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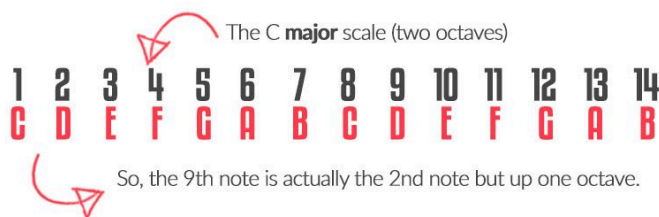
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### Finding The 9th

When we are dealing with 9th, 11th or 13th chords we need to extend our basic major scale to two octaves. That is how we find those notes. Have a look at this diagram:



As you can see we have extended the scale by a second octave, which are exactly the same notes but all higher. It suddenly became clear therefore that the 9th note is identical to the 2nd note. Calling it a 9th therefore, helps us realise that the note is typically higher in the chord, and needs to include notes from the previous octave as well as the ninth. So, get the two-octave C major scale drawn out and we'll go start the first chord in the next lesson.



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9th chords take chord construction to the next level, as we potentially get into the world of 5 note chords.

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