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1 barbeatQ Documentation

1.1 Introduction

barbeatQ is zplane's automatic cue point SDK. It analyzes the content of a music signal and outputs a sequence of time stamps identifying the most prominent changes in the audio. barbeatQ furthermore compares the regions between the cue points and groups the most similar regions.

barbeatQ can be used in two different modes: Without and with extra beat information. Without beat information there will be much more cue points and corresponding regions with varying timing precision. With beat information the results are on a higher level and always beat and bar synchronized and thus more useful for musical and Dj application. Zplane's aufTAKT beat tracking SDK seamlessly integrates with barbeatQ, but the algorithm can also be provided with beat information from a different source such as a fixed beat grid.

barbeatQ is an offline process which means it requires the complete audio file as input and outputs the cue point sequence result only after the file has been processed in its entirety.

The project contains the required libraries for the operating system barbeatQ was licensed for with the appropriate header files. An example application illustrates the functionality of this SDK.

This document is structured as follows: The first part contains the API documentation of the barbeatQ SDK. The API documentation contains naming conventions and function descriptions of the C++-API. In the second part, a detailed explanation of the example application is provided.

1.2 API Documentation

The analysis consists of two stages: a pre-processing stage in which the audio is analyzed, and a processing stage that carries out the actual cue point estimation.

The pre-processing stage is based on the push principle: successive blocks of input audio frames are pushed into the `BarbeatQIf::PreProcess()` function. It finishes by calling `BarbeatQIf::FinishPreProcess()` after the audio file has been entirely pushed into `BarbeatQIf::PreProcess()`. The `BarbeatQIf::Process()` function is called subsequently and results can be obtained by calling `BarbeatQIf::GetResult()`. In case a beat tracking algorithm is used, this may be run in parallel to the pre processing stage.

1.2.1 Memory Allocation

The barbeatQ SDK does not allocate any buffers handled by the calling application. The input buffer as well as the result objects have to be allocated/created by the calling application.

1.2.2 Naming Conventions

A **frame** denotes the number of audio samples per channel, i.e. 512 stereo frames correspond to 1024 float values (samples).

A **cue point** denotes the point in time in an audio file of significant change. A **region** is the part between two cue points. A **part index** denotes the group that a region belongs to, i.e. all regions with the same part index are similar.

1.2.3 Instance Control Functions

- **static ErrorType BarbeatQif::CreateInstance (BarbeatQif*& pCBarbeatQif, float fSampleRate, int iNumOfChannels)**

Creates a new instance of barbeatQ. The handle to the new instance is returned in parameter pCBarbeatQif. fSampleRate and iNumChannels denote the input samplerate and number of channels, respectively.

The function returns an error code (see [BarbeatQif::ErrorType](#)). A call to this function is mandatory.

- **static ErrorType DestroyInstance (BarbeatQif*& pCBarbeatQif)**

Destroys the barbeatQ instance provided by pCBarbeatQif. The function returns an error code (see [BarbeatQif::ErrorType](#)). A call to this function is mandatory.

1.2.4 Processing Functions

- **ErrorType BarbeatQif::PreProcess (float** ppfInputBuffer, int iNumberOfFrames)**

Pre-processing function. ppfInputBuffer is an array of pointers to the audio data. ppfInputBuffer[0] is a pointer to the data of the first channel, ppfInputBuffer[1] points to the data of the second channel etc. iNumberOfFrames specifies the number of frames, i.e. the number of samples in each channel. This function can repeatedly be called with successive chunks of audio until the entire signal has been pushed into barbeatQ. This function will return an error if it is called after [BarbeatQif::FinishPreProcess\(\)](#) has been called.

- **ErrorType BarbeatQif::FinishPreProcess()**

This function has to be called after all audio frames have been pushed into barbeatQ by [BarbeatQif::PreProcess\(\)](#). It can (and needs to) be called only once and will return an error if called before [BarbeatQif::PreProcess\(\)](#) or after [BarbeatQif::Process\(\)](#).

- **ErrorType BarbeatQif::Process(const CaufTAKTRestultIf* const pBeatResult = nullptr)**

This function does the actual cue point calculation. It can be called without input arguments, in which case the algorithm will figure out the cue points by itself without any synchronization to bar boundaries - it will therefore also return more cue points than when being synchronized. If a CaufTAKTRestultIf beat info object is provided, barbeatQ will use this information to synchronize the

cue points with the provided bar times. This function has to be called after `BarbeatQIf::FinishPreProcess()`.

1.2.5 Result Retrieving Function

- **ErrorType GetResult (BarbeatQResultIf *pCResult)**

Returns a list of cue points as a `BarbeatQResultIf` object. The `BarbeatQResultIf` object needs to be instantiated first before it is passed to this function. This function can only be called after `BarbeatQIf::Process()` has been called.

- **int GetDownbeatIndex()**

Returns the downbeat estimate done by `barbeatQ`. In addition to the downbeat estimate passed in from the external beat tracking `barbeatQ` does its own estimate. This is accessible by this method. This function can only be called after `BarbeatQIf::Process()` has been called.

- **float GetJumpTime (float fSourceTime)**

Returns the most similar point in time for a given source time. When beat synchronized the result will be quantized to beats. This function can only be called after `BarbeatQIf::Process()` has been called.

- **float GetJumpTimeForTargetTime(float fSourceTime, float fTargetTime)**

Returns the most similar point in time for a given source time within the same region as the target time. When beat synchronized the result will be quantized to beats. This function can only be called after `BarbeatQIf::Process()` has been called.

1.3 Command Line Usage Example

The command line example can be executed by the following command

```
barbeatQCl <inputFile> <chordResultFile>
```

The complete code can be found in the example source file `barbeatQCIMain.cpp`.

In the first step, we declare a `BarbeatQIf` pointer and a `barbeatQResult` pointer

```
BarbeatQIf*           pInstanceHandle = 0;
BarbeatQResultIf*    pCResult       = 0;
```

and create an instance of the `BarbeatQIf` class:

```
eError = BarbeatQIf::CreateInstance (pInstanceHandle,
                                     pCInputFile->GetSampleRate(),
                                     pCInputFile->GetNumOfChannels());
```

We then read chunks of data from our input file,

```

while (bReadNextFrame)
{
    iNumFramesRead = pCInputFile->Read (ppfFloatData, kBlockSize);

    if(iNumFramesRead < kBlockSize)
    {
        for (int ch = 0; ch < pCInputFile->GetNumOfChannels(); ch++)
            memset(&ppfFloatData[ch][iNumFramesRead], 0, (kBlockSize-
iNumFramesRead)*sizeof(float));
        bReadNextFrame = false;
    }
}

```

And push each chunk into our PreProcess() function.

```

// preprocessing
eError = pInstanceHandle->PreProcess (ppfFloatData, iNumFramesRead);

```

After the entire file has been read and pushed into barbeatQ, we call FinishPreProcess() once to terminate the preprocessing stage

```

eError = pInstanceHandle->FinishPreProcess();

```

We then call barbeatQ's process function:

```

eError = pInstanceHandle->Process ();

```

If beat information is available we could provide barbeatQ with a `CaufTAKTResultIf*`

```

//eError = pInstanceHandle->Process (pCBeatResult); // beat results can
optionally be provided

```

To obtain the resulting chord sequence, we create an instance of `BarbeatQResultIf`,

```

// create results instance
if (BarbeatQResultIf::CreateInstance (pCResult) == false)

```

and call barbeatQ's GetResult() function

```

// get cue point results
pInstanceHandle->GetResult (pCResult);

```

Finally we destroy the `BarbeatQIf` instance and eventually the `BarbeatQResultIf` instance

```

BarbeatQIf::DestroyInstance (pInstanceHandle);
BarbeatQResultIf::DestroyInstance(pCResult);

```

The above code snippets demonstrated the basic functionality of the barbeatQ library.

1.4 Support

Support for the source code is - within the limits of the agreement - available from:

[zplane.development GmbH & Co KG](#)

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2 Class Index

2.1 Class List

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3 File Index

3.1 File List

Here is a list of all files with brief descriptions:

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4 Class Documentation

4.1 BarbeatQIf Class Reference

```
#include <barbeatQIf.h>
```

Public Types

- enum `ErrorType` { `noError`, `memError`, `invalidFunctionParamError`, `notInitializedError`, `notPreProcessedError`, `notProcessedError`, `invalidDataChunk`, `unknownError`, `numErrors` }
- enum `VersionType` { `major`, `minor`, `patch`, `revision`, `numVersionInts` }

Public Member Functions

- virtual `ErrorType PreProcess` (float **ppfInputBuffer, int iNumberOfFrames)=0
Perform the preprocessing.
- virtual `ErrorType FinishPreProcess` ()=0
Terminate the preprocessing stage.
- virtual `ErrorType Process` (CauftAKTResultIf *pAuftaktResult=0, bool bUseAuftaktDownbeat=false)=0
Perform the cue-point estimation and segmentation.
- virtual int `GetDownbeatIndex` ()=0
get barbeatQ downbeat estimate
- virtual float `GetJumpTime` (float fSourceTime)=0
Returns the playposition with the highest similarity to the source time passed in.
- virtual float `GetJumpTimeForTargetTime` (float fSourceTime, float fTargetTime)=0
Returns the playposition with the highest similarity to the source time passed in the same cue point area as the target time.
- virtual `ErrorType GetResult` (BarbeatQResultIf *pCResult)=0
Returns the playposition with the highest similarity to the source time passed in.
- virtual void `GetDataChunk` (void *pPreAllocatedDataChunk)=0
Get internal data after preprocessing.
- virtual size_t `GetDataChunkSizeInBytes` ()=0
Get length of memory to allocate for GetDataChunk.
- virtual `ErrorType SetDataChunk` (void *pDataChunk, int iDataChunkSizeInBytes)=0
Set saved internal data.

Static Public Member Functions

- static const int `GetVersion` (const `VersionType` eVersionIdx)
Get part of the BarbeatQ version number.
- static const char * `GetBuildDate` ()
Get date of this BarbeatQ build.
- static `ErrorType CreateInstance` (BarbeatQIf *&pCBarbeatQIf, float fSampleRate, int iNumOfChannels)
Create an instance of BarbeatQ.
- static `ErrorType DestroyInstance` (BarbeatQIf *&pCBarbeatQIf)
Destroy the BarbeatQ instance.

Protected Member Functions

- virtual [~BarbeatQIf](#) ()

4.1.1 Member Enumeration Documentation

4.1.1.1 enum BarbeatQIf::ErrorType

error codes

Enumerator:

- noError* no error occurred
- memError* memory allocation failed
- invalidFunctionParamError* one or more function parameters are not valid
- notInitializedError* instance has not been initialized yet
- notPreProcessedError* instance has not been initialized yet
- notProcessedError* instance has not been initialized yet
- invalidDataChunk* data chunk was invalid
- unknownError* unknown error occurred
- numErrors*

4.1.1.2 enum BarbeatQIf::VersionType

version number

Enumerator:

- major* major version number
- minor* minor version number
- patch* patch version number
- revision* revision number
- numVersionInts*

4.1.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

4.1.2.1 virtual BarbeatQIf::~BarbeatQIf () [inline, protected, virtual]

4.1.3 Member Function Documentation

4.1.3.1 static const int BarbeatQIf::GetVersion (const VersionType eVersionIdx) [static]

Returns major version, minor version, patch and build number of this BarbeatQ version

Parameters

<i>eVersionIdx</i>	requested version number part
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Returns

version number part

4.1.3.2 static const char* BarbeatQIf::GetBuildDate () [static]

Returns the build date string

Returns

build date string

4.1.3.3 static ErrorType BarbeatQIf::CreateInstance (BarbeatQIf *& pCBarbeatQIf, float fSampleRate, int iNumOfChannels) [static]

Creates an instance of BarbeatQ

Parameters

<i>pCBarbeatQIf</i>	reference to BarbeatQ instance pointer
<i>fSampleRate</i>	sample rate of input audio
<i>iNumOfChannels</i>	number of input audio channels

Returns

an error code, or 0 if no error occurred

4.1.3.4 static ErrorType BarbeatQIf::DestroyInstance (BarbeatQIf *& pCBarbeatQIf) [static]

Destroys an instance of BarbeatQ

Parameters

<i>pCBarbeatQIf</i>	reference to BarbeatQIf instance pointer
---------------------	--

Returns

an error code, or 0 if no error occurred

4.1.3.5 `virtual ErrorType BarbeatQIf::PreProcess (float ** ppfInputBuffer, int iNumberOfFrames)` [pure virtual]

This function performs the preprocessing. It can be called multiple times in order to provide successive chunks of the input audio signal.

Parameters

<i>ppfInput-Buffer</i>	pointer to the input data chunk. <i>ppfInputBuffer</i> [<i>i</i>] point to the <i>i</i> -th audio channel.
<i>iNumberOf-Frames</i>	The number of audio samples in each audio channel of the provided input data chunk.

Returns

an error code, or 0 if no error occurred

4.1.3.6 `virtual ErrorType BarbeatQIf::FinishPreProcess ()` [pure virtual]

Function to terminate the preprocessing stage. This function should only be called once after the last input frames have been provided by the PreProcess function. A call to this function is required before proceeding to the Process function.

Returns

an error code, or 0 if no error occurred

4.1.3.7 `virtual ErrorType BarbeatQIf::Process (CaufTAKTResult * pAuftaktResult = 0, bool bUseAuftaktDownbeat = false)` [pure virtual]

Performs the cue-point estimation and segmentation. This function can only be called when the preprocessing stage has finished or a previously analyzed data chunk has been set.

Parameters

<i>pAuftakt-Result</i>	optional already existing aufTAKT result (if not specified not beat synchronization will be used)
<i>bUse-Auftakt-Downbeat</i>	if set to true barbeatQ will use the downbeat estimate of aufTAKT, otherwise (default) it will generate its own

Returns

an error code, or 0 if no error occurred

4.1.3.8 virtual int BarbeatQIf::GetDownbeatIndex () [pure virtual]

Returns the result of an internal downbeat estimation based on the beat marks passed in

Returns

an downbeat idx

4.1.3.9 virtual float BarbeatQIf::GetJumpTime (float *fSourceTime*) [pure virtual]**Parameters**

<i>fSourceTime</i>	
--------------------	--

Returns

the playposition with the highest similarity

4.1.3.10 virtual float BarbeatQIf::GetJumpTimeForTargetTime (float *fSourceTime*, float *fTargetTime*) [pure virtual]**Parameters**

<i>fSourceTime</i>	
<i>fTargetTime</i>	

Returns

the playposition with the highest similarity

4.1.3.11 virtual ErrorType BarbeatQIf::GetResult (BarbeatQResultIf * *pCResult*) [pure virtual]**Parameters**

<i>fSourceTime</i>	
--------------------	--

Returns

the playposition with the highest similarity

4.1.3.12 `virtual void BarbeatQIf::GetDataChunk (void * pPreAllocatedDataChunk)` [pure virtual]

Returns internal analysis data after preprocessing in an pre-allocated memory chunk. This can be used to save analysis data for later processing. For allocating memory please refer to [GetDataChunkSizeInBytes\(\)](#).

Parameters

<i>pPre-Allocated-DataChunk</i>	: pointer to pre-allocated memory chunk
---------------------------------	---

Returns

void : returns

4.1.3.13 `virtual size_t BarbeatQIf::GetDataChunkSizeInBytes ()` [pure virtual]

Returns the length in byte to be pre allocated in order to properly call GetDataChunk.

Returns

size_t : returns length in bytes.

4.1.3.14 `virtual ErrorType BarbeatQIf::SetDataChunk (void * pDataChunk, int iDataChunkSizeInBytes)` [pure virtual]

Set a saved data chunk in order to recover a previous pre-analysis state.

Parameters

<i>pDataChunk</i>	: pointer to data chunk
<i>iData-ChunkSize-InBytes</i>	: size of the data chunk

Returns

ErrorType : returns noError if data recovery was performed without error, otherwise invalidDataChunk

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [barbeatQIf.h](#)

4.2 BarbeatQResultIf Class Reference

```
#include <barbeatQResultIf.h>
```

Classes

- class [CueInfo](#)

Public Member Functions

- virtual int [GetNumEntries](#) () const =0
- virtual [CueInfo](#) [GetCuepoint](#) (int iIdx)=0

Static Public Member Functions

- static bool [CreateInstance](#) ([BarbeatQResultIf](#) *&pCbarbeatQResultIf)
- static bool [DestroyInstance](#) ([BarbeatQResultIf](#) *&pCbarbeatQResultIf)

Protected Member Functions

- virtual [~BarbeatQResultIf](#) ()

4.2.1 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

4.2.1.1 `virtual BarbeatQResultIf::~~BarbeatQResultIf ()` [inline, protected, virtual]

4.2.2 Member Function Documentation

4.2.2.1 `static bool BarbeatQResultIf::CreateInstance (BarbeatQResultIf *&pCbarbeatQResultIf)` [static]

4.2.2.2 `static bool BarbeatQResultIf::DestroyInstance (BarbeatQResultIf *&pCbarbeatQResultIf)` [static]

4.2.2.3 `virtual int BarbeatQResultIf::GetNumEntries () const` [pure virtual]

4.2.2.4 `virtual CueInfo BarbeatQResultIf::GetCuepoint (int iIdx)` [pure virtual]

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [barbeatQResultIf.h](#)

4.3 BarbeatQResultIf::CueInfo Class Reference

```
#include <barbeatQResultIf.h>
```

Public Attributes

- float [fPos](#)
- int [iPartIdx](#)

4.3.1 Member Data Documentation

4.3.1.1 float [BarbeatQResultIf::CueInfo::fPos](#)

4.3.1.2 int [BarbeatQResultIf::CueInfo::iPartIdx](#)

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [barbeatQResultIf.h](#)

5 File Documentation

5.1 barbeatQIf.h File Reference

This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:

Classes

- class [BarbeatQIf](#)

5.2 barbeatQResultIf.h File Reference

```
#include "barbeatQIf.h" Include dependency graph for barbeatQResultIf.h:
```

Classes

- class [BarbeatQResultIf](#)
- class [BarbeatQResultIf::CueInfo](#)

5.3 docugen.txt File Reference

5.3.1 Detailed Description

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