

Template:Music

{{1}} Template documentation

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`{{Music}}` renders Western music notation of various types into Wikipedia and improves cross-browser support for music symbols. Per [Wikipedia:Manual of Style \(music\)#Accidentals](#), this template (or the terms for the accidentals) should be used in preference to the lowercase letter "b" and the number sign (#).



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Accidentals

The template correctly renders Unicode [accidentals](#), sharps (#), flats (♭), and natural signs (♮) in [Internet Explorer](#) which would otherwise display [empty squares](#) unless a full Unicode font is chosen in its Preferences. The choice of fonts also improves the rendering in other browsers on [Microsoft Windows](#) such as [Mozilla Firefox](#). See the tables below to compare the results in your current browser. The template makes use of [SVG](#) to display double flat (𝄪), double sharp (𝄫), and microtonal signs since the corresponding Unicode characters are not widely supported.

Symbol	Unicode entity	Unicode result	Template text	Template result
<u>Flat</u>	♭	♭	{{music flat}} or {{music b}} or {{music ♭}} or {{flat}}	♭
<u>Natural</u>	♮	♮	{{music natural}} or {{music n}} or {{music ♮}}	♮
<u>Sharp</u>	♯	#	{{music sharp}} or {{music #}} or {{music ♯}} or {{sharp}}	#
Double flat	𝄫	𝄪	{{music doubleflat}} or {{music bb}} or {{music 𝄪}}	𝄪
Double sharp	𝄪	𝄫	{{music doublesharp}} or {{music ##}} or {{music x}} or {{music 𝄫}}	𝄫
Triple flat			{{music tripleflat}} or {{music bbb}}	𝄪
Triple sharp	♯𝄪	#x	{{music triplesharp}} or {{music ###}} or {{music #x}}	#x
Half flat	𝄳	♭	{{music halfflat}} or {{music d}}	♭
Half sharp	𝄲	#	{{music halfsharp}} or {{music t}}	#
Flat stroke	𝄳	♭	{{music flatstroke}}	♭
Double flat stroke			{{music doubleflatstroke}}	𝄪
Three quarter flat			{{music threequarterflat}} or {{music db}}	𝄪
Three quarter sharp			{{music threequartersharp}} or {{music #t}}	#
Septimal quarter tone (-)			{{music 7}} or {{music septimal}}	7
Septimal quarter tone (+)			{{music L}} or {{music septimal plus}}	L
11th partial [53 cents] (-)			{{music down}} or {{music 11U}}	↓
11th partial [difference between 11:8 & 4:3] (+)			{{music up}} or {{music 11}}	↑

13th partial [26.8 cents] (-)			<code> {{music E1}} or {{music 13U}}</code>	<u>E</u>
13th partial [difference between 13:8 & 8:5] (+)			<code> {{music 13}} or {{music thirteen}}</code>	<u>13</u>
17th partial [34.28 cents] (-)			<code> {{music 17 upside down}} or {{music L1}} or {{music 17U}}</code>	<u>L</u>
17th partial [difference between 17:16 & 25:24] (+)			<code> {{music 17}}</code>	<u>17</u>
19th partial [18.13 cents] (-)			<code> {{music 19}}</code>	<u>19</u>
19th partial [difference between 19:16 & 6:5] (+)			<code> {{music 19U}}</code>	<u>6</u>
23rd partial [38.05 cents] (+)			<code> {{music 23}}</code>	<u>23</u>
29th partial [11.98 cents] (+)			<code> {{music 29}}</code>	<u>29</u>
31st partial [-56.77 cents] (-)			<code> {{music 1E}} or {{music 31U}}</code>	<u>1E</u>
31st partial [56.77 cents] (+)			<code> {{music 31}}</code>	<u>31</u>
37th partial [Difference between 37/32 and 75/64] (-)			<code> {{music 37}}</code>	<u>37</u>
37th partial [23.24 cents] (+)			<code> {{music 37U}}</code>	<u>L</u>
Syntonic comma [+21.51 cents] (+)			<code> {{music plus}}</code>	+
Syntonic comma [-21.51 cents] (-)			<code> {{music minus}}</code>	-
Septimal quarter tone [-48.7 cents] (-)			<code> {{music check up}}</code>	<u>J</u>
Septimal quarter tone [+48.7 cents] (+)			<code> {{music check}}</code>	<u>J</u>

Sixth tone [+33.33 cents] (+)			{ {music half check up} }	1
Sixth tone [-33.33 cents] (-)			{ {music half check} }	J

Sample text

The C# appears very early in Beethoven's Symphony No. 3 in E \flat .

Notes and rests

Symbol	Unicode entity	Unicode result	Template text	Template result
Double whole note	𝅜	♩	{{music doublewholenote}} or {{music doublenote}} or {{music breve}}	♩
Whole note	𝅝	♪	{{music wholenote}} or {{music whole}} or {{music semibreve}}	♪
Half note	𝅗𝅥	♪	{{music halfnote}} or {{music half}} or {{music minim}}	♪
Quarter note	𝅘𝅥	♪	{{music quarternote}} or {{music quarter}} or {{music crotchet}}	♪
Eighth note	𝅘𝅥𝅮	♪	{{music eighthnote}} or {{music eighth}} or {{music quaver}}	♪
Beamed eighth notes			{{music eighthnotebeam}} or {{music eighthbeam}} or {{music quaverbeam}}	♪♫
Sixteenth note	𝅘𝅥𝅯	♪	{{music sixteenthnote}} or {{music sixteenth}} or {{music semiquaver}}	♪
Beamed sixteenth notes			{{music sixteenthnotebeam}} or {{music sixteenthbeam}} or {{music semiquaverbeam}}	♪♫
Thirty-second note	𝅘𝅥𝅰	♪	{{music thirty-secondnote}} or {{music thirty-second}} or {{music demisemiquaver}}	♪
Sixty-fourth note	𝅘𝅥𝅱	♪	{{music sixty-fourthnote}} or {{music sixty-fourth}} or {{music hemithemisemiquaver}}	♪
Hundred twenty-eighth note	𝅘𝅥𝅲	♪		
Dot	𝅭	.	{{music dot}}	.
Dotted quarter note	𝅘𝅥𝅭	♪.	{{music dottedquarter}} or {{music dottedcrotchet}}	♪.
Dotted half note	𝅗𝅥𝅭	♪.	{{music dottedhalf}} or {{music dottedminim}}	♪.
Double whole rest	𝄺	-		
Whole rest	𝄻	-	{{music wholerest}} or {{music semibreverest}}	-

Half rest	𝄼	-	<code> {{music halfrest}} or {{music minimrest}}</code>	-
Quarter rest	𝄽	:	<code> {{music quarterrest}} or {{music crotchetrest}}</code>	
Eighth rest	𝄾	,	<code> {{music eighthrest}} or {{music quaverrest}}</code>	
Sixteenth rest	𝄿	:	<code> {{music sixteenthrest}} or {{music semiquaverrest}}</code>	
Thirty-second rest	𝅀	:	<code> {{music thirtysecondrest}} or {{music demisemiquaverrest}}</code>	
Sixty-fourth rest	𝅁	:	<code> {{music sixtyfourthrest}} or {{music hemithemidemisemiquaverrest}}</code>	
Hundred twenty-eighth rest	𝅂	:		

Some browsers and typefaces support ♩ (♪) and ♪ (♫) for quarter and eighth notes, as well as ♫ (♫) and ♬ (♫) for beamed eighth-note and sixteenth-note pairs respectively, but since the display of these characters does not match any of the other (non-supported) notes and rests, this template does not use these characters.

Sample text

One ♪ and two ♫ are equivalent.

Clefs

Symbol	Unicode entity	Unicode result	Template text	Template result
Treble clef or G-clef	𝄞	♪	<code> {{music treble}} or {{music trebleclef}} or {{music gclef}}</code>	
Alto clef			<code> {{music alto}} or {{music altoclef}}</code>	
Tenor clef			<code> {{music tenor}} or {{music tenorclef}}</code>	
C-clef	𝄡	♫	<code> {{music cclef}}</code>	
Bass clef or F-clef	𝄢	♪:	<code> {{music bass}} or {{music bassclef}} or {{music fclef}}</code>	
Neutral clef	𝄥	〃	<code> {{music neutral}} or {{music neutralclef}}</code>	〃

Note that there is no graphical distinction between treble clef and G-clef; alto clef, tenor clef and C-clef; bass clef and F-clef. The names preserve a difference in meaning and make the caption text (for screen readers) different.

Time signatures

Symbol	Unicode entity	Unicode result	Template text	Template result
common-time	𝄴	€	{{music common-time}}	C
cut-time	𝄵	€	{{music cut-time}} or {{music alla-breve}}	¢
2/4			{{music time 2 4}}	$\frac{2}{4}$
3/4			{{music time 3 4}}	$\frac{3}{4}$
3/8			{{music time 3 8}}	$\frac{3}{8}$
6/8			{{music time 6 8}}	$\frac{6}{8}$
9/8			{{music time 9 8}}	$\frac{9}{8}$
12/8			{{music time 12 8}}	$\frac{12}{8}$

For a *general* time signature, use {{music|time|top number|bottom number}}. This makes use of {{Time signature}}; if an article uses many invocations of {{Music}} it can lead to excessive post-expand include size; calling {{Time signature}} will reduce that.

Scale degrees

Scale degrees are often represented as Arabic numerals with a hat on them and thus the submediant of a scale is $\hat{6}$.

Scale degree	Template text	Template result
1	{{music scale 1}}	$\hat{1}$
2	{{music scale 2}}	$\hat{2}$
3	{{music scale 3}}	$\hat{3}$
4	{{music scale 4}}	$\hat{4}$
5	{{music scale 5}}	$\hat{5}$
6	{{music scale 6}}	$\hat{6}$
7	{{music scale 7}}	$\hat{7}$
8	{{music scale 8}}	$\hat{8}$
9	{{music scale 9}}	$\hat{9}$

Sample text

The chord built on $\hat{4}$ of the major scale is a major chord.

Chord symbols and figured bass

Chord	Template text	Template result
Diminished	<code> {{music dim}}</code>	°
Half-diminished	<code> {{music halfdim}}</code> or <code> {{music dimslash}}</code>	ø
Augmented	<code> {{music +}}</code> or <code> {{music aug}}</code>	+
Major	<code> {{music Δ}}</code> or <code> {{music delta}}</code> or <code> {{music major}}</code> or <code> {{music maj}}</code>	Δ
Root position	<code> {{music 53}}</code> or <code> {{music 53 chord}}</code>	5 3
First inversion	<code> {{music 63}}</code> or <code> {{music 63 chord}}</code> or <code> {{music 6 chord}}</code>	6 or 6 3
Second inversion	<code> {{music 64}}</code> or <code> {{music 64 chord}}</code>	6 4
Seventh chord root position	<code> {{music 7 chord}}</code>	7
Seventh chord first inversion	<code> {{music 65}}</code> or <code> {{music 65 chord}}</code>	6 5
Seventh chord second inversion	<code> {{music 43 chord}}</code>	4 3
Seventh chord third inversion	<code> {{music 2}}</code> or <code> {{music 2 chord}}</code> or <code> {{music 42}}</code>	2 or 4 2
Walter Piston's notation of vii⁰	<code> {{music 07 chord}}</code>	0 7
Ninth chord first inversion	<code> {{music 75}}</code> or <code> {{music 75 chord}}</code>	7 5
Ninth chord second inversion	<code> {{music 65}}</code> or <code> {{music 65 chord}}</code>	6 5
Ninth chord third inversion	<code> {{music 643}}</code> or <code> {{music 643 chord}}</code>	6 4 3
Ninth chord fourth inversion	<code> {{music 642}}</code> or <code> {{music 642 chord}}</code>	6 4 2

Sample text

DΔ7 consists of the notes D-F♯-A-C♯.

Key signatures

Key signatures must be typed in using the names of the articles themselves on keys. Note that there is no visual difference between the major and minor key signatures, but the alt text is different.

Sharps/Flats	Key signature (major)	Template text	Template result	Key signature (minor)	Template text	Template result
7#	<u>C# major</u>	{{music c-sharp major}}		<u>A# minor</u>	{{music a-sharp minor}}	
6#	<u>F# major</u>	{{music f-sharp major}}		<u>D# minor</u>	{{music d-sharp minor}}	
5#	<u>B major</u>	{{music b major}}		<u>G# minor</u>	{{music g-sharp minor}}	
4#	<u>E major</u>	{{music e major}}		<u>C# minor</u>	{{music c-sharp minor}}	
3#	<u>A major</u>	{{music a major}}		<u>F# minor</u>	{{music f-sharp minor}}	
2#	<u>D major</u>	{{music d major}}		<u>B minor</u>	{{music b minor}}	
1#	<u>G major</u>	{{music g major}}		<u>E minor</u>	{{music e minor}}	
0	<u>C major</u>	{{music c major}}		<u>A minor</u>	{{music a minor}}	
1b	<u>F major</u>	{{music f major}}		<u>D minor</u>	{{music d minor}}	
2b	<u>Bb major</u>	{{music b-flat major}}		<u>G minor</u>	{{music g minor}}	
3b	<u>Eb major</u>	{{music e-flat major}}		<u>C minor</u>	{{music c minor}}	
4b	<u>Ab major</u>	{{music a-flat major}}		<u>F minor</u>	{{music f minor}}	
5b	<u>Db major</u>	{{music d-flat major}}		<u>Bb minor</u>	{{music b-flat minor}}	
6b	<u>Gb major</u>	{{music g-flat major}}		<u>Eb minor</u>	{{music e-flat minor}}	

7b	C_b major	{ {music c-flat major}}		A_b minor	{ {music a-flat minor}}	
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Bars

Symbol	Unicode entity	Unicode result	Template text	Template result
Left repeat	𝄆		{ {{Music left repeat}}}	
Right repeat	𝄇		{ {{Music right repeat}}}	

Changing the size

Most symbols generated by this template, including double flats and sharps, notes, rests and key signatures, use images, as corresponding Unicode characters either don't exist or are not supported by all browsers. Unlike characters, images don't scale along with the surrounding text. To change the size of an image, to match the font size of the text in which it is placed, use the `|size=` parameter. Example:

- G{{ {music|bb|size=x8px}}} → G♭

See also

- [Help:Score](#) and [mw:Extension:Score](#)

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