

Introduction

About Verovio

Verovio is open-source music notation engraving software. It supports files encoded using the [Music Encoding Initiative](#), as well as MusicXML, Humdrum `**kern`, and Plaine and Easie. There are several versions of Verovio available: A command-line utility, a JavaScript library suitable for embedding notation on web-pages, and as a library for several other languages and platforms, including Python, iOS, Android, and Java. Verovio is cross-platform and can be used in digital environments of various kind. The output of Verovio is beautifully engraved music notation rendered using the Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG) format.

While Verovio can be used as a core component for building powerful music notation editors, it is not an editor itself. There are a number of engraving options available to help control and adjust, to a fine level of detail, the specifics of the engraving.

Verovio uses the Standard Music Font Layout (SMuFL) as the basis for its notation shapes. This means that any [SMuFL-compliant font](#) may be used to customize and personalize the look of the engraved output.

About this book

This book is intended to serve as a reference guide for how to work with Verovio, and is meant for users of all skill levels. The book is a collaborative work that brings together inputs from the many contributors to the Verovio projects under the editorial leadership of the RISM Digital Center team.

[How to cite it?]

The first three sections will provide a number of tutorials, starting at the very basic and ending at advanced topics in notation. By the end of these sections you should have a very good understanding of how to use Verovio in its different forms, and how you can start to integrate it into your own work.

The following sections will cover the specifics of Verovio, serving as a reference for the operations and options available. It will also cover how to build Verovio from the source code, and how to contribute to the active development of Verovio.

Getting help

As you work through this book, from the most basic to the most advanced topics, you may find that you are struggling to understand something. The quickest and easiest way to get help is to reach out on the `#verovio` channel in the [MEI Community's Slack chat](#). If you are not already a member, [you can join](#).

Licensing

Verovio is licensed under the OSI-approved [GNU Lesser General Public License \(LGPLv3\)](#). This means that Verovio can be used in any contexts that are compliant with the requirements of that license. In this section, we explain more concretely what you can do with it in your project, but also what is required or not allowed for you to do, and what we additionally recommend.

What is allowed

The LGPLv3 license allows you to use the Verovio library as-is in open-source projects that are compliant with this license. It can also be used in commercial products that are open-source or not. It can be a web application, a desktop application or a mobile one. The Verovio library can be embedded in the product and shipped with it without having your product itself to be open-source as long as the Verovio library **is not modified** and is dynamically linked to your product.

What is required

Whichever use you make of the library, you have to give **visible credit** to the Verovio library. For a web application, it has to be through a prominent notice on your web-site. For a mobile application, it has to be given in the metadata of the application (e.g., iOS App Store or the Google Play store).

Here are some minimal examples to follow:

- NomadPlay web application and in the App Store
- Trala in the App Store

Using Verovio in a product without giving credit is a clear **license violation**. However, it is also important to understand that, by giving the appropriate credits, you are not only fulfilling the very basic and free-of-charge requirements of the license but also supporting the community by recognizing its work. This will help us make Verovio better and more sustainable and will be beneficial to all users - including you - in the long-run.

What is not allowed

You are not allowed to make any modifications to the Verovio library without making all of your **changes publicly available** and under the original LGPLv3 license. For example, if you improve the layout algorithm, or add support for additional music notation elements, these improvements must be made open-source under LGPLv3. Not doing it is also a **license violation** and is un-supportive of the community.

What is recommended

Providing credit if you use Verovio, and making the source code of your modifications to the Verovio library available to the community, are the only minimal legal requirements. However, we strongly encourage you to go one step further and to ask for your changes to be integrated into the original code-base of Verovio with a **pull-request** to the [rism-digital/verovio](https://github.com/rism-digital/verovio) repository. Before your changes can be integrated into the repository, we will need you to accept the Verovio [Contributor License Agreement \(CLA\)](#). This is a standard procedure for open-source projects and will allow for the community to benefit directly from your work.

We would also be happy to hear about your use of Verovio in your applications. Please get in touch if you are using Verovio, and let us know where we can learn more about your project!

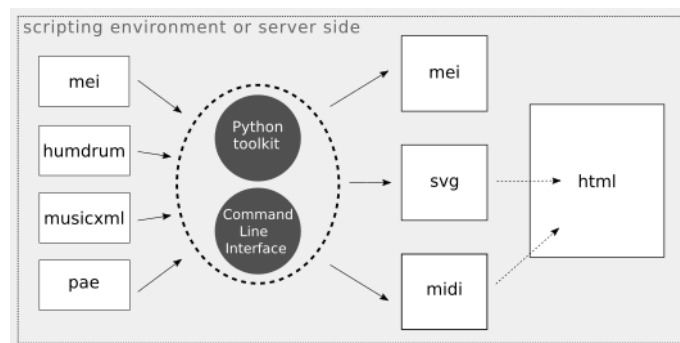
Overview

Verovio is a C++ codebase that can be compiled and wrapped into different programming languages and integrated into various environments.

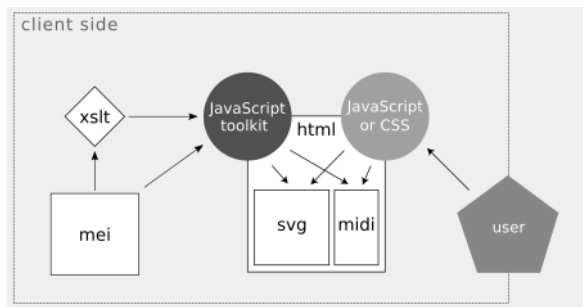
The Command-line interface or the Python toolkit can be used in scripting environments or server side. Typical use cases would be :

- generate SVG and MIDI from MEI documents or other supported formats,
- generate MEI documents from other supported formats (e.g., convert files).

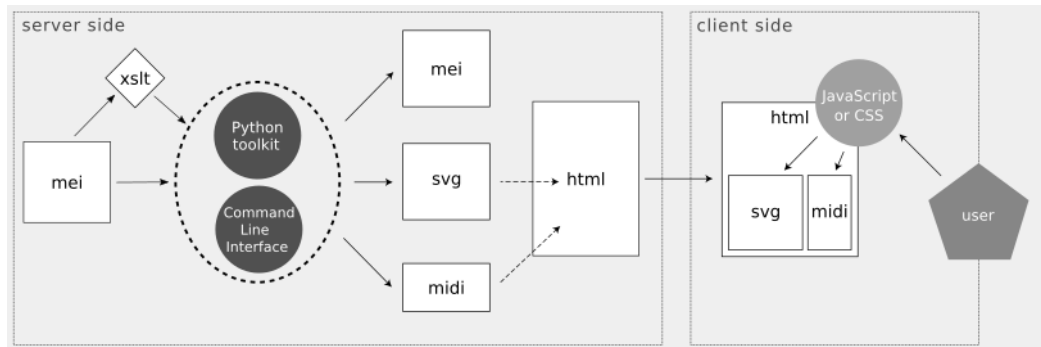
Resulting SVG or MEI documents can then be embedded in a HTML page or used as such.



The JavaScript toolkit makes it possible to generate SVG and MIDI directly in the browser. It is easy to set up and platform independent. Interaction with the user can then be handled with basic JavaScript or CSS. An example of how to handle events is given in the tutorial. It is also possible to process the MEI via XSLT in the browser before loading it into Verovio.



Both approaches can be combined: one may choose to process the MEI and to generate the SVG server side for better performance, and then handle interactions client side with JavaScript and CSS.



Tutorial 1: First Steps

Introduction

The first tutorial will look at how you can use Verovio to render music notation on a web page, using the pre-built JavaScript library. In this tutorial you will be building a small HTML page, with a minimal amount of JavaScript, to create an SVG rendering of an MEI file. In-depth technical expertise is not necessary, but you should be familiar with the basic principles of HTML to get the most out of this tutorial, and have access to a plain-text editor, preferably with facilities for automatically highlighting HTML and JavaScript code. (The [Atom](#) editor is a good choice if you need a recommendation.)

By the end of this tutorial, you should have a good understanding of the following:

1. How to load the Verovio JavaScript library using the `<script>` tag;
2. How to initialize Verovio, and how to set some basic rendering options;
3. How to load an MEI file from a URL and pass it to Verovio to render;
4. How to navigate between pages a multi-page score.

Later tutorials will cover more in-depth topics, such as how to have more control over rendering options, how to interact with the rendered notation, and how to play the notation back using MIDI.

Basic browser skills

A good skill to have in working through these tutorials is how to access and use the JavaScript error console in your browser. Every modern browser comes with this facility. This feature is useful to see what might be causing problems since these problems may not be otherwise noticeable; your page just may not work, or it may not do what you expect.

Accessing the JavaScript console is slightly different in each browser.

Chrome

Keyboard shortcut:

- Ctrl + Shift + J (Windows/Linux)
- Command + Option + J (Mac)

Menu location:

- Menu > More Tools > Developer Tools > Console tab

[Chrome documentation](#)

Firefox

Keyboard shortcut:

- Ctrl + Shift + K (Windows/Linux)
- Command + Option + K (Mac)

Menu location:

- Menu > Developer > Web Console

[Firefox documentation](#)

Internet Explorer / Edge

Keyboard shortcut: F12

Menu location: Menu “three dots” icon > F12 Developer Tools > Console tab

[Edge documentation](#)

Safari

Keyboard shortcut:

- Command + Option + C

Menu location:

The Safari developer tools must be enabled before use.

1. Safari > Preferences > Advanced > enable “Show Develop menu in menu bar”
2. Develop > Show Error Console

[Safari documentation](#)

[Source](#)

Getting started

To get started with Verovio, you need to load the JavaScript library in a web page. If you were building your own website, you may choose to host this on your own servers, but in this tutorial we will use a version that is hosted on the Verovio website.

You can start with the following HTML page:

HTML / JAVASCRIPT

```
<html>
<head>
  <script src="http://www.verovio.org/javascript/latest/verovio-toolkit-wasm.js" defer></script>
</head>
<body>
  <h1>Hello Verovio!</h1>
  <div id="notation"></div>
</body>
</html>
```

Save this in a plain text file somewhere on your hard-drive, and then open it with your browser. (The name does not matter, but it should end in .html ; verovio.html is a good choice.) You should text in a large font that says "Hello Verovio!" but not much else. If you have your browser console open (discussed in the introduction), you should see no errors.

To start Verovio, you should add the following to your page in the head, after the <script> tag that loads the Verovio toolkit:

HTML / JAVASCRIPT

```
<script>
document.addEventListener("DOMContentLoaded", (event) => {
  Module.onRuntimeInitialized = async _ => {
    let tk = new verovio.toolkit();
  }
});
</script>
```

(If you are unsure, scroll to the bottom of this page; the full example is given below.)

When you refresh your page, you should still see nothing, and there should be no errors in the browser console. To help you understand what this is doing, let's start from the inside out.

The line `tk = new verovio.toolkit();` creates a new instance of the Verovio toolkit. This is what we will eventually use to render the notation. However, we first need to wait until the Verovio library is fully downloaded and ready to use by your browser. The `Module.onRuntimeInitialized` line, and the `document.addEventListener` lines do just that – they tell your browser to wait until other things have happened before trying to work with Verovio. This is a good, safe way to ensure all the requirements are met before we try to start working with Verovio.

Logging to the Console

While you are developing, it can be useful to write little notes to yourself to let you know what types of data you have, or to see what is happening at any given point in your code. As you proceed to more advanced uses you may wish to explore the browser's built-in debugger, but until then a quick and easy way to do this is to use your browser's error console.

In your page, just after the line where you instantiate a new Verovio toolkit, insert the following:

```
console.log("Verovio has loaded!");
```

When you refresh your page, you can see this note to yourself appear in the browser console. If no other errors appear, this gives you a critical pieces of information: Your browser has reached that point in execution, which means it has successfully loaded and initialized Verovio. If you do not see this, go back through the examples to see where you may have gone wrong. If you still cannot find this, you can find the full example for this stage of the tutorial below.

You may notice that Verovio prints some warnings to your browser console. We can ignore these options for this tutorial, but if you are working with your own encoded scores and see these warnings it may help you track down problems or unexpected behaviours when rendering your scores.

End of Section 1

At the end of this first section you should have a working web page, with a message printed to your browser console, and no other errors showing up. In the next section we will look at how to load and render some basic music notation in this page.

Full example

HTML / JAVASCRIPT

```
<html>
<head>
  <script src="http://www.verovio.org/javascript/latest/verovio-toolkit-wasm.js" defer></script>
  <script>
    document.addEventListener("DOMContentLoaded", (event) => {
      Module.onRuntimeInitialized = async _ => {
        let tk = new verovio.toolkit();
        console.log("Verovio has loaded!");
      }
    });
  </script>
</head>
<body>
  <h1>Hello Verovio!</h1>
  <div id="notation"></div>
</body>
</html>
```

Basic rendering

At the end of part 1, we finished with a page that was successfully loading the Verovio library, but with nothing to display. In this part of the tutorial We will write some JavaScript that will fetch an MEI file from a URL, and then pass that MEI file to Verovio. This will turn the MEI file into an Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG) file that we can then embed in our page.

Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG) is an image format that can be directly embedded into web pages. Vector graphics can be made larger or smaller with no pixellation, unlike other image formats you may be familiar with such as JPEG or PNG.

Fetching MEI with JavaScript

The first step is to fetch an MEI file from a URL. To do this, you can write the following in your HTML file, immediately after the `console.log` statement:

JAVASCRIPT

```
fetch("https://www.verovio.org/examples/downloads/Schubert_Lindenbaum.mei")
  .then( (response) => response.text() )
  .then( (meiXML) => {
    let svg = tk.renderData(meiXML, {});
    document.getElementById("notation").innerHTML = svg;
  });
```

To break this down a bit, we start with a `fetch` statement with a URL; this tells your browser to try and load the file available at this address from a remote server. If it's successful, then it should extract the XML data from the server: `then((response) => response.text())`.

Finally, we take this MEI response and pass it off to our Verovio instance. Remember that we 'started' Verovio by creating a new Toolkit and assigning it to the variable `tk`? Well, now we are using this toolkit to render the MEI file. The result, as you might guess by the variable name (`let svg = ...`), will be some SVG.

Once we have this SVG, we look through the page for HTML element with the `id` of "notation". You should see a `<div id="notation"></div>` line already in your HTML file. We set the content of this element (the `innerHTML`) to the SVG output of Verovio.

If you refresh your HTML page now, you should see a rendered version of a Schubert lied, "Der Lindenbaum". Congratulations! If you do not see this, go back and double-check that you do not have any errors in your browser console.

End of Section 2

At the end of this section, you should have a page with some rendered music notation on it. It's probably a bit too big, though, to read comfortably on your screen. You may also be wondering how Verovio handles larger scores, with lots of pages. We will answer these two questions in the next sections by looking at how we can control the layout options, and how we can use JavaScript to navigate the score dynamically.

Full example

HTML / JAVASCRIPT

```
<html>
<head>
  <script src="http://www.verovio.org/javascript/latest/verovio-toolkit-wasm.js" defer></script>
  <script>
    document.addEventListener("DOMContentLoaded", (event) => {
      Module.onRuntimeInitialized = async _ => {
        let tk = new verovio.toolkit();
        console.log("Verovio has loaded!");

        fetch("https://www.verovio.org/examples/downloads/Schubert_Lindenbaum.mei")
          .then( (response) => response.text() )
          .then( (meiXML) => {
            let svg = tk.renderData(meiXML, {});
            document.getElementById("notation").innerHTML = svg;
          });
      }
    });
  </script>
</head>
<body>
  <h1>Hello Verovio!</h1>
  <div id="notation"></div>
</body>
</html>
```

Layout options

Now that we have successfully rendered an MEI file to a web page, we can start to explore how to customize the SVG output. There are [many possible options](#), most of which you will never need.

To start, we will first try and reduce the size of the image output, to demonstrate how we can scale the music notation to fit the screen.

Passing options to Verovio

Passing options to Verovio is as easy as creating a set of key and value pairs, and using the `setOptions` method on the toolkit. To scale the output we will use the `scale` option. Add the following to your page, after we have instantiated the toolkit but before we render the data:

JAVASCRIPT

```
tk.setOptions({
  scale: 30
});
```

When you refresh your page, you should see your score scaled to 30% of its original size. Try experimenting with other values to see their effects! (Hint: you can use sizes above 100%.)

Defaults

All of the options have default values. You can use the `getOptions` method to view the list of all the options and their default values. We will use the browser console to explore these defaults. Add the following line:

JAVASCRIPT

```
console.log("Verovio options:", tk.getOptions());
```

When you refresh your page and open your browser's console you should see the text "Verovio options:" followed by a small disclosure triangle. Clicking this triangle will produce a long list of options that you can pass to `setOptions`. Let's try a few more.

Change the page orientation

You may have noticed that, by default, Verovio renders the score in "portrait" orientation; that is, the width of the score is shorter than the length. To change this, we can use the `landscape` and `adjustPageWidth` options:

JAVASCRIPT

```
tk.setOptions({  
  scale: 30,  
  landscape: true,  
  adjustPageWidth: true  
});
```

When you refresh the page you should notice that your SVG has changed orientation! But wait... the score is now cut off! Where did the rest of it go?

It turns out that Verovio has the ability to split scores into "pages" automatically. When it calculates the notation cannot fit on the current page, Verovio will automatically push it to the next page. Adjusting the different options will have an effect on this calculation, so it is worth looking through the options that we printed out, and trying some on your own. You may wish to change the `pageWidth` option, for example, to a bigger or smaller value and see what the result is.

End of Section 3

In this section we have explored Verovio's default options, and looked at how to adjust them to change the rendering output. In the next section we will look at how we can adjust these options dynamically, using on-screen controls to provide a user interface for building interactive music notation displays.

Full example

HTML / JAVASCRIPT


```

<html>
<head>
<script src="http://www.verovio.org/javascript/latest/verovio-toolkit-wasm.js" defer></script>
<script>
document.addEventListener("DOMContentLoaded", (event) => {
  Module.onRuntimeInitialized = async _ => {
    let tk = new verovio.toolkit();
    console.log("Verovio has loaded!");
    tk.setOptions({
      scale: 30,
      landscape: true,
      adjustPageWidth: true
    });
    tk.renderToSVG
    console.log("Verovio options:", tk.getOptions());

    fetch("https://www.verovio.org/examples/downloads/Schubert_Lindenbaum.mei")
      .then( (response) => response.text() )
      .then( (meiXML) => {
        let svg = tk.renderData(meiXML, {});
        document.getElementById("notation").innerHTML = svg;
      });
  }
});
</script>
</head>
<body>
<h1>Hello Verovio!</h1>
<div id="notation"></div>
</body>
</html>

```

Score navigation

In this final part of the introductory tutorial, we will take what we have learned about Verovio and produce an interactive score, where your users can adjust the behaviour of Verovio and see the display updated.

Creating the controls

Before we start we will need to create some HTML form controls. These controls will do the following:

- A slider to adjust the scaling factor;
- “Next page” and “Previous page” buttons for navigating the score;
- A checkbox for adjusting the orientation (portrait or landscape)

If you are not familiar with how HTML form controls are created, you may wish to consult the [Basic form controls](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/Forms/Basic_native_form_controls) and the [HTML5 input types](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/Forms/HTML5_input_types) documentation.

Tutorial 2: Interactive notation

Introduction

Here is one example - we show measure 1 and 3 with a separator



XML

```
<measure n="1">
  <staff n="1">
    <layer n="1">
      <note dur="4" oct="5" pname="c" stem.dir="down">
        <accid accid.ges="n"/>
      </note>
      <note dur="4" oct="5" pname="d" stem.dir="down">
        <accid accid.ges="n"/>
      </note>
      <note dur="4" oct="5" pname="c" stem.dir="down">
        <accid accid="n" func="edit"/>
      </note>
      <note dur="4" oct="4" pname="b" stem.dir="down">
        <accid accid="f"/>
      </note>
    </layer>
  </staff>
</measure>
<!-- ... -->
<measure right="end" n="3">
  <staff n="1">
    <layer n="1">
      <note dur="4" oct="5" pname="c" stem.dir="down">
        <accid accid.ges="n"/>
      </note>
      <note dur="4" oct="4" pname="g" stem.dir="up">
        <accid accid="s" func="edit"/>
      </note>
      <note dur="4" oct="4" pname="e" stem.dir="up">
        <accid accid.ges="n"/>
      </note>
      <note dur="4" oct="4" pname="d" stem.dir="up">
        <accid accid.ges="n"/>
      </note>
    </layer>
  </staff>
</measure>
```

Here is another one - we show measure 1 and 2 without separator



XML

```

<measure n="1">
  <staff n="1">
    <layer n="1">
      <note dur="4" oct="4" pname="c" accid.ges="n"/>
      <note dur="4" oct="4" pname="d" accid.ges="n"/>
      <note dur="4" oct="4" pname="e" accid.ges="n"/>
      <note dur="4" oct="4" pname="f" accid.ges="n"/>
    </layer>
  </staff>
</measure>
<measure n="2">
  <staff n="1">
    <layer n="1">
      <beam>
        <note dur="8" oct="4" pname="g" accid.ges="n"/>
        <note dur="8" oct="4" pname="a" accid.ges="n"/>
      </beam>
      <beam>
        <note dur="8" oct="4" pname="b" accid.ges="n"/>
        <note dur="8" oct="5" pname="c" accid.ges="n"/>
      </beam>
      <beam>
        <note dur="8" oct="5" pname="d" accid.ges="n"/>
        <note dur="8" oct="5" pname="e" accid.ges="n"/>
      </beam>
      <beam>
        <note dur="8" oct="5" pname="f" accid.ges="n"/>
        <note dur="8" oct="5" pname="g" accid.ges="n"/>
      </beam>
    </layer>
  </staff>
</measure>

```

Inspecting the SVG

[Describe how to inspect the SVG output in the browser; useful to know for later chapters on how to style them!]

Working with CSS and SVG

Here is one example - show first note



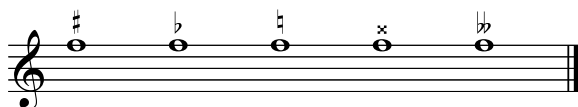
XML

```

<note dur="4" oct="5" pname="c" stem.dir="down">
  <accid accid.ges="n"/>
</note>

```

Here is another one - show first and last note



XML

```
<note dur="1" oct="5" pname="f">  
  <accid accid="s" func="edit"/>  
</note>  
<!-- ... -->  
<note dur="1" oct="5" pname="f">  
  <accid accid="x" func="edit"/>  
</note>
```

XPath queries

Working with MIDI

Beyond tutorials: Advanced topics

Introduction

In this chapter, we explain different topics that deserve a more in-depth documentation.

Internal structure

The purpose of Verovio is to provide a self-contained typesetting engine that is directly capable of rendering MEI to its graphical representation in high quality. Its main goal is also to develop a library with an internal structure identical to MEI as far as possible.

For practical reasons, however, the Verovio library uses a page-based customization of MEI internally. Since the modifications introduced by the customization are very limited, the Verovio library can also be used to render un-customized MEI files. With the page-based customization, the content of the music is encoded in `<page>` elements that are themselves contained in a `<pages>` element within `<mdiv>`.

A `<page>` element contains `<system>` elements. From then on, the encoding is identical to standard MEI. That is, a `<system>` element will contain `<measure>` elements or `<staff>` elements that are both un-customized, depending on whether or not the music is measured or un-measured respectively.

Layout and positioning

The idea of a page-based customization is also to make it possible to encode the positioning of elements directly in the content tree. This can be useful in some uses of MEI where the encoding represents one single source with one image per page. This is typically the case with optical music recognition applications. Verovio supports both positioned elements and automatic layout. The latter will be executed when un-customized MEI files are rendered.

The page-based organization is modeled by a MEI customization that defines the structure describe above. The ODD file of the customization and the corresponding RNG schema are available from the [MEI Incubator](#). This is still work-in-progress.

SVG structure

One advantage of SVG rendering over other formats (e.g., images or PDF) is that SVG is rendered natively in all modern web-browsers. Because it is in XML, it also has the advantage that it is well suitable to interaction since every graphic is an XML element that is easy addressable. With Verovio, we also have the advantage that the SVG is organized in such a way that the MEI structure is preserved as much as possible. For example, a `<note>` element with an `xml:id` attribute in the MEI file will have a corresponding `<g>` element in the SVG with an `class` attribute "note" and an `id` attribute corresponding to the `xml:id`. This makes interaction with the SVG very easy. The hierarchy of the element is also preserved as shown below.

XML

```
<tuplet xml:id="t1" num="3" numbase="2">
  <beam xml:id="b1">
    <note xml:id="n1" pname="d" oct="5" dur="8" />
    <note xml:id="n2" pname="e" oct="5" dur="16" dots="1"/>
    <note xml:id="n3" pname="d" oct="5" dur="32" />
    <note xml:id="n4" pname="c" oct="5" dur="8" accid="s"/>
  </beam>
</tuplet>
<beam xml:id="b2">
  <tuplet xml:id="t2" num="3" numbase="2">
    <note xml:id="n5" pname="d" oct="5" dur="8" />
    <note xml:id="n6" pname="e" oct="5" dur="16" dots="1"/>
    <note xml:id="n7" pname="f" oct="5" dur="32" accid="s"/>
    <note xml:id="n8" pname="e" oct="5" dur="8"/>
  </tuplet>
</beam>
```



XML

```
<g class="tuplet" id="t1">
  <g class="beam" id="b1">
    <g class="note" id="n1"></g>
    <g class="note" id="n2"></g>
    <g class="note" id="n3"></g>
    <g class="note" id="n4"></g>
  </g>
</g>
<g class="beam" id="b2">
  <g class="tuplet" id="t2">
    <g class="note" id="n5"></g>
    <g class="note" id="n6"></g>
    <g class="note" id="n7"></g>
    <g class="note" id="n8"></g>
  </g>
</g>
```

Transposition

Transposition implementation in Verovio uses the base-40 system that allows for an arbitrary maximum sharp/flat count (where base-40 can handle up to double sharps/flats). The option `--transpose` can be given two types of data: (1) a chromatic interval, or (2) a tonic pitch in the new key with optional direction and octave of transposition added.

Transposition by chromatic interval

For transposition by chromatic intervals, the format is an optional sign, followed by a chromatic quality followed by a diatonic number of steps. Examples: `+M2` = up major second, `-d5` = down diminished fifth

The direction of the interval, with `-` indicating down and no sign or a `+` means up. A special cases is `P1` which is a perfect unison (so `+P1` == `-P1` since there is no movement up or down).

Then there is the chromatic quality of the interval. `P` means perfect, `M` means major, `m` means minor, `d` means diminished, `A` means augmented, `dd` means doubly diminished (and so on), `AA` means doubly augmented (and so on). For `[PdA]` the case of the letter does not matter so `[pDa]` should be interpreted as equivalent. `M` and `m` are case sensitive (major and minor).

This is the diatonic interval which is any (reasonable) positive integer. A unison is `1`, a second is `2`, etc. Compound intervals an octave and above can also be represented, such as `8` for an octave, a `9` for a ninth (octave plus a second), `10` for a tenth (octave plus a third), `15` = two octaves, `16` = two octaves plus a second.

Verovio will print an error message if the string option is not formatted correctly, and it will return an error interval which is a very large interval going down.

Example interval names:

name	meaning
P1	perfect unison
M2	major second up
+M2	major second up
-M2	major second down
m2	minor second up
d2	diminished second up
dd2	doubly diminished second up
A2	augmented second up
AA2	doubly augmented second up
M3	major third up
P4	perfect fourth up
d4	diminished fourth up
A4	augmented fourth up
P8	perfect octave up
P15	two perfect octaves up
m10	perfect octave plus minor third up

Transposition by tonic pitch

For transposition by tonic pitch names, the format is made up of an optional direction, a `pname` and an `accid`.

If no direction is given, then the smallest interval will be chosen. For example if starting from C major and transposing to G major, the calculated interval will be down a perfect fourth, since the G below C is closer than the G above C.

When the direction is `+`, the next higher pitch that matches the new tonic will define the interval. For C major to G major, this is a perfect fifth up. When the direction is `-`, the next lower pitch that matches the new tonic will define the interval. For C major to G major, this is a perfect fourth down.

The `+` or `-` direction can be doubled/tripled/etc. to indicate additional octave transpositions. For example `--g` from C major means to transpose down an octave and a fourth: A forth to the next lower G, and then an octave to the next lower G. Likewise, `+++g` from C major means to transpose up two octaves and a fifth: A fifth to the next higher G and `++` means two octaves above that G.

Then comes a case-insensitive `@pname` for the tonic of the new key (`[A-Ga-g]`), followed by an optional `accid` for the new key tonic, which is also case-insensitive (`[Ss]*[Ff]*`).

Examples:

tonic parameter	meaning
<code>g</code>	transpose current tonic to closest G tonic note (up or down a fourth from current tonic)
<code>+g</code>	transpose to the next higher G tonic
<code>-g</code>	transpose down to next lower G tonic
<code>++g</code>	transpose to second next higher G tonic
<code>--g</code>	transpose to second next lower G tonic
<code>ff</code>	transpose to nearest F-flat
<code>-cs</code>	transpose to next lower C-sharp
<code>++BF</code>	transpose up to second next higher B-flat

Illustrated examples

Here is a test example music to transpose - note the `@key.sig` is expected for transposition to work properly:



XML

```
<score>
<scoreDef>
  <staffGrp>
    <staffDef n="1" lines="5" clef.shape="G" clef.line="2" meter.sym="common" key.sig="0"/>
  </staffGrp>
</scoreDef>
<section>
  <measure right="end" n="1">
    <staff n="1">
      <layer n="1">
        <chord dur="1">
          <note oct="4" pname="c"/>
          <note oct="4" pname="e"/>
          <note oct="4" pname="g"/>
        </chord>
      </layer>
    </staff>
  </measure>
</section>
</score>
```

Setting transpose: "M2" will transpose the music up a major second from C to D:



Setting transpose: "-m2" To go down a minor second from C to B:



Common intervals: m3 = minor third, M3 = major 3rd, P4 = perfect fourth, P5 = perfect fifth, d5 = diminished fifth, A4 = augmented fourth.

It is also possible to give semitone steps, with 1 being one semitone, 2 being two semitones, etc. This method is less precise, and the computer will make an automatic calculating to minimize the number of accidentals in the target key signature.

For example transpose: "1" will display in D-flat major:



This is equivalent to going up a minor second with transpose: "-m2" :



If you need to transpose to C-sharp major, then you cannot use integers, but must use the full musical interval, which in this case is transpose: "A1" for an augmented unison:



(a1 and A1 are the same, but m2 and M2 are not equivalent).

It is also possible to give the tonic note of the new key. For example transpose: "E" means to transpose to E major (or minor, since the mode will not be changed). This feature requires that the music contain key information which is not always present in MusicXML data. It can also be incorrect, which may cause problems, so use this option with care in an automatic situation.



F-sharp major with transpose: "F#", which is equivalent to a transposition of A4 :



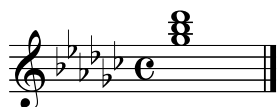
G-flat major with transpose: "Gb", which is equivalent to d5 :



Notice that this method moves to the closest tonic. To force G-flat major above, add a + with transpose: "+Gb" :



To go another octave above, add two ++ with transpose: "++Gb" :



Algorithm for transposition by tonic

The algorithm for transposition by tonic proceeds as follow:

- Find the key information at the start of the music in each part. If all parts have the same transposition (or no parts have transposition), then use the @pname and @accid as the reference pitch for which an interval will be calculated for the input transposition target tonic.
- If all parts do not have the same transposition, then choose a part that does not have a transposition from which to extract the key information. If all parts have transpositions, but the transpositions are different, then apply transposition to the key information to get it to sounding pitch for one of those instruments and use this transposed pitch as the basis for the key transposition.
- The key information may be stored in one of two main locations: staffDef@key.pname / staffDef@key.accid (the most common currently) or keySig@pname / keySig@accid . The staffDef@key.mode / keySig@mode is not needed. This key information must come before the first notes on the staff. keySig may be found as a child of staffDef , or may be found outside of the staffDef (at the start layer) or in scoreDef if it applies to all staves in the score (or the majority of staves in the score?).
- If there is no key information found before the first notes of the music, print an error warning and do not transpose.

- Once the original key is known, then the interval necessary for transposition can be calculated. The next step is to identify the closest new tonic's octave. For extra + or - in the tonic string, add an octave to the interval to calculate the final interval for transposition.

At this point the key transposition process becomes equivalent to the interval transposition process.

SMuFL fonts

Verovio follows the Standard Music Font Layout (SMuFL) specification. It means that it is easily possible to change the music font used in Verovio and to have a personalised output. Verovio includes the Leipzig font, its own SMuFL-compliant music font. Leipzig was initially developed by Etienne Darbellay and Jean-François Marti as part of the Wolfgang music notation software. It is SMuFL compliant since version 5.0 and distributed under the SIL Open Font License.

Verovio also supports and includes the Bravura font designed by Daniel Spreadbury, the Gootville and the Leland fonts designed by MuseScore community.

Fonts included can be selected by setting the `--font` option. For example, the Bravura font can be selected with the `--font Bravura` option in the command-line tool or by adding `{ font: "Bravura" }` in the JavaScript toolkit options.

Examples

Leipzig



Bravura



Gootville

Die zwei blau-en Au- gen von mei- nem

pp p

pp p

Leland

Die zwei blau-en Au- gen von mei- nem

pp p

pp p

Leipzig

> . - ^ V °

Bravura

> . - ^ V °

Music symbols in text

For cases when music symbols have to be displayed within text, Verovio uses the [VerovioText](#) font. This font is based on Leipzig and includes only a very limited set of [symbols](#). They include:

- Note symbols for tempo indications
- Lyric elision symbols
- Figured bass symbols
- Dynamic symbols

Examples

a b c d e

XML

```
<verse n="1">
  <syl con="b">a</syl>
  <syl con="b">b</syl>
  <syl>c</syl>
</verse>
```

Andante con moto =



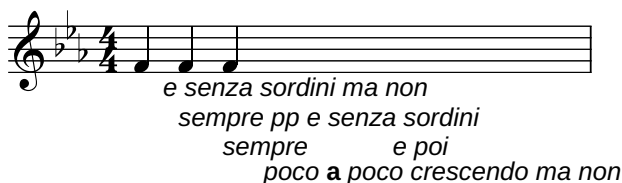
XML

```
<tempo staff="1" tstamp="1.000000">Andante con moto <rend fontname="VerovioText">♩</rend> = 70</tempo>
```

Characters in tempo indications can be encoded as Unicode characters or as entities (e.g., ``). See the section on MEI in [Output formats](#) for more information on how to control them.

Dynamics

For dynamics, the font is used only in cases where text and dynamic symbols are mixed together. Verovio automatically detects dynamic symbols within text and display them appropriately. In such cases, however, the music font will always be VerovioText and the font specified with the `--font` option will not be used.



XML

```
<dynam staff="1" tstamp="1.000000">ff e senza sordini ma non sfz</dynam>
<dynam staff="1" tstamp="2.000000">
  <rend fontfam="Times">sempre pp e senza sordini</rend>
</dynam>
<dynam staff="1" tstamp="3.000000">sempre fff rfz e poi<lb/>poco <rend fontstyle="normal" fontweight="bold">
a</rend> poco crescendo ma non ffff<lb/>troppo</dynam>
```

In some cases, it might be desirable to disable the automatic detection of dynamic symbols and the use of the music font. This can be achieved by setting explicitly a text font as illustrated with the `<rend fontfam="Times">` in the second dynamic in the example above.

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Toolkit methods

Edit

Edit the MEI data.

Returns

bool – True if the edit action was successfully applied

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
editorAction	const std::string &	∅	The editor actions as a stringified JSON object

Original header

C++

```
bool vrv::Toolkit::Edit(const std::string &editorAction)
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
result = toolkit.edit(editorAction)
```

EditInfo

Return the editor status.

Returns

std::string – The editor status as a string

Original header

C++

```
std::string vrv::Toolkit::EditInfo()
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
result = toolkit.editInfo()
```

GetAvailableOptions

Return all available options grouped by category.

For each option, returns the type, the default value, and the minimum and maximum value (when available)

Returns

std::string – A stringified JSON object

Original header

C++

```
std::string vrv::Toolkit::GetAvailableOptions() const
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
result = toolkit.getAvailableOptions()
```

More info here

Example how to extend the documentation for a method

GetElementAttr

Return element attributes as a JSON string.

The attributes returned include the ones not supported by Verovio

Returns

std::string – A stringified JSON object with all attributes

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
xmlId	const std::string &	Ø	the ID (xml:id) of the element being looked for

Original header

C++

```
std::string vrv::Toolkit::GetElementAttr(const std::string &xmlId)
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
result = toolkit.getElementAttr(xmlId)
```

The method performs a lookup in the loaded MEI tree and will return all attributes for the retrieved element. This includes attributes currently not supported by Verovio. Looking in the MEI tree means that looking for elements added dynamically for the rendering by Verovio will not be found. This is the case for `system` elements when loading score-based MEI, or `meterSig` or `clef` elements displayed at the beginning of a system.

GetElementsAtTime

Returns array of IDs of elements being currently played.

Returns

std::string – A stringified JSON object with the page and notes being played

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
millisec	int	Ø	The time in milliseconds

Original header

C++

```
std::string vrv::Toolkit::GetElementsAtTime(int millisec)
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
result = toolkit.getElementsAtTime(millisec)
```

GetExpansionIdsForElement

Returns a vector of ID strings of all elements (the notated and the expanded) for a given element.

Returns

std::string – A stringified JSON object with all IDs

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
xmlId	const std::string &	Ø	the ID (xml:id) of the element being looked for

Original header

C++

```
std::string vrv::Toolkit::GetExpansionIdsForElement(const std::string &xmlId)
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
result = toolkit.getExpansionIdsForElement(xmlId)
```

GetHumdrum

Get the humdrum buffer.

Returns

std::string – The humdrum buffer as a string

Original header

C++

```
std::string vrv::Toolkit::GetHumdrum()
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
result = toolkit.getHumdrum()
```

GetHumdrumFile

Write the humdrum buffer to the file.

This methods is not available in the JavaScript version of the toolkit.

Returns

bool

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
filename	const std::string &	Ø	

Original header

C++

```
bool vrv::Toolkit::GetHumdrumFile(const std::string &filename)
```

Example call**PYTHON**

```
result = toolkit.getHumdrumFile(filename)
```

GetLog

Get the log content for the latest operation.

Returns

std::string – The log content as a string

Original header**C++**

```
std::string vrv::Toolkit::GetLog()
```

Example call**PYTHON**

```
result = toolkit.getLog()
```

GetMEI

Get the MEI as a string.

Returns

std::string

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
jsonOptions	const std::string &	Ø	A stringified JSON object with the output options pageNo: integer; (1-based), all pages if none (or 0) specified; scoreBased: true or false; true by default; noXmllIds: true or false; false by default - remove all @xml:id not used in the data;

Original header**C++**

```
std::string vrv::Toolkit::GetMEI(const std::string &jsonOptions)
```

Example call**PYTHON**

```
result = toolkit.getMEI(jsonOptions)
```

GetMIDIValuesForElement

Return MIDI values of the element with the ID (xml:id)

RenderToMIDI() must be called prior to using this method

Returns

std::string – A stringified JSON object with the MIDI values

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
xmlId	const std::string &	Ø	the ID (xml:id) of the element being looked for

Original header

C++

```
std::string vrv::Toolkit::GetMIDValuesForElement(const std::string &xmlId)
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
result = toolkit.getMIDValuesForElement(xmlId)
```

GetNotatedIdForElement

Returns the ID string of the notated (the original) element.

Returns

std::string – A stringified JSON object with all IDs

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
xmlId	const std::string &	∅	the ID (xml:id) of the element being looked for

Original header

C++

```
std::string vrv::Toolkit::GetNotatedIdForElement(const std::string &xmlId)
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
result = toolkit.getNotatedIdForElement(xmlId)
```

GetOption

Get the value for an option.

Returns

std::string – The option value as a string

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
option	const std::string &	∅	The name of the option
defaultValue	bool	false	True to get the default value of the option

Original header

C++

```
std::string vrv::Toolkit::GetOption(const std::string &option, bool defaultValue=false) const
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
result = toolkit.getOption(option, defaultValue)
```

GetOptions

Return a dictionary of all the options.

Returns

std::string – A stringified JSON object

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
defaultValues	bool	Ø	True for getting the default values and false for the current values

Original header

C++

```
std::string vrv::Toolkit::GetOptions(bool defaultValues) const
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
result = toolkit.getOptions(defaultValues)
```

GetPageCount

Return the number of pages in the loaded document.

The number of pages depends one the page size and if encoded layout was taken into account or not.

Returns

int – The number of pages

Original header

C++

```
int vrv::Toolkit::GetPageCount()
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
result = toolkit.getPageCount()
```

GetPageWithElement

Return the page on which the element is the ID (xml:id) is rendered.

This takes into account the current layout options.

Returns

int – the page number (1-based) where the element is (0 if not found)

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
xmlId	const std::string &	Ø	the ID (xml:id) of the element being looked for

Original header

C++

```
int vrv::Toolkit::GetPageWithElement(const std::string &xmlId)
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
result = toolkit.getPageWithElement(xmlId)
```

GetScale

Get the scale option.

Returns

int – the scale option as integer

Original header

C++

```
int vrv::Toolkit::GetScale()
```

Example call**PYTHON**

```
result = toolkit.getScale()
```

GetTimeForElement

Return the time at which the element is the ID (xml:id) is played.

RenderToMIDI() must be called prior to using this method.

Returns

int – The time in milliseconds

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
xmlId	const std::string &	Ø	the ID (xml:id) of the element being looked for

Original header**C++**

```
int vrv::Toolkit::GetTimeForElement(const std::string &xmlId)
```

Example call**PYTHON**

```
result = toolkit.getTimeForElement(xmlId)
```

GetTimesForElement

Return a JSON object string with the following key values for a given note.

Return scoreTimeOnset, scoreTimeOffset, scoreTimeTiedDuration, realTimeOnsetMilliseconds, realTimeOffsetMilliseconds, realTimeTiedDurationMilliseconds.

Returns

std::string – A stringified JSON object with the values

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
xmlId	const std::string &	Ø	the ID (xml:id) of the element being looked for

Original header**C++**

```
std::string vrv::Toolkit::GetTimesForElement(const std::string &xmlId)
```

Example call**PYTHON**

```
result = toolkit.getTimesForElement(xmlId)
```

GetUuid

Return the ID of the Toolkit instance.

Returns

std::string – The ID as as string

Original header

```
C++  
std::string vrv::Toolkit::GetUuid()
```

Example call

```
PYTHON  
result = toolkit.getUuid()
```

GetVersion

Return the version number.

Returns

std::string – the version number as a string

Original header

```
C++  
std::string vrv::Toolkit::GetVersion()
```

Example call

```
PYTHON  
result = toolkit.getVersion()
```

LoadData

Load a string data with the type previously specified in the options.

By default, the methods try to auto-detect the type.

Returns

bool – True if the data was successfully loaded

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
data	const std::string &	Ø	A string with the data (e.g., MEI data) to be loaded

Original header

```
C++  
bool vrv::Toolkit::LoadData(const std::string &data)
```

Example call

```
PYTHON  
result = toolkit.loadData(data)
```

LoadFile

Load a file from the file system.

Previously convert UTF16 files to UTF8 or extract files from MusicXML compressed files.

Returns

bool – True if the file was successfully loaded

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
filename	const std::string &	Ø	The filename to be loaded

Original header

C++

```
bool vrv::Toolkit::LoadFile(const std::string &filename)
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
result = toolkit.loadFile(filename)
```

LoadZipDataBase64

Load a MusicXML compressed file passed as base64 encoded string.

Returns

bool – True if the data was successfully loaded

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
data	const std::string &	Ø	A ZIP file as a base64 encoded string

Original header

C++

```
bool vrv::Toolkit::LoadZipDataBase64(const std::string &data)
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
result = toolkit.loadZipDataBase64(data)
```

LoadZipDataBuffer

Load a MusicXML compressed file passed as a buffer of bytes.

Returns

bool – True if the data was successfully loaded

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
data	const unsigned char *	Ø	A ZIP file as a buffer of bytes
length	int	Ø	The size of the data buffer

Original header

C++

```
bool vrv::Toolkit::LoadZipDataBuffer(const unsigned char *data, int length)
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
result = toolkit.loadZipDataBuffer(data, length)
```

RedoLayout

Redo the layout of the loaded data.

This can be called once the rendering option were changed, for example with a new page (screen) height or a new zoom level.

Returns

void

Original header

C++

```
void vrv::Toolkit::RedoLayout()
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
toolkit.redoLayout()
```

RedoPagePitchPosLayout

Redo the layout of the pitch positions of the current drawing page.

Only the note vertical positions are recalculated with this method. RedoLayout() needs to be called for a full recalculation.

Returns

void

Original header

C++

```
void vrv::Toolkit::RedoPagePitchPosLayout()
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
toolkit.redoPagePitchPosLayout()
```

RenderToMIDI

Render the document to MIDI.

Returns

std::string – A MIDI file as a base64 encoded string

Original header

C++

```
std::string vrv::Toolkit::RenderToMIDI()
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
result = toolkit.renderToMIDI()
```

RenderToMIDIFile

Render a document to MIDI and save it to the file.

This methods is not available in the JavaScript version of the toolkit.

Returns

bool

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
filename	const std::string &	Ø	

Original header

C++

```
bool vrv::Toolkit::RenderToMIDIFile(const std::string &filename)
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
result = toolkit.renderToMIDIFile(filename)
```

RenderToPAE

Render a document to Plaine and Easie.

Only the top staff / layer is exported.

Returns

std::string – The PAE as a string

Original header

C++

```
std::string vrv::Toolkit::RenderToPAE()
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
result = toolkit.renderToPAE()
```

RenderToPAEFile

Render a document to Plaine and Easie and save it to the file.

Only the top staff / layer is exported. This methods is not available in the JavaScript version of the toolkit.

Returns

bool

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
filename	const std::string &	Ø	

Original header

C++

```
bool vrv::Toolkit::RenderToPAEFile(const std::string &filename)
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
result = toolkit.renderToPAEFile(filename)
```

RenderToSVG

Render a page to SVG.

Returns

std::string – The SVG page as a string

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
pageNo	int	1	The page to render (1-based)
xmlDeclaration	bool	false	True for including the xml declaration in the SVG output

Original header

C++

```
std::string vrv::Toolkit::RenderToSVG(int pageNo=1, bool xmlDeclaration=false)
```

Example call**PYTHON**

```
result = toolkit.renderToSVG(pageNo, xmlDeclaration)
```

RenderToSVGFile

Render a page to SVG and save it to the file.

This methods is not available in the JavaScript version of the toolkit.

Returns

bool

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
filename	const std::string &	Ø	
pageNo	int	1	

Original header**C++**

```
bool vrv::Toolkit::RenderToSVGFile(const std::string &filename, int pageNo=1)
```

Example call**PYTHON**

```
result = toolkit.renderToSVGFile(filename, pageNo)
```

RenderToTimemap

Render a document to a timemap.

Returns

std::string – The timemap as a string

Original header**C++**

```
std::string vrv::Toolkit::RenderToTimemap()
```

Example call**PYTHON**

```
result = toolkit.renderToTimemap()
```

RenderToTimemapFile

Render a document to timemap and save it to the file.

This methods is not available in the JavaScript version of the toolkit.

Returns

bool

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
filename	const std::string &	Ø	

Original header

```
C++  
bool vrv::Toolkit::RenderToTimemapFile(const std::string &filename)
```

Example call

```
PYTHON  
result = toolkit.renderToTimemapFile(filename)
```

SaveFile

Get the MEI and save it to the file.

This methods is not available in the JavaScript version of the toolkit.

Returns

bool – True if the file was successfully written

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
filename	const std::string &	Ø	The output filename
jsonOptions	const std::string &	Ø	A stringified JSON object with the output options

Original header

```
C++  
bool vrv::Toolkit::SaveFile(const std::string &filename, const std::string &jsonOptions)
```

Example call

```
PYTHON  
result = toolkit.saveFile(filename, jsonOptions)
```

SetInputFrom

Set the input from option.

Returns

bool – True if the option was successfully set

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
inputFrom	std::string const &	Ø	the input from value as string

Original header

```
C++  
bool vrv::Toolkit::SetInputFrom(std::string const &inputFrom)
```

Example call

```
PYTHON  
result = toolkit.setInputFrom(inputFrom)
```

SetOption

Set the value for an option.

Returns

bool – True if the option was successfully set

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
option	const std::string &	Ø	The name of the option
value	const std::string &	Ø	The option value as string

Original header

C++

```
bool vrv::Toolkit::SetOption(const std::string &option, const std::string &value)
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
result = toolkit.setOption(option, value)
```

SetOptions

Set option values.

The name of each option to be set is to be given as JSON key.

Returns

bool – True if the options were successfully set

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
jsonOptions	const std::string &	Ø	A stringified JSON objects with the output options

Original header

C++

```
bool vrv::Toolkit::SetOptions(const std::string &jsonOptions)
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
result = toolkit.setOptions(jsonOptions)
```

SetOutputTo

Set the output to option.

Returns

bool – True if the option was successfully set

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
outputTo	std::string const &	Ø	

Original header

C++

```
bool vrv::Toolkit::SetOutputTo(std::string const &outputTo)
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
result = toolkit.setOutputTo(outputTo)
```

SetResourcePath

Set the resource path for the Toolkit instance.

This method needs to be called if the constructor had `initFont=false` or if the resource path needs to be changed.

Returns

bool – True if the resources was successfully loaded

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
path	const std::string &	Ø	The path to the resource directory

Original header

C++

```
bool vrv::Toolkit::SetResourcePath(const std::string &path)
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
result = toolkit.setResourcePath(path)
```

SetScale

Set the scale option.

Returns

bool – True if the option was successfully set

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
scale	int	Ø	the scale value as integer

Original header

C++

```
bool vrv::Toolkit::SetScale(int scale)
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
result = toolkit.setScale(scale)
```

Toolkit

Constructor.

Parameters

Name	Type	Default	Description
initFont	bool	true	If set to false, resource path is not initialized and SetResourcePath will have to be called explicitly

Original header

C++

```
vrv::Toolkit::Toolkit(bool initFont=true)
```

Example call

PYTHON

```
result = toolkit.toolkit(initFont)
```

Toolkit options

Base short options

All of the base options are short options in the command-line version of the toolkit. Most of them are command-line options that have no direct corresponding JSON key.

Name and parameter	Description	See also
-a, --all-pages	Output all pages	
-h, --help	Display this message	
-f, --input-from <s>	Select input format from: “abc”, “darms”, “humdrum”, “mei”, “pae”, “xml” (musicxml) (default: “mei”)	Input formats
-o, --outfile <s>	Output file name (use “-” as file name for standard output) (default: “svg”)	
-t, --output-to <s>	Select output format to: “mei”, “pb-me”, “svg”, or “midi” (default: “svg”)	Output formats
-p, --page <i>	Select the page to engrave (default is 1)	
-r, --resource-path <s>	Path to the directory with Verovio resources (default: “/usr/local/share/verovio”)	SetResourcePath Building the toolkit
-s, --scale <i>	Scale of the output in percent (default: 100; min: 1; max: 1000)	
- , --stdin	Use “-” as input file or set the “--stdin” option for reading from the standard input	
-v, --version	Display the version number	
-x, --xml-id-seed <i>	Seed the random number generator for XML IDs (default is random)	

Input and page layout options

Name and parameter	Description	See also
--adjust-page-height	Adjust the page height to the height of the content	
--adjust-page-width	Adjust the page width to the width of the content	
--breaks <s>	Define page and system breaks layout (default: “auto”; other values: [‘none’, ‘auto’, ‘line’, ‘smart’, ‘encoded’])	
--breaks-smart-sb <f>	In smart breaks mode, the portion of system width usage at which an encoded sb will be used (default: 0.66; min: 0.0; max: 1.0)	
--clef-change-factor <f>	Set the ratio of normal clefs to changing clefs (default: 0.66; min: 0.25; max: 1.0)	
--condense <s>	Control condensed score layout (default: “auto”; other values: [‘none’, ‘auto’, ‘encoded’])	
--condense-first-page	When condensing a score also condense the first page	
--condense-tempo-pages	When condensing a score also condense pages with a tempo change	
--even-note-spacing	Specify the linear spacing factor	

Name and parameter	Description	See also
--expand <s>	Expand all referenced elements in the expansion (default: "")	
--footer <s>	Control footer layout (default: "auto"; other values: ['none', 'auto', 'encoded', 'always'])	
--header <s>	Control header layout (default: "auto"; other values: ['none', 'auto', 'encoded'])	
--hum-type	Include type attributes when importing from Humdrum	
--justify-vertically	Justify spacing vertically to fill the page	
--landscape	The landscape paper orientation flag	
--mensural-to-measure	Convert mensural sections to measure-based MEI	Ligatures Layout
--min-last-justification <f>	The last system is only justified if the unjustified width is greater than this percent (default: 0.8; min: 0.0; max: 1.0)	
--mm-output	Specify that the output in the SVG is given in mm (default is px)	
--no-justification	Do not justify the system	
--open-control-events	Render open control events	
--output-indent <i>	Output indentation value for MEI and SVG (default: 3; min: 1; max: 10)	
--output-indent-tab	Output indentation with tabulation for MEI and SVG	
--output-smufl-xml-entities	Output SMuFL characters as XML entities instead of byte codes	
--page-height <i>	The page height (default: 2970; min: 100; max: 60000)	
--page-margin-bottom <i>	The page bottom margin (default: 50; min: 0; max: 500)	
--page-margin-left <i>	The page left margin (default: 50; min: 0; max: 500)	
--page-margin-right <i>	The page right margin (default: 50; min: 0; max: 500)	
--page-margin-top <i>	The page top margin (default: 50; min: 0; max: 500)	
--page-width <i>	The page width (default: 2100; min: 100; max: 60000)	
--remove-ids	Remove XML IDs in the MEI output that are not referenced	
--shrink-to-fit	Scale down page content to fit the page height if needed	
--svg-bounding-boxes	Include bounding boxes in SVG output	
--svg-format-raw	Writes SVG out with no line indenting or non-content newlines.	
--svg-html5	Write data-id and data-class attributes for JS usage and id clash avoidance.	
--svg-remove-xlink	Removes the xlink: prefix on href attributes for compatibility with some newer browsers.	
--svg-view-box	Use viewBox on svg root element for easy scaling of document	
--unit <i>	The MEI unit (1/2 of the distance between the staff lines) (default: 9; min: 6; max: 20)	
--use-brace-glyph	Use brace glyph from current font	

Name and parameter	Description	See also
--use-facsimile	Use information in the element to control the layout	
--use-pg-footer-for-all	Use the pgFooter for all pages	
--use-pg-header-for-all	Use the pgHeader for all pages	

General layout options

Name and parameter	Description	See also
--bar-line-separation <f>	The default distance between multiple barlines when locked together (default: 0.8; min: 0.5; max: 2.0)	
--bar-line-width <f>	The barLine width (default: 0.3; min: 0.1; max: 0.8)	
--beam-max-slope <i>	The maximum beam slope (default: 10; min: 1; max: 20)	
--beam-min-slope <i>	The minimum beam slope	
--bracket-thickness <f>	The thickness of the system bracket (default: 1.0; min: 0.5; max: 2.0)	
--engraving-defaults <s>	Path to json file describing defaults for engraving SMuFL elements	
--font <s>	Set the music font (default: "Leipzig")	
--grace-factor <f>	The grace size ratio numerator (default: 0.75; min: 0.5; max: 1.0)	
--grace-rhythm-align	Align grace notes rhythmically with all staves	
--grace-right-align	Align the right position of a grace group with all staves	
--hairpin-size <f>	The haripin size in MEI units (default: 3.0; min: 1.0; max: 8.0)	
--hairpin-thickness <f>	The thickness of the hairpin (default: 0.2; min: 0.1; max: 0.8)	
--justification-brace-group <f>	Space between staves inside a braced group ijustification (default: 1.0; min: 0.0; max: 10.0)	
--justification-bracket-group <f>	Space between staves inside a bracketed group justification (default: 1.0; min: 0.0; max: 10.0)	
--justification-staff <f>	The staff justification (default: 1.0; min: 0.0; max: 10.0)	
--justification-system <f>	The system spacing justification (default: 1.0; min: 0.0; max: 10.0)	
--ledger-line-extension <f>	The amount by which a ledger line should extend either side of a notehead (default: 0.54; min: 0.2; max: 1.0)	
--ledger-line-thickness <f>	The thickness of the ledger lines (default: 0.25; min: 0.1; max: 0.5)	
--lyric-hyphen-length <f>	The lyric hyphen and dash length (default: 1.2; min: 0.5; max: 3.0)	
--lyric-line-thickness <f>	The lyric extender line thickness (default: 0.25; min: 0.1; max: 0.5)	
--lyric-no-start-hyphen	Do not show hyphens at the beginning of a system	

Name and parameter	Description	See also
--lyric-size <f>	The lyrics size in MEI units (default: 4.5; min: 2.0; max: 8.0)	
--lyric-top-min-margin <f>	The minimal margin above the lyrics in MEI units (default: 2.0; min: 0.0; max: 8.0)	
--lyric-word-space <f>	The lyric word space length (default: 1.2; min: 0.5; max: 3.0)	
--measure-number <s>	The measure numbering rule (unused) (default: "system"; other values: ['system', 'interval'])	
--midi-tempo-adjustment <f>	The MIDI tempo adjustment factor (default: 1.0; min: 0.2; max: 4.0)	
--min-measure-width <i>	The minimal measure width in MEI units (default: 15; min: 1; max: 30)	
--repeat-bar-line-dot-separation <f>	The default horizontal distance between the dots and the inner barline of a repeat barline (default: 0.3; min: 0.1; max: 1.0)	
--repeat-ending-line-thickness <f>	Repeat and ending line thickness (default: 0.15; min: 0.1; max: 2.0)	
--slur-control-points <i>	Slur control points - higher value means more curved at the end (default: 5; min: 1; max: 10)	
--slur-curve-factor <i>	Slur curve factor - high value means rounder slurs (default: 10; min: 1; max: 100)	
--slur-endpoint-thickness <f>	The Endpoint slur thickness in MEI units (default: 0.1; min: 0.05; max: 0.25)	
--slur-height-factor <i>	Slur height factor - high value means flatter slurs (default: 5; min: 1; max: 100)	
--slur-max-height <f>	The maximum slur height in MEI units (default: 3.0; min: 2.0; max: 6.0)	
--slur-max-slope <i>	The maximum slur slope in degrees (default: 20; min: 0; max: 60)	
--slur-midpoint-thickness <f>	The midpoint slur thickness in MEI units (default: 0.6; min: 0.2; max: 1.2)	
--slur-min-height <f>	The minimum slur height in MEI units (default: 1.2; min: 0.3; max: 2.0)	
--spacing-brace-group <i>	Minimum space between staves inside a braced group in MEI units (default: 12; min: 0; max: 48)	
--spacing-bracket-group <i>	Minimum space between staves inside a bracketed group in MEI units (default: 12; min: 0; max: 48)	
--spacing-dur-detection	Detect long duration for adjusting spacing	
--spacing-linear <f>	Specify the linear spacing factor (default: 0.25; min: 0.0; max: 1.0)	
--spacing-non-linear <f>	Specify the non-linear spacing factor (default: 0.6; min: 0.0; max: 1.0)	
--spacing-staff <i>	The staff minimal spacing in MEI units (default: 12; min: 0; max: 48)	
--spacing-system <i>	The system minimal spacing in MEI units (default: 12; min: 0; max: 48)	

Name and parameter	Description	See also
--staff-line-width <f>	The staff line width in unit (default: 0.15; min: 0.1; max: 0.3)	
--stem-width <f>	The stem width (default: 0.2; min: 0.1; max: 0.5)	
--sub-bracket-thickness <f>	The thickness of system sub-bracket (default: 0.2; min: 0.1; max: 2.0)	
--system-divider <s>	The display of system dividers (default: "auto"; other values: ['none', 'auto', 'left', 'left-right'])	
--system-max-per-page <i>	Maximun number of systems per page	
--text-enclosure-thickness <f>	The thickness of the line text enclosing box (default: 0.2; min: 0.1; max: 0.8)	
--thick-barline-thickness <f>	The thickness of the thick barline (default: 1.0; min: 0.5; max: 2.0)	
--tie-endpoint-thickness <f>	The Endpoint tie thickness in MEI units (default: 0.1; min: 0.05; max: 0.25)	
--tie-midpoint-thickness <f>	The midpoint tie thickness in MEI units (default: 0.5; min: 0.2; max: 1.0)	
--tuplet-bracket-thickness <f>	The thickness of the tuplet bracket (default: 0.2; min: 0.1; max: 0.8)	
--tuplet-num-head	Placement of tuplet number on the side of the note head	

Element selectors and processing

Name and parameter	Description	See also
--app-x-path-query * <s>	Set the xPath query for selecting child elements, for example: <code>"/rdg[contains(@source, 'source-id')]"</code> ; by default the or the first is selected	
--choice-x-path-query * <s>	Set the xPath query for selecting child elements, for example: <code>"/orig"</code> ; by default the first child is selected	
--mdiv-x-path-query <s>	Set the xPath query for selecting the to be rendered; only one can be rendered (default: "")	
--subst-x-path-query * <s>	Set the xPath query for selecting child elements, for example: <code>"/del"</code> ; by default the first child is selected	
--transpose <s>	SUMMARY (default: "")	Transposition
--transpose-selected-only	Transpose only the selected content and ignore unselected editorial content	

Element margins

Name and parameter	Description	See also
--bottom-margin-artic <f>	The margin for artic in MEI units (default: 0.75; min: 0.0; max: 10.0)	
--bottom-margin-harm <f>	The margin for harm in MEI units (default: 1.0; min: 0.0; max: 10.0)	
--bottom-margin-header <f>	The margin for header in MEI units (default: 8.0; min: 0.0; max: 24.0)	
--default-bottom-margin <f>	The default bottom margin (default: 0.5; min: 0.0; max: 5.0)	

Name and parameter	Description	See also
--default-left-margin <f>	The default left margin (default: 0.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--default-right-margin <f>	The default right margin (default: 0.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--default-top-margin <f>	The default top margin (default: 0.5; min: 0.0; max: 6.0)	
--left-margin-accid <f>	The margin for accid in MEI units (default: 1.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--left-margin-bar-line <f>	The margin for barLine in MEI units (default: 0.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--left-margin-beat-rpt <f>	The margin for beatRpt in MEI units (default: 2.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--left-margin-chord <f>	The margin for chord in MEI units (default: 1.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--left-margin-clef <f>	The margin for clef in MEI units (default: 1.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--left-margin-key-sig <f>	The margin for keySig in MEI units (default: 1.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--left-margin-left-bar-line <f>	The margin for left barLine in MEI units (default: 1.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--left-margin-m-rest <f>	The margin for mRest in MEI units (default: 0.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--left-margin-m-rpt2 <f>	The margin for mRpt2 in MEI units (default: 0.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--left-margin-mensur <f>	The margin for mensur in MEI units (default: 1.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--left-margin-meter-sig <f>	The margin for meterSig in MEI units (default: 1.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--left-margin-multi-rest <f>	The margin for multiRest in MEI units (default: 0.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--left-margin-multi-rpt <f>	The margin for multiRpt in MEI units (default: 0.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--left-margin-note <f>	The margin for note in MEI units (default: 1.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--left-margin-rest <f>	The margin for rest in MEI units (default: 1.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--left-margin-right-bar-line <f>	The margin for right barLine in MEI units (default: 1.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--right-margin-accid <f>	The right margin for accid in MEI units (default: 0.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--right-margin-bar-line <f>	The right margin for barLine in MEI units (default: 0.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--right-margin-beat-rpt <f>	The right margin for beatRpt in MEI units (default: 0.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--right-margin-chord <f>	The right margin for chord in MEI units (default: 0.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--right-margin-clef <f>	The right margin for clef in MEI units (default: 1.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	

Name and parameter	Description	See also
--right-margin-key-sig <f>	The right margin for keySig in MEI units (default: 1.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--right-margin-left-bar-line <f>	The right margin for left barLine in MEI units (default: 1.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--right-margin-m-rest <f>	The right margin for mRest in MEI units (default: 0.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--right-margin-m-rpt2 <f>	The right margin for mRpt2 in MEI units (default: 0.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--right-margin-mensur <f>	The right margin for mensur in MEI units (default: 1.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--right-margin-meter-sig <f>	The right margin for meterSig in MEI units (default: 1.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--right-margin-multi-rest <f>	The right margin for multiRest in MEI units (default: 0.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--right-margin-multi-rpt <f>	The right margin for multiRpt in MEI units (default: 0.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--right-margin-note <f>	The right margin for note in MEI units (default: 0.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--right-margin-rest <f>	The right margin for rest in MEI units (default: 0.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--right-margin-right-bar-line <f>	The right margin for right barLine in MEI units (default: 0.0; min: 0.0; max: 2.0)	
--top-margin-artic <f>	The margin for artic in MEI units (default: 0.75; min: 0.0; max: 10.0)	
--top-margin-harm <f>	The margin for harm in MEI units (default: 1.0; min: 0.0; max: 10.0)	

Installing or building from sources

Secret page ;-) with tests for syntax highlighting...

Compile from sources is easy.

TERMINAL

```
ls -a
echo "Hello World!"
```

HTML / JAVASCRIPT

```
<html>
<head>
  <script src="http://www.verovio.org/javascript/latest/verovio-toolkit-wasm.js" defer></script>
</head>
<body>
  <h1>Hello Verovio!</h1>
  <div id="notation"></div>
</body>
</html>
```

JAVASCRIPT

```
int main() {
  var string;
  return 0;
}
```

JSON

```
{
  "adjustPageHeight":true,
  "breaks":"none",
  "pageHeight":2970,
  "pageWidth":2100,
  "header":"none",
  "footer":"none",
  "scale":50,
  "spacingStaff":4
}
```

C++

```
int main() {
  std::string string;
  return 0;
}
```

PYTHON

```
int main() {
  std::string string;
  return 0;
}
```

XML

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<?xml-model href="https://music-encoding.org/schema/4.0.0/mei-all.rng" type="application/xml" schematypens=
"http://relaxng.org/ns/structure/1.0" ?>
<?xml-model href="https://music-encoding.org/schema/4.0.0/mei-all.rng" type="application/xml" schematypens=
"http://purl.oclc.org/dsdl/schematron" ?>
<mei xmlns="http://www.music-encoding.org/ns/mei" meiversion="4.0.0">
  <meiHead>
    <fileDesc>
      <titleStmt>
        <title>Measure barline example</title>
      </titleStmt>
      <pubStmt>
        <date>2017-05-04</date>
      </pubStmt>
      <seriesStmt>
        <title>Verovio test suite</title>
      </seriesStmt>
      <notesStmt>
        <annot>Verovio supports various types of barline for the "measure" elements. It also supports "scale" attributes on "staffDef".</annot>
      </notesStmt>
    </fileDesc>
  </meiHead>
</mei>

```

Command-line version

Verovio codebase is C++17 compliant and is cross-platform. It has been tested on several operating systems and architectures. This section describes how to build the command-line version of the toolkit from the command-line or using some of the most popular IDEs. There are currently no pre-build binaries of the command-line toolkit available since building it is very straight-forward.

MacOS or Linux

To build the the command-line tool, you need [CMake](#) to be installed on your machine as well as a compiler supporting C++17. The commands to build are the following:

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```

cd tools
cmake ../cmake
make

```

This generates a `verovio` binary within `./tools`. You can run Verovio from there or install it. Installing it means copying the executable and the resource files to directories which paths are globally accessible. You simply need to run:

TERMINAL

```

sudo make install

```

If you do not install it and run it from `./tools` or from another directory, you need to use the `-r` option to set the appropriate resource directory. The parameter of the `-r` option has to be a path to the `./data` folder of the codebase.

Keep in mind that if you have installed, you should not run another version without re-installing it or using the `-r` options because otherwise the resources installed can be invalid. A typical problem is missing font glyphs that a newer version needs but that are not in the older version of the resources.

For seeing the command-line options, run:

TERMINAL

```

./verovio --help

```

(Until version 2.6.0, the cmake command was `cmake .` and not `cmake ../cmake .`)

Basic usage

For typesetting an MEI file with the default options, you need to do:

TERMINAL

```
verovio -o output.svg Hummel_Concerto_for_trumpet.mei
```

If you use a version locally that is not installed, do not forget to add the `-r` parameter:

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```
./verovio -r ../data -o output.svg Hummel_Concerto_for_trumpet.mei
```

Additional building options

By default the executable is not stripped. To strip it during the installation do

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```
sudo make install/strip
```

For building it without Plain and Easy support (without `regex.h`), run:

TERMINAL

```
cmake ../cmake -DNO_PAE_SUPPORT=ON
```

To allow PAE support again, you must run the command

TERMINAL

```
cmake ../cmake -DNO_PAE_SUPPORT=OFF
```

since running `cmake ../cmake` will not clear the state of the define variable.

The other building options are:

- `NO_ABC_SUPPORT` for the ABC importer to be turned on/off
- `NO_HUMDRUM_SUPPORT` for the Humdrum importer to be turned on/off
- `MUSICXML_DEFAULT_HUMDRUM` to use the MusicXML Humdrum importer by default instead of the direct MusicXML importer
- `BUILD_AS_LIBRARY` for Verovio to be built as dynamic shared library instead of a command-line executable

Uninstall a previous version

To uninstall a previously installed version of Verovio from the system, run:

TERMINAL

```
rm -f /usr/local/bin/verovio  
rm -rf /usr/local/share/verovio
```

Occasionally there are problems with updates necessary to the `Makefile` when compiling a new version of Verovio with `make`. It may be necessary to clear out the automatically generated `cmake` files and regenerate them. To do that, run:

TERMINAL

```
rm -rf CMakeFiles CMakeCache.txt Makefile cmake_install.cmake
```

Windows 10

To build Verovio on Windows 10 from the command-line, you will need to have [Microsoft C++ Build Tools](#) and [make](#) installed on your computer.

Run the following commands from the *x86 Native Tools Command Prompt for VS* (with administrator privileges):

TERMINAL

```
cd <sourceCode>/tools
cmake ../cmake -G "NMake Makefiles"
nmake
nmake install
```

After the installation, add <sourceCode>/tools to the PATH of your system.

When running the commands, the resource path should be provided explicitly with the following option:

TERMINAL

```
-r "C:/Program Files (x86)/Verovio/share/verovio"
```

Xcode

For MacOS users, there is also an Xcode project in the Verovio root directory.

By default, humdrum support is turned off in Xcode. To turn it on, you need to use the Verovio-Humdrum building scheme.

Visual Studio

- Install CMake
- Go into the tools folder of Verovio
- Execute `cmake ../cmake -DNO_PAE_SUPPORT=ON` (add `-DCMAKE_GENERATOR_PLATFORM=x64` for a x64 solution)
- Open the resulting Verovio.sln with Visual Studio and build it from there

JavaScript and WebAssembly

Pre-build versions

The [verovio.org GitHub repository](https://github.com/verovio/verovio) provides compiled versions of the JavaScript toolkit. The toolkit is available in three options.

1. **verovio-toolkit.js** - in JavaScript (more precisely in asm.js)
2. **verovio-toolkit-wasm.js** – in WebAssembly
3. **verovio-toolkit-hum.js** – in JavaScript with the Humdrum support

A build of each of these is provided by CI for the development version as well as for each [release](#).

The latest release is always available from:

```
https://www.verovio.org/javascript/latest/verovio-toolkit.js
```

The latest development version is available from:

```
https://www.verovio.org/javascript/develop/verovio-toolkit.js
```

Previous releases are available from their corresponding directory, e.g.:

```
https://www.verovio.org/javascript/2.7.1/verovio-toolkit.js
```

NPM

The latest stable version is available via [NPM](#) registry. The version distributed via NPM is the WebAssembly build. It can be installed with:

TERMINAL

```
npm install verovio
```

The homepage of the Verovio package includes [documentation](#) on how to use it.

Basic usage of the toolkit

For instructions on a basic usage of the JavaScript version of the toolkit, see the [Getting started](#) section of the [Tutorial 1: First steps](#) chapter.

Building the toolkit

To build the JavaScript toolkit you need to have the [Emscripten](#) compiler installed on your machine. You also need [CMake](#). You need to run:

TERMINAL

```
cd emscripten
./buildToolkit -H
```

The toolkit will be written to:

```
./emscripten/build/verovio-toolkit.js
```

Building without `-H` will include the Humdrum support, which increases the size of the toolkit by about one third. In that case, the output will be written to `verovio-toolkit-hum.js`.

If you are building with another option set than previously, or if you want to regenerate the makefiles, add the option `-M`.

Python

Pre-build versions

Pre-build versions of the Python version of the toolkit are available through [PyPi](#) for every release since version 3.1.0.

The Python versions for which a pre-build is provided are 3.6, 3.7, 3.8 and 3.9. The platforms supported are MacOS 10.9, Linux with [manylinux](#) for x86-64, Win-32 and Win-amd64.

The latest release can be installed with:

TERMINAL

```
pip install verovio
```

A previous version can be installed with:

TERMINAL

```
pip install verovio==3.2.0
```

For all platforms or architectures for which a pre-build version is not available in the PyPi repository, a source distribution is available. It can be installed with the same command as above. This will automatically trigger the compilation of the package.

Basic usage of the toolkit

Once installed, the Verovio toolkit module can be imported with

PYTHON

```
import verovio
```

You can then create an instance of the toolkit and load data. For example:

PYTHON

```
tk = verovio.toolkit()
tk.loadFile("path-to-mei-file")
tk.getPageCount()
```

Once loaded, the data can be rendered to a string:

PYTHON

```
svg_string = tk.renderToSVG(1)
```

It can also be rendered to a file:

PYTHON

```
tk.renderToSVGFile("page.svg", 1)
```

Setting options

The options are set on the toolkit instance. For example, the following code will change the dimensions of the page and redo the layout for the previously loaded data:

PYTHON

```
tk.setOption( "pageHeight", "2100" )
tk.setOption( "pageWidth", "2900" )
tk.setScale(25)
tk.redoLayout()
tk.renderToSVGFile( "page-scaled.svg", 1 )
```

It is also possible to collect options in a Python Dictionary and pass them as Json dump to the toolkit:

PYTHON

```
import json
options = {
    'pageHeight': 1000,
    'pageWidth': 1000
}
tk.setOptions(json.dumps(options))
tk.redoLayout()
tk.renderToSVGFile( "page-square.svg", 1 )
```

Building the toolkit

To build the Python toolkit you need to have `swig` and `swig-python` installed on your machine (see [SWIG](#)) and the Python distutils package. Version 4.0 or newer of SWIG is recommended but older versions should work too. To install SWIG in MacOS using [Homebrew](#), type the command `brew install swig`.

The toolkit needs to be built from the root directory of the repository content. To build it in-place, run:

TERMINAL

```
python setup.py build_ext --inplace
```

If you want to install it, run:

TERMINAL

```
python setup.py build_ext
sudo python setup.py install
```

For building it with one or more specific options (e.g., without Plain and Easy support), run:

TERMINAL

```
python setup.py build_ext --inplace --define NO_PAE_SUPPORT
```

Building a Python wheel locally

You can build a Python wheel locally with:

TERMINAL

```
python setup.py bdist
```

For a source distribution, do:

TERMINAL

```
python setup.py sdist
```

In both cases, the wheel will be written to the `./dist` directory.

Building with CMake

The Python toolkit can be built with [CMake](#), which can be significantly faster because parallel processing can be used. This is also the approach to recommend when developing because it will not rebuild the entire codebase when a change is made to a file but only the files that actually need to be rebuilt.

For this approach to work you need at least version 3.13 of CMake because it uses the option `-B` introduced in that version of CMake. The steps are:

TERMINAL

```
cd bindings
cmake ../cmake -B python -DBUILD_AS_PYTHON=ON
cd python
make -j8
```

If you want to enable or disable other specific options, you can do:

TERMINAL

```
cmake ../cmake -B python -DBUILD_AS_PYTHON=ON -DNO_PAE_SUPPORT=ON
```

Installation with CMake has not be tested yet

Resources for versions built locally

When using a version built locally, you usually have to specify the path to the Verovio resources. To do so, you can do

PYTHON

```
import verovio
tk = verovio.toolkit(False)
tk.setResourcePath("path-to-resource-dir")
```

Alternatively, you can set it before you create the instance of the toolkit

PYTHON

```
import verovio
verovio.setDefaultResourcePath("path-to-resource-dir")
tk = verovio.toolkit()
```

Other bindings

Java

To build the Java toolkit you need to have `swig` and `swig-java` installed on your machine (see [SWIG](#)) as well as [Maven](#). You need to run:

TERMINAL

```
cd bindings/java
mvn package
mvn package
```

Note the `mvn package` command needs to be run twice. You can test it with the MEI and PAE examples. For example – replace `X.X.X` with the appropriate version number:

TERMINAL

```
cd example-mei
javac -cp ../target/VerovioToolkit-X.X.X.jar main.java
java -cp ../target/VerovioToolkit-X.X.X.jar main
```

This should write an `output.svg` file in the current directory. The PAE example will write the SVG to the standard output.

See [this](#) issue for SVG output problems on non US Ubuntu installations.

CocoaPods

You can use [CocoaPods](#) to install Verovio by adding it to your Podfile :

```
platform :ios, '12.0'  
use_frameworks!  
target 'MyApp' do  
  pod 'Verovio', :git => 'https://github.com/rism-ch/verovio.git', :branch => 'develop'  
end
```

Then, run the following command:

TERMINAL

```
pod install
```

To use Verovio in your iOS project import

C++

```
#import <Verovio/Verovio-umbrella.h>
```

See <https://github.com/Noroxs/VerovioExample> for an example how to use it. To build and run the example, you need to:

- Navigate in the Terminal to the cloned directory
- Execute pod update
- Open the VerovioExample.xcworkspace and NOT the VerovioExample.xcodeproj
- Build and Run on any simulator or device

Contributing

Introduction

Coding guidelines

This document describes the coding style for the Verovio project for the C++ part of the codebase.

Formatting

Verovio uses a [Clang-Format \(5.0\)](#) coding style based on the [WebKit](#) style, with a few minor modifications. The modifications include:

```
AllowShortIfStatementsOnASingleLine: true
AllowShortLoopsOnASingleLine: true
ColumnLimit: 120
ConstructorInitializerAllOnOneLineOrOnePerLine: true
PointerAlignment: Right
```

The simplest way to fulfil the Verovio coding style is to use a clang-format tool and to apply the style defined in the [.clang-format](#) file available in the project root directory.

Downloading clang-format for OS X

An easy way to install clang-format on OS X computers is to use [Hombrew](#). Type this command in the terminal to install:

TERMINAL

```
brew install clang-format
```

Running clang-format

Please make sure you use version 5.0

To use clang-format to adjust a single file:

TERMINAL

```
clang-format -style=file -i some-directory/some-file.cpp
```

The `-style=file` option instructs clang-format to search for the `.clang-format` configuration file (recursively in some parent directory). The `-i` option is used to alter the file "in-place". If you don't give the `-i` option, a formatted copy of the file will be sent to standard output.

Includes and forward declarations

Includes in the header files must list first the system includes followed by the Verovio includes, if any, and then the includes for the libraries included in Verovio. All includes have to be ordered alphabetically:

C++

```
#include <string>
#include <utility>
#include <vector>

//-----

#include "attclasses.h"
#include "atttypes.h"

//-----

#include "pugixml.hpp"
#include "utf8.h"
```

In the header files, always use forward declarations (and not includes) whenever possible. Forward declaration have to be ordered alphabetically:

C++

```
class DeviceContext;  
class Layer;  
class StaffAlignment;  
class Syl;  
class TimeSpanningInterface;
```

In the implementation files, the first include is always the include of the corresponding header file, followed by the system includes and then the other Verovio includes with libraries at the end too, if any, also ordered alphabetically:

C++

```
#include "att.h"  
  
//-----  
  
#include <sstream>  
#include <stdlib.h>  
  
//-----  
  
#include "object.h"  
#include "vrv.h"  
  
//-----  
  
#include "pugixml.hpp"
```

Null and boolean

The null pointer value should be written as `NULL`. Boolean values should be written as `true` and `false`.

Class, method and member names

All class names must be in upper CamelCase. The internal capitalization follows the MEI one:

C++

```
class Measure;  
class ScoreDef;  
class StaffDef;
```

All method names must also be in upper CamelCase:

C++

```
void Measure::AddStaff(Staff *staff) {}
```

All member names must be in lower camelCase. Instance members must be prefixed with `m_` and class (static) members with `s_`:

C++

```
class Glyph {  
public:  
  
    /** An instance member */  
    int m_unitsPerEm;  
  
    /** A static member */  
    static std::string s_systemPath;  
};
```

In the class declaration, the methods are declared first, and then the member variables. For both, the declaration order is `public`, `protected`, and `private`.

Use of this

The convention for the pointer `this` is to use it for method calls and not to use it for member access because these are prefixed with `m_`.

As it stands, the codebase is not consistently following this convention

Comments

Comments for describing methods can be grouped using `///{ and ///} delimiters together with the @name indication:`

```
C++

/**
 * @name Add children to an editorial element.
 */
///{
void AddFloatingElement(FloatingElement *child);
void AddLayerElement(LayerElement *child);
void AddTextElement(TextElement *child);
///}
```

LibMEI

The code for the attribute classes of Verovio are generated from the MEI schema using a modified version of LibMEI available [here](#). See the section [Generate code with LibMEI](#) for detailed information on how to modify and generate this code.

The attribute classes generated from the MEI schema provide all the members for the element classes of Verovio. They are implemented via multiple inheritance in element classes. The element classes corresponding to the MEI elements are not generated by LibMEI but are implemented explicitly in Verovio. They all inherit from the `Object` class (of the `vrw` namespace) or from a `Object` child class. They can inherit from various interfaces used for the rendering. All the MEI member are defined through the inheritance of generated attribute classes, either grouped as interfaces or individually.

For example, the MEI `<note>` is implemented as a `Note` class that inherit from `Object` through `LayerElement`. It also inherit from the `StemmedDrawingInterface` that holds data used for the rendering.

Its MEI members are defined through the `DurationInterface` and `PitchInterface` that regroup common fonctionnalities for durational and pitched MEI elements respectively plus some additional individual attribute classes.

The inheritance should always list `Object` (or the `Object` child class) first, followed by the rendering interfaces, followed by the attribute class interfaces, followed by the individual attribute classes, each of them ordered alphabetically:

```
C++

class Note : public LayerElement,
            public StemmedDrawingInterface,
            public DurationInterface,
            public PitchInterface,
            public AttColoration,
            public AttGraced,
            public AttStems,
            public AttTiepresent
```

In the implementation, the same order must be followed, for the constructor calls and for the registration of the interfaces and individual attribute classes:

```
C++
```

```

Note::Note()
: LayerElement("note-")
, StemmedDrawingInterface()
, DurationInterface()
, PitchInterface()
, AttColoration()
, AttGraced()
, AttStems()
, AttTiepresent()
{
    RegisterInterface(DurationInterface::GetAttClasses(), DurationInterface::IsInterface());
    RegisterInterface(PitchInterface::GetAttClasses(), PitchInterface::IsInterface());
    RegisterAttClass(ATT_COLORATION);
    RegisterAttClass(ATT_GRACED);
    RegisterAttClass(ATT_STEMS);
    RegisterAttClass(ATT_TIEPRESENT);

    Reset();
}

```

Resetting the attributes is required and follows the same order

```

C++

void Note::Reset()
{
    LayerElement::Reset();
    StemmedDrawingInterface::Reset();
    DurationInterface::Reset();
    PitchInterface::Reset();
    ResetColoration();
    ResetGraced();
    ResetStems();
    ResetTiepresent();

    // ...
}

```

Contributing workflow

Generate code with libMEI

Verovio uses a [forked version](#) of [LibMEI](#), a library that generates code directly from the MEI schema. It can be adapted to generate code in any language. For Verovio, it is used to generate C++ code. The code generated with LibMEI is included in the Verovio repository in the `./libmei` directory and the LibMEI repository does not need to be cloned for building Verovio.

Whenever the MEI schema is modified, this code needs to be re-generated in order to integrate these changes. However, since Verovio implements only a small subset of the MEI schema, this really needs to be done only for the changes in the schema that touch features supported by Verovio. This means that the code within the `./libmei` directory should never be edited by hand because any change will be overwritten by the LibMEI output when the code generated from the schema needs to be updated and LibMEI is run again.

Running LibMEI

In order to update to code generated with LibMEI, you need to clone the [forked version](#) of LibMEI.

LibMEI takes a compiled ODD as input. You need to run, from the LibMEI directory:

```

TERMINAL

python tools/parseschema2.py -l vrv -o /path/to/the/verovio/directory -i tools/includes/vrv mei/dev/mei-verovio_c
ompiled.odd

```

You need to set to option `-o` to point to the Verovio directory where the `.libmei` files will be written.

Customization

Verovio currently uses an MEI customization that adds or modified a few elements. It is defined in the `./mei/dev/mei-verovio.xml` file. If you want to makes changes to it, you can make them there. You will need to re-generate the `./mei/dev/mei-verovio_compiled.odd` ODD file. This can be done using the Edirom [MEI Garage](#). Alternatively, you can also use the MEI command-line script. To do so, you will need to a clone of the [MEI](#) repository, copy your customization file (e.g., `mei-verovio.xml`) into it and do:

TERMINAL

```
ant init
ant -lib lib/saxon/saxon9he.jar -Dcustomization.path=mei-verovio.xml
```

The ODD file will be written to `./dist/schemata/mei-verovio_compiled.odd`, which you can use as new input file for LibMEI.

Adding SMuFL glyphs

All SMuFL glyphs used by Verovio have to be available in the [Leipzig](#) font. For adding support for a new SMuFL glyph, the steps are:

1. Add the glyph to the Leipzig font file
2. Generate the Leipzig font as SVG font
3. Add the glyph to the list of supported glyph in the XSL list

Make sure you always add glyphs **only** in the `develop-leipzig` branch because conflict solving is problematic with the process of adding a glyph, in particular for the Leipzig font file. For this reason, make sure you always pull the latest version from the `develop-leipzig` branch before starting your work and do not wait too long before making a PR. If changes have been made in between, you will need to add your glyphs again.

When making a PR, always add an image (e.g., screenshot of FontForge) showing the glyphs.

Adding the glyph to the Leipzig font file

The file is `./fonts/Leipzig-5.2.sfd` and should be edited with [FontForge](#). Very often it is possible to copy another existing glyph as basis for the new glyph. Leipzig is visually lighter and thinner than Bravura and new glyphs have to follow this design choice. Do not copy glyphs from Bravura. Make sure the font is valid by running “Element => “Find Problems...””.

Once the new glyph(s) has/have been added, you also need to change the version number in the font info (menu “Element” => “Font Info” and then tab “PS Names” in fields “Version” and “Copyright” and tab “Comment” where you also need to add a comment together with the version number. The file can be saved.

Generate the Leipzig font as SVG font

From FontForge, export the with menu “File” => “Generate Fonts...” and select “SVG font” (option “validate before saving” can be turned off). The file needs to be written to `./fonts/Leipzig.svg`.

Add the glyph to the list of supported glyph in the XSL list

Open the file `./fonts/supported.xsl` and uncomment the glyph(s) you added to Leipzig. The XSL file is then used to extract the glyphs supported by Verovio

Make a PR to the `develop-leipzig` branch

Once the PR will have been merged, the glyphs will be extracted from the SVG font by running the script `./fonts/generate_all.sh` (from `./fonts/`). This will extract all the glyphs from the SVG font file and calculate the their bounding boxes. When this is done you will see your glyphs in `./data/` and in `./include/vrv/smufl.h`

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