

A Logical Piano Keyboard

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A Wrong Keyboard Design

- **The keyboard design put the scale of C into hardware**
- **It makes shifting to other scales very difficult**
- **Placing white and black keys should be done in software, not in hardware**

A Logical Keyboard

- **A logical keyboard should be designed as shown on the screen**
- **All 12 keys in an octave are equally spaced**
- **Black keys are assigned logically, and can be shifted at will**

How to Shift Scale

- **Lowering B to A#, shift to scale of F, then to A#, ...**
- **Raising F to F#, shift to scale of G, then to D, ...**

F# and Windows

- **F# is the simplest FORTH for Windows**
- **It is based on eForth Model**
- **It is optimized for X86 processors**
- **It can call all Windows API**

Projects in F#

- When F# is booted up, it opens a window so user can select a .FEX file to load
- .FEX files loads all application files
- Projects can be organized using .FEX files

Load Windows Libraries

LoadLibrary kernel32.dll CONSTANT kernel32

LoadLibrary user32.dll CONSTANT user32

LoadLibrary gdi32.dll CONSTANT gdi32

LoadLibrary comdlg32.dll CONSTANT comdlg32

Load Windows Functions

\$3 kernel32 WINAPI: GetModuleFileNameA

\$2 kernel32 WINAPI: GetCurrentDirectoryA

\$4 user32 WINAPI: GetMessageA

\$5 user32 WINAPI: CallWindowProcA

\$1 gdi32 WINAPI: GetStockObject

\$5 gdi32 WINAPI: Ellipse

\$5 gdi32 WINAPI: Rectangle

Use Windows Functions

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: ellipse ( x1 y1 x2 y2 -- )  
  >R >R >R >R  
  MEMDC R> R> R> R> Ellipse DROP  
;  
: circle ( x y r -- )  
  >R PAD ! DUP R@ - SWAP R@ +  
  PAD @ R@ - SWAP PAD @ R> +  
  ellipse  
;  
: rectangle ( x1 y1 x2 y2 -- )  
  >R >R >R >R  
  MEMDC R> R> R> R> Rectangle DROP  
;
```

Mouse Interface

**See CanvasE.f file for
CANVASPROC**

**See Music.f for
MouseMove
LButtonDown
RButtonUp**

Beep Function

2 kernel32 WINAPI: Beep

: PlayTone (frequency duration)

Beep drop ;

: LButtonDown

**MouseKey dup -1 = if drop exit
then**

cells NOTES + @ 1000 PlayTone

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Demonstrations

- Start Music.fex project
- Play in scale of C
- Shift to scale of F
- Shift to scale of D
- Restore to scale of C
- Shift to scale of G

Questions?



Thank you very much!

