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## Volume column commands (.XM only)

- $xx$  [Set note volume](#)
- $+x$  [Volume slide up](#)
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- $Dx$  [Fine volume slide down](#) (displayed as  $\nabla x$ )
- $Lx$  [Panning slide left](#) (displayed as  $\blacktriangleleft x$ )
- $Mx$  [Portamento to note](#)
- $Px$  [Set note panning position](#)
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- $Sx$  [Set vibrato speed](#)
- $Ux$  [Fine volume slide up](#) (displayed as  $\blacktriangle x$ )
- $Vx$  [Vibrato](#)

\*) Not implemented, no plans to support

\*\*\*) Not implemented yet, will be required for feature completeness

\*\*\*\*) Not supported on Amiga nor in FT2, effect relocation (8xx, Px) advised

## Oxy Arpeggio

0

*Syntax:*  $x$  = semitone offset

$y$  = semitone offset

*Example:*  
 C-4 ·1 ·· 037  
 ··· ·· ·· 037  
 ··· ·· ·· 037  
 ··· ·· ·· 037

Arpeggio quickly alters the note pitch between the base note (C-4) and the semitone offsets  $x$  (3 = D#4) and  $y$  (7 = G-4). Each pitch is played for the duration of 1 tick. If speed is higher than 3 (meaning there are more than 3 ticks per row), the sequence is looped.

### ProTracker 2/3

*Explanation:* Base note is played for tick 0, then the semitone offset  $x$  for tick 1, then semitone offset  $y$  for tick 2.

### Fasttracker II

Base note is played for tick 0, then the semitone offset  $y$  for tick 1, then semitone offset  $x$  for tick 2.

In MilkyTracker you don't have to and indeed you CAN'T enter the effect digit 0. Just start with the parameter digits and the effect digit will be filled in.

*Notes:* Doesn't have effect memory and cannot be used without parameters.

In Fasttracker II, arpeggio logic fails when song speed is 16 (0x10) or higher. Using arpeggio at such speeds may cause unpredictable results across different players.

*Tips:* When both effect parameters are used, it is wise to use a song speed value divisible by 3 in order that the arpeggio sequence can loop smoothly.

## 1xx Portamento up

*Syntax:* <sup>1</sup>  
xx = portamento speed

*Example:*  
C-4 ·1 ·· 103  
··· ·· ·· 103  
··· ·· ·· 103  
··· ·· ·· 103

Portamento is used to slide the note pitch up or down. The higher the xx, the faster it goes. Effect is applied on every tick.

*Explanation:* **Amiga frequencies**

The slide speed also depends on the sample frequency.

**ProTracker 2/3**

*Notes:*

Doesn't have effect memory and cannot be used without parameters.

## 2xx Portamento down

*Syntax:* <sup>2</sup>  
xx = portamento speed

*Example:*  
C-4 ·1 ·· 203  
··· ·· ·· 203  
··· ·· ·· 203  
··· ·· ·· 203

*Explanation:* Works similarly to [1xx portamento up](#), only bending note pitch down instead of up.

**ProTracker 2/3**

*Notes:*

Doesn't have effect memory and cannot be used without parameters.

## 3xx Portamento to note

*Syntax:* <sup>3</sup>  
xx = portamento speed

*Example:*  
C-4 ·1 ·· ···  
E-4 ·1 ·· 304  
··· ·· ·· 300  
··· ·· ·· 310

*Explanation:* This portamento command bends the already playing note pitch towards another one, entered with the 3xx command. In the example, C-4 is bent towards E-4 at portamento speed 04 which isn't fast enough to reach the E-4 pitch during the two rows at the default song speed (6/125). However, 310 on the following row continues the portamento and being much faster, achieves the target E-4 pitch.

## 4xy Vibrato

4

*Syntax:* x = speed

y = depth

*Example:*  
C-4 .1 . . 481  
. . . . . 402  
. . . . . 400  
. . . . . 460

Vibrato alters note pitch up and down in the maximum range of a full tone.

*Explanation:* After the initial xy pair, parameters can be set individually. The pitch is reset when the command is discontinued.

## 5xy Portamento to note with volume slide

5

*Syntax:* x = volume slide up speed

y = volume slide down speed

*Example:*  
C-4 .1 . . . .  
E-4 .1 . . 304  
. . . . . 504  
. . . . . 504

*Explanation:* Performs portamento to note with parameters initialized with [3xx](#) or [Mx](#) while sliding volume similarly to [Axy volume slide](#).

### ProTracker 2/3

*Notes:* Doesn't have effect memory for volume slide speeds, 500 works identically to 300.

## 6xy Vibrato with volume slide

6

*Syntax:* x = volume slide up speed

y = volume slide down speed

*Example:*  
C-4 .1 . . 481  
. . . . . 601  
. . . . . 600  
. . . . . 6C0

*Explanation:* Performs vibrato with parameters initialized with [4xy](#) or [Sx+Vx](#) while sliding volume similarly to [Axy volume slide](#).

### ProTracker 2/3

*Notes:* Doesn't have effect memory for volume slide speeds, 600 works identically to 400.

## 7xy Tremolo

7

*Syntax:*     x = speed

              y = depth

*Example:*   C-4 .1 . . . 787  
              . . . . . 700  
              . . . . . 7C0  
              . . . . . 700

*Explanation:* Tremolo alters note volume up and down. After the initial *xy* pair, parameters can be set individually. The volume is not reset when the command is discontinued.

## 8xx Set note panning position

8

*Syntax:*     xx = panning position

*Example:*   C-4 .1 . . . 880  
              . . . . . 8A0  
              . . . . . 8C0  
              . . . . . 8F0

*Explanation:* Sets the note stereo panning from far left *00* to far right *FF* overriding sample panning setting.

### ProTracker 2/3

*Notes:*

- On Amiga, the 4 MOD channels are hard panned left, right, right and left by hardware, no use panning manually there.

### Fasttracker II

Panning envelopes operate relative to the set position.

## 9xx Sample offset

9

*Syntax:*     xx = sample offset

*Example:*   C-4 .1 . . . . .  
              . . . . . . . . . .  
              C-4 .1 . . . 908  
              . . . . . . . . . .

*Explanation:* The sample that the note triggers is played from offset *xx*. The offsets are spread 256 samples apart so *908* skips the first (0x8\*256=) 2048 bytes of the sample and plays it on from there. This means that the furthest point *9xx* can reach is (0xFF\*256 =) 65280 bytes into the sample.

*Tips:*       Resampling a loop to exactly (0x10000=) 65536 bytes gives you the highest possible level of control over the sample.

## Axy Volume slide

A

*Syntax:*  $x$  = volume slide up speed

$y$  = volume slide down speed

*Example:*  
C-4 ·1 ·· A04  
··· ·· ·· A04  
C-4 ·1 ·· A0F  
··· ·· ·· A80

*Explanation:* Slides note volume up/down at speed  $x/y$  depending on which parameter is specified. Effect is applied per tick so song speed value acts as a multiplier.

- Parameters  $x$  and  $y$  should NOT be used at the same time, doing so almost guarantees unpredictable results across different players.

*Notes:*

### ProTracker 2/3

Doesn't have effect memory and cannot be used without parameters.

## Bxx Jump to order

B

*Syntax:*  $xx$  = song position

*Example:*  
C-4 ·1 ·· ···  
··· ·· ·· ···  
··· ·· ·· ···  
··· ·· ·· B04

*Explanation:* Immediately breaks the current pattern and jumps to order  $xx$  in the pattern order table (POT).

Can be used to divide a song into separate looping sections effectively creating multiple songs using the same set of instruments. Such modules can be used in games and such where the sections can be triggered dynamically by program events.

*Tips:*

## Cxx Set note volume

C

*Syntax:*  $xx$  = volume

*Example:*  
C-4 ·1 ·· ···  
··· ·· ·· C10  
··· ·· ·· C40  
··· ·· ·· C00

*Explanation:* Sets the note volume  $00 - 40$  overriding sample volume setting.

### Fasttracker II

*Notes:*

Volume envelopes operate relative to the set volume.

## Dxx Pattern break

*Syntax:* *D*  
xx = row number on next pattern

*Example:*  
C-4 .1 . . . . .  
. . . . .  
. . . . .  
. . . . . D04

*Explanation:* Breaks the current pattern and jumps to row xx on the next pattern.

Unlike with the majority of effect parameters, here xx is a decimal value rather than hexadecimal. Hexadecimal values are accepted but the first digit is still interpreted as decimal so it's best to avoid hex this time.

*Notes:*

The highest row number you can jump to is 63.

## E1x Fine portamento up

*Syntax:* *E1*  
x = portamento speed

*Example:*  
C-4 .1 . . E11  
. . . . . E12  
. . . . . E13  
. . . . . E14

*Explanation:* Works similarly to [1xx portamento up](#), only the slide is a lot finer because the effect is applied only once per row.

## E2x Fine portamento down

*Syntax:* *E2*  
x = portamento speed

*Example:*  
C-4 .1 . . E11  
. . . . . E12  
. . . . . E13  
. . . . . E14

*Explanation:* Works similarly to [2xx portamento down](#) bending note pitch down, only the slide is a lot finer like with [E1x](#).

## E3x Glissando control

*Syntax:* *E3*  
x = glissando control toggle on/off

*Example:*  
C-4 .1 . . E31  
D-4 01 . . 305  
. . . . . 300  
. . . . . E30

*Explanation:* Glissando control *E31* changes note portamento behavior affecting commands [3xx](#), [5xy](#) and [Mx](#). Instead of stepless pitch bend (=glissando), the frequencies are rounded to nearest semitone. To revert to default glissando, use *E30*.

*Notes:* This command is not yet implemented in MilkyTracker.

## E4x Vibrato control

*Syntax:*  $E4$   
 $x$  = vibrato waveform selection

*Example:*  
C-4 ·1 ·· 48C  
··· ·· V0 E41  
··· ·· V0 E42  
··· ·· ·· E40

This command sets the waveform used for [4xy](#), [6xy](#) and [Vx](#) vibrato commands. The default waveform is sine, reset on every new note ( $E40$ ). Possible parameter  $x$  values are:

- Explanation:*
- 0 = Sine
  - 1 = Ramp down
  - 2 = Square
  - 4 = Continuous sine
  - 5 = Continuous ramp down
  - 6 = Continuous square

*Notes:* This command is not yet implemented in MilkyTracker.

## E5x Set note fine-tune

*Syntax:*  $E5$   
 $x$  = fine-tune

*Example:*  
C-4 ·1 ·· E54  
··· ·· ·· ··  
C-4 ·1 ·· E5C  
··· ·· ·· ··

Sets note fine-tune overriding sample fine-tune setting. This command works a little differently for .MOD and .XM tracking. While both parameter value ranges are logical, the latter is also linear. See here:

	$x$ ProTracker 2/3	Fasttracker II
<i>Explanation:</i>	0	0
	1	+16
	2	+32
	3	+48
	4	+64
	5	+80
	6	+96
	7	+112
	8	-128
	9	-112
	A	-96
	B	-80



<i>C</i> -64	+64
<i>D</i> -48	+80
<i>E</i> -32	+96
<i>F</i> -16	+112

## ***E6x* Pattern loop**

*Syntax:* *E6*  
*x* = set loop point / number of iterations

*Example:*  
*C*-4 ·1 ·· *E60*  
··· ·· ·· ··  
*F*-4 01 ·· ··  
··· ·· ·· *E63*

*Explanation:* *E6x* with *x* values *1-F* sets the end point and the number of iterations. If loop start point is not set, beginning of the pattern is used by default.

The loop points need to be set on the same channel for them to work correctly.

### **Fasttracker II**

*Notes:* One of the most (in)famous FT2 bugs is the *E60* bug: When *E60* is used on a pattern row *x*, the following pattern also starts from row *x* instead of the beginning of the pattern. This can be avoided by placing a [D00 pattern break](#) on the last row of the pattern where *E60* was used.

*Tips:* Musicians concerned with correct playback of their .XM modules can utilize the *E60* bug to skip sections of (or the whole) song when played with lesser players. ;)

## ***E7x* Tremolo control**

*Syntax:* *E7*  
*x* = tremolo waveform selection

*Example:*  
*C*-4 ·1 ·· *E72*  
··· ·· ·· 76C  
··· ·· ·· *E70*  
··· ·· ·· 700

This command sets the waveform used for [7xy tremolo](#) command. As with [E4x vibrato control](#), the default waveform is sine and the possible parameter *x* values are:

- Explanation:*
- 0 = Sine
  - 1 = Ramp down
  - 2 = Square
  - 4 = Continuous sine
  - 5 = Continuous ramp down
  - 6 = Continuous square

## **E8x Set note panning position**

*Syntax:*  $E8$   
 $x$  = panning position

*Explanation:* This command is another panning position command used by some trackers...

...However, since it does not work on Amiga (because of the hardware

*Notes:* panning) nor in Fasttracker II (hmm, enough panning commands already?), effect relocation to [8xx](#) or [Px](#) is advised in order to produce compatible modules.

## **E9x Re-trigger note**

*Syntax:*  $E9$   
 $x$  = triggering interval

*Example:*  
C-4 ·1 ·· E93  
C-4 ·1 ·· ···  
··· ·· ·· ···  
C-4 ·1 ·· ···

*Explanation:* This command re-triggers a note every  $x$  ticks.

## **EAx Fine volume slide up**

*Syntax:*  $EA$   
 $x$  = speed

*Example:*  
C-4 ·1 10 EA2  
··· ·· ·· EA0  
··· ·· ·· EA4  
··· ·· ·· EA0

*Explanation:* Works similarly to [Ax0 volume slide](#) up, only the slide is a lot finer because the effect is applied only once per row.

## **EBx Fine volume slide down**

*Syntax:*  $EB$   
 $x$  = speed

*Example:*  
C-4 ·1 ·· EB2  
··· ·· ·· EB0  
··· ·· ·· EB4  
··· ·· ·· EB0

*Explanation:* Works similarly to [A0y volume slide](#) down, only the slide is a lot finer like with [EAx](#).

## **ECx Note cut**

*Syntax:*  $EC$   
 $x = \text{tick number}$

*Example:*  
C-4 ·1 ·· EC1  
C-4 ·1 ·· EC2  
C-4 ·1 ·· ··  
··· ·· ·· EC0

*Explanation:* Cuts a note by setting its volume to 0 at tick precision. Possible parameter  $x$  values are 0 – (song speed - 1). Higher values have no effect.

## **EDx Note delay**

*Syntax:*  $ED$   
 $x = \text{tick number}$

*Example:*  
C-4 ·1 ·· ··  
A#3 01 ·· ED3  
C-4 ·1 ·· ··  
··· ·· ·· ··

*Explanation:* Delays a note  $x$  ticks. Like with [ECx note cut](#), possible  $x$  values are 0 – (song speed - 1). Higher values prevent the note from playing altogether.

## **EEx Pattern delay**

*Syntax:*  $EE$   
 $x = \text{amount of rows}$

*Example:*  
C-4 ·1 ·· ··  
A#3 01 ·· EE5  
C-4 ·1 ·· ··  
··· ·· ·· ··

*Explanation:* Delays playback progression for the duration of  $x$  rows.

## **Fxx Set song speed/BPM**

*Syntax:*  $F$   
 $xx = \text{speed/BPM value}$

*Example:*  
C-4 ·1 ·· F90  
A#3 01 ·· F03  
C-4 ·1 ·· ··  
··· ·· ·· ··

*Explanation:* Parameter  $x$  values 01 – 1F set song speed i.e. the amount of ticks per row. Values 20 – FF set the BPM which essentially is the speed of the ticks. F00 stops playback.

0 - Normal play or Arpeggio second	0xy : x-first halfnote add, y-
1 - Slide Up	1xx : upspeed
2 - Slide Down	2xx : downspeed
3 - Tone Portamento	3xx : up/down speed
4 - Vibrato	4xy : x-speed, y-depth
5 - Tone Portamento + Volume Slide	5xy : x-upspeed, y-downspeed
6 - Vibrato + Volume Slide	6xy : x-upspeed, y-downspeed
7 - Tremolo	7xy : x-speed, y-depth
9 - Set SampleOffset	9xx : offset (23 -> 2300)
A - VolumeSlide	Axy : x-upspeed, y-downspeed
B - Position Jump	Bxx : songposition
C - Set Volume	Cxx : volume, 00-40
D - Pattern Break	Dxx : break position in next patt
F - Set Speed	Fxx : speed (00-1F) / tempo (20-FF)
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E9- Retrig Note	E9x : retrig from note + x vblanks

Other Exx commands:

E00/1=filter on/off - E1x/2x=FineSlide Up/Down - E30/1=tonep ctrl off/on  
 E40/1/2=Vib Waveform sine/rampdown/square, E70/1/2=Tremolo Waveform  
 E5x=set loop point,E6x=jump to loop+play x times  
 EAx/EBx=Fine volslide up/down  
 ECx/EDx=notecut after x vblanks/notedelay by x vblanks  
 EEx/EFx=PatternDelay by x notes/Invert loop, x=speed