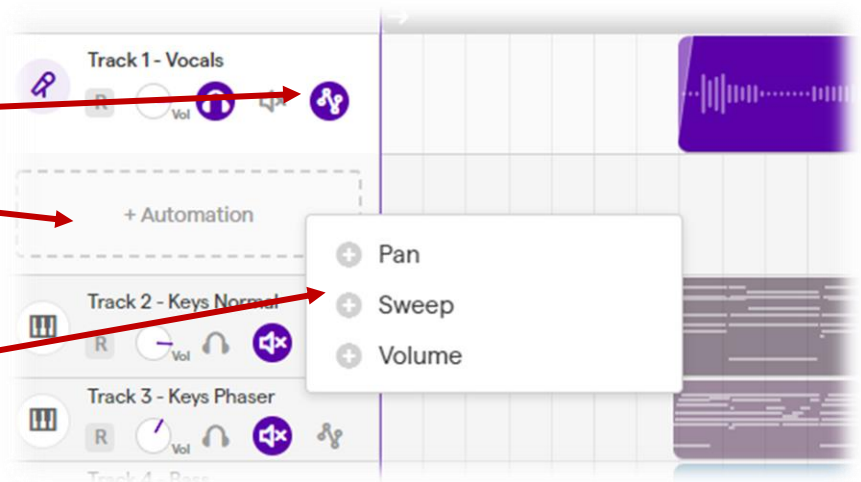


While it sounds like a word from a 80's sci-fi movie, the concept of **automation** is simple – to control a sound setting over time. We'll cover all three automation options in Soundtrap – to adjust volume, panning, and to make epic sweeps! Automation is very important for producers, as it can create the difference between 'dull' and 'interesting'. When an effect is changing in real-time, it gives life and movement to our mix.

1. Click the AUTOMATION icon
2. Click the AUTOMATION box
3. Choose the automation you want



PAN – refers to “left” and “right” audio signal. Panning lets us place sounds in different directions in the stereo image. With a regular pan knob, we can only make our sound sit still in a certain direction - with automation, we can make a sound move from left to right!

SWEEP – Refers to adjusting the overall frequency of the signal from top to bottom. This allows music to “pop” a little more.

VOLUME – Refers to the overall loudness and softness of a music signal.

[Click HERE for video instructions on using Automation in Soundtrap](#)

