

A Musical Tutorial

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Introduction To A Musical Tutorial

Tutorial software was originally developed to help my children with their piano lessons. The idea has grown, and this software is dedicated to the promotion of musical study. This tutorial is not intended to replace, but to be a supplement to formal musical instruction.

You may freely sample this software for a period of 30 days. If you continue to use it beyond that period you are required to register.

Comments and suggestions welcome!

Evaluation of Shareware Version

Thank you for evaluating "A Musical Tutorial". Certain options are not available in the shareware version since they are not required for a complete evaluation. These options are marked with a double asterisk "**". The functionality of non-available options may be evaluated by selecting the the identical option for the opposite hand or clef. All options are available in the registered version.

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Sight Read

Simply point to the correct answer button and click. For each correct answer you are rewarded with a happy note face. The note plays if sound is turned on.

The treble & bass clef color indicates how close you are to the reward screen.

Piano Keys / Note Association

Simply point to the piano key associated with the displayed note and click. For each correct answer you are rewarded with a happy note face. The note plays if sound is turned on.

The treble & bass clef color indicates how close you are to the reward screen.

Chord Read

Select the type of chord desired using the option buttons. For each correct answer you are rewarded with a happy note face. The chords root note plays if sound is turned on.

The treble & bass clef color indicates how close you are to the reward screen.

Chord Dictionary

Select the type of chord to display by clicking the desired option button, then click the desired piano key. Black keys will be interpreted as sharp or flat based on the sharp flat option button that is selected. The desired chord will be displayed on the staff and on the keyboard. Click the next inversion button to display the chord inversions on the keyboard.

Sight Read Drill

Sight Read Drill has two modes of operation. Timer and Continuous.

Timer

In timer mode you are given 120 seconds to sight read as many notes as possible.

Speed Hint

Position the mouse pointer at the top edge of the answer buttons and keep it there. This will eliminate time consuming vertical motion.

Continuous

Continuous mode gives you the opportunity to "mentally" identify notes in rapid succession before the correct answer is shown. You may adjust the delay between each note.

You may toggle between the two modes as often as you like.

Scales / Chords

Select the desired scale from the scale menu. The scale will play, notes appear in the staff, and the piano keys will be highlighted. After the scale finishes the broken chords will play. (there are no broken chords for minor melodic scales)

Metronome

You may set the metronome for scales and broken chords separately. Uses the scroll bars to do so.

Step

When you check the step check box scales will be played one note at a time and you will be required to click the next step button to continue to the next note. Chords step one triad at a time.

Games

There are three games available:

1. Note Game.
2. Piano Key Game.
3. Music Symbol Game.

Game instructions are on-line, just select the instruction menu pick.

Please note that the Note Game's performance can be increased by clicking the counters button. This button toggles the counter's display on & off. You will get better game performance if the counters are not displayed.

User Log

Select the user log to view statistics on your current session and on the last 16 sessions. This feature allows you to monitor progress.

Sound

Select, toggle sound, of the options menu to switch the sound on & off. Sound is played through the internal speaker. Future plans include sound board support.

Play Classics

Uses internal speaker.

Future plans include sound board support.

Click the classic desired from the menu and listen to it play. When playing, you may use the + and - keys to increase and decrease the tempo. Each time you change the tempo, the song will back up to the beginning of the current sound buffer and begin at the new tempo.

Key Signatures

Key Signature is designed to work in two ways.

[Read Key Signatures](#) will test your ability to identify key signatures. When a key signature is displayed simply point to the correct answer button and click. You will be told if your selection is right or wrong.

[Display Key Signatures](#) will allow you to select a key signature to display. Simply point to the key signature button you wish to display and click. The selected key signature will be displayed for you.

You may toggle between the two modes as often as you like.

Printing

Active Menu Option

Allows you to print the currently active menu option. Only certain menu options respond to this function. (An example of its usefulness is that it allows you to print screens from the chord dictionary.)

Scales and Chords

Allows you to select the scale (with chords) to print.

Sight Reading Fun

Use this option to print sight reading fun (test) papers.

Printer Setup

Use this option to select the desired printer.

Print String

Choose this option to print desired text at the bottom of print jobs.

Software Support

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Environment

Use this option to customize colors. Please remember that using the same colors for different items on the same window can cause display problems.

You may also choose whether or not to display the MUSIC entry screen and the grand piano on the main menu by using the check boxes.

Setup

This is where you can specify the user level and the type of notes to be used.

Hall of Fame

This is where the top game scores are recorded. You may reset the Hall of Fame (eliminate all entries and scores) by choosing the reset option.

Window

Choose this item from the main menu to cascade, tile, or close all open windows. You may also switch to any open window.

Help

This menu pick allows you to select the type of help desired.

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Technical

The Technical menu includes two options:

Intervals

Scale Identification

Intervals

The intervals option has three modes of operation:

Ear Test

Use the play button to play intervals which you are then required to identify.

Read

Intervals are displayed which you can then identify.

Display

The interval of your choice is displayed.

Use the Setup button to specify the intervals you desire and their direction.

Scale Identification

Helps you identify scales by ear.

Use the play button to play a scale which you are then required to identify.

