGuitar
EnglishHorn
GrandPiano
Guitar
JazzGuitar
Keys
Pad
Piano



Select Key – change the base key of your instrument

#### **K** Blues Guitar Select key

Octave Shift
-4
-2
-1
0
1



Select Scale – change the notes your instrument will play

Kentric Select scale
Mixolydian
None
Major
Blues
Pentatonic
Arabian
Lydian
Minor

## **Advanced Screen**

#### Add a custom instrument

- 1. Touch the soundfont you want to base your instrument on.
- Enter a name for the instrument and touch Save.
  The new instrument will appear in the list, you must add modules to it before it will perform any function.

#### **Modules**

Canstrument provides a set of modules to interface motion with music. You can build your instrument by creating a module chain.

**Orientation** and **Acceleration** modules send information about the sensors of the device to whatever is next in the chain. Anytime you add a module of this type, whatever module sits before it in the chain will have its output sent to the sampler.

Scale and Trigger modules create musical notes when they are added after an Orientation or Acceleration module.

Velocity, Inverter, Custom, ControllerChange, and Channel modules all modify aspects of any notes passing through them.

#### **Delete an instrument**

- Touch the Edit button on the top right. The instrument list will go into Edit mode.
- 2. Touch the red-circular button to the left of the activity you want to delete



3. Touch the **Delete** button to confirm the delete.



4. Touch **Done** in the top right to exit Edit mode.

## Need More Help?

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