

The software bundle that brought computer music production within the reach of hobbyists

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Name (Model, etc.)	Desk Top Music System DM-32N
Location	Hamamatsu-shi, Shizuoka
	Roland Museum
Owner (Custodian)	Roland Corporation
Manufacturer (Company)	Roland Corporation
Year Manufactured	1988
Year first appeared	1988
Reason For Selection	The act of composing music once required competence with a musical instrument and knowledge of music. With advances in digital technology resulting in the standardisation of the MIDI format for transmitting music data, it became possible to achieve a music production and performance environment on computer. This device is the first commercial version of a package product for desktop music (DTM; now a common term for music made on a computer). This bundled package includes all the necessary hardware and software to create music on a computer (except for the computer itself). This grew rapidly in popularity among the many hobbyists who wanted to create music but could not play an instrument, allowing them to compose and arrange music graphically on the computer screen. This is significant as the product that expanded the world of music creation through digital methods now commonly used by professional musicians and amateurs alike.
Registration Standard	2-A (Played a notable role in improving people's way of life and creating new ways of living.)

Open/Closed to Public	Closed to Public
Photo	 The photo shows the Roland Desk Top Music System DM-32N. It includes a black main unit with a digital display and buttons, a green circuit board, and the original white and blue packaging box. The box features the Roland logo and the text 'Roland DESK TOP MUSIC SYSTEM' along with a graphic of a blue circle and red arrows. There are also some manuals or brochures in front of the unit.
Other useful information	