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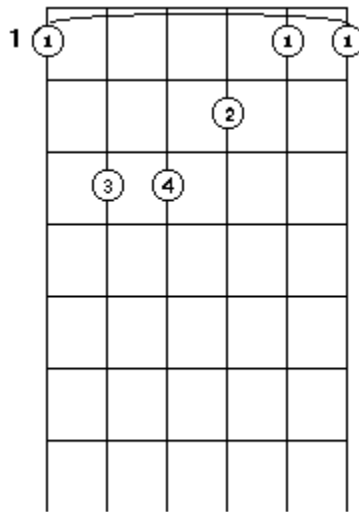
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Introduction

Welcome to Chord Master for Guitar shareware version. With this program, your computer and Microsoft Windows, you have instant access to over 350 guitar chord fingerings.

System Requirements

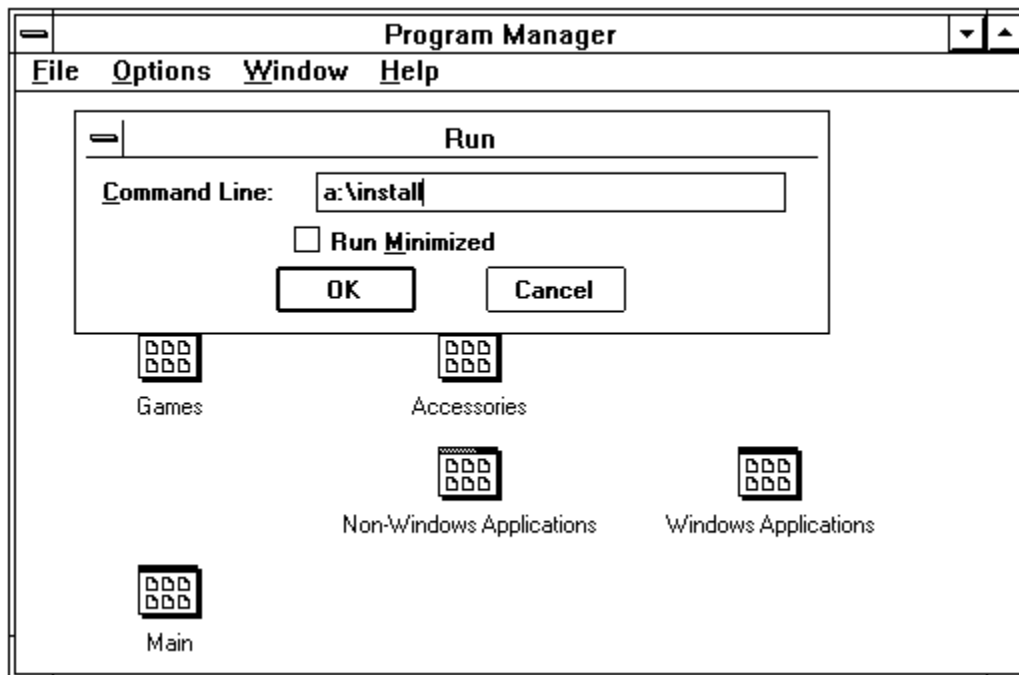
The Chord Master program is designed to operate on any computer that is compatible with Microsoft Windows.

Installing Chord Master for Guitar

To install Chord Master:

1. Insert the program diskette into your floppy-disk drive.
2. Start windows as normal.
3. Choose Run from the File menu.
4. Type "a:\install" in the Command Line box and click OK or press enter. Note that you may install the program from a hard disk directory by typing replacing a:\install with the path to your directory. (Ex. C:\chordmas\install)

Your screen should look similar to the one shown below:



After choosing OK, your computer will start the Chord Master installation program. Note that it may take a moment before the Chord Master Setup screen appears.

The Chord Master Setup screen is pictured below:



The Chord Master setup screen provides a place for you to type in the drive and directory name where you want Chord Master installed. You may change the install directory or use the default which is displayed.

The setup screen also provides a check box for you to indicate whether a Chord Master group should be created for the Windows Program Manager. If you choose not to have the group created, you may create one of your own or start Chord Master by running "CHORD.EXE" from the Windows File Manager.

5. Click the install button to begin installation

6. The Chord Master setup screen will report it's progress as it copies files from the diskette to the install directory.

7. You will be notified when Chord Master setup is complete.

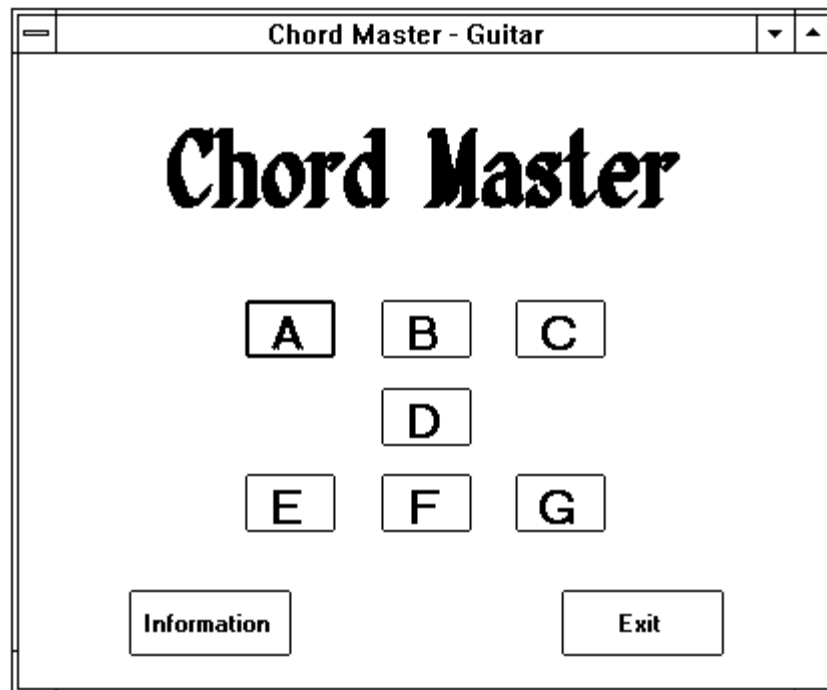
Starting Chord Master

You may start Chord Master either from the Program Manager by selecting the Chord Master icon or from the File Manager by running the "CHORD.EXE" program.

When you start Chord Master, the initial startup screen is displayed. It may take a moment for the main Chord Master screen to be displayed.

Using Chord Master

The main Chord Master screen is shown below:



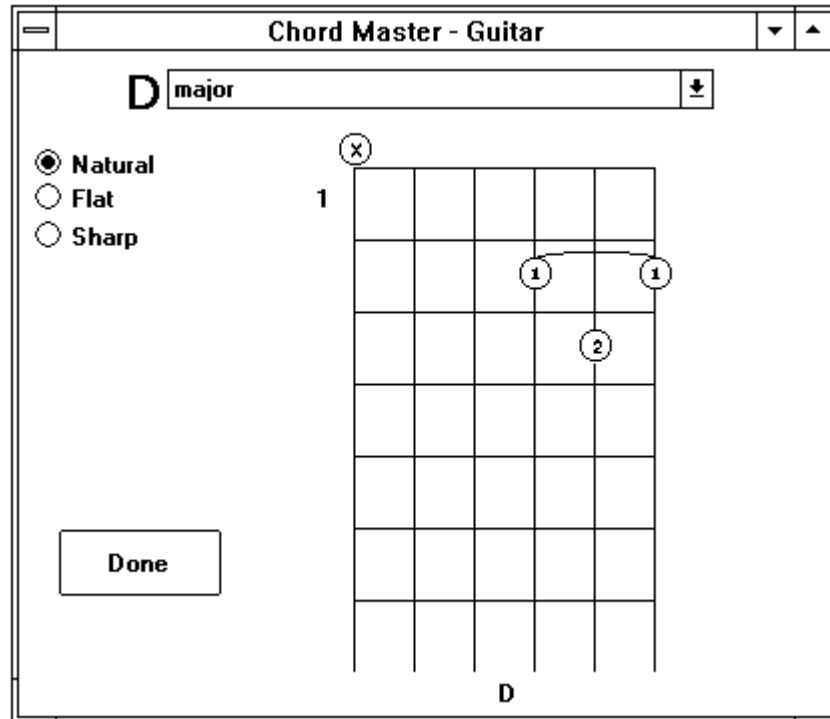
This screen contains buttons for the chord groups A-G along with Information and Exit buttons.

The Information button causes Chord Master to begin Windows Write to display this manual.

The Exit button allows you to exit Chord Master.

To begin viewing chord diagrams, select a chord letter (A-G) by clicking the button with the mouse or using the tab key to highlight the desired button and pressing enter.

The Chord Master screen is displayed. A sample of this screen showing the D chord group is shown below:



Selecting the Chord Type

At the top of the diagram screen, next to the large letter D, is a drop down list box showing the chord types that Chord Master contains. A full list of these chord types is listed later in this manual.

To use the drop down list box with a mouse, click the down arrow at it's right then select a chord type from the list by clicking the chord type desired. A scroll bar is provided to allow you to locate chord types that are not shown in the list box.

To use the drop down list box with a keyboard, press the tab key until the list box is highlighted. You may then use the up and down arrow keys to change the chord type. Alternately, you may use the Alt+Down Arrow combination to drop down the entire list then use the cursor movement keys (up, down, page up, page down, etc...) to select a chord type.

Naturals, Sharps, and Flats

After selecting the chord type, you may change the chord into a Natural, Sharp, or Flat. Note that the Sharp or Flat option may not be visible for some chord groups.

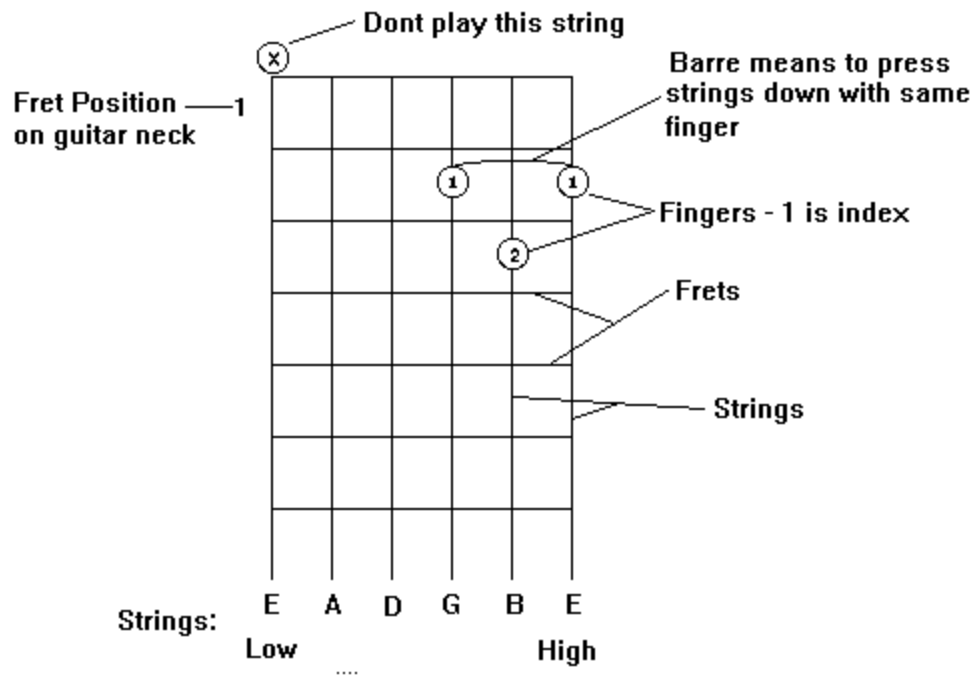
To select Natural, Sharp, or Flat, click the desired option with the mouse or press the tab key until one of the options is highlighted then use the up and down arrow keys to change the option as desired.

Returning to Main Screen

When you are done viewing a chord group, use the Done button to return to the main screen.

Reading chord diagrams

Shown below is an annotated chord diagram for the D major chord:



Chord diagrams graphically illustrate a portion of the guitar neck. The strings are shown as lines going up and down while the frets are shown as lines going across.

The strings are shown going left to right starting with the low E or bass string of the guitar.

A small number at the upper left of the diagram indicates the fret position on the guitar neck where the chord is played.

When there is an X in a circle over a string then this string should not be played.

The numbers in circles on the diagram indicate where the fingers of the left hand should be placed. The fingers are numbered 1 through 4. Finger number 1 is the index finger.

When a curved line connects two or more finger positions, it means to press all the strings down with the indicated finger. This is formally called a barre.

Chord Types

Chord Master contains 31 different chord types for each chord group. These chord types are selected from the drop down list box on the chord diagram screen.

Listed below are the chord names and the normal symbols used in musical notation:

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|-------|
| D major | | D |
| D sixth | D6 | |
| D seventh | | D7 |
| D ninth | | D9 |
| D eleventh | D11 | |
| D eleventh sharp | D11+ | |
| D thirteenth | D13 | |
| D major seventh | Dmaj7 | |
| D major ninth | Dmaj9 | |
| D major eleventh | Dmaj11 | |
| D seventh, flat fifth | D7-5 | |
| D seventh, flat ninth | D7-9 | |
| D seventh, flat tenth | D7-10 | |
| D augmented seventh | | D7+5 |
| D augmented ninth | | D9+5 |
| D augmented seventh, flat ninth | D7(-9+5) | |
| D sixth, ninth | D6o9 | |
| D diminished | D dim. | |
| D augmented | D+5 | |
| D suspended fourth | Dsus4 | |
| D seventh, suspended fourth | D7sus4 | |
| D minor | | Dm |
| D minor sixth | Dm6 | |
| D minor seventh | Dm7 | |
| D minor ninth | Dm9 | |
| D minor seventh, flat fifth | Dm7-5 | |
| D minor seventh, flat ninth | Dm7-9 | |
| D minor, major seventh | | Dm+7 |
| D minor ninth, major seventh | | Dm9+7 |
| D minor, sharp fifth | Dm+5 | |
| D minor sixth, ninth | Dm6o9 | |

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