

Courtney's Guitar App

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Chapter 1. Using Courtney's Guitar App

Learn the basics of Courtney's Guitar App

Courtney's Guitar App is designed to teach you to play guitar and practice your skills using included songs and exercises.

The app has two main modes: learning path and skills.

In the learning path mode, you can start with grade I of the lessons, designed for complete beginners, to grade III, which includes advanced skills like singing while playing and double strumming. The learning path contains 25 total lessons across the three grades.

The skills mode includes guided practice sections, tools that let you play along with songs using the chords you've learned so far, and tools like a metronome. Here, you can practice scales, chords, strumming patterns, and other techniques to improve your dexterity and muscle memory.

The guitar app also features a tuner to help you ensure your guitar is in tune before each lesson or practice session.

Chapter 2. Allowing Microphone Access

How to allow the app to use your device microphone

The app needs to use your microphone to perform functions like the guitar tuner. Learn how to adjust your settings to use these functions.

At present, the app is only available for iOS devices. These instructions are specific to iPhones and iOS operating systems.

1. Open your phone's Settings function.
2. Search or scroll to find the Microphone portion of the menu and click to open.

A new page opens with all of the apps that might need permission to use your microphone. Apps where this is currently enabled will be toggled right and appear with a green color. Apps without permission to use the microphone will be toggled left.

3. Find the line for Courtney's Guitar App and toggle it to the right.

Courtney's Guitar App now has permission to use your iPhone microphone. Now you can use the built-in guitar tuner.

Chapter 3. Tuning Your Guitar

How to use the guitar tuner

Learn how to tune your guitar with the guitar tuner in Courtney's Guitar App

To use the guitar tuner, you will need a guitar and a quiet space. You will also need to give the app permission to use the device microphone before you begin.

1. Open Courtney's Guitar App.
2. Click the Guitar Tuner button at the bottom of the screen.
3. Pluck the top string (E) on your guitar in one sustained note.

The app will display a green dot if the string is in tune. Otherwise the app will indicate whether that string is flat or sharp.

4. If a string is too flat, tighten the string using the tuning peg for that string. If the string is too sharp, loosen the string.
5. Pluck the string again and adjust the tuning peg as needed.

Once you have correctly adjusted the tuning peg, the green dot will appear. This means the string is now in tune.

6. Follow the same procedure for each of the strings on your guitar.

Your guitar is now in tune.

Chapter 4. Taking a Lesson

How to start a lesson

Learn how to start a lesson in Courtney's Guitar App.

To take lessons, you'll need a guitar and a monthly subscription to the app. You can also activate a free trial to try out lessons.

1. Open Courtney's Guitar App.

2. Click the Lessons button.

A new page will display. The page includes all three grades of the program, and you can see all the lessons offered.

3. Choose a lesson you want to take and click the corresponding icon.

That lesson page will appear. You'll see some information on the lesson goals, a link to the lesson video, and related practice sessions.

4. When you are ready, click the video link to begin the lesson.

For example, if you'd like to learn the E chord, select lesson 4 from the list. Prepare your guitar and then start the video to learn how to play an E chord.

Chapter 5. Practicing

How to start a practice session

Learn how to start a practice session in Courtney's Guitar App

You will need a guitar and a monthly subscription to Courtney's Guitar App. You can also start a free trial to use the practice sessions for one week without a subscription.

1. Open Courtney's Guitar App.
2. Click on the Practice button.
A new page will appear that lists all the practice options.
3. Click on the type of practice session you'd like to begin: Chord exercises; Strumming; Scales; or Technique.
A new page will appear that lists all of the practice exercises for the type you selected.
4. Choose the practice session you'd like to begin.

The practice session will begin. Instructions will display and then the exercise will begin.

Say you'd like to practice anchor finger exercises. You click on the Practice button, then scroll down to click on the Chord exercises button. On the new page that appears, you click on the Anchor Finger button. The exercise begins.

Chapter 6. Playing Along with a Song

How to practice along with a song

Learn how to use Courtney's Guitar App to play along with your favorite songs.

You'll need a guitar and a monthly subscription to the app. You can also activate a free trial to try out lessons.

1. Open Courtney's Guitar App.

2. Click on the Songs button.

A new page will open that lists songs by genre, lesson, mood, or chord collection. You can choose songs that correspond to the lesson you're currently learning.

3. Click on the category of songs you'd like to play.

A new page will appear listing all the songs in that category.

4. Select the song you'd like to play

5. A new page will appear with the song. Have your guitar ready and click the triangular play button to proceed.

6. Follow the tab notations on screen to play along with the notes in time to the music.

Once a song is selected, you can play through the whole song in real time by following the tab notations.

Say you'd like to play a song using what you've learned in lesson 2. You click on the Songs button and then click on the Lesson 2 button to open up that song list. In the list, you choose Amazing Grace from the songlist and hit play. The app guides you through playing the song in real-time.