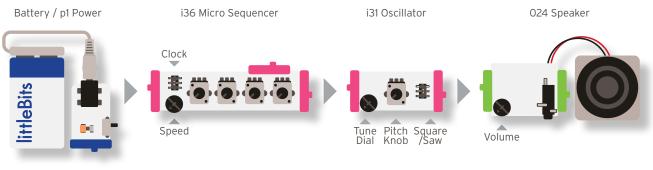
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Micro Sequencer (i36)

LESSON 007

A **sequencer** allows a musician to choose a series of notes and play them whenever they want. You can step through the notes one at a time using a type of **controller** called a **trigger**, or you can set the notes to play over and over again in a pattern.



Speed - to choose how fast the pitches will cycle through Clock - to choose step (using a trigger) or speed (repeating) Knobs - to choose pitches or silence Tune dial - to match other instruments exactly Pitch Knob - to make higher and lower sounds Square/Saw - to choose between two kinds of sound Volume - to make the sound louder and softer

A Repeating Pattern.

Set the clock switch on the micro sequencer to "speed." When you switch on the power, four notes will begin to play, one after the other. The LED lights tell you which note is playing. Turn one of the micro sequencer's knobs all the way down (left - counterclockwise) to create a silent pulse.

Explore some patterns of notes and silences. Explore different speeds.

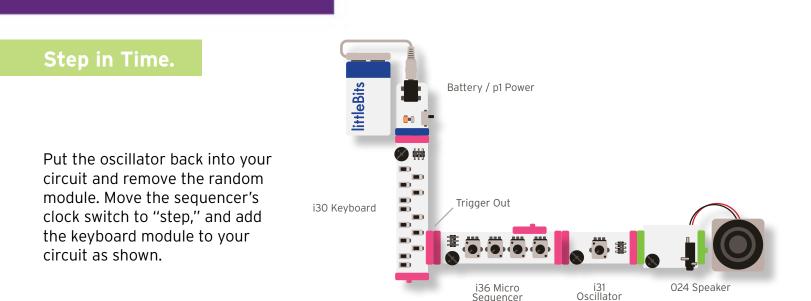
What happens when you replace the oscillator with the random module set to noise? What does turning the sequencer's knobs up and down do to the sound?



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Slide the keyboard's key mode switch to "press." The keyboard module is now functioning as a **trigger** for the micro sequencer. Each time you press one of it's buttons, another step is played from the sequencer. Holding the key down allows the steps to play in sequence until you let go.

What happens when you slide the keyboard's key mode switch to "hold?"

Why?

Share what you've learned:

Find a repeating pattern that you like and choose a speed (or step through the pitches at your own pace using the trigger). You or a partner can perform with the pattern by:

- Rapping
- Singing
- Playing an Instrument
- Clapping or Doing Other Body Percussion
- Reading poetry

Share your work with a friend, your teacher, or on social media (with your teacher's permission).

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