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Creating a **MIDI project with Arduino** can be a fascinating endeavor, especially if you're interested in music and electronics. Let's dive into the steps to create your own MIDI device using an Arduino:

1. **Hardware & Software Needed**:
    - An **Arduino board** with a **Native USB port** (such as Arduino Zero, Due, 101, Micro, or Leonardo).
    - **7 tactile push-buttons** (Normally Open).
    - A **10k Ω linear potentiometer**.
    - Jumper wires.
    - **Arduino IDE** (online or offline) for programming.
2. **Install Necessary Drivers**:
    - If you're using the **Web Editor**, no additional installation is needed.
    - For **offline editors**, manually install the appropriate board package:
        - For **Arduino Zero, Due, or 101**, look for **Arduino SAM boards (32-bits ARM Cortex-M3)**.
        - For **Arduino Zero (SAMD boards)**, search for **Arduino SAMD boards (32-bits Arm® Cortex®-M0+)**.
3. **Create the Circuit**:
    - Build the circuit according to the schematic provided in the tutorial.
    - Connect the **tactile push-buttons**, **potentiometer**, and other components to the Arduino.
4. **Programming the Board**:
    - Write your Arduino code using the **Arduino MIDI USB library**.
    - Learn how to:
        - **Create a MIDI device**.
        - **Control note velocity** using the linear potentiometer.
        - **Play notes on a virtual synthesizer**.
5. **Sound Generation**:
    - On **Linux**, follow the test procedure described in the library documentation to make MIDI sound generation work correctly.
        - Load the correct drivers and soundbank.
        - Search for free soundbanks online.
    - On **Windows**, use the built-in software synth that works with General Standard MIDI commands.
        - Route MIDI messages to the software synth using applications like **Virtual MIDI Piano Keyboard**.
        - Consider using **CoolSoft Virtual MIDI Synth** for better sound quality.

Remember, this is just the beginning! You can explore more complex MIDI projects, such as touchless MIDI controllers or custom MIDI instruments. Have fun experimenting with music and technology! 🎶🎹.