Week 2 - Blog Post

Go into detail about a new genre that you aren't familiar with.

Blog entry 2: A new music genre. Find a music genre you are not too familiar with and write a blog post about a specific topic regarding the genre chosen. You can write about the impact of technology, production techniques, workflows,

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Electronic dance music or EDM, is a set of genres like: techno, trance, trap and glitch hop, which all contain synths, drums alongside sampling different sounds. EDM is popular within clubs and party events due to its simple but groovy sound[1]. In the 1980s Disco music, the grandfather of EDM, became prominent in the mid 80s. Disco like EDM uses a "mix of Funk, Soul and smooth jazz-fusion with electronic aspects"[2]. The difference between EDM and Disco is that EDM is more focused on an electronic sound, using more synths, punchy kicks and 909s compared to the simpler 4 to the floor and synth in disco. The production techniques of EDM usually focus on simplicity; having less instruments in a track causes less sensory overloads.[3] Sampling is key in EDM, having a catchy/unique sample is important to EDM due to it adding familiarity but with a new take. It is advised that having a clear sample is preferred as the composer can add effects without distortion/interference being in the way of the sample.[4] The workflows of EDM are comparable to other genres due to inspiration being key in all genres. To clarify, humming a melody and going off of the melody with putting it onto a track, is universal to all genres including melodies but one section is having the melody being repeated in a 4 or 8 bar loop in order to keep that simplicity[5]. EDM inspired more artists to appear such as Skrillex or Deadmau5 due to raves becoming popular in the 90s and the evolution of disco to EDM throughout the 80s to the 2000s[6]. One can say that EDM is the general genre of all electronic music; all electronic music has its own genre but in the end, it is under EDM.

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