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•	beat	= Humdurm Extra program for rhythm analysis uses.
•	rcheck	= Program for rhythm error checking in **kern data.

• scordur = Extra program for listing

• minrhy = Extra program for finding minimum rhythmic value

timebase = Toolkit program for making all lines in data have the same duration
 assemble = Toolkit program for joint parts into a score (opposite of *extract*)

beat

Show the metrical beat position of each line in a Humdrum file with **kern data:

beat -p chor001.krn

-p option "prepends" the data to the original data, use –a to "append" or nothing to not include original data in output.

Add up the duration between each barline in the music:

```
beat -p -s chor001.krn
beat -s chor001.krn | rid -Glid
```

This is useful for error-checking parts for missing/extra beats before creating scores.

Extract the rhythmic duration of each line of data:

```
beat -p -d \ chor 001.krn beat -d \ *.krn \ | \ grep -v = | \ rid -GLId \ | \ sort -n \ | \ uniq -c \ | \ sort -nr
```

Absolute beat: the number of quarter notes from the start of the music:

beat -p -t chor001.krn

20936 0.5
6036 1
2147 0.25
824 2
283 3
51 4
10 1.5
10 0.125
6 0.75
3 0.166667
2 8

rcheck

Shows the absolute beat, duration, and metrical position for every line in data. Output is not a legal Humdrum file (primarily useful for debugging strange rhythmic errors in data).

rcheck chor001 | less

scordur

Useful for calculating the total duration (in quarter notes) of a file:

```
scordur chor001.krn
thru chor001.krn | scordur
```

minrhy

Finds the smallest rhythmic unit with which all rhythm values in the file can be represented with integer multiples.

```
minrhy chor001.krn
minrhy *.krn | grep chor | sed 's/.*://' | sort -n | uniq -c
```

timebase

Use in combination with minrhy before using assemble. Causes each data line to have the same rhythmic duration.

```
Extract beat location lines in chor001.krn (deleting off-beat lines): timebase –t 4 chor001.krn

More commonly, add null-token lines without deleting datalines: timebase –t 16 chor001.krn
timebase –t 16 chor001.krn | beat –d | rid –GLId | grep –v = | uniq -c
```

assemble

Use to combine parts into a score. Example:

```
**kern
*M2/4

8C
4C
12c
8C
*-
6c
1-2c
6c
*-
```

```
minrhy file1 file2 # returns the answer "24" timebase –t 24 file1 > tb1 timebase –t 24 file2 > tb2 assemble tb1 tb2 | rid –d > finalscore.krn
```

• Warning on grace notes.

Some other programs:

- meter == extract the *Mx/y meter interpretation records into spines.
- rhylev = extract the rhythmic level for each line of data.
- themebuilder 2-r ==extract various rhythmic information strings from musical incipits.