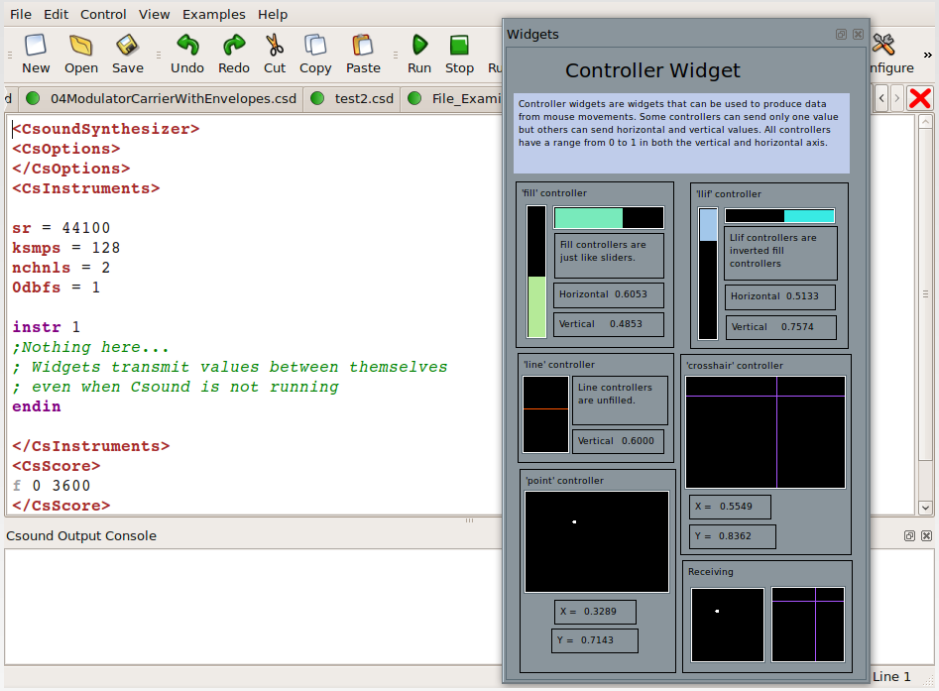
QuteCsound:
A Csound Front-end

Andrés Cabrera

QuteCsound



- Graphical front-end/editor for Csound
- Language editor
- Realtime widgets
- Integrated help

Goals

- ”Intuitive” but powerful
- Offer functionality from MacCsound (Realtime interactive widgets), and backwards compatibility with it.
- Ease usage and configuration of Csound

QuteCsound

- Requires Qt (from Nokia), libsndfile and Csound.
- Crossplatform
  - Windows, OS X, Linux, Solaris
- Uses Csound internally (Csound API)
- Open source (GPL or LGPL)
- In english, spanish, french, portuguese, italian and turkish
- Having its second birthday this May (2010)

Csound

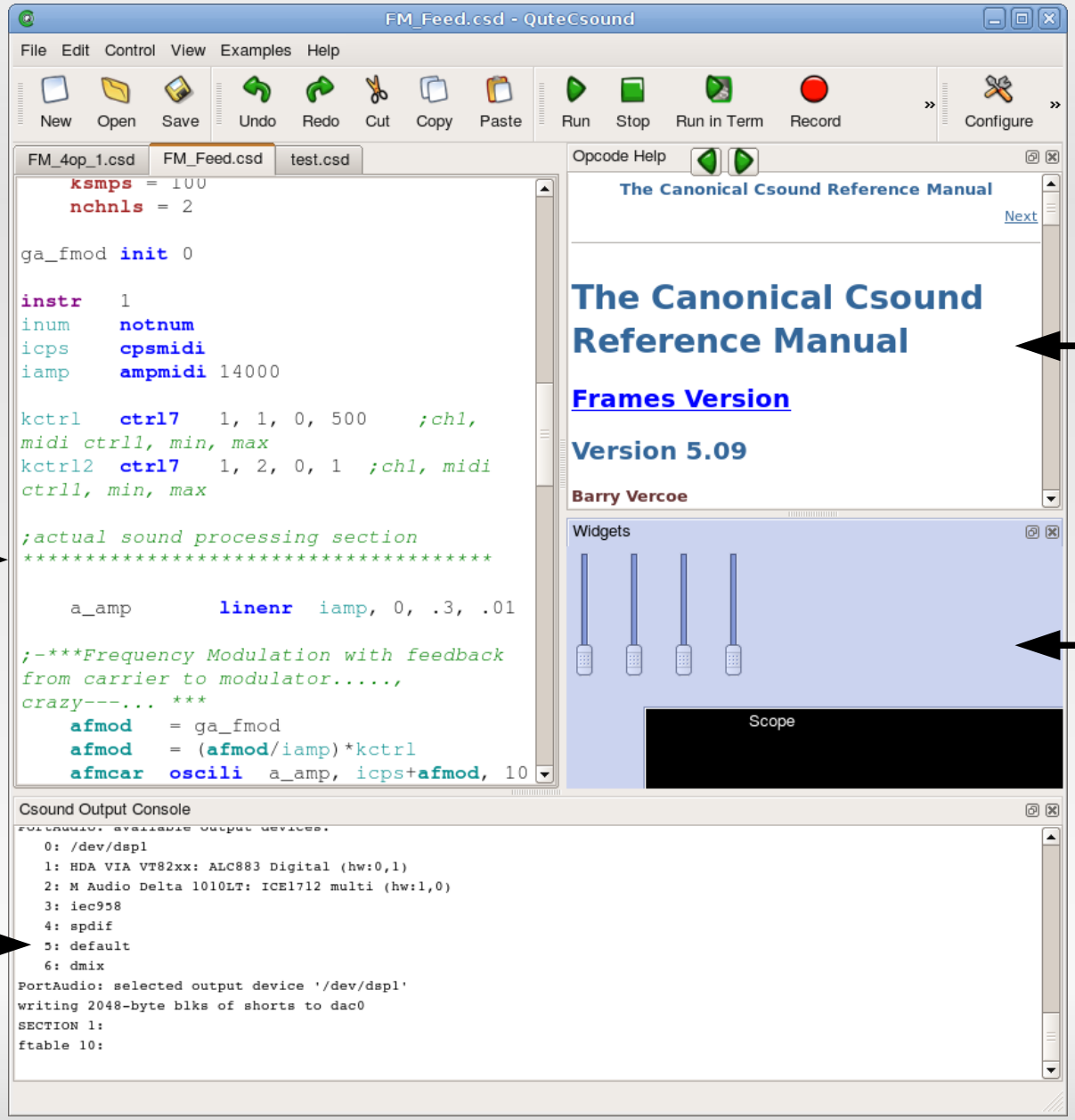
- Programming language for music and sound
- First version 1984/85
- Descended from older MusicN systems
- Processing loop at a set control rate with audio signals being vectors
- Has an API in C, C++, Python, Java, Lua which allows embedding the Csound engine inside applications

Code editor

```
<CsoundSynthesizer>
<CsOptions>
</CsOptions>
<CsInstruments>

sr = 44100
ksmps = 128
nchnls = 2
0dbfs = 1

instr 1
    kenv linen 1, 0.4, p3, p3-0.4
    asig oscils kenv, 440, 0
    outs asig, asig
endin

</CsInstruments>
<CsScore>
i 1 0 10
</CsScore>
</CsoundSynthesizer>
```

- Syntax highlighting
- Auto completion
- Python IDE as well
- Hides sections that are handled by other parts of QuteCsound (Widgets, Live Events)
- Code Inspector

Interface



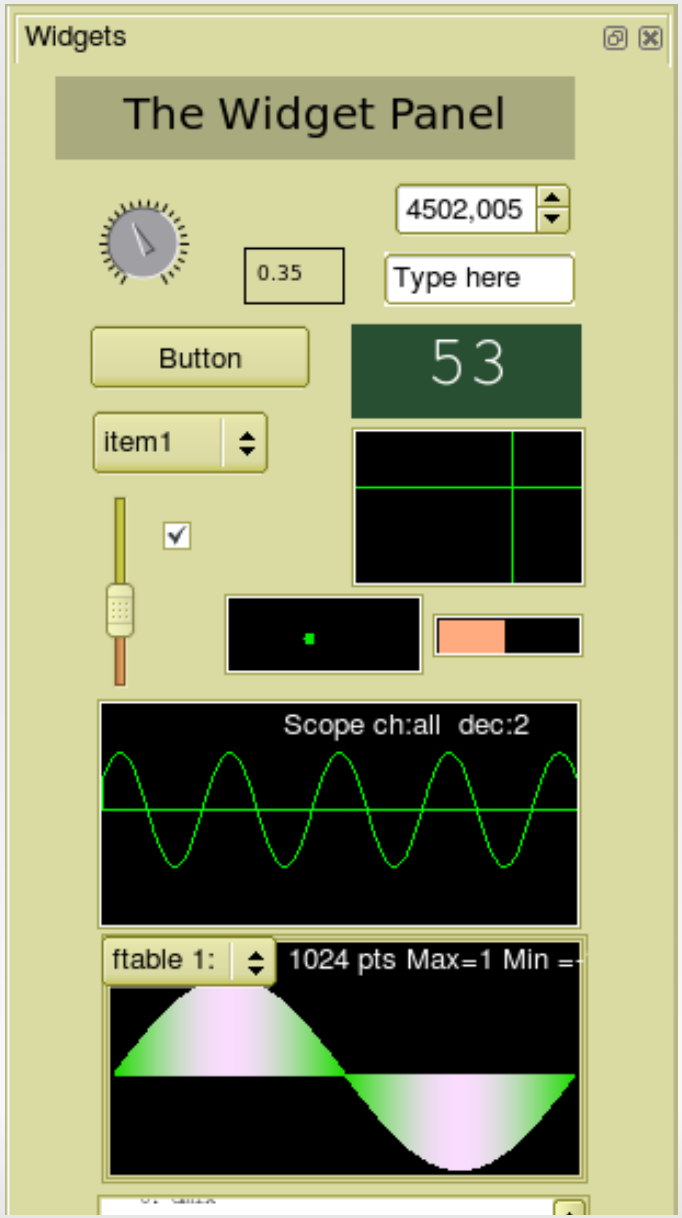
Code Editor

Output Console

Help Panel

Widget Panel

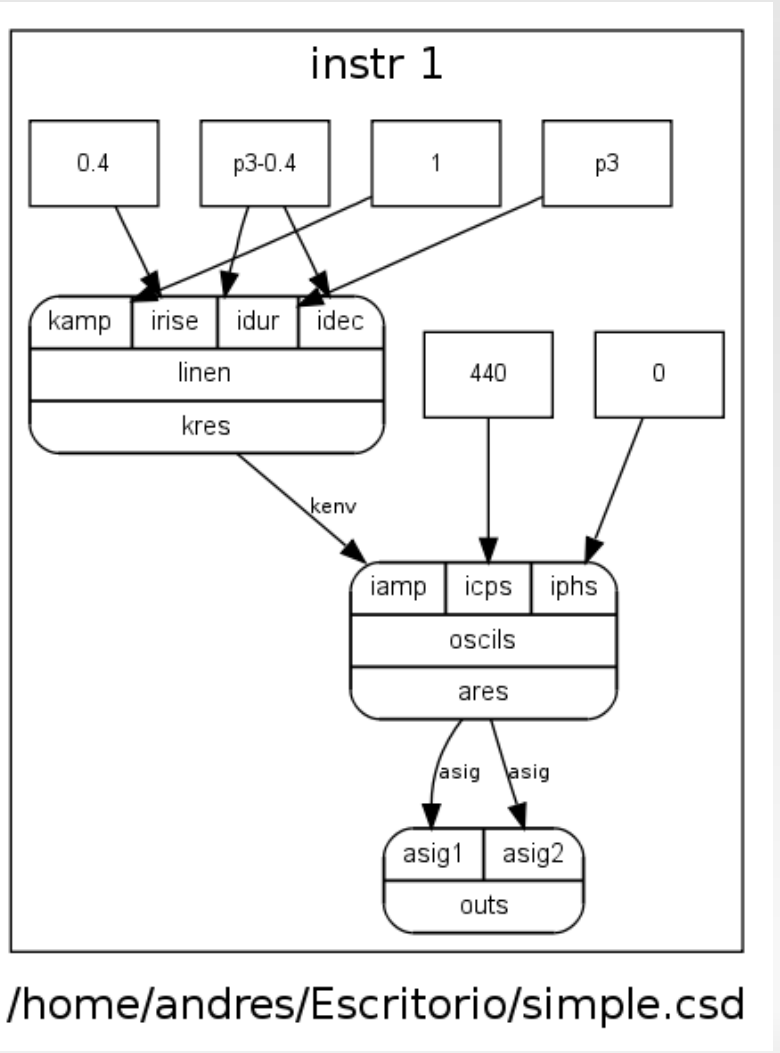
Widget Panel



- Realtime parameter control
- Display information from Csound
- ”Soft-synth” designer
- Widgets saved in text file, but hidden from user.

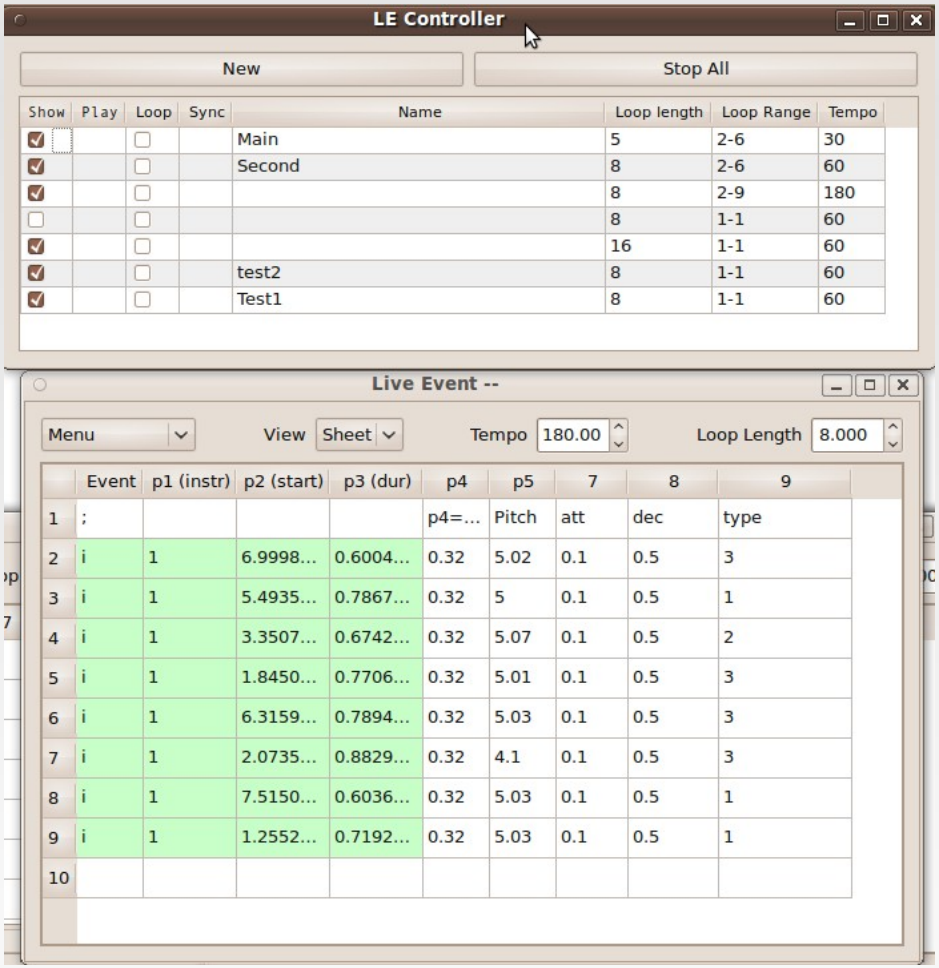
Code graph

```
instr 1
    kenv linen 1, 0.4, p3, p3-0.4
    asig oscils kenv, 440, 0
    outs asig, asig
endin
```



- Automatic generation of graph for any code using graphviz
- Good for simple instruments

Live Event Panel



- Spreadsheet style editing and processing of score events
- Simple transformation functions
- Simple python API for generation and transformation of events

Future

- Refine Python scripting API for realtime interaction with widgets and live score coding (some work done, but still some to do)
- Export to standalone application and plugin (VST,LV2?) (can currently do LADSPA via csLADSPA)

Demo

Demo

Questions?