

# Tutorial 2

## Music Information Retrieval: Overview, Recent Developments and Future Challenges

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### Abstract

This tutorial provides a survey of the field of Music Information Retrieval (MIR), that aims, among other things, at automatically extracting semantically meaningful information from various representations of music entities, such as audio, scores, lyrics, web pages or microblogs. The tutorial is designed for students, engineers, researchers, and data scientists who are new to MIR and want to get introduced to the field.

The tutorial will cover some of the main tasks in MIR, such as music identification, transcription, search by similarity, genre/mood/artist classification, query by humming, music recommendation, and playlist generation. We will review approaches based on content-based and context-based music description and show how MIR tasks are addressed from a user-centered and multicultural perspective. The tutorial will focus on latest developments and current challenges in the field.

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