EU Album: Track Titles

Posted by tIB - 2009/12/15 14:49

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Our goal is to generate inspiration and themes for musical exploration. Each track investigates a theme related to music and machines, which is reflected in the titles.

HOW TO CONNECT MUSIC WITH THE REST OF THE CONCEPT?

Obviously, we want to connect the music created with the machine concept; however, we can't dictate an individual's interpretation of that concept or the musical form or genre they wish to explore. Track names are a good way to guide the listeners interpretation of the theme, but they can also be used to guide musicians. We have come up with a number of different track names that we believe will help connect and inspire the machine concept and the music elektron-users make for this project. This ensures that every single piece connects with the theme. It's also a challenge to develop ourselves as musicians. This is not an absolute order, one could come up with their own track name, but it does act as a guide for the invention of track names.

Track names:

Here are the track names we have gathered so far. Let's just pool as many as possible in this thread and let people choose their own titles to work on afterwards. Some of them are better, some worse....

Ant colony or Marching ants - referring to the machine-like, automatic behavior of ants
Atomic clocks
Automatic Architecture or The City Engine - an architectural approach where a computer program generates cityscapes based on a set of rules.
Biomekanik - biomechanics is an interesting field, and one that touches upon the machine-nature relationship. Mitosis - human cells splitting
Cog - keeps the machine running
Coulage automatic sculpture
Do androids dream of electric sheep? – Novel by Philip K. Dick. About Androids obviously.
Gattaca - From the movie.
Ghost in the machine – Refers to consciousness a la Descartes (actually to Descartes' problem)
Grey Goo - unfortunate potential hazard of self replicating nano machines
G-T-A-C – Refers to DNA. Minimal techno, anyone?
Information – Isn't it what machines (at least computers) do?
Klaatu Barada Nikto – Refers to robot in the classic sci-fi movie The Day The Earth Stood Still
Magic Sound Sources - referring to Elektron.
Moore's Law - law of transistor growth in microprocessors
Are You Conscious? - Just cool name maybe referring to androids
Product of Tyrell Corporation - Refers to Bladerunner, maker of replicants
The Voight-Kampff Test - Another refer to Bladerunner. Test used to separate replicants from humans
Can they suffer? - Just a cool name referring to machines inner life
Sentient Machines - Another cool name?
Was Deckard a Replicant? - Everlasting question on Bladerunner
Hello World - refers to most basic computer program
Nautilus shell - it has a logarithmic shape, a natural shape with an identifiable mathematical shape
Retired robots - what happens to a machine at the end of its life?
Self-replicators – DNA or a virus. Both utopian and dystopian interpretations possible.
SYS 64738 - referring to C-64 basic programming language (reset command) and also to SidStation.
Tetsuo - Referring to the film 'Tetsuo Iron Man' http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uROMTzJsfOI
HAL - Computer from Kubricks 2001
Joshua - Not quite sure actually??
MachinePop - just a name
Art of Machines - just a name
Computations - just a name
Input-Output - just a name
?? ??? - russian and meaning "Electronic computing machine (=computer)" (My computer wont do Russian at this point! Btw, very close to IBM!)
Servant of a Machine - just a name
4-bit Rainbows - Referring to Spectrum ZX
The Kardashev Scale - measuring a civilization's level of technological advancement
The Story Machine (just an intriguing name, as well as this: http://scottmccloud.com/4-inventions/machine/index.html)
Tik Tok Nation - Another refer to OZ, but this time more dystopian.

Tin Man â€" Refers to metallic man in the Wizard of Oz story. Tin Man has lost its heart, pretty emotional stuff. A love song?
Transistor music - Transistor is the iconic referent to computers, but it could mean Acid music as well (TB being a transistor bass for example).
Universal Robota â€" refers to Karel apeks play
Vertov Russian film maker who believed strongly in the machine ("We discover the souls of the machine, we are in love with the worker at his bench, we are in love with the farmer on his tractor, the engineer on his locomotive. We bring creative joy into every mechanical activity. We make peace between man and the machine. We educate the new man.")
Time coder - referring to a machine's ability to split up and "sectorize" time. Also a term that has a reference to the musical world
Quantizer - also a reference to the musical world in several ways, as well a despcription on how many machines can split up and categorize tasks, time etc-
Nanobots - "human repairing" machines - the saviour of mankind in the form of a "machine", created by man, inspired by nature (??)

In finding your own meaning to the suggested track titles we would encourage people to play detective using Wikipedia, Google or asking Jeeves. It is a great way to get familiar with the theme and gain insight into the subject. Of course, people may choose titles that are most relevant to them; if itâ€™s a particularly popular I would encourage people to reconsider; it is unlikely that track listing will feature 15 tracks named HAL. ;)

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Re:EU Album: Track Titles
Posted by anselmi - 2009/12/15 15:24
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HAL 0001
HAL 0002
HAL 0003
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HAL 9000!:laugh:

(bad) jokes apart: great selection of names...vey inspiring as well as the "machine" concept...thereÂ´s some interesting classic "machine" aesthetics that was used in science fiction, both literature and films...some of them could be easily transfered to a musical enviroment...for example thereÂ´s that kind of sterile places with hi tech devices in big white spaces with minimal design and no engine parts visible...then you got the industrial flavor of something like "aliens", with military-specs machines that are kinda brutal in both size and look...or even a more retro-futuristic approach with that kind of mechanical-driving machines...lots of ideas to choose from!

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Re:EU Album: Track Titles
Posted by previewlounge - 2009/12/15 15:35
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Virginis 61 and the 3 Super Earths
(refers to the recently discovered solar system with possibly habitable planets, only 28 light years away)

Sea Bridge
(abstract reference to the 'bridge across the stars' in the amazing sci-fi graph/novel Lone Sloane by Druillet)

Tunes of Star Travel
(audio that intrepid space explorers may listen to on the radio)

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Re:EU Album: Track Titles
Posted by tIB - 2009/12/15 15:52

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Id recommend anyone who wants to get back to synth/sci-fi basics to watch the early editions of the bbc synth Britannia documentry on youtube... lots about futurism in the late 70's and early 80's.

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Posted by anselmi - 2009/12/15 16:48
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excellent!

also russian authors got a very special and different kind of science fiction than western ones

one of my favorites books is a compilation of russian science fiction short tales, with one of my all-times favorites: "the island of the crabs" by Anatoly Dneprov, an excellent relate about self-duplicating machines...the other good one in this book is "the forgotten experiment" by Arcadij and Boris Strugackij...incredible dark mood that resemble the athmosphere on tarkowskyÂ´s "the zone"

and talking about "self-replicating machines" this is a really impressive bunch of well categorized info

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Self-replicating_machine

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Re:EU Album: Track Titles
Posted by xmit - 2009/12/15 18:10
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....it's called Lick my love pump....
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Re:EU Album: Track Titles
Posted by Hertzian Cone - 2009/12/15 20:12
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my ten pence worth.

- Unbalanced Connectors

- Mortice

- Worm Drive

- Path Points for a Four Bar Linkage.

- Kinematoscope.

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Re:EU Album: Track Titles
Posted by anselmi - 2009/12/15 21:55
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Re:EU Album: Track Titles
Posted by Toni - 2009/12/15 22:15
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Re:EU Album: Track Titles
Posted by polyslax - 2009/12/15 22:50
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Hehe... yeah, I like the word play of Machine Nation and machination... certainly thinking of it as a working title.

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Re:EU Album: Track Titles
Posted by Human Koala - 2009/12/15 23:28
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mmhhh tetsuo, a tsukamoto trax ....

Good Idea, Monomachine prepare yourself to noise music !!!

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Re:EU Album: Track Titles
Posted by papertiger - 2009/12/15 23:51
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my favorite machines of all time: Inhibitors

have served as inspiration for several tracks. . . ! . . .that I never finished. . .

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Re:EU Album: Track Titles
Posted by kirlian - 2009/12/16 02:07
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turing test - a proposal for a test of a machine's ability to demonstrate intelligence

neural net - often in reference to AI
certainty grid - referring to some of the work of Hans P. Moravec.
mind children - another moravec reference. 1988 book.

and while we are on the sci-fi thing:

charles stross
karl schroeder
ken mcleod

are some of my modern favorites. presenting the AI, nanotech, and post human ideas of morovec, kurzweil and many others as implicit and integral to the worlds they write about.

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Re:EU Album: Track Titles
Posted by darenager - 2009/12/16 05:22
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Reorder your consumables
divisions of the integer
a very modern polymer
logic bomb suicide
runtime renegade
last years model
incremental advantage
Where 10=2 (a tale of 10 bits)
IF, BUT, AND
the upgrade path

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Re:EU Album: Track Titles
Posted by earsmack - 2009/12/16 06:16
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anselmi wrote:
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Obviously not C-based machines...Pascal maybe?

Speaking of names...

- machine language (used in programming to refer to assembly language)
- move long (keeping with the programming bibble babble)
- bit swap
- low order
- under the button (ie: what goes on underneath the trig button?)
- l.e.d. (play on LED)
- quantized image

ok...I better stop...I could do this all night but then no one would eat dinner in my house!

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Re:EU Album: Track Titles
Posted by Toni - 2009/12/16 08:23
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Great stuff guys! I'm am (and we are) very pleased to see this idea taking air under its wings. Keep the track titles coming. Couple of favourites:

Machine language - when put programming this way, it sounds like machine culture

IF, BUT, AND - captures something common both human and machines

I'll add couple of my own tomorrow.

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Re:EU Album: Track Titles
Posted by tIB - 2010/01/06 16:41
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Im adding these:

Chess related:

Nikolai Gudkov VS M2-11: A Soviet super-computer (for chess) has been ordered to stand trial for the murder of chess champion Nikolai Gudkov -- who was electrocuted when he touched
the metal board that he and the machine were playing on.

Deep Thought, Deep Blue, Chess Machine, Kasparov and the Machine... based on the 'computer victory over man in 1997'... more info here, along with the most hilarious youtube argument Ive ever read in the text comments

Non chess related:

Chin Soo Ying: Chin Soo Ying who had designed a computer system in 1950
(based on the British Colossus) to express words of love and emotions.
The article related how after he had built a new machine in the 80s,
he was electrocuted by the old machine.

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Re:EU Album: Track Titles
Posted by zoot - 2010/01/06 23:25
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nothing like a scorned computer

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Re:EU Album: Track Titles
Posted by tIB - 2010/01/10 14:30
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positronic- after The_Positronic_Man... Isaac Asimov and Robert Silverbergs book about a robot who tries to be human.

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