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Pitches

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Adding ambitus per voice

Ambitus can be added per voice. In this case, the ambitus must be moved manually to prevent collisions.

```
\new Staff <<
  \new Voice \with {
    \consists "Ambitus_engraver"
  } \relative c'' {
    \override Ambitus.X-offset = 2.0
    \voiceOne
    c4 a d e
    f1
  }
  \new Voice \with {
    \consists "Ambitus_engraver"
  } \relative c' {
    \voiceTwo
    es4 f g as
    b1
  }
}>>
```



Adding an ottava marking to a single voice

If you have more than one voice on the staff, setting octavation in one voice transposes the position of notes in all voices for the duration of the ottava bracket. If the octavation is only intended to apply to one voice, the *Ottava_spanner_engraver* should be moved to Voice context.

```
\layout {
  \context {
    \Staff
    \remove Ottava_spanner_engraver
  }
  \context {
    \Voice
    \consists Ottava_spanner_engraver
  }
}

{
  \clef bass
  << { <g d'>1~ q2 <c' e'> }
  \\
  {
```

```

      r2.
      \ottava -1
      <b,,, b,,,>4 ~ |
      q2
      \ottava 0
      <c e>2
    }
  >>
}
```



Aiken head thin variant noteheads

Aiken head white notes get harder to read at smaller staff sizes, especially with ledger lines. Losing interior white space makes them appear as quarter notes.

```

\score {
{
  \aikenHeads
  c''2 a' c' a

  % Switch to thin-variant noteheads
  \set shapeNoteStyles = ##(doThin reThin miThin
                           faThin sol laThin tiThin)
  c'' a' c' a
}
}
```



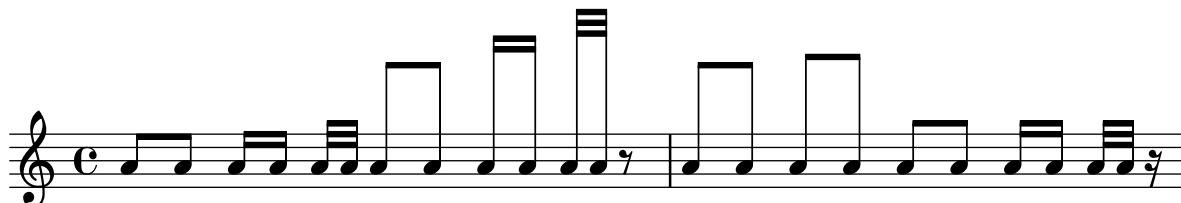
Altering the length of beamed stems

Stem lengths on beamed notes can be varied by overriding the beamed-lengths property of the details of the Stem. If a single value is used as an argument, the length applies to all stems. When multiple arguments are used, the first applies to eighth notes, the second to sixteenth notes and so on. The final argument also applies to all notes shorter than the note length of the final argument. Non-integer arguments may also be used.

```

\relative c'' {
  \override Stem.details.beamed-lengths = #'(2)
  a8[ a] a16[ a] a32[ a]
  \override Stem.details.beamed-lengths = #'(8 10 12)
  a8[ a] a16[ a] a32[ a] r8
  \override Stem.details.beamed-lengths = #'(8)
  a8[ a]
  \override Stem.details.beamed-lengths = #'(8.5)
  a8[ a]
```

```
\revert Stem.details.beamed-lengths
a8[ a] a16[ a] a32[ a] r16
}
```



Ambitus

Ambitus indicate pitch ranges for voices.

Accidentals only show up if they are not part of the key signature. AmbitusNoteHead grobs also have ledger lines.

```
\layout {
  \context {
    \Voice
    \consists "Ambitus_engraver"
  }
}
```

```
<<
\new Staff {
  \relative c' {
    \time 2/4
    c4 f'
  }
}
\new Staff {
  \relative c' {
    \time 2/4
    \key d \major
    cis4 as'
  }
}
>>
```



Ambitus after key signature

By default, ambitus are positioned at the left of the clef. The `\ambitusAfter` function allows for changing this placement. Syntax is `\ambitusAfter grob-interface` (see Graphical Object Interfaces (<http://lilypond.org/doc/v2.22/Documentation/internals/graphical-object-interfaces>) for a list of possible values for `grob-interface`.)

A common use case is printing the ambitus between key signature and time signature.

```
\new Staff \with {
  \consists Ambitus_engraver
} \relative {
  \ambitusAfter key-signature
  \key d \major
  es'8 g bes cis d2
}
```



Ambitus with multiple voices

Adding the Ambitus_engraver to the Staff context creates a single ambitus per staff, even in the case of staves with multiple voices.

```
\new Staff \with {
  \consists "Ambitus_engraver"
}
<<
  \new Voice \relative c'' {
    \voiceOne
    c4 a d e
    f1
  }
  \new Voice \relative c' {
    \voiceTwo
    es4 f g as
    b1
  }
>>
```



Applying note head styles depending on the step of the scale

The `shapeNoteStyles` property can be used to define various note head styles for each step of the scale (as set by the key signature or the tonic property).

This property requires a set of symbols, which can be purely arbitrary (geometrical expressions such as `triangle`, `cross`, and `xcircle` are allowed) or based on old American engraving tradition (some latin note names are also allowed).

That said, to imitate old American song books, there are several predefined note head styles available through shortcut commands such as `\aikenHeads` or `\sacredHarpHeads`.

This example shows different ways to obtain shape note heads, and demonstrates the ability to transpose a melody without losing the correspondence between harmonic functions and note head styles.

```
fragment = {
  \key c \major
```

```

c2 d
e2 f
g2 a
b2 c
}

\new Staff {
  \transpose c d
  \relative c' {
    \set shapeNoteStyles = ##(do re mi fa
                          #f la ti)

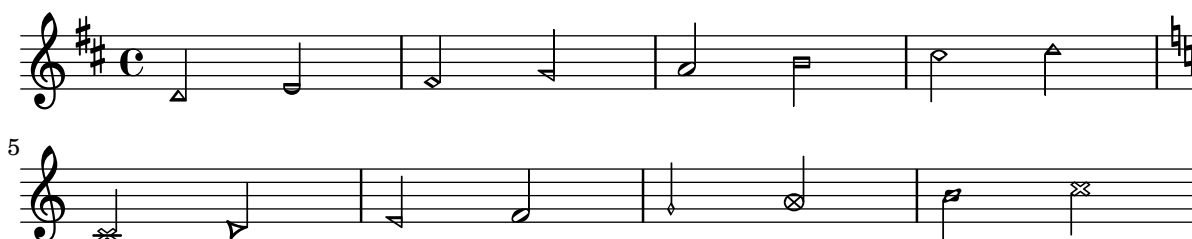
    \fragment
  }

  \break

  \relative c' {
    \set shapeNoteStyles = ##(cross triangle fa #f
                          mensural xcircle diamond)

    \fragment
  }
}

```



Automatically changing the stem direction of the middle note based on the melody

LilyPond can alter the stem direction of the middle note on a staff so that it follows the melody, by adding the `Melody_engraver` to the `Voice` context.

The context property `suspendMelodyDecisions` may be used to turn off this behavior locally.

```

\relative c' {
  \time 3/4
  a8 b g f b g |
  \set suspendMelodyDecisions = ##t
  a b g f b g |
  \unset suspendMelodyDecisions
  c b d c b c |
}

\layout {
  \context {
    \Voice
    \consists "Melody_engraver"
    \autoBeamOff
  }
}

```

```
}
```



Changing ottava text

Internally, `\ottava` sets the properties `ottavation` (for example, to `8va` or `8vb`) and `middleCPosition`. To override the text of the bracket, set `ottavation` after invoking `\ottava`.

Short text is especially useful when a brief ottava is used.

```
{
  c'2
  \ottava 1
  \set Staff.ottavation = "8"
  c''2
  \ottava 0
  c'1
  \ottava 1
  \set Staff.ottavation = "Text"
  c''1
}
```



Changing the ambitus gap

It is possible to change the default gap between the ambitus noteheads and the line joining them.

```
\layout {
  \context {
    \Voice
    \consists "Ambitus_engraver"
  }
}
```

```
\new Staff {
  \time 2/4
  % Default setting
  c'4 g''
}
```

```
\new Staff {
  \time 2/4
  \override AmbitusLine.gap = 0
  c'4 g''
}
```

```
\new Staff {
  \time 2/4
```

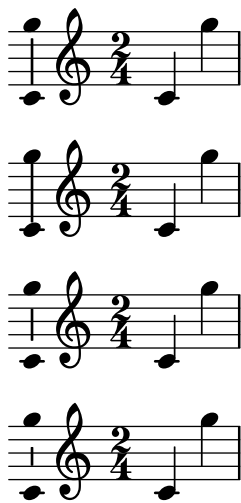
```

\override AmbitusLine.gap = 1
c'4 g''
}

\new Staff {
  \time 2/4
  \override AmbitusLine.gap = 1.5
  c'4 g''
}

\paper { tagline = ##f }

```



Changing the interval of lines on the staff

`staffLineLayoutFunction` is used to change the position of notes. This snippet shows setting its value to `ly:pitch-semitones` in order to produce a chromatic scale with the distance between each space and line of the staff equal to one semitone.

```

scale = \relative c' {
  a4 ais b c
  cis4 d dis e
  f4 fis g gis
  a1
}

\new Staff \with {
  \remove "Accidental_engraver"
  staffLineLayoutFunction = #ly:pitch-semitones
}
{
  <<
    \scale
    \context NoteNames {
      \set printOctaveNames = ##f
      \scale
    }
  >>
}

```



Clefs can be transposed by arbitrary amounts

Clefs can be transposed by arbitrary amounts, not just by octaves.

```
\relative c' {
  \clef treble
  c4 c c c
  \clef "treble_8"
  c4 c c c
  \clef "treble_5"
  c4 c c c
  \clef "treble^3"
  c4 c c c
}
```



Coloring notes depending on their pitch

It is possible to color note heads depending on their pitch and/or their names: the function used in this example even makes it possible to distinguish enharmonics.

%Association list of pitches to colors.

```
#(define color-mapping
  (list
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 0 NATURAL) (x11-color 'red))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 0 SHARP) (x11-color 'green))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 1 FLAT) (x11-color 'green))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 2 NATURAL) (x11-color 'red))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 2 SHARP) (x11-color 'green))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 3 FLAT) (x11-color 'red))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 3 NATURAL) (x11-color 'green))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 4 SHARP) (x11-color 'red))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 5 NATURAL) (x11-color 'green))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 5 FLAT) (x11-color 'red))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 6 SHARP) (x11-color 'red))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 1 NATURAL) (x11-color 'blue))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 3 SHARP) (x11-color 'blue))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 4 FLAT) (x11-color 'blue))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 5 SHARP) (x11-color 'blue))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 6 FLAT) (x11-color 'blue))))
```

%Compare pitch and alteration (not octave).

```
#(define (pitch-equals? p1 p2)
  (and
    (= (ly:pitch-alteration p1) (ly:pitch-alteration p2))
    (= (ly:pitch-notename p1) (ly:pitch-notename p2))))
```

```

#(define (pitch-to-color pitch)
  (let ((color (assoc pitch color-mapping pitch-equals?)))
    (if color
        (cdr color))))

#(define (color-notehead grob)
  (pitch-to-color
   (ly:event-property (event-cause grob) 'pitch)))

\score {
  \new Staff \relative c' {
    \override NoteHead.color = #color-notehead
    c8 b d dis ees f g aes
  }
}

```



Creating a sequence of notes on various pitches

In music that contains many occurrences of the same sequence of notes at different pitches, the following music function may prove useful. It takes a note, of which only the pitch is used.

This example creates the rhythm used throughout *Mars*, from Gustav Holst's *The Planets*.

```

rhythm =
#(define-music-function (p) (ly:pitch?)
  "Make the rhythm in Mars (the Planets) at the given pitch"
  #{ \tuplet 3/2 { $p 8 8 8 } 4 4 8 8 4 #})

\new Staff {
  \time 5/4
  \rhythm c'
  \rhythm c''
  \rhythm g
}

```



Creating custom key signatures

LilyPond supports custom key signatures. In this example, print for D minor with an extended range of printed flats.

```

\new Staff \with {
  \override StaffSymbol.line-count = #8
  \override KeySignature.flat-positions = #'((-7 . 6))
  \override KeyCancellation.flat-positions = #'((-7 . 6))
  % presumably sharps are also printed in both octaves
  \override KeySignature.sharp-positions = #'((-6 . 7))
}

```

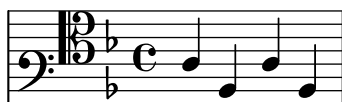
```

\override KeyCancellation.sharp-positions = #'((-6 . 7))

\override Clef.stencil = #
(lambda (grob)(grob-interpret-markup grob
#{ \markup\combine
  \musicglyph "clefs.C"
  \translate #'(-3 . -2)
  \musicglyph "clefs.F"
#})))
clefPosition = #3
middleCPosition = #3
middleCClefPosition = #3
}

{
  \key d\minor
  f bes, f bes,
}

```



Direction of merged 'fa' shape note heads

Using property `NoteCollision.fa-merge-direction`, the direction of “fa” shape note heads (“fa”, “faThin”, etc.) can be controlled independently of the stem direction if two voices with the same pitch and different stem directions are merged. If this property is not set, the “down” glyph variant is used.

```

{
  \clef bass

  << { \aikenHeads
    f2
    \override Staff.NoteCollision.fa-merge-direction = #UP
    f2 }
  \\ { \aikenHeads
    f2
    f2 }
  >>
}

```



Force a cancellation natural before accidentals

The following example shows how to force a natural sign before an accidental.

```

\relative c' {
  \key es \major
  bes c des
  \tweak Accidental.restore-first ##t
}

```

```
eis
}
```



Forcing a clef symbol to be displayed

When a clef sign has already been displayed and it has not been changed to a different clef, then repeating the `\clef` command will be ignored by LilyPond, since it is not a change of clef. It is possible to force the clef to be redisplayed using the command `\set Staff.forceClef = ##t`.

```
\relative c' {
  \clef treble
  c1
  \clef treble
  c1
  \set Staff.forceClef = ##t
  c1
  \clef treble
  c1
}
```



Generating random notes

This Scheme-based snippet generates random notes. Use as

```
\randomNotes n from to dur
```

to generate n random notes between pitches *from* and *to*, with duration *dur*.

```
randomNotes =
#(define-music-function (n from to dur)
  (integer? ly:pitch? ly:pitch? ly:duration?)
  (let ((from-step (ly:pitch-steps from))
        (to-step (ly:pitch-steps to)))
    (make-sequential-music
     (map (lambda (_)
            (let* ((step (+ from-step
                             (random (- to-step from-step))))
                  (pitch (ly:make-pitch 0 step 0)))
              #{ $pitch $dur #}))
          (iota n))))))
```

```
\randomNotes 24 c' g' 8
```

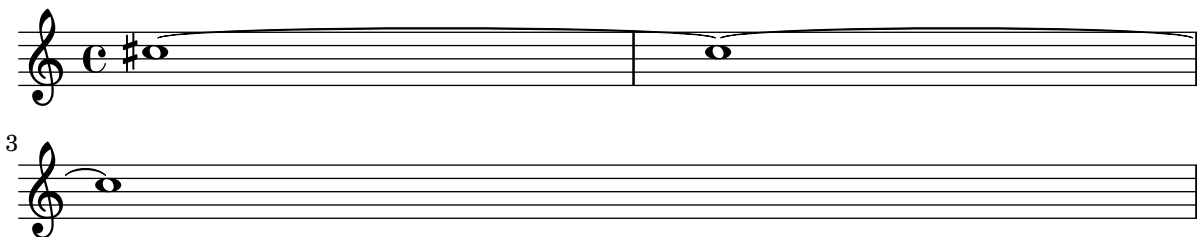


Hiding accidentals on tied notes at the start of a new system

This shows how to hide accidentals on tied notes at the start of a new system.

```
\relative c' {
  \override Accidental.hide-tied-accidental-after-break = ##t
  cis1~ cis~
  \break
  cis
}
```

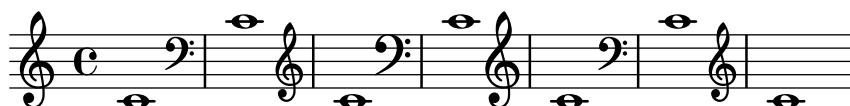
```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```



Keep change clefs full sized

When a clef is changed, the clef sign displayed is smaller than the initial clef. This can be overridden with full-size-change.

```
\relative c' {
  \clef "treble"
  c1
  \clef "bass"
  c1
  \clef "treble"
  c1
  \override Staff.Clef.full-size-change = ##t
  \clef "bass"
  c1
  \clef "treble"
  c1
  \revert Staff.Clef.full-size-change
  \clef "bass"
  c1
  \clef "treble"
  c1
}
```



Makam example

Makam is a type of melody from Turkey using 1/9th-tone microtonal alterations.

Consult the initialization file 'ly/makam.ly' for details of pitch names and alterations.

```
% Initialize makam settings
\include "makam.ly"
```

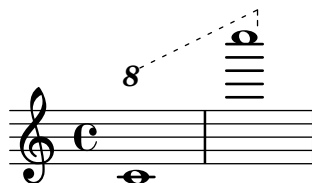
```
\relative c' {
  \set Staff.keyAlterations = #`((6 . ,(- KOMA)) (3 . ,BAKIYE))
  c4 cc db fk
  gbm4 gfc gfb efk
  fk4 db cc c
}
```



Modifying the Ottava spanner slope

It is possible to change the slope of the Ottava spanner.

```
\relative c' {
  \override Staff.OttavaBracket.stencil = #ly:line-spanner::print
  \override Staff.OttavaBracket.bound-details =
    #`((left . ((Y . 0)
      (attach-dir . ,LEFT)
      (padding . 0)
      (stencil-align-dir-y . ,CENTER)))
    (right . ((Y . 5.0) ; Change the number here
      (padding . 0)
      (attach-dir . ,RIGHT)
      (text . ,(make-draw-dashed-line-markup
        (cons 0 -1.2))))))
  \override Staff.OttavaBracket.left-bound-info =
    #ly:horizontal-line-spanner::calc-left-bound-info-and-text
  \override Staff.OttavaBracket.right-bound-info =
    #ly:horizontal-line-spanner::calc-right-bound-info
  \ottava 1
  c1
  c'''1
}
```



Non-traditional key signatures

The commonly used `\key` command sets the `keyAlterations` property, in the `Staff` context.

To create non-standard key signatures, set this property directly. The format of this command is a list:

```
\set Staff.keyAlterations =
  #`(((octave . step) . alter) ((octave . step) . alter) ...)
```

where, for each element in the list, `octave` specifies the octave (0 being the octave from middle C to the B above), `step` specifies the note within the octave (0 means C and 6 means B), and `alter` is `,SHARP`, `,FLAT`, `,DOUBLE-SHARP` etc.

Alternatively, using the more concise format for each item in the list (`step . alter`) specifies the same alteration holds in all octaves.

For microtonal scales where a “sharp” is not 100 cents, `alter` refers to the alteration as a proportion of a 200-cent whole tone.

```
\include "arabic.ly"
\relative do' {
  \set Staff.keyAlterations = #`((0 . ,SEMI-FLAT)
                                (1 . ,SEMI-FLAT)
                                (2 . ,FLAT)
                                (5 . ,FLAT)
                                (6 . ,SEMI-FLAT))

  %\set Staff.extraNatural = ##f
  re reb \down reb resd
  dod dob dosd \down dob |
  dobsb dodsdo do do |
}
```



Numbers as easy note heads

Easy notation note heads use the `note-names` property of the `NoteHead` object to determine what appears inside the note head. By overriding this property, it is possible to print numbers representing the scale-degree.

A simple engraver can be created to do this for every note head object it sees.

```
#(define Ez_numbers_engraver
  (make-engraver
    (acknowledgers
      ((note-head-interface engraver grob source-engraver)
        (let* ((context (ly:translator-context engraver))
              (tonic-pitch (ly:context-property context 'tonic))
              (tonic-name (ly:pitch-notename tonic-pitch))
              (grob-pitch
                (ly:event-property (event-cause grob) 'pitch))
              (grob-name (ly:pitch-notename grob-pitch))
              (delta (modulo (- grob-name tonic-name) 7))
              (note-names
                (make-vector 7 (number->string (1+ delta))))))
          (ly:grob-set-property! grob 'note-names note-names))))))

#(set-global-staff-size 26)

\paper { tagline = ##f }

\layout {
  ragged-right = ##t
  \context {
    \Voice
    \consists \Ez_numbers_engraver
```

```

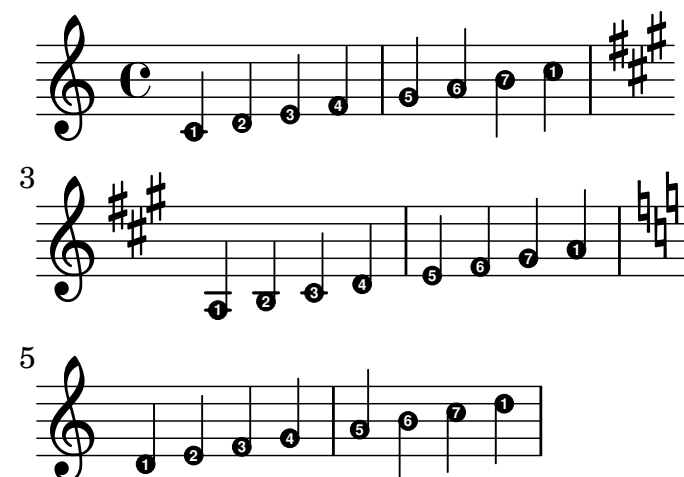
}
}

\relative c' {
  \easyHeadsOn
  c4 d e f
  g4 a b c \break

  \key a \major
  a,4 b cis d
  e4 fis gis a \break

  \key d \dorian
  d,4 e f g
  a4 b c d
}

```



Orchestra, choir and piano template

This template demonstrates the use of nested `StaffGroup` and `GrandStaff` contexts to subgroup instruments of the same type together, and a way to use `\transpose` so that variables hold music for transposing instruments at concert pitch.

```

#(set-global-staff-size 17)

```

```

\paper {
  indent = 3.0\cm % add space for instrumentName
  short-indent = 1.5\cm % add less space for shortInstrumentName
}

```

```

\header { tagline = ##f }

```

```

fluteMusic = \relative c' { \key g \major g'1 b }

```

```

% Pitches as written on a manuscript for Clarinet in A
% are transposed to concert pitch.

```

```

clarinetMusic = \transpose c' a

```

```

\relative c'' { \key bes \major bes1 d }

trumpetMusic = \relative c { \key g \major g''1 b }

% Key signature is often omitted for horns

hornMusic = \transpose c' f
\relative c { d'1 fis }

percussionMusic = \relative c { \key g \major g1 b }

sopranoMusic = \relative c'' { \key g \major g'1 b }

sopranoLyrics = \lyricmode { Lyr -- ics }

altoIMusic = \relative c' { \key g \major g'1 b }

altoIIMusic = \relative c' { \key g \major g'1 b }

altoILyrics = \sopranoLyrics

altoIIILyrics = \lyricmode { Ah -- ah }

tenorMusic = \relative c' { \clef "treble_8" \key g \major g1 b }

tenorLyrics = \sopranoLyrics

pianoRHMus = \relative c { \key g \major g''1 b }

pianoLHMus = \relative c { \clef bass \key g \major g1 b }

violinIMusic = \relative c' { \key g \major g'1 b }

violinIIMusic = \relative c' { \key g \major g'1 b }

violaMusic = \relative c { \clef alto \key g \major g'1 b }

celloMusic = \relative c { \clef bass \key g \major g1 b }

bassMusic = \relative c { \clef "bass_8" \key g \major g,1 b }

\score {
  <<
  \new StaffGroup = "StaffGroup_woodwinds" <<
    \new Staff = "Staff_flute" \with { instrumentName = "Flute" }
    \fluteMusic

    \new Staff = "Staff_clarinet" \with {
      instrumentName = \markup { \concat { "Clarinet in B" \flat } }
    }

  % Declare that written Middle C in the music

```

```

% to follow sounds a concert B flat, for
% output using sounded pitches such as MIDI.
%\transposition bes

% Print music for a B-flat clarinet
\transpose bes c' \clarinetMusic
>>

\new StaffGroup = "StaffGroup_brass" <<
  \new Staff = "Staff_hornI" \with { instrumentName = "Horn in F" }
    % \transposition f
    \transpose f c' \hornMusic

  \new Staff = "Staff_trumpet" \with { instrumentName = "Trumpet in C" }
    \trumpetMusic

>>

\new RhythmicStaff = "RhythmicStaff_percussion"
\with { instrumentName = "Percussion" }
<<
  \percussionMusic
>>

\new PianoStaff \with { instrumentName = "Piano" }
<<
  \new Staff { \pianoRHMusical }
  \new Staff { \pianoLHMusical }
>>

\new ChoirStaff = "ChoirStaff_choir" <<
  \new Staff = "Staff_soprano" \with { instrumentName = "Soprano" }
  \new Voice = "soprano"
  \sopranoMusical

  \new Lyrics \lyricsto "soprano" { \sopranoLyrics }
  \new GrandStaff = "GrandStaff_altoI"
  \with { \accepts Lyrics } <<
    \new Staff = "Staff_altoI" \with { instrumentName = "Alto I" }
    \new Voice = "altoI"
    \altoIMusical

    \new Lyrics \lyricsto "altoI" { \altoILyrics }
    \new Staff = "Staff_altoII" \with { instrumentName = "Alto II" }
    \new Voice = "altoII"
    \altoIIMusical

    \new Lyrics \lyricsto "altoII" { \altoIILyrics }
  >>

  \new Staff = "Staff_tenor" \with { instrumentName = "Tenor" }
  \new Voice = "tenor"
  \tenorMusical

  \new Lyrics \lyricsto "tenor" { \tenorLyrics }

```

```
>>
\new StaffGroup = "StaffGroup_strings" <<
  \new GrandStaff = "GrandStaff_violins" <<
    \new Staff = "Staff_violinI" \with { instrumentName = "Violin I" }
    \violinIMusic

    \new Staff = "Staff_violinII" \with { instrumentName = "Violin II" }
    \violinIIMusic
  >>

  \new Staff = "Staff_viola" \with { instrumentName = "Viola" }
  \violaMusic

  \new Staff = "Staff_cello" \with { instrumentName = "Cello" }
  \celloMusic

  \new Staff = "Staff_bass" \with { instrumentName = "Double Bass" }
  \bassMusic
>>
>>
\layout { }
}
```

Flute

Clarinet in B \flat

Horn in F

Trumpet in C

Percussion

Piano

Soprano

Alto I

Alto II

Tenor

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Double Bass

Lyr - ics

Lyr - ics

Ah - ah

Lyr - ics

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Preventing extra naturals from being automatically added

In accordance with traditional typesetting rules, a natural sign is printed before a sharp or flat if a previous double sharp or flat on the same note is canceled. To change this behavior to contemporary practice, set the `extraNatural` property to `f` in the `Staff` context.

```
\relative c' ' {
  aeses4 aes ais a
  \set Staff.extraNatural = ##f
  aeses4 aes ais a
}
```

Preventing natural signs from being printed when the key signature changes

When the key signature changes, natural signs are automatically printed to cancel any accidentals from previous key signatures. This may be prevented by setting to `f` the `printKeyCancellation` property in the `Staff` context.

```
\relative c' {
  \key d \major
  a4 b cis d
  \key g \minor
  a4 bes c d
  \set Staff.printKeyCancellation = ##f
  \key d \major
  a4 b cis d
  \key g \minor
  a4 bes c d
}
```



Quoting another voice with transposition

Quotations take into account the transposition of both source and target. In this example, all instruments play sounding middle C; the target is an instrument in F. The target part may be transposed using `\transpose`. In this case, all the pitches (including the quoted ones) are transposed.

```
\addQuote clarinet {
  \transposition bes
  \repeat unfold 8 { d'16 d' d'8 }
}

\addQuote sax {
  \transposition es'
  \repeat unfold 16 { a8 }
}

quoteTest = {
  % french horn
  \transposition f
  g'4
  << \quoteDuring "clarinet" { \skip 4 } s4^"clar." >>
  << \quoteDuring "sax" { \skip 4 } s4^"sax." >>
  g'4
}

{
  \new Staff \with {
    instrumentName = \markup { \column { Horn "in F" } }
  }
  \quoteTest
  \transpose c' d' << \quoteTest s4_"up a tone" >>
}
```

}



Separating key cancellations from key signature changes

By default, the accidentals used for key cancellations are placed adjacent to those for key signature changes. This behavior can be changed by overriding the `break-align-orders` property of the `BreakAlignment` grob.

The value of `break-align-orders` is a vector of length 3, with quoted lists of breakable items as elements. Each list describes the default order of prefatory matter at the end, in the middle, and at the beginning of a line, respectively. We are only interested in changing the behaviour in the middle of a line.

If you look up the definition of `break-align-orders` in LilyPond's Internal Reference (see the `BreakAlignment` (<https://lilypond.org/doc/v2.22/Documentation/internals/breakalignment>) grob), you get the following order in the second element:

```
...
staff-bar
key-cancellation
key-signature
...
```

We want to change that, moving `key-cancellation` before `staff-bar`. To make this happen we use the `grob-transformer` function, which gives us access to the original vector as the second argument of the lambda function, here called *orig* (we don't need the first argument, *grob*). We return a new vector, with unchanged first and last elements. For the middle element, we first remove `key-cancellation` from the list, then adding it again before `staff-bar`.

```
#(define (insert-before where what lst)
  (cond
    ((null? lst) ; If the list is empty,
     (list what)) ; return a single-element list.
    ((eq? where (car lst)) ; If we find symbol `where`,
     (cons what lst)) ; insert `what` before curr. position.
    (else ; Otherwise keep building the list by
     (cons (car lst) ; adding the current element and
           (insert-before where what (cdr lst))))))

cancellationFirst =
\override Score.BreakAlignment.break-align-orders =
#(grob-transformer
 'break-align-orders
 (lambda (grob orig)
  (let* ((middle (vector-ref orig 1))
         (middle (delq 'key-cancellation middle))
         (middle (insert-before
                        'staff-bar 'key-cancellation middle)))
    (vector
     ;; end of line
     (vector-ref orig 0))
```

```

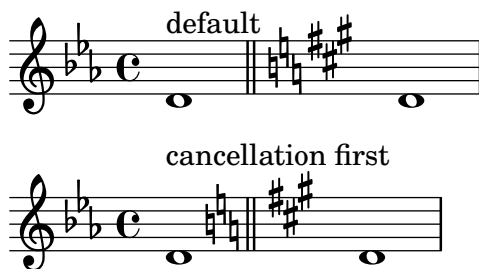
;; middle of line
middle
;; beginning of line
(vector-ref orig 2))))

music = { \key es \major d'1 \bar "||"
          \key a \major d'1 }

{ <>^\markup "default"
  \music }

{ <>^\markup "cancellation first"
  \cancellationFirst
  \music }

\paper { tagline = ##f }
```



Transposing pitches with minimum accidentals ("Smart" transpose)

This example uses some Scheme code to enforce enharmonic modifications for notes in order to have the minimum number of accidentals. In this case, the following rules apply:

Double accidentals should be removed

B sharp -> C

E sharp -> F

C flat -> B

F flat -> E

In this manner, the most natural enharmonic notes are chosen.

```

#(define (naturalize-pitch p)
  (let ((o (ly:pitch-octave p))
        (a (* 4 (ly:pitch-alteration p)))
        ;; alteration, a, in quarter tone steps,
        ;; for historical reasons
        (n (ly:pitch-notename p)))
    (cond
      ((and (> a 1) (or (eqv? n 6) (eqv? n 2)))
       (set! a (- a 2))
       (set! n (+ n 1)))
      ((and (< a -1) (or (eqv? n 0) (eqv? n 3)))
       (set! a (+ a 2))
       (set! n (- n 1))))
    (cond
```

```

    ((> a 2) (set! a (- a 4)) (set! n (+ n 1)))
    ((< a -2) (set! a (+ a 4)) (set! n (- n 1)))
    (if (< n 0) (begin (set! o (- o 1)) (set! n (+ n 7))))
    (if (> n 6) (begin (set! o (+ o 1)) (set! n (- n 7))))
    (ly:make-pitch o n (/ a 4)))

#(define (naturalize music)
  (let ((es (ly:music-property music 'elements))
        (e (ly:music-property music 'element))
        (p (ly:music-property music 'pitch)))
    (if (pair? es)
        (ly:music-set-property!
         music 'elements
         (map naturalize es)))
    (if (ly:music? e)
        (ly:music-set-property!
         music 'element
         (naturalize e)))
    (if (ly:pitch? p)
        (begin
         (set! p (naturalize-pitch p))
         (ly:music-set-property! music 'pitch p)))
    music))

naturalizeMusic =
#(define-music-function (m)
  (ly:music?)
  (naturalize m))

music = \relative c' { c4 d e g }

\score {
  \new Staff {
    \transpose c ais { \music }
    \naturalizeMusic \transpose c ais { \music }
    \transpose c deses { \music }
    \naturalizeMusic \transpose c deses { \music }
  }
  \layout { }
}

```



Turkish Makam example

This template uses the start of a well-known Turkish Saz Semai that is familiar in the repertoire in order to illustrate some of the elements of Turkish music notation.

```

\paper { tagline = ##f }

% Initialize makam settings

```

```

\include "turkish-makam.ly"

\header {
  title = "Hüseyni Saz Semaisi"
  composer = "Lavtacı Andon"
}

\relative {
  \set Staff.extraNatural = ##f
  \set Staff.autoBeaming = ##f

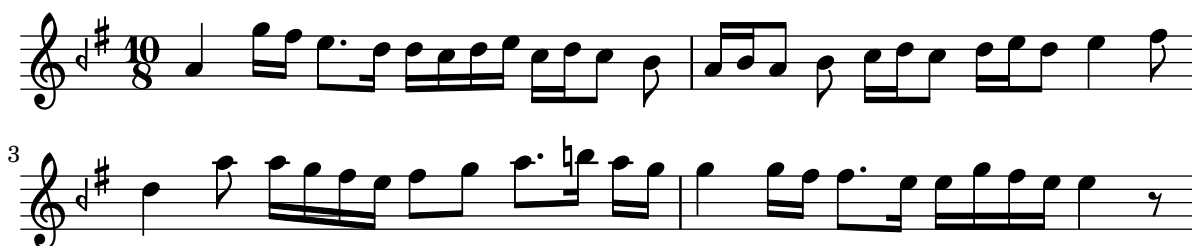
  \key a \huseyni
  \time 10/8

  a'4 g'16 [fb] e8. [d16] d [c d e] c [d c8] bfc |
  a16 [bfc a8] bfc c16 [d c8] d16 [e d8] e4 fb8 |
  d4 a'8 a16 [g fb e] fb8 [g] a8. [b16] a16 [g] |
  g4 g16 [fb] fb8. [e16] e [g fb e] e4 r8 |
}

```

Hüseyni Saz Semaisi

Lavtacı Andon



Tweaking clef properties

Changing the clef glyph, its position, or the ottavation does not change the position of subsequent notes on the staff. To get key signatures on their correct staff lines, `middleCClefPosition` must also be specified, with positive or negative values moving *middle C* up or down respectively, relative to the staff's center line.

For example, `\clef "treble_8"` is equivalent to setting the `clefGlyph`, `clefPosition` (the vertical position of the clef itself on the staff), `middleCPosition`, and `clefTransposition`. Note that when any of these properties (except `middleCPosition`) are changed a new clef symbol is printed.

The following examples show the possibilities when setting these properties manually. On the first line, the manual changes preserve the standard relative positioning of clefs and notes, whereas on the second line, they do not.

```

{
  % The default treble clef
  \key f \major
  c'1
  % The standard bass clef
  \set Staff.clefGlyph = "clefs.F"
  \set Staff.clefPosition = 2
  \set Staff.middleCPosition = 6
}

```

```

\set Staff.middleCClefPosition = 6
\key g \major
c'1
% The baritone clef
\set Staff.clefGlyph = "clefs.C"
\set Staff.clefPosition = 4
\set Staff.middleCPosition = 4
\set Staff.middleCClefPosition = 4
\key f \major
c'1
% The standard choral tenor clef
\set Staff.clefGlyph = "clefs.G"
\set Staff.clefPosition = -2
\set Staff.clefTransposition = -7
\set Staff.middleCPosition = 1
\set Staff.middleCClefPosition = 1
\key f \major
c'1
% A non-standard clef
\set Staff.clefPosition = 0
\set Staff.clefTransposition = 0
\set Staff.middleCPosition = -4
\set Staff.middleCClefPosition = -4
\key g \major
c'1 \break

% The following clef changes do not preserve
% the normal relationship between notes, key signatures
% and clefs:

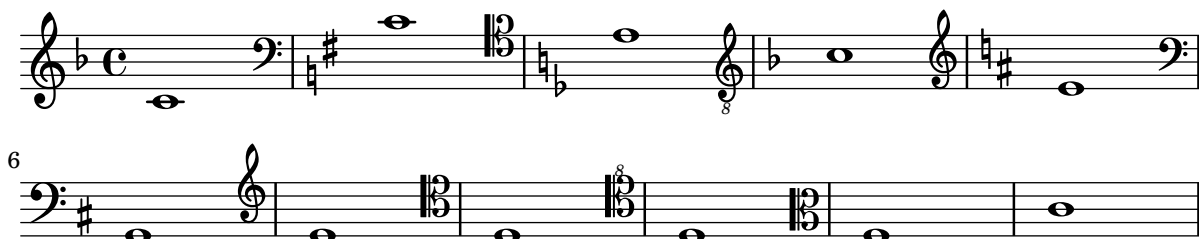
\set Staff.clefGlyph = "clefs.F"
\set Staff.clefPosition = 2
c'1
\set Staff.clefGlyph = "clefs.G"
c'1
\set Staff.clefGlyph = "clefs.C"
c'1
\set Staff.clefTransposition = 7
c'1
\set Staff.clefTransposition = 0
\set Staff.clefPosition = 0
c'1

% Return to the normal clef:

\set Staff.middleCPosition = 0
c'1
}

\paper { tagline = ##f }

```

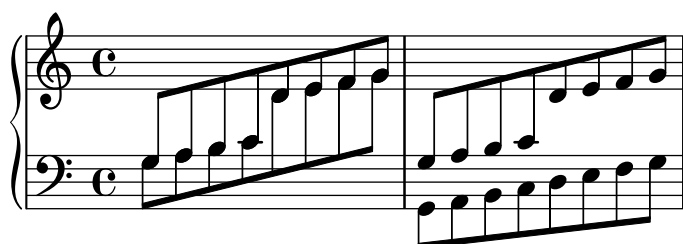


Using autochange with more than one voice

Using autochange with more than one voice.

```
\score {
  \new PianoStaff
  <<
    \new Staff = "up" {
      <<
        \set Timing.beamExceptions = #'()
        \set Timing.beatStructure = #'(4)
        \new Voice {
          \voiceOne
          \autoChange
          \relative c' {
            g8 a b c d e f g
            g,8 a b c d e f g
          }
        }

        \new Voice {
          \voiceTwo
          \autoChange
          \relative c' {
            g8 a b c d e f g
            g,,8 a b c d e f g
          }
        }
      >>
    }
  >>
}
```



Rhythms

See also Section “Rhythms” in *Notation Reference*.

Adding beams, slurs, ties etc. when using tuplet and non-tuplet rhythms

LilyPond syntax can involve many unusual placements for parentheses, brackets etc., which might sometimes have to be interleaved.

For example, when entering a manual beam, the left square bracket has to be placed *after* the starting note and its duration, not before. Similarly, the right square bracket should directly follow the note which is to be at the end of the requested beaming, even if this note happens to be inside a tuplet section.

This snippet demonstrates how to combine manual beaming, manual slurs, ties and phrasing slurs with tuplet sections (enclosed within curly braces).

```
{
  r16[ g16 \tuplet 3/2 { r16 e'8] }
  g16( a \tuplet 3/2 { b d e') }
  g8[( a \tuplet 3/2 { b d') e'] ~ }
  \time 2/4
  \tuplet 5/4 { e'32\ ( a b d' e' } a'4.\)
}
```



Adding drum parts

Using the powerful pre-configured tools such as the `\drummode` function and the `DrumStaff` context, inputting drum parts is quite easy: drums are placed at their own staff positions (with a special clef symbol) and have note heads according to the drum. Attaching an extra symbol to the drum or restricting the number of lines is possible.

```
drh = \drummode {
  cymc4.^"crash" hhc16^"h.h." hh hhc8 hho hhc8 hh16 hh
  hhc4 r4 r2
}
drl = \drummode {
  bd4 sn8 bd bd4 << bd ss >>
  bd8 tommh tommh bd toml toml bd tomfh16 tomfh
}
timb = \drummode {
  timh4 ssh timl8 ssh r timh r4
  ssh8 timl r4 cb8 cb
}

\score {
  <<
  \new DrumStaff \with {
    instrumentName = "timbales"
```

```

    drumStyleTable = #timbales-style
    \override StaffSymbol.line-count = #2
    \override BarLine.bar-extent = #'(-1 . 1)
  }
  <<
    \timb
  >>
  \new DrumStaff \with { instrumentName = "drums" }
  <<
    \new DrumVoice { \stemUp \drh }
    \new DrumVoice { \stemDown \drl }
  >>
  >>
  \layout { }
  \midi { \tempo 4 = 120 }
}

```

Adjusting grace note spacing

The space given to grace notes can be adjusted using the spacing-increment property of `Score.GraceSpacing`.

```

graceNotes = {
  \grace { c4 c8 c16 c32 }
  c8
}

\relative c' {
  c8
  \graceNotes
  \override Score.GraceSpacing.spacing-increment = #2.0
  \graceNotes
  \revert Score.GraceSpacing.spacing-increment
  \graceNotes
}

```

Aligning bar numbers

Bar numbers by default are right-aligned to their parent object. This is usually the left edge of a line or, if numbers are printed within a line, the left hand side of a bar line. The numbers may also be positioned directly over the bar line or left-aligned to the bar line.

```

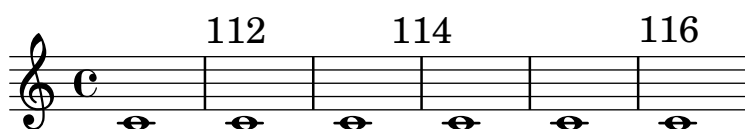
\relative c' {

```

```

\set Score.currentBarNumber = 111
\override Score.BarNumber.break-visibility = #all-visible
% Increase the size of the bar number by 2
\override Score.BarNumber.font-size = 2
% Print a bar number every second measure
\set Score.barNumberVisibility = #(every-nth-bar-number-visible 2)
c1 | c1
% Center-align bar numbers
\override Score.BarNumber.self-alignment-X = #CENTER
c1 | c1
% Left-align bar numbers
\override Score.BarNumber.self-alignment-X = #LEFT
c1 | c1
}

```



Alternative breve notes

Breve notes are also available with two vertical lines on each side of the notehead instead of one line and in baroque style.

```

\relative c' ' {
  \time 4/2
  c\breve |
  \override Staff.NoteHead.style = #'altdefault
  b\breve
  \override Staff.NoteHead.style = #'baroque
  b\breve
  \revert Staff.NoteHead.style
  a\breve
}

```



Appoggiatura or grace note before a bar line

By default, appoggiaturas and grace notes that occur on the first beat of a measure are printed after the bar line. They can however be printed before, simply by adding an invisible BarLine and then the visible one, as demonstrated here.

```

{
  R1
  %% default
  \appoggiatura d''8 c''4 r2.
  %% cheated
  \appoggiatura { \bar "" d''8 \bar "|" } c''4 r2.
}

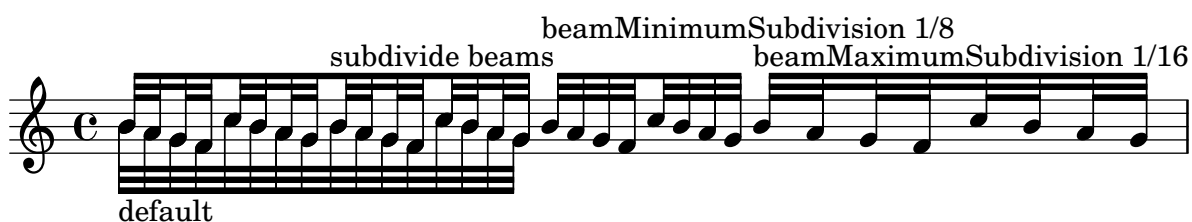
```



Automatic beam subdivisions

Beams can be subdivided automatically. By setting the property `subdivideBeams`, beams are subdivided whenever possible. The intervals and depth of subdivision can be limited with properties `beamMinimumSubdivision` and `beamMaximumSubdivision` respectively.

```
\new Staff {
  \relative c'' {
    <<
    {
      \voiceOne
      \set subdivideBeams = ##t
      b32[ a g f c' b a g
      b32^"subdivide beams" a g f c' b a g]
    }
    \new Voice {
      \voiceTwo
      b32_"default"[ a g f c' b a g
      b32 a g f c' b a g]
    }
    >>
    \oneVoice
    \once \set beamMinimumSubdivision = #1/8
    b32^"beamMinimumSubdivision 1/8"[ a g f c' b a g]
    \once \set beamMaximumSubdivision = #1/16
    b32^"beamMaximumSubdivision 1/16"[ a g f c' b a g]
  }
}
```



Automatically change durations

`shiftDurations` can be used to change the note lengths of a piece of music.

It takes two arguments – the scaling factor as a power of two, and the number of dots to be added as a positive integer.

```
\paper {
  indent = 0
  tagline = ##f
}

music = \relative c'' { a1 b2 c4 d8 r }
```

```

\time 4/2
\music
\time 4/4
\shiftDurations 1 0 \music
\time 2/4
\shiftDurations 2 0 \music
\time 4/1
\shiftDurations -1 0 \music
\time 8/1
\shiftDurations -2 0 \music
\time 6/2
\shiftDurations 0 1 \music
\time 7/2
\shiftDurations 0 2 \music
}

```



Beam endings in Score context

Beam-ending rules specified in the Score context apply to all staves, but can be modified at both Staff and Voice levels:

```

\relative c' {
  \time 5/4
  % Set default beaming for all staves
  \set Score.beatBase = #1/8
  \set Score.beatStructure = 3,4,3
  <<
    \new Staff {
      c8 c c c c c c c c c
    }
    \new Staff {
      % Modify beaming for just this staff
      \set Staff.beatStructure = 6,4
      c8 c c c c c c c c c
    }
    \new Staff {
      % Inherit beaming from Score context
      <<
        {
          \voiceOne
          c8 c c c c c c c c c
        }
      >>
    }
  >>
}

```

```

% Modify beaming for this voice only
\new Voice {
  \voiceTwo
  \set Voice.beatStructure = 6,4
  a8 a a a a a a a a
}
>>
}
>>
}

```



Beam nibs

Beam nibs at the start and end of beams together with beams attached to solitary notes that look like flat flags are possible with a combination of `stemLeftBeamCount`, `stemRightBeamCount`, and paired `[]` beam indicators.

For imitating right-pointing flat flags on lone notes, use paired `[]` beam indicators and set `stemLeftBeamCount` to zero. For imitating left-pointing flat flags on lone notes, set `stemRightBeamCount` to zero instead (line one).

For right-pointing nibs at the end of a run of beamed notes, set `stemRightBeamCount` to a positive value. For left-pointing nibs at the start of a run of beamed notes, set `stemLeftBeamCount` instead (line two).

Sometimes it may make sense for a lone note surrounded by rests to carry both a left- and right-pointing nib. Do this with paired `[]` beam indicators alone (line three).

Note that `\set stemLeftBeamCount` is always equivalent to `\once \set`. In other words, the beam count settings are not “sticky”, so the pair of nibs attached to the lone 16th note in the last example has nothing to do with the `\set` command for the beam before.

```

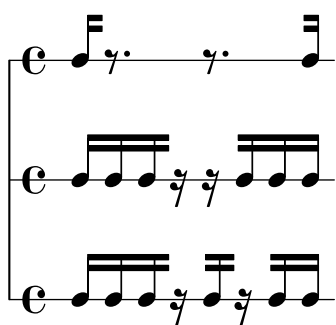
\score {
  <<
    \new RhythmicStaff {
      \set stemLeftBeamCount = 0
      c16[] r8.
      r8.
      \set stemRightBeamCount = 0
      16[]
    }
    \new RhythmicStaff {
      16 16
      \set stemRightBeamCount = 2
      16 r r
      \set stemLeftBeamCount = 2
    }
  }

```

```

16 16 16
}
\new RhythmicStaff {
  16 16
  \set stemRightBeamCount = 2
  16 r16
  16[] r16
  \set stemLeftBeamCount = 2
  16 16
}
>>
}

```



Beams across line breaks

Normally, LilyPond refuses to automatically break a line at places where a beam crosses a bar line. This behavior can be changed by setting the `Beam.breakable` property to `#t`.

This property does not affect manual breaks inserted with commands like `\break`.

```

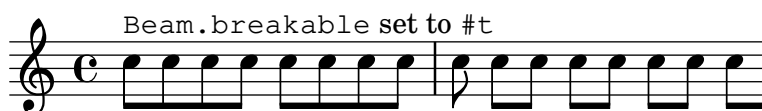
music = {
  \repeat unfold 8 c8
  c8 \repeat unfold 7 { c[ c] } c
  \repeat unfold 8 c8
}

\relative c'' {
  <>^\markup { \typewriter Beam.breakable set to \typewriter "#t" }
  \override Beam.breakable = ##t
  \music
}

\relative c'' {
  <>^\markup { \typewriter Beam.breakable not set }
  \music
}

\paper {
  line-width = 100\mm
  tagline = ##f
}

```





Changing beam knee gap

Kneaded beams are inserted automatically when a large gap is detected between the note heads. This behavior can be tuned through the `auto-knee-gap` property. A kneaded beam is drawn if the gap is larger than the value of `auto-knee-gap` plus the width of the beam object (which depends on the duration of the notes and the slope of the beam). By default `auto-knee-gap` is set to 5.5 staff spaces.

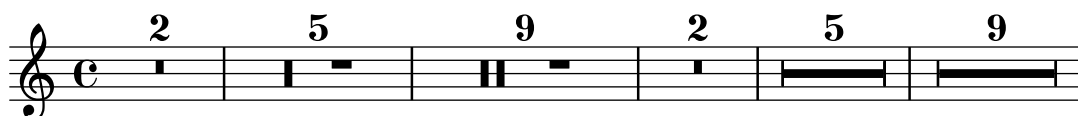
```
{
  f8 f''8 f8 f''8
  \override Beam.auto-knee-gap = 6
  f8 f''8 f8 f''8
}
```



Changing form of multi-measure rests

If there are ten or fewer measures of rests, a series of longa and breve rests (called in German “Kirchenpausen” - church rests) is printed within the staff; otherwise a simple line is shown. This default number of ten may be changed by overriding the `expand-limit` property.

```
\relative c' {
  \compressMMRests {
    R1*2 | R1*5 | R1*9
    \override MultiMeasureRest.expand-limit = 3
    R1*2 | R1*5 | R1*9
  }
}
```



Changing the number of augmentation dots per note

The number of augmentation dots on a single note can be changed independently of the dots placed after the note.

```
\relative c' {
  c4.. a16 r2 |
```

```

\override Dots.dot-count = 4
c4.. a16 r2 |
\override Dots.dot-count = 0
c4.. a16 r2 |
\revert Dots.dot-count
c4.. a16 r2 |
}

```



Changing the tempo without a metronome mark

To change the tempo in MIDI output without printing anything, make the metronome mark invisible.

```

\score {
  \new Staff \relative c' {
    \tempo 4 = 160
    c4 e g b
    c4 b d c
    \set Score.tempoHideNote = ##t
    \tempo 4 = 96
    d,4 fis a cis
    d4 cis e d
  }
  \layout { }
  \midi { }
}

```



Changing the tuplet number

By default, only the numerator of the tuplet number is printed over the tuplet bracket, i.e., the numerator of the argument to the \tuplet command.

Alternatively, *num:den* of the tuplet number may be printed, or the tuplet number may be suppressed altogether.

```

\relative c' {
  \tuplet 3/2 { c8 c c }
  \tuplet 3/2 { c8 c c }
  \override TupletNumber.text = #tuplet-number::calc-fraction-text
  \tuplet 3/2 { c8 c c }
  \omit TupletNumber
  \tuplet 3/2 { c8 c c }
}

```



Changing time signatures inside a polymetric section using `\scaleDurations`

The `measureLength` property, together with `measurePosition`, determines when a bar line is needed. However, when using `\scaleDurations`, the scaling of durations makes it difficult to change time signatures. In this case, `measureLength` should be set manually, using the `ly:make-moment` callback. The second argument must be the same as the second argument of `\scaleDurations`.

```
\layout {
  \context {
    \Score
    \remove "Timing_translator"
  }
  \context {
    \Staff
    \consists "Timing_translator"
  }
}

<<
  \new Staff {
    \scaleDurations 8/5 {
      \time 6/8
      \set Timing.measureLength = #6/5
      b8 b b b b b
      \time 2/4
      \set Timing.measureLength = #4/5
      b4 b
    }
  }
  \new Staff {
    \clef bass
    \time 2/4
    c2 d e f
  }
}>>
```



Chant or psalms notation

This form of notation is used for Psalm chant, where verses aren't always the same length.

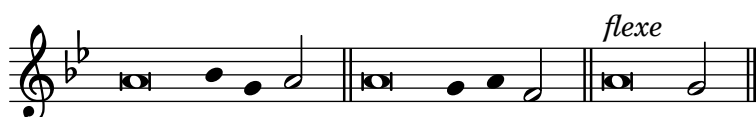
```
stemOff = \hide Staff.Stem
stemOn  = \undo \stemOff
```

```
\score {
  \new Staff \with { \remove "Time_signature_engraver" }
  {
```

```

\key g \minor
\cadenzaOn
\stemOff a'\breve bes'4 g'4
\stemOn a'2 \section
\stemOff a'\breve g'4 a'4
\stemOn f'2 \section
\stemOff a'\breve^\markup { \italic flexe }
\stemOn g'2 \fine
}
}

```



Compound time signatures

Odd 20th century time signatures (such as “5/8”) can often be played as compound time signatures (e.g. “3/8 + 2/8”), which combine two or more inequal metrics.

LilyPond can make such music quite easy to read and play, by explicitly printing the compound time signatures and adapting the automatic beaming behavior.

```

\relative c' {
  \compoundMeter #'((2 8) (3 8))
  c8 d e fis gis
  c8 fis, gis e d
  c8 d e4 gis8
}

```



Conducting signs, measure grouping signs

Context properties control the grouping of beats within a measure: `beatStructure` lists the length of each beat in units of `beatBase`. Default values are established in `scm/time-signature-settings.scm`. These properties may be changed particularly with `\set`.

Alternatively, `\time` optionally accepts a beat structure to use instead of the default. `\time` applies to the Timing context, so it does not reset values of properties that are set in lower-level contexts such as Voice.

If the `Measure_grouping_engraver` is included in one of the display contexts, measure grouping signs will be created. Such signs ease reading rhythmically complex modern music. In the example, the 9/8 measure is grouped in two different patterns using the two different methods, while the 5/8 measure is grouped according to the default setting in `scm/time-signature-settings.scm`. For the 4/4 measure you have to explicitly set `beatBase` to eighths so that the bar’s irregular pattern gets displayed.

```

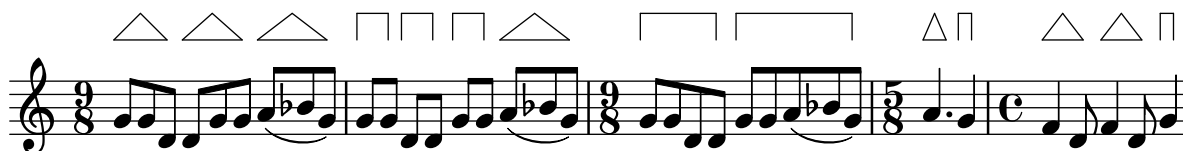
\score {
  \new Voice \relative c'' {
    \time 9/8
    g8 g d d g g a( bes g) |
    \set Timing.beatStructure = 2,2,2,3
  }
}

```

```

g8 g d d g g a( bes g) |
\time 4,5 9/8
g8 g d d g g a( bes g) |
\time 5/8
a4. g4 |
\time 3,3,2 4/4
\set Timing.beatBase = #1/8
f4 d8 f4 d8 g4
}
\layout {
  \context {
    \Staff
    \consists "Measure_grouping_engraver"
  }
}
}

```



Consistently left-aligned bar numbers

When left-aligning bar numbers, overlapping problems may occur with staff brackets.

The snippet solves this by keeping the first bar number right-aligned that follows a line break.

```

consistentlyLeftAlignedBarNumbers = {
  \override Score.BarNumber.break-visibility = #end-of-line-invisible
  \override Score.BarNumber.self-alignment-X =
    #(lambda (grob)
      (let ((break-dir (ly:item-break-dir grob)))
        (if (= break-dir RIGHT) RIGHT LEFT)))
}

\new ChoirStaff <<
  \new Staff {
    \relative c' {
      \set Score.barNumberVisibility = #(every-nth-bar-number-visible 3)
      \bar ""
      \consistentlyLeftAlignedBarNumbers

      \set Score.currentBarNumber = #112
      \repeat unfold 8 { R1 }
      \break
      \repeat unfold 9 { R1 }
      \break
      \repeat unfold 7 { R1 }
    }
  }
  \new Staff {
    \relative c' {
      \repeat unfold 24 { R1 }
    }
  }
}

```

```

    }
  }
>>

\layout {
  indent = #0
  ragged-right = ##t
  ragged-last = ##t
}

\paper { tagline = ##f }

```

The image displays three systems of musical notation, each consisting of two staves. The first system shows measures 114 and 117, each containing a single eighth note. The second system shows measures 120, 123, and 126, each containing a single eighth note. The third system shows measures 129, 132, and 135, each containing a single eighth note. The notation is simple, focusing on the placement of the notes within the measures.

Controlling tuplet bracket visibility

The default behavior of tuplet-bracket visibility is to print a bracket unless there is a beam of the same length as the tuplet.

To control the visibility of tuplet brackets, set the property `bracket-visibility` to either `#t` (always print a bracket), `if-no-beam` (only print a bracket if there is no beam) or `#f` (never print a bracket). The latter is in fact equivalent to omitting the `TupletBracket` object altogether from the printed output.

```

music = \relative c'' {
  \tuplet 3/2 { c16[ d e ] f8]
  \tuplet 3/2 { c8 d e }
  \tuplet 3/2 { c4 d e }
}

\new Voice {
  \relative c' {
    \override Score.TextMark.non-musical = ##f
    \textMark "default" \music

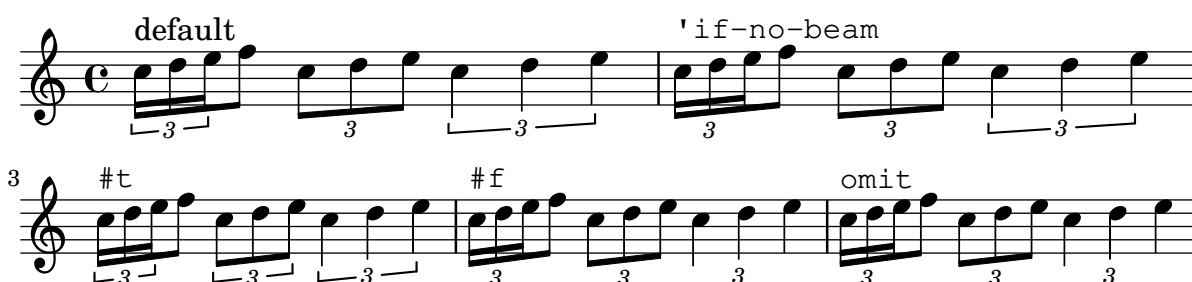
```

```

\override TupletBracket.bracket-visibility = #'if-no-beam
\textMark \markup \typewriter "'if-no-beam" \music
\override TupletBracket.bracket-visibility = ##t
\textMark \markup \typewriter "#t" \music
\override TupletBracket.bracket-visibility = ##f
\textMark \markup \typewriter "#f" \music
\omit TupletBracket
\textMark \markup \typewriter "omit" \music
}
}

```

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```



Cow and ride bell example

Two different bells, entered with 'cb' (cowbell) and 'rb' (ridebell).

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```

```

#(define mydrums '((ridebell default #f 3)
                   (cowbell default #f -2)))

```

```
\new DrumStaff \with { instrumentName = #"Different Bells" }
```

```

\drummode {
  \set DrumStaff.drumStyleTable = #(alist->hash-table mydrums)
  \set DrumStaff.clefPosition = 0.5
  \override DrumStaff.StaffSymbol.line-positions = #'(-2 3)
  \override Staff.BarLine.bar-extent = #'(-1.0 . 1.5)

```

```

\time 2/4
rb8 8 cb8 16 rb16-> ~ |
16 8 16 cb8 8 |
}

```



Creating metronome marks in markup mode

New metronome marks can be created in markup mode, but they will not change the tempo in MIDI output.

```

\relative c' {
  \tempo \markup {

```

```

\concat {
  (
    \smaller \general-align #Y #DOWN \note { 16. } #UP
    " = "
    \smaller \general-align #Y #DOWN \note { 8 } #UP
  )
}
}
c1
c4 c' c,2
}

```



Engraving ties manually

A single tie may be engraved manually by changing the `staff-position` property (an offset) of the `Tie` grob; if there are multiple ties at the same musical moment, they can be adjusted manually by changing the `tie-configuration` property (a list of offset/direction pairs) of the `TieColumn` object.

The offset indicates the distance from the center of the staff in half staff spaces, the direction can be either 1 (up) or -1 (down).

Note that LilyPond makes a distinction between exact and inexact values for the offset. If using an exact value (i.e., either an integer or a fraction like $(/ 4 5)$), the value serves as a rough vertical position that gets further tuned by LilyPond to make the tie avoid staff lines. If using an inexact value like a floating point number, it is taken as the precise vertical position without further adjustments.

```

\relative c' {
  <>^"default"
  g'1 ^~ g

  <>^"0"
  \once \override Tie.staff-position = 0
  g1 ^~ g

  <>^"0.0"
  \once \override Tie.staff-position = 0.0
  g1 ^~ g

  <>^"reset"
  \revert Tie.staff-position
  g1 ^~ g
}

\relative c' {
  \override TextScript.outside-staff-priority = ##f
  \override TextScript.padding = 0

  <>^"default"

```

```

<c e g>1~ <c e g>

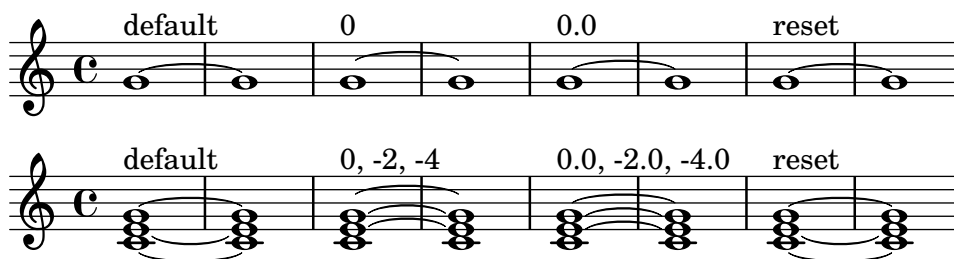
<>^"0, -2, -4"
\override TieColumn.tie-configuration =
  #'((0 . 1) (-2 . 1) (-4 . 1))
<c e g>1~ <c e g>

<>^"0.0, -2.0, -4.0"
\override TieColumn.tie-configuration =
  #'((0.0 . 1) (-2.0 . 1) (-4.0 . 1))
<c e g>1~ <c e g>

<>^"reset"
\override TieColumn.tie-configuration = ##f
<c e g>1~ <c e g>
}

```

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```



Engraving tremolos with floating beams

If a tremolo's total duration is less than a quarter-note, or exactly a half-note, or between a half-note and a whole-note, it is normally typeset with all beams touching the stems. Certain engraving styles typeset some of these beams as centered floating beams that do not touch the stems. The number of floating beams in this type of tremolo is controlled with the 'gap-count property of the Beam object, and the size of the gaps between beams and stems is set with the 'gap property.

```

\relative c' {
  \repeat tremolo 8 { a32 f }
  \override Beam.gap-count = #1
  \repeat tremolo 8 { a32 f }
  \override Beam.gap-count = #2
  \repeat tremolo 8 { a32 f }
  \override Beam.gap-count = #3
  \repeat tremolo 8 { a32 f }

  \override Beam.gap-count = #3
  \override Beam.gap = #1.33
  \repeat tremolo 8 { a32 f }
  \override Beam.gap = #1
  \repeat tremolo 8 { a32 f }
  \override Beam.gap = #0.67
  \repeat tremolo 8 { a32 f }
  \override Beam.gap = #0.33
}

```

```
\repeat tremolo 8 { a32 f }
}
```

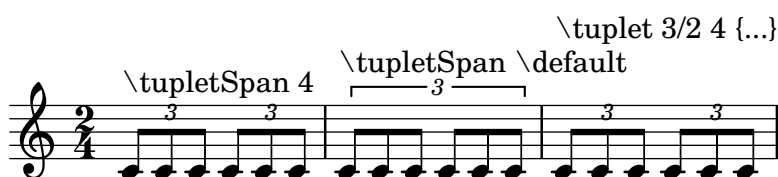


Entering several tuplets using only one \tuplet command

The property `tupletSpannerDuration` sets how long each of the tuplets contained within the brackets after `\tuplet` should last. Many consecutive tuplets can then be placed within a single `\tuplet` expression, thus saving typing.

There are ways to set `tupletSpannerDuration` besides using a `\set` command. The command `\tupletSpan` sets it to a given duration, or clears it when instead of a duration `\default` is specified. Another way is to use an optional argument with `\tuplet`.

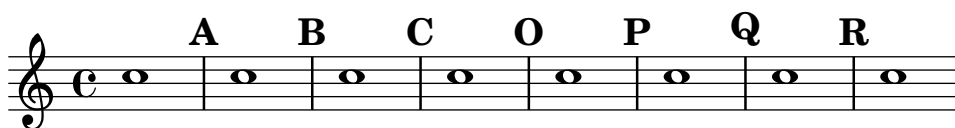
```
\relative c' {
  \time 2/4
  \tupletSpan 4
  \tuplet 3/2 { c8~"\tupletSpan 4" c c c c c }
  \tupletSpan \default
  \tuplet 3/2 { c8~"\tupletSpan \default" c c c c c }
  \tuplet 3/2 4 { c8~"\tuplet 3/2 4 {...}" c c c c c }
}
```



Forcing rehearsal marks to start from a given letter or number

This snippet demonstrates how to obtain automatic ordered rehearsal marks, but from the letter or number desired.

```
\relative c' {
  c1 \mark \default
  c1 \mark \default
  c1 \mark \default
  c1 \mark #14
  c1 \mark \default
  c1 \mark \default
  c1 \mark \default
  c1
}
```



Generating custom flags

The stencil property of the `Flag` grob can be set to a custom scheme function to generate the glyph for the flag.

```
\define-public (weight-flag grob)
```

```

(let* ((stem-grob (ly:grob-parent grob X))
      (log (- (ly:grob-property stem-grob 'duration-log) 2))
      (is-up? (eqv? (ly:grob-property stem-grob 'direction) UP))
      (yext (if is-up? (cons (* log -0.8) 0) (cons 0 (* log 0.8))))
      (flag-stencil (make-filled-box-stencil '(-0.4 . 0.4) yext))
      (stroke-style (ly:grob-property grob 'stroke-style))
      (stroke-stencil (if (equal? stroke-style "grace")
                          (make-line-stencil 0.2 -0.9 -0.4 0.9 -0.4)
                          empty-stencil)))
  (ly:stencil-add flag-stencil stroke-stencil)))

% Create a flag stencil by looking up the glyph from the font
#(define (inverted-flag grob)
  (let* ((stem-grob (ly:grob-parent grob X))
        (dir (if (eqv? (ly:grob-property stem-grob 'direction) UP) "d" "u"))
        (flag (retrieve-glyph-flag "" dir "" grob))
        (line-thickness (ly:staff-symbol-line-thickness grob))
        (stem-thickness (ly:grob-property stem-grob 'thickness))
        (stem-width (* line-thickness stem-thickness))
        (stroke-style (ly:grob-property grob 'stroke-style))
        (stencil (if (null? stroke-style)
                     flag
                     (add-stroke-glyph flag stem-grob dir stroke-style "")))
        (rotated-flag (ly:stencil-rotate-absolute stencil 180 0 0)))
    (ly:stencil-translate rotated-flag (cons (- (/ stem-width 2)) 0))))

snippetexamplenotes =
{
  \autoBeamOff c'8 d'16 c'32 d'64 \acciaccatura {c'8} d'64
}

{
  \time 1/4
  \textMark "Normal flags"
  \snippetexamplenotes

  \textMark "Custom flag: inverted"
  \override Flag.stencil = #inverted-flag
  \snippetexamplenotes

  \textMark "Custom flag: weight"
  \override Flag.stencil = #weight-flag
  \snippetexamplenotes

  \textMark "Revert to normal"
  \revert Flag.stencil
  \snippetexamplenotes
}

```



Guitar strum rhythms

For guitar music, it is possible to show strum rhythms, along with melody notes, chord names and fret diagrams.

```
\include "predefined-guitar-fretboards.ly"
<<
  \new ChordNames {
    \chordmode {
      c1 | f | g | c
    }
  }
  \new FretBoards {
    \chordmode {
      c1 | f | g | c
    }
  }
  \new Voice \with {
    \consists "Pitch_squash_engraver"
  } {
    \relative c'' {
      \improvisationOn
      c4 c8 c c4 c8 c
      f4 f8 f f4 f8 f
      g4 g8 g g4 g8 g
      c4 c8 c c4 c8 c
    }
  }
  \new Voice = "melody" {
    \relative c'' {
      c2 e4 e4
      f2. r4
      g2. a4
      e4 c2.
    }
  }
  \new Lyrics {
    \lyricsto "melody" {
      This is my song.
      I like to sing.
    }
  }
>>
```

C F G C
 This is my song. I like to sing.

Heavily customized polymetric time signatures

Though the polymetric time signature shown was not the most essential item here, it has been included to show the beat of this piece (which is the template of a real Balkan song!).

```

melody = \relative c'' {
  \key g \major
  \compoundMeter #'((3 8) (2 8) (2 8) (3 8) (2 8) (2 8)
                    (2 8) (2 8) (3 8) (2 8) (2 8))
  c8 c c d4 c8 c b c b a4 g fis8 e d c b' c d e4-^ fis8 g \break
  c,4. d4 c4 d4. c4 d c2 d4. e4-^ d4
  c4. d4 c4 d4. c4 d c2 d4. e4-^ d4 \break
  c4. d4 c4 d4. c4 d c2 d4. e4-^ d4
  c4. d4 c4 d4. c4 d c2 d4. e4-^ d4 \break
}

drum = \new DrumStaff \drummode {
  \repeat volta 2 {
    bd4.^ \markup { Drums } sn4 bd \bar {" ";}
    sn4. bd4 sn \bar {" ";}
    bd sn bd4. sn4 bd
  }
}

\new Staff \with {
  instrumentName = \markup { \concat { "B" \flat " Sop." } }
}

{
  \melody
  \drum
}

\paper { tagline = ##f }

```

B \flat Sop.



High and Low woodblock example

Two Woodblocks, entered with 'wbh' (high woodblock) and 'wbl' (low woodblock). The length of the barline has been altered with an `\override` command otherwise it would be too short. The positions of the two stafflines also have to be explicitly defined.

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```

```
% These lines define the position of the woodblocks in the stave;
% if you like, you can change it or you can use special note heads
% for the woodblocks.
```

```
#(define mydrums '((hiwoodblock default #f 3)
                    (lowwoodblock default #f -2)))
```

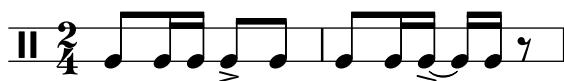
```
woodstaff = {
  % This defines a staff with only two lines.
  % It also defines the positions of the two lines.
  \override Staff.StaffSymbol.line-positions = #'(-2 3)

  % This is necessary; if not entered,
  % the barline would be too short!
  \override Staff.BarLine.bar-extent = #'(-1.0 . 1.5)
  % small correction for the clef:
  \set DrumStaff.clefPosition = 0.5
}
```

```
\new DrumStaff {
  % with this you load your new drum style table
  \set DrumStaff.drumStyleTable = #(alist->hash-table mydrums)

  \woodstaff

  \drummode {
    \time 2/4
    wbl8 16 16 8-> 8 |
    wbl8 16 16-> ~ 16 16 r8 |
  }
}
```





Manually controlling beam positions

Beam positions may be controlled manually, by overriding the positions setting of the Beam grob.

```
\relative c' {
  \time 2/4
  % from upper staff-line (position 2) to center (position 0)
  \override Beam.positions = #'(2 . 0)
  c8 c
  % from center to one above center (position 1)
  \override Beam.positions = #'(0 . 1)
  c8 c
}
```

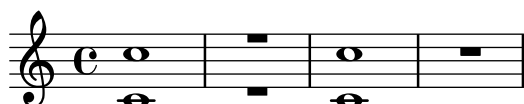


Merging multi-measure rests in a polyphonic part

When using multi-measure rests in a polyphonic staff, the rests will be placed differently depending on the voice they belong to. However they can be printed on the same staff line, using the following setting.

```
normalPos = \revert MultiMeasureRest.direction
```

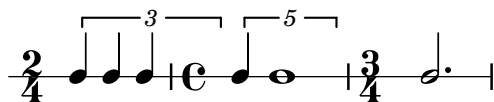
```
{
  <<
  {
    c' '1
    R1
    c' '1
    \normalPos
    R1
  }
  \\\
  {
    c' 1
    R1
    c' 1
    \normalPos
    R1
  }
  >>
}
```



Modifying tuplet bracket length

Tuplet brackets can be made to run to prefatory matter or the next note. Default tuplet brackets end at the right edge of the final note of the tuplet; full-length tuplet brackets extend farther to the right, either to cover all the non-rhythmic notation up to the following note, or to cover only the whitespace before the next item of notation, be that a clef, time signature, key signature, or another note. The example shows how to switch tuplets to full length mode and how to modify what material they cover.

```
\new RhythmicStaff {
  % Set tuplets to be extendable...
  \set tupletFullLength = ##t
  % ...to cover all items up to the next note
  \set tupletFullLengthNote = ##t
  \time 2/4
  \tuplet 3/2 { c4 4 4 }
  % ...or to cover just whitespace
  \set tupletFullLengthNote = ##f
  \time 4/4
  \tuplet 5/4 { 4 1 }
  \time 3/4
  2.
}
```



Moving dotted notes in polyphony

When a dotted note in the upper voice is moved to avoid a collision with a note in another voice, the default is to move the upper note to the right. This behaviour can be over-ridden by using the `prefer-dotted-right` property of `NoteCollision`.

```
\new Staff \relative c' <<
{
  f2. f4
  \override Staff.NoteCollision.prefer-dotted-right = ##f
  f2. f4
  \override Staff.NoteCollision.prefer-dotted-right = ##t
  f2. f4
}
\\
{ e4 e e e e e e e e e e }
>>
```



Multi-measure rest length control

Multi-measure rests have length according to their total duration which is under the control of `MultiMeasureRest.space-increment`. Note that the default value is 2.0.

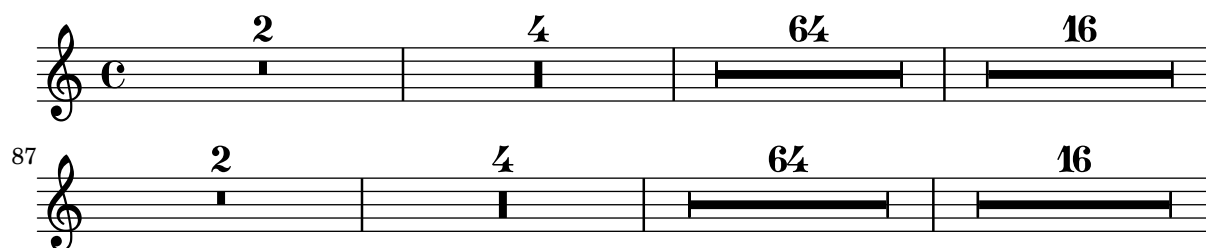
```
\relative c' {
```

```

\compressEmptyMeasures
R1*2 R1*4 R1*64 R1*16
\override Staff.MultiMeasureRest.space-increment = 2.5
R1*2 R1*4 R1*64 R1*16
}

\paper { tagline = ##f }

```



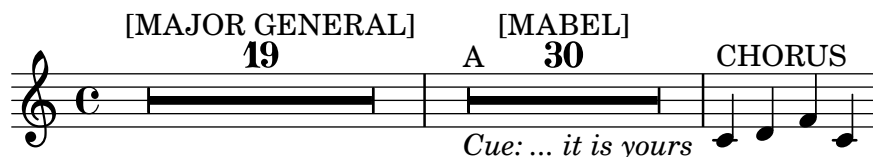
Multi-measure rest markup

Markups attached to a multi-measure rest will be centered above or below it. Long markups attached to multi-measure rests do not cause the measure to expand. To expand a multi-measure rest to fit the markup, use an empty chord with an attached markup before the multi-measure rest. Text attached to a spacer rest in this way is left-aligned to the position where the note would be placed in the measure, but if the measure length is determined by the length of the text, the text will appear to be centered.

```

\relative c' {
  \compressMMRests {
    \textLengthOn
    <>^\markup { [MAJOR GENERAL] }
    R1*19
    <>_\markup { \italic { Cue: ... it is yours } }
    <>^\markup { A }
    R1*30^\markup { [MABEL] }
    \textLengthOff
    c4^\markup { CHORUS } d f c
  }
}

```



Non-default tuplet numbers

LilyPond also provides formatting functions to print tuplet numbers different than the actual fraction, as well as to append a note value to the tuplet number or tuplet fraction.

```

\relative c' {
  \once \override TupletNumber.text =
    #(tuplet-number::non-default-tuplet-denominator-text 7)
  \tuplet 3/2 { c4. c4. c4. c4. }
  \once \override TupletNumber.text =
    #(tuplet-number::non-default-tuplet-fraction-text 12 7)
  \tuplet 3/2 { c4. c4. c4. c4. }
}

```

```

\once \override TupletNumber.text =
  #(tuplet-number::append-note-wrapper
    (tuplet-number::non-default-tuplet-fraction-text 12 7)
    (ly:make-duration 3 0))
\tuplet 3/2 { c4. c4. c4. c4. }
\once \override TupletNumber.text =
  #(tuplet-number::append-note-wrapper
    tuplet-number::calc-denominator-text
    (ly:make-duration 2 0))
\tuplet 3/2 { c8 c8 c8 c8 c8 c8 }
\once \override TupletNumber.text =
  #(tuplet-number::append-note-wrapper
    tuplet-number::calc-fraction-text
    (ly:make-duration 2 0))
\tuplet 3/2 { c8 c8 c8 c8 c8 c8 }
\once \override TupletNumber.text =
  #(tuplet-number::fraction-with-notes
    (ly:make-duration 2 1) (ly:make-duration 3 0))
\tuplet 3/2 { c4. c4. c4. c4. }
\once \override TupletNumber.text =
  #(tuplet-number::non-default-fraction-with-notes 12
    (ly:make-duration 3 0) 4 (ly:make-duration 2 0))
\tuplet 3/2 { c4. c4. c4. c4. }
}

```



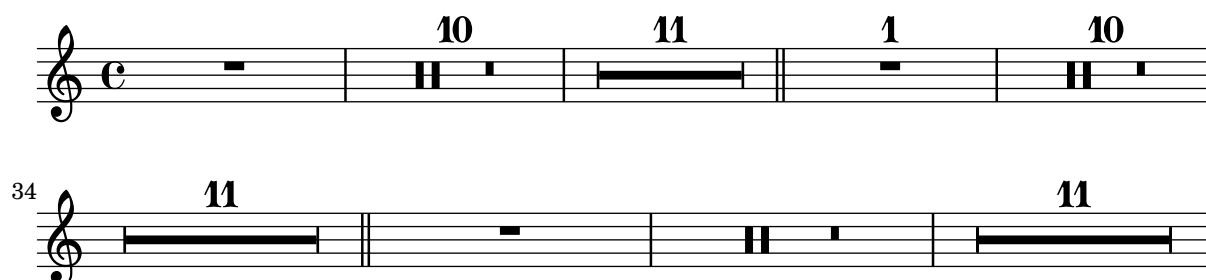
Numbering single measure rests

Multi measure rests show their length by a number except for single measures. This can be changed by setting `restNumberThreshold`.

```

{
  \compressEmptyMeasures
  R1 R1*10 R1*11 \bar "||"
  \set restNumberThreshold = 0
  R1 R1*10 R1*11 \bar "||"
  \set restNumberThreshold = 10
  R1 R1*10 R1*11
}

```



Partcombine and \autoBeamOff

The function of `\autoBeamOff` when used with `\partCombine` can be difficult to understand. It may be preferable to use

```
\set Staff.autoBeaming = ##f
```

instead to ensure that auto-beaming is turned off for the entire staff. Use this at a spot in your score where no beam generated by the auto-beamer is still active.

Internally, `\partCombine` works with four voices – stem up single, stem down single, combined, and solo. In order to use `\autoBeamOff` to stop all auto-beaming when used with `\partCombine`, it is necessary to use *four* calls to `\autoBeamOff`.

```
{
% \set Staff.autoBeaming = ##f % turns off all auto-beaming

\partCombine {
  \autoBeamOff % applies to split up-stems
  \repeat unfold 4 a'16
  % \autoBeamOff % applies to combined stems
  \repeat unfold 4 a'8
  \repeat unfold 4 a'16
  % \autoBeamOff % applies to solo
  \repeat unfold 4 a'16
  r4
} {
% \autoBeamOff % applies to split down-stems
\repeat unfold 4 f'8
\repeat unfold 8 f'16 |
r4
\repeat unfold 4 a'16
}
}
```



Percussion example

A short example taken from Stravinsky's *L'histoire du Soldat*.

```
#(define mydrums '((bassdrum default #f 4)
                   (snare default #f -4)
                   (tambourine default #f 0)))
```

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```

```
global = {
  \time 3/8 s4.
  \time 2/4 s2*2
  \time 3/8 s4.
  \time 2/4 s2
}
```

```

drumsA = {
  \context DrumVoice <<
    { \global }
    { \drummode {
      \autoBeamOff
      \stemDown sn8 \stemUp tamb s8 |
      sn4 \stemDown sn4 |
      \stemUp tamb8 \stemDown sn8 \stemUp sn16 \stemDown sn \stemUp sn8 |
      \stemDown sn8 \stemUp tamb s8 |
      \stemUp sn4 s8 \stemUp tamb
    }
  }
  >>
}

drumsB = {
  \drummode {
    s4 bd8 s2*2 s4 bd8 s4 bd8 s8
  }
}

\layout {
  indent = 40
  \context {
    \DrumStaff
    drumStyleTable = #(alist->hash-table mydrums)
  }
}

\score {
  \new StaffGroup <<
    \new DrumStaff \with {
      instrumentName = \markup \center-column {
        "Tambourine"
        "et"
        "caisse claire s. timbre"
      }
    }
  }
  \drumsA
  \new DrumStaff \with {
    instrumentName = "Grosse Caisse"
  }
  \drumsB
  >>
}

```

Tambourine
et
caisse claire s. timbre

Grosse Caisse

Permitting line breaks within beamed tuplets

These artificial examples show how both manual and automatic line breaks may be permitted within beamed tuplets that can't be rhythmically split in an exact way.

This feature only works with manually beamed tuplets.

```
\layout {
  \context {
    \Voice
    % Permit automatic line breaks within tuplets.
    \remove "Forbid_line_break_engraver"
    % Allow beams to be broken at line breaks.
    \override Beam.breakable = ##t
  }
}

\relative c' {
  <>^"manually forced line break"
  a8
  \repeat unfold 5 { \tuplet 3/2 { c8[ b g16 a] } }
  \tuplet 3/2 { c8[ b \break g16 a] }
  \repeat unfold 5 { \tuplet 3/2 { c8[ b g16 a] } }
  c8 \bar "||"
}

\relative c' {
  <>^"automatic line break"
  \repeat unfold 28 a16
  \tuplet 11/8 { a16[ b c d e f e d c b a] }
  \repeat unfold 28 a16 \bar "||"
}

\paper { tagline = ##f }
```

manually forced line break

automatic line break

Positioning grace note beams at the height of normal note beams

When notes are placed on ledger lines, their beams are usually centred on the staff. Grace notes beams are shorter and grace notes on ledger lines may well have beams outside the staff. You can override this beaming for grace notes.

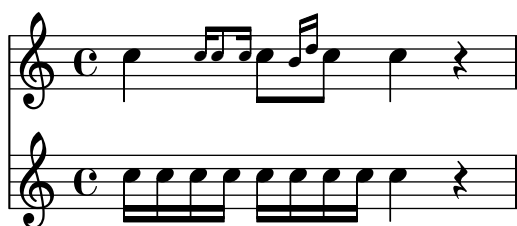
```
\relative c {
  f8[ e]
  \grace {
    f8[ e]
    \override Stem.no-stem-extend = ##f
    f8[ e]
    \revert Stem.no-stem-extend
  }
  f8[ e]
}
```



Positioning grace notes with floating space

Setting the property 'strict-grace-spacing makes the musical columns for grace notes 'floating', i.e., decoupled from the non-grace notes: first the normal notes are spaced, then the (musical columns of the) graces are put left of the musical columns for the main notes.

```
\relative c'' {
  <<
  \override Score.SpacingSpanner.strict-grace-spacing = ##t
  \new Staff \new Voice {
    \afterGrace c4 { c16[ c8 c16] }
    c8[ \grace { b16 d } c8]
    c4 r
  }
  \new Staff {
    c16 c c c c c c c c4 r
  }
  >>
}
```



Positioning multi-measure rests

Unlike ordinary rests, there is no predefined command to change the staff position of a multi-measure rest symbol of either form by attaching it to a note. However, in polyphonic music multi-measure rests in odd-numbered and even-numbered voices are vertically separated.

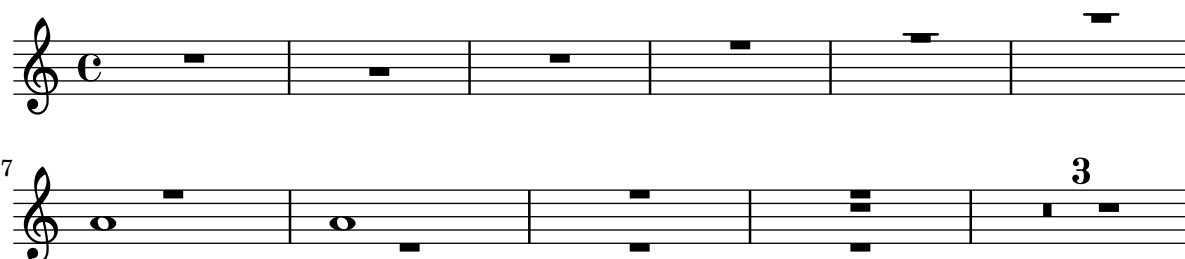
The positioning of multi-measure rests can be controlled as follows:

```
\relative c' {
  % Multi-measure rests by default are set under the fourth line
  R1
  % They can be moved using an override
  \override MultiMeasureRest.staff-position = -2
  R1
  \override MultiMeasureRest.staff-position = 0
  R1
  \override MultiMeasureRest.staff-position = 2
  R1
  \override MultiMeasureRest.staff-position = 3
  R1
  \override MultiMeasureRest.staff-position = 6
  R1
  \revert MultiMeasureRest.staff-position
  \break

  % In two Voices, odd-numbered voices are under the top line
  << { R1 } \\\ { a1 } >>
  % Even-numbered voices are under the bottom line
  << { a1 } \\\ { R1 } >>
  % Multi-measure rests in both voices remain separate
  << { R1 } \\\ { R1 } >>

  % Separating multi-measure rests in more than two voices
  % requires an override
  << { R1 } \\\ { R1 } \\\
    \once \override MultiMeasureRest.staff-position = 0
    { R1 }
  >>

  % Using compressed bars in multiple voices requires another override
  % in all voices to avoid multiple instances being printed
  \compressMMRests
  <<
    \revert MultiMeasureRest.direction
    { R1*3 }
    \\\
    \revert MultiMeasureRest.direction
    { R1*3 }
  >>
}
```



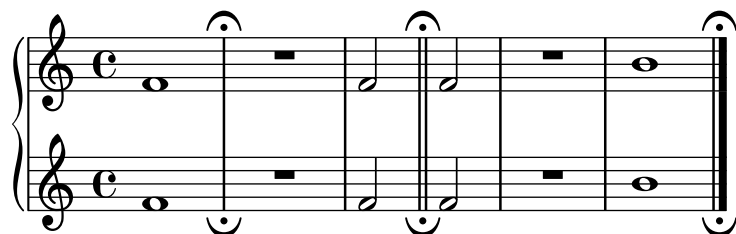
Positioning opposing fermatas on a bar line

This snippet demonstrates a command that prints fermatas both above and below a bar line. If there would not otherwise be a bar line, it adds a double bar line. Semantically, the command codes a longer-than-normal caesura, which might be considered misuse depending on the situation.

```
twoWayFermata = {
  \once \set Staff.caesuraType = #'((underlying-bar-line . "||"))
  \once \set Staff.caesuraTypeTransform = ##f
  \caesura ^\fermata _\fermata
}

music = {
  f'1 \twoWayFermata
  R1
  f'2 \twoWayFermata f'2
  R1
  b'1 \twoWayFermata \fine
}

\new GrandStaff <<
  \new Staff \music
  \new Staff \music
>>
```



Preventing final mark from removing final tuplet

The addition of a final mark can result in the loss of a final tuplet marking. This can be overcome by setting `TupletBracket.full-length-to-extent` to `false`.

```
% due to issue 2362 a long mark such as
% \textEndMark "Composed Feb 2007 - Feb 2008"
% cannot be used here.
```

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }

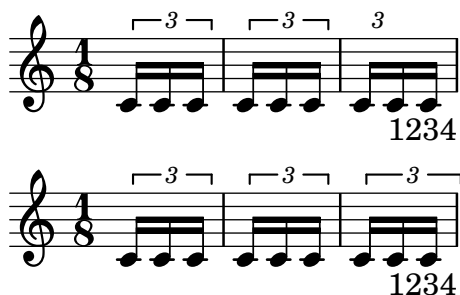
\new Staff {
  \set tupletFullLength = ##t
  \time 1/8
  \tuplet 3/2 8 { c'16 c' c' c' c' c' c' c' }
  \tweak direction #DOWN \textEndMark "1234"
}

\new Staff {
  \set tupletFullLength = ##t
  \override TupletBracket.full-length-to-extent = ##f
```

```

\time 1/8
\tuplet 3/2 8 { c'16 c' c' c' c' c' c' c' }
\tweak direction #DOWN \textEndMark "1234"
}

```



Printing bar numbers at regular intervals

By setting the `barNumberVisibility` property, bar numbers can be printed at regular intervals. Here the bar numbers are printed every two measures except at the end of the line.

```

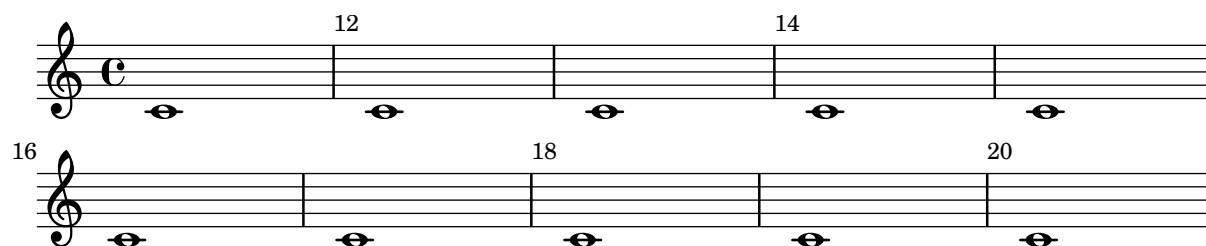
\relative c' {
  \override Score.BarNumber.break-visibility = #end-of-line-invisible
  \set Score.currentBarNumber = 11
  % Print a bar number every second measure
  \set Score.barNumberVisibility = #(every-nth-bar-number-visible 2)
  c1 | c | c | c | c |
  \break
  c1 | c | c | c | c |
}

```

```

\paper { tagline = ##f }

```



Printing bar numbers for broken measures

By default a `BarNumber` of a broken measure is not repeated at the beginning of the new line. Use `first-bar-number-invisible-save-broken-bars` for `barNumberVisibility` to get a parenthesized `BarNumber` there.

```

\layout {
  \context {
    \Score
    barNumberVisibility = #first-bar-number-invisible-save-broken-bars
    \override BarNumber.break-visibility = ##(f #t #t)
  }
}

```

```

\relative c' {

```

```

c1 | d | e | f2 \bar "" \break
fis | g1 | e2 \bar "" \break
<>~"reenabled default"
% back to default -
% \unset Score.barNumberVisibility would do so as well
\set Score.barNumberVisibility =
  #first-bar-number-invisible-and-no-parenthesized-bar-numbers
es | d1 | c
}

\paper { tagline = ##f }

```

Printing bar numbers inside boxes or circles

Bar numbers can also be printed inside boxes or circles.

```

\relative c' {
  % Prevent bar numbers at the end of a line and permit them elsewhere
  \override Score.BarNumber.break-visibility = #end-of-line-invisible
  \set Score.barNumberVisibility = #(every-nth-bar-number-visible 4)

  % Increase the size of the bar number by 2
  \override Score.BarNumber.font-size = 2

  % Draw a box round the following bar number(s)
  \override Score.BarNumber.stencil
    = #(make-stencil-boxer 0.1 0.25 ly:text-interface::print)
  \repeat unfold 5 { c1 }

  % Draw a circle round the following bar number(s)
  \override Score.BarNumber.stencil
    = #(make-stencil-circler 0.1 0.25 ly:text-interface::print)
  \repeat unfold 4 { c1 } \bar "|."
}

```

Printing bar numbers using modulo-bar-number-visible

If the remainder of the division of the current BarNumber by the first argument of modulo-bar-number-visible equals its second argument print the BarNumber.

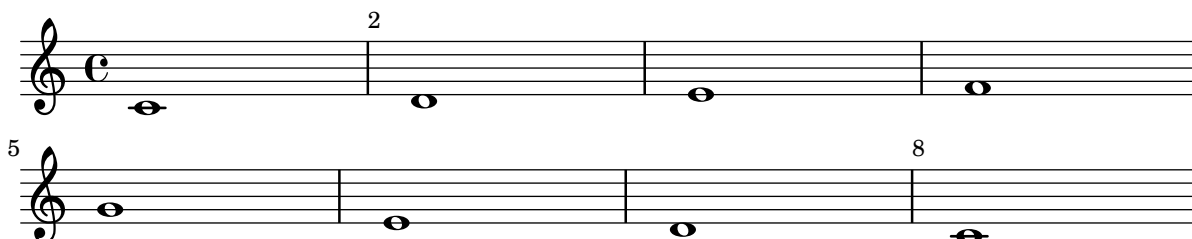
Useful to print the BarNumber at certain distances, p.e.:

- (modulo-bar-number-visible 3 2) -> prints 2,5,8
- (modulo-bar-number-visible 4 2) -> prints 2,6,10
- (modulo-bar-number-visible 3 1) -> prints 3,5,7
- (modulo-bar-number-visible 5 2) -> prints 2,7,12

```
\layout {
  \context {
    \Score
    \override BarNumber.break-visibility = ##(f t t)
    barNumberVisibility = #(modulo-bar-number-visible 3 2)
  }
}
```

```
\relative c' {
  c1 | d | e | f \break
  g1 | e | d | c
}
```

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```

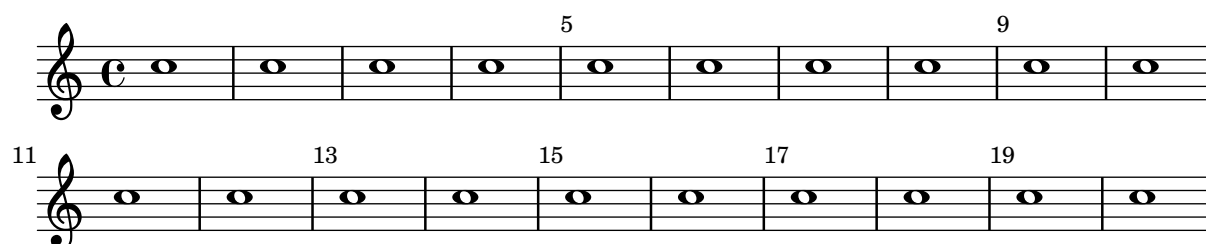


Printing bar numbers with changing regular intervals

Using the set-bar-number-visibility context function, bar number intervals can be changed.

```
\relative c' {
  \override Score.BarNumber.break-visibility = #end-of-line-invisible
  \context Score \applyContext #(set-bar-number-visibility 4)
  \repeat unfold 10 c'1
  \context Score \applyContext #(set-bar-number-visibility 2)
  \repeat unfold 10 c
}
```

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```



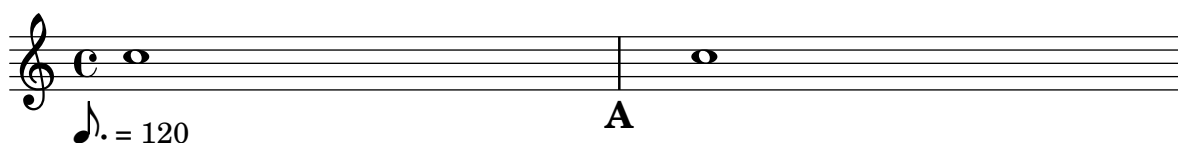
Printing metronome and rehearsal marks below the staff

By default, metronome and rehearsal marks are printed above the staff. To place them below the staff simply set the `direction` property of `MetronomeMark` or `RehearsalMark` appropriately.

```
\layout {
  indent = 0
  ragged-right = ##f
}

{
  % Metronome marks below the staff
  \override Score.MetronomeMark.direction = #DOWN
  \tempo 8. = 120
  c''1

  % Rehearsal marks below the staff
  \override Score.RehearsalMark.direction = #DOWN
  \mark \default
  c''1
}
```



Printing music with different time signatures

In the following snippet, two parts have a completely different time signature, yet remain synchronized.

The bar lines can no longer be printed at the `Score` level; to allow independent bar lines in each part, the `Default_barline_engraver` and `Timing_translator` are moved from the `Score` context to the `Staff` context.

If bar numbers are required, the `Bar_number_engraver` should also be moved, since it relies on properties set by the `Timing_translator`; a `\with` block can be used to add bar numbers to the relevant staff.

```
\paper {
  indent = #0
  ragged-right = ##t
  tagline = ##f
}

global = { \time 3/4 { s2.*3 } \bar "" \break { s2.*3 } }

\layout {
  \context {
    \Score
    \remove "Timing_translator"
    \remove "Bar_number_engraver"
    \override SpacingSpanner.uniform-stretching = ##t
    \override SpacingSpanner.strict-note-spacing = ##t
    proportionalNotationDuration = #1/64
  }
}
```

```

}
\context {
  \Staff
  \consists "Timing_translator"
}
\context {
  \Voice
  \remove "Forbid_line_break_engraver"
  \tupletFullLength = ##t
}
}

Bassklarinette = \new Staff \with {
  \consists "Bar_number_engraver"
  \barNumberVisibility = #(every-nth-bar-number-visible 2)
  \override BarNumber.break-visibility = #end-of-line-invisible
} <<
\global {
  \bar "|"
  \clef treble
  \time 3/8
  d''4.

  \bar "|"
  \time 3/4
  r8 des''2( c''8)

  \bar "|"
  \time 7/8
  r4. ees''2 ~

  \bar "|"
  \time 2/4
  \tupletUp
  \tuplet 3/2 { ees''4 r4 d''4 ~ }

  \bar "|"
  \time 3/8
  \tupletUp
  \tuplet 4/3 { d''4 r4 }

  \bar "|"
  \time 2/4
  e''2

  \bar "|"
  \time 3/8
  es''4.

  \bar "|"
  \time 3/4
  r8 d''2 r8

```

```

    \bar "|"
  }
>>

Perkussion = \new StaffGroup <<
  \new Staff <<
    \global {
      \bar "|"
      \clef percussion
      \time 3/4
      r4 c'2 ~

      \bar "|"
      c'2.

      \bar "|"
      R2.

      \bar "|"
      r2 g'4 ~

      \bar "|"
      g'2. ~

      \bar "|"
      g'2.
    }
  >>
  \new Staff <<
    \global {
      \bar "|"
      \clef percussion
      \time 3/4
      R2.

      \bar "|"
      g'2. ~

      \bar "|"
      g'2.

      \bar "|"
      r4 g'2 ~

      \bar "|"
      g'2 r4

      \bar "|"
      g'2.
    }
  >>
>>

```

```
\score {
  <<
    \Bassklarinette
    \Perkussion
  >>
}
```

The musical score is written for Bass Clarinet and Percussion. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system shows measures 1-3. The second system, starting at measure 4, continues the piece. The third system starts at measure 8 and shows a single measure with a rest. The percussion part consists of two staves with various rhythmic patterns and rests.

Printing the bar number for the first measure

By default, the first bar number in a score is suppressed if it is less than or equal to 1. By setting `barNumberVisibility` to `all-bar-numbers-visible`, any bar number can be printed for the first measure and all subsequent measures.

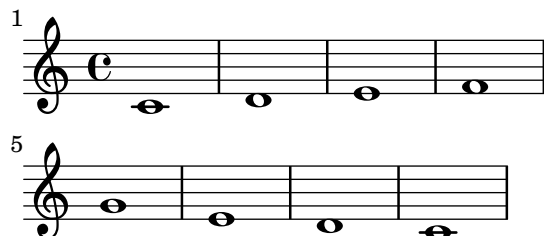
```
\layout {
  indent = 0
  ragged-right = ##t
}
```

```
\relative c' {
  \set Score.barNumberVisibility = #all-bar-numbers-visible
```

```

c1 | d | e | f \break
g1 | e | d | c
}

```



Printing tuplet brackets on the note head side

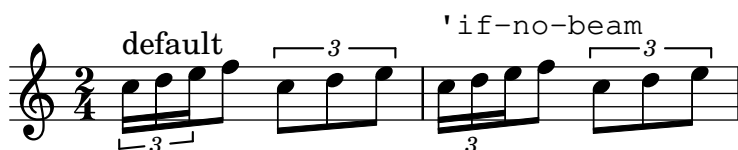
Whichever option you choose for controlling the tuplet bracket visibility, it will show or hide the tuplet bracket irrespectively of tuplet bracket placement (stem side or note head side). However, when placing the tuplet bracket on the note head side some authors recommend always printing the tuplet bracket. The option `visible-over-note-heads` can be used to achieve this.

```

music = \relative c' {
  \tupletNeutral \tuplet 3/2 { c16[ d e ] f8}
  \tupletUp \tuplet 3/2 { c8 d e }
}

\new Voice {
  \relative c' {
    \time 2/4
    \override TupletBracket.visible-over-note-heads = ##t
    \override Score.TextMark.non-musical = ##f
    { \textMark \markup "default" \music }
    \override TupletBracket.bracket-visibility = #'if-no-beam
    { \textMark \markup \typewriter "'if-no-beam" \music }
  }
}

```



Redefining grace note global defaults

The global defaults for grace notes are stored in the following identifiers.

```

startGraceMusic
stopGraceMusic
startAcciaccaturaMusic
stopAcciaccaturaMusic
startAppoggiaturaMusic
stopAppoggiaturaMusic

```

They are defined in file `ly/grace-init.ly`. By redefining them other effects may be obtained.

```

startAcciaccaturaMusic = {
  <>(
    \override Flag.stroke-style = "grace"
    \slurDashed
  )
}

```

```

}

stopAcciaccaturaMusic = {
  \revert Flag.stroke-style
  \slurSolid
  <>)
}

\relative c' ' {
  \acciaccatura d8 c1
}

```



Removing bar numbers from a score

Bar numbers can be removed entirely by removing the `Bar_number_engraver` from the `Score` context.

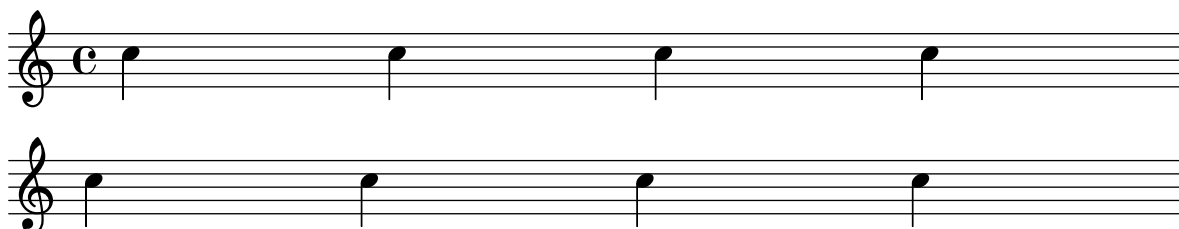
```

\layout {
  \context {
    \Score
    \omit BarNumber
    % or:
    %\remove "Bar_number_engraver"
  }
}

\relative c' ' {
  c4 c c c \break
  c4 c c c
}

\paper { tagline = ##f }

```



Removing connecting bar lines on StaffGroup, PianoStaff, or GrandStaff

By default, bar lines in `StaffGroup`, `PianoStaff`, or `GrandStaff` groups are connected between the staves, i.e. a `SpanBar` is printed. This behaviour can be overridden on a staff-by-staff basis.

```

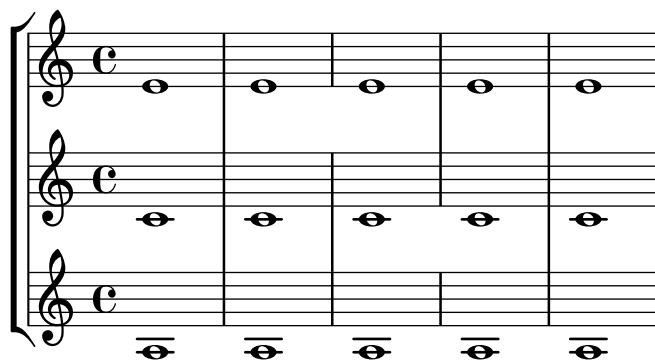
\relative c' {
  \new StaffGroup <<
    \new Staff {
      e1 | e
    }
  }
}

```

```

\once \override Staff.BarLine.allow-span-bar = ##f
e1 | e | e
}
\new Staff {
  c1 | c | c
  \once \override Staff.BarLine.allow-span-bar = ##f
  c1 | c
}
\new Staff {
  a1 | a | a | a | a
}
>>
}

```



Rest styles

Rests may be used in various styles.

```

restsA = {
  r\maxima r\longa r\breve r1 r2 r4 r8 r16 s32
  s64 s128 s256 s512 s1024 s1024
}
restsB = {
  r\maxima r\longa r\breve r1 r2 r4 r8 r16 r32
  r64 r128 r256 r512 r1024 s1024
}

\new Staff \relative c {
  \omit Score.TimeSignature
  \cadenzaOn

  \override Staff.Rest.style = #'mensural
  <>^\markup \typewriter { mensural } \restsA \bar "" \break

  \override Staff.Rest.style = #'neomensural
  <>^\markup \typewriter { neomensural } \restsA \bar "" \break

  \override Staff.Rest.style = #'classical
  <>^\markup \typewriter { classical } \restsB \bar "" \break

  \override Staff.Rest.style = #'z
  <>^\markup \typewriter { z-style } \restsB \bar "" \break
}

```

```

\override Staff.Rest.style = #'default
<>^\markup \typewriter { default } \restsb \bar "" \break
}

\paper {
  indent = 0
  tagline = ##f
}

```

The image displays five musical staves, each illustrating a different beam style. The first staff, labeled 'mensural', shows a series of vertical stems with horizontal flags. The second staff, 'neomensural', shows stems with small horizontal flags. The third staff, 'classical', shows stems with small horizontal flags and a final group of stems with a large horizontal flag. The fourth staff, 'z-style', shows stems with small horizontal flags and a final group of stems with a large horizontal flag. The fifth staff, 'default', shows stems with small horizontal flags and a final group of stems with a large horizontal flag.

Reverting default beam endings

To typeset beams grouped 3-4-3-2 in 12/8 it is necessary first to override the default beam endings in 12/8, and then to set up the new beaming endings:

```

\relative c' {
  \time 12/8

  % Default beaming
  a8 a a a a a a a a a a

  % Set new values for beam endings
  \set Score.beatStructure = 3,4,3,2
  a8 a a a a a a a a a a
}

```

The image shows a musical staff in 12/8 time. The first measure contains four groups of three eighth notes beamed together. The second measure contains four groups of three eighth notes beamed together. The third measure contains four groups of three eighth notes beamed together. The fourth measure contains four groups of three eighth notes beamed together.

Rhythmic slashes

In “simple” lead-sheets, sometimes no actual notes are written, instead only “rhythmic patterns” and chords above the measures are notated giving the structure of a song. Such a feature is for example useful while creating/transcribing the structure of a song and also when sharing lead sheets with guitarists or jazz musicians.

```
startPat = {
  \improvisationOn
  \omit Stem
}
stopPat = {
  \improvisationOff
  \undo \omit Stem
}

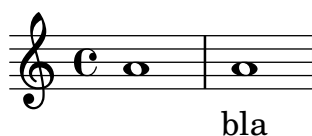
\new Voice \with {
  \consists Pitch_squash_engraver
} {
  c'4 d' e' f' |
  \startPat
  4 4 4 4 |
  \stopPat
  f'4 e' d' c'
}
```



Skips in lyric mode

The `s` syntax for skips is only available in note mode and chord mode. In other situations, for example, when entering lyrics, using the `\skip` command is recommended.

```
<<
  \relative c' { a1 | a }
  \new Lyrics \lyricmode { \skip 1 bla1 }
>>
```

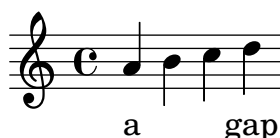


Skips in lyric mode (2)

Although `s` skips cannot be used in `\lyricmode` (it is taken to be a literal “s”, not a space), double quotes (“”) or underscores (_) are available.

So for example:

```
<<
  \relative c' { a4 b c d }
  \new Lyrics \lyricmode { a4 "" _ gap }
>>
```



Stemlets

In some notational conventions beams are allowed to extend over rests. Depending on preference, these beams may drop 'stemlets' to help the eye appreciate the rhythm better, and in some modern music the rest itself is omitted and only the stemlet remains.

This snippet shows a progression from traditional notation, to beams over the rest, to stemlets over the rest, to stemlets alone. Stemlets are generated by overriding the 'stemlet-length' property of Stem, while rests are hidden by setting 'transparent = ##t'.

Some `\markup` elements are included in the source to highlight the different notations.

```
\paper { ragged-right = ##f }

{
  c'16^\markup { traditional } d' r f'
  g'16[^\markup { beams over rests } f' r d']

  % N.B. use Score.Stem to set for the whole score.
  \override Staff.Stem.stemlet-length = #0.75

  c'16[^\markup { stemlets over rests } d' r f']
  g'16[^\markup { stemlets and no rests } f'
  \once \hide Rest
  r16 d']
}
```



Strict beat beaming

Beamlets can be set to point in the direction of the beat to which they belong. The first beam avoids sticking out flags (the default); the second beam strictly follows the beat.

```
\relative c'' {
  \time 6/8
  a8. a16 a a
  \set strictBeatBeaming = ##t
  a8. a16 a a
}
```



Subdividing beams

The beams of consecutive 16th (or shorter) notes are, by default, not subdivided. That is, the beams of more than two stems stretch unbroken over entire groups of notes. This behavior can be modified to subdivide the beams into sub-groups by setting the property `subdivideBeams` to true

(#t). When set, a number of beamlets between two consecutive stems are removed at intervals multiple beams will be subdivided at intervals to match the metric value of the subdivision. Properties `beamMinimumSubdivision` and `beamMaximumSubdivision` allow configuring limits of automatic beam subdivision: the minimum rhythmic interval at which to subdivide beams and the number of beamlets removed depending on the interval respectively. If the numerator of `beamMaximumSubdivision` is not a power of 2, the smaller rhythmic intervals considered for subdivision are `beamMaximumSubdivision` divided by powers of 2 and stay greater than or equal to `beamMinimumSubdivision`. If `beamMaximumSubdivision < beamMinimumSubdivision`, then the depths of beam subdivision are limited to `beamMaximumSubdivision`, but not the frequency/intervals, therefore possibly deviating from the correct expected metric value. If `respectIncompleteBeams` is set to true (`##t`), the depth of the subdivision (number of beams) reflects the longest possible subdivision interval within the remaining length of the beam from the current stem. However, the last two stems of the beam are exempt from this rule.

```
\relative c' ' {
  c32[ c c c c c c c]

  \set subdivideBeams = ##t
  c32[ c c c c c c c]

  % Set minimum beam subdivision interval to 1/8 just for this beam
  \once \set beamMinimumSubdivision = #1/8
  c32[ c c c c c c c]

  % Set maximum beam subdivision interval to 1/16 just for this beam
  \once \set beamMaximumSubdivision = #1/16
  c32[ c c c c c c c]

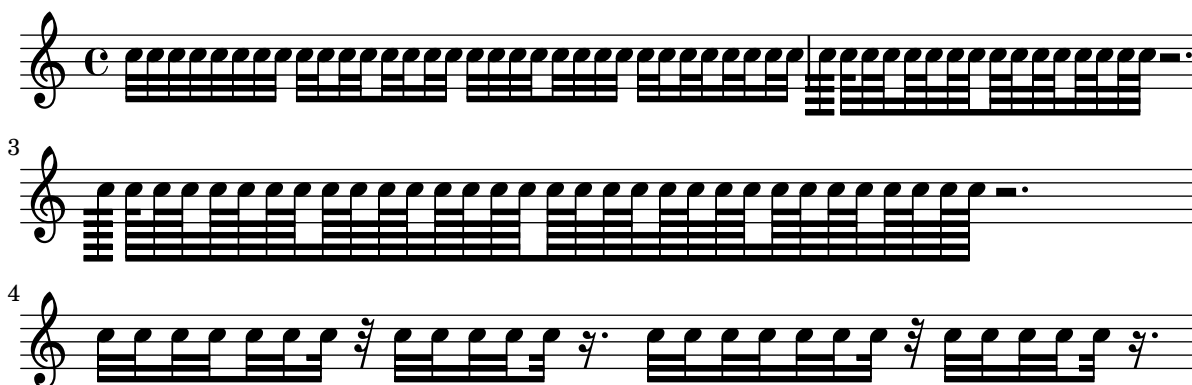
  % Set maximum beam subdivision interval to 3/8 just for this beam
  \once \set beamMaximumSubdivision = #3/8
  [ \repeat unfold 16 c64 ] r2.

  % Set maximum beam subdivision interval to 1/64 to limit subdivision depth,
  % despite not being metrically correct
  \once \set beamMinimumSubdivision = #1/32
  \once \set beamMaximumSubdivision = #1/64
  [ \repeat unfold 32 c128 ] r2.

  % Shorten beam by 1/32
  c32[ c c c c c c c] r32

  % Shorten beam by 3/32
  c32[ c c c c] r16.

  % Respect the incomplete beams of the previous two examples
  \set respectIncompleteBeams = ##t
  c32[ c c c c c c c] r32
  % no visual change here as last two stems are exempt from this
  % special rule
  c32[ c c c c] r16.
}
```



Tam-tam example

A tam-tam example, entered with 'tt'

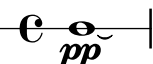
```
#(define mydrums '((tamtam default #f 0)))
```

```
\new DrumStaff \with { instrumentName = #"Tamtam" }
```

```
\drummode {
  \set DrumStaff.drumStyleTable = #(alist->hash-table mydrums)
  \override Staff.StaffSymbol.line-positions = #'( 0 )
  \override Staff.BarLine.bar-extent = #'(-1.5 . 1.5)
```

```
  tt 1 \pp \laissezVibrer
}
```

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```

Tamtam 

Tambourine example

A tambourine example, entered 'tamb'

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```

```
#(define mydrums '((tambourine default #f 0)))
```

```
\new DrumStaff \with { instrumentName = #"Tambourine" }
```

```
\drummode {
  \set DrumStaff.drumStyleTable = #(alist->hash-table mydrums)
  \override Staff.StaffSymbol.line-positions = #'( 0 )
  \override Staff.BarLine.bar-extent = #'(-1.5 . 1.5)
```

```
  \time 6/8
  tamb8. 16 8 8 8 8 |
  tamb4. 8 8 8 |
  % the trick with the scaled duration and the shorter rest
  % is necessary for the correct ending of the trill-span!
  tamb2.*5/6 \startTrillSpan s8 \stopTrillSpan |
}
```



Three-sided box

This example shows how to add a markup command to get a three sided box around some text (or other markup).

```
% New command to add a three sided box, with sides north, west and south
% Based on the box-stencil command defined in scm/stencil.scm
% Note that ";" is used to comment a line in Scheme
#(define-public (NWS-box-stencil stencil thickness padding)
  "Add a box around STENCIL, producing a new stencil."
  (let* ((x-ext (interval-widen (ly:stencil-extent stencil X) padding))
        (y-ext (interval-widen (ly:stencil-extent stencil Y) padding))
        (y-rule (make-filled-box-stencil (cons 0 thickness) y-ext))
        (x-rule (make-filled-box-stencil
                  (interval-widen x-ext thickness) (cons 0 thickness))))
    ;; (set! stencil (ly:stencil-combine-at-edge stencil X 1 y-rule padding))
    (set! stencil (ly:stencil-combine-at-edge stencil X LEFT y-rule padding))
    (set! stencil (ly:stencil-combine-at-edge stencil Y UP x-rule 0.0))
    (set! stencil (ly:stencil-combine-at-edge stencil Y DOWN x-rule 0.0))
    stencil))

% The corresponding markup command, based on the \box command defined
% in scm/define-markup-commands.scm
#(define-markup-command (NWS-box layout props arg) (markup?)
  #:properties ((thickness 0.1) (font-size 0) (box-padding 0.2))
  "Draw a box round @var{arg}. Looks at @code{thickness},
@code{box-padding} and @code{font-size} properties to determine line
thickness and padding around the markup."
  (let ((pad (* (magstep font-size) box-padding))
        (m (interpret-markup layout props arg)))
    (NWS-box-stencil m thickness pad)))

% Test it:

\relative c' {
  c1~\markup { \NWS-box ABCD }
  c1~\markup { \NWS-box \note {4} #1.0 }
}
```



Time signature in brackets

The time signature can be enclosed within brackets.

```
\relative c' {
  \override Staff.TimeSignature.stencil = #(lambda (grob)
    (bracketify-stencil (ly:time-signature::print grob) Y 0.1 0.2 0.1))
}
```

```
\time 2/4
a4 b8 c
}
```



Time signature in parentheses

Enclose the time signature in parentheses.

```
\relative c'' {
  \override Staff.TimeSignature.stencil = #(lambda (grob)
    (parenthesize-stencil (ly:time-signature::print grob) 0.1 0.4 0.4 0.1))
  \time 2/4
  a4 b8 c
}
```



Time signature printing only the numerator as a number (instead of the fraction)

Sometimes, a time signature should not print the whole fraction (for example, 7/4), but only the numerator (digit 7 in this case). This can be easily done by using `\override Staff.TimeSignature.style = #'single-number` to change the style permanently. By using `\revert Staff.TimeSignature.style`, this setting can be reversed. To apply the single-number style to only one time signature, use the `\override` command and prefix it with a `\once`.

```
\relative c'' {
  \time 3/4
  c4 c c
  % Change the style permanently
  \override Staff.TimeSignature.style = #'single-number
  \time 2/4
  c4 c
  \time 3/4
  c4 c c
  % Revert to default style:
  \revert Staff.TimeSignature.style
  \time 2/4
  c4 c
  % single-number style only for the next time signature
  \once \override Staff.TimeSignature.style = #'single-number
  \time 5/4
  c4 c c c c
  \time 2/4
  c4 c
}
```



Tweaking grace layout within music

The layout of grace expressions can be changed throughout the music using the functions `add-grace-property` and `remove-grace-property`.

The following example undefines the `Stem` direction for this grace, so that stems do not always point up, and changes the default note heads to crosses.

```
\relative c'' {
  \new Staff {
    $(remove-grace-property 'Voice 'Stem 'direction)
    $(add-grace-property 'Voice 'NoteHead 'style 'cross)
    \new Voice {
      \acciaccatura { f16 } g4
      \grace { d16 e } f4
      \appoggiatura { f,32 g a } e2
    }
  }
}
```



User defined time signatures

New time signature styles can be defined. The time signature in the second measure should be upside down in both staves.

```
$(add-simple-time-signature-style 'topsy-turvy
  (lambda (fraction)
    (make-rotate-markup 180 (make-compound-meter-markup fraction))))
```

```
<<
  \new Staff {
    \time 3/4 f'2.
    \override Score.TimeSignature.style = #'topsy-turvy
    \time 3/4 R2. \bar "|."
  }
  \new Staff {
    R2. e''
  }
>>
```



Using alternative flag styles

Alternative shapes for flags on eighth and shorter notes can be displayed by overriding the `stencil` property of `Flag`. LilyPond provides the following functions: `modern-straight-flag`, `old-straight-flag`, and `flat-flag`. Use `\revert` to restore the default shape.

To get stacked (i.e., vertically more compact) flags, call the command `\flagStyleStacked`, which can be reset with `\flagStyleDefault`.

Overriding the `Flag` stencil does not change how flag elements are positioned vertically. This is especially noticeable for flat flags: LilyPond doesn't dynamically adjust the vertical gaps between flag elements in the same way as it does for beams. A possible solution to harmonize the appearance is to replace flat flags with half beams, as shown in the second staff; however, this can't be done automatically. In the code of this snippet, such half beams are entered with `@` as a prefix, for example `@c8`.

Be aware that half beams are *not* `Flag` grobs. This means in particular that modifying `Flag` properties won't have any effect on them (you have to use `Beam` properties instead), and properties for their associated `Stem` grob will also behave beam-like.

```
"@" =
#(define-music-function (music) (ly:music?)
  #{ \set stemLeftBeamCount = 0 $music [] #})

testnotes = {
  \autoBeamOff
  c8 d16 e''32 f64 \acciaccatura { g,,,8 } a128 b
}

\relative c' {
  \override TextScript.staff-padding = 6
  \time 1/4
  <>^"default" \testnotes
  \override Flag.stencil = #modern-straight-flag
  <>_"modern straight" \testnotes
  \override Flag.stencil = #old-straight-flag
  <>^"old straight" \testnotes
  \override Flag.stencil = #flat-flag
  <>_"flat" \testnotes
  \revert Flag.stencil

  \flagStyleStacked
  <>^"stacked" \testnotes
  \flagStyleDefault
  <>_"default" \testnotes
}

\relative c' {
  \time 3/4
  \override Flag.stencil = #flat-flag

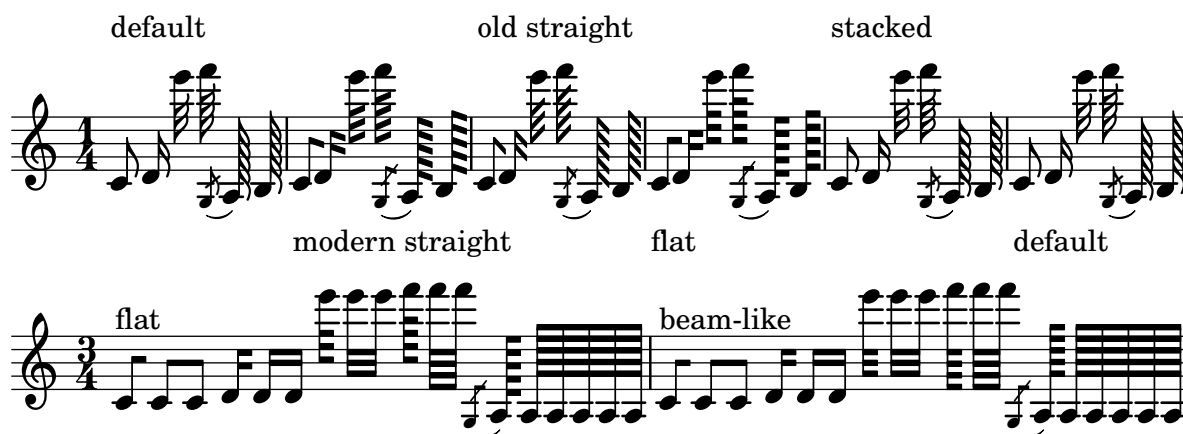
  <>^"flat" c8 c[ c] d16 d[ d] e''32 e[ e] f64 f[ f]
    \acciaccatura { g,,,8 } a128 a[ a a a a]
  <>^"beam-like" @c8 c[ c] @d16 d[ d] @e''32 e[ e] @f64 f[ f]
    \acciaccatura { g,,,8 } @a128 a[ a a a a]
}

\layout {
  indent = 0
  \context {
```

```

\Score
\override NonMusicalPaperColumn.line-break-permission = ##f
}
}

```



Using grace note slashes with normal heads

The slash through the stem found in acciaccaturas can be applied in other situations.

```

\relative c' {
  \override Flag.stroke-style = "grace"
  c8( d2) e8( f4)
}

```



Using ties with arpeggios

Ties are sometimes used to write out arpeggios. In this case, two tied notes need not be consecutive. This can be achieved by setting the `tieWaitForNote` property to `#t`. The same feature is also useful, for example, to tie a tremolo to a chord, but in principle, it can also be used for ordinary consecutive notes.

```

\relative c' {
  \set tieWaitForNote = ##t
  \grace { c16[ ~ e ~ g] ~ } <c, e g>2
  \repeat tremolo 8 { c32 ~ c' ~ } <c c,>1
  e8 ~ c ~ a ~ f ~ <e' c a f>2
  \tieUp
  c8 ~ a
  \tieDown
  \tieDotted
  g8 ~ c g2
}

```



Expressive marks

See also Section “Expressive marks” in *Notation Reference*.

Adding beams, slurs, ties etc. when using tuplet and non-tuplet rhythms

LilyPond syntax can involve many unusual placements for parentheses, brackets etc., which might sometimes have to be interleaved.

For example, when entering a manual beam, the left square bracket has to be placed *after* the starting note and its duration, not before. Similarly, the right square bracket should directly follow the note which is to be at the end of the requested beaming, even if this note happens to be inside a tuplet section.

This snippet demonstrates how to combine manual beaming, manual slurs, ties and phrasing slurs with tuplet sections (enclosed within curly braces).

```
{
  r16[ g16 \tuplet 3/2 { r16 e'8] }
  g16( a \tuplet 3/2 { b d e' } )
  g8[( a \tuplet 3/2 { b d' } e'] ~ }
  \time 2/4
  \tuplet 5/4 { e'32\ ( a b d' e' } a'4.\ )
}
```



Adding parentheses around an expressive mark or chordal note

The `\parenthesize` function is a special tweak that encloses objects in parentheses. The associated grob is `ParenthesesItem`.

```
\relative c' {
  c2-\parenthesize ->
  \override Parentheses.padding = #0.1
  \override Parentheses.font-size = #-4
  <d \parenthesize f a>2
}
```



Adding timing marks to long glissandi

Skipped beats in very long glissandi are sometimes indicated by timing marks, often consisting of stems without noteheads. Such stems can also be used to carry intermediate expression markings.

If the stems do not align well with the glissando, they may need to be repositioned slightly.

```
glissandoSkipOn = {
  \override NoteColumn.glissando-skip = ##t
}
```

```

\hide NoteHead
\override NoteHead.no-ledgers = ##t
}

glissandoSkipOff = {
  \revert NoteColumn.glissando-skip
  \undo \hide NoteHead
  \revert NoteHead.no-ledgers
}

\relative c' {
  r8 f8\glissando
  \glissandoSkipOn
  f4 g a a8\noBeam
  \glissandoSkipOff
  a8

  r8 f8\glissando
  \glissandoSkipOn
  g4 a8
  \glissandoSkipOff
  a8 |

  r4 f\glissando \<
  \glissandoSkipOn
  a4\f \>
  \glissandoSkipOff
  b8\! r |
}

```



Adjusting slur positions vertically

Using `\override Slur.positions` it is possible to set the vertical position of the start and end points of a slur to absolute values (or rather, forcing LilyPond's slur algorithm to consider these values as desired). In many cases, this means a lot of trial and error until good values are found. You probably have tried the `\offset` command next just to find out that it doesn't work for slurs, emitting a warning instead.

The code in this snippet allows you to tweak the vertical start and end positions by specifying *relative* changes, similar to `\offset`.

Syntax: `\offsetPositions #'(dy1 . dy2)`

```

offsetPositions =
#(define-music-function (offsets) (number-pair?)
  #{
    \once \override Slur.control-points =
      #(\lambda (grob)
        (match-let (((_ . y1) _ _ (_ . y2))
          (ly:slur::calc-control-points grob)))

```

```

        ((off1 . off2) offsets))
      (set! (ly:grob-property grob 'positions)
        (cons (+ y1 off1) (+ y2 off2)))
      (ly:slur::calc-control-points grob)))
    #})

\relative c' {
  c4(^"default" c, d2)
  \offsetPositions #'(0 . 1)
  c'4(^"(0 . 1)" c, d2)
  \offsetPositions #'(0 . 2)
  c'4(^"(0 . 2)" c, d2)
  \bar "||"
  g4(^"default" a d'2)
  \offsetPositions #'(1 . 0)
  g,,4(^"(1 . 0)" a d'2)
  \offsetPositions #'(2 . 0)
  g,,4(^"(2 . 0)" a d'2)
}

```



Adjusting the shape of falls and doits

The shortest-duration-space property may be tweaked to adjust the shape of *falls* and *doits*.

```

\relative c' {
  \override Score.SpacingSpanner.shortest-duration-space = 4.0
  c2-\bendAfter 5
  c2-\bendAfter -4.75
  c2-\bendAfter 8.5
  c2-\bendAfter -6
}

```



Aligning the ends of hairpins to NoteColumn directions

The ends of hairpins may be aligned to the LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT of NoteColumn grobs by overriding the property `endpoint-alignments`, which is a pair of numbers representing the left and right ends of the hairpin. `endpoint-alignments` are expected to be directions (either -1, 0 or 1). Other values will be transformed with a warning. The right end of a hairpin terminating at a rest is not affected, always ending at the left edge of the rest.

```

{
  c'2\< <c' d'\>\! |
  \override Hairpin.endpoint-alignments = #'(1 . -1)
  c'2\< <c' d'\>\! |
  \override Hairpin.endpoint-alignments = #`(,LEFT . ,CENTER)
}

```

```
c'2\< <c' d'>\! |
}
```



Alternative breve notes

Breve notes are also available with two vertical lines on each side of the notehead instead of one line and in baroque style.

```
\relative c' ' {
  \time 4/2
  c\breve |
  \override Staff.NoteHead.style = #'altdefault
  b\breve
  \override Staff.NoteHead.style = #'baroque
  b\breve
  \revert Staff.NoteHead.style
  a\breve
}
```

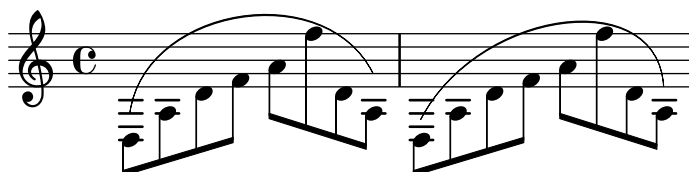


Asymmetric slurs

Slurs can be made asymmetric to match an asymmetric pattern of notes better.

```
slurNotes = { d,8( a' d f a f' d, a) }
```

```
\relative c' {
  \stemDown
  \slurUp
  \slurNotes
  \once \override Slur.eccentricity = #3.0
  \slurNotes
}
```



Breathing signs

Breathing signs are available in different tastes: commas (default), ticks, vees and “railroad tracks” (caesura).

```
\new Staff \relative c' ' {
  \key es \major
  \time 3/4
  % this bar contains no \breathe
```

```

<< { g4 as g } \ { es4 bes es } >> |
% Modern notation:
% by default, \breathe uses the rcomma, just as if saying:
% \override BreathingSign.text =
%   #(make-musicglyph-markup "scripts.rcomma")
<< { g4 as g } \ { es4 \breathe bes es } >> |

% rvarcomma and lvarcomma are variations of the default rcomma
% and lcomma
% N.B.: must use Staff context here, since we start a Voice below
\override Staff.BreathingSign.text =
  \markup { \musicglyph "scripts.rvarcomma" }
<< { g4 as g } \ { es4 \breathe bes es } >> |

% raltcomma and laltcomma are alternative variations of the
% default rcomma and lcomma
\override Staff.BreathingSign.text =
  \markup { \musicglyph "scripts.raltcomma" }
<< { g4 as g } \ { es4 \breathe bes es } >> |

% vee
\override BreathingSign.text =
  \markup { \musicglyph "scripts.uupbow" }
es8[ d es f g] \breathe f |

% caesura
\override BreathingSign.text =
  \markup { \musicglyph "scripts.caesura.curved" }
es8[ d] \breathe es[ f g f] |
es2 r4 \bar "||"
}

```



Broken Crescendo Hairpin

In order to make parts of a crescendo hairpin invisible, the following method is used: A white rectangle is drawn on top of the respective part of the crescendo hairpin, making it invisible. The rectangle is defined as postscript code within a text markup.

The markup command with-dimensions tells LilyPond to consider only the bottom edge of the rectangle when spacing it against the hairpin. The property staff-padding prevents the rectangle from fitting between the hairpin and staff.

Make sure the hairpin is in a lower layer than the text markup to draw the rectangle over the hairpin.

```

\relative c' {
  <<
    {
      \dynamicUp
      r2 r16 c'8.\pp r4
    }
  }
}

```

```

}
\\
{
  \override DynamicLineSpanner.layer = #0
  des,2\mf\< ~
  \override TextScript.layer = #2
  \once\override TextScript.staff-padding = #6
  \once\override TextScript.vertical-skylines = #'()
  des16_\markup \with-dimensions #'(2 . 7) #'(0 . 0)
    \with-color #white
    \filled-box #'(2 . 7) #'(0 . 2) #0
  r8. des4 ~ des16->\sff r8.
}
>>
}

```



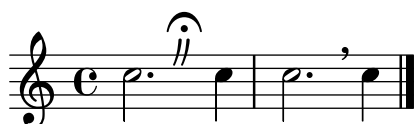
Caesura ("railtracks") with fermata

A caesura is sometimes denoted by a double “railtracks” breath mark with a fermata sign positioned above. This snippet shows an optically pleasing combination of railtracks and fermata.

```

\relative c' {
  c2.
  % construct the symbol
  \override BreathingSign.text = \markup {
    \override #'(direction . 1)
    \override #'(baseline-skip . 1.8)
    \dir-column {
      \translate #'(0.155 . 0)
      \center-align \musicglyph "scripts.caesura.curved"
      \center-align \musicglyph "scripts.ufermata"
    }
  }
  \breathe c4
  % set the breath mark back to normal
  \revert BreathingSign.text
  c2. \breathe c4
  \bar "|"
}

```



Center text below hairpin dynamics

This example provides a function to typeset a hairpin (de)crescendo with some additional text below it, such as “molto” or “poco”. The added text will change the direction according to the direction of the hairpin. The Hairpin is aligned to DynamicText.

The example also illustrates how to modify the way an object is normally printed, using some Scheme code.

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }

hairpinWithCenteredText =
#(define-music-function (text) (markup?)
  #{
    \once \override Voice.Hairpin.after-line-breaking =
      #(lambda (grob)
        (let* ((stencil (ly:hairpin::print grob))
              (par-y (ly:grob-parent grob Y))
              (dir (ly:grob-property par-y 'direction))
              (staff-line-thickness
                (ly:output-def-lookup (ly:grob-layout grob) 'line-thickness))
              (new-stencil (ly:stencil-aligned-to
                            (ly:stencil-combine-at-edge
                              (ly:stencil-aligned-to stencil X CENTER)
                              Y dir
                              (ly:stencil-aligned-to
                                (grob-interpret-markup
                                  grob
                                  (make-fontsize-markup
                                    (magnification->font-size
                                      (+ (ly:staff-symbol-staff-space grob)
                                        (/ staff-line-thickness 2)))
                                      text)) X CENTER))
                              X LEFT))
              (staff-space (ly:output-def-lookup
                            (ly:grob-layout grob) 'staff-space))
              (par-x (ly:grob-parent grob X))
              (dyn-text (grob::has-interface par-x 'dynamic-text-interface))
              (dyn-text-stencil-x-length
                (if dyn-text
                  (interval-length
                    (ly:stencil-extent (ly:grob-property par-x 'stencil) X))
                  0))
              (x-shift
                (if dyn-text
                  (-
                    (+ staff-space dyn-text-stencil-x-length)
                    (* 0.5 staff-line-thickness)) 0)))

          (ly:grob-set-property! grob 'Y-offset 0)
          (ly:grob-set-property! grob 'stencil
            (ly:stencil-translate-axis
              new-stencil
              x-shift X))))))
```

```

#})

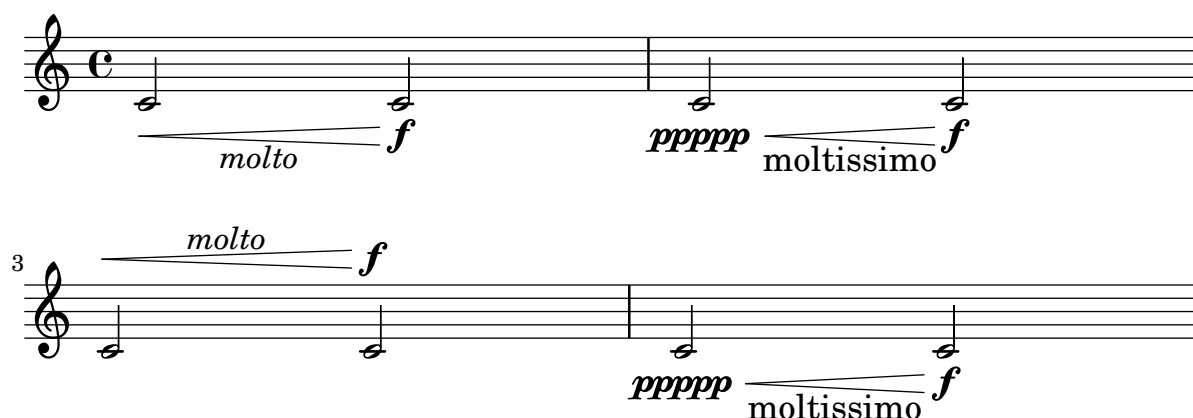
hairpinMolto =
\hairpinWithCenteredText \markup { \italic molto }

hairpinMore =
\hairpinWithCenteredText \markup { \larger moltissimo }

\layout { ragged-right = ##f }

\relative c' {
  \hairpinMolto
  c2\< c\f
  \hairpinMore
  c2\ppppp\< c\f
  \break
  \hairpinMolto
  c2^\< c\f
  \hairpinMore
  c2\ppppp\< c\f
}

```



Changing text and spanner styles for text dynamics

The text used for *crescendos* and *decrescendos* can be changed by modifying the context properties `crescendoText` and `decrescendoText`.

The style of the spanner line can be changed by modifying the `'style` property of `DynamicTextSpanner`. The default value is `'dashed-line`, and other possible values include `'line`, `'dotted-line` and `'none`.

```

\relative c' {
  \set crescendoText = \markup { \italic { cresc. poco } }
  \set crescendoSpanner = #'text
  \override DynamicTextSpanner.style = #'dotted-line
  a2\< a
  a2 a
  a2 a
  a2 a\mf
}

```



Changing the appearance of a slur from solid to dotted or dashed

The appearance of slurs may be changed from solid to dotted or dashed.

```
\relative c' {
  c4( d e c)
  \slurDotted
  c4( d e c)
  \slurSolid
  c4( d e c)
  \slurDashed
  c4( d e c)
  \slurSolid
  c4( d e c)
}
```



Changing the breath mark symbol

The glyph of the breath mark can be tuned by overriding the text property of the BreathingSign layout object with any markup text.

```
\relative c'' {
  c2
  \override BreathingSign.text =
    \markup { \musicglyph "scripts.rvarcomma" }
  \breathe
  d2
}
```



Changing the number of augmentation dots per note

The number of augmentation dots on a single note can be changed independently of the dots placed after the note.

```
\relative c' {
  c4.. a16 r2 |
  \override Dots.dot-count = 4
  c4.. a16 r2 |
  \override Dots.dot-count = 0
  c4.. a16 r2 |
  \revert Dots.dot-count
  c4.. a16 r2 |
}
```

}



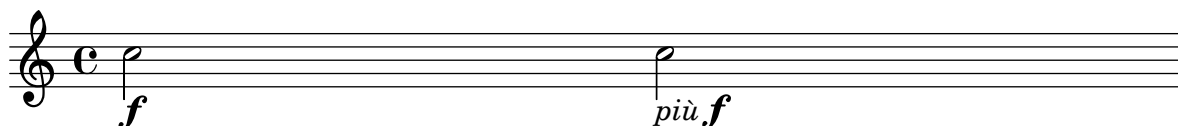
Combining dynamics with markup texts

Some dynamics may involve text indications (such as “più forte” or “piano subito”). These can be produced using a `\markup` block.

```
piuF = \markup { \italic più \dynamic f }
```

```
\layout { ragged-right = ##f }
```

```
\relative c' ' {  
  c2\f c-\piuF  
}
```



Contemporary glissando

A contemporary glissando without a final note can be typeset using a hidden note and cadenza timing.

```
\relative c' ' {  
  \time 3/4  
  \override Glissando.style = #'zigzag  
  c4 c  
  \cadenzaOn  
  c4\glissando  
  \hideNotes  
  c,,4  
  \unHideNotes  
  \cadenzaOff  
  \bar "|"   
}
```



Controlling spanner visibility after a line break

The visibility of spanners which end on the first note following a line break is controlled by the after-line-breaking callback `ly:spanner::kill-zero-spanned-time`.

For objects such as glissandos and hairpins, the default behaviour is to hide the spanner after a break; disabling the callback will allow the left-broken span to be shown.

Conversely, spanners which are usually visible, such as text spans, can be hidden by enabling the callback.

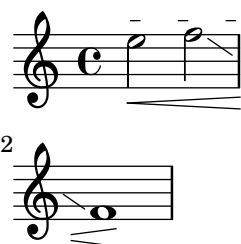
```
\paper {
```

```

    ragged-right = ##t
    tagline = ##f
}

\relative c' {
  \override Hairpin.to-barline = ##f
  \override Glissando.breakable = ##t
  % show hairpin
  \override Hairpin.after-line-breaking = ##t
  % hide text span
  \override TextSpanner.after-line-breaking =
    #ly:spanner::kill-zero-spanned-time
  e2\<\startTextSpan
  % show glissando
  \override Glissando.after-line-breaking = ##t
  f2\glissando
  \break
  f,1\!\stopTextSpan
}

```



Controlling the vertical ordering of scripts

The vertical ordering of scripts is controlled with the `script-priority` property. The lower this number, the closer it will be put to the note. In this example, the `TextScript` (the *sharp* symbol) first has the lowest priority, so it is put lowest in the first example. In the second, the *prall trill* (the `Script`) has the lowest, so it is on the inside. When two objects have the same priority, the order in which they are entered determines which one comes first.

Note that for `Fingering`, `StringNumber`, and `StrokeFinger` grobs, if used within a chord, the vertical order is also determined by the vertical position of the associated note head, which is added to (or, depending on the direction, subtracted from) the grob's `script-priority` value. This ensures that for fingerings above a chord the lower note is associated with the lower fingering (and vice versa for the other direction); it doesn't matter whether you input the notes in the chord from top to bottom or from bottom to top.

By default, the least technical scripts are positioned closest to the note head; the rough order is articulation, flageolet, fingering, right-hand fingering, string number, fermata, bowing, and text script.

```

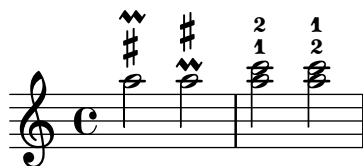
\relative c' {
  \once \override TextScript.script-priority = -100
  a2^\prall^\markup { \sharp }

  \once \override Script.script-priority = -100
  a2^\prall^\markup { \sharp }

  \set fingeringOrientations = #'(up)
}

```

```
<c-2 a-1>2
<a-1 c\tweak script-priority -100 -2>2
}
```



Creating a delayed turn

Creating a delayed turn, where the lower note of the turn uses the accidental, requires several overrides. The `outside-staff-priority` property must be set to `#f`, as otherwise this would take precedence over the `avoid-slur` property. Changing the fractions `2/3` and `1/3` adjusts the horizontal position.

```
\relative c' ' {
  \after 2*2/3 \turn c2( d4) r |
  \after 4 \turn c4.( d8)
  \after 4
  {
    \once \set suggestAccidentals = ##t
    \once \override AccidentalSuggestion.outside-staff-priority = ##f
    \once \override AccidentalSuggestion.avoid-slur = #'inside
    \once \override AccidentalSuggestion.font-size = -3
    \once \override AccidentalSuggestion.script-priority = -1
    \once \hideNotes
    cis8\turn \noBeam
  }
  d4.( e8)
}
```



Creating arpeggios across notes in different voices

An *arpeggio* can be drawn across notes in different voices on the same staff if the `Span_arpeggio_engraver` is added to the `Staff` context:

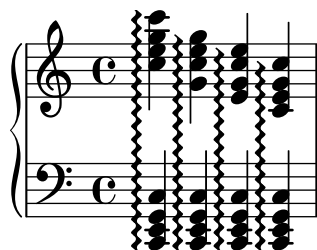
```
\new Staff \with {
  \consists "Span_arpeggio_engraver"
}
\relative c' {
  \set Staff.connectArpeggios = ##t
  <<
    { <e' g>4\arpeggio <d f> <d f>2 }
    \\\
    { <d, f>2\arpeggio <g b>2 }
  >>
}
```



Creating cross-staff arpeggios in a piano staff

In a `PianoStaff`, it is possible to let an *arpeggio* cross between the staves by setting the property `PianoStaff.connectArpeggios`.

```
\new PianoStaff \relative c' <<
  \set PianoStaff.connectArpeggios = ##t
  \new Staff {
    <c e g c>4\arpeggio
    <g c e g>4\arpeggio
    <e g c e>4\arpeggio
    <c e g c>4\arpeggio
  }
  \new Staff {
    \clef bass
    \repeat unfold 4 {
      <c,, e g c>4\arpeggio
    }
  }
>>
```



Creating cross-staff arpeggios in other contexts

Cross-staff *arpeggios* can be created in contexts other than `GrandStaff` and its derived siblings (`PianoStaff`, `ChoirStaff`, and `StaffGroup`) if the `Span_arpeggio_engraver` is included in the `Score` context.

```
<<
  \new PianoStaff <<
    \new Voice \relative c' {
      <c e>2\arpeggio <d f>2\arpeggio
      <c e>1\arpeggio
    }
    \new Voice \relative c {
      \clef bass
      <c g'>2\arpeggio <b g'>2\arpeggio
      <c g'>1\arpeggio
    }
  }
>>

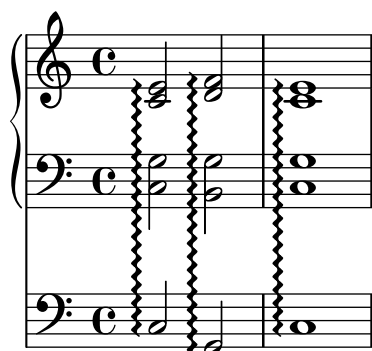
\new Staff \relative c {
  \set Score.connectArpeggios = ##t
```

```

\clef bass
c2\arpeggio g\arpeggio
c1\arpeggio
}
>>

\layout {
  \context {
    \Score
    \consists "Span_arpeggio_engraver"
  }
}

```



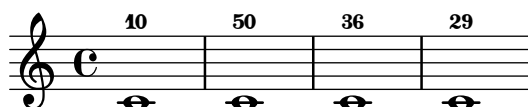
Creating double-digit fingerings

Creating fingerings larger than 5 is possible.

```

\relative c' {
  c1-10
  c1-50
  c1-36
  c1-29
}

```



Creating "real" parenthesized dynamics

Although the easiest way to add parentheses to a dynamic mark is to use a `\markup` block, this method has a downside: the created objects will behave like text markups, and not like dynamics.

However, it is possible to create a similar object using the equivalent Scheme code (as described in the Notation Reference), combined with the `make-dynamic-script` function. This way, the markup will be regarded as a dynamic, and therefore will remain compatible with commands such as `\dynamicUp` or `\dynamicDown`.

```

paren =
#(define-event-function (dyn) (ly:event?)
  (make-dynamic-script
    #{ \markup \concat {
      \normal-text \italic \fontsize #2 (
        \pad-x #0.2 #(ly:music-property dyn 'text)

```

```
\normal-text \italic \fontsize #2 )
    }
    #}}))
```

```
\relative c' ' {
  c4\paren\f c c \dynamicUp c\paren\p
}
```



Creating slurs across voices

In some situations, it may be necessary to create slurs between notes from different voices. The solution is to add invisible notes to one of the voices, using `\hideNotes`.

This example is measure 235 of the Ciaccona from Bach's 2nd Partita for solo violin, BWV 1004.

```
\relative c' {
  <<
  {
    d16( a') s a s a[ s a] s a[ s a]
  }
  \\\
  {
    \slurUp
    bes,16[ s e](
    \hideNotes a)
    \unHideNotes f[(
    \hideNotes a)
    \unHideNotes fis](
    \hideNotes a)
    \unHideNotes g[(
    \hideNotes a)
    \unHideNotes gis](
    \hideNotes a)
  }
  >>
}
```



Creating text spanners

The `\startTextSpan` and `\stopTextSpan` commands allow the creation of text spanners as easily as pedal indications or octavations. Override some properties of the `TextSpanner` object to modify its output.

```
\paper { ragged-right = ##f }
```

```

\relative c' {
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.text = #"bla"
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.right.text = #"blu"
  a4 \startTextSpan
  b4 c
  a4 \stopTextSpan

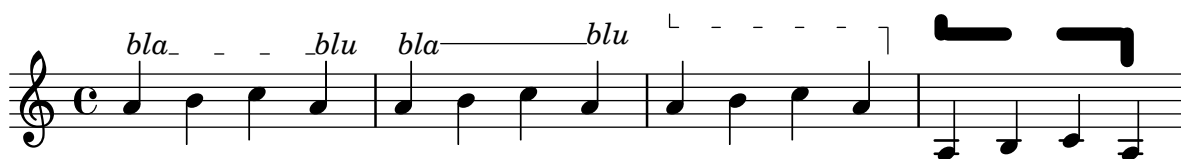
  \override TextSpanner.style = #'line
  \once \override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.stencil-align-dir-y = #CENTER
  a4 \startTextSpan
  b4 c
  a4 \stopTextSpan

  \override TextSpanner.style = #'dashed-line
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.text =
    \markup { \draw-line #'(0 . 1) }
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.right.text =
    \markup { \draw-line #'(0 . -2) }
  \once \override TextSpanner.bound-details.right.padding = #-2

  a4 \startTextSpan
  b4 c
  a4 \stopTextSpan

  \set Staff.middleCPosition = #-13
  \override TextSpanner.dash-period = #10
  \override TextSpanner.dash-fraction = #0.5
  \override TextSpanner.thickness = #10
  a4 \startTextSpan
  b4 c
  a4 \stopTextSpan
}

```



Dynamics custom text spanner postfix

Postfix functions for custom crescendo text spanners. The spanners should start on the first note of the measure. One has to use `-\mycresc`, otherwise the spanner start will rather be assigned to the next note.

*% Two functions for (de)crescendo spanners where you can explicitly
% give the spanner text.*

```

mycresc =
#(define-music-function (mymarkup) (markup?)
  (make-music 'CrescendoEvent
    'span-direction START
    'span-type 'text
    'span-text mymarkup))

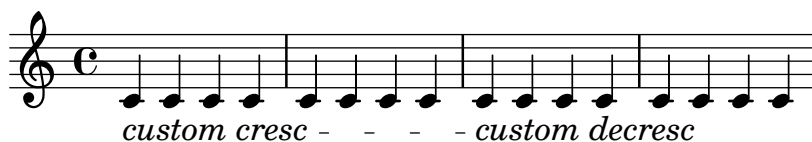
```

```

mydecresc =
#(define-music-function (mymarkup) (markup?)
  (make-music 'DecrescendoEvent
    'span-direction START
    'span-type 'text
    'span-text mymarkup))

\relative c' {
  c4-\mycresc "custom cresc" c4 c4 c4 |
  c4 c4 c4 c4 |
  c4-\mydecresc "custom decresc" c4 c4 c4 |
  c4 c4\! c4 c4
}

```



Dynamics text spanner postfix

Custom text spanners can be defined and used with hairpin and text crescendos. `\<` and `\>` produce hairpins by default, `\cresc` etc. produce text spanners by default.

% Some sample text dynamic spanners, to be used as postfix operators

```

crpoco =
#(make-music 'CrescendoEvent
  'span-direction START
  'span-type 'text
  'span-text "cresc. poco a poco")

\relative c' {
  c4\cresc d4 e4 f4 |
  g4 a4\! b4\crpoco c4 |
  c4 d4 e4 f4 |
  g4 a4\! b4\< c4 |
  g4\dim a4 b4\decresc c4\!
}

```



Glissandi can skip grobs

NoteColumn grobs can be skipped over by glissandi.

```

\relative c' {
  a2 \glissando
  \once \override NoteColumn.glissando-skip = ##t
  f''4 d,
}

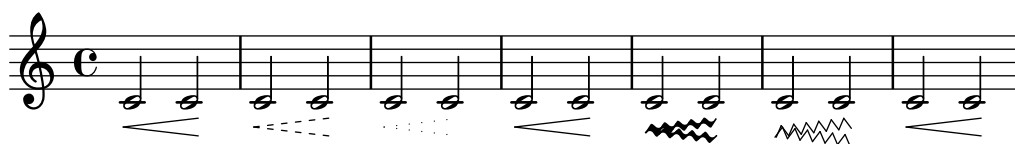
```



Hairpins with different line styles

Hairpins can take any style from `line-interface` - dashed-line, dotted-line, line, trill or zigzag.

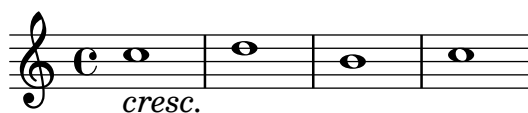
```
\relative c' {
  c2\< c\!
  \override Hairpin.style = #'dashed-line
  c2\< c\!
  \override Hairpin.style = #'dotted-line
  c2\< c\!
  \override Hairpin.style = #'line
  c2\< c\!
  \override Hairpin.style = #'trill
  c2\< c\!
  \override Hairpin.style = #'zigzag
  c2\< c\!
  \revert Hairpin.style
  c2\< c\!
}
```



Hiding the extender line for text dynamics

Text style dynamic changes (such as *cresc.* and *dim.*) are printed with a dashed line showing their extent. This line can be suppressed in the following way:

```
\relative c' {
  \override DynamicTextSpanner.style = #'none
  \crescTextCresc
  c1\< | d | b | c\!
}
```



Horizontally aligning custom dynamics (e.g. "sempre pp", "piu f", "subito p")

Some dynamic expressions involve additional text, like “sempre **pp**”. Since dynamics are usually centered under the note, the `\pp` would be displayed way after the note it applies to.

To correctly align the “sempre **pp**” horizontally so that it is aligned as if it were only the `\pp`, there are several approaches:

- Simply use `\once\override DynamicText.X-offset = #-9.2` before the note with the dynamics to manually shift it to the correct position. Drawback: This has to be done manually each time you use that dynamic markup...

- Add some padding (`#:hspace 7.1`) into the definition of your custom dynamic mark so that after LilyPond center-aligns it, it is already correctly aligned. Drawback: The padding really takes up that space and does not allow any other markup or dynamics to be shown in that position.
- Shift the dynamic script `\once\overrideX-offset =` Drawback: `\once\override` is needed for every invocation!
- Set the dimensions of the additional text to 0 (using `#:with-dimensions '(0 . 0) '(0 . 0)`). Drawback: For LilyPond, “sempre” has no extent now. This means it might put other stuff there, causing collisions (which are not detected by LilyPond’s collision detection algorithm!). There also seems to be some spacing, so it is not exactly the same alignment as without the additional text.
- Add an explicit shift directly inside the scheme function for the dynamic script.
- Set an explicit alignment inside the dynamic script. By default, this won’t have any effect, only if one sets `X-offset`! Drawback: One needs to set `DynamicText.X-offset`, which will apply to all dynamic texts! Also, it is aligned at the right edge of the additional text, not at the center of `\pp`.

```
\paper {
  ragged-right = ##f
  indent = 2.5\cm
  tagline = ##f
}
```

```
% Solution 1: Using a simple markup with a particular halign value
% Drawback: It's a markup, not a dynamic command, so \dynamicDown
%           etc. will have no effect
semppMarkup = \markup { \halign #1.4 \italic "sempre" \dynamic "pp" }
```

```
% Solution 2: Using a dynamic script & shifting with
%           \once \override ...X-offset = ..
% Drawback: \once \override needed for every invocation
semppK =
#(make-dynamic-script
  (markup #:line
    (#:normal-text
      #:italic "sempre"
      #:dynamic "pp"))))
```

```
% Solution 3: Padding the dynamic script so the center-alignment
%           puts it at the correct position
% Drawback: the padding really reserves the space, nothing else can be there
semppT =
#(make-dynamic-script
  (markup #:line
    (#:normal-text
      #:italic "sempre"
      #:dynamic "pp"
      #:hspace 7.1))))
```

```
% Solution 4: Dynamic, setting the dimensions of the additional text to 0
% Drawback: To lilypond "sempre" has no extent, so it might put
%           other stuff there => collisions
```

*% Drawback: Also, there seems to be some spacing, so it's not exactly the
% same alignment as without the additional text*

```
semppM =
#(make-dynamic-script
  (markup #:line
    (:with-dimensions '(0 . 0) '(0 . 0)
      #:right-align
      #:normal-text
      #:italic "sempre"
      #:dynamic "pp"))))
```

% Solution 5: Dynamic with explicit shifting inside the scheme function

```
semppG =
#(make-dynamic-script
  (markup #:hspace 0
    #:translate '(-18.85 . 0)
    #:line (:normal-text
      #:italic "sempre"
      #:dynamic "pp"))))
```

*% Solution 6: Dynamic with explicit alignment. This has only effect
% if one sets X-offset!*

*% Drawback: One needs to set DynamicText.X-offset!
% Drawback: Aligned at the right edge of the additional text,
% not at the center of pp*

```
semppMII =
#(make-dynamic-script
  (markup #:line (:right-align
    #:normal-text
    #:italic "sempre"
    #:dynamic "pp"))))
```

```
\new StaffGroup <<
  \new Staff = "s" \with { instrumentName = \markup \column { Normal } }
  <<
    \relative c'' {
      \key es \major
      c4\pp c\p c c | c\ff c c\pp c
    }
  >>
  \new Staff = "sMarkup" \with {
    instrumentName = \markup \column { Normal markup }
  }
  <<
    \relative c'' {
      \key es \major
      c4-\semppMarkup c\p c c | c\ff c c-\semppMarkup c
    }
  >>
  \new Staff = "sK" \with {
    instrumentName = \markup \column { Explicit shifting }
  }
```

```

<<
  \relative c'' {
    \key es \major
    \once \override DynamicText.X-offset = #-9.2
    c4\semppK c\p c c
    c4\ff c
    \once \override DynamicText.X-offset = #-9.2
    c4\semppK c
  }
>>
\new Staff = "sT" \with {
  instrumentName = \markup \column { Right padding }
}
<<
  \relative c'' {
    \key es \major
    c4\semppT c\p c c | c\ff c c\semppT c
  }
>>
\new Staff = "sM" \with {
  instrumentName = \markup \column { Set dimension "to zero" }
}
<<
  \relative c'' {
    \key es \major
    c4\semppM c\p c c | c\ff c c\semppM c
  }
>>
\new Staff = "sG" \with {
  instrumentName = \markup \column { Shift inside dynamics }
}
<<
  \relative c'' {
    \key es \major
    c4\semppG c\p c c | c\ff c c\semppG c
  }
>>
\new Staff = "sMII" \with {
  instrumentName = \markup \column { Alignment inside dynamics }
}
<<
  \relative c'' {
    \key es \major
    % Setting to ##f (false) gives the same result
    \override DynamicText.X-offset = #0
    c4\semppMII c\p c c | c\ff c c\semppMII c
  }
>>
>>

\layout { \override Staff.InstrumentName.self-alignment-X = #LEFT }

```

Normal	
Normal markup	
Explicit shifting	
Right padding	
Set dimension to zero	
Shift inside dynamics	
Alignment inside dynamics	

Inserting a caesura

Caesura marks can be created by overriding the 'text property of the BreathingSign object.

A curved caesura mark is also available.

```
\relative c' {
  \override BreathingSign.text = \markup {
    \musicglyph "scripts.caesura.straight"
  }
  c8 e4. \breathe g8. e16 c4

  \override BreathingSign.text = \markup {
    \musicglyph "scripts.caesura.curved"
  }
  g8 e'4. \breathe g8. e16 c4
}
```



Laissez vibrer ties

Laissez vibrer ties have a fixed size. Their formatting can be tuned using 'tie-configuration.

```
\relative c' {
  <c e g>4\laissezVibrer r <c f g>\laissezVibrer r
  <c d f g>4\laissezVibrer r <c d f g>4.\laissezVibrer r8
}
```

```

<c d e f>4\laissezVibrer r
\override LaissezVibrerTieColumn.tie-configuration
  = #'((-7 . ,DOWN)
        (-5 . ,DOWN)
        (-3 . ,UP)
        (-1 . ,UP))
<c d e f>4\laissezVibrer r
}

```



Line arrows

Arrows can be applied to text-spanners and line-spanners (such as the Glissando).

```

\relative c' {
  \override TextSpanner.bound-padding = #1.0
  \override TextSpanner.style = #'line
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.right.arrow = ##t
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.text = #"fof"
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.right.text = #"gag"
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.right.padding = #0.6

  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.right.stencil-align-dir-y = #CENTER
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.stencil-align-dir-y = #CENTER

  \override Glissando.bound-details.right.arrow = ##t
  \override Glissando.arrow-length = #0.5
  \override Glissando.arrow-width = #0.25

  a8\startTextSpan gis a4 b\glissando b,
  g'4 c\stopTextSpan c2
}

```



Making slurs with complex dash structure

Slurs can be made with complex dash patterns by defining the dash-definition property. dash-definition is a list of dash-elements. A dash-element is a list of parameters defining the dash behavior for a segment of the slur.

The slur is defined in terms of the bezier parameter *t* which ranges from 0 at the left end of the slur to 1 at the right end of the slur. dash-element is a list (start-*t* stop-*t* dash-fraction dash-period). The region of the slur from start-*t* to stop-*t* will have a fraction dash-fraction of each dash-period black. dash-period is defined in terms of staff spaces. dash-fraction is set to 1 for a solid slur.

```

\relative c' {
  \once \override
    Slur.dash-definition = #'((0 0.3 0.1 0.75)

```

```

                                (0.3 0.6 1 1)
                                (0.65 1.0 0.4 0.75))

c4( d e f)
\once \override
  Slur.dash-definition = #'((0 0.25 1 1)
                             (0.3 0.7 0.4 0.75)
                             (0.75 1.0 1 1))

c4( d e f)
}
```



Modifying default values for articulation shorthand notation

The shorthands are defined in ‘ly/script-init.ly’, where the variables `dashHat`, `dashPlus`, `dashDash`, `dashBang`, `dashLarger`, `dashDot`, and `dashUnderscore` are assigned default values. The default values for the shorthands can be modified. For example, to associate the `+-` (`dashPlus`) shorthand with the *trill* symbol instead of the default `+` symbol, assign the value `\trill` to the variable `dashPlus`:

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```

```
\relative c' { c1-+ }
```

```
dashPlus = \trill
```

```
\relative c' { c1-+ }
```



Moving slur positions vertically

The vertical position of a slur can be adjusted using the `positions` property of `Slur`. The property has 2 parameters, the first referring to the left end of the slur and the second to the right. The values of the parameters are not used by LilyPond to make an exact movement of the slur - instead it selects what placement of the slur looks best, taking into account the parameter values. Positive values move the slur up, and are appropriate for notes with stems down. Negative values move downward slurs further down.

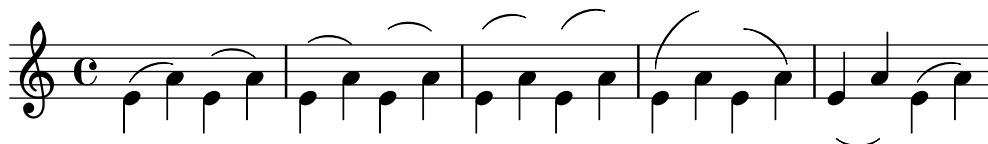
```

\relative c' {
  \stemDown
  e4( a)
  \override Slur.positions = #'(1 . 1)
  e4( a)
  \override Slur.positions = #'(2 . 2)
  e4( a)
  \override Slur.positions = #'(3 . 3)
}
```

```

e4( a)
\override Slur.positions = #'(4 . 4)
e4( a)
\override Slur.positions = #'(5 . 5)
e4( a)
\override Slur.positions = #'(0 . 5)
e4( a)
\override Slur.positions = #'(5 . 0)
e4( a)
\stemUp
\override Slur.positions = #'(-5 . -5)
e4( a)
\stemDown
\revert Slur.positions
e4( a)
}

```



Moving the ends of hairpins

The ends of hairpins may be offset by setting the `shorten-pair` property of the `Hairpin` object. Positive values move endpoints to the right, negative to the left. Unlike the `minimum-length` property, this property only affects the appearance of the hairpin; it does not adjust horizontal spacing (including the position of bounding dynamics). This method is thus suitable for fine-tuning a hairpin within its allotted space.

```

{
  c'1~\<
  c'2~ c'\!
  \once \override Hairpin.shorten-pair = #'(2 . 2)
  c'1~\<
  c'2~ c'\!
  \once \override Hairpin.shorten-pair = #'(-2 . -2)
  c'1~\<
  c'2~ c'\!
  c'1~\p-\tweak shorten-pair #'(2 . 0)\<
  c'2~ c'\ffff
}

```



Positioning arpeggios

If you need to extend or shorten an arpeggio, you can modify the upper and lower start positions independently.

```

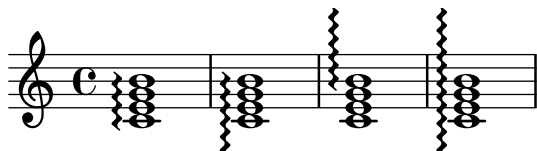
\relative c' {

```

```

<c e g b>1\arpeggio
\once \override Arpeggio.positions = #'(-5 . 0)
<c e g b>1\arpeggio
\once \override Arpeggio.positions = #'(0 . 5)
<c e g b>1\arpeggio
\once \override Arpeggio.positions = #'(-5 . 5)
<c e g b>1\arpeggio
}

```



Positioning text markups inside slurs

Text markups need to have the `outside-staff-priority` property set to `false` in order to be printed inside slurs.

```

\relative c' {
  \override TextScript.avoid-slur = #'inside
  \override TextScript.outside-staff-priority = ##f
  c2(^{\markup { \halign #-10 \natural } d4.}) c8
}

```



Printing hairpins in various styles

Hairpin dynamics may be created in a variety of styles.

```

\paper { tagline = ##f }

\relative c' {
  \override Hairpin.stencil = #flared-hairpin
  a4< a a a\f
  a4\p< a a a\ff
  a4\s fz< a a a\!
  \override Hairpin.stencil = #constante-hairpin
  a4< a a a\f
  a4\p< a a a\ff
  a4\s fz< a a a\!
  \override Hairpin.stencil = #flared-hairpin
  a4> a a a\f
  a4\p> a a a\ff
  a4\s fz> a a a\!
  \override Hairpin.stencil = #constante-hairpin
  a4> a a a\f
  a4\p> a a a\ff
  a4\s fz> a a a\!
}

```



Printing hairpins using al niente notation

Hairpin dynamics may be printed with a circled tip (“al niente” notation) by setting the circled-tip property of the Hairpin object to #t.

```
\relative c' ' {
  \override Hairpin.circled-tip = ##t
  c2\< c\!
  c4\> c\< c2\!
}
```



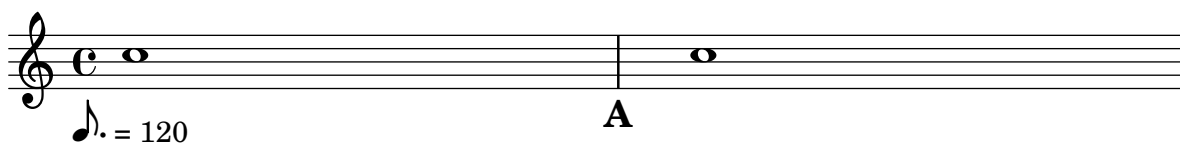
Printing metronome and rehearsal marks below the staff

By default, metronome and rehearsal marks are printed above the staff. To place them below the staff simply set the direction property of MetronomeMark or RehearsalMark appropriately.

```
\layout {
  indent = 0
  ragged-right = ##f
}

{
  % Metronome marks below the staff
  \override Score.MetronomeMark.direction = #DOWN
  \tempo 8. = 120
  c' '1

  % Rehearsal marks below the staff
  \override Score.RehearsalMark.direction = #DOWN
  \mark \default
  c' '1
}
```



Setting hairpin behavior at bar lines

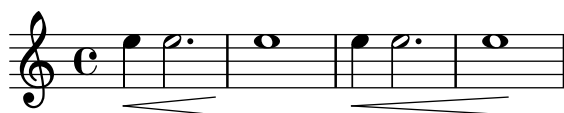
If the note which ends a hairpin falls on a downbeat, the hairpin stops at the bar line immediately preceding. This behavior can be controlled by overriding the 'to-barline property.

```
\relative c' ' {
```

```

e4\< e2.
e1\!
\override Hairpin.to-barline = ##f
e4\< e2.
e1\!
}

```



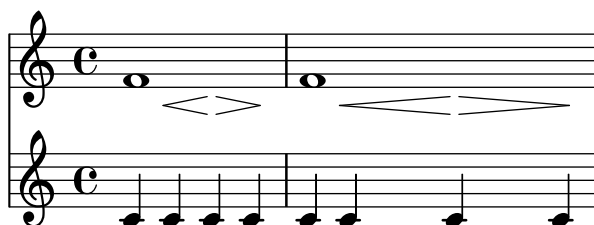
Setting the minimum length of hairpins

If hairpins are too short, they can be lengthened by modifying the minimum-length property of the Hairpin object.

```

<<
{
  \after 4 \< \after 2 \> \after 2. \! f'1
  \override Hairpin.minimum-length = 8
  \after 4 \< \after 2 \> \after 2. \! f'1
}
{
  \repeat unfold 8 c'4
}
>>

```



Showing the same articulation above and below a note or chord

By default, LilyPond does not allow the same articulation (e.g., an accent, a fermata, a flageolet, etc.) to be displayed above and below a note. For example, `c4_fermata^\fermata` only shows a fermata below. The fermata above gets simply ignored.

However, one can stick scripts (just like fingerings) inside a chord, which means it is possible to have as many articulations as desired. This approach has the advantage that it ignores the stem and positions the articulation relative to the note head. This can be seen in the case of the flageolets in the snippet. To mimic the behaviour of scripts outside a chord, 'add-stem-support' would be required.

The solution is thus to write the note as a chord and add the articulations inside of `<...>`, using the direction modifiers `^` and `_` as appropriate.

```

\relative c' {
  <>^"Wrong"
  c2\_fermata^\fermata % The second fermata is ignored!
  <e d'>2^\flageolet_\flageolet

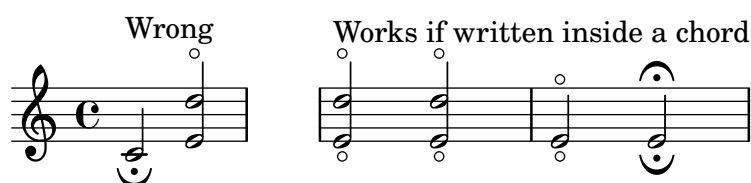
  \stopStaff s1 \startStaff

```

```

<>~"Works if written inside a chord"
<e_\flageolet d'^\flageolet>2
<e_\flageolet d'^\flageolet>2
<e_\flageolet^\flageolet>2
<e_\fermata^\fermata>2
}

```



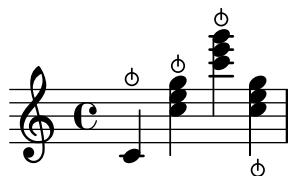
Snap-pizzicato or Bartok pizzicato

A snap-pizzicato (also known as “Bartok pizzicato”) is a “strong pizzicato where the string is plucked vertically by snapping and rebounds off the fingerboard of the instrument” (Wikipedia). It is denoted by a circle with a vertical line going from the center upwards outside the circle.

```

\relative c' {
  c4\snapppizzicato
  <c' e g>4\snapppizzicato
  <c' e g>4^\snapppizzicato
  <c, e g>4_\snapppizzicato
}

```



Using a tick as the breath mark symbol

Vocal and wind music frequently uses a tick mark as a breathing sign. This indicates a breath that subtracts a little time from the previous note rather than causing a short pause, which is indicated by the comma breath mark. The mark can be moved up a little to take it away from the staff.

```

\relative c' ' {
  c2
  \breathe
  d2
  \override BreathingSign.Y-offset = #2.6
  \override BreathingSign.text =
    \markup { \musicglyph "scripts.tickmark" }
  c2
  \breathe
  d2
}

```



Using arpeggioBracket to make divisi more visible

The `arpeggioBracket` can be used to indicate the division of voices where there are no stems to provide the information. This is often seen in choral music.

```
\include "english.ly"

\score {
  \relative c' {
    \key a \major
    \time 2/2
    <<
      \new Voice = "upper"
      <<
        { \voiceOne \arpeggioBracket
          a2( b2
            <b d>1\arpeggio)
            <cs e>\arpeggio ~
            <cs e>4
          }
        \addlyrics { \lyricmode { A -- men. } }
      >>
      \new Voice = "lower"
      { \voiceTwo
        a1 ~
        a
        a ~
        a4 \bar "|"
      }
    >>
  }
  \layout { ragged-right = ##t }
}
```



Using double slurs for legato chords

Some composers write two *slurs* when they want legato chords. This can be achieved by setting `doubleSlurs`.

```
\relative c' {
  \set doubleSlurs = ##t
  <c e>4( <d f> <c e> <d f>)
}
```



Using the whiteout property

Any graphical object can be printed over a white background to mask parts of objects that lie beneath. This can be useful to improve the appearance of collisions in complex situations when repositioning objects is impractical. It is necessary to explicitly set the layer property to control which objects are masked by the white background.

In this example the collision of the tie with the time signature is improved by masking out the part of the tie that crosses the time signature, setting the `whiteout` property of `TimeSignature`. To do this, `TimeSignature` is moved to a layer above `Tie`, which is left in the default layer 1, and `StaffSymbol` is moved to a layer above `TimeSignature` so it is not masked.

```
{
  \override Score.StaffSymbol.layer = 4
  \override Staff.TimeSignature.layer = 3
  b'2 b'~
  \once \override Staff.TimeSignature.whiteout = ##t
  \time 3/4
  b' r4
}
```



Vertical line as a baroque articulation mark

This short vertical line placed above the note is commonly used in baroque music. Its meaning can vary, but generally indicates notes that should be played with more “weight”. The following example demonstrates how to achieve such a notation.

```
upline =
\tweak stencil
#(lambda (grob)
  (grob-interpret-markup grob #{ \markup \draw-line #'(0 . 1) #}))
\stopped

\relative c' {
  a'4~\upline a( c d')_ \upline
}
```



Vertically aligning dynamics across multiple notes

Dynamics that occur at, begin on, or end on the same note will be vertically aligned. To ensure that dynamics are aligned when they do not occur on the same note, increase the `staff-padding` property of the `DynamicLineSpanner` object.

```
\relative c' {
  \override DynamicLineSpanner.staff-padding = #4
  c2\p f\mf
  g2\< b4\> c\!
}
```



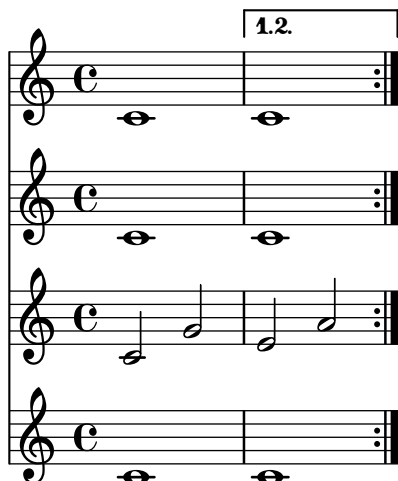
Repeats

See also Section “Repeats” in *Notation Reference*.

Adding volta brackets to additional staves

The `Volta_engraver` by default resides in the `Score` context, and brackets for the repeat are thus normally only printed over the topmost staff. This can be adjusted by adding the `Volta_engraver` to the `Staff` context where the brackets should appear; see also the “Volta multi staff” snippet.

```
<<
  \new Staff { \repeat volta 2 { c'1 } \alternative { c' } }
  \new Staff { \repeat volta 2 { c'1 } \alternative { c' } }
  \new Staff \with { \consists "Volta_engraver" } { c'2 g' e' a' }
  \new Staff { \repeat volta 2 { c'1 } \alternative { c' } }
>>
```



Centered measure numbers

Scores of large ensemble works often have bar numbers placed beneath the system, centered horizontally on the measure’s extent. This snippet shows how the `Measure_counter_engraver` may be used to simulate this notational practice. Here, the engraver has been added to a `Dynamics` context.

This snippet presents a legacy method: starting from LilyPond 2.23.3, `\set Score.centerBarNumbers = ##t` is enough.

```
\layout {
  \context {
    \Dynamics
    \consists #Measure_counter_engraver
    \override MeasureCounter.direction = #DOWN
    \override MeasureCounter.font-encoding = #'latin1
    \override MeasureCounter.font-shape = #'italic
    % to control the distance of the Dynamics context from the staff:
    \override VerticalAxisGroup.nonstaff-relatedstaff-spacing.padding = #2
  }
  \context {
    \Score
```

```

    \remove "Bar_number_engraver"
  }
}

pattern = \repeat unfold 7 { c'4 d' e' f' }

\new StaffGroup <<
  \new Staff {
    \pattern
  }
  \new Staff {
    \pattern
  }
  \new Dynamics {
    \startMeasureCount
    s1*7
    \stopMeasureCount
  }
>>

```



Changing the default bar lines

Default bar lines can be changed when re-defined in a score context.

% <http://lsr.di.unimi.it/LSR/Item?id=964>

%%=> <http://lists.gnu.org/archive/html/lilypond-user/2014-03/msg00126.html>

%%=> <http://lilypond.1069038.n5.nabble.com/Changing-the-default-end-repeat-bracket-tc169357>

```

\layout {
  \context {
    \Score
    %% Changing the defaults from engraver-init.ly
    measureBarType = "!"
    startRepeatBarType = "[|:"
    endRepeatBarType = ":|]"
    doubleRepeatBarType = ":||[|:"
  }
}

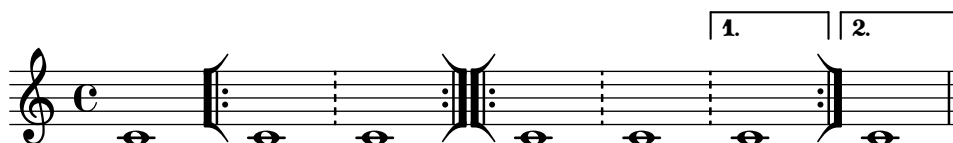
%% example:
{
  c'1
  \repeat volta 2 { \repeat unfold 2 c' }
  \repeat volta 2 { \repeat unfold 2 c' }
  \alternative {

```

```

{ c' }
{
  %% v2.18 workaround
  \once\override Score.VoltaBracket.shorten-pair = #'(1 . -1)
  c'
}
}
\bar "|"
}

```



Controlling the appearance of tremolo slashes

Using various properties of the `StemTremolo` grob it is possible to control the appearance of tremolo slashes.

- Property `slope` sets the slope for tremolo slashes.
- Property `shape` determines whether tremolo slashes look like rectangles (value `rectangle`) or like very small beams (value `beam-like`).
- Property `style` sets both the slope and the shape depending on whether the note has flags, beams, or only a plain stem. This is in contrast to the previous two properties, which change the slope and shape unconditionally. There are two styles defined.
 - `default`: slashes for down-stem flags are longer and more sloped than slashes for up-stem flags; slashes on beamed notes have a rectangular shape and are parallel to the beam.
 - `constant`: all slashes are beam-like and have the same slope except for down-stem flags.

```

music = {
  a''4:32 a':
  e''8: \noBeam e':
  a'':[ a':]
  f':[ g':]
  d':[ d':]
}

\new Staff {
  <>^\markup "default"
  \music
}

\new Staff {
  <>^\markup \typewriter "style = #'constant"
  \override StemTremolo.style = #'constant
  \music
}

\new Staff {
  <>^\markup \typewriter "shape = #'rectangle"

```

```

\override StemTremolo.shape = #'rectangle
\music
}


\new Staff {
  <>^\markup \typewriter "shape = #'beam-like"
  \override StemTremolo.shape = #'beam-like
  \music
}

\new Staff {
  <>^\markup \typewriter "slope = -0.2"
  \override StemTremolo.slope = -0.2
  \music
}


\paper {
  indent = 0
  tagline = ##f
}

```


default




style = #'constant



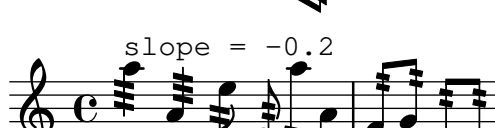
shape = #'rectangle



shape = #'beam-like



slope = -0.2



Cross-staff tremolos

Since `\repeat tremolo` expects exactly two musical arguments for chord tremolos, the note or chord which changes staff within a cross-staff tremolo should be placed inside curly braces together with its `\change Staff` command.

```

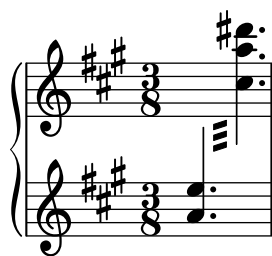
\new PianoStaff <<
  \new Staff = "up" \relative c' {
    \key a \major

```

```

\time 3/8
s4.
}
\new Staff = "down" \relative c'' {
  \key a \major
  \time 3/8
  \voiceOne
  \repeat tremolo 6 {
    <a e'>32
    {
      \change Staff = "up"
      \voiceTwo
      <cis a' dis>32
    }
  }
}
}
>>

```



Engraving tremolos with floating beams

If a tremolo's total duration is less than a quarter-note, or exactly a half-note, or between a half-note and a whole-note, it is normally typeset with all beams touching the stems. Certain engraving styles typeset some of these beams as centered floating beams that do not touch the stems. The number of floating beams in this type of tremolo is controlled with the 'gap-count' property of the Beam object, and the size of the gaps between beams and stems is set with the 'gap' property.

```

\relative c'' {
  \repeat tremolo 8 { a32 f }
  \override Beam.gap-count = #1
  \repeat tremolo 8 { a32 f }
  \override Beam.gap-count = #2
  \repeat tremolo 8 { a32 f }
  \override Beam.gap-count = #3
  \repeat tremolo 8 { a32 f }

  \override Beam.gap-count = #3
  \override Beam.gap = #1.33
  \repeat tremolo 8 { a32 f }
  \override Beam.gap = #1
  \repeat tremolo 8 { a32 f }
  \override Beam.gap = #0.67
  \repeat tremolo 8 { a32 f }
  \override Beam.gap = #0.33
  \repeat tremolo 8 { a32 f }
}

```

}



Isolated percent repeats

Isolated percents can also be printed.

```
makePercent =
#(define-music-function (note) (ly:music?)
  "Make a percent repeat the same length as NOTE."
  (make-music 'PercentEvent
    'length (ly:music-length note)))
```

```
\relative c'' {
  \makePercent s1
}
```



Measure counter

This snippet provides a workaround for emitting measure counters using transparent percent repeats.

```
<<
  \context Voice = "foo" {
    \clef bass
    c4 r g r
    c4 r g r
    c4 r g r
    c4 r g r
  }
  \context Voice = "foo" {
    \set countPercentRepeats = ##t
    \hide PercentRepeat
    \override PercentRepeatCounter.staff-padding = #1
    \repeat percent 4 { s1 }
  }
>>
```



Numbering groups of measures

This snippet demonstrates the use of the `Measure_counter_engraver` to number groups of successive measures. Any stretch of measures may be numbered, whether consisting of repetitions or not.

The engraver must be added to the appropriate context. Here, a `Staff` context is used; another possibility is a `Dynamics` context.

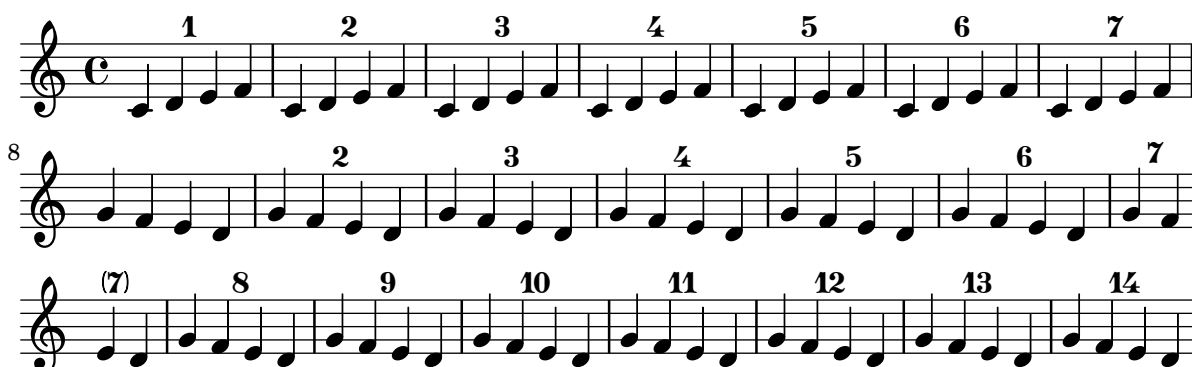
The counter is begun with `\startMeasureCount` and ended with `\stopMeasureCount`. Numbering will start by default with 1, but this behavior may be modified by overriding the `count-from` property.

When a measure extends across a line break, the number will appear twice, the second time in parentheses.

```
\layout {
  \context {
    \Staff
    \consists #Measure_counter_engraver
  }
}

\new Staff {
  \startMeasureCount
  \repeat unfold 7 {
    c'4 d' e' f'
  }
  \stopMeasureCount
  \bar "||"
  g'4 f' e' d'
  \override Staff.MeasureCounter.count-from = #2
  \startMeasureCount
  \repeat unfold 5 {
    g'4 f' e' d'
  }
  g'4 f'
  \bar ""
  \break
  e'4 d'
  \repeat unfold 7 {
    g'4 f' e' d'
  }
  \stopMeasureCount
}

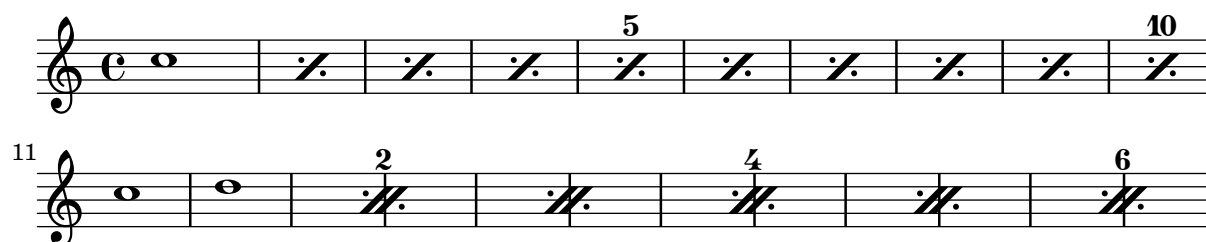
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```



Percent repeat count visibility

Percent repeat counters can be shown at regular intervals by setting the context property `repeatCountVisibility`.

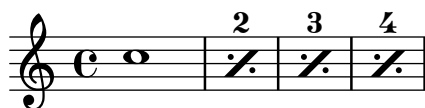
```
\relative c' {
  \set countPercentRepeats = ##t
  \set repeatCountVisibility = #(every-nth-repeat-count-visible 5)
  \repeat percent 10 { c1 } \break
  \set repeatCountVisibility = #(every-nth-repeat-count-visible 2)
  \repeat percent 6 { c1 d1 }
}
```



Percent repeat counter

Measure repeats of more than two repeats can get a counter when the convenient property is switched, as shown in this example:

```
\relative c' {
  \set countPercentRepeats = ##t
  \repeat percent 4 { c1 }
}
```



Positioning segno and coda (with line break)

If you want to place an exiting segno sign and add text like “D.S. al Coda” next to it where usually the staff lines are you can use this snippet. The coda will resume in a new line. There is a variation documented in this snippet, where the coda will remain on the same line.

```
%% Updating this snippet with convert-ly to 2.25. returns:
%%
%% "Not smart enough to convert music following \fine.
%%
%% Warning: \fine no longer enforces the end of the music. If your piece
%% has music following \fine that you want to exclude when it is
%% unfolded, use \volta to exclude it.
%% Please refer to the manual for details, and update manually."
%%
%% Alas, the use of \fine here is not problematic here --harm
```

```
{
  \relative c' {
    c4 c c c c c c c c c c c
    \repeat segno 2 {
      c4 c c c c c c c
      \alternative {
        \volta 1 {
          c4 c c c c c c c c c c c
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

```

% If you don't use \break at Coda, use \noBreak here
% and after \bar "" below.
\noBreak
\section % double bar line
\cadenzaOn % pause bar count
\stopStaff % remove staff lines
% Increasing the unfold counter will expand the staff-free space
\repeat unfold 6 {
  s1
  \bar ""
}
% Place JumpScript where the staff would normally be.
\once \override Score.JumpScript.outside-staff-priority = ##f
\once \override Score.JumpScript.Y-offset = 0
\startStaff % resume bar count
\cadenzaOff % show staff lines again
}
}
}
\sectionLabel "Coda"
% Show Coda on a new line
\break
\repeat unfold 8 { c4 c c c }
\fine
}
}

\paper { tagline = ##f }

```

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Coda

D.S. % al ϕ
e poi la Coda

Setting the double repeat default for volte

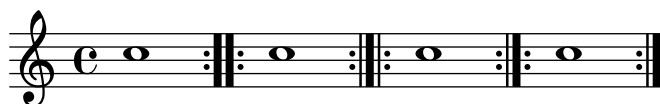
There are three different styles of double repeats for volte, that can be set using `doubleRepeatBarType`.

```

\relative c' {
  \repeat volta 2 { c1 }
  \set Score.doubleRepeatBarType = ":\dots:"
  \repeat volta 2 { c1 }
  \set Score.doubleRepeatBarType = ":\mid\mid:"
  \repeat volta 2 { c1 }
  \set Score.doubleRepeatBarType = ":\mid\mid:"
}

```

```
\repeat volta 2 { c1 }
}
```



Shortening volta brackets

By default, the volta brackets will be drawn over all of the alternative music, but it is possible to shorten them by overriding `VoltaBracket.musical-length`. In the next example, the bracket only lasts one measure, which is a duration of 3/4.

```
\fixed c' {
  \time 3/4
  c4 c c
  \repeat volta 5 {
    d4 d d
    \alternative {
      \volta 1,2,3,4 {
        \once \override Score.VoltaBracket.musical-length =
        \musicLength 2.
        e4 e e
        f4 f f
      }
      \volta 5 {
        g4 g g
        g2.
      }
    }
  }
}
```



Volta below chords

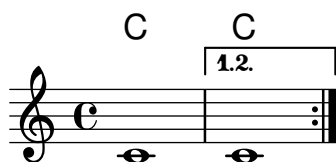
By adding the `Volta_engraver` to the relevant staff, voltes can be put under chords.

```
\score {
  <<
    \chords {
      c1
      c1
    }
    \new Staff \with {
      \consists "Volta_engraver"
    }
    {
      \repeat volta 2 { c'1 }
      \alternative { c' }
    }
  }
}
```

```

>>
\layout {
  \context {
    \Score
    \remove "Volta_engraver"
  }
}

```



Volta brackets in multiple staves

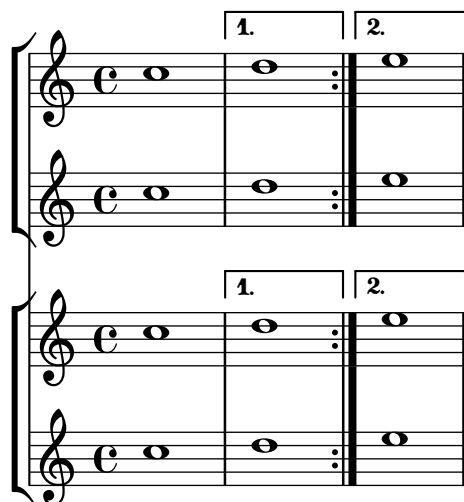
By adding the `Volta_engraver` to the relevant staff, voltes can be put over staves other than the topmost one in a score.

```

voltaMusic = \relative c'' {
  \repeat volta 2 {
    c1
    \alternative {
      \volta 1 { d1 }
      \volta 2 { e1 }
    }
  }
}

<<
\new StaffGroup <<
  \new Staff \voltaMusic
  \new Staff \voltaMusic
>>
\new StaffGroup <<
  \new Staff \with { \consists "Volta_engraver" }
    \voltaMusic
  \new Staff \voltaMusic
>>
>>

```



Volta text markup using repeatCommands

Though voltes are best specified using `\repeat volta`, the context property `repeatCommands` must be used in cases where the volta text needs more advanced formatting with `\markup`.

Since `repeatCommands` takes a list, the simplest method of including markup is to use an identifier for the text and embed it in the command list using the Scheme syntax `#(list (list 'volta textIdentifier))`. Start- and end-repeat commands can be added as separate list elements:

```
voltaAdLib = \markup { \volta-number { 1. 2. 3... } \italic { ad lib. } }
```

```
\relative c' ' {
  c1
  \set Score.repeatCommands = #(list (list 'volta voltaAdLib) 'start-repeat)
  c4 b d e
  \set Score.repeatCommands = #'((volta #f) (volta "4.") end-repeat)
  f1
  \set Score.repeatCommands = #'((volta #f))
}
```



Simultaneous notes

See also Section “Simultaneous notes” in *Notation Reference*.

Additional voices to avoid collisions

In some instances of complex polyphonic music, additional voices are necessary to prevent collisions between notes. If more than four parallel voices are needed, additional voices can be added by defining a variable using the Scheme function `context-spec-music`.

```
voiceFive = #(context-spec-music (make-voice-props-set 4) 'Voice)
```

```
\relative c' ' {
  \time 3/4
  \key d \minor
  \partial 2
  <<
    \new Voice {
      \voiceOne
      a4. a8
      e'4 e4. e8
      f4 d4. c8
    }
    \new Voice {
      \voiceTwo
      d,2
      d4 cis2
      d4 bes2
    }
    \new Voice {
      \voiceThree
      f'2
      bes4 a2
      a4 s2
    }
    \new Voice {
      \voiceFive
      s2
      g4 g2
      f4 f2
    }
  >>
}
```



Changing \partCombine texts

When using the automatic part combining feature, the printed text for the solo and unison sections may be changed.

```
\new Staff <<
```

```

\set Staff.soloText = "girl"
\set Staff.soloIIIText = "boy"
\set Staff.aDueText = "together"
\partCombine
  \relative c'' {
    g4 g r r
    a2 g
  }
  \relative c'' {
    r4 r a( b)
    a2 g
  }
}
>>

```



Changing a single note's size in a chord

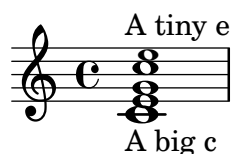
Individual note heads in a chord can be modified with the `\tweak` command inside a chord, by altering the `font-size` property.

Inside the chord (within the brackets `< >`), before the note to be altered, place the `\tweak` command, followed by `font-size` and define the proper size like `#-2` (a tiny note head).

```

\relative c' {
  <\tweak font-size #-2 c e g c
  \tweak font-size #-2 e>1
  ~\markup { A tiny e }_ \markup { A big c }
}

```



Clusters

Clusters are a device to denote that a complete range of notes is to be played.

```

fragment = \relative c' {
  c4 f <e d'>4
  <g a>8 <e a> a4 c2 <d b>4
  e2 c
}

<<
  \new Staff \fragment
  \new Staff \makeClusters \fragment
>>

```



Combining two parts on the same staff

The part combiner tool (i.e., the `\partCombine` command) allows the combination of several different parts on the same staff. Text directions such as “solo” or “a2” are added by default; to remove them, simply set the property `printPartCombineTexts` to `#f`.

For vocal scores (hymns), there is no need to add “solo/a2” texts, so they should be switched off. However, it might be better not to use them if there are any solos, as they won’t be indicated. In such cases, standard polyphonic notation may be preferable.

This snippet presents the three ways two parts can be printed on a same staff: standard polyphony, `\partCombine` without texts, and `\partCombine` with texts.

```
musicUp = \relative c'' {
  \time 4/4
  a4 c4.( g8) a4 |
  g4 e' g,( a8 b) |
  c b a2.
}

musicDown = \relative c'' {
  g4 e4.( d8) c4 |
  r2 g'4( f8 e) |
  d2 \stemDown a
}

\score {
  <<
    \new Staff \with {
      instrumentName = "standard polyphony"
    } << \musicUp \\\musicDown >>

    \new Staff \with {
      instrumentName =
        \markup { \typewriter "\\partCombine" without text}
      printPartCombineTexts = ##f
    } \partCombine \musicUp \musicDown

    \new Staff \with {
      instrumentName =
        \markup { \typewriter "\\partCombine" with text}
    } \partCombine \musicUp \musicDown
  >>

  \layout {
    indent = 6.0\cm
    \context {
```

```

\Score
% Setting this to a large value avoids a bar line at the
% beginning that would connect the three staves otherwise.
\override SystemStartBar.collapse-height = 30
}
}
}

```

standard polyphony

\partCombine without text

\partCombine with text



Displaying complex chords

Here is a way to display a chord where the same note is played twice with different accidentals.

```

fixA = {
  \once \override Stem.length = #11
}

fixB = {
  \once \override NoteHead.X-offset = #1.7
  \once \override Stem.length = #7
  \once \override Stem.rotation = #'(45 0 0)
  \once \override Stem.extra-offset = #'(-0.1 . -0.2)
  \once \override Flag.style = #'no-flag
  \once \override Accidental.extra-offset = #'(4 . -.1)
}

\relative c' {
  << { \fixA <b d!>8 } \ { \voiceThree \fixB dis } >> s
}

```



Forcing horizontal shift of notes

When the typesetting engine cannot cope, the following syntax can be used to override typesetting decisions. The units of measure used here are staff spaces.

```

\relative c' <<
{
  <d g>2 <d g>
}

```

```

}
\\
{
  <b f'>2
  \once \override NoteColumn.force-hshift = 1.7
  <b f'>2
}
>>

```



Making an object invisible with the 'transparent' property

Setting the transparent property will cause an object to be printed in “invisible ink”: the object is not printed, but all its other behavior is retained. The object still takes up space, it takes part in collisions, and slurs, ties and beams can be attached to it.

This snippet demonstrates how to connect different voices using ties. Normally, ties only connect two notes in the same voice. By introducing a tie in a different voice, and blanking the first up-stem in that voice, the tie appears to cross voices.

```

\relative {
  \time 2/4
  <<
  {
    \once \hide Stem
    \once \override Stem.length = #8
    b'8 ~ 8\noBeam
    \once \hide Stem
    \once \override Stem.length = #8
    g8 ~ 8\noBeam
  }
  \\
  {
    b8 g g e
  }
  >>
}

```



Moving dotted notes in polyphony

When a dotted note in the upper voice is moved to avoid a collision with a note in another voice, the default is to move the upper note to the right. This behaviour can be over-ridden by using the prefer-dotted-right property of NoteCollision.

```

\new Staff \relative c' <<
{
  f2. f4
}

```

```

\override Staff.NoteCollision.prefer-dotted-right = ##f
f2. f4
\override Staff.NoteCollision.prefer-dotted-right = ##t
f2. f4
}
\\
{ e4 e e e e e e e e e e }
>>

```



Suppressing warnings for clashing note columns

If notes from two voices with stems in the same direction are placed at the same position, and both voices have no shift or the same shift specified, the error message ‘warning: ignoring too many clashing note columns’ will appear when compiling the LilyPond file. This message can be suppressed by setting the ‘ignore-collision’ property of the NoteColumn object to #t. Please note that this does not just suppress warnings but stops LilyPond trying to resolve collisions at all and so may have unintended results unless used with care.

```
ignore = \override NoteColumn.ignore-collision = ##t
```

```

\relative c' {
  \new Staff <<
    \new Voice { \ignore \stemDown f2 g }
    \new Voice { c2 \stemDown c, }
  >>
}

```



Two \partCombine pairs on one staff

The \partCombine function takes two music expressions each containing a part, and distributes them among four Voices named “two”, “one”, “solo”, and “chords” depending on when and how the parts are merged into a common voice. The voices output from \partCombine can have their layout properties adjusted in the usual way. Here we define extensions of \partCombine to make it easier to put four voices on a staff.

```

soprano = { d'4 | cis' b e' d'8 cis' | cis'2 b }
alto = { fis4 | e8 fis gis ais b4 b | b ais fis2 }
tenor = { a8 b | cis' dis' e'4 b8 cis' d'4 | gis cis' dis'2 }
bass = { fis8 gis | a4 gis g fis | eis fis b,2 }

```

```

\new Staff <<
  \key b\minor
  \clef alto
  \partial 4
  \transpose b b'
  \partCombineUp \soprano \alto

```

```

\partCombineDown \tenor \bass
>>

\layout {
  \context {
    \Staff
    \accepts "VoiceBox"
  }
  \context {
    \name "VoiceBox"
    \type "Engraver_group"
    \defaultchild "Voice"
    \accepts "Voice"
    \accepts "NullVoice"
  }
}

customPartCombineUp =
#(define-music-function (partOne partTwo)
  (ly:music? ly:music?)
  "Take the music in @var{partOne} and @var{partTwo} and return
  a @code{VoiceBox} named @q{Up} containing @code{Voice}s
  that contain @var{partOne} and @var{partTwo} merged into one
  voice where feasible. This variant sets the default voicing
  in the output to use upward stems."
  #{
    \new VoiceBox = "Up" <<
      \context Voice = "one" { \voiceOne }
      \context Voice = "two" { \voiceThree }
      \context Voice = "shared" { \voiceOne }
      \context Voice = "solo" { \voiceOne }
      \context NullVoice = "null" {}
      \partCombine #partOne #partTwo
    >>
  })

customPartCombineDown = #
(define-music-function (partOne partTwo)
  (ly:music? ly:music?)
  "Take the music in @var{partOne} and @var{partTwo} and return
  a @code{VoiceBox} named @q{Down} containing @code{Voice}s
  that contain @var{partOne} and @var{partTwo} merged into one
  voice where feasible. This variant sets the default voicing
  in the output to use downward stems."
  #{
    \new VoiceBox = "Down" <<
      \set VoiceBox.soloText = #"Solo III"
      \set VoiceBox.soloIIIText = #"Solo IV"
      \context Voice = "one" { \voiceFour }
      \context Voice = "two" { \voiceTwo }
      \context Voice = "shared" { \voiceFour }
      \context Voice = "solo" { \voiceFour }
    >>
  })

```

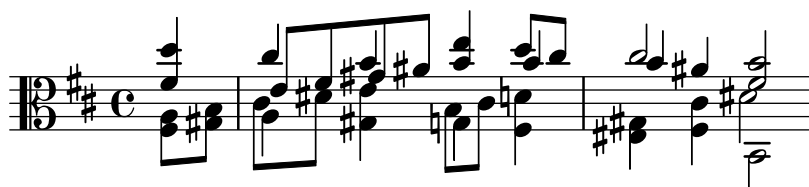
```

\context NullVoice = "null" {}
\partCombine #partOne #partTwo
>>
#})

soprano = { d'4 | cis' b e' d'8 cis' | cis'2 b }
alto = { fis4 | e8 fis gis ais b4 b | b ais fis2 }
tenor = { a8 b | cis' dis' e'4 b8 cis' d'4 | gis cis' dis'2 }
bass = { fis8 gis | a4 gis g fis | eis fis b,2 }

\new Staff <<
  \key b\minor
  \clef alto
  \partial 4
  \transpose b b'
  \customPartCombineUp \soprano \alto
  \customPartCombineDown \tenor \bass
>>

```



Staff notation

See also Section “Staff notation” in *Notation Reference*.

Adding ambitus per voice

Ambitus can be added per voice. In this case, the ambitus must be moved manually to prevent collisions.

```
\new Staff <<
  \new Voice \with {
    \consists "Ambitus_engraver"
  } \relative c'' {
    \override Ambitus.X-offset = 2.0
    \voiceOne
    c4 a d e
    f1
  }
  \new Voice \with {
    \consists "Ambitus_engraver"
  } \relative c' {
    \voiceTwo
    es4 f g as
    b1
  }
}>>
```



Adding an extra staff

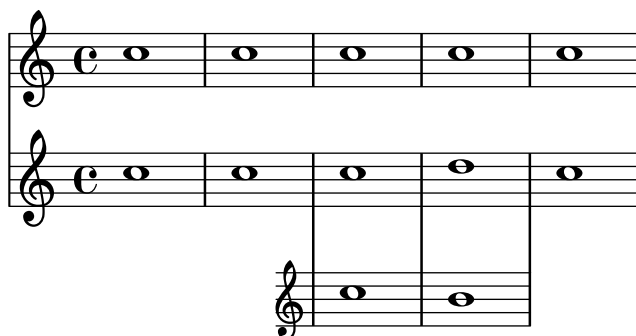
An extra staff can be added (possibly temporarily) after the start of a piece.

```
\score {
  <<
    \new Staff \relative c'' {
      c1 | c | c | c | c
    }
    \new StaffGroup \relative c'' {
      \new Staff {
        c1 | c
      } <<
      {
        c1 | d
      }
      \new Staff {
        \once \omit Staff.TimeSignature
        c1 | b
      }
    }
  >>
  c1
}
```

```

    }
  >>
}

```



Adding an extra staff at a line break

When adding a new staff at a line break, some extra space is unfortunately added at the end of the line before the break (to fit in a key signature change, which will never be printed anyway). The workaround is to add a setting of `Staff.explicitKeySignatureVisibility` as is shown in the example.

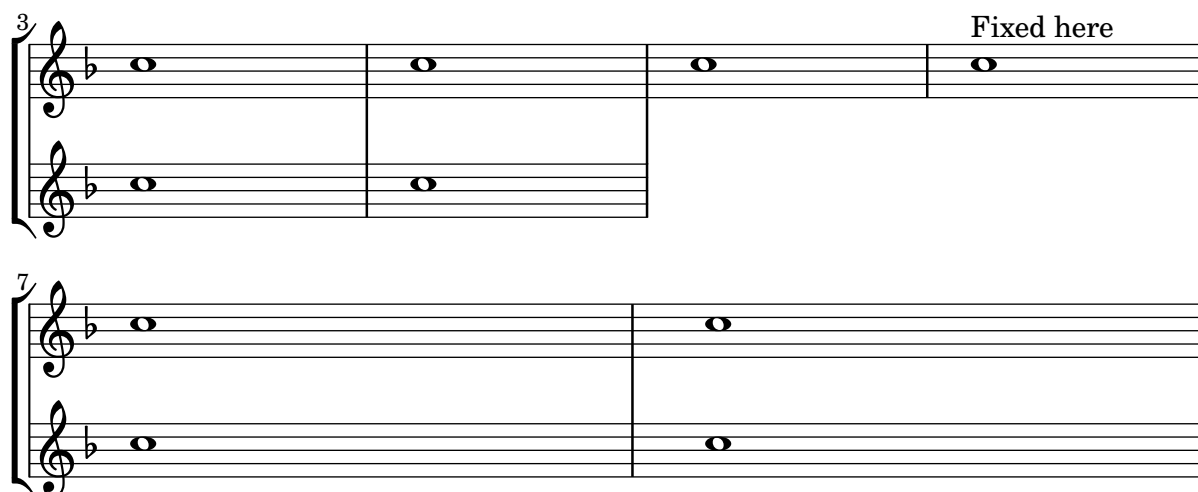
```

\paper { tagline = ##f }

\score {
  \new StaffGroup \relative c'' {
    \new Staff
    \key f \major
    c1 c^"Unwanted extra space" \break
    << { c1 | c }
    \new Staff {
      \key f \major
      \once \omit Staff.TimeSignature
      c1 | c
    }
  }
  >>
  c1 | c^"Fixed here" \break
  << { c1 | c }
  \new Staff {
    \once \set Staff.explicitKeySignatureVisibility = #end-of-line-invisible
    \key f \major
    \once \omit Staff.TimeSignature
    c1 | c
  }
  >>
}
}

```





Adding indicators to staves which get split after a break

This snippet defines the commands `\splitStaffBarLine`, `\convUpStaffBarLine`, and `\convDownStaffBarLine`. These add arrows at a bar line to denote that several voices sharing a staff will each continue on a staff of their own in the next system, or that voices split in this way recombine.

```
#(define-markup-command (arrow-at-angle layout props angle-deg length fill)
  (number? number? boolean?)
  (let* (
    (PI-OVER-180 (/ (atan 1 1) 34))
    (degrees->radians (lambda (degrees) (* degrees PI-OVER-180)))
    (angle-rad (degrees->radians angle-deg))
    (target-x (* length (cos angle-rad)))
    (target-y (* length (sin angle-rad))))
    (interpret-markup layout props
      (markup
        #:translate (cons (/ target-x 2) (/ target-y 2))
        #:rotate angle-deg
        #:translate (cons (/ length -2) 0)
        #:concat (:#draw-line (cons length 0)
          #:arrow-head X RIGHT fill))))))

splitStaffBarLineMarkup = \markup \with-dimensions #'(0 . 0) #'(0 . 0) {
  \combine
  \arrow-at-angle #45 #(sqrt 8) ##t
  \arrow-at-angle #-45 #(sqrt 8) ##t
}

splitStaffBarLine = {
  \once \override Staff.BarLine.stencil =
  #(lambda (grob)
    (ly:stencil-combine-at-edge
      (ly:bar-line::print grob)
      X RIGHT
      (grob-interpret-markup grob splitStaffBarLineMarkup)
      0))
}
```

```

\break
}

convDownStaffBarLine = {
  \once \override Staff.BarLine.stencil =
  #(\lambda (grob)
    (ly:stencil-combine-at-edge
      (ly:bar-line::print grob)
      X RIGHT
      (grob-interpret-markup grob #{
        \markup\with-dimensions #'(0 . 0) #'(0 . 0) {
          \translate #'(0 . -.13)\arrow-at-angle #-45 #(\sqrt 8) ##t
        }#})
      0))
  \break
}

convUpStaffBarLine = {
  \once \override Staff.BarLine.stencil =
  #(\lambda (grob)
    (ly:stencil-combine-at-edge
      (ly:bar-line::print grob)
      X RIGHT
      (grob-interpret-markup grob #{
        \markup\with-dimensions #'(0 . 0) #'(0 . 0) {
          \translate #'(0 . .14)\arrow-at-angle #45 #(\sqrt 8) ##t
        }#})
      0))
  \break
}

\header { tagline = ##f }

\paper {
  ragged-right = ##t
  short-indent = 10\mm
}

separateSopranos = {
  \set Staff.instrumentName = "AI AII"
  \set Staff.shortInstrumentName = "AI AII"
  \splitStaffBarLine
  \change Staff = "up"
}

convSopranos = {
  \convDownStaffBarLine
  \change Staff = "shared"
  \set Staff.instrumentName = "S A"
  \set Staff.shortInstrumentName = "S A"
}

```

```

sI = {
  \voiceOne
  \repeat unfold 4 f''2
  \separateSopranos
  \repeat unfold 4 g''2
  \convSopranos
  \repeat unfold 4 c''2
}
sII = {
  s1*2
  \voiceTwo
  \change Staff = "up"
  \repeat unfold 4 d''2
}
aI = {
  \voiceTwo
  \repeat unfold 4 a'2
  \voiceOne
  \repeat unfold 4 b'2
  \convUpStaffBarLine
  \voiceTwo
  \repeat unfold 4 g'2
}
aII = {
  s1*2
  \voiceTwo
  \repeat unfold 4 g'2
}
ten = {
  \voiceOne
  \repeat unfold 4 c'2
  \repeat unfold 4 d'2
  \repeat unfold 4 c'2
}
bas = {
  \voiceTwo
  \repeat unfold 4 f2
  \repeat unfold 4 g2
  \repeat unfold 4 c2
}

\score {
  <<
  \new ChoirStaff <<
    \new Staff = up \with {
      instrumentName = "SI SII"
      shortInstrumentName = "SI SII"
    } {
      s1*4
    }

    \new Staff = shared \with {

```

```

    instrumentName = "S A"
    shortInstrumentName = "S A"
} <<
  \new Voice = sopI \sI
  \new Voice = sopII \sII
  \new Voice = altI \aI
  \new Voice = altII \aII
>>
\new Lyrics \with {
  alignBelowContext = up
}
\lyricsto sopII { e f g h }
\new Lyrics \lyricsto altI { a b c d e f g h i j k l }

\new Staff = men \with {
  instrumentName = "T B"
  shortInstrumentName = "T B"
} <<
  \clef F
  \new Voice = ten \ten
  \new Voice = bas \bas
>>
\new Lyrics \lyricsto bas { a b c d e f g h i j k l }
>>
>>
\layout {
  \context {
    \Staff \RemoveEmptyStaves
    \override VerticalAxisGroup.remove-first = ##t
  }
}
}

```

The image shows a musical score for two parts: Soprano (S A) and Tenor/Bass (T B). The Soprano part is written on a treble clef staff, and the Tenor/Bass part is written on a bass clef staff. Both parts are in common time (C). The Soprano part has four measures of music, each with a half note and a lyric below it: 'a', 'b', 'c', 'd'. The Tenor/Bass part also has four measures of music, each with a half note and a lyric below it: 'a', 'b', 'c', 'd'.

SI SII
e f g h

AI AII
e f g h

T B
e f g h

S A
i j k l

T B
i j k l

Adding orchestral cues to a vocal score

This shows one approach to simplify adding many orchestral cues to the piano reduction in a vocal score. The music function `\cueWhile` takes four arguments: the music from which the cue is to be taken, as defined by `\addQuote`, the name to be inserted before the cue notes, then either `#UP` or `#DOWN` to specify either `\voiceOne` with the name above the staff or `\voiceTwo` with the name below the staff, and finally the piano music in parallel with which the cue notes are to appear. The name of the cued instrument is positioned to the left of the cued notes. Many passages can be cued, but they cannot overlap each other in time.

```
cueWhile =
#(define-music-function
  (instrument name dir music)
  (string? string? ly:dir? ly:music?)
  #{
    \cueDuring $instrument #dir {
      \once \override TextScript.self-alignment-X = #RIGHT
      \once \override TextScript.direction = $dir
      <>-\markup { \tiny #name }
      $music
    }
  })

flute = \relative c'' {
  \transposition c'
  s4 s4 e g
}
\addQuote "flute" { \flute }
```

```

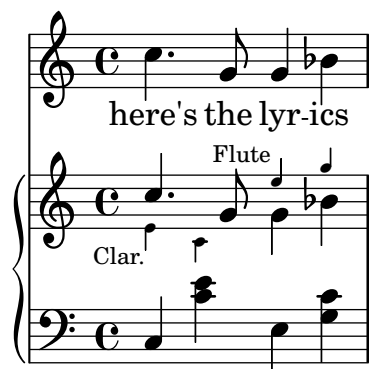
clarinet = \relative c' {
  \transposition bes
  fis4 d d c
}
\addQuote "clarinet" { \clarinet }

singer = \relative c'' { c4. g8 g4 bes4 }
words = \lyricmode { here's the lyr -- ics }

pianoRH = \relative c'' {
  \transposition c'
  \cueWhile "clarinet" "Clar." #DOWN { c4. g8 }
  \cueWhile "flute" "Flute" #UP { g4 bes4 }
}
pianoLH = \relative c { c4 <c' e> e, <g c> }

\score {
  <<
    \new Staff {
      \new Voice = "singer" {
        \singer
      }
    }
    \new Lyrics {
      \lyricsto "singer"
      \words
    }
    \new PianoStaff <<
      \new Staff {
        \new Voice {
          \pianoRH
        }
      }
      \new Staff {
        \clef "bass"
        \pianoLH
      }
    }
  >>
}

```



Adding timing marks to long glissandi

Skipped beats in very long glissandi are sometimes indicated by timing marks, often consisting of stems without noteheads. Such stems can also be used to carry intermediate expression markings.

If the stems do not align well with the glissando, they may need to be repositioned slightly.

```
glissandoSkipOn = {
  \override NoteColumn.glissando-skip = ##t
  \hide NoteHead
  \override NoteHead.no-ledgers = ##t
}
```

```
glissandoSkipOff = {
  \revert NoteColumn.glissando-skip
  \undo \hide NoteHead
  \revert NoteHead.no-ledgers
}
```

```
\relative c' {
  r8 f8\glissando
  \glissandoSkipOn
  f4 g a a8\noBeam
  \glissandoSkipOff
  a8

  r8 f8\glissando
  \glissandoSkipOn
  g4 a8
  \glissandoSkipOff
  a8 |

  r4 f\glissando \<
  \glissandoSkipOn
  a4\f \>
  \glissandoSkipOff
  b8\! r |
}
```



Alternative bar numbering

Two alternative methods for bar numbering can be set, especially for when using repeated music.

```
music = \relative c' {
  \repeat volta 3 {
    c4 d e f |
    \alternative {
      \volta 1 { c4 d e f | c2 d \break }
      \volta 2 { f4 g a b | f4 g a b | f2 a | \break }
      \volta 3 { c4 d e f | c2 d } } } }
```

```

c1 \bar "|"
}

\markup "default"
{
  \music
}

\markup \typewriter "'numbers"
{
  \set Score.alternativeNumberingStyle = #'numbers
  \music
}

\markup \typewriter "'numbers-with-letters"
{
  \set Score.alternativeNumberingStyle = #'numbers-with-letters
  \music
}

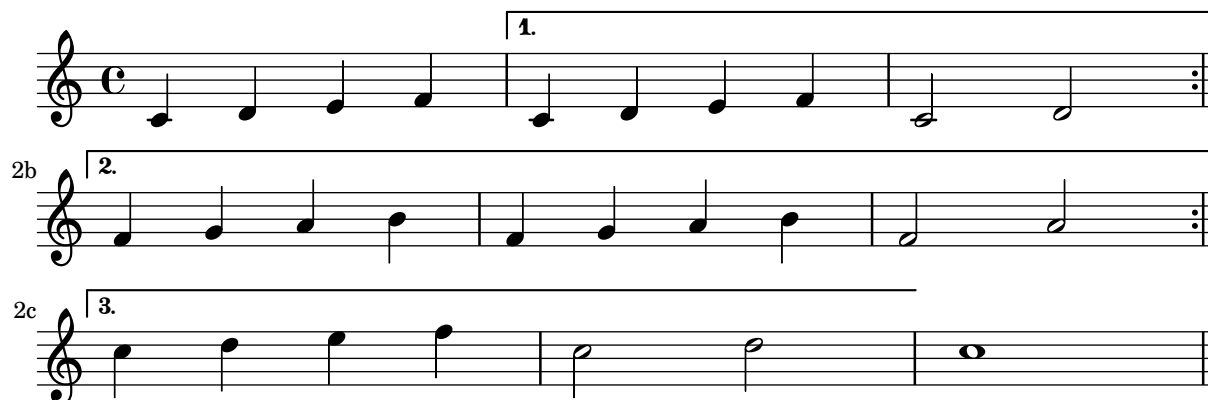
\paper { tagline = ##f }

```

default

'numbers

'numbers-with-letters



Ambitus after key signature

By default, ambitus are positioned at the left of the clef. The `\ambitusAfter` function allows for changing this placement. Syntax is `\ambitusAfter grob-interface` (see Graphical Object Interfaces (<http://lilypond.org/doc/v2.22/Documentation/internals/graphical-object-interfaces>) for a list of possible values for `grob-interface`.)

A common use case is printing the ambitus between key signature and time signature.

```
\new Staff \with {
  \consists Ambitus_engraver
} \relative {
  \ambitusAfter key-signature
  \key d \major
  es'8 g bes cis d2
}
```



Centered measure numbers

Scores of large ensemble works often have bar numbers placed beneath the system, centered horizontally on the measure's extent. This snippet shows how the `Measure_counter_engraver` may be used to simulate this notational practice. Here, the engraver has been added to a Dynamics context.

This snippet presents a legacy method: starting from LilyPond 2.23.3, `\set Score.centerBarNumbers = ##t` is enough.

```
\layout {
  \context {
    \Dynamics
    \consists #Measure_counter_engraver
    \override MeasureCounter.direction = #DOWN
    \override MeasureCounter.font-encoding = #'latin1
    \override MeasureCounter.font-shape = #'italic
    % to control the distance of the Dynamics context from the staff:
    \override VerticalAxisGroup.nonstaff-relatedstaff-spacing.padding = #2
  }
  \context {
    \Score
    \remove "Bar_number_engraver"
  }
```

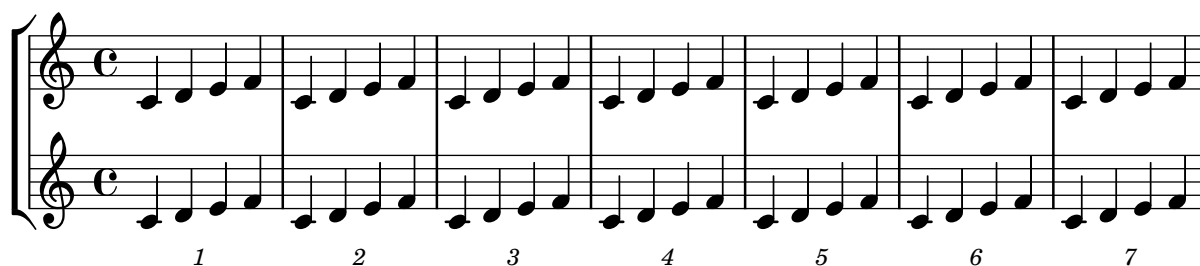
```

    }
  }

  pattern = \repeat unfold 7 { c'4 d' e' f' }

  \new StaffGroup <<
    \new Staff {
      \pattern
    }
    \new Staff {
      \pattern
    }
    \new Dynamics {
      \startMeasureCount
      s1*7
      \stopMeasureCount
    }
  >>

```



Changing the default bar lines

Default bar lines can be changed when re-defined in a score context.

% <http://lsr.di.unimi.it/LSR/Item?id=964>

%%=> <http://lists.gnu.org/archive/html/lilypond-user/2014-03/msg00126.html>

%%=> <http://lilypond.1069038.n5.nabble.com/Changing-the-default-end-repeat-bracket-tc169357>

```

\layout {
  \context {
    \Score
    %% Changing the defaults from engraver-init.ly
    measureBarType = "!"
    startRepeatBarType = "[|:"
    endRepeatBarType = ":|]"
    doubleRepeatBarType = ":||[|:"
  }
}

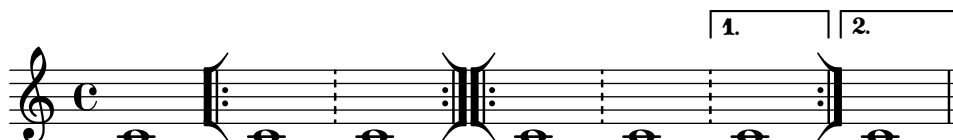
%% example:
{
  c'1
  \repeat volta 2 { \repeat unfold 2 c' }
  \repeat volta 2 { \repeat unfold 2 c' }
  \alternative {
    { c' }
  }
}

```

```

{
  %% v2.18 workaround
  \once\override Score.VoltaBracket.shorten-pair = #'(1 . -1)
  c'
}
}
\bar "|"
}

```



Changing the number of lines in a staff

The number of lines in a staff may be changed by overriding the `StaffSymbol` property `line-count`.

```

upper = \relative c'' {
  c4 d e f
}

```

```

lower = \relative c {
  \clef bass
  c4 b a g
}

```

```

\score {
  \context PianoStaff <<
    \new Staff {
      \upper
    }
    \new Staff {
      \override Staff.StaffSymbol.line-count = #4
      \lower
    }
  >>
}

```



Changing the staff size

Though the simplest way to resize staves is to use `#{set-global-staff-size xx}`, an individual staff's size can be changed by scaling the properties `'staff-space` and `fontSize`.

```

<<
  \new Staff {
    \relative c'' {
      \dynamicDown
    }
  }

```

```

      c8\ff c c c c c c c c
    }
  }
  \new Staff \with {
    fontSize = #-3
    \override StaffSymbol.staff-space = #(magstep -3)
  } {
    \clef bass
    c8 c c c c \f c c c
  }
>>

```



Creating blank staves

To create blank staves, generate empty measures then remove the Bar_number_engraver from the Score context, and the Time_signature_engraver, Clef_engraver and Bar_engraver from the Staff context.

```

#(set-global-staff-size 20)

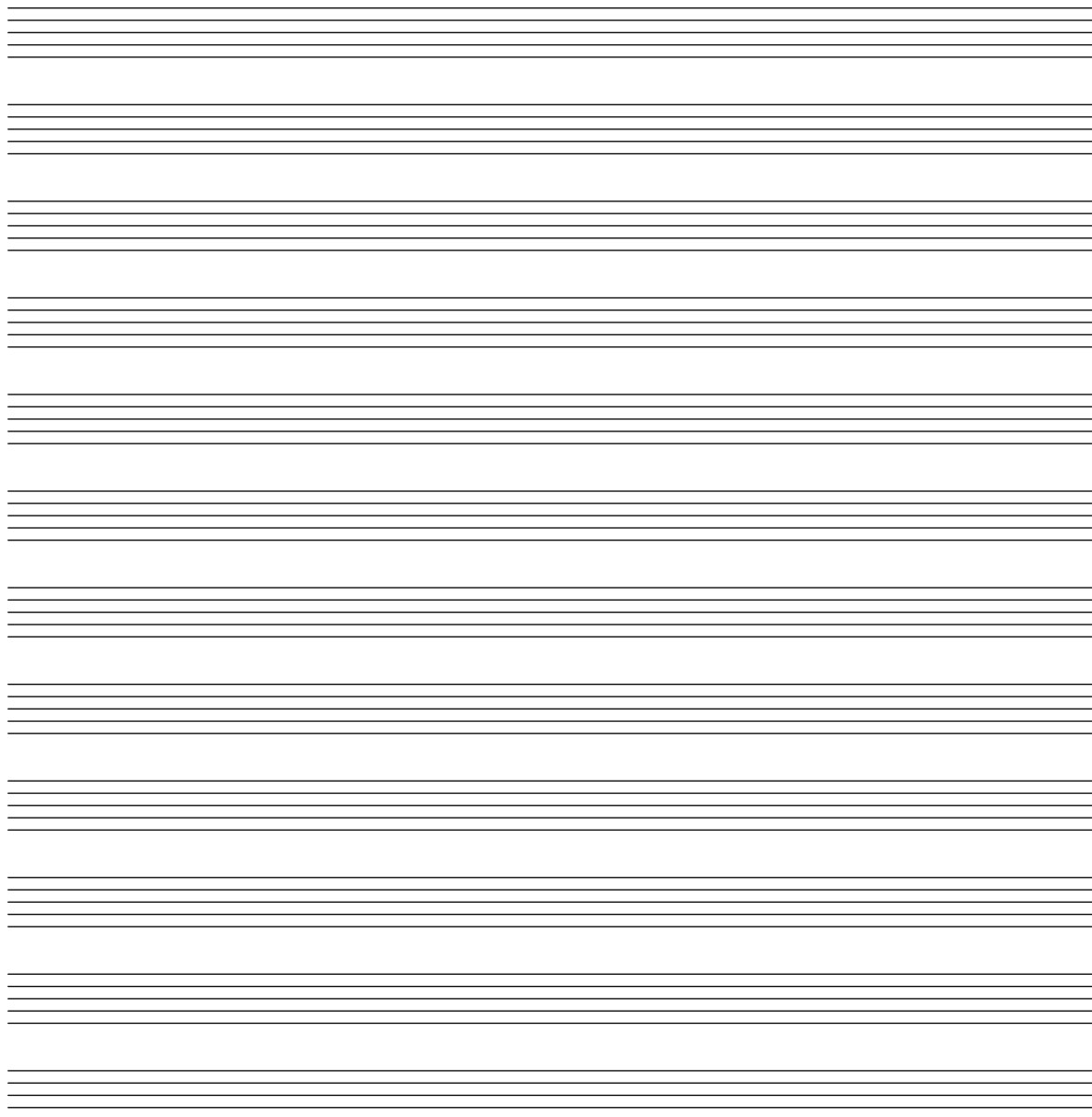
\score {
  {
    \repeat unfold 12 { s1 \break }
  }
  \layout {
    indent = 0\in
    \context {
      \Staff
      \remove "Time_signature_engraver"
      \remove "Clef_engraver"
      \remove "Bar_engraver"
    }
    \context {
      \Score
      \remove "Bar_number_engraver"
    }
  }
}

% uncomment these lines for "letter" size
%{
\paper {
  #(set-paper-size "letter")
  ragged-last-bottom = ##f
  line-width = 7.5\in
  left-margin = 0.5\in
}

```

```
bottom-margin = 0.25\in
top-margin = 0.25\in
}
%}

% uncomment these lines for "A4" size
%{
\paper {
  #(set-paper-size "a4")
  ragged-last-bottom = ##f
  line-width = 180
  left-margin = 15
  bottom-margin = 10
  top-margin = 10
}
%}
```



Creating custom key signatures

LilyPond supports custom key signatures. In this example, print for D minor with an extended range of printed flats.

```
\new Staff \with {
  \override StaffSymbol.line-count = #8
  \override KeySignature.flat-positions = #'((-7 . 6))
  \override KeyCancellation.flat-positions = #'((-7 . 6))
  % presumably sharps are also printed in both octaves
  \override KeySignature.sharp-positions = #'((-6 . 7))
  \override KeyCancellation.sharp-positions = #'((-6 . 7))

  \override Clef.stencil = #
  (lambda (grob)(grob-interpret-markup grob
    #{ \markup\combine
      \musicglyph "clefs.C"
      \translate #'(-3 . -2)
      \musicglyph "clefs.F"
    #}))
    clefPosition = #3
    middleCPosition = #3
    middleCClefPosition = #3
}

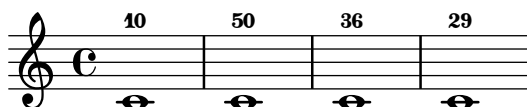
{
  \key d\minor
  f bes, f bes,
}
```



Creating double-digit fingerings

Creating fingerings larger than 5 is possible.

```
\relative c' {
  c1-10
  c1-50
  c1-36
  c1-29
}
```



Cross-staff stems

This snippet shows how to use `Span_stem_engraver` and `\crossStaff` to connect stems across staves automatically.

The stem lengths need not be specified, as the variable distance between noteheads and staves is calculated automatically. However, it is important that `\crossStaff` is applied to the correct

voice or staff (i.e., on the opposite side of where a beam is or would be positioned) to get the desired effect.

```
\layout {
  \context {
    \PianoStaff
    \consists "Span_stem_engraver"
  }
}

\new PianoStaff <<
  \new Staff {
    <b d'>4 r d'16\> e'8. g8 r\! |
    e'8 f' g'4
    \voiceTwo
    % Down to lower staff
    \crossStaff { e'8 e'8 } e'4 |
  }

  \new Staff {
    \clef bass
    \voiceOne
    % Up to upper staff
    \crossStaff { <e g>4 e, g16 a8. c8 } d |
    g8 f g4 \voiceTwo g8 g4 |
  }
>>
```



Display bracket with only one staff in a system

If there is only one staff in one of the staff types `ChoirStaff` or `StaffGroup`, by default the bracket and the starting bar line will not be displayed. This can be changed by overriding `collapse-height` to set its value to be less than the number of staff lines in the staff.

Note that in contexts such as `PianoStaff` and `GrandStaff` where the systems begin with a brace instead of a bracket, another property has to be set, as shown on the second system in the example.

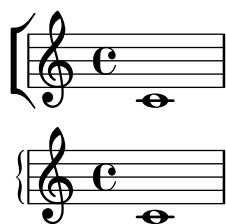
```
\score {
  \new StaffGroup <<
    % Must be lower than the actual number of staff lines
    \override StaffGroup.SystemStartBracket.collapse-height = 4
    \override Score.SystemStartBar.collapse-height = 4
    \new Staff {
      c'1
    }
  >>
```

```

}
\score {
  \new PianoStaff <<
    \override PianoStaff.SystemStartBrace.collapse-height = 4
    \override Score.SystemStartBar.collapse-height = 4
    \new Staff {
      c'1
    }
  >>
}

```

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```



Extending a TrillSpanner

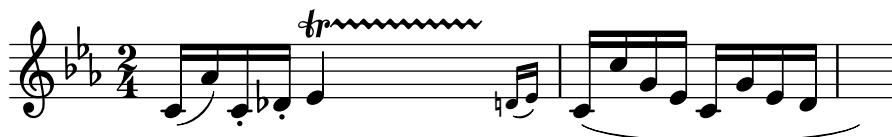
For `TrillSpanner`, the `minimum-length` property becomes effective only if the `set-spacing-rods` procedure is called explicitly.

To do this, the `springs-and-rods` property should be set to `ly:spanner::set-spacing-rods`.

```

\relative c' {
  \key c\minor
  \time 2/4
  c16( as') c,-. des-.
  \once\override TrillSpanner.minimum-length = #15
  \once\override TrillSpanner.springs-and-rods = #ly:spanner::set-spacing-rods
  \afterGrace es4
  \startTrillSpan { d16[( \stopTrillSpan es)] }
  c( c' g es c g' es d
  \hideNotes
  c8)
}

```



Extending glissandi across repeats

A glissando which extends into several `\alternative` blocks can be simulated by adding a hidden grace note with a glissando at the start of each `\alternative` block. The grace note should be at the same pitch as the note which starts the initial glissando. This is implemented here with a music function which takes the pitch of the grace note as its argument.

Note that in polyphonic music the grace note must be matched with corresponding grace notes in all other voices.

```
repeatGliss = #(define-music-function (grace)
```

```

(ly:pitch?)
#{
  % the next two lines ensure the glissando is long enough
  % to be visible
  \once \override Glissando.springs-and-rods
    = #ly:spanner::set-spacing-rods
  \once \override Glissando.minimum-length = 3.5
  \once \hideNotes
  \grace $grace \glissando
#})

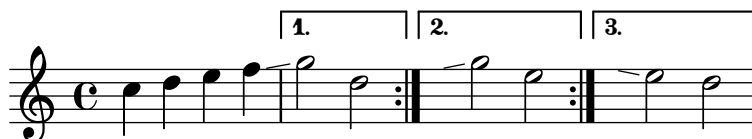
\score {
  \relative c' {
    \repeat volta 3 { c4 d e f\glissando }
    \alternative {
      { g2 d }
      { \repeatGliss f g2 e }
      { \repeatGliss f e2 d }
    }
  }
}

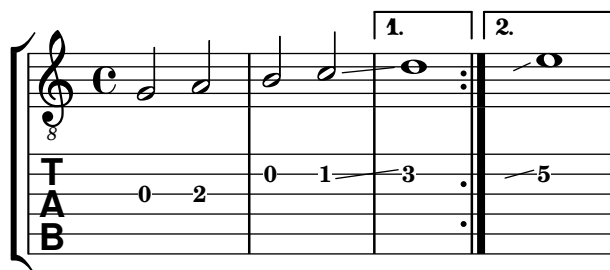
music = \relative c' {
  \voiceOne
  \repeat volta 2 {
    g a b c\glissando
  }
  \alternative {
    { d1 }
    { \repeatGliss c \once \omit StringNumber e1\2 }
  }
}

\score {
  \new StaffGroup <<
    \new Staff <<
      \new Voice { \clef "G_8" \music }
    >>
  \new TabStaff <<
    \new TabVoice { \clef "moderntab" \music }
  >>
}

\paper { tagline = ##f }

```





Flat Ties

The function takes the default `Tie.stencil` as an argument, calculating the result relying on the extents of this default.

Further tweaking is possible by overriding `Tie.details.height-limit` or with `\shape`. It's also possible to change the custom-definition on the fly.

%% <http://lsr.di.unimi.it/LSR/Item?id=1031>

```
#(define ((flared-tie coords) grob)

  (define (pair-to-list pair)
    (list (car pair) (cdr pair)))

  (define (normalize-coords goods x y dir)
    (map
      (lambda (coord)
        ;(coord-scale coord (cons x (* y dir)))
        (cons (* x (car coord)) (* y dir (cdr coord))))
      goods))

  (define (my-c-p-s points thick)
    (make-connected-path-stencil
      points
      thick
      1.0
      1.0
      #f
      #f))

  ;; outer let to trigger suicide
  (let ((sten (ly:tie::print grob)))
    (if (grob::is-live? grob)
      (let* ((layout (ly:grob-layout grob))
              (line-thickness (ly:output-def-lookup layout 'line-thickness))
              (thickness (ly:grob-property grob 'thickness 0.1))
              (used-thick (* line-thickness thickness))
              (dir (ly:grob-property grob 'direction))
              (xex (ly:stencil-extent sten X))
              (yex (ly:stencil-extent sten Y))
              (lenx (interval-length xex))
              (leny (interval-length yex))
              (xtrans (car xex))
              (ytrans (if (> dir 0)(car yex) (cdr yex))))
```

```

        (uplist
          (map pair-to-list
              (normalize-coords coords lenx (* leny 2) dir))))

    (ly:stencil-translate
      (my-c-p-s uplist used-thick)
      (cons xtrans ytrans)))
    '()))))

#(define flare-tie
  (flared-tie '((0 . 0)(0.1 . 0.2) (0.9 . 0.2) (1.0 . 0.0))))

\layout {
  \context {
    \Voice
    \override Tie.stencil = #flare-tie
  }
}

\paper {
  ragged-right = ##f
  tagline = ##f
}

\relative c' {
  a4~a
  \override Tie.height-limit = 4
  a'4~a
  a'4~a
  <a,, c e a c e a c e>~ q

  \break

  a'4~a
  \once \override Tie.details.height-limit = 14
  a4~a

  \break

  a4~a
  \once \override Tie.details.height-limit = 0.5
  a4~a

  \break

  a4~a
  \shape #'((0 . 0) (0 . 0.4) (0 . 0.4) (0 . 0)) Tie
  a4~a

  \break

  a4~a

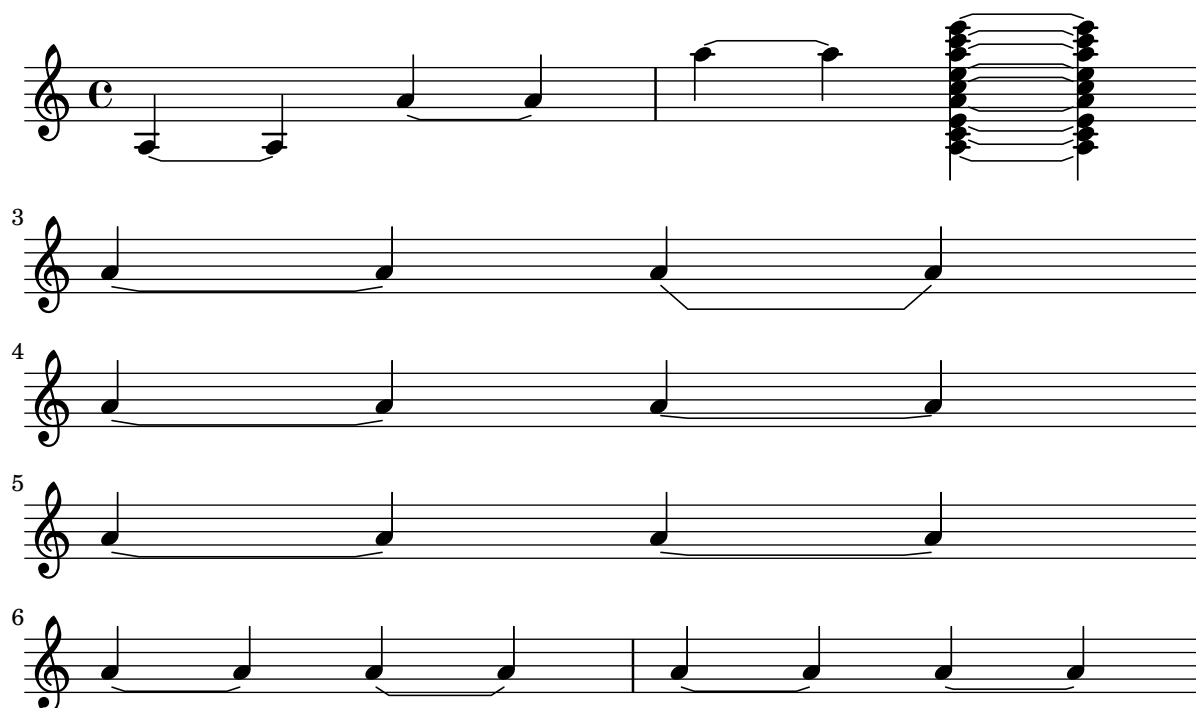
```

```

\once \override Tie.stencil =
  #(flared-tie '((0 . 0)(0.1 . 0.4) (0.9 . 0.4) (1.0 . 0.0)))
a4~a

a4~a
\once \override Tie.stencil =
  #(flared-tie '((0 . 0)(0.06 . 0.1) (0.94 . 0.1) (1.0 . 0.0)))
a4~a
}

```



Forcing measure width to adapt to MetronomeMark's width

By default, metronome marks do not influence horizontal spacing.

This can be solved through a simple override, as shown in the second half of the example.

```

example = {
  \tempo "Allegro"
  R1*6
  \tempo "Rall."
  R1*2
  \tempo "A tempo"
  R1*8
}

{
  \compressMMRests {
    \example
    R1
    R1
    \override Score.MetronomeMark.extra-spacing-width = #'(-3 . 0)
    \example
  }
}

```

}

Allegro 6 Rall. 2 A tempo 8

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Glissandi can skip grobs

NoteColumn grobs can be skipped over by glissandi.

```
\relative c' {
  a2 \glissando
  \once \override NoteColumn.glissando-skip = ##t
  f''4 d,
}
```

Incipit

When transcribing mensural music, an incipit at the beginning of the piece is useful to indicate the original key and tempo. While today musicians are used to bar lines in order to faster recognize rhythmic patterns, bar lines were not yet invented during the period of mensural music; in fact, the meter often changed after every few notes. As a compromise, bar lines are often printed between the staves rather than on the staves.

```
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
% A short excerpt from the Jubilate Deo by Orlande de Lassus
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
```

```
\header { tagline = ##f }
```

```
global = {
  \set Score.skipBars = ##t
  \key g \major
  \time 4/4

  % the actual music
  \skip 1*8

  % let finis bar go through all staves
  \override Staff.BarLine.transparent = ##f

  % finis bar
  \bar "|."
}
```

```

discantusIncipit = {
  \clef "neomensural-c1"
  \key f \major
  \time 2/2
  c''1.
}

discantusNotes = {
  \transpose c' c'' {
    \clef "treble"
    d'2. d'4 |
    b e' d'2 |
    c'4 e'4.( d'8 c' b |
    a4) b a2 |
    b4.( c'8 d'4) c'4 |
    \once \hide NoteHead
    c'1 |
    b\breve |
  }
}

discantusLyrics = \lyricmode {
  Ju -- bi -- la -- te De -- o,
  om -- nis ter -- ra, __ om-
  "...
  -us.
}

altusIncipit = {
  \clef "neomensural-c3"
  \key f \major
  \time 2/2
  r1 f'1.
}

altusNotes = {
  \transpose c' c'' {
    \clef "treble"
    r2 g2. e4 fis g |
    a2 g4 e |
    fis g4.( fis16 e fis4) |
    g1 |
    \once \hide NoteHead
    g1 |
    g\breve |
  }
}

altusLyrics = \lyricmode {
  Ju -- bi -- la -- te
  De -- o, om -- nis ter -- ra,
  "...

```

```

    -us.
}

tenorIncipit = {
    \clef "neomensural-c4"
    \key f \major
    \time 2/2
    r\longa
    r\breve
    r1 c'1.
}

tenorNotes = {
    \transpose c' c' {
        \clef "treble_8"
        R1 |
        R1 |
        R1 |
        % two measures
        r2 d'2. d'4 b e' |
        \once \hide NoteHead
        e'1 |
        d'\breve |
    }
}

tenorLyrics = \lyricmode {
    Ju -- bi -- la -- te
    "...
    -us.
}

bassusIncipit = {
    \clef "mensural-f"
    \key f \major
    \time 2/2
    r\maxima
    f1.
}

bassusNotes = {
    \transpose c' c' {
        \clef "bass"
        R1 |
        R1 |
        R1 |
        R1 |
        g2. e4 |
        \once \hide NoteHead
        e1 |
        g\breve |
    }
}

```

```

}

bassusLyrics = \lyricmode {
  Ju -- bi-
  "...
  -us.
}

\score {
  <<
    \new StaffGroup = choirStaff <<
      \new Voice = "discantusNotes" <<
        \set Staff.instrumentName = "Discantus"
        \incipit \discantusIncipit
        \global
        \discantusNotes
      >>
      \new Lyrics \lyricsto discantusNotes { \discantusLyrics }
      \new Voice = "altusNotes" <<
        \set Staff.instrumentName = "Altus"
        \global
        \incipit \altusIncipit
        \altusNotes
      >>
      \new Lyrics \lyricsto altusNotes { \altusLyrics }
      \new Voice = "tenorNotes" <<
        \set Staff.instrumentName = "Tenor"
        \global
        \incipit \tenorIncipit
        \tenorNotes
      >>
      \new Lyrics \lyricsto tenorNotes { \tenorLyrics }
      \new Voice = "bassusNotes" <<
        \set Staff.instrumentName = "Bassus"
        \global
        \incipit \bassusIncipit
        \bassusNotes
      >>
      \new Lyrics \lyricsto bassusNotes { \bassusLyrics }
    >>
  >>
  \layout {
    \context {
      \Score
      %% no bar lines in staves or lyrics
      \hide BarLine
    }
    %% the next two instructions keep the lyrics between the bar lines
    \context {
      \Lyrics
      \consists "Bar_engraver"
      \consists "Separating_line_group_engraver"
    }
  }
}

```

```

}
\context {
  \Voice
  %% no slurs
  \hide Slur
  %% Comment in the below "\remove" command to allow line
  %% breaking also at those bar lines where a note overlaps
  %% into the next measure. The command is commented out in this
  %% short example score, but especially for large scores, you
  %% will typically yield better line breaking and thus improve
  %% overall spacing if you comment in the following command.
  %%\remove "Forbid_line_break_engraver"
}
indent = 6\cm
incipit-width = 4\cm
}
}

```

Discantus

Altus

Tenor

Bassus

3

o, om - nis ter - ra, om- ... -us.

De - o, om - nis ter - ra, ... -us.

Ju - bi - la - te ... -us.

Ju - bi- ... -us.

Inserting score fragments above a staff, as markups

The `\markup` command is quite versatile. In this snippet, it contains a `\score` block instead of texts or marks.

```
tuning = \markup {
```



```

m = {
  \cadenzaOn
  e, b, e gis! b e'
  \bar "||"
}

<<
  \new Staff { \clef "G_8" <>_"default" \m <>_"italian (historic)"\m }
  \new TabStaff
  {
    \m
    \set Score.stringOneTopmost = ##f
    \set TabStaff.tablatureFormat = #fret-letter-tablature-format
    \m
  }
>>

```

Letter tablature formatting

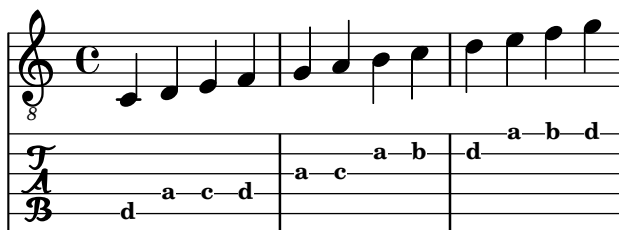
Tablature can be formatted using letters instead of numbers.

```

music = \relative c {
  c4 d e f
  g4 a b c
  d4 e f g
}

<<
  \new Staff {
    \clef "G_8"
    \music
  }
  \new TabStaff \with {
    tablatureFormat = #fret-letter-tablature-format
  }
  {
    \music
  }
>>

```



Making glissandi breakable

Normally, LilyPond refuses to automatically break a line at places where a glissando crosses a bar line. This behavior can be changed by setting the `Glissando.breakable` property to `#t`. Also setting the after-line-breaking property to `#t` makes the glissando line continue after the break.

The breakable property does not affect manual breaks inserted with commands like `\break`.

```
glissandoSkipOn = {
  \override NoteColumn.glissando-skip = ##t
  \hide NoteHead
  \override NoteHead.no-ledgers = ##t
}

music = {
  \repeat unfold 16 f8 |
  f1\glissando |
  a4 r2. |
  \repeat unfold 16 f8 |
  f1\glissando \once\glissandoSkipOn |
  a2 a4 r4 |
  \repeat unfold 16 f8
}

\relative c'' {
  <>\markup { \typewriter Glissando.breakable
              set to \typewriter "#t" }
  \override Glissando.breakable = ##t
  \override Glissando.after-line-breaking = ##t
  \music
}

\relative c'' {
  <>\markup { \typewriter Glissando.breakable not set }
  \music
}

\paper {
  line-width = 100\mm
  indent = 0
  tagline = ##f
}
```



Making some staff lines thicker than the others

For educational purposes, a staff line can be thickened (e.g., the middle line, or to emphasize the line of the G clef). This can be achieved by adding extra lines very close to the line that should be emphasized, using the `line-positions` property of the `StaffSymbol` object.

```
{
  \override Staff.StaffSymbol.line-positions =
    #'(-4 -2 -0.2 0 0.2 2 4)
  d'4 e' f' g'
}
```



Measure counter

This snippet provides a workaround for emitting measure counters using transparent percent repeats.

```
<<
\context Voice = "foo" {
  \clef bass
  c4 r g r
  c4 r g r
  c4 r g r
  c4 r g r
}
\context Voice = "foo" {
  \set countPercentRepeats = ##t
  \hide PercentRepeat
```

```

\override PercentRepeatCounter.staff-padding = #1
\repeat percent 4 { s1 }
}
>>

```



Mensurstriche layout (bar lines between the staves)

Mensurstriche, bar lines between but not through staves, can be printed by setting `measureBarType` to `"-span|"` and using a grouping context that allows span bars, such as `StaffGroup`.

```

\layout {
  \context {
    \Staff
    measureBarType = "-span|"
  }
}

```

```

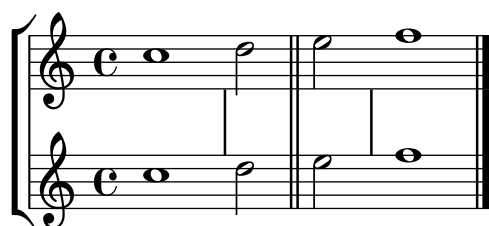
music = \fixed c'' {
  c1
  d2 \section e2
  f1 \fine
}

```

```

\new StaffGroup <<
  \new Staff \music
  \new Staff \music
>>

```



Modifying the Ottava spanner slope

It is possible to change the slope of the Ottava spanner.

```

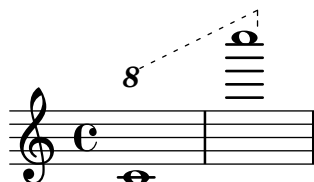
\relative c'' {
  \override Staff.OttavaBracket.stencil = #ly:line-spanner:::print
  \override Staff.OttavaBracket.bound-details =
    #`((left . ((Y . 0)
      (attach-dir . ,LEFT)
      (padding . 0)
      (stencil-align-dir-y . ,CENTER)))
      (right . ((Y . 5.0) ; Change the number here
      (padding . 0)
      (attach-dir . ,RIGHT)
      (text . ,(make-draw-dashed-line-markup

```

```

                                (cons 0 -1.2))))))
\override Staff.OttavaBracket.left-bound-info =
  #ly:horizontal-line-spanner::calc-left-bound-info-and-text
\override Staff.OttavaBracket.right-bound-info =
  #ly:horizontal-line-spanner::calc-right-bound-info
\ottava 1
c1
c'''1
}

```



Nesting staves

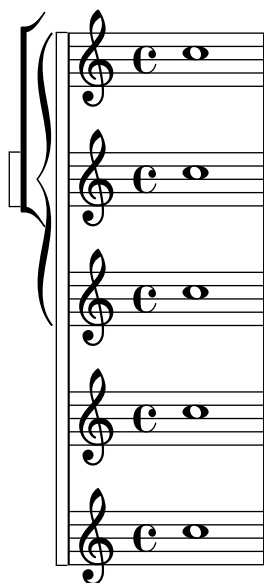
The property `systemStartDelimiterHierarchy` can be used to make more complex nested staff groups. The command `\set StaffGroup.systemStartDelimiterHierarchy` takes an alphabetical list of the number of staves produced. Before each staff a system start delimiter can be given. It has to be enclosed in brackets and takes as much staves as the brackets enclose. Elements in the list can be omitted, but the first bracket takes always the complete number of staves. The possibilities are `SystemStartBar`, `SystemStartBracket`, `SystemStartBrace`, and `SystemStartSquare`.

```

\new StaffGroup
\relative c' ' <<
  \override StaffGroup.SystemStartSquare.collapse-height = 4
  \set StaffGroup.systemStartDelimiterHierarchy
    = #'(SystemStartSquare (SystemStartBrace (SystemStartBracket a
                                              (SystemStartSquare b) ) c ) d)

  \new Staff { c1 }
  \new Staff { c1 }
  \new Staff { c1 }
  \new Staff { c1 }
  \new Staff { c1 }
>>

```



Non-traditional key signatures

The commonly used `\key` command sets the `keyAlterations` property, in the `Staff` context.

To create non-standard key signatures, set this property directly. The format of this command is a list:

```
\set Staff.keyAlterations =
  #`(((octave . step) . alter) ((octave . step) . alter) ...)
```

where, for each element in the list, `octave` specifies the octave (0 being the octave from middle C to the B above), `step` specifies the note within the octave (0 means C and 6 means B), and `alter` is `,SHARP`, `,FLAT`, `,DOUBLE-SHARP` etc.

Alternatively, using the more concise format for each item in the list (`step . alter`) specifies the same alteration holds in all octaves.

For microtonal scales where a “sharp” is not 100 cents, `alter` refers to the alteration as a proportion of a 200-cent whole tone.

```
\include "arabic.ly"
\relative do' {
  \set Staff.keyAlterations = #`((0 . ,SEMI-FLAT)
                                (1 . ,SEMI-FLAT)
                                (2 . ,FLAT)
                                (5 . ,FLAT)
                                (6 . ,SEMI-FLAT))
  %\set Staff.extraNatural = ##f
  re reb \down reb resd
  dod dob dosd \down dob |
  dobsb dods do do |
}
```



Numbering groups of measures

This snippet demonstrates the use of the `Measure_counter_engraver` to number groups of successive measures. Any stretch of measures may be numbered, whether consisting of repetitions or not.

The engraver must be added to the appropriate context. Here, a `Staff` context is used; another possibility is a `Dynamics` context.

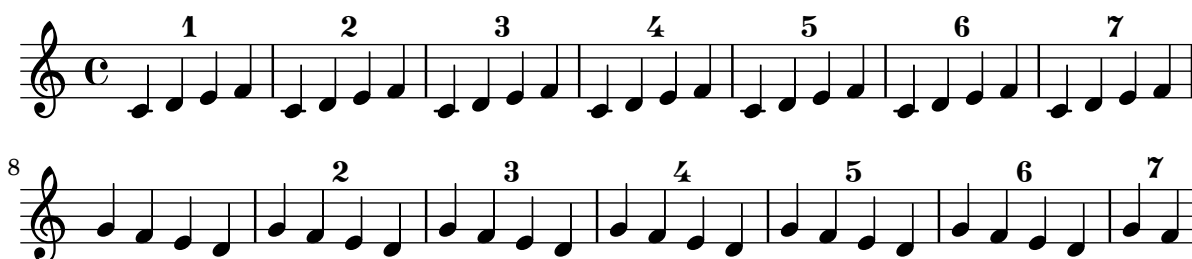
The counter is begun with `\startMeasureCount` and ended with `\stopMeasureCount`. Numbering will start by default with 1, but this behavior may be modified by overriding the `count-from` property.

When a measure extends across a line break, the number will appear twice, the second time in parentheses.

```
\layout {
  \context {
    \Staff
    \consists #Measure_counter_engraver
  }
}

\new Staff {
  \startMeasureCount
  \repeat unfold 7 {
    c'4 d' e' f'
  }
  \stopMeasureCount
  \bar "||"
  g'4 f' e' d'
  \override Staff.MeasureCounter.count-from = #2
  \startMeasureCount
  \repeat unfold 5 {
    g'4 f' e' d'
  }
  g'4 f'
  \bar ""
  \break
  e'4 d'
  \repeat unfold 7 {
    g'4 f' e' d'
  }
  \stopMeasureCount
}

\paper { tagline = ##f }
```





```

pianoRHMus = \relative c { \key g \major g'1 b }

pianoLHMus = \relative c { \clef bass \key g \major g1 b }

violinIMus = \relative c' { \key g \major g'1 b }

violinIIMus = \relative c' { \key g \major g'1 b }

violaMus = \relative c { \clef alto \key g \major g'1 b }

celloMus = \relative c { \clef bass \key g \major g1 b }

bassMus = \relative c { \clef "bass_8" \key g \major g,1 b }

\score {
  <<
    \new StaffGroup = "StaffGroup_woodwinds" <<
      \new Staff = "Staff_flute" \with { instrumentName = "Flute" }
      \fluteMus

      \new Staff = "Staff_clarinet" \with {
        instrumentName = \markup { \concat { "Clarinet in B" \flat } }
      }

      % Declare that written Middle C in the music
      % to follow sounds a concert B flat, for
      % output using sounded pitches such as MIDI.
      %\transposition bes

      % Print music for a B-flat clarinet
      \transpose bes c' \clarinetMus
    >>

    \new StaffGroup = "StaffGroup_brass" <<
      \new Staff = "Staff_hornI" \with { instrumentName = "Horn in F" }
      % \transposition f
      \transpose f c' \hornMus

      \new Staff = "Staff_trumpet" \with { instrumentName = "Trumpet in C" }
      \trumpetMus

    >>
    \new RhythmicStaff = "RhythmicStaff_percussion"
    \with { instrumentName = "Percussion" }
    <<
      \percussionMus
    >>
    \new PianoStaff \with { instrumentName = "Piano" }
    <<
      \new Staff { \pianoRHMus }
      \new Staff { \pianoLHMus }
    >>
  }

```

```

\new ChoirStaff = "ChoirStaff_choir" <<
  \new Staff = "Staff_soprano" \with { instrumentName = "Soprano" }
  \new Voice = "soprano"
  \sopranoMusic

  \new Lyrics \lyricsto "soprano" { \sopranoLyrics }
  \new GrandStaff = "GrandStaff_altoI"
  \with { \accepts Lyrics } <<
    \new Staff = "Staff_altoI" \with { instrumentName = "Alto I" }
    \new Voice = "altoI"
    \altoIMusic

    \new Lyrics \lyricsto "altoI" { \altoILyrics }
    \new Staff = "Staff_altoII" \with { instrumentName = "Alto II" }
    \new Voice = "altoII"
    \altoIIMusic

    \new Lyrics \lyricsto "altoII" { \altoIILyrics }
  >>

  \new Staff = "Staff_tenor" \with { instrumentName = "Tenor" }
  \new Voice = "tenor"
  \tenorMusic

  \new Lyrics \lyricsto "tenor" { \tenorLyrics }
>>
\new StaffGroup = "StaffGroup_strings" <<
  \new GrandStaff = "GrandStaff_violins" <<
    \new Staff = "Staff_violinI" \with { instrumentName = "Violin I" }
    \violinIMusic

    \new Staff = "Staff_violinII" \with { instrumentName = "Violin II" }
    \violinIIMusic
  >>

  \new Staff = "Staff_viola" \with { instrumentName = "Viola" }
  \violaMusic

  \new Staff = "Staff_cello" \with { instrumentName = "Cello" }
  \celloMusic

  \new Staff = "Staff_bass" \with { instrumentName = "Double Bass" }
  \bassMusic
>>
>>
\layout { }
}

```

Flute

Clarinet in B \flat

Horn in F

Trumpet in C

Percussion

Piano

Soprano

Alto I

Alto II

Tenor

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Double Bass

Lyr - ics

Lyr - ics

Ah - ah

Lyr - ics

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Print ChordNames with same root and different bass as slash and bass-note

To print subsequent ChordNames only differing in its bass note as slash and bass note use the here defined engraver. The behaviour may be controlled in detail by the chordChanges context property.

```
#(define Bass_changes_equal_root_engraver
  (lambda (ctx)
    "For sequential @code{ChordNames} with same root, but different bass, the root
    markup is dropped: D D/C D/B -> D /C /B
    The behaviour may be controlled by setting the @code{chordChanges}
    context-property."
    (let ((chord-pitches '())
          (last-chord-pitches '())
          (bass-pitch #f))
      (make-engraver
        ((initialize this-engraver)
```

```

(let ((chord-note-namer (ly:context-property ctx 'chordNoteNamer)))
  ;; Set 'chordNoteNamer, respect user setting if already done
  (ly:context-set-property! ctx 'chordNoteNamer
    (if (procedure? chord-note-namer)
        chord-note-namer
        note-name->markup))))
(listeners
  ((note-event this-engraver event)
    (let* ((pitch (ly:event-property event 'pitch))
           (pitch-name (ly:pitch-notename pitch))
           (pitch-alt (ly:pitch-alteration pitch))
           (bass (ly:event-property event 'bass #f))
           (inversion (ly:event-property event 'inversion #f)))
      ;; Collect notes of the chord
      ;; - to compare inversed chords we need to collect the bass note
      ;;   as usual member of the chord, whereas an added bass must be
      ;;   treated separate from the usual chord-notes
      ;; - notes are stored as pairs containing their
      ;;   pitch-name (an integer), i.e. disregarding their octave and
      ;;   their alteration
      (cond (bass (set! bass-pitch pitch))
            (inversion
             (set! bass-pitch pitch)
             (set! chord-pitches
               (cons (cons pitch-name pitch-alt) chord-pitches)))
            (else
             (set! chord-pitches
               (cons (cons pitch-name pitch-alt) chord-pitches))))))
  (acknowledgers
    ((chord-name-interface this-engraver grob source-engraver)
      (let ((chord-changes (ly:context-property ctx 'chordChanges #f)))
        ;; If subsequent chords are equal apart from their bass,
        ;; reset the 'text-property.
        ;; Equality is done by comparing the sorted lists of this chord's
        ;; elements and the previous chord. Sorting is needed because
        ;; inverted chords may have a different order of pitches.
        ;; `chord-changes' needs to be true
        (if (and bass-pitch
                  chord-changes
                  (equal?
                   (sort chord-pitches car<)
                   (sort last-chord-pitches car<)))
            (ly:grob-set-property! grob 'text
              (make-line-markup
                (list
                  (ly:context-property ctx 'slashChordSeparator)
                  ((ly:context-property ctx 'chordNoteNamer)
                   bass-pitch
                   (ly:context-property ctx 'chordNameLowercaseMinor))))))
            (set! last-chord-pitches chord-pitches)
            (set! chord-pitches '())
            (set! bass-pitch #f))))))

```

```

((finalize this-engraver)
  (set! last-chord-pitches '())))))

myChords = \chordmode {
  %\germanChords

  \set chordChanges = ##t
  d2:m d:m/cis

  d:m/c
  \set chordChanges = ##f
  d:m/b

  e1:7
  \set chordChanges = ##t
  e
  \break
  \once \set chordChanges = ##f
  e1/f
  e2/gis e/+gis e e:m/f d:m d:m/cis d:m/c
  \set chordChanges = ##f
  d:m/b
}

<<
  \new ChordNames
    \with { \consists #Bass_changes_equal_root_engraver }
    \myChords
  \new Staff \myChords
>>

```

Putting lyrics inside the staff

Lyrics can be moved vertically to place them inside the staff. The lyrics are moved with `\override LyricText.extra-offset = #'(0 . dy)` and there are similar commands to move the extenders and hyphens. The offset needed is established with trial and error.

```

<<
  \new Staff <<
    \new Voice = "voc" \relative c' { \stemDown a bes c8 b c4 }
  >>
  \new Lyrics \with {

```

```

\override LyricText.extra-offset = #'(0 . 8.6)
\override LyricExtender.extra-offset = #'(0 . 8.6)
\override LyricHyphen.extra-offset = #'(0 . 8.6)
} \lyricsto "voc" { La la -- la _ _ la }
>>

```



Quoting another voice

The `quotedEventTypes` property determines the music event types which should be quoted. The default value is `(note-event rest-event tie-event beam-event tuplet-span-event)`, which means that only the notes, rests, ties, beams and tuplets of the quoted voice will appear in the `\quoteDuring` expression.

In the following example, a 16th rest is not quoted since `rest-event` is not in `quotedEventTypes`.

For a list of event types, consult the “Music classes” section of the Internals Reference.

```

quoteMe = \relative c' {
  fis4 r16 a8.-> b4\ff c
}
\addQuote quoteMe \quoteMe

original = \relative c'' {
  c8 d s2
  \once \override NoteColumn.ignore-collision = ##t
  es8 gis8
}

<<
\new Staff \with { instrumentName = "quoteMe" }
\quoteMe

\new Staff \with { instrumentName = "orig" }
\original

\new Staff \with {
  instrumentName = "orig+quote"
  quotedEventTypes = #'(note-event articulation-event)
}
\relative c''
<<
\original
\new Voice {
  s4
  \set fontSize = #-4
  \override Stem.length-fraction = #(magstep -4)
  \quoteDuring "quoteMe" { \skip 2. }
}

```

>>
>>

Quoting another voice with transposition

Quotations take into account the transposition of both source and target. In this example, all instruments play sounding middle C; the target is an instrument in F. The target part may be transposed using `\transpose`. In this case, all the pitches (including the quoted ones) are transposed.

```
\addQuote clarinet {
  \transposition bes
  \repeat unfold 8 { d'16 d' d'8 }
}

\addQuote sax {
  \transposition es'
  \repeat unfold 16 { a8 }
}

quoteTest = {
  % french horn
  \transposition f
  g'4
  << \quoteDuring "clarinet" { \skip 4 } s4^"clar." >>
  << \quoteDuring "sax" { \skip 4 } s4^"sax." >>
  g'4
}

{
  \new Staff \with {
    instrumentName = \markup { \column { Horn "in F" } }
  }
  \quoteTest
  \transpose c' d' << \quoteTest s4_"up a tone" >>
}
```

Removing brace on first line of piano score

This snippet removes the first brace from a `PianoStaff` or a `GrandStaff`, together with the clefs.

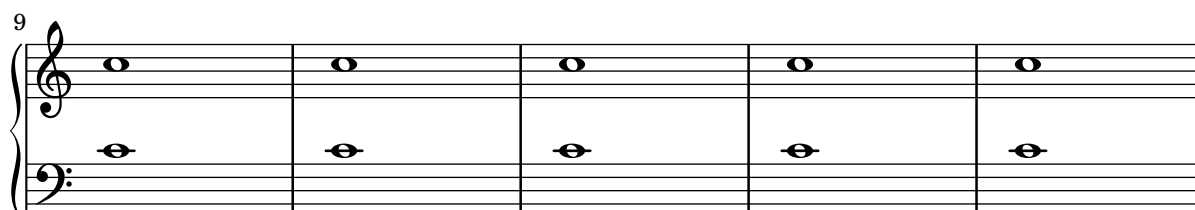
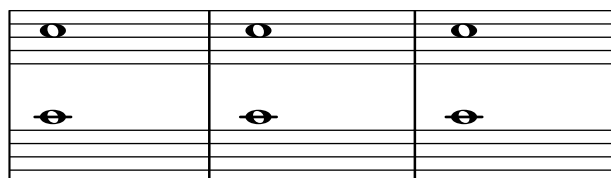
It may be useful when cutting and pasting the engraved image into existing music.

It uses `\alterBroken`.

```
someMusic = {
  \once \override Staff.Clef.stencil = ##f
  \once \override Staff.TimeSignature.stencil = ##f
  \repeat unfold 3 c1 \break
  \repeat unfold 5 c1 \break
  \repeat unfold 5 c1
}

\score {
  \new PianoStaff
  <<
    \new Staff = "right" \relative c' { \someMusic
    \new Staff = "left" \relative c' { \clef F \someMusic }
  >>
  \layout {
    indent=75
    \context {
      \PianoStaff
      \alterBroken transparent #'(#t) SystemStartBrace
    }
  }
}

\paper { tagline = ##f }
```



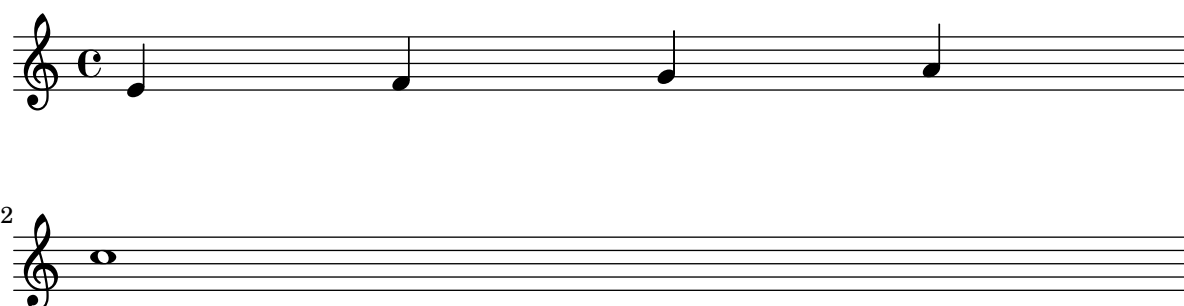
Removing the first empty line

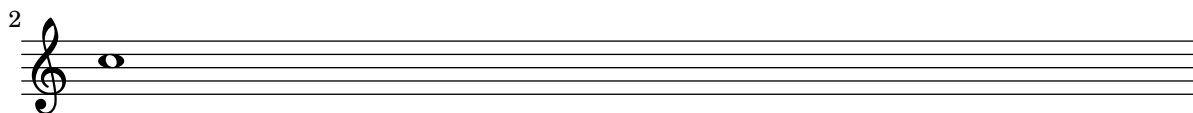
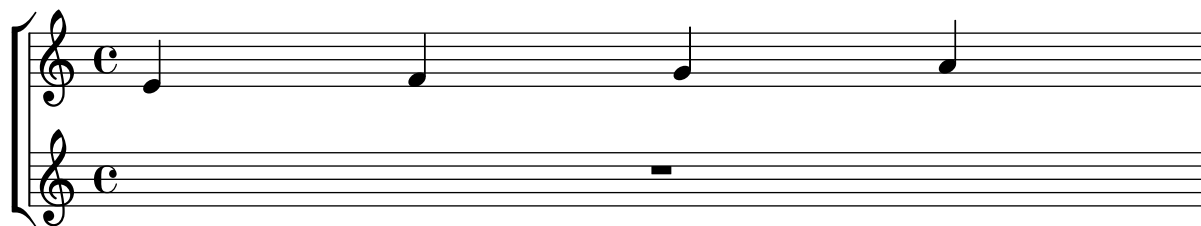
The first empty staff can also be removed from the score by setting the `VerticalAxisGroup` property `remove-first`. This can be done globally inside the `\layout` block, or locally inside the specific staff that should be removed. In the latter case, you have to specify the context (`Staff` applies only to the current staff) in front of the property.

The lower staff of the second staff group is not removed, because the setting applies only to the specific staff inside of which it is written.

```
\layout {
  \context {
    \Staff \RemoveEmptyStaves
    % To use the setting globally, uncomment the following line:
    % \override VerticalAxisGroup.remove-first = ##t
  }
}
\new StaffGroup <<
  \new Staff \relative c' {
    e4 f g a \break
    c1
  }
  \new Staff {
    % To use the setting globally, comment this line,
    % uncomment the line in the \layout block above
    \override Staff.VerticalAxisGroup.remove-first = ##t
    R1 \break
    R
  }
>>
\new StaffGroup <<
  \new Staff \relative c' {
    e4 f g a \break
    c1
  }
  \new Staff {
    R1 \break
    R
  }
>>

\paper { tagline = ##f }
```





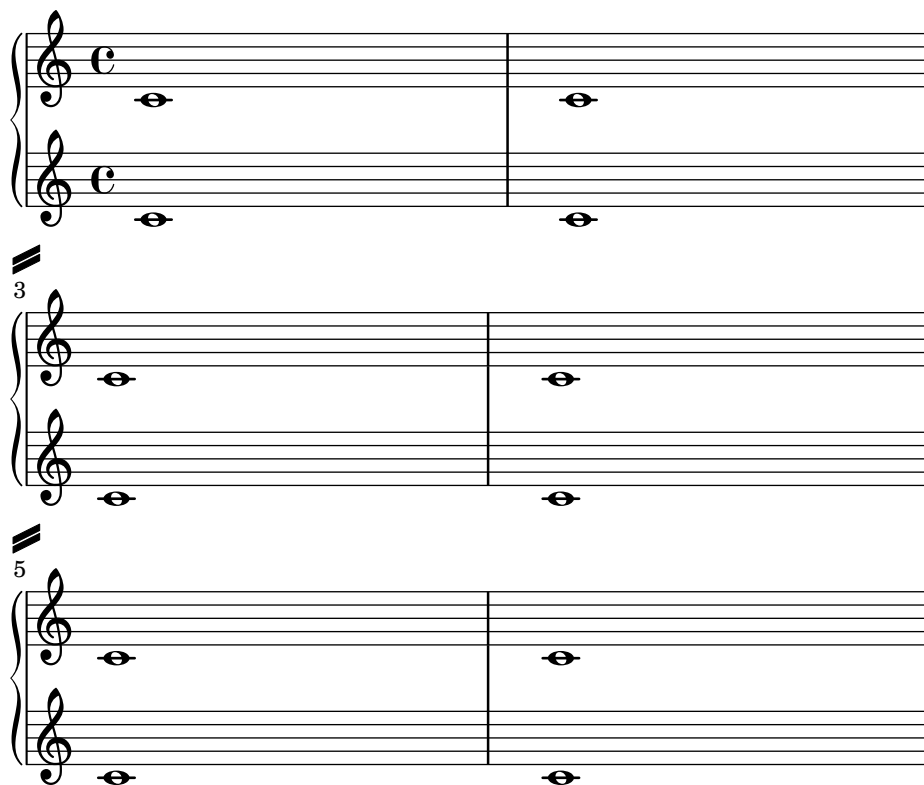
Setting system separators

System separators can be inserted between systems. Any markup can be used, but `\slashSeparator` has been provided as a sensible default.

```
\paper {
  system-separator-markup = \slashSeparator
  line-width = 120
  tagline = ##f
}
```

```
notes = \relative c' {
  c1 | c \break
  c1 | c \break
  c1 | c
}
```

```
\book {
  \score {
    \new GrandStaff <<
      \new Staff \notes
      \new Staff \notes
    >>
  }
}
```



Shape individual ties in chords

To shape individual ties in chords use the method demonstrated below.

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```

```
\markup "Chords can be tied note by note"
```

```
{ <c'~ e'~ g'~ c''~>2 q }
```

```
\markup \wordwrap {
```

Affecting those *ties* with "`\\shape`" will not succeed, because *TieColumn* positions them on its own behalf and more or less ignores the "`\\shape-input`".

You may surpress this by setting '*positioning-done*' true. Alas, '*positioning-done*' is an internal property, setting it true means: all positioning is done, don't do anything further. So you better take care you really did. See the example below where this is missed: All directions are down and the *thickness* is not accurate:

```
}
```

```
{
```

```
<c'~ e'~ g'~ c''~>2
```

```
\once \override TieColumn.positioning-done = ##t
```

```
q
```

```
}
```

```
\markup "To cure that, enter ties with explicit direction-modifiers"
```

```
{
```

```
<c'_~ e'_~ g'_~ c''^~>2
```

```

\once \override TieColumn.positioning-done = ##t
q
}

\markup "Now you can use \shape for each tie as usual"

{
<c'-\shape #'((0 . 0) (0 . -10) (0 . -10) (0 . 0)) _~
e'-\shape #'((0 . 0) (0 . -5) (0 . -5) (0 . 0)) _~
g'-\shape #'((0 . 0) (0 . -2) (0 . -2) (0 . 0)) _~
c''-\shape #'((0 . 0) (0 . 5) (0 . 5) (0 . 0)) ^~
>2
\once \override TieColumn.positioning-done = ##t
q
}

\markup "This works at line break as well."

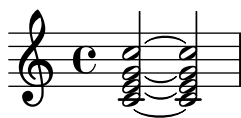
{
<c'-\shape #'(((0 . 0) (0 . -10) (0 . -10) (0 . 0))
((0 . 0) (0 . -10) (0 . -10) (0 . 0)))
~
e'-\shape #'(((0 . 0) (0 . -5) (0 . -5) (0 . 0))
((0 . 0) (0 . -5) (0 . -5) (0 . 0)))
~
g'-\shape #'(((0 . 0) (0 . -2) (0 . -2) (0 . 0))
((0 . 0) (0 . -2) (0 . -2) (0 . 0)))
~
c''-\shape #'(((0 . 0) (0 . 5) (0 . 5) (0 . 0))
((0 . 0) (0 . 5) (0 . 5) (0 . 0)))
~
>2
\break
\once \override TieColumn.positioning-done = ##t
q
}

\markup "Same with tieWaitForNote"

{
\set tieWaitForNote = ##t
c'4-\shape #'((0 . 0) (0 . -10) (0 . -10) (0 . 0)) _~
e'-\shape #'((0 . 0) (0 . -5) (0 . -5) (0 . 0)) _~
g'-\shape #'((0 . 0) (0 . -2) (0 . -2) (0 . 0)) _~
c''-\shape #'((0 . 0) (0 . 5) (0 . 5) (0 . 0)) ^~
\once \override TieColumn.positioning-done = ##t
<c' e' g' c''>1
}

```

Chords can be tied note by note



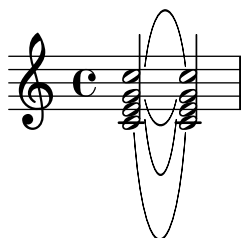
Affecting those ties with `\shape` will not succeed, because `TieColumn` positions them on its own behalf and more or less ignores the `\shape-input`. You may surpress this by setting `'positioning-done true`. Alas, `'positioning-done` is an internal property, setting it true means: all positioning is done, don't do anything further. So you better take care you really did. See the example below where this is missed: All directions are down and the thickness is not accurate:



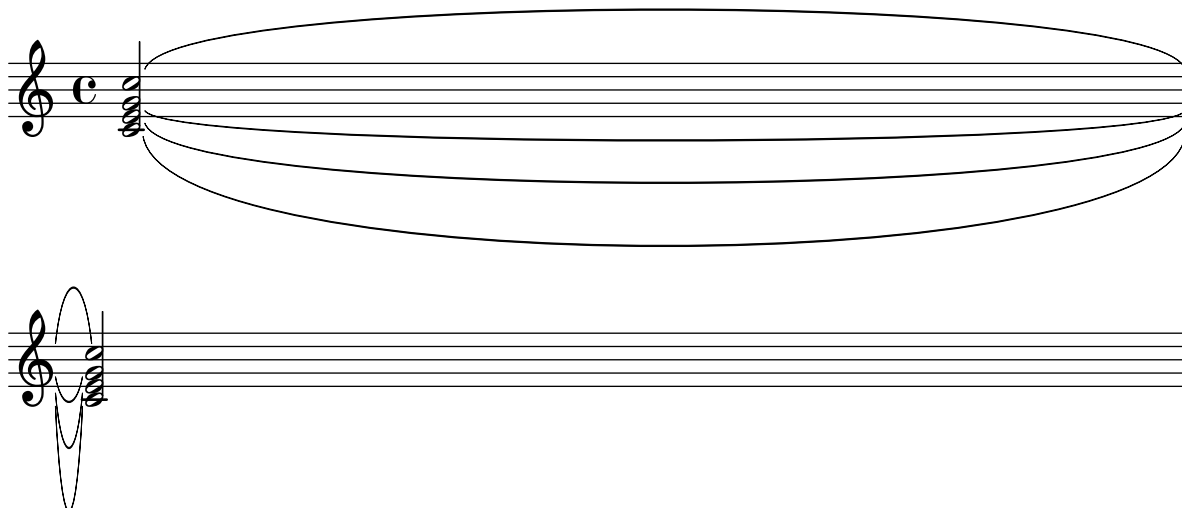
To cure that, enter ties with explicit direction-modifiers



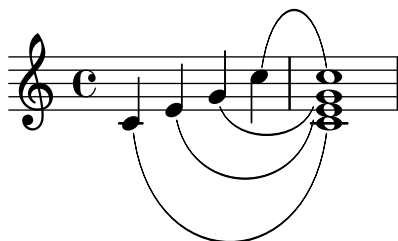
Now you can use `\shape` for each tie as usual



This works at line break as well.



Same with `tieWaitForNote`



Tick bar lines

'Tick' bar lines are often used in music where the bar line is used only for coordination and is not meant to imply any rhythmic stress.

```
\relative c' {
  \set Score.measureBarType = #"'"
  c4 d e f
  g4 f e d
  c4 d e f
  g4 f e d
  \bar "|."
}
```



Time signature in brackets

The time signature can be enclosed within brackets.

```
\relative c' {
  \override Staff.TimeSignature.stencil = #(lambda (grob)
    (bracketify-stencil (ly:time-signature::print grob) Y 0.1 0.2 0.1))
  \time 2/4
  a4 b8 c
}
```



Time signature in parentheses

Enclose the time signature in parentheses.

```
\relative c' {
  \override Staff.TimeSignature.stencil = #(lambda (grob)
    (parenthesize-stencil (ly:time-signature::print grob) 0.1 0.4 0.4 0.1))
  \time 2/4
  a4 b8 c
}
```



Tweaking clef properties

Changing the clef glyph, its position, or the ottavation does not change the position of subsequent notes on the staff. To get key signatures on their correct staff lines, `middleCClefPosition` must also be specified, with positive or negative values moving *middle C* up or down respectively, relative to the staff's center line.

For example, `\clef "treble_8"` is equivalent to setting the `clefGlyph`, `clefPosition` (the vertical position of the clef itself on the staff), `middleCPosition`, and `clefTransposition`. Note that when any of these properties (except `middleCPosition`) are changed a new clef symbol is printed.

The following examples show the possibilities when setting these properties manually. On the first line, the manual changes preserve the standard relative positioning of clefs and notes, whereas on the second line, they do not.

```
{
  % The default treble clef
  \key f \major
  c'1
  % The standard bass clef
  \set Staff.clefGlyph = "clefs.F"
  \set Staff.clefPosition = 2
  \set Staff.middleCPosition = 6
  \set Staff.middleCClefPosition = 6
  \key g \major
  c'1
  % The baritone clef
  \set Staff.clefGlyph = "clefs.C"
  \set Staff.clefPosition = 4
  \set Staff.middleCPosition = 4
  \set Staff.middleCClefPosition = 4
  \key f \major
  c'1
  % The standard choral tenor clef
  \set Staff.clefGlyph = "clefs.G"
  \set Staff.clefPosition = -2
  \set Staff.clefTransposition = -7
  \set Staff.middleCPosition = 1
  \set Staff.middleCClefPosition = 1
  \key f \major
  c'1
  % A non-standard clef
  \set Staff.clefPosition = 0
  \set Staff.clefTransposition = 0
  \set Staff.middleCPosition = -4
  \set Staff.middleCClefPosition = -4
  \key g \major
  c'1 \break

  % The following clef changes do not preserve
  % the normal relationship between notes, key signatures
  % and clefs:

  \set Staff.clefGlyph = "clefs.F"
```

```

\set Staff.clefPosition = 2
c'1
\set Staff.clefGlyph = "clefs.G"
c'1
\set Staff.clefGlyph = "clefs.C"
c'1
\set Staff.clefTransposition = 7
c'1
\set Staff.clefTransposition = 0
\set Staff.clefPosition = 0
c'1

% Return to the normal clef:

\set Staff.middleCPosition = 0
c'1
}

```

```

\paper { tagline = ##f }

```



Two \partCombine pairs on one staff

The `\partCombine` function takes two music expressions each containing a part, and distributes them among four Voices named “two”, “one”, “solo”, and “chords” depending on when and how the parts are merged into a common voice. The voices output from `\partCombine` can have their layout properties adjusted in the usual way. Here we define extensions of `\partCombine` to make it easier to put four voices on a staff.

```

soprano = { d'4 | cis' b e' d'8 cis' | cis'2 b }
alto = { fis4 | e8 fis gis ais b4 b | b ais fis2 }
tenor = { a8 b | cis' dis' e'4 b8 cis' d'4 | gis cis' dis'2 }
bass = { fis8 gis | a4 gis g fis | eis fis b,2 }

```

```

\new Staff <<
  \key b\minor
  \clef alto
  \partial 4
  \transpose b b'
  \partCombineUp \soprano \alto
  \partCombineDown \tenor \bass
>>

```

```

\layout {
  \context {
    \Staff
    \accepts "VoiceBox"
  }
}

```

```

}
\context {
  \name "VoiceBox"
  \type "Engraver_group"
  \defaultchild "Voice"
  \accepts "Voice"
  \accepts "NullVoice"
}
}

customPartCombineUp =
#(define-music-function (partOne partTwo)
  (ly:music? ly:music?)
  "Take the music in @var{partOne} and @var{partTwo} and return
  a @code{VoiceBox} named @q{Up} containing @code{Voice}s
  that contain @var{partOne} and @var{partTwo} merged into one
  voice where feasible. This variant sets the default voicing
  in the output to use upward stems."
  #{
    \new VoiceBox = "Up" <<
      \context Voice = "one" { \voiceOne }
      \context Voice = "two" { \voiceThree }
      \context Voice = "shared" { \voiceOne }
      \context Voice = "solo" { \voiceOne }
      \context NullVoice = "null" {}
      \partCombine #partOne #partTwo
    >>
  #})

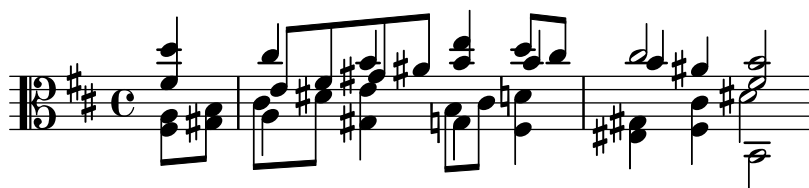
customPartCombineDown = #
(define-music-function (partOne partTwo)
  (ly:music? ly:music?)
  "Take the music in @var{partOne} and @var{partTwo} and return
  a @code{VoiceBox} named @q{Down} containing @code{Voice}s
  that contain @var{partOne} and @var{partTwo} merged into one
  voice where feasible. This variant sets the default voicing
  in the output to use downward stems."
  #{
    \new VoiceBox = "Down" <<
      \set VoiceBox.soloText = #"Solo III"
      \set VoiceBox.soloIIIText = #"Solo IV"
      \context Voice = "one" { \voiceFour }
      \context Voice = "two" { \voiceTwo }
      \context Voice = "shared" { \voiceFour }
      \context Voice = "solo" { \voiceFour }
      \context NullVoice = "null" {}
      \partCombine #partOne #partTwo
    >>
  #})

soprano = { d'4 | cis' b e' d'8 cis' | cis'2 b }
alto = { fis4 | e8 fis gis ais b4 b | b ais fis2 }

```

```
tenor = { a8 b | cis' dis' e'4 b8 cis' d'4 | gis cis' dis'2 }
bass = { fis8 gis | a4 gis g fis | eis fis b,2 }
```

```
\new Staff <<
  \key b\minor
  \clef alto
  \partial 4
  \transpose b b'
  \customPartCombineUp \soprano \alto
  \customPartCombineDown \tenor \bass
>>
```



Use square bracket at the start of a staff group

The system start delimiter `SystemStartSquare` can be used by setting it explicitly in a `StaffGroup` or `ChoirStaff` context.

```
\score {
  \new StaffGroup { <<
    \set StaffGroup.systemStartDelimiter = #'SystemStartSquare
    \new Staff { c'4 d' e' f' }
    \new Staff { c'4 d' e' f' }
  >> }
}
```



Using autochange with more than one voice

Using `autochange` with more than one voice.

```
\score {
  \new PianoStaff
  <<
    \new Staff = "up" {
      <<
        \set Timing.beamExceptions = #'()
        \set Timing.beatStructure = #'(4)
        \new Voice {
          \voiceOne
          \autoChange
          \relative c' {
            g8 a b c d e f g
          }
        }
      >>
    }
  >>
}
```

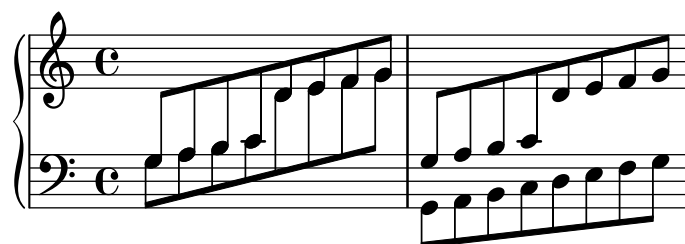
```

      g,8 a b c d e f g
    }
  }

  \new Voice {
    \voiceTwo
    \autoChange
    \relative c' {
      g8 a b c d e f g
      g,,8 a b c d e f g
    }
  }
  >>
}

\new Staff = "down" {
  \clef bass
}
>>
}

```



Using marklines in a Frenched score

Using MarkLine contexts (such as in LSR1010 (<https://lsr.di.unimi.it/LSR/Item?id=1010>)) in a Frenched score can be problematic if all the staves between two MarkLines are removed in one system. The `Keep_alive_together_engraver` can be used within each StaffGroup to keep the MarkLine alive only as long as the other staves in the group stay alive.

```

bars = {
  \tempo "Allegro" 4=120
  s1*2
  \repeat unfold 5 { \mark \default s1*2 }
  \bar "||"
  \tempo "Adagio" 4=40
  s1*2
  \repeat unfold 8 { \mark \default s1*2 }
  \bar "|."
}

winds = \repeat unfold 120 { c''4 }
trumpet = { \repeat unfold 8 g'2 R1*16 \repeat unfold 4 g'2 R1*8 }
trombone = { \repeat unfold 4 c'1 R1*8 d'1 R1*17 }
strings = \repeat unfold 240 { c'8 }

#(set-global-staff-size 16)
\paper {

```

```

    systems-per-page = 5
    ragged-last-bottom = ##f
}

\layout {
    indent = 15\mm
    short-indent = 5\mm
    \context {
        \name MarkLine
        \type Engraver_group
        \consists Output_property_engraver
        \consists Axis_group_engraver
        \consists Mark_engraver
        \consists Metronome_mark_engraver
        \consists Staff_collecting_engraver
        \override VerticalAxisGroup.remove-empty = ##t
        \override VerticalAxisGroup.remove-layer = #'any
        \override VerticalAxisGroup.staff-affinity = #DOWN
        \override VerticalAxisGroup.nonstaff-relatedstaff-spacing.padding = 1
        keepAliveInterfaces = #'()
    }
    \context {
        \Staff
        \override VerticalAxisGroup.remove-empty = ##t
        \override VerticalAxisGroup.remove-layer = ##f
    }
    \context {
        \StaffGroup
        \accepts MarkLine
        \consists Keep_alive_together_engraver
    }
    \context {
        \Score
        \remove Mark_engraver
        \remove Metronome_mark_engraver
        \remove Staff_collecting_engraver
    }
}

\score {
    <<
    \new StaffGroup = "winds" \with {
        instrumentName = "Winds"
        shortInstrumentName = "Winds"
    } <<
    \new MarkLine \bars
    \new Staff \winds
    >>
    \new StaffGroup = "brass" <<
    \new MarkLine \bars
    \new Staff = "trumpet" \with {
        instrumentName = "Trumpet"
    }
}

```

```

    shortInstrumentName = "Tpt"
  } \trumpet
  \new Staff = "trombone" \with {
    instrumentName = "Trombone"
    shortInstrumentName = "Tbn"
  } \trombone
>>
\new StaffGroup = "strings" \with {
  instrumentName = "Strings"
  shortInstrumentName = "Strings"
} <<
  \new MarkLine \bars
  \new Staff = "strings" { \strings }
>>
>>
}
```

The musical score is divided into two systems. The first system (measures 1-8) is marked **Allegro (♩ = 120)** and contains sections **A** and **B**. The second system (measures 9-16) is marked **Adagio (♩ = 40)** and contains sections **C**, **D**, **E**, **F**, **G**, and **H**. The Winds section includes parts for Winds, Trumpet, and Trombone. The Strings section includes parts for Strings and Tbn. The score uses a grand staff with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature.

Vertically aligned StaffGroups without connecting SystemStartBar

This snippet shows how to achieve vertically aligned StaffGroups with a SystemStartBar for each StaffGroup, but without connecting them.

```
#(set-global-staff-size 18)
```

```
\header { tagline = ##f }
```

```
\paper {
  indent = 0
  ragged-right = ##f
  print-all-headers = ##t
}
```

```
\layout {
  \context {
    \StaffGroup
    \consists Text_mark_engraver
    \consists Staff_collecting_engraver
    systemStartDelimiterHierarchy =
      #'(SystemStartBrace (SystemStartBracket a b))
  }
}
```

```
\context {
  \Score
  \remove Text_mark_engraver
  \remove Staff_collecting_engraver
  \override SystemStartBrace.style = #'bar-line
  \omit SystemStartBar
  \override SystemStartBrace.padding = #-0.1
  \override SystemStartBrace.thickness = #1.6
  \override StaffGrouper.staffgroup-staff-spacing.basic-distance = #15
}
```

%%% EXAMPLE

```

txt =
\lyricmode {
  Wer4 nur den lie -- ben Gott läßt wal2 -- ten4
  und4 hof -- fet auf ihn al -- le Zeit2.
}

% First StaffGroup "exercise"

eI =
\relative c' {
  \textMark \markup {
    \bold Teacher:
    This is a simple setting of the choral. Please improve it.
  }
  \key a \minor
  \time 4/4
  \voiceOne

  \partial 4
  e4
  a b c b
  a b gis2
  e4\fermata g! g f
  e a a gis
  a2.\fermata
  \bar ":|."
}

eII =
\relative c' {
  \key a \minor
  \time 4/4
  \voiceTwo
  \partial 4
  c4
  e e e gis
  a f e2
  b4 b d d
  c c d d
  c2.
  \bar ":|."
}

eIII =
\relative c' {
  \key a \minor
  \time 4/4
  \clef bass
  \voiceOne

```

```

\partial 4
a4
c b a b
c d b2
gis4 g g b
c a f e
e2.
}

eIV =
\relative c' {
  \key a \minor
  \time 4/4
  \clef bass
  \voiceTwo

  \partial 4
  a,4
  a' gis a e
  a, d e2
  e,4\fermata e' b g
  c f d e
  a,2.\fermata
  \bar ":|."
}

exercise =
\new StaffGroup = "exercise"
<<

  \new Staff
  <<
    \new Voice \eI
    \new Voice \eII
  >>

  \new Lyrics \txt

  \new Staff
  <<
    \new Voice \eIII
    \new Voice \eIV
  >>
>>

% Second StaffGroup "simple Bach"

sbI =
\relative c' {
  \textMark \markup { \bold" Pupil:" Here's my version! }
  \key a \minor

```

```

\time 4/4
\voiceOne

\partial 4
e4
a b c b
a b gis2
e4\fermata g! g f
e a a gis
a2.\fermata
\bar " : | ."
}

```

```

sbII =
\relative c' {
  \key a \minor
  \time 4/4
  \voiceTwo
  \partial 4
  c8 d
  e4 e e8 f g4
  f f e2
  b4 b8 c d4 d
  e8 d c4 b8 c d4
  c2.
  \bar " : | ."
}

```

```

sbIII =
\relative c' {
  \key a \minor
  \time 4/4
  \clef bass
  \voiceOne

  \partial 4
  a8 b
  c4 b a b8 c
  d4 d8 c b2
  gis4 g g8 a b4
  b a8 g f4 e
  e2.
}

```

```

sbIV =
\relative c' {
  \key a \minor
  \time 4/4
  \clef bass
  \voiceTwo

  \partial 4

```

```

a,4
a' gis a e
f8 e d4 e2
e,4\fermata e' b a8 g
c4 f8 e d4 e
a,2.\fermata
\bar " : | . "
}

simpleBach =
\new StaffGroup = "simple Bach"
<<

\new Staff
<<
  \new Voice \sbI
  \new Voice \sbII
>>

\new Lyrics \txt

\new Staff
<<
  \new Voice \sbIII
  \new Voice \sbIV
>>
>>

% Third StaffGroup "chromatic Bach"

cbI =
\relative c' {
  \textMark \markup {
    \bold "Teacher:"
    \column {
      "Well, you simply copied and transposed a version of J.S.Bach."
      "Do you know this one?"
    }
  }
}
\key a \minor
\time 4/4
\voiceOne

\partial 4
e4
a b c b
a b gis4. fis8
e4\fermata g! g f
e a a8 b gis4
a2.\fermata
\bar " : | . "
}

```

```

cbII =
\relative c' {
  \key a \minor
  \time 4/4
  \voiceTwo
  \partial 4
  c8 d
  e4 e e8 fis gis4
  a8 g! f!4 e2
  b4 e e d
  d8[ cis] d dis e fis e4
  e2.
  \bar ":|."
}

```

```

cbIII =
\relative c' {
  \key a \minor
  \time 4/4
  \clef bass
  \voiceOne

  \partial 4
  a8 b
  c[ b] a gis8 a4 d,
  e8[ e'] d c b4. a8
  gis4 b c d8 c
  b[ a] a b c b b c16 d
  c2.
}

```

```

cbIV =
\relative c' {
  \key a \minor
  \time 4/4
  \clef bass
  \voiceTwo

  \partial 4
  a4
  c, e a, b
  c d e2
  e4\fermata e a b8 c
  gis[ g] fis f e dis e4
  a,2.\fermata
  \bar ":|."
}

```

```

chromaticBach =
\new StaffGroup = "chromatic Bach"
<<

```

```

\new Staff
  <<
    \new Voice \cbI
    \new Voice \cbII
  >>

\new Lyrics \txt

\new Staff
  <<
    \new Voice \cbIII
    \new Voice \cbIV
  >>
>>

% Score

\score {
  <<
    \exercise
    \simpleBach
    \chromaticBach
  >>

  \header {
    title = \markup
      \column {
        \combine \null \vspace #1
        "Exercise: Improve the given choral"
        " "
      }
  }

  \layout {
    \context {
      \Lyrics
      \override LyricText.X-offset = #-1
    }
  }
}

```

Exercise: Improve the given choral

Teacher: This is a simple setting of the choral. Please improve it.

A musical score for a simple setting of the choral, presented in a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with a common time signature (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Wer nur den lie - ben Gott läßt wal -". The melody is simple, using mostly whole and half notes, with a few accidentals (sharps and naturals).

Pupil: Here's my version!

A musical score for the Pupil's version of the choral, presented in a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with a common time signature (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Wer nur den lie - ben Gott läßt wal -". The melody is more complex than the Teacher's version, using more eighth and sixteenth notes, and includes some accidentals (sharps and naturals).

Teacher: Well, you simply copied and transposed a version of J.S.Bach.
Do you know this one?

A musical score for the Teacher's version of the choral, presented in a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with a common time signature (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Wer nur den lie - ben Gott läßt wal -". The melody is more complex than the Pupil's version, using more eighth and sixteenth notes, and includes some accidentals (sharps and naturals). This version is a transposition of J.S. Bach's original setting.

ten und hof - fet auf ihn al - le Zeit

ten und hof - fet auf ihn al - le Zeit

ten und hof - fet auf ihn al - le Zeit

Volta below chords

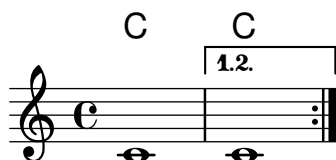
By adding the `Volta_engraver` to the relevant staff, volte can be put under chords.

```
\score {
  <<
    \chords {
      c1
      c1
    }
    \new Staff \with {
      \consists "Volta_engraver"
    }
    {
      \repeat volta 2 { c'1 }
      \alternative { c' }
    }
  >>
  \layout {
    \context {
      \Score
      \remove "Volta_engraver"
    }
  }
}
```

```

    }
  }
}

```



Volta brackets in multiple staves

By adding the `Volta_engraver` to the relevant staff, volte can be put over staves other than the topmost one in a score.

```

voltaMusic = \relative c'' {
  \repeat volta 2 {
    c1
    \alternative {
      \volta 1 { d1 }
      \volta 2 { e1 }
    }
  }
}

<<
\new StaffGroup <<
  \new Staff \voltaMusic
  \new Staff \voltaMusic
>>
\new StaffGroup <<
  \new Staff \with { \consists "Volta_engraver" }
  \voltaMusic
  \new Staff \voltaMusic
>>
>>

```

Editorial annotations

See also Section “Editorial annotations” in *Notation Reference*.

Adding fingerings to a score

Fingering instructions can be entered using a simple syntax.

```
\relative c' ' {
  c4-1 d-2 f-4 e-3
}
```



Adding links to objects

To add a link to a grob stencil you can use `add-link` as defined here. It works both with `\override` and `\tweak`.

Drawback: point-and-click is disturbed for the linked grobs.

Limitation: Works for PDF only.

The linked objects are colored with a separate command. Note that the links are not displayed and are not clickable from inside the LSR.

```
#(define (add-link url-strg)
  (lambda (grob)
    (let* ((stil (ly:grob-property grob 'stencil)))
      (if (ly:stencil? stil)
          (let* ((x-ext (ly:stencil-extent stil X))
                 (y-ext (ly:stencil-extent stil Y))
                 (url-expr `(url-link ,url-strg ,x-ext ,y-ext))
                 (new-stil
                  (ly:stencil-add
                   (ly:make-stencil url-expr x-ext y-ext)
                   stil)))
            (ly:grob-set-property! grob 'stencil new-stil))))))
```

```
%%% test
```

```
%% For easier maintenance of this snippet the URL is formatted to use the
%% actually used LilyPond version.
%% Of course a literal URL would work as well.
```

```
#(define major.minor-version
  (string-join (take (string-split (lilypond-version) #\.) 2) "."))

urlI =
#(format #f
  "http://lilypond.org/doc/v~a/Documentation/notation/writing-pitches"
  major.minor-version)

urlII =
#(format #f
```

```

"http://lilypond.org/doc/v~a/Documentation/notation/rhythms"
major.minor-version)

urlIII =
#(format #f
  "http://lilypond.org/doc/v~a/Documentation/notation/note-heads"
  major.minor-version)

urlIV =
#(format #f
  "http://lilypond.org/doc/v~a/Documentation/notation/beams"
  major.minor-version)

urlV =
#(format #f
  "http://lilypond.org/doc/v~a/Documentation/notation/note-head-styles"
  major.minor-version)

urlVI =
#(format #f
  "http://lilypond.org/doc/v~a/Documentation/notation/writing-pitches"
  major.minor-version)

\relative c' {
  \key cis \minor

  \once \override Staff.Clef.color = #green
  \once \override Staff.Clef.after-line-breaking =
    #(add-link urlI)

  \once \override Staff.TimeSignature.color = #green
  \once \override Staff.TimeSignature.after-line-breaking =
    #(add-link urlII)

  \once \override NoteHead.color = #green
  \once \override NoteHead.after-line-breaking =
    #(add-link urlIII)

  cis'1
  \once \override Beam.color = #green
  \once \override Beam.after-line-breaking =
    #(add-link urlIV)
  cis8 dis e fis gis2
  <gis,
    \tweak Accidental.color #green
    \tweak Accidental.after-line-breaking #(add-link urlVI)
    \tweak color #green
    \tweak after-line-breaking #(add-link urlV)
    \tweak style #'harmonic
  bis
  dis
  fis

```

```
>1
<cis, cis' e>
}
```



Adding markups in a tablature

By default markups does not show in a tablature.

To make them appear, simply use the command `\revert TabStaff.TextScript.stencil`

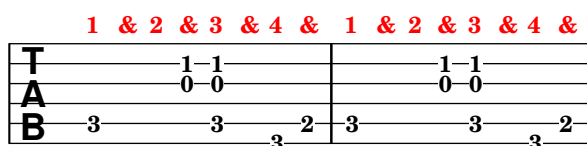
```
%% http://lsr.di.unimi.it/LSR/Item?id=919
% by P.P.Schneider on June 2014
```

```
high = { r4 r8 <g c'> q r8 r4 }
```

```
low = { c4 r4 c8 r8 g,8 b, }
```

```
pulse = { s8^"1" s^"&" s^"2" s^"&" s^"3" s^"&" s^"4" s^"&" }
```

```
\score {
  \new TabStaff {
    \repeat unfold 2 << \high \ \ \low \ \ \pulse >>
  }
  \layout {
    \context {
      \TabStaff
      \clef moderntab
      \revert TextScript.stencil
      \override TextScript.font-series = #'bold
      \override TextScript.font-size = #-2
      \override TextScript.color = #red
    }
    \context {
      \Score
      \proportionalNotationDuration = #1/8
    }
  }
}
```

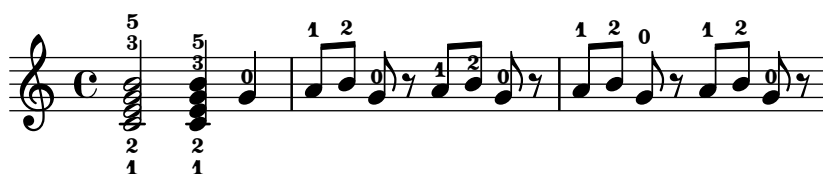


Allowing fingerings to be printed inside the staff

By default, vertically oriented fingerings are positioned outside the staff; that behavior, however, may be disabled. Attention needs to be paid to situations where fingerings and stems are in the same direction: by default, fingerings will avoid only beamed stems. That setting can be

changed to avoid no stems or all stems; the following example demonstrates these two options, as well as how to go back to the default behavior.

```
\relative c' {
  <c-1 e-2 g-3 b-5>2
  \override Fingering.staff-padding = #'()
  <c-1 e-2 g-3 b-5>4 g'-0
  a8[-1 b]-2 g-0 r
  \override Fingering.add-stem-support = ##f
  a[-1 b]-2 g-0 r
  \override Fingering.add-stem-support = ##t
  a[-1 b]-2 g-0 r
  \override Fingering.add-stem-support = #only-if-beamed
  a[-1 b]-2 g-0 r
}
```



Alternative bar numbering

Two alternative methods for bar numbering can be set, especially for when using repeated music.

```
music = \relative c' {
  \repeat volta 3 {
    c4 d e f |
    \alternative {
      \volta 1 { c4 d e f | c2 d \break }
      \volta 2 { f4 g a b | f4 g a b | f2 a | \break }
      \volta 3 { c4 d e f | c2 d } } }
  c1 \bar "|"
}

\markup "default"
{
  \music
}

\markup \typewriter "'numbers"
{
  \set Score.alternativeNumberingStyle = #'numbers
  \music
}

\markup \typewriter "'numbers-with-letters"
{
  \set Score.alternativeNumberingStyle = #'numbers-with-letters
  \music
}

\paper { tagline = ##f }
```

default

First ending: Treble clef, common time (C), notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. Measure 12 contains a repeat sign.

Second ending: Treble clef, common time (C), notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. Measure 12 contains a repeat sign.

Third ending: Treble clef, common time (C), notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. Measure 12 contains a repeat sign.

'numbers

First ending: Treble clef, common time (C), notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. Measure 12 contains a repeat sign.

Second ending: Treble clef, common time (C), notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. Measure 12 contains a repeat sign.

Third ending: Treble clef, common time (C), notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. Measure 12 contains a repeat sign.

'numbers-with-letters

First ending: Treble clef, common time (C), notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. Measure 12 contains a repeat sign.

Second ending: Treble clef, common time (C), notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. Measure 12 contains a repeat sign.

Third ending: Treble clef, common time (C), notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. Measure 12 contains a repeat sign.

Analysis brackets above the staff

Simple horizontal analysis brackets are added below the staff by default. The following example shows a way to place them above the staff instead.

```
\layout {
  \context {
    \Voice
    \consists "Horizontal_bracket_engraver"
  }
}

\relative c'' {
  \once \override HorizontalBracket.direction = #UP
  c2\startGroup
  d2\stopGroup
}
```



Analysis brackets with labels

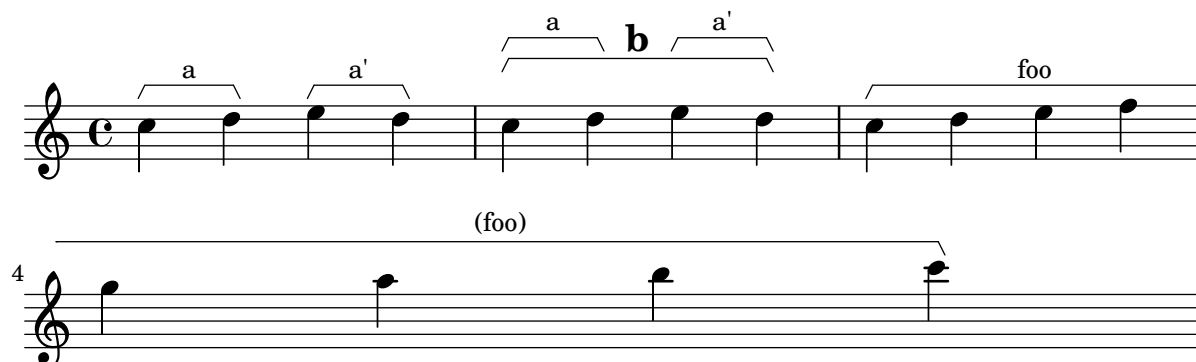
Text markup may be added to analysis brackets through the `text` property of the `HorizontalBracketText` grob. Adding different texts to brackets beginning at the same time requires the `\tweak` command.

Bracket text will be parenthesized after a line break.

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }

\layout {
  \context {
    \Voice
    \consists "Horizontal_bracket_engraver"
    \override HorizontalBracket.direction = #UP
  }
}

{
  \once\override HorizontalBracketText.text = "a"
  c''\startGroup d''\stopGroup
  \once\override HorizontalBracketText.text = "a'"
  e''\startGroup d''\stopGroup |
  c''-\tweak HorizontalBracketText.text
    \markup \bold \huge "b" \startGroup
    -\tweak HorizontalBracketText.text "a" \startGroup
    d''\stopGroup
    e''-\tweak HorizontalBracketText.text "a'" \startGroup
    d''\stopGroup\stopGroup |
  c''-\tweak HorizontalBracketText.text foo \startGroup
    d'' e'' f'' | \break
    g'' a'' b'' c'''\stopGroup
}
```



Applying note head styles depending on the step of the scale

The `shapeNoteStyles` property can be used to define various note head styles for each step of the scale (as set by the key signature or the tonic property).

This property requires a set of symbols, which can be purely arbitrary (geometrical expressions such as `triangle`, `cross`, and `xcircle` are allowed) or based on old American engraving tradition (some latin note names are also allowed).

That said, to imitate old American song books, there are several predefined note head styles available through shortcut commands such as `\aikenHeads` or `\sacredHarpHeads`.

This example shows different ways to obtain shape note heads, and demonstrates the ability to transpose a melody without losing the correspondence between harmonic functions and note head styles.

```
fragment = {
  \key c \major
  c2 d
  e2 f
  g2 a
  b2 c
}

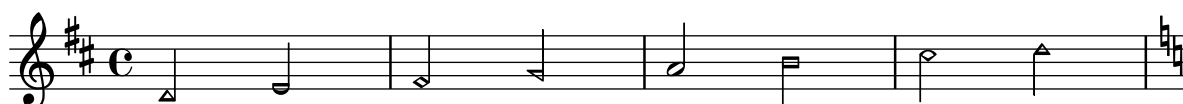
\new Staff {
  \transpose c d
  \relative c' {
    \set shapeNoteStyles = ##(do re mi fa
                          #f la ti)

    \fragment
  }

  \break

  \relative c' {
    \set shapeNoteStyles = ##(cross triangle fa #f
                          mensural xcircle diamond)

    \fragment
  }
}
```



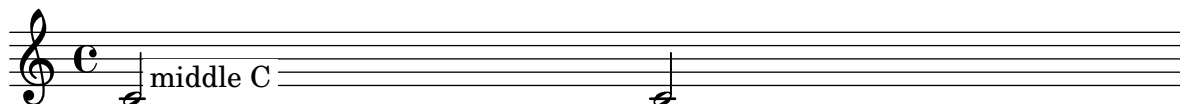


Blanking staff lines using the `\whiteout` command

The `\whiteout` command underlays a markup with a white box. Since staff lines are in a lower layer than most other grobs, this white box will not overlap any other grob.

```
\layout {
  ragged-right = ##f
}

\relative c' {
  \override TextScript.extra-offset = #'(2 . 4)
  c2-\markup { \whiteout \pad-markup #0.5 "middle C" } c
}
```



Changing a single note's size in a chord

Individual note heads in a chord can be modified with the `\tweak` command inside a chord, by altering the `font-size` property.

Inside the chord (within the brackets `< >`), before the note to be altered, place the `\tweak` command, followed by `font-size` and define the proper size like `#-2` (a tiny note head).

```
\relative c' {
  <\tweak font-size #+2 c e g c
  \tweak font-size #-2 e>1
  ^\markup { A tiny e } _\markup { A big c }
}
```



Changing the appearance of a slur from solid to dotted or dashed

The appearance of slurs may be changed from solid to dotted or dashed.

```
\relative c' {
  c4( d e c)
  \slurDotted
  c4( d e c)
  \slurSolid
  c4( d e c)
  \slurDashed
  c4( d e c)
  \slurSolid
}
```

```
c4( d e c)
}
```



Coloring notes depending on their pitch

It is possible to color note heads depending on their pitch and/or their names: the function used in this example even makes it possible to distinguish enharmonics.

%Association list of pitches to colors.

```
#(define color-mapping
  (list
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 0 NATURAL) (x11-color 'red))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 0 SHARP) (x11-color 'green))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 1 FLAT) (x11-color 'green))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 2 NATURAL) (x11-color 'red))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 2 SHARP) (x11-color 'green))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 3 FLAT) (x11-color 'red))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 3 NATURAL) (x11-color 'green))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 4 SHARP) (x11-color 'red))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 5 NATURAL) (x11-color 'green))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 5 FLAT) (x11-color 'red))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 6 SHARP) (x11-color 'red))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 1 NATURAL) (x11-color 'blue))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 3 SHARP) (x11-color 'blue))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 4 FLAT) (x11-color 'blue))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 5 SHARP) (x11-color 'blue))
    (cons (ly:make-pitch 0 6 FLAT) (x11-color 'blue))))

%Compare pitch and alteration (not octave).
#(define (pitch-equals? p1 p2)
  (and
    (= (ly:pitch-alteration p1) (ly:pitch-alteration p2))
    (= (ly:pitch-notename p1) (ly:pitch-notename p2))))

#(define (pitch-to-color pitch)
  (let ((color (assoc pitch color-mapping pitch-equals?)))
    (if color
      (cdr color))))

#(define (color-notehead grob)
  (pitch-to-color
    (ly:event-property (event-cause grob) 'pitch)))

\score {
  \new Staff \relative c' {
    \override NoteHead.color = #color-notehead
    c8 b d dis ees f g aes
  }
}
```

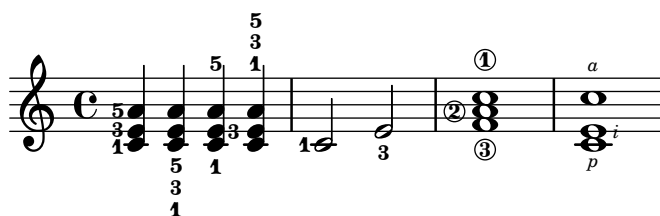


Controlling the placement of chord fingerings

The placement of fingering numbers can be controlled precisely by using the property `fingeringOrientation`. For fingering orientation to apply, the fingering command must be used within a chord construct (`<...>`), even for single notes. Orientation for string numbers and right-hand fingerings may be controlled in a similar way by using the properties `stringNumberOrientation` and `strokeFingerOrientation`, respectively.

These properties can be set to a list of one to three values. They control whether fingerings may be placed above (if `up` appears in the list), below (if `down` appears), to the left (if `left` appears), or to the right (if `right` appears). Conversely, if a location is not listed, no fingering is placed there. LilyPond takes these constraints and works out the best placement for the fingering of the notes of the following chords. Note that `left` and `right` are mutually exclusive – fingerings may be placed only on one side or the other, not both.

```
\relative c' {
  \set fingeringOrientations = #'(left)
  <c-1 e-3 a-5>4
  \set fingeringOrientations = #'(down)
  <c-1 e-3 a-5>4
  \set fingeringOrientations = #'(down right up)
  <c-1 e-3 a-5>4
  \set fingeringOrientations = #'(up)
  <c-1 e-3 a-5>4
  \set fingeringOrientations = #'(left)
  <c-1>2
  \set fingeringOrientations = #'(down)
  <e-3>2
  \set stringNumberOrientations = #'(up left down)
  <f\3 a\2 c\1>1
  \set strokeFingerOrientations = #'(down right up)
  <c\rightHandFinger 1 e\rightHandFinger 2 c'\rightHandFinger 4 >
}
```



Creating a delayed turn

Creating a delayed turn, where the lower note of the turn uses the accidental, requires several overrides. The `outside-staff-priority` property must be set to `#f`, as otherwise this would take precedence over the `avoid-slur` property. Changing the fractions `2/3` and `1/3` adjusts the horizontal position.

```
\relative c' {
  \after 2*2/3 \turn c2( d4) r |
  \after 4 \turn c4.( d8)
}
```

```

\after 4
{
  \once \set suggestAccidentals = ##t
  \once \override AccidentalSuggestion.outside-staff-priority = ##f
  \once \override AccidentalSuggestion.avoid-slur = #'inside
  \once \override AccidentalSuggestion.font-size = -3
  \once \override AccidentalSuggestion.script-priority = -1
  \once \hideNotes
  cis8\turn \noBeam
}
d4.( e8)
}

```



Creating blank staves

To create blank staves, generate empty measures then remove the `Bar_number_engraver` from the `Score` context, and the `Time_signature_engraver`, `Clef_engraver` and `Bar_engraver` from the `Staff` context.

```

#(set-global-staff-size 20)

```

```

\score {
  {
    \repeat unfold 12 { s1 \break }
  }
  \layout {
    indent = 0\in
    \context {
      \Staff
      \remove "Time_signature_engraver"
      \remove "Clef_engraver"
      \remove "Bar_engraver"
    }
    \context {
      \Score
      \remove "Bar_number_engraver"
    }
  }
}

```

```

% uncomment these lines for "letter" size

```

```

%{

```

```

\paper {
  #(set-paper-size "letter")
  ragged-last-bottom = ##f
  line-width = 7.5\in
  left-margin = 0.5\in
  bottom-margin = 0.25\in
  top-margin = 0.25\in
}

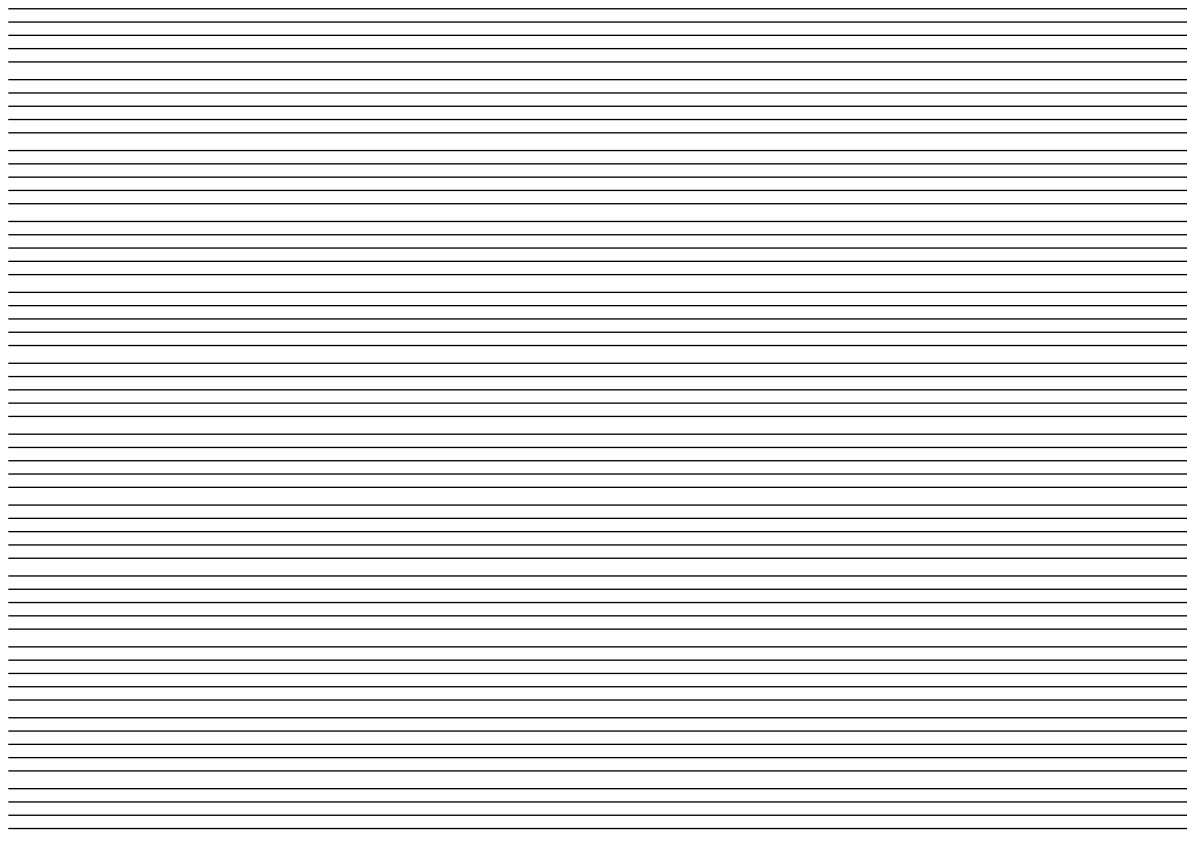
```

```

}
%}

% uncomment these lines for "A4" size
%{
\paper {
  #(set-paper-size "a4")
  ragged-last-bottom = ##f
  line-width = 180
  left-margin = 15
  bottom-margin = 10
  top-margin = 10
}
%}

```



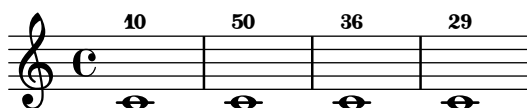
Creating double-digit fingerings

Creating fingerings larger than 5 is possible.

```

\relative c' {
  c1-10
  c1-50
  c1-36
  c1-29
}

```



Default direction of stems on the center line of the staff

The default direction of stems on the center line of the staff is set by the Stem property `neutral-direction`.

```
\relative c'' {
  a4 b c b
  \override Stem.neutral-direction = #up
  a4 b c b
  \override Stem.neutral-direction = #down
  a4 b c b
}
```



Different font size settings for `instrumentName` and `shortInstrumentName`

Choose different font sizes for `instrumentName` and `shortInstrumentName` as a context override.

```
InstrumentNameFontSize =
#(define-music-function (font-size-pair) (pair?)
  "Sets the @code{font-size} of @code{InstrumentName}.
  The font-size for the initial @code{instrumentName} is taken from the first
  value in @var{font-size-pair}. @code{shortInstrumentName} will get the second
  value of @var{font-size-pair}."
  "
```

```
;; This code could be changed/extended to set different values for each
;; occurrence of `shortInstrumentName'
```

```
#{
  \override InstrumentName.after-line-breaking =
    #(lambda (grob)
      (let* ((orig (ly:grob-original grob))
             (siblings (if (ly:grob? orig)
                           (ly:spanner-broken-into orig)
                           '()))))
        (if (pair? siblings)
            (begin
              (ly:grob-set-property!
               (car siblings)
               'font-size
               (car font-size-pair))
              (for-each
               (lambda (g)
                 (ly:grob-set-property! g 'font-size (cdr font-size-pair)))
               (cdr siblings))))))
    #})
```

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```

```

\layout {
  \context {
    \Staff
    \InstrumentNameFontSize #'(6 . -3)
  }
}

\new StaffGroup <<
  \new Staff
    \with {
      instrumentName = "Flute"
      shortInstrumentName = "Fl."
    }
    { c''1 \break c'' \break c'' }
  \new Staff
    \with {
      instrumentName = "Violin"
      shortInstrumentName = "Vl."
    }
    { c''1 \break c'' \break c'' }
>>

```

The image displays three musical staves, each with a brace grouping two staves. The first staff is labeled 'Flute' and 'Violin'. The second staff is labeled 'Fl.' and 'Vl.'. The third staff is labeled 'Fl.' and 'Vl.'. Each staff contains a single note on a five-line staff.

Drawing boxes around grobs

The print-function can be overridden to draw a box around an arbitrary grob.

```

\relative c'' {
  \override TextScript.stencil =
    #(make-stencil-boxer 0.1 0.3 ly:text-interface::print)
  c'4^"foo"

  \override Stem.stencil =

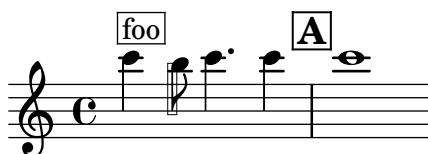
```

```

    #(make-stencil-boxer 0.05 0.25 ly:stem::print)
\override Score.RehearsalMark.stencil =
    #(make-stencil-boxer 0.15 0.3 ly:text-interface::print)
b8

\revert Stem.stencil
\revert Flag.stencil
c4. c4
\mark \default
c1
}

```



Drawing circles around note heads

Here is how to circle a note.

```

circle =
\once \override NoteHead.stencil = #(lambda (grob)
  (let* ((note (ly:note-head::print grob))
        (combo-stencil (ly:stencil-add
                          note
                          (circle-stencil note 0.1 0.8))))
    (ly:make-stencil (ly:stencil-expr combo-stencil)
      (ly:stencil-extent note X)
      (ly:stencil-extent note Y))))

{ \circle c' ' }

```



Drawing circles around various objects

The `\circle` markup command draws circles around various objects, for example fingering indications. For other objects, specific tweaks may be required: this example demonstrates two strategies for rehearsal marks and measure numbers.

```

\relative c' {
  c1
  \set Score.rehearsalMarkFormatter =
    #(lambda (mark context)
      (make-circle-markup (format-mark-numbers mark context)))
  \mark \default

  c2 d~\markup {
    \override #'(thickness . 3) {
      \circle \finger 2
    }
  }
}

```

```

\override Score.BarNumber.break-visibility = #all-visible
\override Score.BarNumber.stencil =
  #(make-stencil-circler 0.1 0.25 ly:text-interface::print)
}

```



Embedding native PostScript in a \markup block

PostScript code can be directly inserted inside a \markup block.

% PostScript is a registered trademark of Adobe Systems Inc.

```

\relative c'' {
  a4-\markup { \postscript "3 4 moveto 5 3 rlineto stroke" }
  -\markup { \postscript "[ 0 1 ] 0 setdash 3 5 moveto 5 -3 rlineto stroke " }

  b4-\markup { \postscript "3 4 moveto 0 0 1 2 8 4 20 3.5 rcurveto stroke" }
  s2
  a'1
}

```



Grid lines: changing their appearance

The appearance of grid lines can be changed by overriding some of their properties.

```

\score {
  \new ChoirStaff <<
    \new Staff {
      \relative c'' {
        \stemUp
        c'4. d8 e8 f g4
      }
    }
  \new Staff {
    \relative c {
      % this moves them up one staff space from the default position
      \override Score.GridLine.extra-offset = #'(0.0 . 1.0)
      \stemDown
      \clef bass
      \once \override Score.GridLine.thickness = 5.0
      c4
      \once \override Score.GridLine.thickness = 1.0
      g'4
      \once \override Score.GridLine.thickness = 3.0
      f4
      \once \override Score.GridLine.thickness = 5.0
      e4
    }
  }
}

```

```

    }
  }
  >>
  \layout {
    \context {
      \Staff
      % set up grids
      \consists "Grid_point_engraver"
      % set the grid interval to one quarter note
      gridInterval = #1/4
    }
    \context {
      \Score
      \consists "Grid_line_span_engraver"
      % this moves them to the right half a staff space
      \override NoteColumn.X-offset = -0.5
    }
  }
}

```



Grid lines: emphasizing rhythms and notes synchronization

Regular vertical lines can be drawn between staves to show note synchronization; however, in case of monophonic music, you may want to make the second staff invisible, and make the lines shorter like in this snippet.

```

\score {
  \new ChoirStaff {
    \relative c'' <<
    \new Staff {
      \time 12/8
      \stemUp
      c4. d8 e8 f g4 f8 e8. d16 c8
    }
    \new Staff {
      % hides staff and notes so that only the grid lines are visible
      \hideNotes
      \hide Staff.BarLine
      \override Staff.StaffSymbol.line-count = #0
      \hide Staff.TimeSignature
      \hide Staff.Clef

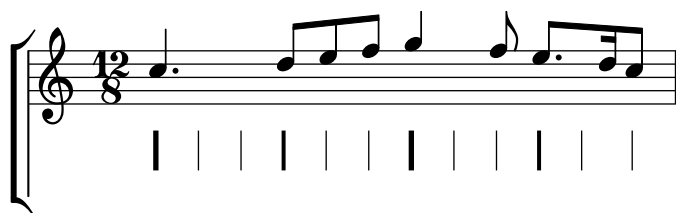
      % dummy notes to force regular note spacing
      \once \override Score.GridLine.thickness = #4.0
    }
  }
}

```

```

      c8 c c
      \once \override Score.GridLine.thickness = #3.0
      c8 c c
      \once \override Score.GridLine.thickness = #4.0
      c8 c c
      \once \override Score.GridLine.thickness = #3.0
      c8 c c
    }
  >>
}
\layout {
  \context {
    \Score
    \consists "Grid_line_span_engraver"
    % center grid lines horizontally below note heads
    \override NoteColumn.X-offset = #-0.5
  }
  \context {
    \Staff
    \consists "Grid_point_engraver"
    gridInterval = #1/8
    % set line length and positioning:
    % two staff spaces above center line on hidden staff
    % to four spaces below center line on visible staff
    \override GridPoint.Y-extent = #'(2 . -4)
  }
  ragged-right = ##t
}
}

```



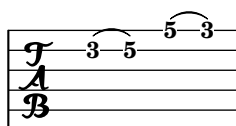
Hammer on and pull off

Hammer-on and pull-off can be obtained using slurs.

```

\new TabStaff {
  \relative c' {
    d4( e\2)
    a( g)
  }
}

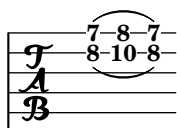
```



Hammer on and pull off using chords

When using hammer-on or pull-off with chorded notes, only a single arc is drawn. However “double arcs” are possible by setting the `doubleSlurs` property to `#t`.

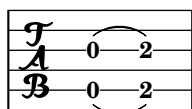
```
\new TabStaff {
  \relative c' {
    % chord hammer-on and pull-off
    \set doubleSlurs = ##t
    <g' b>8( <a c> <g b>)
  }
}
```



Hammer on and pull off using voices

The arc of hammer-on and pull-off is upwards in voices one and three and downwards in voices two and four:

```
\new TabStaff {
  \relative c' {
    << { \voiceOne g2( a) }
    \\ { \voiceTwo a,( b) }
    >> \oneVoice
  }
}
```



Making some staff lines thicker than the others

For educational purposes, a staff line can be thickened (e.g., the middle line, or to emphasize the line of the G clef). This can be achieved by adding extra lines very close to the line that should be emphasized, using the `line-positions` property of the `StaffSymbol` object.

```
{
  \override Staff.StaffSymbol.line-positions =
    #'(-4 -2 -0.2 0 0.2 2 4)
  d'4 e' f' g'
}
```



Marking notes of spoken parts with a cross on the stem (Sprechstimme)

This example shows how to put crosses on stems. Mark the beginning of a spoken section with the `\speakOn` keyword, and end it with the `\speakOff` keyword.

```
speakOn = {
```

```

\override Stem.stencil =
  #(lambda (grob)
    (let* ((x-parent (ly:grob-parent grob X))
      (is-rest? (ly:grob? (ly:grob-object x-parent 'rest))))
      (if is-rest?
        empty-stencil
        (ly:stencil-combine-at-edge
          (ly:stem::print grob)
          Y
          (- (ly:grob-property grob 'direction))
          (grob-interpret-markup grob
            (markup #:center-align #:fontsize -4
              #:musicglyph "noteheads.s2cross")))
          -2.3))))))
}

speakOff = {
  \revert Stem.stencil
  \revert Flag.stencil
}

\score {
  \new Staff {
    \relative c'' {
      a4 b a c
      \speakOn
      g4 f r g
      b4 r d e
      \speakOff
      c4 a g f
    }
  }
}

```



Measure counter

This snippet provides a workaround for emitting measure counters using transparent percent repeats.

```

<<
\context Voice = "foo" {
  \clef bass
  c4 r g r
  c4 r g r
  c4 r g r
  c4 r g r
}
\context Voice = "foo" {
  \set countPercentRepeats = ##t

```

```

\hide PercentRepeat
\override PercentRepeatCounter.staff-padding = #1
\repeat percent 4 { s1 }
}
>>

```



Measure spanner

Measure spanners are an alternate way to print annotated brackets. As opposed to horizontal brackets, they extend between two bar lines rather than two notes. The text is displayed in the center of the bracket.

```

\paper { tagline = ##f }

\layout {
  \context {
    \Staff
    \consists Measure_spanner_engraver
  }
}

<<
\new Staff \relative c'' {
  \key d \minor
  R1*2
  \tweak text "Answer"
  \startMeasureSpanner
  \tuplet 3/2 8 {
    a16[ b c] d[ c b] c[ d e] f[ e d]
  }
  e8 a gis g
  fis f e d~ d c b e
  \stopMeasureSpanner
}
\new Staff \relative c' {
  \key d \minor
  \tweak text "Subject"
  \tweak direction #DOWN
  \startMeasureSpanner
  \tuplet 3/2 8 {
    d16[ e f] g[ f e] f[ g a] bes[ a g]
  }
  a8 d cis c
  b bes a g~ g f e a
  \stopMeasureSpanner
  \tweak text "Counter-subject"
  \tweak direction #DOWN
  \startMeasureSpanner
  f8 e a r r16 b, c d e fis g e
  a gis a b c fis, b a gis e a4 g8
}

```

```

\stopMeasureSpanner
}
>>

```

The image shows a musical score snippet with three staves. The top staff is empty. The middle staff is labeled "Subject" and contains a melodic line with triplets. The bottom staff is labeled "Counter-subject" and contains a counter-melodic line with triplets. The word "Answer" is written above the middle staff.

Numbering groups of measures

This snippet demonstrates the use of the `Measure_counter_engraver` to number groups of successive measures. Any stretch of measures may be numbered, whether consisting of repetitions or not.

The engraver must be added to the appropriate context. Here, a `Staff` context is used; another possibility is a `Dynamics` context.

The counter is begun with `\startMeasureCount` and ended with `\stopMeasureCount`. Numbering will start by default with 1, but this behavior may be modified by overriding the `count-from` property.

When a measure extends across a line break, the number will appear twice, the second time in parentheses.

```

\layout {
  \context {
    \Staff
    \consists #Measure_counter_engraver
  }
}

\new Staff {
  \startMeasureCount
  \repeat unfold 7 {
    c'4 d' e' f'
  }
  \stopMeasureCount
  \bar "||"
  g'4 f' e' d'
  \override Staff.MeasureCounter.count-from = #2
  \startMeasureCount
  \repeat unfold 5 {

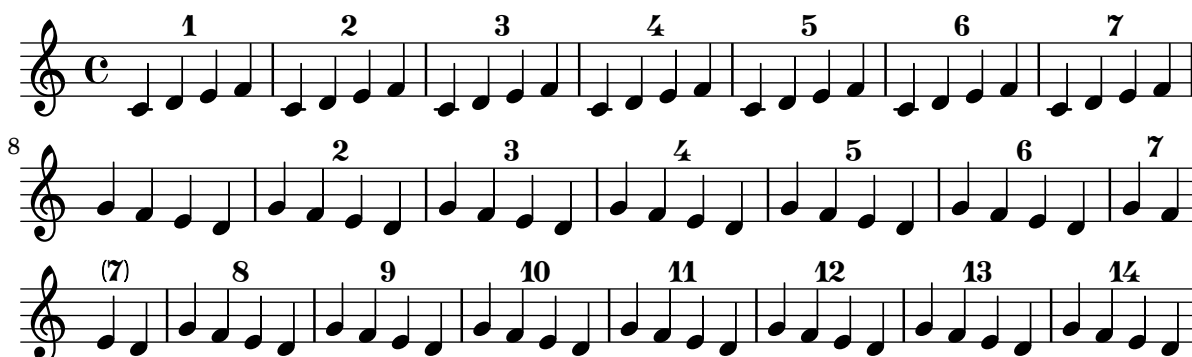
```

```

    g'4 f' e' d'
  }
  g'4 f'
  \bar ""
  \break
  e'4 d'
  \repeat unfold 7 {
    g'4 f' e' d'
  }
  \stopMeasureCount
}

```

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```



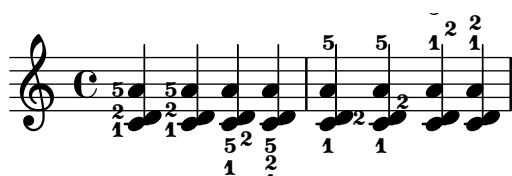
Positioning fingering indications precisely

Generally the options available for positioning the fingering of chords work well by default, but if one of the indications needs to be positioned more precisely the following tweak may be used. This is particularly useful for correcting the positioning when intervals of a second are involved.

```

\relative c' {
  \set fingeringOrientations = #'(left)
  <c-1 d-2 a'-5>4
  <c-1 d-\tweak extra-offset #'(0 . 0.2)-2 a'-5>4
  \set fingeringOrientations = #'(down)
  <c-1 d-2 a'-5>4
  <c-\tweak extra-offset #'(0 . -1.1)-1
    d-\tweak extra-offset #'(-1.2 . -1.8)-2 a'-5>4
  \set fingeringOrientations = #'(down right up)
  <c-1 d-\tweak extra-offset #'(-0.3 . 0)-2 a'-5>4
  <c-1 d-\tweak extra-offset #'(-1 . 1.2)-2 a'-5>4
  \set fingeringOrientations = #'(up)
  <c-1 d-\tweak extra-offset #'(0 . 1.1)-2
    a'-\tweak extra-offset #'(0 . 1)-5>4
  <c-1 d-\tweak extra-offset #'(-1.2 . 1.5)-2
    a'-\tweak extra-offset #'(0 . 1.4)-5>4
}

```



Positioning text markups inside slurs

Text markups need to have the `outside-staff-priority` property set to `false` in order to be printed inside slurs.

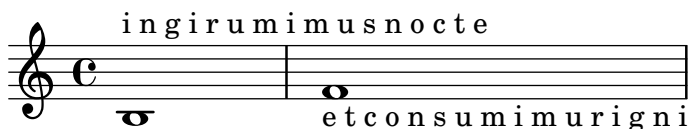
```
\relative c' {
  \override TextScript.avoid-slur = #'inside
  \override TextScript.outside-staff-priority = ##f
  c2(^\markup { \halign #-10 \natural } d4.) c8
}
```



Printing text from right to left

It is possible to print text from right to left in a markup object, as demonstrated here.

```
{
  b1^\markup {
    \line { i n g i r u m i m u s n o c t e }
  }
  f'_\markup {
    \override #'(text-direction . -1)
    \line { i n g i r u m i m u s n o c t e }
  }
}
```



String number extender lines

Make an extender line for string number indications, showing that a series of notes is supposed to be played all on the same string.

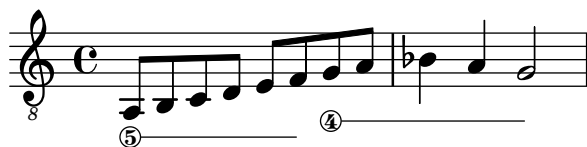
```
stringNumberSpanner =
  #(define-music-function (StringNumber) (string?)
    #{
      \override TextSpanner.style = #'solid
      \override TextSpanner.font-size = #-5
      \override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.stencil-align-dir-y = #CENTER
      \override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.text =
        \markup { \circle \number $StringNumber }
    #})
```

```
\relative c {
  \clef "treble_8"
  \stringNumberSpanner "5"
  \textSpannerDown
  a8\startTextSpan
  b c d e f\stopTextSpan
}
```

```

\stringNumberSpanner "4"
g\startTextSpan a
bes4 a g2\stopTextSpan
}

```



Using PostScript to generate special note head shapes

When a note head with a special shape cannot easily be generated with graphic markup, PostScript code can be used to generate the shape. This example shows how a parallelogram-shaped note head is generated.

```

%% Updaters remark:
%% For unknwn reasons this snippet returns a gs-error, but only, if compiled
%% with multiple others like: lilypond *.ly
%% Thus changing to a path-stencil.
%% TODO description needs to get adjusted --harm

```

```

parallelogram =
  #(ly:make-stencil
    '(path 0.1
      (rmoveto 0 0.25
        lineto 1.3125 0.75
        lineto 1.3125 -0.25
        lineto 0 -0.75)
      round
      round
      #t)
    (cons 0 1.3125)
    (cons -.75 .75))

myNoteHeads = \override NoteHead.stencil = \parallelogram
normalNoteHeads = \revert NoteHead.stencil

\relative c' ' {
  \myNoteHeads
  g4 d'
  \normalNoteHeads
  <f, \tweak stencil \parallelogram b e>4 d
}

```



Using the whiteout property

Any graphical object can be printed over a white background to mask parts of objects that lie beneath. This can be useful to improve the appearance of collisions in complex situations

when repositioning objects is impractical. It is necessary to explicitly set the layer property to control which objects are masked by the white background.

In this example the collision of the tie with the time signature is improved by masking out the part of the tie that crosses the time signature, setting the `whiteout` property of `TimeSignature`. To do this, `TimeSignature` is moved to a layer above `Tie`, which is left in the default layer 1, and `StaffSymbol` is moved to a layer above `TimeSignature` so it is not masked.

```
{
  \override Score.StaffSymbol.layer = 4
  \override Staff.TimeSignature.layer = 3
  b'2 b'~
  \once \override Staff.TimeSignature.whiteout = ##t
  \time 3/4
  b' r4
}
```



Text

See also Section “Text” in *Notation Reference*.

[OBSOLETE] Adding a QR code

This snippet lets you draw a QR-code, for example to provide a link to the composer’s, or the music editor’s website.

Actually encoding the URL into a QR-code is not done here (this just draws the QR-code from a grid of "black" or "white" values), but see the code for a short Python snippet you can use to avoid having to fill for each small square if it’s black or white.

This snippet is obsolete starting from LilyPond 2.25.3, which adds a `\qr-code markup` command that takes a URL directly instead of a grid of "black" and "white" values. It is used like `\markup \qr-code #10 "https://lilypond.org"`.

%% Original thread: <https://lists.gnu.org/archive/html/lilypond-user-fr/2022-07/msg00005.html>

%% (snippet author: Jean Abou Samra <jean@abou-samra.fr>)

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }

#(define (index-map f . lsts)
  "Applies @code{f} to corresponding elements of @code{lists}, just as @code{map},
  providing an additional counter starting at zero. @code{f} needs to have the
  counter in its arguments like @code{(index-map (lambda (i arg) <body>) lists)}"
  (let loop ((lsts lsts)
             (acc '())
             (i 0))
    (if (any null? lsts)
        (reverse! acc)
        (loop (map cdr lsts)
              (cons (apply f i (map car lsts))
                    acc)
              (1+ i)))))

#(define-markup-command (qr-code layout props data) (string?)
  #:properties ((width 10))
  (let* (; Return lines in reversed order, since translating in Y-axis
        ;; uses increasing values. Meaning lines will be stacked upwards.
        (lines (reverse
                 (remove
                  string-null?
                  (map string-trim-both (string-split data #\newline)))))
        (n (length lines))
        (square-width (/ width n))
        (box (make-filled-box-stencil `(0 . ,square-width)
                                       `(0 . ,square-width))))

    ;; Build the final qr-code-stencil from line-stencils list
    (apply ly:stencil-add
           ;; Get a list of line-stencils
           (index-map
            (lambda (i line)
```

```

;; Build a line-stencil from square-stencils list
(apply ly:stencil-add
  ;; Get a list of (already translated) square-stencils
  ;; per line
  (index-map
    (lambda (j char)
      (ly:stencil-translate
        (stencil-with-color
          box
          (case char
            ((#\0)
             white)
            ((#\1)
             black)
            (else
             (ly:warning
              "unrecognized character ~a, should be 0 or 1"
              char)
             red))))
      (cons (* j square-width)
            (* i square-width))))
    (string->list line))))
lines))))

```

```
%{
```

A string representation of the QR code. 0 means white, 1 means black.
 You can generate this automatically using Python and the pyqrcode module
 ("pip install pyqrcode"). Use this line of code in a Python prompt:

```
>>> import pyqrcode; print(pyqrcode.create("https://lilypond.org").text(quiet_zone=0))
%}
```

```
lilypondDotOrg =
```

```

"11111110011100011110101111111
10000010010000010111101000001
10111010010110001000101011101
10111010001010111101001011101
10111010110100000111001011101
10000010011100011001101000001
11111110101010101010101111111
00000000111000111110100000000
00110011101100001000111010000
10101001111000001000001111101
00110111010100000110001011010
01010001100110010111000110001
01111011110010011110010100111
01111101001101010001001101101
01111011000001000011001111011
11001001001011001000111011010
11100110111011011001110111000
00001100010001001011100100100

```

```

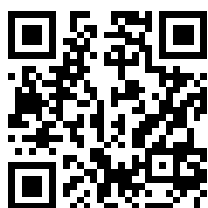
10111111011001010011001000100
00001100001000101011011011100
01010010000011000000111111111
00000000110011100010100011001
11111110101001101011101010110
10000010000110111110100010011
10111010011010111100111111111
10111010110001101111000011110
10111010100101101010100101001
10000010001001000100000010010
11111110010100110010111100010"

```

```
\markup \qr-code \lilypondDotOrg
```

```
\markup \vspace #5
```

```
\markup \override #'(width . 15) \qr-code \lilypondDotOrg
```



Adding markups in a tablature

By default markups does not show in a tablature.

To make them appear, simply use the command `\revert TabStaff.TextScript.stencil`

```
%% http://lsr.di.unimi.it/LSR/Item?id=919
```

```
% by P.P.Schneider on June 2014
```

```
high = { r4 r8 <g c'> q r8 r4 }
```

```
low = { c4 r4 c8 r8 g,8 b, }
```

```
pulse = { s8^"1" s^"&" s^"2" s^"&" s^"3" s^"&" s^"4" s^"&" }
```

```

\score {
  \new TabStaff {
    \repeat unfold 2 << \high \\\ \low \\\ \pulse >>

```

```

}
\layout {
  \context {
    \TabStaff
    \clef moderntab
    \revert TextScript.stencil
    \override TextScript.font-series = #'bold
    \override TextScript.font-size = #-2
    \override TextScript.color = #red
  }
  \context {
    \Score
    proportionalNotationDuration = #1/8
  }
}

```

	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &
T	1-1	1-1
A	0-0	0-0
B	3 3 2	3 3 2

Adding the current date to a score

With a little Scheme code, the current date can easily be added to a score.

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```

```
% first, define a variable to hold the formatted date:
date = #(strftime "%d-%m-%Y" (localtime (current-time)))
```

```
% use it in the title block:
```

```
\header {
  title = "Including the date!"
  subtitle = \date
}
```

```
\score {
  \relative c'' {
    c4 c c c
  }
}
```

```
% and use it in a \markup block:
```

```
\markup {
  \date
}
```

Including the date!

03-05-2025



03-05-2025

Adjusting lyrics vertical spacing

This snippet shows how to bring the lyrics line closer to the staff.

% Default layout:

```
<<
\new Staff \new Voice = melody \relative c' {
  c4 d e f
  g4 f e d
  c1
}
\new Lyrics \lyricsto melody { aa aa aa aa aa aa aa aa aa }

\new Staff {
  \new Voice = melody \relative c' {
    c4 d e f
    g4 f e d
    c1
  }
}
% Reducing the minimum space below the staff and above the lyrics:
\new Lyrics \with {
  \override VerticalAxisGroup.nonstaff-relatedstaff-spacing =
    #'((basic-distance . 1))
}
\lyricsto melody { aa aa aa aa aa aa aa aa aa }
>>
```



Aligning and centering instrument names

The horizontal alignment of instrument names is tweaked by changing the `Staff.InstrumentName.self-alignment-X` property. The `\layout` variables `indent` and `short-indent` define the space in which the instrument names are aligned before the first and the following systems, respectively.

```
\paper { left-margin = 3\cm }

\score {
  \new StaffGroup <<

    \new Staff \with {
      \override InstrumentName.self-alignment-X = #LEFT
      instrumentName = \markup \left-column {
        "Left aligned"
        "instrument name"
      }
    }
  >>
}
```

```

    }
    shortInstrumentName = "Left"
  }

  { c''1 \break c''1 }

\new Staff \with {
  \override InstrumentName.self-alignment-X = #CENTER
  instrumentName = \markup \center-column {
    Centered
    "instrument name"
  }
  shortInstrumentName = "Centered"
}

{ g'1 g'1}

\new Staff \with {
  \override InstrumentName.self-alignment-X = #RIGHT
  instrumentName = \markup \right-column {
    "Right aligned"
    "instrument name"
  }
  shortInstrumentName = "Right"
}

{ e'1 e'1 }

>>


\layout {
  ragged-right = ##t
  indent = 4\cm
  short-indent = 2\cm
}
}

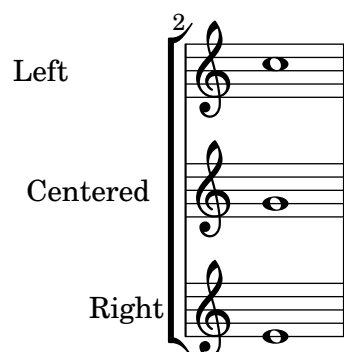
```

Left aligned
instrument name

Centered
instrument name

Right aligned
instrument name





Aligning syllables with melisma

By default, lyrics syllables that start a melisma are left aligned on their note. The alignment can be altered using the `lyricMelismaAlignment` property.

```
\score {
  <<
    \new Staff {
      \relative c''
      \new Voice = "vocal" {
        c d~\markup default d e
        c d~\markup "right aligned" d e
        c d~\markup "center aligned" d e
        c d~\markup "reset to default" d e
      }
    }
    \new Lyrics \lyricsto "vocal" {
      word word word
      \set lyricMelismaAlignment = #RIGHT
      word word word
      \set lyricMelismaAlignment = #CENTER
      word word word
      \unset lyricMelismaAlignment
      word word word
    }
  >>
}
```



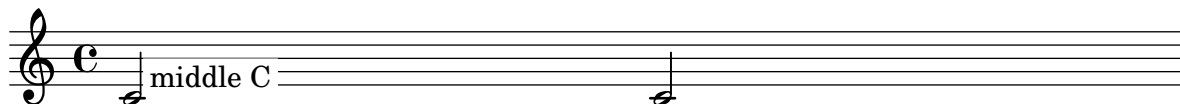
Blanking staff lines using the `\whiteout` command

The `\whiteout` command underlays a markup with a white box. Since staff lines are in a lower layer than most other grobs, this white box will not overlap any other grob.

```
\layout {
  ragged-right = ##f
}

\relative c' {
  \override TextScript.extra-offset = #'(2 . 4)
```

```
c2-\markup { \whiteout \pad-markup #0.5 "middle C" } c
}
```



Center text below hairpin dynamics

This example provides a function to typeset a hairpin (de)crescendo with some additional text below it, such as “molto” or “poco”. The added text will change the direction according to the direction of the hairpin. The Hairpin is aligned to DynamicText.

The example also illustrates how to modify the way an object is normally printed, using some Scheme code.

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }

hairpinWithCenteredText =
#(define-music-function (text) (markup?)
  #{
    \once \override Voice.Hairpin.after-line-breaking =
      #(lambda (grob)
        (let* ((stencil (ly:hairpin::print grob))
              (par-y (ly:grob-parent grob Y))
              (dir (ly:grob-property par-y 'direction))
              (staff-line-thickness
                (ly:output-def-lookup (ly:grob-layout grob) 'line-thickness))
              (new-stencil (ly:stencil-aligned-to
                            (ly:stencil-combine-at-edge
                              (ly:stencil-aligned-to stencil X CENTER)
                              Y dir
                              (ly:stencil-aligned-to
                                (grob-interpret-markup
                                  grob
                                  (make-fontsize-markup
                                    (magnification->font-size
                                      (+ (ly:staff-symbol-staff-space grob)
                                        (/ staff-line-thickness 2)))
                                      text)) X CENTER))
                              X LEFT))
              (staff-space (ly:output-def-lookup
                            (ly:grob-layout grob) 'staff-space))
              (par-x (ly:grob-parent grob X))
              (dyn-text (grob::has-interface par-x 'dynamic-text-interface))
              (dyn-text-stencil-x-length
                (if dyn-text
                  (interval-length
                    (ly:stencil-extent (ly:grob-property par-x 'stencil) X))
                  0))
              (x-shift
                (if dyn-text
                  (-
```

```

      (+ staff-space dyn-text-stencil-x-length)
      (* 0.5 staff-line-thickness)) 0)))

(ly:grob-set-property! grob 'Y-offset 0)
(ly:grob-set-property! grob 'stencil
  (ly:stencil-translate-axis
    new-stencil
    x-shift X))))
#})

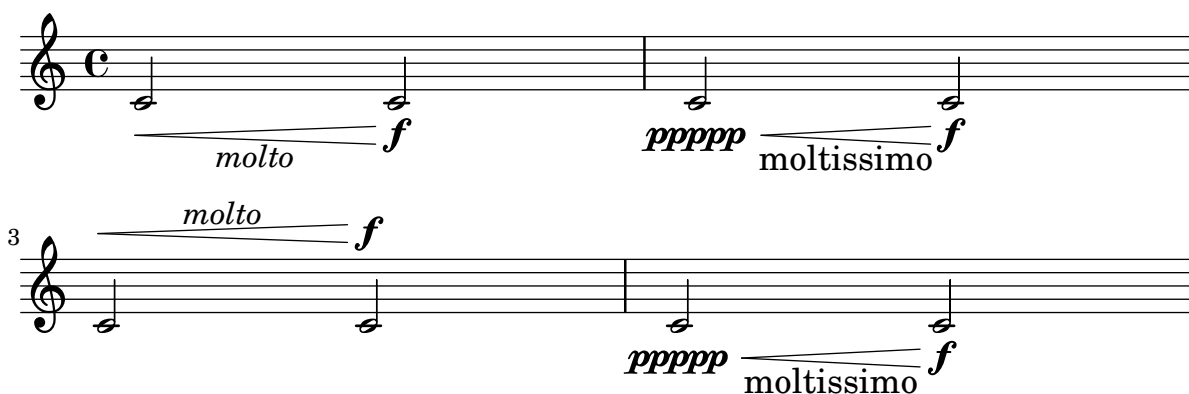
hairpinMolto =
\hairpinWithCenteredText \markup { \italic molto }

hairpinMore =
\hairpinWithCenteredText \markup { \larger moltissimo }

\layout { ragged-right = ##f }

\relative c' {
  \hairpinMolto
  c2\< c\f
  \hairpinMore
  c2\ppppp\< c\f
  \break
  \hairpinMolto
  c2^\< c\f
  \hairpinMore
  c2\ppppp\< c\f
}

```



Changing ottava text

Internally, `\ottava` sets the properties `ottavation` (for example, to 8va or 8vb) and `middleCPosition`. To override the text of the bracket, set `ottavation` after invoking `\ottava`.

Short text is especially useful when a brief `ottava` is used.

```

{
  c'2
  \ottava 1
  \set Staff.ottavation = "8"
  c''2
}

```

```

\ottava 0
c'1
\ottava 1
\set Staff.ottavation = "Text"
c''1
}

```



Changing the default text font family

The default font families for text can be overridden.

```
%{
```

You may have to install additional fonts.

Red Hat Fedora

```
dejavu-fonts-all
```

Debian GNU/Linux, Ubuntu

```
fonts-dejavu-core
```

```
fonts-dejavu-extra
```

```
%}
```

```
\paper {
```

```
%{
```

```
run
```

```
lilypond -dshow-available-fonts
```

to show all fonts available in the process log.

```
%}
```

```
property-defaults.fonts.serif = "DejaVu Serif"
```

```
property-defaults.fonts.sans = "DejaVu Sans"
```

```
property-defaults.fonts.typewriter = "DejaVu Sans Mono"
```

```
}
```

```
{
```

```
g'''4^\markup {
```

```
DejaVu Serif: \bold bold
```

```
\italic italic
```

```
\italic \bold { bold italic }
```

```
}
```

```
g4_\markup {
```

```
\override #'(font-family . sans) {
```

```
DejaVu Sans: \bold bold
```

```
\italic italic
```

```
\italic \bold { bold italic }
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

```
g''2^\markup {
```

```

\override #'(font-family . typewriter) {
  DeJaVu Sans Mono: \bold bold
                    \italic italic
                    \italic \bold { bold italic }
}
}
}

```



Combining dynamics with markup texts

Some dynamics may involve text indications (such as “più forte” or “piano subito”). These can be produced using a `\markup` block.

```

piuF = \markup { \italic più \dynamic f }

```

```

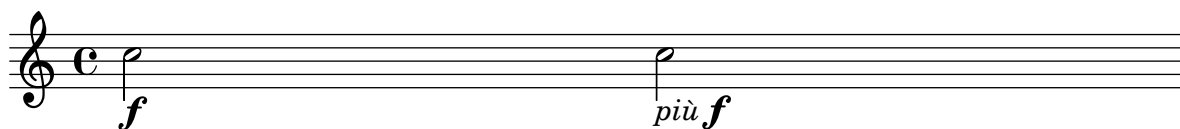
\layout { ragged-right = ##f }

```

```

\relative c'' {
  c2\f c-\piuF
}

```



Combining two parts on the same staff

The part combiner tool (i.e., the `\partCombine` command) allows the combination of several different parts on the same staff. Text directions such as “solo” or “a2” are added by default; to remove them, simply set the property `printPartCombineTexts` to `#f`.

For vocal scores (hymns), there is no need to add “solo/a2” texts, so they should be switched off. However, it might be better not to use them if there are any solos, as they won’t be indicated. In such cases, standard polyphonic notation may be preferable.

This snippet presents the three ways two parts can be printed on a same staff: standard polyphony, `\partCombine` without texts, and `\partCombine` with texts.

```

musicUp = \relative c'' {
  \time 4/4
  a4 c4.( g8) a4 |
  g4 e' g,( a8 b) |
  c b a2.
}

```

```

musicDown = \relative c'' {
  g4 e4.( d8) c4 |
  r2 g'4( f8 e) |
  d2 \stemDown a
}

```

```

}

\score {
  <<
    \new Staff \with {
      instrumentName = "standard polyphony"
    } << \musicUp \\\ \musicDown >>

    \new Staff \with {
      instrumentName =
        \markup { \typewriter "\\partCombine" without text}
      printPartCombineTexts = ##f
    } \partCombine \musicUp \musicDown

    \new Staff \with {
      instrumentName =
        \markup { \typewriter "\\partCombine" with text}
    } \partCombine \musicUp \musicDown
  >>

  \layout {
    indent = 6.0\cm
    \context {
      \Score
      % Setting this to a large value avoids a bar line at the
      % beginning that would connect the three staves otherwise.
      \override SystemStartBar.collapse-height = 30
    }
  }
}

```

standard polyphony	
\partCombine without text	
\partCombine with text	

Creating "real" parenthesized dynamics

Although the easiest way to add parentheses to a dynamic mark is to use a `\markup` block, this method has a downside: the created objects will behave like text markups, and not like dynamics.

However, it is possible to create a similar object using the equivalent Scheme code (as described in the Notation Reference), combined with the `make-dynamic-script` function. This way, the markup will be regarded as a dynamic, and therefore will remain compatible with commands such as `\dynamicUp` or `\dynamicDown`.

```
paren =
#(define-event-function (dyn) (ly:event?)
  (make-dynamic-script
    #{ \markup \concat {
      \normal-text \italic \fontsize #2 (
\pad-x #0.2 #(ly:music-property dyn 'text)
\normal-text \italic \fontsize #2 )
    }
    #})))
```

```
\relative c'' {
  c4\paren\f c c \dynamicUp c\paren\p
}
```



Creating text spanners

The `\startTextSpan` and `\stopTextSpan` commands allow the creation of text spanners as easily as pedal indications or octavations. Override some properties of the `TextSpanner` object to modify its output.

```
\paper { ragged-right = ##f }
```

```
\relative c'' {
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.text = #"bla"
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.right.text = #"blu"
  a4 \startTextSpan
  b4 c
  a4 \stopTextSpan
```

```
\override TextSpanner.style = #'line
\once \override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.stencil-align-dir-y = #CENTER
a4 \startTextSpan
b4 c
a4 \stopTextSpan
```

```
\override TextSpanner.style = #'dashed-line
\override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.text =
  \markup { \draw-line #'(0 . 1) }
\override TextSpanner.bound-details.right.text =
  \markup { \draw-line #'(0 . -2) }
\once \override TextSpanner.bound-details.right.padding = #-2
```

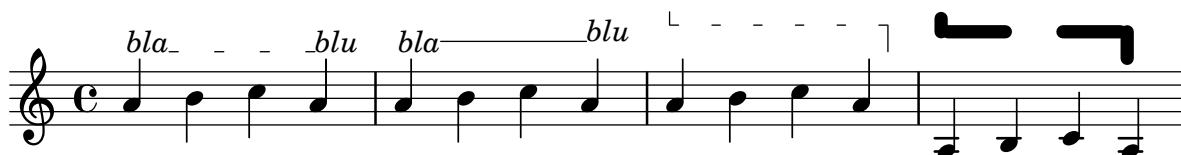
```
a4 \startTextSpan
b4 c
a4 \stopTextSpan
```

```
\set Staff.middleCPosition = #-13
\override TextSpanner.dash-period = #10
```

```

\override TextSpanner.dash-fraction = #0.5
\override TextSpanner.thickness = #10
a4 \startTextSpan
b4 c
a4 \stopTextSpan
}

```



Demonstrating all headers

All header fields with special meanings.

```

\header {
  copyright = "copyright"
  title = "title"
  subtitle = "subtitle"
  composer = "composer"
  arranger = "arranger"
  instrument = "instrument"
  meter = "meter"
  opus = "opus"
  piece = "piece"
  poet = "poet"
  texidoc = "All header fields with special meanings."
  copyright = "public domain"
  enteredby = "jcn"
  source = "urtext"
}

```

```

\layout {
  ragged-right = ##f
}

```

```

\score {
  \relative c'' { c1 | c | c | c }
}

```

```

\score {
  \relative c'' { c1 | c | c | c }
  \header {
    title = "localtitle"
    subtitle = "localsubtitle"
    composer = "localcomposer"
    arranger = "localarranger"
    instrument = "localinstrument"
    metre = "localmetre"
    opus = "localopus"
    piece = "localpiece"
    poet = "localpoet"
  }
}

```

```

    copyright = "localcopyright"
  }
}

```

title

subtitle

poet

instrument

composer

meter

arranger

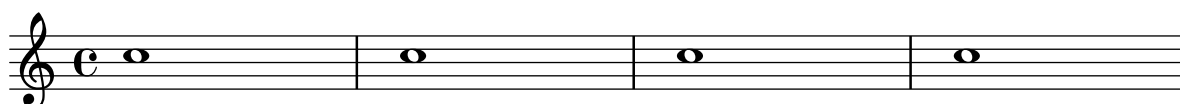
piece

opus



localpiece

localopus



Embedding native PostScript in a \markup block

PostScript code can be directly inserted inside a \markup block.

% PostScript is a registered trademark of Adobe Systems Inc.

```

\relative c' ' {
  a4-\markup { \postscript "3 4 moveto 5 3 rlineto stroke" }
  -\markup { \postscript "[ 0 1 ] 0 setdash 3 5 moveto 5 -3 rlineto stroke " }

  b4-\markup { \postscript "3 4 moveto 0 0 1 2 8 4 20 3.5 rcurveto stroke" }
  s2
  a'1
}

```



Formatting lyrics syllables

Markup mode may be used to format individual syllables in lyrics.

```

mel = \relative c' ' { c4 c c c c1 }
lyr = \lyricmode {
  Your lyrics \markup { \italic can } \markup { \with-color #red contain }
  \markup { \fontsize #8 \bold Markup! }
}

```

```

<<
  \new Voice = melody \mel
  \new Lyrics \lyricsto melody \lyr
>>

```



How to put ties between syllables in lyrics

This can be achieved by separating those syllables by tildes.

```
\lyrics {
  wa~o~a
}

wa o a
```

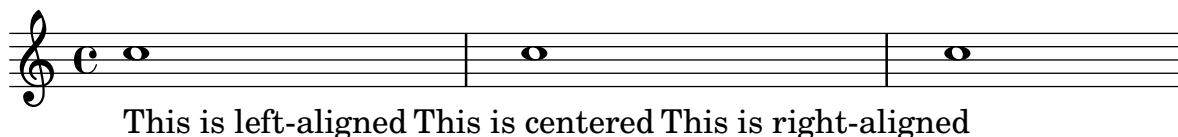
Lyrics alignment

Horizontal alignment for lyrics can be set by overriding the `self-alignment-X` property of the `LyricText` object. -1 is left, 0 is center, and 1 is right; however, you can use `#LEFT`, `#CENTER` and `#RIGHT` as well.

```
\layout { ragged-right = ##f }

\relative c' ' {
  c1
  c1
  c1
}

\addlyrics {
  \once \override LyricText.self-alignment-X = #LEFT
  "This is left-aligned"
  \once \override LyricText.self-alignment-X = #CENTER
  "This is centered"
  \once \override LyricText.self-alignment-X = 1
  "This is right-aligned"
}
```



Markup list

Text that can spread over pages is entered with the `\markuplist` command.

%% updated/modified by P.P.Schneider on Feb. 2014

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }

#(set-default-paper-size "a6")

#(define-markup-list-command (paragraph layout props args) (markup-list?)
  (interpret-markup-list layout props
    (make-justified-lines-markup-list (cons (make-hspace-markup 2) args))))
```

```
% Candide, Voltaire
\markuplist {
  \override-lines #'(baseline-skip . 2.5) {
    \paragraph {
      Il y avait en Westphalie, dans le château de M. le baron de
      Thunder-ten-tronckh, un jeune garçon à qui la nature avait donné
      les mœurs les plus douces. Sa physionomie annonçait son âme.
      Il avait le jugement assez droit, avec l'esprit le plus
      \concat { simple \hspace #.3 ; }
      c'est, je crois, pour cette raison qu'on le nommait Candide. Les
      anciens domestiques de la maison soupçonnaient qu'il était fils
      de la sœur de monsieur le baron et d'un bon et honnête
      gentilhomme du voisinage, que cette demoiselle ne voulut jamais
      épouser parce qu'il n'avait pu prouver que soixante et onze
      quartiers, et que le reste de son arbre généalogique avait été
      perdu par l'injure du temps.
    }
    \vspace #.3
    \paragraph {
      Monsieur le baron était un des plus puissants seigneurs de la
      Westphalie, car son château avait une porte et des fenêtres. Sa
      grande salle même était ornée d'une tapisserie. Tous les chiens
      de ses basses-cours composaient une meute dans le
      \concat { besoin \hspace #.3 ; }
      ses palefreniers étaient ses
      \concat { piqueurs \hspace #.3 ; }
      le vicaire du village était
      son grand-aumônier. Ils l'appelaient tous monseigneur, et ils
      riaient quand il faisait des contes.
    }
  }
}
}
```

Il y avait en Westphalie, dans le château de M. le
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 douces. Sa physionomie annonçait son âme. Il avait
 le jugement assez droit, avec l'esprit le plus simple ;
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 soupçonnaient qu'il était fils de la sœur de
 monsieur le baron et d'un bon et honnête

gentilhomme du voisinage, que cette demoiselle ne voulut jamais épouser parce qu'il n'avait pu prouver que soixante et onze quartiers, et que le reste de son arbre généalogique avait été perdu par l'injure du temps.

Monsieur le baron était un des plus puissants seigneurs de la Westphalie, car son château avait une porte et des fenêtres. Sa grande salle même était ornée d'une tapisserie. Tous les chiens de ses basses-cours composaient une meute dans le besoin; ses palefreniers étaient ses piqueurs; le vicaire du village était son grand-aumônier. Ils l'appelaient tous monseigneur, et ils riaient quand il faisait des contes.

Multi-measure rest markup

Markups attached to a multi-measure rest will be centered above or below it. Long markups attached to multi-measure rests do not cause the measure to expand. To expand a multi-measure rest to fit the markup, use an empty chord with an attached markup before the multi-measure rest. Text attached to a spacer rest in this way is left-aligned to the position where the note would be placed in the measure, but if the measure length is determined by the length of the text, the text will appear to be centered.

```
\relative c' {
  \compressMMRests {
    \textLengthOn
    <>^\markup { [MAJOR GENERAL] }
    R1*19
    <>_\markup { \italic { Cue: ... it is yours } }
    <>^\markup { A }
    R1*30^\markup { [MABEL] }
    \textLengthOff
    c4^\markup { CHORUS } d f c
  }
}
```

The musical notation consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a common time signature 'C'. It contains three measures. The first measure is a multi-measure rest for 19 measures, with the label '[MAJOR GENERAL]' centered above it. The second measure is a multi-measure rest for 30 measures, with the label '[MABEL]' centered above it and the letter 'A' centered below it. The third measure contains a quarter note 'c', followed by eighth notes 'd', 'f', and 'c'. The label 'CHORUS' is centered above the notes in the third measure. Below the staff, the text 'Cue: ... it is yours' is written, aligned with the start of the 30-measure rest.

Of the ubiquity of markup objects

Text objects are entered either as simple strings between double quotes or as `\markup` blocks that can accept a variety of advanced text formatting and graphical enhancements.

As such, markup blocks may be used:

- in any `TextScript` object (attached to notes with `-`, `^` or `_`),
- any `TextMark` introduced with the `\textMark` keyword, or `\textEndMark` command, or other similar objects such as `MetronomeMark` introduced with `\tempo`,
- as standalone markup blocks, entered at the top level outside of any `\score` block,
- in any definition inside the `\header` block (e.g. `title`, `subtitle`, `composer`) or in some variables defined inside the `\paper` block such as `evenHeaderMarkup` for page numbers.

`\markup` may additionally be used for lyrics, in chord names, and as dynamics. In fact, it is possible to use `\markup` to customize the appearance of virtually any object, as demonstrated in this example using various methods.

%% Thanks to Aaron Hill [https://lists.gnu.org/archive/html/lilypond-user/2019-01/msg00437.h](https://lists.gnu.org/archive/html/lilypond-user/2019-01/msg00437.html)

```
\paper {
  paper-width = 8\cm paper-height = 8\cm
}

\header {
  title = \markup "Header"
  tagline = \markup "(tagline)"
}

\markup "Top-level markup"

dyn = #(make-dynamic-script #{ \markup \serif "DynamicText" #})

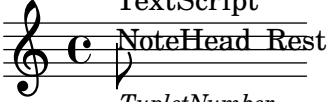
\score {
  <<
    \new ChordNames
    \with { majorSevenSymbol = \markup "majorSevenSymbol" }
    \chordmode { c1:maj7 }
    \new Staff {
      \tempo \markup "MetronomeMark"
      \textMark "TextMark"
      \once \override TupletNumber.text = \markup "TupletNumber"
      \tuplet 3/2 {
        \once \override NoteHead.stencil = #ly:text-interface::print
        \once \override NoteHead.text = \markup \lower #0.5 "NoteHead"
        c'8^{\markup "TextScript"}
        \once \override Rest.stencil = #(lambda (grob)
          (grob-interpret-markup grob #{
            \markup "Rest"
          #}))
      }
      r4
    }
  }
  \new Lyrics \lyricmode { \markup "LyricText" 1 }
  \new Dynamics { s1\dyn }
```

```
>>
}
```

Header

Top-level markup

```

MetronomeMark
TextMark
  CmajorSevenSymbol
  TextScript

  TupletNumber
  LyricText
DynamicText

```

Outputting the version number

It is possible to print the version number of LilyPond in markup.

```
\markup { Processed with LilyPond version #(lilypond-version) }
```

Processed with LilyPond version 2.25.26

Piano template with centered lyrics

Instead of having a full staff for the melody and lyrics, lyrics can be centered between the staves of a piano staff.

```

upper = \relative c'' {
  \clef treble
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4

  a4 b c d
}

lower = \relative c {
  \clef bass
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4

  a2 c
}

text = \lyricmode {
  Aaa Bee Cee Dee
}

\score {
  \new PianoStaff <<
    \new Staff = upper { \new Voice = "singer" \upper }
    \new Lyrics \lyricsto "singer" \text
    \new Staff = lower { \lower }

```

```
>>
\layout { }
\midi { }
}
```

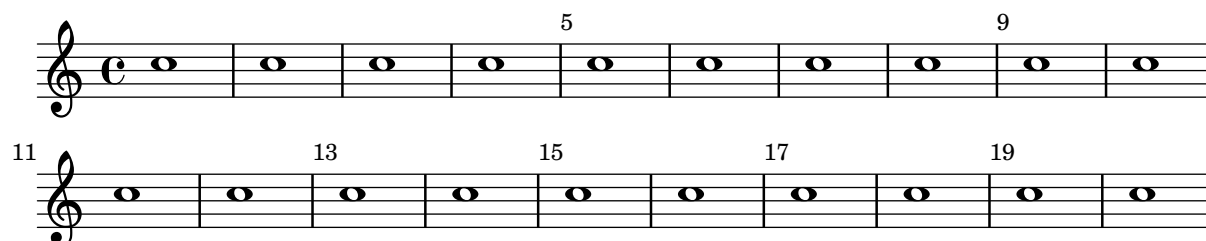


Printing bar numbers with changing regular intervals

Using the `set-bar-number-visibility` context function, bar number intervals can be changed.

```
\relative c' {
  \override Score.BarNumber.break-visibility = #end-of-line-invisible
  \context Score \applyContext #(set-bar-number-visibility 4)
  \repeat unfold 10 c'1
  \context Score \applyContext #(set-bar-number-visibility 2)
  \repeat unfold 10 c
}
```

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```



Printing marks on every staff

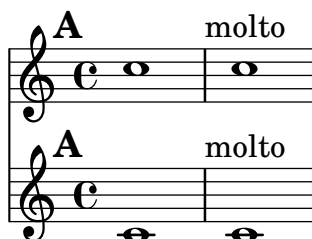
Although rehearsal and text marks are normally only printed above the topmost staff, they may also be printed on every staff.

```
\score {
  <<
    \new Staff { \mark \default c'1 \textMark "molto" c'1 }
    \new Staff { \mark \default c'1 \textMark "molto" c' }
  >>
  \layout {
    \context {
      \Score
      \remove Mark_engraver
      \remove Text_mark_engraver
      \remove Staff_collecting_engraver
    }
    \context {
      \Staff
      \consists Mark_engraver
      \consists Text_mark_engraver
    }
  }
}
```

```

    \consists Staff_collecting_engraver
  }
}

```



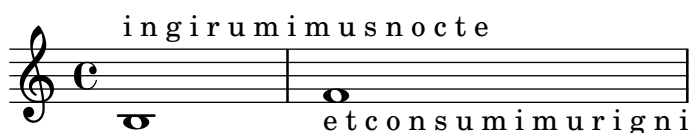
Printing text from right to left

It is possible to print text from right to left in a markup object, as demonstrated here.

```

{
  b1^\markup {
    \line { i n g i r u m i m u s n o c t e }
  }
  f'_\markup {
    \override #'(text-direction . -1)
    \line { i n g i r u m i m u s n o c t e }
  }
}

```



Putting lyrics inside the staff

Lyrics can be moved vertically to place them inside the staff. The lyrics are moved with `\override LyricText.extra-offset = #'(0 . dy)` and there are similar commands to move the extenders and hyphens. The offset needed is established with trial and error.

```

<<
  \new Staff <<
    \new Voice = "voc" \relative c' { \stemDown a bes c8 b c4 }
  >>
  \new Lyrics \with {
    \override LyricText.extra-offset = #'(0 . 8.6)
    \override LyricExtender.extra-offset = #'(0 . 8.6)
    \override LyricHyphen.extra-offset = #'(0 . 8.6)
  } \lyricsto "voc" { La la -- la _ _ la }
  >>

```



Stand-alone two-column markup

Stand-alone text may be arranged in several columns using `\markup` commands:

```
\markup {
  \fill-line {
    \hspace #1
    \column {
      \line { O sacrum convivium }
      \line { in quo Christus sumitur, }
      \line { recolitur memoria passionis ejus, }
      \line { mens impletur gratia, }
      \line { futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur. }
      \line { Amen. }
    }
    \hspace #2
    \column \italic {
      \line { O sacred feast }
      \line { in which Christ is received, }
      \line { the memory of His Passion is renewed, }
      \line { the mind is filled with grace, }
      \line { and a pledge of future glory is given to us. }
      \line { Amen. }
    }
  }
  \hspace #1
}
```

O sacrum convivium
in quo Christus sumitur,
recolitur memoria passionis ejus,
mens impletur gratia,
futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.
Amen.

*O sacred feast
in which Christ is received,
the memory of His Passion is renewed,
the mind is filled with grace,
and a pledge of future glory is given to us.
Amen.*

String number extender lines

Make an extender line for string number indications, showing that a series of notes is supposed to be played all on the same string.

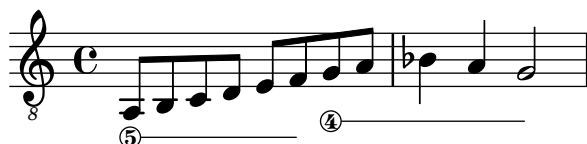
```
stringNumberSpanner =
  \#(define-music-function (StringNumber) (string?)
    #{
      \override TextSpanner.style = #'solid
      \override TextSpanner.font-size = #-5
      \override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.stencil-align-dir-y = #CENTER
      \override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.text =
        \markup { \circle \number $StringNumber }
    #})
```

```
\relative c {
  \clef "treble_8"
  \stringNumberSpanner "5"
```

```

\textSpannerDown
a8\startTextSpan
b c d e f\stopTextSpan
\stringNumberSpanner "4"
g\startTextSpan a
bes4 a g2\stopTextSpan
}

```



Three-sided box

This example shows how to add a markup command to get a three sided box around some text (or other markup).

```

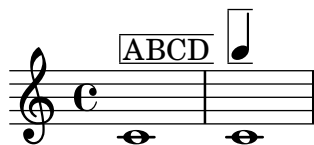
% New command to add a three sided box, with sides north, west and south
% Based on the box-stencil command defined in scm/stencil.scm
% Note that ";;" is used to comment a line in Scheme
#(define-public (NWS-box-stencil stencil thickness padding)
  "Add a box around STENCIL, producing a new stencil."
  (let* ((x-ext (interval-widen (ly:stencil-extent stencil X) padding))
        (y-ext (interval-widen (ly:stencil-extent stencil Y) padding))
        (y-rule (make-filled-box-stencil (cons 0 thickness) y-ext))
        (x-rule (make-filled-box-stencil
                  (interval-widen x-ext thickness) (cons 0 thickness))))
    ;; (set! stencil (ly:stencil-combine-at-edge stencil X 1 y-rule padding))
    (set! stencil (ly:stencil-combine-at-edge stencil X LEFT y-rule padding))
    (set! stencil (ly:stencil-combine-at-edge stencil Y UP x-rule 0.0))
    (set! stencil (ly:stencil-combine-at-edge stencil Y DOWN x-rule 0.0))
    stencil))

% The corresponding markup command, based on the \box command defined
% in scm/define-markup-commands.scm
#(define-markup-command (NWS-box layout props arg) (markup?)
  #:properties ((thickness 0.1) (font-size 0) (box-padding 0.2))
  "Draw a box round @var{arg}. Looks at @code{thickness},
@code{box-padding} and @code{font-size} properties to determine line
thickness and padding around the markup."
  (let ((pad (* (magstep font-size) box-padding))
        (m (interpret-markup layout props arg)))
    (NWS-box-stencil m thickness pad)))

% Test it:

\relative c' {
  c1^\markup { \NWS-box ABCD }
  c1^\markup { \NWS-box \note {4} #1.0 }
}

```



UTF-8

Various scripts may be used for texts (like titles and lyrics) by entering them in UTF-8 encoding, and using a Pango based backend. Depending on the fonts installed, this fragment will render Bulgarian (Cyrillic), Hebrew, Japanese and Portuguese.

```
%{
```

```
You may have to install additional fonts.
```

```
Red Hat Fedora
```

```
linux-libertine-fonts (Latin, Cyrillic, Hebrew)
```

```
google-noto-serif-jp-fonts (Japanese)
```

```
Debian GNU/Linux, Ubuntu
```

```
fonts-linuxlibertine (Latin, Cyrillic, Hebrew)
```

```
fonts-noto-cjk (Japanese)
```

```
%}
```

```
% 'Linux Libertine' fonts also contain Cyrillic and Hebrew glyphs.
```

```
\paper {
```

```
  property-defaults.fonts.serif =
```

```
    "Linux Libertine O, Noto Serif CJK JP, Noto Serif JP"
```

```
}
```

```
bulgarian = \lyricmode {
```

```
  Жълтата дюля беше щастлива, че пухът, който цъфна, замръзна като гьон.
```

```
}
```

```
hebrew = \lyricmode {
```

```
  .
```

```
}
```

```
japanese = \lyricmode {
```

```
}
```

```
% "a nice song for you"
```

```
portuguese = \lyricmode {
```

```
  à vo -- cê uma can -- ção le -- gal
```

```
}
```

```
\relative c' {
```

```
  c2 d
```

```

e2 f
g2 f
e2 d
}
\addlyrics { \bulgarian }
\addlyrics { \hebrew }
\addlyrics { \japanese }
\addlyrics { \portuguese }

```

The image shows a musical score for a vocal ensemble. It consists of two staves, each with four measures. The first staff has a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The notes are quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with each line of lyrics corresponding to a measure. The lyrics are in four languages: Bulgarian, Hebrew, Japanese, and Portuguese. The second staff is similar, with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The notes are quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with each line of lyrics corresponding to a measure. The lyrics are in four languages: Bulgarian, Hebrew, Japanese, and Portuguese.

Measure	Bulgarian	Hebrew	Japanese	Portuguese
1	Жълтата	הַ	いろはにほへど	à
2	дюля	כִּי	ちりぬるを	vo -
3	беше	סָה	わがよたれぞ	- cê
4	щастлива,	לְשִׁמּוֹעַ	つねならむ	uma

Measure	Bulgarian	Hebrew	Japanese	Portuguese
1	че	חֵן	うゐのおくや	can -
2	пухът,	תְּנִצָּחַ	まけふこえて	- ção
3	който	קָרַפֵּד	あさきゆめみじ	le -
4	цъфна,	עֵץ	糸ひもせず	- gal

Vocal ensemble template with lyrics aligned below and above the staves

This template is basically the same as the simple “Vocal ensemble” template, with the exception that here all the lyrics lines are placed using `alignAboveContext` and `alignBelowContext`.

```

global = {
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4
}

sopMusic = \relative c' {
  c4 c c8[( b)] c4
}
sopWords = \lyricmode {
  hi hi hi hi
}

altoMusic = \relative c' {
  e4 f d e
}
altoWords = \lyricmode {
  ha ha ha ha
}

tenorMusic = \relative c' {
  g4 a f g
}

```

```

tenorWords = \lyricmode {
  hu hu hu hu
}

bassMusic = \relative c {
  c4 c g c
}
bassWords = \lyricmode {
  ho ho ho ho
}

\score {
  \new ChoirStaff <<
    \new Staff = "women" <<
      \new Voice = "sopranos" { \voiceOne << \global \sopMusic >> }
      \new Voice = "altos" { \voiceTwo << \global \altoMusic >> }
    >>
    \new Lyrics \with { alignAboveContext = "women" }
      \lyricsto "sopranos" \sopWords
    \new Lyrics \with { alignBelowContext = "women" }
      \lyricsto "altos" \altoWords
    % we could remove the line about this with the line below, since
    % we want the alto lyrics to be below the alto Voice anyway.
    % \new Lyrics \lyricsto "altos" \altoWords

    \new Staff = "men" <<
      \clef bass
      \new Voice = "tenors" { \voiceOne << \global \tenorMusic >> }
      \new Voice = "basses" { \voiceTwo << \global \bassMusic >> }
    >>
    \new Lyrics \with { alignAboveContext = "men" }
      \lyricsto "tenors" \tenorWords
    \new Lyrics \with { alignBelowContext = "men" }
      \lyricsto "basses" \bassWords
    % again, we could replace the line above this with the line below.
    % \new Lyrics \lyricsto "basses" \bassWords
  >>
}

```



Volta text markup using repeatCommands

Though voltes are best specified using `\repeat volta`, the context property `repeatCommands` must be used in cases where the volta text needs more advanced formatting with `\markup`.

Since `repeatCommands` takes a list, the simplest method of including markup is to use an identifier for the text and embed it in the command list using the Scheme syntax `#(list (list 'volta textIdentifier))`. Start- and end-repeat commands can be added as separate list elements:

```
voltaAdLib = \markup { \volta-number { 1. 2. 3... } \italic { ad lib. } }

\relative c' ' {
  c1
  \set Score.repeatCommands = #(list (list 'volta voltaAdLib) 'start-repeat)
  c4 b d e
  \set Score.repeatCommands = #'((volta #f) (volta "4.") end-repeat)
  f1
  \set Score.repeatCommands = #'((volta #f))
}
```



Vocal music

See also Section “Vocal music” in *Notation Reference*.

Adding ambitus per voice

Ambitus can be added per voice. In this case, the ambitus must be moved manually to prevent collisions.

```
\new Staff <<
  \new Voice \with {
    \consists "Ambitus_engraver"
  } \relative c'' {
    \override Ambitus.X-offset = 2.0
    \voiceOne
    c4 a d e
    f1
  }
  \new Voice \with {
    \consists "Ambitus_engraver"
  } \relative c' {
    \voiceTwo
    es4 f g as
    b1
  }
}>>
```



Adding indicators to staves which get split after a break

This snippet defines the commands `\splitStaffBarLine`, `\convUpStaffBarLine`, and `\convDownStaffBarLine`. These add arrows at a bar line to denote that several voices sharing a staff will each continue on a staff of their own in the next system, or that voices split in this way recombine.

```
#(define-markup-command (arrow-at-angle layout props angle-deg length fill)
  (number? number? boolean?)
  (let* (
    (PI-OVER-180 (/ (atan 1 1) 34))
    (degrees->radians (lambda (degrees) (* degrees PI-OVER-180)))
    (angle-rad (degrees->radians angle-deg))
    (target-x (* length (cos angle-rad)))
    (target-y (* length (sin angle-rad))))
    (interpret-markup layout props
      (markup
        #:translate (cons (/ target-x 2) (/ target-y 2))
        #:rotate angle-deg
        #:translate (cons (/ length -2) 0)
        #:concat (:#:draw-line (cons length 0)
          #:arrow-head X RIGHT fill))))))
```

```
splitStaffBarLineMarkup = \markup \with-dimensions #'(0 . 0) #'(0 . 0) {
  \combine
  \arrow-at-angle #45 #(\sqrt 8) ##t
  \arrow-at-angle #-45 #(\sqrt 8) ##t
}
```

```
splitStaffBarLine = {
  \once \override Staff.BarLine.stencil =
  #(\lambda (grob)
    (ly:stencil-combine-at-edge
      (ly:bar-line::print grob)
      X RIGHT
      (grob-interpret-markup grob splitStaffBarLineMarkup)
    0))
  \break
}
```

```
convDownStaffBarLine = {
  \once \override Staff.BarLine.stencil =
  #(\lambda (grob)
    (ly:stencil-combine-at-edge
      (ly:bar-line::print grob)
      X RIGHT
      (grob-interpret-markup grob #{
        \markup\with-dimensions #'(0 . 0) #'(0 . 0) {
          \translate #'(0 . -.13)\arrow-at-angle #-45 #(\sqrt 8) ##t
        }#})
    0))
  \break
}
```

```
convUpStaffBarLine = {
  \once \override Staff.BarLine.stencil =
  #(\lambda (grob)
    (ly:stencil-combine-at-edge
      (ly:bar-line::print grob)
      X RIGHT
      (grob-interpret-markup grob #{
        \markup\with-dimensions #'(0 . 0) #'(0 . 0) {
          \translate #'(0 . .14)\arrow-at-angle #45 #(\sqrt 8) ##t
        }#})
    0))
  \break
}
```

```
\header { tagline = ##f }
```

```
\paper {
  ragged-right = ##t
  short-indent = 10\mm
}
```

```

}

separateSopranos = {
  \set Staff.instrumentName = "AI AII"
  \set Staff.shortInstrumentName = "AI AII"
  \splitStaffBarLine
  \change Staff = "up"
}

convSopranos = {
  \convDownStaffBarLine
  \change Staff = "shared"
  \set Staff.instrumentName = "S A"
  \set Staff.shortInstrumentName = "S A"
}

sI = {
  \voiceOne
  \repeat unfold 4 f''2
  \separateSopranos
  \repeat unfold 4 g''2
  \convSopranos
  \repeat unfold 4 c''2
}

sII = {
  s1*2
  \voiceTwo
  \change Staff = "up"
  \repeat unfold 4 d''2
}

aI = {
  \voiceTwo
  \repeat unfold 4 a'2
  \voiceOne
  \repeat unfold 4 b'2
  \convUpStaffBarLine
  \voiceTwo
  \repeat unfold 4 g'2
}

aII = {
  s1*2
  \voiceTwo
  \repeat unfold 4 g'2
}

ten = {
  \voiceOne
  \repeat unfold 4 c'2
  \repeat unfold 4 d'2
  \repeat unfold 4 c'2
}

bas = {
  \voiceTwo
  \repeat unfold 4 f2

```

```

\repeat unfold 4 g2
\repeat unfold 4 c2
}

\score {
  <<
    \new ChoirStaff <<
      \new Staff = up \with {
        instrumentName = "SI SII"
        shortInstrumentName = "SI SII"
      } {
        s1*4
      }

      \new Staff = shared \with {
        instrumentName = "S A"
        shortInstrumentName = "S A"
      } <<
        \new Voice = sopI \sI
        \new Voice = sopII \sII
        \new Voice = altI \aI
        \new Voice = altII \aII
      >>
      \new Lyrics \with {
        alignBelowContext = up
      }
      \lyricsto sopII { e f g h }
      \new Lyrics \lyricsto altI { a b c d e f g h i j k l }

      \new Staff = men \with {
        instrumentName = "T B"
        shortInstrumentName = "T B"
      } <<
        \clef F
        \new Voice = ten \ten
        \new Voice = bas \bas
      >>
      \new Lyrics \lyricsto bas { a b c d e f g h i j k l }
    >>
  >>
  \layout {
    \context {
      \Staff \RemoveEmptyStaves
      \override VerticalAxisGroup.remove-first = ##t
    }
  }
}

```

The image displays three musical staves, each representing a different vocal part. The first staff shows cues 'a b c d' for Soprano (S A) and Tenor Bass (T B). The second staff shows a triplet of cues 'e f g h' for Soprano I (SI SII), Soprano II (AI AII), and Tenor Bass (T B). The third staff shows cues 'i j k l' for Soprano (S A) and Tenor Bass (T B).

Adding orchestral cues to a vocal score

This shows one approach to simplify adding many orchestral cues to the piano reduction in a vocal score. The music function `\cueWhile` takes four arguments: the music from which the cue is to be taken, as defined by `\addQuote`, the name to be inserted before the cue notes, then either `#UP` or `#DOWN` to specify either `\voiceOne` with the name above the staff or `\voiceTwo` with the name below the staff, and finally the piano music in parallel with which the cue notes are to appear. The name of the cued instrument is positioned to the left of the cued notes. Many passages can be cued, but they cannot overlap each other in time.

```
cueWhile =
#(define-music-function
  (instrument name dir music)
  (string? string? ly:dir? ly:music?)
  #{
    \cueDuring $instrument #dir {
      \once \override TextScript.self-alignment-X = #RIGHT
      \once \override TextScript.direction = $dir
      <-\markup { \tiny #name }
    }
```

```

    $music
  }
#})

flute = \relative c'' {
  \transposition c'
  s4 s4 e g
}
\addQuote "flute" { \flute }

clarinet = \relative c' {
  \transposition bes
  fis4 d d c
}
\addQuote "clarinet" { \clarinet }

singer = \relative c'' { c4. g8 g4 bes4 }
words = \lyricmode { here's the lyr -- ics }

pianoRH = \relative c'' {
  \transposition c'
  \cueWhile "clarinet" "Clar." #DOWN { c4. g8 }
  \cueWhile "flute" "Flute" #UP { g4 bes4 }
}
pianoLH = \relative c { c4 <c' e> e, <g c> }

\score {
  <<
    \new Staff {
      \new Voice = "singer" {
        \singer
      }
    }
    \new Lyrics {
      \lyricsto "singer"
      \words
    }
    \new PianoStaff <<
      \new Staff {
        \new Voice {
          \pianoRH
        }
      }
      \new Staff {
        \clef "bass"
        \pianoLH
      }
    >>
  >>
}

```



Adjusting lyrics vertical spacing

This snippet shows how to bring the lyrics line closer to the staff.

% Default layout:

```
<<
\new Staff \new Voice = melody \relative c' {
  c4 d e f
  g4 f e d
  c1
}
\new Lyrics \lyricsto melody { aa aa aa aa aa aa aa aa aa }

\new Staff {
  \new Voice = melody \relative c' {
    c4 d e f
    g4 f e d
    c1
  }
}
% Reducing the minimum space below the staff and above the lyrics:
\new Lyrics \with {
  \override VerticalAxisGroup.nonstaff-relatedstaff-spacing =
    #'((basic-distance . 1))
}
\lyricsto melody { aa aa aa aa aa aa aa aa aa }
>>
```



Aligning syllables with melisma

By default, lyrics syllables that start a melisma are left aligned on their note. The alignment can be altered using the `lyricMelismaAlignment` property.

```
\score {
  <<
```

```

\new Staff {
  \relative c''
  \new Voice = "vocal" {
    c d~\markup default d e
    c d~\markup "right aligned" d e
    c d~\markup "center aligned" d e
    c d~\markup "reset to default" d e
  }
}
\new Lyrics \lyricsto "vocal" {
  word word word
  \set lyricMelismaAlignment = #RIGHT
  word word word
  \set lyricMelismaAlignment = #CENTER
  word word word
  \unset lyricMelismaAlignment
  word word word
}
>>
}

```



Ambitus

Ambitus indicate pitch ranges for voices.

Accidentals only show up if they are not part of the key signature. AmbitusNoteHead grobs also have ledger lines.

```

\layout {
  \context {
    \Voice
    \consists "Ambitus_engraver"
  }
}

<<
\new Staff {
  \relative c' {
    \time 2/4
    c4 f'
  }
}
\new Staff {
  \relative c' {
    \time 2/4
    \key d \major
    cis4 as'
  }
}

```

>>



Ambitus after key signature

By default, ambitus are positioned at the left of the clef. The `\ambitusAfter` function allows for changing this placement. Syntax is `\ambitusAfter grob-interface` (see Graphical Object Interfaces (<http://lilypond.org/doc/v2.22/Documentation/internals/graphical-object-interfaces>) for a list of possible values for `grob-interface`.)

A common use case is printing the ambitus between key signature and time signature.

```
\new Staff \with {
  \consists Ambitus_engraver
} \relative {
  \ambitusAfter key-signature
  \key d \major
  es'8 g bes cis d2
}
```



Ambitus with multiple voices

Adding the `Ambitus_engraver` to the `Staff` context creates a single ambitus per staff, even in the case of staves with multiple voices.

```
\new Staff \with {
  \consists "Ambitus_engraver"
}
<<
  \new Voice \relative c' {
    \voiceOne
    c4 a d e
    f1
  }
  \new Voice \relative c' {
    \voiceTwo
    es4 f g as
    b1
  }
>>
```



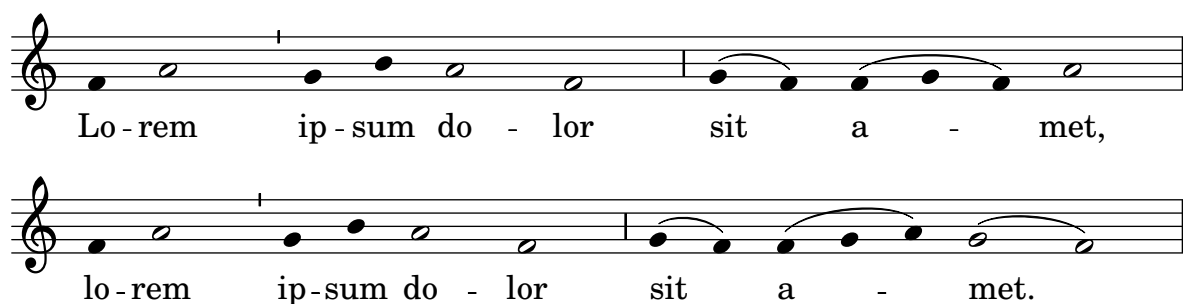
Ancient notation template – modern transcription of Gregorian music

This example demonstrates how to do modern transcription of Gregorian music. Gregorian music has no measure, no stems; it uses only half and quarter note heads, and special marks, indicating rests of different length.

```
chant = \relative c' {
  \set Score.timing = ##f
  f4 a2 \divisioMinima
  g4 b a2 f2 \divisioMaior
  g4( f) f( g f) a2 \finalis \break
  f4 a2 \divisioMinima
  g4 b a2 f2 \divisioMaior
  g4( f) f( g a) g2( f) \finalis
}

verba = \lyricmode {
  Lo -- rem ip -- sum do -- lor sit a -- met,
  lo -- rem ip -- sum do -- lor sit a -- met.
}

\score {
  \new GregorianTranscriptionStaff <<
    \new GregorianTranscriptionVoice = "melody" \chant
    \new GregorianTranscriptionLyrics = "one" \lyricsto melody \verba
  >>
}
```



Anglican psalm template

This template shows one way of setting out an Anglican psalm chant. It also shows how the verses may be added as stand-alone text under the music. The two verses are coded in different styles to demonstrate more possibilities.

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }

SopranoMusic = \relative g' {
  g1 | c2 b | a1 | \bar "||"
  a1 | d2 c | c b | c1 | \bar "||"
}

AltoMusic = \relative c' {
  e1 | g2 g | f1 |
  f1 | f2 e | d d | e1 |
}
```

```

TenorMusic = \relative a {
  c1 | c2 c | c1 |
  d1 | g,2 g | g g | g1 |
}

BassMusic = \relative c {
  c1 | e2 e | f1 |
  d1 | b2 c | g' g | c,1 |
}

global = {
  \time 2/2
}

dot = \markup {
  \raise #0.7 \musicglyph "dots.dot"
}

tick = \markup {
  \raise #1 \fontsize #-5 \musicglyph "scripts.rvarcomma"
}

% Use markup to center the chant on the page
\markup {
  \fill-line {
    \score { % centered
      <<
        \new ChoirStaff <<
          \new Staff <<
            \global
            \clef "treble"
            \new Voice = "Soprano" <<
              \voiceOne
              \SopranoMusic
            >>
            \new Voice = "Alto" <<
              \voiceTwo
              \AltoMusic
            >>
          >>
        \new Staff <<
          \clef "bass"
          \global
          \new Voice = "Tenor" <<
            \voiceOne
            \TenorMusic
          >>
          \new Voice = "Bass" <<
            \voiceTwo
            \BassMusic
          >>
        >>
      >>
    }
  }
}

```

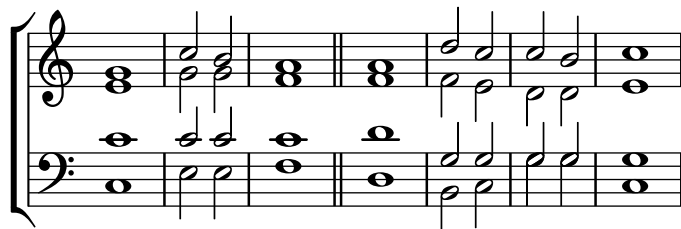
```

>>
>>
>>
\layout {
  \context {
    \Score
    \override SpacingSpanner.base-shortest-duration =
      \musicLength 2
  }
  \context {
    \Staff
    \remove "Time_signature_engraver"
  }
}
} % End score
} % End markup

\markup {
  \fill-line {
    \column {
      \left-align {
        \null \null \null
        \line {
          \fontsize #5 0
          \fontsize #3 come
          let us \bold sing | unto \dot the | Lord : let
        }
        \line {
          us heartily
          \concat { re \bold joice }
          in the | strength of | our
        }
        \line {
          sal | vation.
        }
        \null
        \line {
          \hspace #2.5 8. Today if ye will hear his voice *
        }
        \line {
          \concat { \bold hard en }
          \tick not your \tick hearts : as in the pro-
        }
        \line {
          vocation * and as in the \bold day of tempt- \tick
        }
        \line {
          -ation \tick in the \tick wilderness.
        }
      }
    }
  }
}

```

```
}
}
```



O come let us **sing** | unto • the | Lord : let
us heartily re**joice** in the | strength of | our
sal | vation.

8. Today if ye will hear his voice *
harden ' not your ' hearts : as in the pro-
vocation * and as in the **day** of tempt- '
-ation ' in the ' wilderness.

Arranging separate lyrics on a single line

Sometimes you may want to put lyrics for different performers on a single line: where there is rapidly alternating text, for example. This snippet shows how this can be done with `\override VerticalAxisGroup.nonstaff-nonstaff-spacing.minimum-distance = ##f`.

```
\header { tagline = ##f }

\layout {
  \context {
    \Lyrics
    \override VerticalAxisGroup
      .nonstaff-nonstaff-spacing
      .minimum-distance = ##f
  }
}

aliceSings = \markup { \smallCaps "Alice" }
eveSings = \markup { \smallCaps "Eve" }

<<
\new Staff <<
  \new Voice = "alice" {
    f'4^\aliceSings g' r2 |
    s1 |
    f'4^\aliceSings g' r2 |
    s1 | \break
    % ...

    \voiceOne
    s2 a'8^\aliceSings a' b'4 |
```

```

\oneVoice
g'1
}
\new Voice = "eve" {
s1 |
a'2^\eveSings g' |
s1 |
a'2^\eveSings g'
% ...

\voiceTwo
f'4^\eveSings a'8 g' f'4 e' |
\oneVoice
s1
}
>>
\new Lyrics \lyricsto "alice" {
may -- be
sec -- ond
% ...
Shut up, you fool!
}
\new Lyrics \lyricsto "eve" {
that the
words are
% ...
...and then I was like--
}
>>

```

ALICE may - be

EVE that the

ALICE sec - ond

EVE words are

5 EVE ...and then I

ALICE Shut up, you like--

fool!

Changing stanza fonts

Fonts can be changed independently for each stanza, including the font used for printing the stanza number.

```

%{
You may have to install additional fonts.

```

Red Hat Fedora

dejavu-fonts-all

Debian GNU/Linux, Ubuntu

```

    fonts-dejavu-core
    fonts-dejavu-extra
%}

\relative c' {
  \time 3/4
  g2 e4
  a2 f4
  g2.
}
\addlyrics {
  \set stanza = #"1. "
  Hi, my name is Bert.
}
\addlyrics {
  \override StanzaNumber.fonts.serif = "DejaVu Sans"
  \set stanza = #"2. "
  \override LyricText.font-family = #'typewriter
  Oh, ché -- ri, je t'aime
}

```



1. Hi, my name is Bert.
2. Oh, ché-ri, je t'aime

Chant or psalms notation

This form of notation is used for Psalm chant, where verses aren't always the same length.

```

stemOff = \hide Staff.Stem
stemOn  = \undo \stemOff

```

```

\score {
  \new Staff \with { \remove "Time_signature_engraver" }
  {
    \key g \minor
    \cadenzaOn
    \stemOff a'\breve bes'4 g'4
    \stemOn a'2 \section
    \stemOff a'\breve g'4 a'4
    \stemOn f'2 \section
    \stemOff a'\breve~\markup { \italic flexe }
    \stemOn g'2 \fine
  }
}

```



Forcing hyphens to be shown

If LilyPond does not think there is space for a hyphen, it will be omitted. The behaviour can be overridden with the minimum-distance property of `LyricHyphen`.

```
\relative c'' {
  c32 c c c
  c32 c c c
  c32 c c c
  c32 c c c
}
\addlyrics {
  syl -- lab word word
  \override LyricHyphen.minimum-distance = #1.0
  syl -- lab word word
  \override LyricHyphen.minimum-distance = #2.0
  syl -- lab word word
  \revert LyricHyphen.minimum-distance
  syl -- lab word word
}
```



Formatting lyrics syllables

Markup mode may be used to format individual syllables in lyrics.

```
mel = \relative c'' { c4 c c c c1 }
lyr = \lyricmode {
  Your lyrics \markup { \italic can } \markup { \with-color #red contain }
  \markup { \fontsize #8 \bold Markup! }
}
```

```
<<
  \new Voice = melody \mel
  \new Lyrics \lyricsto melody \lyr
>>
```



How to put ties between syllables in lyrics

This can be achieved by separating those syllables by tildes.

```
\lyrics {
  wa~o~a
}

wa_o_a
```

Hymn template

This code shows one way of setting out a hymn tune when each line starts and ends with a partial measure. It also shows how to add the verses as stand-alone text under the music.

```

Timeline = {
  \time 4/4
  \tempo 4=96
  \partial 2
  s2 | s1 | s2 \breathe s2 | s1 | s2 \caesura \break
  s2 | s1 | s2 \breathe s2 | s1 | s2 \fine
}

SopranoMusic = \relative g' {
  g4 g | g g g g | g g g g | g g g g | g2
  g4 g | g g g g | g g g g | g g g g | g2
}

AltoMusic = \relative c' {
  d4 d | d d d d | d d d d | d d d d | d2
  d4 d | d d d d | d d d d | d d d d | d2
}

TenorMusic = \relative a {
  b4 b | b b b b | b b b b | b b b b | b2
  b4 b | b b b b | b b b b | b b b b | b2
}

BassMusic = \relative g {
  g4 g | g g g g | g g g g | g g g g | g2
  g4 g | g g g g | g g g g | g g g g | g2
}

global = {
  \key g \major
}

\score { % Start score
  <<
    \new PianoStaff << % Start pianostaff
      \new Staff << % Start Staff = RH
        \global
        \clef "treble"
        \new Voice = "Soprano" << % Start Voice = "Soprano"
          \Timeline
          \voiceOne
          \SopranoMusic
        >> % End Voice = "Soprano"
        \new Voice = "Alto" << % Start Voice = "Alto"
          \Timeline
          \voiceTwo
          \AltoMusic
        >> % End Voice = "Alto"
      >>
    >>
  >>
}

```

```

>> % End Staff = RH
\new Staff << % Start Staff = LH
  \global
  \clef "bass"
  \new Voice = "Tenor" << % Start Voice = "Tenor"
    \Timeline
    \voiceOne
    \TenorMusic
  >> % End Voice = "Tenor"
  \new Voice = "Bass" << % Start Voice = "Bass"
    \Timeline
    \voiceTwo
    \BassMusic
  >> % End Voice = "Bass"
>> % End Staff = LH
>> % End pianostaff
>>
} % End score

\markup {
  \fill-line {
    ""
    {
      \column {
        \left-align {
          "This is line one of the first verse"
          "This is line two of the same"
          "And here's line three of the first verse"
          "And the last line of the same"
        }
      }
    }
  }
  ""
}

\layout {
  \context {
    \Score
    caesuraType = #'((bar-line . "||"))
    fineBarType = "||"
  }
}

\paper { % Start paper block
  indent = 0 % don't indent first system
  line-width = 130 % shorten line length to suit music
  tagline = ##f % Don't print tag line, can be removed
} % End paper block

```



This is line one of the first verse
 This is line two of the same
 And here's line three of the first verse
 And the last line of the same

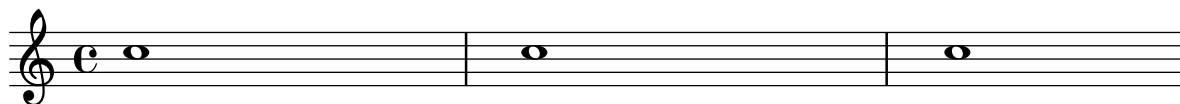
Lyrics alignment

Horizontal alignment for lyrics can be set by overriding the `self-alignment-X` property of the `LyricText` object. -1 is left, 0 is center, and 1 is right; however, you can use `#LEFT`, `#CENTER` and `#RIGHT` as well.

```
\layout { ragged-right = ##f }

\relative c' {
  c1
  c1
  c1
}

\addlyrics {
  \once \override LyricText.self-alignment-X = #LEFT
  "This is left-aligned"
  \once \override LyricText.self-alignment-X = #CENTER
  "This is centered"
  \once \override LyricText.self-alignment-X = 1
  "This is right-aligned"
}
```



This is left-aligned This is centered This is right-aligned

Marking notes of spoken parts with a cross on the stem (Sprechstimme)

This example shows how to put crosses on stems. Mark the beginning of a spoken section with the `\speakOn` keyword, and end it with the `\speakOff` keyword.

```
speakOn = {
  \override Stem.stencil =
```

```

#(lambda (grob)
  (let* ((x-parent (ly:grob-parent grob X))
        (is-rest? (ly:grob? (ly:grob-object x-parent 'rest))))
    (if is-rest?
        empty-stencil
        (ly:stencil-combine-at-edge
         (ly:stem::print grob)
         Y
         (- (ly:grob-property grob 'direction))
         (grob-interpret-markup grob
                                (markup #:center-align #:fontsize -4
                                         #:musicglyph "noteheads.s2cross")))
        -2.3))))
}

speakOff = {
  \revert Stem.stencil
  \revert Flag.stencil
}

\score {
  \new Staff {
    \relative c' {
      a4 b a c
      \speakOn
      g4 f r g
      b4 r d e
      \speakOff
      c4 a g f
    }
  }
}

```



Obtaining 2.12 lyrics spacing in newer versions

The vertical spacing engine changed since version 2.14. This can cause lyrics to be spaced differently.

It is possible to set properties for Lyric and Staff contexts to get the spacing engine to behave as it did in version 2.12.

```
\header { tagline = ##f }
```

```

global = {
  \key d \major
  \time 3/4
}

```

```

sopMusic = \relative c' {
  % VERSE ONE
}

```

```

    fis4 fis fis | \break
    fis4. e8 e4
}

altoMusic = \relative c' {
  % VERSE ONE
  d4 d d |
  d4. b8 b4 |
}

tenorMusic = \relative c' {
  a4 a a |
  b4. g8 g4 |
}

bassMusic = \relative c {
  d4 d d |
  g,4. g8 g4 |
}

words = \lyricmode {
  Great is Thy faith -- ful -- ness,
}

\score {
  \new ChoirStaff <<
    \new Lyrics = sopranos
    \new Staff = women <<
      \new Voice = "sopranos" {
        \voiceOne
        \global \sopMusic
      }
      \new Voice = "altos" {
        \voiceTwo
        \global \altoMusic
      }
    >>
    \new Lyrics = "altos"
    \new Lyrics = "tenors"
    \new Staff = men <<
      \clef bass
      \new Voice = "tenors" {
        \voiceOne
        \global \tenorMusic
      }
      \new Voice = "basses" {
        \voiceTwo \global \bassMusic
      }
    >>
    \new Lyrics = basses
    \context Lyrics = sopranos \lyricsto sopranos \words
    \context Lyrics = altos \lyricsto altos \words

```

```

\context Lyrics = tenors \lyricsto tenors \words
\context Lyrics = basses \lyricsto basses \words
>>
\layout {
  \context {
    \Lyrics
    \override VerticalAxisGroup.staff-affinity = ##f
    \override VerticalAxisGroup.staff-staff-spacing =
      #'((basic-distance . 0)
        (minimum-distance . 2)
        (padding . 2))
  }
  \context {
    \Staff
    \override VerticalAxisGroup.staff-staff-spacing =
      #'((basic-distance . 0)
        (minimum-distance . 2)
        (padding . 2))
  }
}
}

```

The image displays a musical score for the hymn "Great is Thy faithfulness". It consists of two systems of music, each with a tenor staff (treble clef) and a bass staff (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words appearing on multiple lines to indicate different vocal parts or repetitions.

System 1:

- Tenor staff: Great is Thy
- Bass staff: Great is Thy

System 2:

- Tenor staff: faith - - - ful - ness,
- Bass staff: faith - - - ful - ness,

Orchestra, choir and piano template

This template demonstrates the use of nested `StaffGroup` and `GrandStaff` contexts to subgroup instruments of the same type together, and a way to use `\transpose` so that variables hold music for transposing instruments at concert pitch.

```

#(set-global-staff-size 17)

\paper {
  indent = 3.0\cm % add space for instrumentName
  short-indent = 1.5\cm % add less space for shortInstrumentName
}

\header { tagline = ##f }

fluteMusic = \relative c' { \key g \major g'1 b }

% Pitches as written on a manuscript for Clarinet in A
% are transposed to concert pitch.

clarinetMusic = \transpose c' a
  \relative c'' { \key bes \major bes1 d }

trumpetMusic = \relative c { \key g \major g''1 b }

% Key signature is often omitted for horns

hornMusic = \transpose c' f
  \relative c { d'1 fis }

percussionMusic = \relative c { \key g \major g1 b }

sopranoMusic = \relative c'' { \key g \major g'1 b }

sopranoLyrics = \lyricmode { Lyr -- ics }

altoIMusic = \relative c' { \key g \major g'1 b }

altoIIMusic = \relative c' { \key g \major g'1 b }

altoILyrics = \sopranoLyrics

altoIIILyrics = \lyricmode { Ah -- ah }

tenorMusic = \relative c' { \clef "treble_8" \key g \major g1 b }

tenorLyrics = \sopranoLyrics

pianoRHMus = \relative c { \key g \major g''1 b }

pianoLHMus = \relative c { \clef bass \key g \major g1 b }

```

```

violinIMusic = \relative c' { \key g \major g'1 b }

violinIIMusic = \relative c' { \key g \major g'1 b }

violaMusic = \relative c { \clef alto \key g \major g'1 b }

celloMusic = \relative c { \clef bass \key g \major g1 b }

bassMusic = \relative c { \clef "bass_8" \key g \major g,1 b }

\score {
  <<
    \new StaffGroup = "StaffGroup_woodwinds" <<
      \new Staff = "Staff_flute" \with { instrumentName = "Flute" }
      \fluteMusic

      \new Staff = "Staff_clarinet" \with {
        instrumentName = \markup { \concat { "Clarinet in B" \flat } }
      }

      % Declare that written Middle C in the music
      % to follow sounds a concert B flat, for
      % output using sounded pitches such as MIDI.
      %\transposition bes

      % Print music for a B-flat clarinet
      \transpose bes c' \clarinetMusic
    >>

    \new StaffGroup = "StaffGroup_brass" <<
      \new Staff = "Staff_hornI" \with { instrumentName = "Horn in F" }
      % \transposition f
      \transpose f c' \hornMusic

      \new Staff = "Staff_trumpet" \with { instrumentName = "Trumpet in C" }
      \trumpetMusic

    >>
    \new RhythmicStaff = "RhythmicStaff_percussion"
    \with { instrumentName = "Percussion" }
    <<
      \percussionMusic
    >>
    \new PianoStaff \with { instrumentName = "Piano" }
    <<
      \new Staff { \pianoRHMusical }
      \new Staff { \pianoLHMusical }
    >>
    \new ChoirStaff = "ChoirStaff_choir" <<
      \new Staff = "Staff_soprano" \with { instrumentName = "Soprano" }
      \new Voice = "soprano"
      \sopranoMusical
  >>
}

```

```

\new Lyrics \lyricsto "soprano" { \sopranoLyrics }
\new GrandStaff = "GrandStaff_altoI"
\with { \accepts Lyrics } <<
  \new Staff = "Staff_altoI" \with { instrumentName = "Alto I" }
  \new Voice = "altoI"
  \altoIMusic

  \new Lyrics \lyricsto "altoI" { \altoILyrics }
  \new Staff = "Staff_altoII" \with { instrumentName = "Alto II" }
  \new Voice = "altoII"
  \altoIIMusic

  \new Lyrics \lyricsto "altoII" { \altoIIILyrics }
>>

\new Staff = "Staff_tenor" \with { instrumentName = "Tenor" }
  \new Voice = "tenor"
  \tenorMusic

\new Lyrics \lyricsto "tenor" { \tenorLyrics }
>>
\new StaffGroup = "StaffGroup_strings" <<
  \new GrandStaff = "GrandStaff_violins" <<
    \new Staff = "Staff_violinI" \with { instrumentName = "Violin I" }
    \violinIMusic

    \new Staff = "Staff_violinII" \with { instrumentName = "Violin II" }
    \violinIIMusic
  >>
>>

\new Staff = "Staff_viola" \with { instrumentName = "Viola" }
\violaMusic

\new Staff = "Staff_cello" \with { instrumentName = "Cello" }
\celloMusic

\new Staff = "Staff_bass" \with { instrumentName = "Double Bass" }
\bassMusic
>>
>>
\layout { }
}

```

Flute

Clarinet in B \flat

Horn in F

Trumpet in C

Percussion

Piano

Soprano

Alto I

Alto II

Tenor

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Double Bass

Lyr - ics

Lyr - ics

Ah - ah

Lyr - ics

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Piano template with melody and lyrics

Here is a typical song format: one staff with the melody and lyrics, with piano accompaniment underneath.

```
melody = \relative c'' {
  \clef treble
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4

  a b c d
}

text = \lyricmode {
  Aaa Bee Cee Dee
}

upper = \relative c'' {
  \clef treble
```

```

\key c \major
\time 4/4

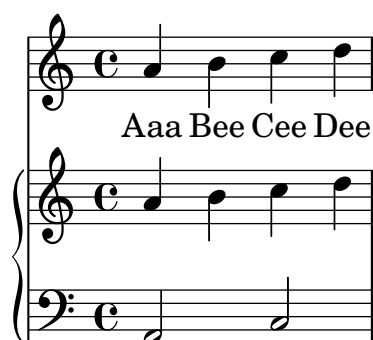
a4 b c d
}

lower = \relative c {
  \clef bass
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4

  a2 c
}

\score {
  <<
    \new Voice = "mel" { \autoBeamOff \melody }
    \new Lyrics \lyricsto mel \text
    \new PianoStaff <<
      \new Staff = "upper" \upper
      \new Staff = "lower" \lower
    >>
  >>
  \layout {
    \context { \Staff \RemoveEmptyStaves }
  }
  \midi { }
}

```



Putting lyrics inside the staff

Lyrics can be moved vertically to place them inside the staff. The lyrics are moved with `\override LyricText.extra-offset = #'(0 . dy)` and there are similar commands to move the extenders and hyphens. The offset needed is established with trial and error.

```

<<
  \new Staff <<
    \new Voice = "voc" \relative c' { \stemDown a bes c8 b c4 }
  >>
  \new Lyrics \with {
    \override LyricText.extra-offset = #'(0 . 8.6)
    \override LyricExtender.extra-offset = #'(0 . 8.6)
    \override LyricHyphen.extra-offset = #'(0 . 8.6)
  }

```

```

} \lyricsto "voc" { La la -- la _ _ la }
>>

```



SATB Choir template - four staves

This is a template for a SATB choir on four staves.

```

global = {
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4
  \dynamicUp
}
sopranonotes = \relative c'' {
  c2 \p \< d c d \f
}
sopranowords = \lyricmode { do do do do }
altonotes = \relative c'' {
  c2 \p d c d
}
altowords = \lyricmode { re re re re }
tenornotes = {
  \clef "G_8"
  c2 \mp d c d
}
tenorwords = \lyricmode { mi mi mi mi }
bassnotes = {
  \clef bass
  c2 \mf d c d
}
basswords = \lyricmode { mi mi mi mi }

\score {
  \new ChoirStaff <<
    \new Staff <<
      \new Voice = "soprano" <<
        \global
        \sopranonotes
      >>
      \new Lyrics \lyricsto "soprano" \sopranowords
    >>
    \new Staff <<
      \new Voice = "alto" <<
        \global
        \altonotes
      >>
      \new Lyrics \lyricsto "alto" \altowords
    >>
  >>
}

```

```

\new Staff <<
  \new Voice = "tenor" <<
    \global
    \tenornotes
  >>
  \new Lyrics \lyricsto "tenor" \tenorwords
  >>
\new Staff <<
  \new Voice = "bass" <<
    \global
    \bassnotes
  >>
  \new Lyrics \lyricsto "bass" \basswords
  >>
>>
}

```

p *f*
do do do do
p
re re re re
mp
mi mi mi mi
mf
mi mi mi mi

Single staff template with notes, lyrics, and chords

This template allows the preparation of a song with melody, words, and chords.

```

melody = \relative c' {
  \clef treble
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4

  a4 b c d
}

text = \lyricmode {
  Aaa Bee Cee Dee
}

harmonies = \chordmode {
  a2 c
}

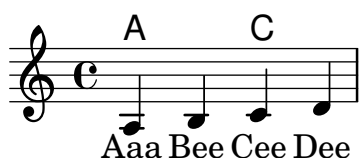
```

```

}

\score {
  <<
    \new ChordNames {
      \set chordChanges = ##t
      \harmonies
    }
    \new Voice = "one" { \autoBeamOff \melody }
    \new Lyrics \lyricsto "one" \text
  >>
  \layout { }
  \midi { }
}

```



Single staff template with notes, lyrics, chords and frets

Here is a simple lead sheet template with melody, lyrics, chords and fret diagrams.

```

verseI = \lyricmode {
  \set stanza = #"1."
  This is the first verse
}

verseII = \lyricmode {
  \set stanza = #"2."
  This is the second verse.
}

theChords = \chordmode {
  % insert chords for chordnames and fretboards here
  c2 g4 c
}

staffMelody = \relative c' {
  \key c \major
  \clef treble
  % Type notes for melody here
  c4 d8 e f4 g
  \bar "|"
}

\score {
  <<
    \context ChordNames { \theChords }
    \context FretBoards { \theChords }
    \new Staff {
      \context Voice = "voiceMelody" { \staffMelody }

```

```

    }
    \new Lyrics = "lyricsI" {
      \lyricsto "voiceMelody" \verseI
    }
    \new Lyrics = "lyricsII" {
      \lyricsto "voiceMelody" \verseII
    }
  >>
  \layout { }
  \midi { }
}

```

1. This is the first verse
2. This is the second verse.

Single staff template with notes and lyrics

This small template demonstrates a simple melody with lyrics. Cut and paste, add notes, then words for the lyrics. This example turns off automatic beaming, which is common for vocal parts. To use automatic beaming, change or comment out the relevant line.

```

melody = \relative c' {
  \clef treble
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4

  a4 b c d
}

text = \lyricmode {
  Aaa Bee Cee Dee
}

\score{
  <<
    \new Voice = "one" {
      \autoBeamOff
      \melody
    }
    \new Lyrics \lyricsto "one" \text
  >>
  \layout { }
  \midi { }
}

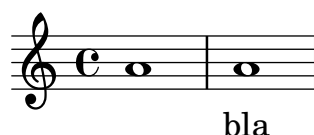
```



Skips in lyric mode

The `s` syntax for skips is only available in note mode and chord mode. In other situations, for example, when entering lyrics, using the `\skip` command is recommended.

```
<<
  \relative c'' { a1 | a }
  \new Lyrics \lyricmode { \skip 1 bla1 }
>>
```



Skips in lyric mode (2)

Although `s` skips cannot be used in `\lyricmode` (it is taken to be a literal “s”, not a space), double quotes (“”) or underscores (_) are available.

So for example:

```
<<
  \relative c'' { a4 b c d }
  \new Lyrics \lyricmode { a4 "" _ gap }
>>
```



Using arpeggioBracket to make divisi more visible

The `arpeggioBracket` can be used to indicate the division of voices where there are no stems to provide the information. This is often seen in choral music.

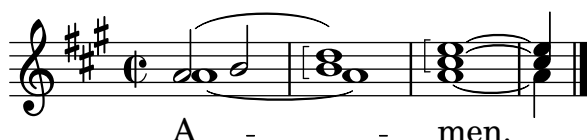
```
\include "english.ly"
```

```
\score {
  \relative c'' {
    \key a \major
    \time 2/2
    <<
      \new Voice = "upper"
      <<
        { \voiceOne \arpeggioBracket
          a2( b2
            <b d>1\arpeggio)
            <cs e>\arpeggio ~
            <cs e>4
          }
        }
      }
    }
}
```

```

\addlyrics { \lyricmode { A -- men. } }
>>
\new Voice = "lower"
{ \voiceTwo
  a1 ~
  a
  a ~
  a4 \bar "|"
}
>>
}
\layout { ragged-right = ##t }
}

```



Using tags to produce mensural and modern music from the same source

Using tags, it is possible to produce both mensural and modern notation from the same music. In this snippet, a function `\menrest` is introduced, allowing mensural rests to be pitched as in the original, but with modern rests in the standard staff position.

Tags can also be used where other differences are needed: for example using “whole measure rests” (`R1`, `R\breve`, etc.) in modern music, but normal rests (`r1`, `r\breve`, etc.) in the mensural version. Converting mensural music to its modern equivalent is usually referred to as *transcription*.

The call `c4.\Be c8 c\Am` is the same as `c4.[c8 c]`. However, it suppresses warnings if it starts on a note that can’t hold a beam but needs it anyway due to the use of `Completion_heads_engraver`.

[The slightly shortened line length of the mensural staff avoids cropping of the custos glyph while LilyPond generates clipped images.]

```

menrest = #(define-music-function (note) (ly:music?)
  #{
    \tag #'mens $(make-music 'RestEvent note)
    \tag #'mod $(make-music 'RestEvent note 'pitch '())
  })
Be = \tag #'mod
  #(begin
    (ly:expect-warning (G_ "stem does not fit in beam"))
    (ly:expect-warning (G_ "beam was started here"))
    (make-span-event 'BeamEvent START))
Am = \tag #'mod ]

MenStyle = {
  \override Score.BarNumber.transparent = ##t
  \override Stem.neutral-direction = #up
  \omit Slur
  \omit Beam

```

```
}
```

```
finalis = \section
```

```
Music = \relative c'' {
  \key f \major
  g1 d'2 \menrest bes4 bes a2 \menrest r4 g4 fis4.
  fis8 fis4 fis g e f4.([ g8] a4[ g8 f]
    g2.\Be fis8 e\Am fis2) g\breve \finalis
}
```

```
MenLyr = \lyricmode {
  So farre, deere life, deare life,
  from thy bright beames ab- en- ted,
}
```

```
ModLyr = \lyricmode {
  So far, dear life, dear life,
  from your bright beams ab -- sen -- ted, --
}
```

```
\score {
  \keepWithTag #'mens {
    <<
      \new PetrucciStaff {
        \new PetrucciVoice = "Cantus" {
          \clef "petrucci-c1" \time 4/4 \MenStyle \Music
        }
      }
      \new Lyrics \lyricsto "Cantus" \MenLyr
    >>
  }
  \layout {
    line-width = 155\mm

    \context {
      \PetrucciVoice
      % No longer necessary starting with version 2.25.23.
      \override Flag.style = #'mensural
    }
  }
}
```

```
\score {
  \keepWithTag #'mod {
    \new ChoirStaff <<
      \new Staff {
        \new Voice = "Sop" \with {
          \remove "Note_heads_engraver"
          \consists "Completion_heads_engraver"
          \remove "Rest_engraver"
          \consists "Completion_rest_engraver"
        } \shiftDurations 1 0 { \time 2/4 \autoBeamOff \Music }
      }
    >>
  }
}
```

```

    }
    \new Lyrics \lyricsto "Sop" \ModLyr
  >>
}
\layout {
  line-width = 157\mm
}
}

```

```

\paper {
  ragged-last = ##t
}

```

```

\header { tagline = ##f }

```

So farre, deere life, deare life, from thy bright beames ab- fen-

ted,

So far, dear life, dear life, from your bright beams ab - sen -

ted,____

Vertically aligning ossias and lyrics

This snippet demonstrates the use of the context properties `alignBelowContext` and `alignAboveContext` to control the positioning of lyrics and ossias.

```

\relative c' <<
\new Staff = "1" { c4 c s2 }
\new Staff = "2" { c4 c s2 }
\new Staff = "3" { c4 c s2 }
{ \skip 2
  <<
    \lyrics {
      \set alignBelowContext = "1"
      lyrics4 below
    }
    \new Staff \with {
      alignAboveContext = "3"
      fontSize = -2
      \override StaffSymbol.staff-space = #(magstep -2)
      \remove "Time_signature_engraver"
    } {

```

```

\markup {
  \tuplet 6/4 {
    \override TextScript.padding = 3
    c8["ossia above" d e d e f]
  }
}
>>

\paper {
  ragged-right = ##t
}

```



Vertically aligning stanza numbers of different staves

It can happen that stanza numbers don't align vertically if the verses are attached to different staves. To fix that, override the `self-alignment-X` property of the `LyricText` grob.

```
\markup { default behavior }
```

```

<<
  \new Staff { b b b b }
  \lyrics {
    \set stanza = "3."
    a a a a
  }

  \new Staff { b b b b }
  \lyrics {
    \set stanza = "1."
    aaaaaaaaaa a a a
  }
  \lyrics {
    \set stanza = "2."
    a a a a
  }
>>

```

```
\markup \vspace #1
```

```

\markup {
  using \typewriter "self-alignment-X = #LEFT" }

<<
  \new Staff { b b b b }
  \new Lyrics \lyricmode {
    \set stanza = "3."
    a a a a
  }

  \new Staff { b b b b }
  \new Lyrics \lyricmode {
    \set stanza = "1."
    \once \override LyricText.self-alignment-X = #LEFT
    aaaaaaaaaa a a a
  }
  \new Lyrics \lyricmode {
    \set stanza = "2."
    a a a a
  }
>>

\paper { tagline = ##f }

```

default behavior



using self-alignment-X = #LEFT



Vertically centered common lyrics

In a vocal piece where there are several (two, four or more) lines of lyrics and common lyrics for all voices at some point, the common lyrics may be made to appear vertically centered, as shown in the following example:

```
dropLyrics = {
  \override LyricText.extra-offset = #'(0 . -4.5)
  \override LyricHyphen.extra-offset = #'(0 . -4.5)
  \override LyricExtender.extra-offset = #'(0 . -4.5)
  \override StanzaNumber.extra-offset = #'(0 . -4.5)
}

raiseLyrics = {
  \revert LyricText.extra-offset
  \revert LyricHyphen.extra-offset
  \revert LyricExtender.extra-offset
  \revert StanzaNumber.extra-offset
}

skipFour = \repeat unfold 4 { \skip 8 }

lyricsA = \lyricmode {
  The first verse has
  \dropLyrics
  \set stanza = #"    All:"
  the com -- mon __ words
  \raiseLyrics
  used in all four.
}

lyricsB = \lyricmode { In stan -- za two,    \skipFour al -- so ap -- pear. }

lyricsC = \lyricmode { By the third verse, \skipFour are get -- ting dull. }

lyricsD = \lyricmode { Last stan -- za, and \skipFour get used once more. }

melody = \relative c' {
  c4 d e f |
  g f e8( e f) d |
  c4 e d c |
}

\score {
  <<
    \new Voice = m \melody
    \new Lyrics \lyricsto m \lyricsA
    \new Lyrics \lyricsto m \lyricsB
    \new Lyrics \lyricsto m \lyricsC
    \new Lyrics \lyricsto m \lyricsD
  >>
}
```

The first verse has used in all four.
 In stan - za two, al - so ap - pear.
 By the third verse, **All:** the common words are get - ting dull.
 Last stan - za, and get used once more.

Vocal ensemble template

Here is a standard four-part SATB vocal score. With larger ensembles, it is often useful to include a section which is included in all parts. For example, the time signature and key signature are almost always the same for all parts. Like in the “Hymn” template, the four voices are regrouped on only two staves.

```
\paper {
  top-system-spacing.basic-distance = 10
  score-system-spacing.basic-distance = 20
  system-system-spacing.basic-distance = 20
  last-bottom-spacing.basic-distance = 10
}
```

```
global = {
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4
}
```

```
sopMusic = \relative {
  c''4 c c8[( b)] c4
}
```

```
sopWords = \lyricmode {
  hi hi hi hi
}
```

```
altoMusic = \relative {
  e'4 f d e
}
```

```
altoWords = \lyricmode {
  ha ha ha ha
}
```

```
tenorMusic = \relative {
  g4 a f g
}
```

```
tenorWords = \lyricmode {
  hu hu hu hu
}
```

```
bassMusic = \relative {
  c4 c g c
}
```

```
bassWords = \lyricmode {
  ho ho ho ho
}
```

```

}

\score {
  \new ChoirStaff <<
    \new Lyrics = "sopranos" \with {
      % this is needed for lyrics above a staff
      \override VerticalAxisGroup.staff-affinity = #DOWN
    }
    \new Staff = "women" <<
      \new Voice = "sopranos" {
        \voiceOne
        << \global \sopMusic >>
      }
      \new Voice = "altos" {
        \voiceTwo
        << \global \altoMusic >>
      }
    >>
    \new Lyrics = "altos"
    \new Lyrics = "tenors" \with {
      % this is needed for lyrics above a staff
      \override VerticalAxisGroup.staff-affinity = #DOWN
    }
    \new Staff = "men" <<
      \clef bass
      \new Voice = "tenors" {
        \voiceOne
        << \global \tenorMusic >>
      }
      \new Voice = "basses" {
        \voiceTwo << \global \bassMusic >>
      }
    >>
    \new Lyrics = "basses"
    \context Lyrics = "sopranos" \lyricsto "sopranos" \sopWords
    \context Lyrics = "altos" \lyricsto "altos" \altoWords
    \context Lyrics = "tenors" \lyricsto "tenors" \tenorWords
    \context Lyrics = "basses" \lyricsto "basses" \bassWords
  >>
}

```



Vocal ensemble template with automatic piano reduction

This template adds an automatic piano reduction to the standard SATB vocal score demonstrated in “Vocal ensemble template”. This demonstrates one of the strengths of LilyPond – you can use a music definition more than once. If any changes are made to the vocal notes (say, `tenorMusic`), then the changes will also apply to the piano reduction.

```
\paper {
  top-system-spacing.basic-distance = 10
  score-system-spacing.basic-distance = 20
  system-system-spacing.basic-distance = 20
  last-bottom-spacing.basic-distance = 10
}

global = {
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4
}

sopMusic = \relative {
  c'4 c c8[( b)] c4
}
sopWords = \lyricmode {
  hi hi hi hi
}

altoMusic = \relative {
  e'4 f d e
}
altoWords = \lyricmode {
  ha ha ha ha
}

tenorMusic = \relative {
  g4 a f g
}
tenorWords = \lyricmode {
  hu hu hu hu
}

bassMusic = \relative {
  c4 c g c
}
bassWords = \lyricmode {
  ho ho ho ho
}

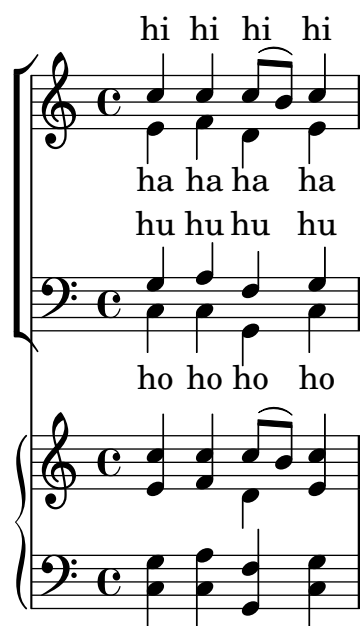
\score {
  <<
  \new ChoirStaff <<
  \new Lyrics = "sopranos" \with {
    % This is needed for lyrics above a staff
    \override VerticalAxisGroup.staff-affinity = #DOWN
  }
```

```

}
\new Staff = "women" <<
  \new Voice = "sopranos" { \voiceOne << \global \sopMusic >> }
  \new Voice = "altos" { \voiceTwo << \global \altoMusic >> }
>>
\new Lyrics = "altos"
\new Lyrics = "tenors" \with {
  % This is needed for lyrics above a staff
  \override VerticalAxisGroup.staff-affinity = #DOWN
}

\new Staff = "men" <<
  \clef bass
  \new Voice = "tenors" { \voiceOne << \global \tenorMusic >> }
  \new Voice = "basses" { \voiceTwo << \global \bassMusic >> }
>>
\new Lyrics = "basses"
\context Lyrics = "sopranos" \lyricsto "sopranos" \sopWords
\context Lyrics = "altos" \lyricsto "altos" \altoWords
\context Lyrics = "tenors" \lyricsto "tenors" \tenorWords
\context Lyrics = "basses" \lyricsto "basses" \bassWords
>>
\new PianoStaff <<
  \new Staff <<
    \set Staff.printPartCombineTexts = ##f
    \partCombine
    << \global \sopMusic >>
    << \global \altoMusic >>
  >>
  \new Staff <<
    \clef bass
    \set Staff.printPartCombineTexts = ##f
    \partCombine
    << \global \tenorMusic >>
    << \global \bassMusic >>
  >>
>>
>>
>>
}

```



Vocal ensemble template with lyrics aligned below and above the staves

This template is basically the same as the simple “Vocal ensemble” template, with the exception that here all the lyrics lines are placed using `alignAboveContext` and `alignBelowContext`.

```
global = {
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4
}

sopMusic = \relative c'' {
  c4 c c8[( b)] c4
}
sopWords = \lyricmode {
  hi hi hi hi
}

altoMusic = \relative c' {
  e4 f d e
}
altoWords = \lyricmode {
  ha ha ha ha
}

tenorMusic = \relative c' {
  g4 a f g
}
tenorWords = \lyricmode {
  hu hu hu hu
}

bassMusic = \relative c {
  c4 c g c
}
```

```

}
bassWords = \lyricmode {
  ho ho ho ho
}

\score {
  \new ChoirStaff <<
    \new Staff = "women" <<
      \new Voice = "sopranos" { \voiceOne << \global \sopMusic >> }
      \new Voice = "altos" { \voiceTwo << \global \altoMusic >> }
    >>
    \new Lyrics \with { alignAboveContext = "women" }
      \lyricsto "sopranos" \sopWords
    \new Lyrics \with { alignBelowContext = "women" }
      \lyricsto "altos" \altoWords
    % we could remove the line about this with the line below, since
    % we want the alto lyrics to be below the alto Voice anyway.
    % \new Lyrics \lyricsto "altos" \altoWords

    \new Staff = "men" <<
      \clef bass
      \new Voice = "tenors" { \voiceOne << \global \tenorMusic >> }
      \new Voice = "basses" { \voiceTwo << \global \bassMusic >> }
    >>
    \new Lyrics \with { alignAboveContext = "men" }
      \lyricsto "tenors" \tenorWords
    \new Lyrics \with { alignBelowContext = "men" }
      \lyricsto "basses" \bassWords
    % again, we could replace the line above this with the line below.
    % \new Lyrics \lyricsto "basses" \bassWords
  >>
}

```



Vocal ensemble template with verse and refrain

This template creates a score that starts with a solo verse and continues into a refrain for two voices. It also demonstrates the use of spacer rests within the `\global` variable to define meter changes (and other elements common to all parts) throughout the entire score.

```
\header { tagline = ##f }
```

```
global = {
```

```

\key g \major

% verse
\time 3/4
s2.*2
\break

% refrain
\time 2/4
s2*2
\bar "|."
}

SoloNotes = \relative g' {
  \clef "treble"

  % verse
  g4 g g |
  b4 b b |

  % refrain
  R2*2 |
}

SoloLyrics = \lyricmode {
  One two three |
  four five six |
}

SopranoNotes = \relative c'' {
  \clef "treble"

  % verse
  R2.*2 |

  % refrain
  c4 c |
  g4 g |
}

SopranoLyrics = \lyricmode {
  la la |
  la la |
}

BassNotes = \relative c {
  \clef "bass"

  % verse
  R2.*2 |

  % refrain

```

```

c4 e |
d4 d |
}

BassLyrics = \lyricmode {
  dum dum |
  dum dum |
}

\score {
  <<
    \new Voice = "SoloVoice" << \global \SoloNotes >>
    \new Lyrics \lyricsto "SoloVoice" \SoloLyrics

    \new ChoirStaff <<
      \new Voice = "SopranoVoice" << \global \SopranoNotes >>
      \new Lyrics \lyricsto "SopranoVoice" \SopranoLyrics

      \new Voice = "BassVoice" << \global \BassNotes >>
      \new Lyrics \lyricsto "BassVoice" \BassLyrics
    >>
  >>
  \layout {
    ragged-right = ##t
    \context { \Staff
      % these lines prevent empty staves from being printed
      \RemoveEmptyStaves
      \override VerticalAxisGroup.remove-first = ##t
    }
  }
}

```



Chords

See also Section “Chord notation” in *Notation Reference*.

Adding a figured bass above or below the notes

When writing a figured bass, you can place the figures above or below the bass notes, by defining the `BassFigureAlignmentPositioning.direction` property (exclusively in a `Staff` context). Choices are `#UP` (or `#1`), `#CENTER` (or `#0`) and `#DOWN` (or `#-1`).

This property can be changed as many times as you wish. Use `\once \override` if you don't want the override to apply to the whole score.

```

bass = {
  \clef bass
  g4 b, c d
  e d8 c d2
}

continuo = \figuremode {
  <_>4 <6>4 <5/>4
  \override Staff.BassFigureAlignmentPositioning.direction = #UP
  %\bassFigureStaffAlignmentUp
  <_+>4 <6>
  \set Staff.useBassFigureExtenders = ##t
  \override Staff.BassFigureAlignmentPositioning.direction = #DOWN
  %\bassFigureStaffAlignmentDown
  <4>4. <4>8 <_+>4
}

\score {
  <<
    \new Staff = bassStaff \bass
    \context Staff = bassStaff \continuo
  >>
}

```



Adding bar lines to ChordNames context

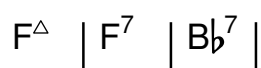
To add bar line indications in the `ChordNames` context, add the `Bar_engraver`.

```

\new ChordNames \with {
  \override BarLine.bar-extent = #'(-2 . 2)
  \consists "Bar_engraver"
}

\chordmode {
  f1:maj7 f:7 bes:7
}

```



Adjusting figured bass alteration glyphs

In figured bass, specially designed glyphs for 6\\, 7\\, and 9\\ are used by default. Similarly, specially designed glyphs for symbols 2\\+, 4\\+, and 5\\+ are used by default if plus signs appear after the number.

To change that, pass an alist to `figuredBassPlusStrokedAlist` and set the glyph in question to `#f` (or omit it).

```
\figures {
  \set figuredBassPlusDirection = #RIGHT
  <6\\> <7\\> <9\\> r
  <2\\+> <4\\+> <5\\+> r

  \set figuredBassPlusStrokedAlist =
    #'((2 . "figbass.twoplus")
      ;; (4 . "figbass.fourplus")
      ;; (5 . "figbass.fiveplus")
      (6 . "figbass.sixstroked")
      ;; (7 . "figbass.sevenstroked")
      ;; (9 . "figbass.ninestroked")
    )
  <6\\> <7\\> <9\\> r
  <2\\+> <4\\+> <5\\+> r
}
```

6 7 9 2 4 5⁺ 6 7 9 2 4 5⁺

Changing chord separator

The separator between different parts of a chord name can be set to any markup.

```
\chords {
  c:7sus4
  \set chordNameSeparator
    = \markup { \typewriter | }
  c:7sus4
}
```

C⁷ sus4 C⁷|sus4

Changing the chord names to German or semi-German notation

The english naming of chords (default) can be changed to german (`\germanChords` replaces B and Bes with H and B) or semi-german (`\semiGermanChords` replaces B and Bes with H and Bb).

```
scm = \chordmode {
  c1/c | cis/cis
  b1/b | bis/bis | bes/bes
}
```

```
\layout {
  ragged-right = ##t
}
```

```

\context {
  \ChordNames
  \consists "Instrument_name_engraver"
}
}

<<
\new ChordNames {
  \set instrumentName = #"default"
  \scm
}
\new ChordNames {
  \set instrumentName = #"german"
  \germanChords \scm
}
\new ChordNames {
  \set instrumentName = #"semi-german"
  \semiGermanChords \scm
}
\new ChordNames {
  \set instrumentName = #"italian"
  \italianChords \scm
}
\new ChordNames {
  \set instrumentName = #"french"
  \frenchChords \scm
}
\context Voice { \scm }
>>

```

default	C/C	C#/C#	B/B	B#/B#	Bb/Bb
german	C/c	C#/cis	H/h	H#/his	B/b
semi-german	C/c	C#/cis	H/h	H#/his	Bb/b
italian	Do/Do	Do #/Do #	Si/Si	Si #/Si #	Si b/Si b
french	Do/Do	Do #/Do #	Si/Si	Si #/Si #	Si b/Si b



Changing the positions of figured bass alterations

Accidentals and plus signs can appear before or after the numbers, depending on the `figuredBassAlterationDirection` and `figuredBassPlusDirection` properties.

If plus signs appear after the number, specially designed glyphs are provided for some figures.

```

\figures {
  <5\+> <5+ 4\+> <6 4- 2\+> r
  \set figuredBassAlterationDirection = #RIGHT
  <5\+> <5+ 4\+> <6 4- 2\+> r
  \set figuredBassPlusDirection = #RIGHT
}

```

```

<5\+> <5+ 4\+> <6 4- 2\+> r
\set figuredBassAlterationDirection = #LEFT
<5\+> <5+ 4\+> <6 4- 2\+> r
}

+5 #5 6      +5 5# 6      5+ 5# 6      5+ #5 6
  +4  +2      +4  4b      4+  4b      4+  4b
  +2          +2          2+          2+

```

Chord name exceptions

The property `chordNameExceptions` can be used to store a list of special notations for specific chords.

```

% modify maj9 and 6(add9)
% Exception music is chords with markups
chExceptionMusic = {
  <c e g b d'>1-\markup { \super "maj9" }
  <c e g a d'>1-\markup { \super "6(add9)" }
}

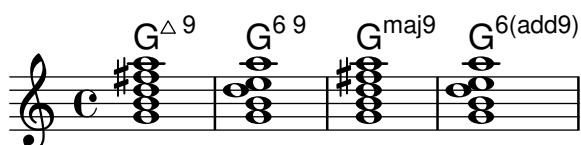
% Convert music to list and prepend to existing exceptions.
chExceptions = #(append
  (sequential-music-to-chord-exceptions chExceptionMusic #t)
  ignatzekExceptions)

theMusic = \chordmode {
  g1:maj9 g1:6.9
  \set chordNameExceptions = #chExceptions
  g1:maj9 g1:6.9
}

\layout {
  ragged-right = ##t
}

<<
  \new ChordNames \theMusic
  \new Voice \theMusic
>>

```



chord name major7

The layout of the major 7 can be tuned with `majorSevenSymbol`.

```

\chords {
  c:7+
  \set majorSevenSymbol = \markup { j7 }
  c:7+
}

C^Δ C^j7

```

Chord names alternative

Chord names are generated from a list of pitches. The functions which construct these names can be customised.

Here are shown chords following Ignatzek (pp. 17-18, 1995), used by default since LilyPond 1.7.20, compared with an alternative Jazz chord notation and Harald Banter's (1987) notation. A smaller font is used in the latter case, as these tend to be overly verbose.

This mirrors the mechanism originally used in early LilyPond versions (pre-1.7); not having been properly maintained, however, some features have been lost (mainly chord exception lists) and bugs have been introduced.

```
%%% Legacy chord naming functions (formerly in scm/chord-generic-names.scm)
%%% Copyright (C) 2003--2023 Jan Nieuwenhuizen <janneke@gnu.org>
```

```
#(set-global-staff-size 19.7)

#(define-public (banter-chordnames pitches bass inversion context)
  (old_chord->markup 'banter pitches bass inversion context))

#(define-public (jazz-chordnames pitches bass inversion context)
  (old_chord->markup 'jazz pitches bass inversion context))

#(define (define-translator-property symbol type? description)
  (if (not (and (symbol? symbol)
                (procedure? type?)
                (string? description)))
      (ly:error "error in call of define-translator-property"))
      (if (not (equal? (object-property symbol 'translation-doc) #f))
          (ly:error (G_ "symbol ~S redefined") symbol))

          (set-object-property! symbol 'translation-type? type?)
          (set-object-property! symbol 'translation-doc description)
          symbol))

#(for-each
  (lambda (x)
    (apply define-translator-property x))
  `((chordNameExceptionsFull ,list? "An alist of full chord
exceptions. Contains @code{(@var{chord} . @var{markup})} entries."
    (chordNameExceptionsPartial ,list? "An alist of partial chord
exceptions. Contains @code{(@var{chord} . (@var{prefix-markup}
@var{suffix-markup})} entries.")))

#(define-public (old_chord->markup
  style pitches bass inversion context)
  "Entry point for @code{Chord_name_engraver}.
@var{pitches}, @var{bass}, and @var{inversion} are lily pitches."
  (define (default-note-namer pitch)
    (note-name->markup pitch #f))

  (define (markup-or-empty-markup markup)
    "Return MARKUP if markup, else empty-markup"
    (if (markup? markup) markup empty-markup))
```

```

(define (accidental->markup alteration)
  "Return accidental markup for ALTERATION."
  (if (= alteration 0)
      (make-line-markup (list empty-markup))
      (conditional-kern-before
       (alteration->text-accidental-markup alteration)
       (= alteration FLAT) 0.094725)))

(define (list-minus a b)
  "Return list of elements in A that are not in B."
  (lset-difference eq? a b))

(define (markup-join markups sep)
  "Return line-markup of MARKUPS, joining them with markup SEP"
  (if (pair? markups)
      (make-line-markup (list-insert-separator markups sep)
                        empty-markup))
      empty-markup))

(define (conditional-kern-before markup bool amount)
  "Add AMOUNT of space before MARKUP if BOOL is true."
  (if bool
      (make-line-markup
       (list (make-hspace-markup amount)
             markup))
      markup))

(define (step-nr pitch)
  (let* ((pitch-nr (+ (* 7 (ly:pitch-octave pitch))
                     (ly:pitch-notename pitch)))
        (root-nr (+ (* 7 (ly:pitch-octave (car pitches)))
                    (ly:pitch-notename (car pitches)))))
    (+ 1 (- pitch-nr root-nr))))

(define (next-third pitch)
  (+ pitch
     (ly:make-pitch 0 2 (if (or (= (step-nr pitch) 3)
                                (= (step-nr pitch) 5))
                           FLAT 0))))

(define (step-alteration pitch)
  (let* ((normalized-pitch (- pitch (car pitches)))
        (alteration (ly:pitch-alteration normalized-pitch)))
    (if (= (step-nr pitch) 7) (+ alteration SEMI-TONE) alteration)))

(define (pitch-unalter pitch)
  (let ((alteration (step-alteration pitch)))
    (if (= alteration 0)
        pitch
        (ly:make-pitch (ly:pitch-octave pitch) (ly:pitch-notename pitch)
                       (- (ly:pitch-alteration pitch) alteration)))))

```

```

(define (step-even-or-altered? pitch)
  (let ((nr (step-nr pitch)))
    (if (!= (modulo nr 2) 0)
        (!= (step-alteration pitch) 0)
        #t)))

(define (step->markup-plusminus pitch)
  (let ((alt (step-alteration pitch)))
    (make-line-markup
     (list
      (number->string (step-nr pitch))
      (cond
       ((= alt DOUBLE-FLAT) "--")
       ((= alt FLAT) "-")
       ((= alt NATURAL) "")
       ((= alt SHARP) "+")
       ((= alt DOUBLE-SHARP) "++"))))))

(define (step->markup-accidental pitch)
  (make-line-markup
   (list (accidental->markup (step-alteration pitch))
         (make-simple-markup (number->string (step-nr pitch))))))

(define (step->markup-ignatzek pitch)
  (make-line-markup
   (if (and (= (step-nr pitch) 7)
            (= (step-alteration pitch) 1))
       (list (ly:context-property context 'majorSevenSymbol)
             (list (accidental->markup (step-alteration pitch))
                   (make-simple-markup (number->string (step-nr pitch))))))
       (make-simple-markup (number->string (step-nr pitch))))))

;; tja, kennok
(define (make-sub->markup step->markup)
  (lambda (pitch)
    (make-line-markup (list (make-simple-markup "no")
                            (step->markup pitch)))))

(define (step-based-sub->markup step->markup pitch)
  (make-line-markup (list (make-simple-markup "no") (step->markup pitch))))

(define (get-full-list pitch)
  (if (<= (step-nr pitch) (step-nr (last pitches)))
      (cons pitch (get-full-list (next-third pitch)))
      '()))

(define (get-consecutive nr pitches)
  (if (pair? pitches)
      (let* ((pitch-nr (step-nr (car pitches)))
             (next-nr (if (!= (modulo pitch-nr 2) 0) (+ pitch-nr 2) nr)))
        (if (<= pitch-nr nr)
            (cons (car pitches) (get-consecutive next-nr (cdr pitches)))
            '()))
      '()))

```

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'()))

;;; FIXME -- exceptions no longer work. -vv

(define (full-match exceptions)
  (if (pair? exceptions)
      (let* ((e (car exceptions))
             (e-pitches (car e)))
        (if (equal? e-pitches pitches)
            e
            (full-match (cdr exceptions))))
      #f))

(define (partial-match exceptions)
  (if (pair? exceptions)
      (let* ((e (car exceptions))
             (e-pitches (car e)))
        (if (equal? e-pitches (take pitches (length e-pitches)))
            e
            (partial-match (cdr exceptions))))
      #f))

;; FIXME: exceptions don't work anyway.
(if #f (begin
  (write-me "pitches: " pitches)))
(let* ((full-exceptions
  (ly:context-property context 'chordNameExceptionsFull))
  (full-exception (full-match full-exceptions))
  (full-markup (if full-exception (cadr full-exception) '()))
  (partial-exceptions
  (ly:context-property context 'chordNameExceptionsPartial))
  (partial-exception (partial-match partial-exceptions))
  (partial-pitches (if partial-exception (car partial-exception) '()))
  (partial-markup-prefix
  (if partial-exception (markup-or-empty-markup
    (cadr partial-exception)) empty-markup))
  (partial-markup-suffix
  (if (and partial-exception (pair? (caddr partial-exception)))
      (markup-or-empty-markup (caddr partial-exception)) empty-markup))
  (root (car pitches))
  (full (get-full-list root))
  ;; kludge alert: replace partial matched lower part of all with
  ;; 'normal' pitches from full
  ;; (all pitches)
  (all (append (take full (length partial-pitches))
    (drop pitches (length partial-pitches)))))

  (highest (last all))
  (missing (list-minus full (map pitch-unalter all)))
  (consecutive (get-consecutive 1 all))
  (rest (list-minus all consecutive))
  (altered (filter step-even-or-altered? all)))

```

```

    (cons-alt (filter step-even-or-altered? consecutive))
    (base (list-minus consecutive altered)))

(if #f (begin
  (write-me "full:" full)
  ;; (write-me "partial-pitches:" partial-pitches)
  (write-me "full-markup:" full-markup)
  (write-me "partial-markup-prefix:" partial-markup-prefix)
  (write-me "partial-markup-suffix:" partial-markup-suffix)
  (write-me "all:" all)
  (write-me "altered:" altered)
  (write-me "missing:" missing)
  (write-me "consecutive:" consecutive)
  (write-me "rest:" rest)
  (write-me "base:" base)))

(case style
  ((banter)
   ;; root
   ;; + steps:altered + (highest all -- if not altered)
   ;; + subs:missing

   (let* ((root->markup default-note-namer)
            (step->markup step->markup-plusminus)
            (sub->markup (lambda (x)
                          (step-based-sub->markup step->markup x)))
            (sep (make-simple-markup "/")))

     (if
      (pair? full-markup)
      (make-line-markup (list (root->markup root) full-markup))

      (make-line-markup
       (list
        (root->markup root)
        partial-markup-prefix
        (make-super-markup
         (markup-join
          (append
           (map step->markup
                (append altered
                          (if (and (> (step-nr highest) 5)
                                (not
                                 (step-even-or-altered? highest)))
                            (list highest) '()))))
           (list partial-markup-suffix)
           (map sub->markup missing))
          sep)))))))

((jazz)

```

```

;;    root
;;    + steps:(highest base) + cons-alt
;;    + 'add'
;;    + steps:rest
(let* ((root->markup default-note-namer)
      (step->markup step->markup-ignatzek)
      (sep (make-simple-markup " "))
      (add-prefix (make-simple-markup " add"))))

(if
  (pair? full-markup)
  (make-line-markup (list (root->markup root) full-markup))

  (make-line-markup
    (list
      (root->markup root)
      partial-markup-prefix
      (make-super-markup
        (make-line-markup
          (list

            ;; kludge alert: omit <= 5
            ;;(markup-join (map step->markup
            ;;              (cons (last base) cons-alt)) sep)

            ;; This fixes:
            ;; c      C5      -> C
            ;; c:2    C5 2    -> C2
            ;; c:3-   Cm5     -> Cm
            ;; c:6.9 C5 6add9 -> C6 add 9 (add?)
            ;; ch = \chords { c c:2 c:3- c:6.9~7 }
            (markup-join (map step->markup
                          (let ((tb (last base)))
                            (if (> (step-nr tb) 5)
                                (cons tb cons-alt)
                                cons-alt)))) sep)

            (if (pair? rest)
                add-prefix
                empty-markup)
            (markup-join (map step->markup rest) sep)
            partial-markup-suffix))))))

  (else empty-markup))))

%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
%%
%% Here begins the actual snippet:

chs = \transpose c' c' {
  <c e g>1

```

```

<c es g> % m = minor triad
<c e gis>
<c es ges> \break
<c e g bes>
<c es g bes>
<c e g b> % triangle = maj
<c es ges beses>
<c es ges b> \break
<c e gis bes>
<c es g b>
<c e gis b>
<c es ges bes> \break
<c e g a> % 6 = major triad with added sixth
<c es g a> % m6 = minor triad with added sixth
<c e g bes d'>
<c es g bes d'> \break
<c es g bes d' f' a' >
<c es g bes d' f' >
<c es ges bes d' >
<c e g bes des' > \break
<c e g bes dis'>
<c e g bes d' f'>
<c e g bes d' fis'>
<c e g bes d' f' a'> \break
<c e g bes d' fis' as'>
<c e gis bes dis'>
<c e g bes dis' fis'>
<c e g bes d' f' as'> \break
<c e g bes des' f' as'>
<c e g bes d' fis'>
<c e g b d'>
<c e g bes d' f' as'> \break
<c e g bes des' f' as'>
<c e g bes des' f' a'>
<c e g b d'>
<c e g b d' f' a'> \break
<c e g b d' fis'>
<c e g bes des' f ' a'>
<c f g>
<c f g bes> \break
<c f g bes d'>
<c e g d'> % add9
<c es g f'>
<c e g b fis'> % Lydian
<c e g bes des' ees' fis' aes'> % altered chord
}

```

```

%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
% alternate Jazz notation

```

```

efullmusicJazzAlt = {

```

```

<c e gis>1-\markup { "+" }
<c e g b>-\markup {
  \normal-size-super
  % \override #'(font-family . math) "N"
  \override #'(font-family . math) "M"
}
%%c:3.5.7 = \markup { \override #'(font-family . math) "M" }
%%c:3.5.7 = \markup { \normal-size-super "maj7" }

<c es ges>-\markup { \super "o" } % should be $\circ$ ?
<c es ges bes>-\markup { \super \combine "o" "/" }
<c es ges beses>-\markup { \super "o7" }
}

efullJazzAlt = #(sequential-music-to-chord-exceptions efullmusicJazzAlt #f)

epartialmusicJazzAlt = {
  <c d>1-\markup { \normal-size-super "2" }
  <c es>-\markup { "m" }
  <c f>-\markup { \normal-size-super "sus4" }
  <c g>-\markup { \normal-size-super "5" }
  %% TODO, partial exceptions
  <c es f>-\markup { "m" }-\markup { \normal-size-super "sus4" }
  <c d es>-\markup { "m" }-\markup { \normal-size-super "sus2" }
}

epartialJazzAlt = #(sequential-music-to-chord-exceptions epartialmusicJazzAlt #f)

%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%

\score {
  <<
    \new ChordNames {
      %% Already set by default:
      \%set chordNameFunction = #ignatzek-chord-names
      \%set instrumentName = "Ignatzek"
      \%set shortInstrumentName = "Def"
      \%chs
    }

    \new ChordNames {
      \%set chordNameFunction = #jazz-chordnames
      \%set majorSevenSymbol = \whiteTriangleMarkup
      \%set chordNameSeparator = "/"
      \%set chordNameExceptionsFull = \efullJazzAlt
      \%set chordNameExceptionsPartial = \epartialJazzAlt
      \%set instrumentName = "Alternative"
      \%set shortInstrumentName = "Alt"
      \%chs
    }
  }

  %% This is the Banter (1987) style. It gives exceedingly

```

%% verbose (wide) names, making the output file take up to 4 pages.

```

\new ChordNames {
  \set chordNameFunction = #banter-chordnames
  \override ChordName.font-size = -3
  \set instrumentName = "Banter"
  \set shortInstrumentName = "Ban"
  \chs
}

\new Staff \transpose c c' { \chs }
>>
\layout {
  #(layout-set-staff-size 16)
  system-system-spacing.basic-distance = 0
  \context {
    \ChordNames
    \consists "Instrument_name_engraver"
  }
  \context {
    \Score
    \remove "Bar_number_engraver"
  }
}

```

Ignatzek	C	Cm	C+	C°
Alternative	C	C ^{b3}	C ^{#5}	C ^{b3 b5}
Banter	C _{no3/no5}	C _{3-/no3/no5}	C _{5+//no3/no5}	C _{3-/5-/no3/no5}
Def	C ⁷	Cm ⁷	C ^Δ	C ^{o7}
Alt	C ⁷	C ^{7 b3}	C ^{#7}	C ^{b3 b5 b7}
Ban	C _{7//no3/no5/no7}	C _{3-/7//no3/no5/no7}	C _{7+//no3/no5/no7}	C _{3-/5-/7-/no3/no5/no7}
Def	C ^{7 #5}	Cm ^Δ	C ^{Δ #5}	C ^o
Alt	C ^{7 #5}	C ^{b3 #7}	C ^{#5 #7}	C ^{7 b3 b5}
Ban	C _{5+//7//no3/no5/no7}	C _{3-/7+//no3/no5/no7}	C _{5+//7+//no3/no5/no7}	C _{3-/5-/7//no3/no5/no7}
Def	C ⁶	Cm ⁶	C ⁹	Cm ⁹
Alt	C ⁶	C ^{b3 6}	C ⁹	C ^{9 b3}
Ban	C _{6//no3/no5}	C _{3-/6//no3/no5}	C _{9//no3/no5/no7/no9}	C _{3-/9//no3/no5/no7/no9}
Def	Cm ¹³	Cm ¹¹	Cm ^{7 b5 9}	C ^{7 b9}
Alt	C ^{13 b3}	C ^{11 b3}	C ^{9 b3 b5}	C ^{7 b9}
Ban	C _{3-/13//no3/no5/no7/no9/no11+/no13+}	C _{3-/11//no3/no5/no7/no9/no11+}	C _{3-/5-/9//no3/no5/no7/no9}	C _{9-/no3/no5/no7/no9}

Def $C^{7\#9}$ C^{11} $C^{7\#11}$ C^{13}
 Alt $C^{7\#9}$ C^{11} $C^9\#11$ C^{13}
 Ban $C^{9+//no3/no5/no7/no9}$ $C^{11//no3/no5/no7/no9/no11+}$ $C^{11+//no3/no5/no7/no9/no11+}$ $C^{13//no3/no5/no7/no9/no11+/no13+}$

Def $C^{7\#11\flat13}$ $C^{7\#5\#9}$ $C^{7\#9\#11}$ $C^{7\flat13}$
 Alt $C^{9\#11\flat13}$ $C^{7\#5\#9}$ $C^{7\#9\#11}$ $C^{11\flat13}$
 Ban $C^{11+/13-//no3/no5/no7/no9/no11+/no13+}$ $C^{5+/9+//no3/no5/no7/no9}$ $C^{9+/11+//no3/no5/no7/no9/no11+}$ $C^{13-//no3/no5/no7/no9/no11+/no13+}$

Def $C^{7\flat9\flat13}$ $C^{7\#11}$ $C^{\Delta 9}$ $C^{7\flat13}$
 Alt $C^{11\flat9\flat13}$ $C^9\#11$ $C^9\#7$ $C^{11\flat13}$
 Ban $C^{9-/13-//no3/no5/no7/no9/no11+/no13+}$ $C^{11+//no3/no5/no7/no9/no11+}$ $C^{7+/9//no3/no5/no7/no9}$ $C^{13-//no3/no5/no7/no9/no11+/no13+}$

Def $C^{7\flat9\flat13}$ $C^{7\flat9\flat13}$ $C^{\Delta 9}$ $C^{\Delta 13}$
 Alt $C^{11\flat9\flat13}$ $C^{13\flat9}$ $C^9\#7$ $C^{13\#7}$
 Ban $C^{9-/13-//no3/no5/no7/no9/no11+/no13+}$ $C^{9-/13//no3/no5/no7/no9/no11+/no13+}$ $C^{7+/9//no3/no5/no7/no9}$ $C^{7+/13//no3/no5/no7/no9/no11+/no13+}$

Def $C^{\Delta\#11}$ $C^{7\flat9\flat13}$ C^{sus4} C^{7sus4}
 Alt $C^9\#7\#11$ $C^{13\flat9}$ $C^{add4\ 5}$ $C^{add4\ 5\ 7}$
 Ban $C^{7+/11+//no3/no5/no7/no9/no11+}$ $C^{9-/13//no3/no5/no7/no9/no11+/no13+}$ $C^{4//no3/no5}$ $C^{4/7//no3/no5/no7}$

Def C^9sus4 C^9 Cm^{11} C^{lyd} C^{alt}
 Alt $C^{add4\ 5\ 7\ 9}$ C^{add9} $C^{\flat3\ add11}$ $C^{\#7\ add\#11}$ $C^{7\flat9\flat10\#11\flat13}$
 Ban $C^{4/9//no3/no5/no7/no9}$ $C^{9//no3/no5/no7/no9}$ $C^{3-/11//no3/no5/no7/no9/no11+}$ $C^{7+/11+//no3/no5/no7/no9/no11+}$ $C^{9-/10-/11+/13-//no3/no5/no7/no9/no11+/no13+}$

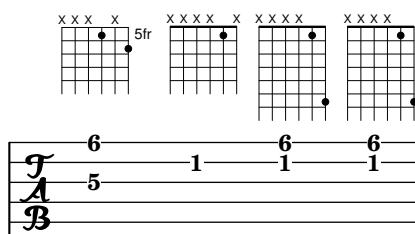
Chords with stretched fingering for FretBoards and TabVoice

Sometimes chords with a stretched fingering are required. If not otherwise specified the context-property `maximumFretStretch` is set to 4, though. Resulting in a warning about "No string for pitch ..." and the note is omitted. You may set `maximumFretStretch` to an appropriate value or explicetely assign string-numbers to all notes of a chord.

*%% The code below will print two warnings, which may be omitted by uncommenting:
 %#(for-each (lambda (x) (ly:expect-warning "No string for pitch")) (iota 2))*

```
mus = {
  <c' bes'>
  <c'\2 bes'>
  \set maximumFretStretch = 5
  <c' bes'>
  <c'\2 bes'\1>
}
```

```
<<
\new FretBoards \mus
\new TabVoice \mus
>>
```



Clusters

Clusters are a device to denote that a complete range of notes is to be played.

```
fragment = \relative c' {
  c4 f <e d'>4
  <g a>8 <e a> a4 c2 <d b>4
  e2 c
}
```

```
<<
\new Staff \fragment
\new Staff \makeClusters \fragment
>>
```



Controlling the placement of chord fingerings

The placement of fingering numbers can be controlled precisely by using the property `fingeringOrientation`. For fingering orientation to apply, the fingering command must be used within a chord construct (`<...>`), even for single notes. Orientation for string numbers and right-hand fingerings may be controlled in a similar way by using the properties `stringNumberOrientation` and `strokeFingerOrientation`, respectively.

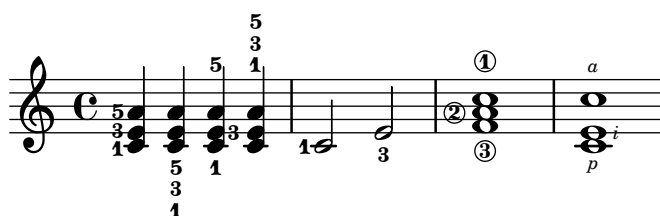
These properties can be set to a list of one to three values. They control whether fingerings may be placed above (if `up` appears in the list), below (if `down` appears), to the left (if `left` appears), or to the right (if `right` appears). Conversely, if a location is not listed, no fingering is placed there. LilyPond takes these constraints and works out the best placement for the fingering of the notes of the following chords. Note that `left` and `right` are mutually exclusive – fingerings may be placed only on one side or the other, not both.

```
\relative c' {
  \set fingeringOrientations = #'(left)
  <c-1 e-3 a-5>4
  \set fingeringOrientations = #'(down)
  <c-1 e-3 a-5>4
```

```

\set fingeringOrientations = #'(down right up)
<c-1 e-3 a-5>4
\set fingeringOrientations = #'(up)
<c-1 e-3 a-5>4
\set fingeringOrientations = #'(left)
<c-1>2
\set fingeringOrientations = #'(down)
<e-3>2
\set stringNumberOrientations = #'(up left down)
<f\3 a\2 c\1>1
\set strokeFingeringOrientations = #'(down right up)
<c\rightHandFinger 1 e\rightHandFinger 2 c'\rightHandFinger 4 >
}

```



Cross-staff chords - beaming problems workaround

Sometimes it is better to use stems from the upper staff for creating cross-staff chords, because no problems with automatic beam collision avoidance then arise. If the stems from the lower staff were used in the following example, it would be necessary to change the automatic beam collision avoidance settings so that it doesn't detect collisions between staves using `\override Staff.Beam.collision-voice-only = ##t`

```

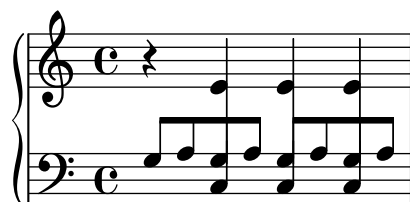
\new PianoStaff <<
  \new Staff = up
  \relative c' {
    <<
      { r4
        \override Stem.cross-staff = ##t
        \override Stem.length = #19 % this is in half-spaces,
          % so it makes stems 9.5 staffspaces long
        \override Stem.Y-offset = #-6 % stems are normally lengthened
          % upwards, so here we must lower the stem by the amount
          % equal to the lengthening - in this case (19 - 7) / 2
          % (7 is default stem length)
        e e e }
      { s4
        \change Staff = "bottom"
        \override NoteColumn.ignore-collision = ##t
        c, c c
      }
    >>
  }
\new Staff = bottom
\relative c' {
  \clef bass
  \voiceOne

```

```

      g8 a g a g a g a
    }
  >>

```



Customizing the chord grid style

Custom divisions of chord squares can be defined through the `measure-division-lines-alist` and `measure-division-chord-placement-alist` properties of `ChordSquare`. These are both alists. Their keys are measure divisions, namely lists which give the fraction of the measure that each chord (or rest, or skip) represents. More precisely, a measure division alist is made of positive, exact numbers adding up to 1, for example: `'(1/2 1/4 1/4)`. The exactness requirement means that, e.g., `1/2` is valid but not `0.5`.

The values in `measure-division-lines-alist` are lists of lines, which are represented as `(x1 y1 x2 y2)`. The line starts at the point `(x1 . y1)` and ends at `(x2 . y2)`. Coordinates are expressed in the `[-1, 1]` scale relative to the extent of the square.

The values in `measure-division-chord-placement-alist` are lists of `(x . y)` pairs giving the placement of the respective chords.

This example defines a peculiar chord grid style that has a rule for measures divided in three equal parts.

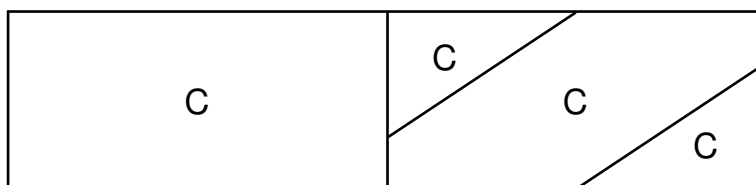
```

\paper {
  line-width = 10\cm
  ragged-right = ##f
}

\new ChordGrid \with {
  \override ChordSquare.measure-division-lines-alist =
    #'(((1) . ())
      ((1/3 1/3 1/3) . ((-1 -0.4 0 1) (0 -1 1 0.4))))
  \override ChordSquare.measure-division-chord-placement-alist =
    #'(((1) . ((0 . 0)))
      ((1/3 1/3 1/3) . ((-0.7 . 0.5) (0 . 0) (0.7 . -0.5))))
}

\chordmode {
  \time 3/4
  c2.
  c4 c4 c4
}

```



Customizing the no-chord symbol

By default, rests in a ChordNames context cause the “N.C.” symbol to be printed. This markup can be customized.

```
<<
\chords {
  R1
  \set noChordSymbol = "----"
  R1
  \set noChordSymbol = \markup \italic "Ssh!"
  R1
}
{
  R1*3
}
>>
```



Displaying complex chords

Here is a way to display a chord where the same note is played twice with different accidentals.

```
fixA = {
  \once \override Stem.length = #11
}

fixB = {
  \once \override NoteHead.X-offset = #1.7
  \once \override Stem.length = #7
  \once \override Stem.rotation = #'(45 0 0)
  \once \override Stem.extra-offset = #'(-0.1 . -0.2)
  \once \override Flag.style = #'no-flag
  \once \override Accidental.extra-offset = #'(4 . -.1)
}

\relative c' {
  << { \fixA <b d!>8 } \ { \voiceThree \fixB dis } >> s
}
```



Manually break figured bass extenders for only some numbers

Figured bass often uses extenders to indicate continuation of the corresponding step. However, in this case lilypond is in greedy-mode and uses extenders whenever possible. To break individual extenders, one can simply use a modifier \! to a number, which breaks any extender attributed to that number right before the number.

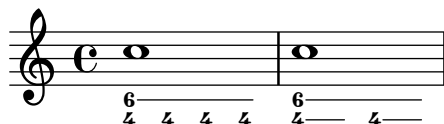
```
bassfigures = \figuremode {
```

```

\set useBassFigureExtenders = ##t
<6 4>4 <6 4\!> <6 4\!> <6 4\!> | <6\! 4\!> <6 4> <6 4\!> <6 4>
}

<<
\new Staff \relative c'' { c1 c1 }
\new FiguredBass \bassfigures
>>

```



Print ChordNames with same root and different bass as slash and bass-note

To print subsequent ChordNames only differing in its bass note as slash and bass note use the here defined engraver. The behaviour may be controlled in detail by the chordChanges context property.

```

#(define Bass_changes_equal_root_engraver
  (lambda (ctx)
    "For sequential @code{ChordNames} with same root, but different bass, the root
    markup is dropped: D D/C D/B -> D /C /B
    The behaviour may be controlled by setting the @code{chordChanges}
    context-property."
    (let ((chord-pitches '())
          (last-chord-pitches '())
          (bass-pitch #f))
      (make-engraver
        ((initialize this-engraver)
         (let ((chord-note-namer (ly:context-property ctx 'chordNoteNamer)))
           ;; Set 'chordNoteNamer, respect user setting if already done
           (ly:context-set-property! ctx 'chordNoteNamer
            (if (procedure? chord-note-namer)
                chord-note-namer
                note-name->markup))))
         (listeners
          ((note-event this-engraver event)
           (let* ((pitch (ly:event-property event 'pitch))
                  (pitch-name (ly:pitch-notename pitch))
                  (pitch-alt (ly:pitch-alteration pitch))
                  (bass (ly:event-property event 'bass #f))
                  (inversion (ly:event-property event 'inversion #f)))
             ;; Collect notes of the chord
             ;; - to compare inversed chords we need to collect the bass note
             ;;   as usual member of the chord, whereas an added bass must be
             ;;   treated separate from the usual chord-notes
             ;; - notes are stored as pairs containing their
             ;;   pitch-name (an integer), i.e. disregarding their octave and
             ;;   their alteration
             (cond (bass (set! bass-pitch pitch))

```

```

(inversion
  (set! bass-pitch pitch)
  (set! chord-pitches
    (cons (cons pitch-name pitch-alt) chord-pitches)))
(else
  (set! chord-pitches
    (cons (cons pitch-name pitch-alt) chord-pitches))))))
(acknowledgers
  ((chord-name-interface this-engraver grob source-engraver)
   (let ((chord-changes (ly:context-property ctx 'chordChanges #f)))
     ;; If subsequent chords are equal apart from their bass,
     ;; reset the 'text-property.
     ;; Equality is done by comparing the sorted lists of this chord's
     ;; elements and the previous chord. Sorting is needed because
     ;; inverted chords may have a different order of pitches.
     ;; `chord-changes' needs to be true
     (if (and bass-pitch
               chord-changes
               (equal?
                (sort chord-pitches car<)
                (sort last-chord-pitches car<))))
         (ly:grob-set-property! grob 'text
          (make-line-markup
            (list
              (ly:context-property ctx 'slashChordSeparator)
              ((ly:context-property ctx 'chordNoteNamer)
               bass-pitch
               (ly:context-property ctx 'chordNameLowercaseMinor))))))
         (set! last-chord-pitches chord-pitches)
         (set! chord-pitches '())
         (set! bass-pitch #f))))
  ((finalize this-engraver)
   (set! last-chord-pitches '())))))

myChords = \chordmode {
  %\germanChords

  \set chordChanges = ##t
  d2:m d:m/cis

  d:m/c
  \set chordChanges = ##f
  d:m/b

  e1:7
  \set chordChanges = ##t
  e
  \break
  \once \set chordChanges = ##f
  e1/f
  e2/gis e/+gis e e:m/f d:m d:m/cis d:m/c
  \set chordChanges = ##f

```

```

d:m/b
}

<<
\new ChordNames
  \with { \consists #Bass_changes_equal_root_engraver }
  \myChords
\new Staff \myChords
>>

```

Chord progression on two staves:

Staff 1: Dm, /C#, /C, Dm/B, E⁷, E

Staff 2: E/F, /G#, E, Em/F, Dm, /C#, /C, Dm/B

Showing chords at changes

By default, every chord entered is printed; this behavior can be modified so that chord names are printed only at the start of lines and when the chord changes.

```

harmonies = \chordmode {
  c1:m c:m \break c:m c:m d
}

<<
\new ChordNames {
  \set chordChanges = ##t
  \harmonies
}
\new Staff {
  \relative c' { \harmonies }
}
>>

```

Chord progression on two staves:

Staff 1: Cm

Staff 2: Cm, D

Simple lead sheet

When put together, chord names, a melody, and lyrics form a lead sheet:

```

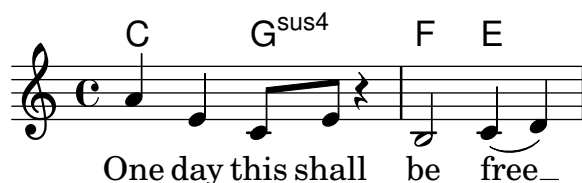
<<
\chords { c2 g:sus4 f e }
\new Staff \relative c'' {

```

```

a4 e c8 e r4
b2 c4( d)
}
\addlyrics { One day this shall be free __ }
>>

```



Single staff template with notes, lyrics, and chords

This template allows the preparation of a song with melody, words, and chords.

```

melody = \relative c' {
  \clef treble
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4

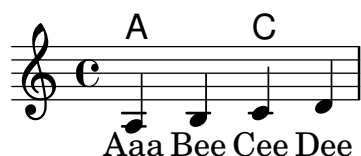
  a4 b c d
}

text = \lyricmode {
  Aaa Bee Cee Dee
}

harmonies = \chordmode {
  a2 c
}

\score {
  <<
    \new ChordNames {
      \set chordChanges = ##t
      \harmonies
    }
    \new Voice = "one" { \autoBeamOff \melody }
    \new Lyrics \lyricsto "one" \text
  >>
  \layout { }
  \midi { }
}

```



Single staff template with notes, lyrics, chords and frets

Here is a simple lead sheet template with melody, lyrics, chords and fret diagrams.

```

verseI = \lyricmode {

```

```

\set stanza = #"1."
This is the first verse
}

verseII = \lyricmode {
  \set stanza = #"2."
  This is the second verse.
}

theChords = \chordmode {
  % insert chords for chordnames and fretboards here
  c2 g4 c
}

staffMelody = \relative c' {
  \key c \major
  \clef treble
  % Type notes for melody here
  c4 d8 e f4 g
  \bar "|"
}

\score {
  <<
    \context ChordNames { \theChords }
    \context FretBoards { \theChords }
    \new Staff {
      \context Voice = "voiceMelody" { \staffMelody }
    }
    \new Lyrics = "lyricsI" {
      \lyricsto "voiceMelody" \verseI
    }
    \new Lyrics = "lyricsII" {
      \lyricsto "voiceMelody" \verseII
    }
  >>
  \layout { }
  \midi { }
}

```

1. This is the first verse
2. This is the second verse.

Single staff template with notes and chords

Want to prepare a lead sheet with a melody and chords? Look no further!

```

melody = \relative c' {
  \clef treble
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4

  f4 e8[ c] d4 g
  a2 ~ a
}

harmonies = \chordmode {
  c4:m f:min7 g:maj c:aug
  d2:dim b4:5 e:sus
}

\score {
  <<
    \new ChordNames {
      \set chordChanges = ##t
      \harmonies
    }
    \new Staff \melody
  >>
  \layout{ }
  \midi { }
}

```



Vertically centering paired figured bass extenders

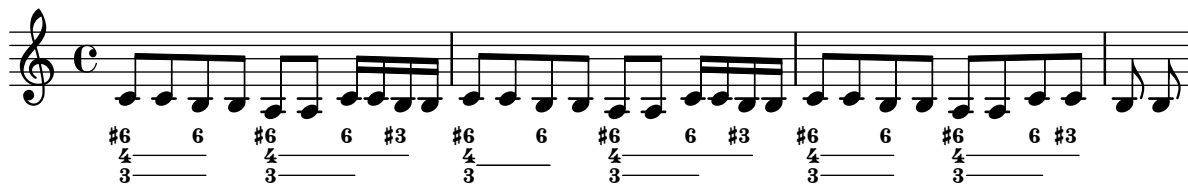
Where figured bass extender lines are being used by setting `useBassFigureExtenders` to true, pairs of congruent figured bass extender lines are vertically centered if `figuredBassCenterContinuations` is set to true.

```

<<
  \relative c' {
    c8 c b b a a c16 c b b
    c8 c b b a a c16 c b b
    c8 c b b a a c c b b
  }
  \figures {
    \set useBassFigureExtenders = ##t
    <6+ 4 3>4 <6 4 3>8 r
    <6+ 4 3>4 <6 4 3>8 <4 3+>16 r
    \set figuredBassCenterContinuations = ##t
    <6+ 4 3>4 <6 4 3>8 r
    <6+ 4 3>4 <6 4 3>8 <4 3+>16 r
    \set figuredBassCenterContinuations = ##f
    <6+ 4 3>4 <6 4 3>8 r
    <6+ 4 3>4 <6 4 3>8 <4 3+>8
  }
}

```

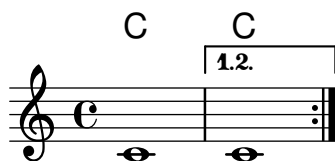
>>



Volta below chords

By adding the `Volta_engraver` to the relevant staff, volte can be put under chords.

```
\score {
  <<
    \chords {
      c1
      c1
    }
    \new Staff \with {
      \consists "Volta_engraver"
    }
    {
      \repeat volta 2 { c'1 }
      \alternative { c' }
    }
  >>
  \layout {
    \context {
      \Score
      \remove "Volta_engraver"
    }
  }
}
```



Keyboards

See also Section “Keyboard and other multi-staff instruments” in *Notation Reference*.

Accordion-discant symbols

This snippet has been obsoleted by predefined markup commands, see ‘Discant symbols’ in the Notation Reference. It’s still useful as a simple demonstration of how to combine symbols: the placement of the symbols added with `\markup` can be tweaked by changing the `\translate-scaled` arguments. `\translate-scaled` is used here rather than `\translate` in order to let the positioning of the symbol parts adapt to changes of font-size.

```
discant = \markup {
  \musicglyph "accordion.discant"
}
dot = \markup {
  \musicglyph "accordion.dot"
}

\layout { ragged-right = ##t }

% 16 voets register
accBasson = ^\markup {
  \combine
  \discant
  \translate-scaled #'(0 . 0.5) \dot
}

% een korig 8 en 16 voets register
accBandon = ^\markup {
  \combine
  \discant
  \combine
  \translate-scaled #'(0 . 0.5) \dot
  \translate-scaled #'(0 . 1.5) \dot
}

accVCello = ^\markup {
  \combine
  \discant
  \combine
  \translate-scaled #'(0 . 0.5) \dot
  \combine
  \translate-scaled #'(0 . 1.5) \dot
  \translate-scaled #'(1 . 1.5) \dot
}

% 4-8-16 voets register
accHarmon = ^\markup {
  \combine
  \discant
  \combine
  \translate-scaled #'(0 . 0.5) \dot
```

```

        \combine
        \translate-scaled #'(0 . 1.5) \dot
        \translate-scaled #'(0 . 2.5) \dot
    }

accTrombon = ^\markup {
    \combine
    \discant
    \combine
    \translate-scaled #'(0 . 0.5) \dot
    \combine
    \translate-scaled #'(0 . 1.5) \dot
    \combine
    \translate-scaled #'(1 . 1.5) \dot
    \translate-scaled #'(-1 . 1.5) \dot
}

% eenkorig 4 en 16 voets register
accOrgan = ^\markup {
    \combine
    \discant
    \combine
    \translate-scaled #'(0 . 0.5) \dot
    \translate-scaled #'(0 . 2.5) \dot
}

accMaster = ^\markup {
    \combine
    \discant
    \combine
    \translate-scaled #'(0 . 0.5) \dot
    \combine
    \translate-scaled #'(0 . 1.5) \dot
    \combine
    \translate-scaled #'(1 . 1.5) \dot
    \combine
    \translate-scaled #'(-1 . 1.5) \dot
    \translate-scaled #'(0 . 2.5) \dot
}

accAccord = ^\markup {
    \combine
    \discant
    \combine
    \translate-scaled #'(0 . 1.5) \dot
    \combine
    \translate-scaled #'(1 . 1.5) \dot
    \combine
    \translate-scaled #'(-1 . 1.5) \dot
    \translate-scaled #'(0 . 2.5) \dot
}

```

```
accMusette = ^\markup {
  \combine
  \discant
  \combine
    \translate-scaled #'(0 . 1.5) \dot
  \combine
    \translate-scaled #'(1 . 1.5) \dot
    \translate-scaled #'(-1 . 1.5) \dot
}
```

```
accCeleste = ^\markup {
  \combine
  \discant
  \combine
    \translate-scaled #'(0 . 1.5) \dot
    \translate-scaled #'(-1 . 1.5) \dot
}
```

```
accOboe = ^\markup {
  \combine
  \discant
  \combine
    \translate-scaled #'(0 . 1.5) \dot
    \translate-scaled #'(0 . 2.5) \dot
}
```

```
accClarin = ^\markup {
  \combine
  \discant
  \translate-scaled #'(0 . 1.5) \dot
}
```

```
accPiccolo = ^\markup {
  \combine
  \discant
  \translate-scaled #'(0 . 2.5) \dot
}
```

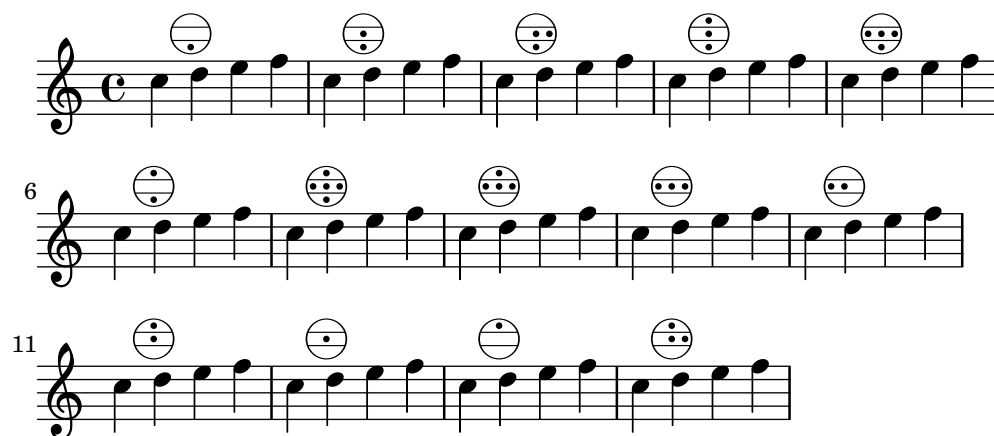
```
accViolin = ^\markup {
  \combine
  \discant
  \combine
    \translate-scaled #'(0 . 1.5) \dot
  \combine
    \translate-scaled #'(1 . 1.5) \dot
    \translate-scaled #'(0 . 2.5) \dot
}
```

```
\relative c'' {
  c4 d\accBasson e f
  c4 d\accBandon e f
  c4 d\accVCello e f
}
```

```

c4 d\accHarmon e f
c4 d\accTrombon e f
\break
c4 d\accOrgan e f
c4 d\accMaster e f
c4 d\accAccord e f
c4 d\accMusette e f
c4 d\accCeleste e f
\break
c4 d\accOboe e f
c4 d\accClarin e f
c4 d\accPiccolo e f
c4 d\accViolin e f
}

```



Accordion register symbols

Accordion register symbols are available as `\markup` as well as as standalone music events (as register changes tend to occur between actual music events). Bass registers are not overly standardized. The available commands can be found in 'Discant symbols' in the Notation Reference.

```
#(use-modules (lily accreg))
```

```

\new PianoStaff
<<
  \new Staff \relative {
    \clef treble
    \discant "10"
    r8 s32 f'[ bes f] s e[ a e] s d[ g d] s16 e32[ a]
    <<
      { r16 <f bes> r <e a> r <d g> }
      \\
      { d r a r bes r }
    >> |
    <cis e a>1
  }

  \new Staff \relative {
    \clef treble

```

```

\freeBass "1"
r8 d'32 s16. c32 s16. bes32 s16. a32[ cis] s16
\clef bass \stdBass "Master"
<<
  { r16 <f, bes d>^"b" r <e a c>^"am" r <d g bes>^"gm" |
    <e a cis>1^"a" }
  \
  { d8_"D" c_"C" bes_"B" | a1_"A" }
>>
}
>>

```

Changing the text for sustain markings

Staff.pedalSustainStrings can be used to set the text used for pedal down and up. Note that the only valid strings are those found in the list of pedal glyphs - the values used this snippet constitute an exhaustive list.

```
sustainNotes = { c4\sustainOn d e\sustainOff\sustainOn f\sustainOff }
```

```

\relative c' {
  \sustainNotes
  \set Staff.pedalSustainStrings = #'("P" "P-" "-")
  \sustainNotes
  \set Staff.pedalSustainStrings = #'("d" "de" "e")
  \sustainNotes
  \set Staff.pedalSustainStrings = #'("M" "M-" "-")
  \sustainNotes
  \set Staff.pedalSustainStrings = #'("Ped" "*Ped" "*")
  \sustainNotes
}

```

Clusters

Clusters are a device to denote that a complete range of notes is to be played.

```

fragment = \relative c' {
  c4 f <e d'>4
}

```

```

    <g a>8 <e a> a4 c2 <d b>4
    e2 c
  }

  <<
    \new Staff \fragment
    \new Staff \makeClusters \fragment
  >>

```



Controlling the placement of chord fingerings

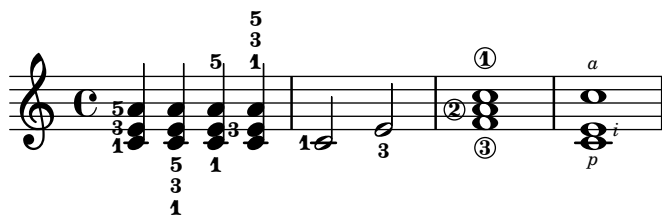
The placement of fingering numbers can be controlled precisely by using the property `fingeringOrientation`. For fingering orientation to apply, the fingering command must be used within a chord construct (`<...>`), even for single notes. Orientation for string numbers and right-hand fingerings may be controlled in a similar way by using the properties `stringNumberOrientation` and `strokeFingerOrientation`, respectively.

These properties can be set to a list of one to three values. They control whether fingerings may be placed above (if `up` appears in the list), below (if `down` appears), to the left (if `left` appears), or to the right (if `right` appears). Conversely, if a location is not listed, no fingering is placed there. LilyPond takes these constraints and works out the best placement for the fingering of the notes of the following chords. Note that `left` and `right` are mutually exclusive – fingerings may be placed only on one side or the other, not both.

```

\relative c' {
  \set fingeringOrientations = #'(left)
  <c-1 e-3 a-5>4
  \set fingeringOrientations = #'(down)
  <c-1 e-3 a-5>4
  \set fingeringOrientations = #'(down right up)
  <c-1 e-3 a-5>4
  \set fingeringOrientations = #'(up)
  <c-1 e-3 a-5>4
  \set fingeringOrientations = #'(left)
  <c-1>2
  \set fingeringOrientations = #'(down)
  <e-3>2
  \set stringNumberOrientations = #'(up left down)
  <f\3 a\2 c\1>1
  \set strokeFingerOrientations = #'(down right up)
  <c\rightHandFinger 1 e\rightHandFinger 2 c'\rightHandFinger 4 >
}

```



Creating slurs across voices

In some situations, it may be necessary to create slurs between notes from different voices. The solution is to add invisible notes to one of the voices, using `\hideNotes`.

This example is measure 235 of the Ciaccona from Bach's 2nd Partita for solo violin, BWV 1004.

```
\relative c' {
  <<
  {
    d16( a') s a s a[ s a] s a[ s a]
  }
  \\\
  {
    \slurUp
    bes,16[ s e](
    \hideNotes a)
    \unHideNotes f[(
    \hideNotes a)
    \unHideNotes fis](
    \hideNotes a)
    \unHideNotes g[(
    \hideNotes a)
    \unHideNotes gis](
    \hideNotes a)
  }
  >>
}
```



Cross-staff chords - beaming problems workaround

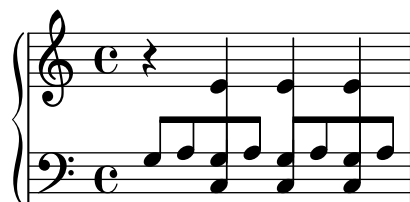
Sometimes it is better to use stems from the upper staff for creating cross-staff chords, because no problems with automatic beam collision avoidance then arise. If the stems from the lower staff were used in the following example, it would be necessary to change the automatic beam collision avoidance settings so that it doesn't detect collisions between staves using `\override Staff.Beam.collision-voice-only = ##t`

```
\new PianoStaff <<
  \new Staff = up
  \relative c' {
    <<
    { r4
```

```

\override Stem.cross-staff = ##t
\override Stem.length = #19 % this is in half-spaces,
    % so it makes stems 9.5 staffspaces long
\override Stem.Y-offset = #-6 % stems are normally lengthened
    % upwards, so here we must lower the stem by the amount
    % equal to the lengthening - in this case (19 - 7) / 2
    % (7 is default stem length)
e e e }
{ s4
  \change Staff = "bottom"
  \override NoteColumn.ignore-collision = ##t
  c, c c
}
>>
}
\new Staff = bottom
  \relative c' {
    \clef bass
    \voiceOne
    g8 a g a g a g a
  }
>>

```



Cross-staff tremolos

Since `\repeat tremolo` expects exactly two musical arguments for chord tremolos, the note or chord which changes staff within a cross-staff tremolo should be placed inside curly braces together with its `\change Staff` command.

```

\new PianoStaff <<
  \new Staff = "up" \relative c' {
    \key a \major
    \time 3/8
    s4.
  }
  \new Staff = "down" \relative c' {
    \key a \major
    \time 3/8
    \voiceOne
    \repeat tremolo 6 {
      <a e'>32
      {
        \change Staff = "up"
        \voiceTwo
        <cis a' dis>32
      }
    }
  }
}

```

```
}
>>
```



Fine-tuning pedal brackets

The appearance of pedal brackets may be altered in different ways.

```
\paper { ragged-right = ##f }
```

```
\relative c' {
  c2\sostenutoOn c
  c2\sostenutoOff c
  \once \override Staff.PianoPedalBracket.shorten-pair = #'(-7 . -2)
  c2\sostenutoOn c
  c2\sostenutoOff c
  \once \override Staff.PianoPedalBracket.edge-height = #'(0 . 3)
  c2\sostenutoOn c
  c2\sostenutoOff c
}
```



Indicating cross-staff chords with arpeggio bracket

An arpeggio bracket can indicate that notes on two different staves are to be played with the same hand. In order to do this, the PianoStaff must be set to accept cross-staff arpeggios and the arpeggios must be set to the bracket shape in the PianoStaff context.

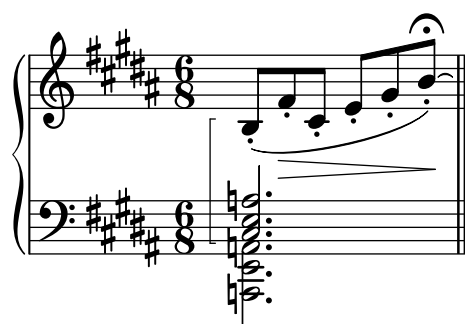
(Debussy, *Les collines d'Anacapri*, m. 65)

```
\new PianoStaff <<
  \set PianoStaff.connectArpeggios = ##t
  \override PianoStaff.Arpeggio.stencil =
    #ly:arpeggio::brew-chord-bracket
  \new Staff {
    \relative c' {
      \key b \major
      \time 6/8
      b8-.(\arpeggio fis'-.\> cis-.
        e-. gis-. b-.)\!\fermata^\laissezVibrer \bar "||"
    }
  }
\new Staff {
  \relative c' {
```

```

\clef bass
\key b \major
<<
  {
    <a e cis>2.\arpeggio
  }
  \
  {
    <a, e a,>2.
  }
  >>
}
}
>>

```



Jazz combo template

This is quite an advanced template, for a jazz ensemble. Note that all instruments are notated in `\key c \major`. This refers to the key in concert pitch; the key will be automatically transposed if the music is within a `\transpose` section.

```

\header {
  title = "Song"
  subtitle = "(tune)"
  composer = "Me"
  meter = "moderato"
  piece = "Swing"
  tagline = \markup {
    \column {
      "LilyPond example file by Amelie Zapf,"
      "Berlin 07/07/2003"
    }
  }
}

% To make the example display in the documentation
\paper {
  paper-width = 130
}

%#(set-global-staff-size 16)
\include "english.ly"

%%%%%%%%%% Some macros %%%%%%%%%%

```

```

sl = {
  \override NoteHead.style = #'slash
  \hide Stem
}
nsl = {
  \revert NoteHead.style
  \undo \hide Stem
}
crOn = \override NoteHead.style = #'cross
crOff = \revert NoteHead.style

%% insert chord name style stuff here.

jazzChords = { }

%%%%%%%%%%%%%% Keys'n'things %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%

global = { \time 4/4 }

Key = { \key c \major }

% ##### Horns #####

% ----- Trumpet -----
trpt = \transpose c d \relative c' {
  \Key
  c1 | c | c |
}
trpHarmony = \transpose c' d {
  \jazzChords
}
trumpet = {
  \global
  \clef treble
  <<
  \trpt
  >>
}

% ----- Alto Saxophone -----
alto = \transpose c a \relative c' {
  \Key
  c1 | c | c |
}
altoHarmony = \transpose c' a {
  \jazzChords
}
altoSax = {
  \global
  \clef treble
  <<
  \alto

```

```

>>
}

% ----- Baritone Saxophone -----
bari = \transpose c a' \relative c {
  \Key
  c1
  c1
  \sl
  d4^"Solo" d d d
  \nsl
}
bariHarmony = \transpose c' a \chordmode {
  \jazzChords s1 s d2:maj e:m7
}
bariSax = {
  \global
  \clef treble
  <<
  \bari
  >>
}

% ----- Trombone -----
tbone = \relative c {
  \Key
  c1 | c | c
}
tboneHarmony = \chordmode {
  \jazzChords
}
trombone = {
  \global
  \clef bass
  <<
  \tbone
  >>
}

% ##### Rhythm Section #####

% ----- Guitar -----
gtr = \relative c'' {
  \Key
  c1
  \sl
  b4 b b b
  \nsl
  c1
}
gtrHarmony = \chordmode {
  \jazzChords

```

```

    s1 c2:min7+ d2:maj9
}
guitar = {
  \global
  \clef treble
  <<
    \gtr
  >>
}

%% ----- Piano -----
rhUpper = \relative c'' {
  \voiceOne
  \Key
  c1 | c | c
}
rhLower = \relative c' {
  \voiceTwo
  \Key
  e1 | e | e
}

lhUpper = \relative c' {
  \voiceOne
  \Key
  g1 | g | g
}
lhLower = \relative c {
  \voiceTwo
  \Key
  c1 | c | c
}

PianoRH = {
  \clef treble
  \global
  <<
    \new Voice = "one" \rhUpper
    \new Voice = "two" \rhLower
  >>
}

PianoLH = {
  \clef bass
  \global
  <<
    \new Voice = "one" \lhUpper
    \new Voice = "two" \lhLower
  >>
}

piano = {
  <<

```

```

    \new Staff = "upper" \PianoRH
    \new Staff = "lower" \PianoLH
  >>
}

% ----- Bass Guitar -----
Bass = \relative c {
  \Key
  c1 | c | c
}
bass = {
  \global
  \clef bass
  <<
  \Bass
  >>
}

% ----- Drums -----
up = \drummode {
  \voiceOne
  hh4 <hh sn> hh <hh sn>
  hh4 <hh sn> hh <hh sn>
  hh4 <hh sn> hh <hh sn>
}
down = \drummode {
  \voiceTwo
  bd4 s bd s
  bd4 s bd s
  bd4 s bd s
}

drumContents = {
  \global
  <<
  \new DrumVoice \up
  \new DrumVoice \down
  >>
}

%%%%%%%%%% It All Goes Together Here %%%%%%%%%%%

\score {
  <<
  \new StaffGroup = "horns" <<
    \new Staff = "trumpet" \with { instrumentName = "Trumpet" }
    \trumpet
    \new Staff = "altosax" \with { instrumentName = "Alto Sax" }
    \altoSax
    \new ChordNames = "barichords" \with { instrumentName = "Trumpet" }
    \bariHarmony
    \new Staff = "barisax" \with { instrumentName = "Bari Sax" }

```

```

\bariSax
\new Staff = "trombone" \with { instrumentName = "Trombone" }
\trombone
>>

\new StaffGroup = "rhythm" <<
  \new ChordNames = "chords" \gtrHarmony
  \new Staff = "guitar" \with { instrumentName = "Guitar" }
  \guitar
  \new PianoStaff = "piano" \with {
    instrumentName = "Piano"
    midiInstrument = "acoustic grand"
  }
  \piano
  \new Staff = "bass" \with { instrumentName = "Bass" }
  \bass
  \new DrumStaff \with { instrumentName = "Drums" }
  \drumContents
>>
>>
\layout {
  \context { \Staff \RemoveEmptyStaves }
  \context {
    \Score
    \override BarNumber.padding = 3
    \override RehearsalMark.padding = 2
    skipBars = ##t
  }
}
\midi { }
}

```

Song

(tune)

Me

moderato

Swing

Trumpet

Alto Sax

Bari Sax

Trombone

Guitar

Piano

Bass

Drums

B^{Δ} Solo $C\sharp m^7$

$Cm^{\Delta} D^{\Delta 9}$

Laissez vibrer ties

Laissez vibrer ties have a fixed size. Their formatting can be tuned using 'tie-configuration.

```
\relative c' {
  <c e g>4\laissezVibrer r <c f g>\laissezVibrer r
  <c d f g>4\laissezVibrer r <c d f g>4.\laissezVibrer r8

  <c d e f>4\laissezVibrer r
  \override LaissezVibrerTieColumn.tie-configuration
    = #`((-7 . ,DOWN)
      (-5 . ,DOWN)
      (-3 . ,UP)
      (-1 . ,UP))
  <c d e f>4\laissezVibrer r
}
```



```

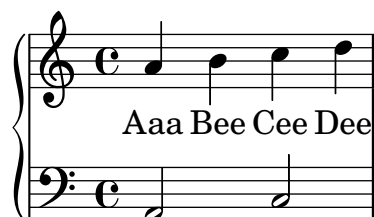
lower = \relative c {
  \clef bass
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4

  a2 c
}

text = \lyricmode {
  Aaa Bee Cee Dee
}

\score {
  \new PianoStaff <<
    \new Staff = upper { \new Voice = "singer" \upper }
    \new Lyrics \lyricsto "singer" \text
    \new Staff = lower { \lower }
  >>
  \layout { }
  \midi { }
}

```



Piano template with melody and lyrics

Here is a typical song format: one staff with the melody and lyrics, with piano accompaniment underneath.

```

melody = \relative c'' {
  \clef treble
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4

  a b c d
}

text = \lyricmode {
  Aaa Bee Cee Dee
}

upper = \relative c'' {
  \clef treble
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4

  a4 b c d
}

```

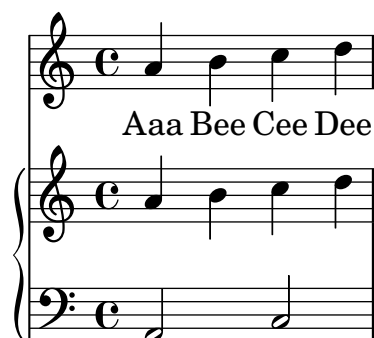
```

lower = \relative c {
  \clef bass
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4

  a2 c
}

\score {
  <<
    \new Voice = "mel" { \autoBeamOff \melody }
    \new Lyrics \lyricsto mel \text
    \new PianoStaff <<
      \new Staff = "upper" \upper
      \new Staff = "lower" \lower
    >>
  >>
  \layout {
    \context { \Staff \RemoveEmptyStaves }
  }
  \midi { }
}

```



Removing brace on first line of piano score

This snippet removes the first brace from a PianoStaff or a GrandStaff, together with the clefs.

It may be useful when cutting and pasting the engraved image into existing music.

It uses `\alterBroken`.

```

someMusic = {
  \once \override Staff.Clef.stencil = ##f
  \once \override Staff.TimeSignature.stencil = ##f
  \repeat unfold 3 c1 \break
  \repeat unfold 5 c1 \break
  \repeat unfold 5 c1
}

\score {
  \new PianoStaff
  <<

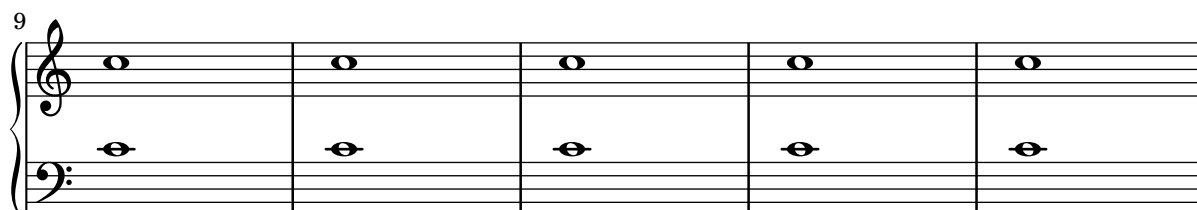
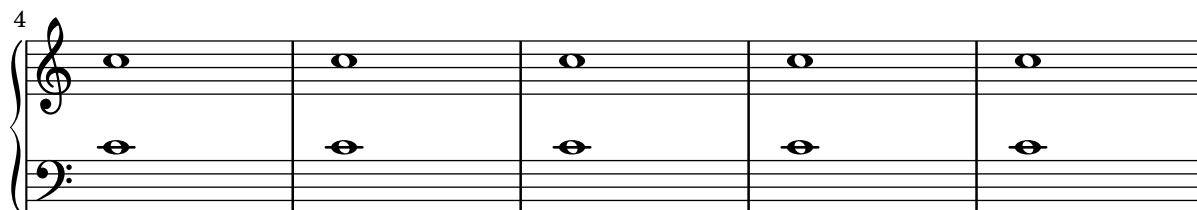
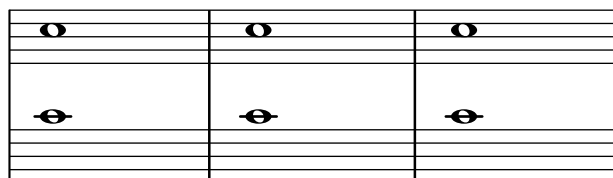
```

```

\new Staff = "right" \relative c' { \someMusic
\new Staff = "left" \relative c' { \clef F \someMusic }
>>
\layout {
  indent=75
  \context {
    \PianoStaff
    \alterBroken transparent #'(#t) SystemStartBrace
  }
}
}

\paper { tagline = ##f }

```



Using autochange with more than one voice

Using autochange with more than one voice.

```

\score {
  \new PianoStaff
  <<
    \new Staff = "up" {
      <<
        \set Timing.beamExceptions = #'()
        \set Timing.beatStructure = #'(4)
        \new Voice {
          \voiceOne
          \autoChange
          \relative c' {
            g8 a b c d e f g
            g,8 a b c d e f g
          }
        }
      }
    }
}

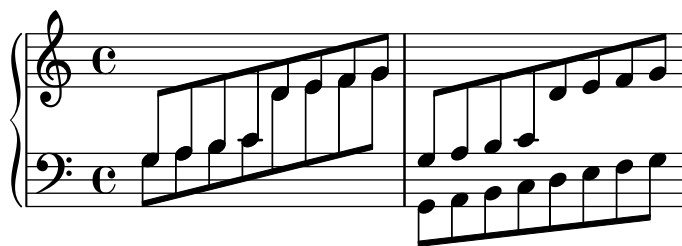
```

```

\new Voice {
  \voiceTwo
  \autoChange
  \relative c' {
    g8 a b c d e f g
    g,,8 a b c d e f g
  }
}
>>
}

\new Staff = "down" {
  \clef bass
}
>>
}

```



Vocal ensemble template with automatic piano reduction

This template adds an automatic piano reduction to the standard SATB vocal score demonstrated in “Vocal ensemble template”. This demonstrates one of the strengths of LilyPond – you can use a music definition more than once. If any changes are made to the vocal notes (say, `tenorMusic`), then the changes will also apply to the piano reduction.

```

\paper {
  top-system-spacing.basic-distance = 10
  score-system-spacing.basic-distance = 20
  system-system-spacing.basic-distance = 20
  last-bottom-spacing.basic-distance = 10
}

global = {
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4
}

sopMusic = \relative {
  c''4 c c8[( b)] c4
}
sopWords = \lyricmode {
  hi hi hi hi
}

altoMusic = \relative {
  e'4 f d e
}

```

```

}
altoWords = \lyricmode {
  ha ha ha ha
}

tenorMusic = \relative {
  g4 a f g
}
tenorWords = \lyricmode {
  hu hu hu hu
}

bassMusic = \relative {
  c4 c g c
}
bassWords = \lyricmode {
  ho ho ho ho
}

\score {
  <<
    \new ChoirStaff <<
      \new Lyrics = "sopranos" \with {
        % This is needed for lyrics above a staff
        \override VerticalAxisGroup.staff-affinity = #DOWN
      }
      \new Staff = "women" <<
        \new Voice = "sopranos" { \voiceOne << \global \sopMusic >> }
        \new Voice = "altos" { \voiceTwo << \global \altoMusic >> }
      >>
      \new Lyrics = "altos"
      \new Lyrics = "tenors" \with {
        % This is needed for lyrics above a staff
        \override VerticalAxisGroup.staff-affinity = #DOWN
      }
    >>

    \new Staff = "men" <<
      \clef bass
      \new Voice = "tenors" { \voiceOne << \global \tenorMusic >> }
      \new Voice = "basses" { \voiceTwo << \global \bassMusic >> }
    >>
    \new Lyrics = "basses"
    \context Lyrics = "sopranos" \lyricsto "sopranos" \sopWords
    \context Lyrics = "altos" \lyricsto "altos" \altoWords
    \context Lyrics = "tenors" \lyricsto "tenors" \tenorWords
    \context Lyrics = "basses" \lyricsto "basses" \bassWords
  >>
  \new PianoStaff <<
    \new Staff <<
      \set Staff.printPartCombineTexts = ##f
      \partCombine
      << \global \sopMusic >>
    >>
  >>

```

```

    << \global \altoMusic >>
  >>
  \new Staff <<
    \clef bass
    \set Staff.printPartCombineTexts = ##f
    \partCombine
    << \global \tenorMusic >>
    << \global \bassMusic >>
  >>
  >>
  >>
}

```

The image shows a musical score for a keyboard instrument, likely a piano, with lyrics. The score is written in common time (C) and consists of four staves. The first two staves are grouped by a brace on the left, indicating they are part of a single melodic line. The first staff is in treble clef and the second is in bass clef. The third and fourth staves are also grouped by a brace on the left, indicating they are part of a single melodic line. The third staff is in treble clef and the fourth is in bass clef. The lyrics are: "hi hi hi hi", "ha ha ha ha", "hu hu hu hu", and "ho ho ho ho". The notes are: "hi" (G4, A4, B4, C5), "ha" (G4, A4, B4, C5), "hu" (G4, A4, B4, C5), and "ho" (G4, A4, B4, C5). The notes are: "hi" (G4, A4, B4, C5), "ha" (G4, A4, B4, C5), "hu" (G4, A4, B4, C5), and "ho" (G4, A4, B4, C5). The notes are: "hi" (G4, A4, B4, C5), "ha" (G4, A4, B4, C5), "hu" (G4, A4, B4, C5), and "ho" (G4, A4, B4, C5). The notes are: "hi" (G4, A4, B4, C5), "ha" (G4, A4, B4, C5), "hu" (G4, A4, B4, C5), and "ho" (G4, A4, B4, C5).

Percussion

See also Section “Percussion” in *Notation Reference*.

Adding drum parts

Using the powerful pre-configured tools such as the `\drummode` function and the `DrumStaff` context, inputting drum parts is quite easy: drums are placed at their own staff positions (with a special clef symbol) and have note heads according to the drum. Attaching an extra symbol to the drum or restricting the number of lines is possible.

```

drh = \drummode {
  cymc4.^"crash" hhc16^"h.h." hh hhc8 hho hhc8 hh16 hh
  hhc4 r4 r2
}
drl = \drummode {
  bd4 sn8 bd bd4 << bd ss >>
  bd8 tommh tommh bd toml toml bd tomfh16 tomfh
}
timb = \drummode {
  timh4 ssh timl8 ssh r timh r4
  ssh8 timl r4 cb8 cb
}

\score {
  <<
    \new DrumStaff \with {
      instrumentName = "timbales"
      drumStyleTable = #timbales-style
      \override StaffSymbol.line-count = #2
      \override BarLine.bar-extent = #'(-1 . 1)
    }
    <<
      \timb
    >>
    \new DrumStaff \with { instrumentName = "drums" }
    <<
      \new DrumVoice { \stemUp \drh }
      \new DrumVoice { \stemDown \drl }
    >>
  >>
  \layout { }
  \midi { \tempo 4 = 120 }
}

```

The image displays two staves of musical notation. The top staff is labeled 'timbales' and features a C-clef, a common time signature, and notes with stems up. It includes a 'crash' symbol (a cross on a dot) and 'h.h.' (hi-hat) symbols. The bottom staff is labeled 'drums' and features a C-clef, a common time signature, and notes with stems both up and down. The notation is complex, with many beamed notes and rests, indicating a fast tempo.

Cow and ride bell example

Two different bells, entered with 'cb' (cowbell) and 'rb' (ridebell).

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }

#(define mydrums '((ridebell default #f 3)
                  (cowbell default #f -2)))

\new DrumStaff \with { instrumentName = #"Different Bells" }

\drummode {
  \set DrumStaff.drumStyleTable = #(alist->hash-table mydrums)
  \set DrumStaff.clefPosition = 0.5
  \override DrumStaff.StaffSymbol.line-positions = #'(-2 3)
  \override Staff.BarLine.bar-extent = #'(-1.0 . 1.5)

  \time 2/4
  rb8 8 cb8 16 rb16-> ~ |
  16 8 16 cb8 8 |
}
```



Heavily customized polymeric time signatures

Though the polymeric time signature shown was not the most essential item here, it has been included to show the beat of this piece (which is the template of a real Balkan song!).

```
melody = \relative c'' {
  \key g \major
  \compoundMeter #'((3 8) (2 8) (2 8) (3 8) (2 8) (2 8)
                  (2 8) (2 8) (3 8) (2 8) (2 8))
  c8 c c d4 c8 c b c b a4 g fis8 e d c b' c d e4-~ fis8 g \break
  c,4. d4 c4 d4. c4 d c2 d4. e4-~ d4
  c4. d4 c4 d4. c4 d c2 d4. e4-~ d4 \break
  c4. d4 c4 d4. c4 d c2 d4. e4-~ d4
  c4. d4 c4 d4. c4 d c2 d4. e4-~ d4 \break
}

drum = \new DrumStaff \drummode {
  \repeat volta 2 {
    bd4.~\markup { Drums } sn4 bd \bar ";"
    sn4. bd4 sn \bar ";"
    bd sn bd4. sn4 bd
  }
}

\new Staff \with {
  instrumentName = \markup { \concat { "B" \flat " Sop." } }
}

{
```

```

\melody
\drum
}

\paper { tagline = ##f }

```

B \flat Sop.

Drums

High and Low woodblock example

Two Woodblocks, entered with 'wbh' (high woodblock) and 'wbl' (low woodblock). The length of the barline has been altered with an `\override` command otherwise it would be too short. The positions of the two stafflines also have to be explicitly defined.

```

\paper { tagline = ##f }

% These lines define the position of the woodblocks in the stave;
% if you like, you can change it or you can use special note heads
% for the woodblocks.
\newcommand{\mydrums}{
  \define mydrums '((hiwoodblock default #f 3)
    (lowwoodblock default #f -2)))

  \new Staff {
    % This defines a staff with only two lines.
    % It also defines the positions of the two lines.
    \override Staff.StaffSymbol.line-positions = #'(-2 3)

    % This is necessary; if not entered,
    % the barline would be too short!
    \override Staff.BarLine.bar-extent = #'(-1.0 . 1.5)
    % small correction for the clef:
    \set DrumStaff.clefPosition = 0.5
  }

  \new DrumStaff {
    % with this you load your new drum style table
    \set DrumStaff.drumStyleTable = #(alist->hash-table mydrums)
  }
}


```

```

\woodstaff

\drummode {
  \time 2/4
  wbl8 16 16 8-> 8 |
  wbl8 16 16-> ~ 16 16 r8 |
}
}

```



Jazz combo template

This is quite an advanced template, for a jazz ensemble. Note that all instruments are notated in `\key c \major`. This refers to the key in concert pitch; the key will be automatically transposed if the music is within a `\transpose` section.

```

\header {
  title = "Song"
  subtitle = "(tune)"
  composer = "Me"
  meter = "moderato"
  piece = "Swing"
  tagline = \markup {
    \column {
      "LilyPond example file by Amelie Zapf,"
      "Berlin 07/07/2003"
    }
  }
}

% To make the example display in the documentation
\paper {
  paper-width = 130
}

%#(set-global-staff-size 16)
\include "english.ly"

%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%

sl = {
  \override NoteHead.style = #'slash
  \hide Stem
}

nsl = {
  \revert NoteHead.style
  \undo \hide Stem
}

crOn = \override NoteHead.style = #'cross
crOff = \revert NoteHead.style

%% insert chord name style stuff here.

```

```

jazzChords = { }

%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%% Keys 'n' thangs %%%%%%%%%%%%%
global = { \time 4/4 }

Key = { \key c \major }

% ##### Horns #####

% ----- Trumpet -----
trpt = \transpose c d \relative c' {
  \Key
  c1 | c | c |
}
trpHarmony = \transpose c' d {
  \jazzChords
}
trumpet = {
  \global
  \clef treble
  <<
  \trpt
  >>
}

% ----- Alto Saxophone -----
alto = \transpose c a \relative c' {
  \Key
  c1 | c | c |
}
altoHarmony = \transpose c' a {
  \jazzChords
}
altoSax = {
  \global
  \clef treble
  <<
  \alto
  >>
}

% ----- Baritone Saxophone -----
bari = \transpose c a' \relative c {
  \Key
  c1
  c1
  \sl
  d4~"Solo" d d d
  \ns1
}

```

```

bariHarmony = \transpose c' a \chordmode {
  \jazzChords s1 s d2:maj e:m7
}
bariSax = {
  \global
  \clef treble
  <<
    \bari
  >>
}

```

```

% ----- Trombone -----
tbone = \relative c {
  \Key
  c1 | c | c
}
tboneHarmony = \chordmode {
  \jazzChords
}
trombone = {
  \global
  \clef bass
  <<
    \tbone
  >>
}

```

```

% ##### Rhythm Section #####

```

```

% ----- Guitar -----
gtr = \relative c'' {
  \Key
  c1
  \sl
  b4 b b b
  \ns1
  c1
}
gtrHarmony = \chordmode {
  \jazzChords
  s1 c2:min7+ d2:maj9
}
guitar = {
  \global
  \clef treble
  <<
    \gtr
  >>
}

```

```

%% ----- Piano -----
rhUpper = \relative c'' {

```

```

    \voiceOne
    \Key
    c1 | c | c
}
rhLower = \relative c' {
    \voiceTwo
    \Key
    e1 | e | e
}

lhUpper = \relative c' {
    \voiceOne
    \Key
    g1 | g | g
}
lhLower = \relative c {
    \voiceTwo
    \Key
    c1 | c | c
}

PianoRH = {
    \clef treble
    \global
    <<
        \new Voice = "one" \rhUpper
        \new Voice = "two" \rhLower
    >>
}
PianoLH = {
    \clef bass
    \global
    <<
        \new Voice = "one" \lhUpper
        \new Voice = "two" \lhLower
    >>
}

piano = {
    <<
        \new Staff = "upper" \PianoRH
        \new Staff = "lower" \PianoLH
    >>
}

% ----- Bass Guitar -----
Bass = \relative c {
    \Key
    c1 | c | c
}
bass = {
    \global

```

```

\clef bass
<<
  \Bass
>>
}

% ----- Drums -----
up = \drummode {
  \voiceOne
  hh4 <hh sn> hh <hh sn>
  hh4 <hh sn> hh <hh sn>
  hh4 <hh sn> hh <hh sn>
}
down = \drummode {
  \voiceTwo
  bd4 s bd s
  bd4 s bd s
  bd4 s bd s
}

drumContents = {
  \global
  <<
    \new DrumVoice \up
    \new DrumVoice \down
  >>
}

%%%%%%%%%% It All Goes Together Here %%%%%%%%%%%

\score {
  <<
    \new StaffGroup = "horns" <<
      \new Staff = "trumpet" \with { instrumentName = "Trumpet" }
      \trumpet
      \new Staff = "altosax" \with { instrumentName = "Alto Sax" }
      \altoSax
      \new ChordNames = "barichords" \with { instrumentName = "Trumpet" }
      \bariHarmony
      \new Staff = "barisax" \with { instrumentName = "Bari Sax" }
      \bariSax
      \new Staff = "trombone" \with { instrumentName = "Trombone" }
      \trombone
    >>

    \new StaffGroup = "rhythm" <<
      \new ChordNames = "chords" \gtrHarmony
      \new Staff = "guitar" \with { instrumentName = "Guitar" }
      \guitar
      \new PianoStaff = "piano" \with {
        instrumentName = "Piano"
        midiInstrument = "acoustic grand"
      }
    >>
  >>
}

```

```

    }
    \piano
    \new Staff = "bass" \with { instrumentName = "Bass" }
    \bass
    \new DrumStaff \with { instrumentName = "Drums" }
    \drumContents
  >>
>>
\layout {
  \context { \Staff \RemoveEmptyStaves }
  \context {
    \Score
    \override BarNumber.padding = 3
    \override RehearsalMark.padding = 2
    skipBars = ##t
  }
}
\midi { }
}

```

Song

(tune)

Me

moderato

Swing

Trumpet

Alto Sax

Bari Sax

Trombone

Guitar

Piano

Bass

Drums

B^Δ C[#]m⁷

Solo

Cm^Δ D^Δ9

Percussion beaters

Graphic symbols for percussion instruments are not natively supported; however it is possible to include such symbols, either as an external EPS file or as embedded PostScript code inside a markup, as demonstrated in this example.

```
stick = \markup {
  \with-dimensions #'(0 . 5) #'(0 . 5)
  \postscript "
    0 6 translate
    0.8 -0.8 scale
    0 0 0 setrgbcolor
    [] 0 setdash
    1 setlinewidth
    0 setlinejoin
    0 setlinecap
    gsave [1 0 0 1 0 0] concat
    gsave [1 0 0 1 -3.5406095 -199.29342] concat
    gsave
```

```

0 0 0 setrgbcolor
newpath
7.1434065 200.94354 moveto
7.2109628 200.90454 7.2785188 200.86554 7.3460747 200.82654 curveto
8.2056347 202.31535 9.0651946 203.80414 9.9247546 205.29295 curveto
9.8571989 205.33195 9.7896429 205.37095 9.7220864 205.40996 curveto
8.8625264 203.92115 8.0029664 202.43233 7.1434065 200.94354 curveto
closepath
eofill
grestore
gsave
0 0 0 setrgbcolor
newpath
4.9646672 203.10444 moveto
5.0036707 203.03688 5.0426744 202.96933 5.0816777 202.90176 curveto
6.5704792 203.76133 8.0592809 204.6209 9.5480824 205.48045 curveto
9.5090791 205.54801 9.4700754 205.61556 9.4310717 205.68311 curveto
7.94227 204.82356 6.4534687 203.96399 4.9646672 203.10444 curveto
closepath
eofill
grestore
gsave
<<
/ShadingType 3
/ColorSpace /DeviceRGB
/Coords [113.13708 207.87465 0 113.13708 207.87465 16.162441]
/Extend [true true]
/Domain [0 1]
/Function <<
/FunctionType 3
/Functions
[
<<
/FunctionType 2
/Domain [0 1]
/C0 [1 1 1]
/C1 [0.72941178 0.72941178 0.72941178]
/N 1
>>
]
/Domain [0 1]
/Bounds [ ]
/Encode [ 0 1 ]
>>
>>
newpath
7.6422017 200.76488 moveto
7.6505696 201.02554 7.3905363 201.24867 7.1341335 201.20075 curveto
6.8759501 201.16916 6.6949602 200.87978 6.7801462 200.63381 curveto
6.8480773 200.39155 7.1438307 200.25377 7.3728389 200.35861 curveto
7.5332399 200.42458 7.6444521 200.59122 7.6422017 200.76488 curveto
closepath

```

```

clip
gsave [
  0.052859054 0.063089841 -0.020912282 0.017521108 5.7334261 189.76443
] concat
shfill
grestore
grestore
0 0 0 setrgbcolor
[] 0 setdash
0.027282091 setlinewidth
0 setlinejoin
0 setlinecap
newpath
7.6422017 200.76488 moveto
7.6505696 201.02554 7.3905363 201.24867 7.1341335 201.20075 curveto
6.8759501 201.16916 6.6949602 200.87978 6.7801462 200.63381 curveto
6.8480773 200.39155 7.1438307 200.25377 7.3728389 200.35861 curveto
7.5332399 200.42458 7.6444521 200.59122 7.6422017 200.76488 curveto
closepath
stroke
gsave
<<
/ShadingType 3
/ColorSpace /DeviceRGB
/Coords [113.13708 207.87465 0 113.13708 207.87465 16.162441]
/Extend [true true]
/Domain [0 1]
/Function <<
/FunctionType 3
/Functions
[
<<
/FunctionType 2
/Domain [0 1]
/C0 [1 1 1]
/C1 [0.72941178 0.72941178 0.72941178]
/N 1
>>
]
/Domain [0 1]
/Bounds [ ]
/Encode [ 0 1 ]
>>
>>
newpath
5.2721217 202.83181 moveto
5.2804896 203.09247 5.0204563 203.3156 4.7640539 203.26768 curveto
4.5058701 203.23609 4.3248803 202.94671 4.4100662 202.70074 curveto
4.4779975 202.45848 4.7737511 202.3207 5.0027593 202.42554 curveto
5.1631598 202.49149 5.2743721 202.65813 5.2721217 202.83181 curveto
closepath
clip

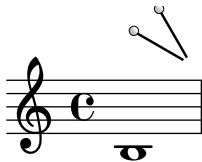
```

```

    gsave [
      0.052859054 0.063089841 -0.020912282 0.017521108 3.363346 191.83136
    ] concat
    shfill
    grestore
    grestore
    0 0 0 setrgbcolor
    [] 0 setdash
    0.027282091 setlinewidth
    0 setlinejoin
    0 setlinecap
    newpath
    5.2721217 202.83181 moveto
    5.2804896 203.09247 5.0204563 203.3156 4.7640539 203.26768 curveto
    4.5058701 203.23609 4.3248803 202.94671 4.4100662 202.70074 curveto
    4.4779975 202.45848 4.7737511 202.3207 5.0027593 202.42554 curveto
    5.1631598 202.49149 5.2743721 202.65813 5.2721217 202.83181 curveto
    closepath
    stroke
    grestore
    grestore
  "
}

\score {
  b1^\stick
}

```



Percussion example

A short example taken from Stravinsky's *L'histoire du Soldat*.

```

#(define mydrums '((bassdrum   default #f  4)
                   (snare      default #f -4)
                   (tambourine default #f  0)))

\paper { tagline = ##f }

global = {
  \time 3/8 s4.
  \time 2/4 s2*2
  \time 3/8 s4.
  \time 2/4 s2
}

drumsA = {
  \context DrumVoice <<
    { \global }

```

```

{ \drummode {
  \autoBeamOff
  \stemDown sn8 \stemUp tamb s8 |
  sn4 \stemDown sn4 |
  \stemUp tamb8 \stemDown sn8 \stemUp sn16 \stemDown sn \stemUp sn8 |
  \stemDown sn8 \stemUp tamb s8 |
  \stemUp sn4 s8 \stemUp tamb
}
}
>>
}

drumsB = {
  \drummode {
    s4 bd8 s2*2 s4 bd8 s4 bd8 s8
  }
}

\layout {
  indent = 40
  \context {
    \DrumStaff
    drumStyleTable = #(alist->hash-table mydrums)
  }
}

\score {
  \new StaffGroup <<
    \new DrumStaff \with {
      instrumentName = \markup \center-column {
        "Tambourine"
        "et"
        "caisse claire s. timbre"
      }
    }
  }
  \drumsA
  \new DrumStaff \with {
    instrumentName = "Grosse Caisse"
  }
  \drumsB
  >>
}

```

Tambourine
et
caisse claire s. timbre

Grosse Caisse

Printing music with different time signatures

In the following snippet, two parts have a completely different time signature, yet remain synchronized.

The bar lines can no longer be printed at the Score level; to allow independent bar lines in each part, the `Default_barline_engraver` and `Timing_translator` are moved from the Score context to the Staff context.

If bar numbers are required, the `Bar_number_engraver` should also be moved, since it relies on properties set by the `Timing_translator`; a `\with block` can be used to add bar numbers to the relevant staff.

```
\paper {
  indent = #0
  ragged-right = ##t
  tagline = ##f
}

global = { \time 3/4 { s2.*3 } \bar "" \break { s2.*3 } }

\layout {
  \context {
    \Score
    \remove "Timing_translator"
    \remove "Bar_number_engraver"
    \override SpacingSpanner.uniform-stretching = ##t
    \override SpacingSpanner.strict-note-spacing = ##t
    proportionalNotationDuration = #1/64
  }
  \context {
    \Staff
    \consists "Timing_translator"
  }
  \context {
    \Voice
    \remove "Forbid_line_break_engraver"
    tupletFullLength = ##t
  }
}

Bassklarinette = \new Staff \with {
  \consists "Bar_number_engraver"
  barNumberVisibility = #(every-nth-bar-number-visible 2)
  \override BarNumber.break-visibility = #end-of-line-invisible
} <<
\global {
  \bar "|"
  \clef treble
  \time 3/8
  d''4.

  \bar "|"
  \time 3/4
  r8 des''2( c''8)
```

```

\bar "|"
\time 7/8
r4. ees''2 ~

\bar "|"
\time 2/4
\tupletUp
\tuplet 3/2 { ees''4 r4 d''4 ~ }

\bar "|"
\time 3/8
\tupletUp
\tuplet 4/3 { d''4 r4 }

\bar "|"
\time 2/4
e''2

\bar "|"
\time 3/8
es''4.

\bar "|"
\time 3/4
r8 d''2 r8
\bar "|"
}
>>

```

```

Percussion = \new StaffGroup <<
  \new Staff <<
    \global {
      \bar "|"
      \clef percussion
      \time 3/4
      r4 c'2 ~

      \bar "|"
      c'2.

      \bar "|"
      R2.

      \bar "|"
      r2 g'4 ~

      \bar "|"
      g'2. ~

      \bar "|"
      g'2.
    }
  >>
>>

```

```

    }
  >>
  \new Staff <<
    \global {
      \bar "|"
      \clef percussion
      \time 3/4
      R2.

      \bar "|"
      g'2. ~

      \bar "|"
      g'2.

      \bar "|"
      r4 g'2 ~

      \bar "|"
      g'2 r4

      \bar "|"
      g'2.
    }
  >>
>>

\score {
  <<
    \Bassklarinette
    \Percussion
  >>
}

```

The image displays a musical score for two instruments: Bass Clarinet (Bassklarinette) and Percussion (Percussion). The score is written in 3/4 time.

The top staff, for the Bass Clarinet, shows a melodic line. It begins with a quarter note, followed by a half note with a '2' above it, indicating a second ornament. This is followed by a quarter note with a '4' above it, indicating a fourth ornament. The line continues with a quarter note, a half note with a '3' above it, and a quarter note. The staff ends with a quarter note.

The bottom staff, for the Percussion, shows a rhythmic accompaniment. It begins with a quarter note, followed by a half note, and a quarter note. The staff ends with a quarter note.

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Tam-tam example

A tam-tam example, entered with 'tt'

```
#(define mydrums '((tamtam default #f 0)))
```

```
\new DrumStaff \with { instrumentName = #"Tamtam" }
```

```
\drummode {
```


```
  \set DrumStaff.drumStyleTable = #(alist->hash-table mydrums)
```

```
  \override Staff.StaffSymbol.line-positions = #'( 0 )
```

```
  \override Staff.BarLine.bar-extent = #'(-1.5 . 1.5)
```

```
  tt 1 \pp \laissezVibrer
}
```

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```

Tamtam 

Tambourine example

A tambourine example, entered 'tamb'

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```

```
#(define mydrums '((tambourine default #f 0)))
```

```
\new DrumStaff \with { instrumentName = #"Tambourine" }
```

```
\drummode {
```

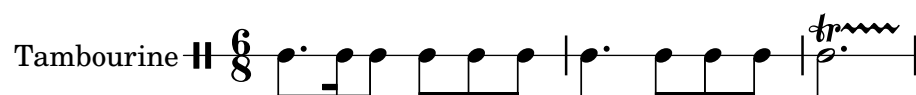
```
  \set DrumStaff.drumStyleTable = #(alist->hash-table mydrums)
```

```

\override Staff.StaffSymbol.line-positions = #'( 0 )
\override Staff.BarLine.bar-extent = #'(-1.5 . 1.5)

\time 6/8
tamb8. 16 8 8 8 8 |
tamb4. 8 8 8 |
% the trick with the scaled duration and the shorter rest
% is neccessary for the correct ending of the trill-span!
tamb2.*5/6 \startTrillSpan s8 \stopTrillSpan |
}

```



Fretted strings

See also Section “Fretted string instruments” in *Notation Reference*.

Adding fingerings to a score

Fingering instructions can be entered using a simple syntax.

```
\relative c' ' {
  c4-1 d-2 f-4 e-3
}
```

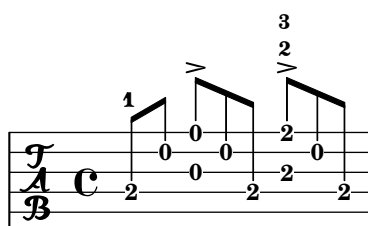


Adding fingerings to tablatures

To add fingerings to tablatures, use a combination of `\markup` and `\finger`.

```
one = \markup { \finger 1 }
two = \markup { \finger 2 }
threeTwo = \markup {
  \override #'(baseline-skip . 2)
  \column {
    \finger 3
    \finger 2
  }
}
threeFour = \markup {
  \override #'(baseline-skip . 2)
  \column {
    \finger 3
    \finger 4
  }
}

\score {
  \new TabStaff {
    \tabFullNotation
    \stemUp
    e8\4~\one b\2 <g\3 e'\1>~>[ b\2 e\4]
    <a\3 fis'\1>~>~\threeTwo[ b\2 e\4]
  }
}
```



Adding markups in a tablature

By default markups does not show in a tablature.

To make them appear, simply use the command `\revert TabStaff.TextScript.stencil`

```
%% http://lsr.di.unimi.it/LSR/Item?id=919
```

```
% by P.P.Schneider on June 2014
```

```
high = { r4 r8 <g c'> q r8 r4 }
```

```
low = { c4 r4 c8 r8 g,8 b, }
```

```
pulse = { s8^"1" s^"&" s^"2" s^"&" s^"3" s^"&" s^"4" s^"&" }
```

```
\score {
  \new TabStaff {
    \repeat unfold 2 << \high \ \ low \ \ pulse >>
  }
  \layout {
    \context {
      \TabStaff
      \clef moderntab
      \revert TextScript.stencil
      \override TextScript.font-series = #'bold
      \override TextScript.font-size = #-2
      \override TextScript.color = #red
    }
    \context {
      \Score
      proportionalNotationDuration = #1/8
    }
  }
}
```

	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &
T	1-1	1-1
A	0-0	0-0
B	3-3-2	3-3-2
	3	3

Allowing fingerings to be printed inside the staff

By default, vertically oriented fingerings are positioned outside the staff; that behavior, however, may be disabled. Attention needs to be paid to situations where fingerings and stems are in the same direction: by default, fingerings will avoid only beamed stems. That setting can be changed to avoid no stems or all stems; the following example demonstrates these two options, as well as how to go back to the default behavior.

```
\relative c' {
  <c-1 e-2 g-3 b-5>2
  \override Fingering.staff-padding = #'()
  <c-1 e-2 g-3 b-5>4 g'-0
  a8[-1 b]-2 g-0 r
  \override Fingering.add-stem-support = ##f
}
```

```

a[-1 b]-2 g-0 r
\override Fingering.add-stem-support = ##t
a[-1 b]-2 g-0 r
\override Fingering.add-stem-support = #only-if-beamed
a[-1 b]-2 g-0 r
}

```



Automatic Fretboards Barre

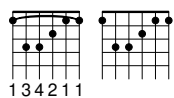
When automatic fretboards are used, barre indicators will be drawn whenever one finger is responsible for multiple strings.

If no finger indications are given in the chord from which the automatic fretboard is created, no barre indicators will be included, because there is no way to identify where barres should be placed.

```

\new FretBoards {
  <f, -1 c-3 f-4 a-2 c'-1 f'-1>1
  <f, c f a c' f'>1
}

```



Changing fret orientations

Fret diagrams can be oriented in three ways. By default the top string or fret in the different orientations will be aligned.

```

\include "predefined-guitar-fretboards.ly"

```

```

<<

```

```

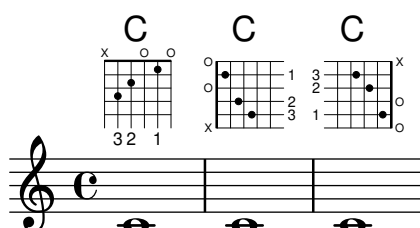
\chords {
  c1
  c1
  c1
}
\new FretBoards {
  \chordmode {
    c1
    \override FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.orientation =
      #'landscape
    c1
    \override FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.orientation =
      #'opposing-landscape
    c1
  }
}
\new Voice {

```

```

c'1
c'1
c'
}
>>

```



Chord glissando in tablature

Slides for chords are indicated by default in both `Staff` and `TabStaff`.

String numbers may be necessary for `TabStaff` because automatic string calculations are different for chords and for single notes.

```

myMusic = \relative c' {
  <c e g>1 \glissando <f a c>
  <cis, eis gis>1 \glissando <f a c>
  <cis eis gis>1 \glissando <f a c\3>
}

```

```

\score {
  <<
    \new Staff {
      \clef "treble_8"
      \omit StringNumber
      \myMusic
    }
    \new TabStaff \myMusic
  >>
}

```

```

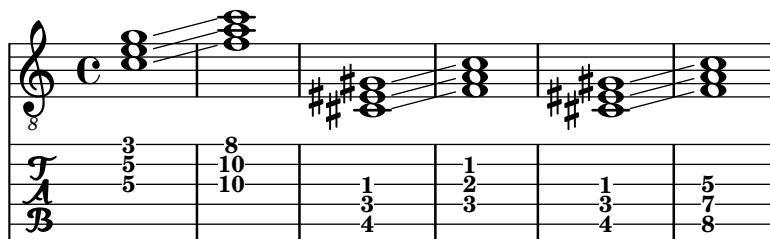
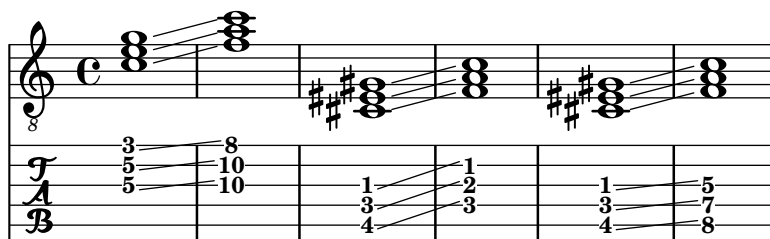
\score {
  <<
    \new Staff {
      \clef "treble_8"
      \omit StringNumber
      \myMusic
    }
    \new TabStaff \with { \override Glissando.style = #'none } {
      \myMusic
    }
  >>
}

```

```

\paper { tagline = ##f }

```



ChordChanges for FretBoards

FretBoards can be set to display only when the chord changes or at the beginning of a new line.

```
\include "predefined-guitar-fretboards.ly"
```

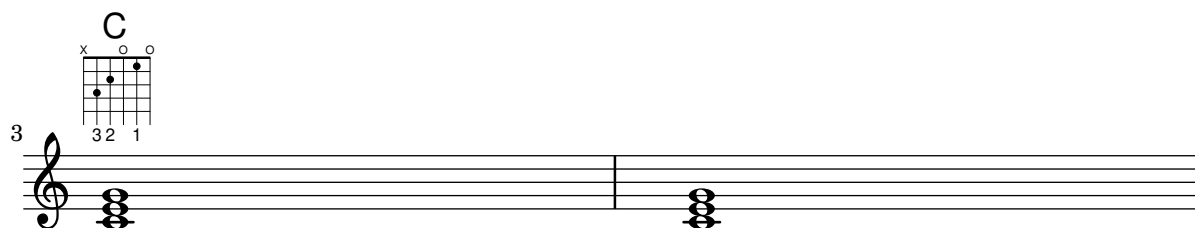
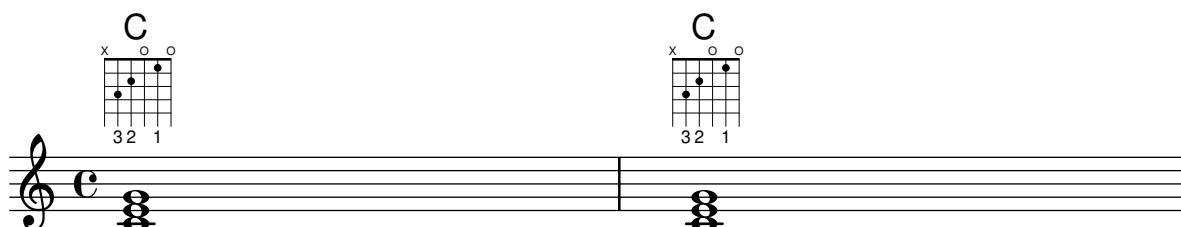
```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```

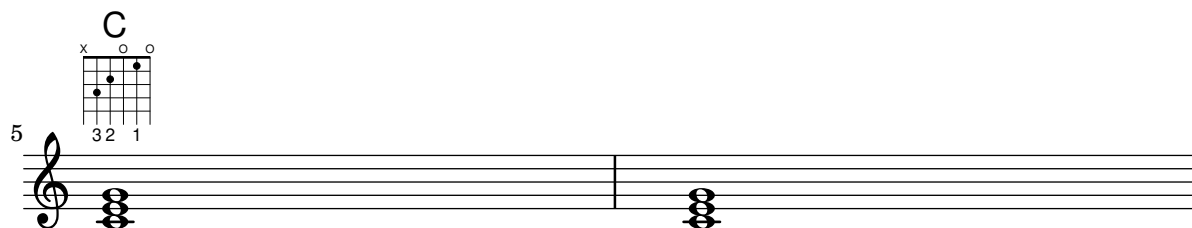
```
myChords = \chordmode {
  c1 c1 \break
  \set chordChanges = ##t
  c1 c1 \break
  c1 c1
}
```

```
<<
```

```
\new ChordNames { \myChords }
\new FretBoards { \myChords }
\new Staff { \myChords }
```

```
>>
```





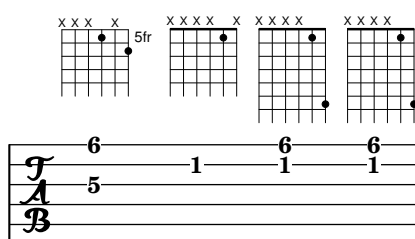
Chords with stretched fingering for FretBoards and TabVoice

Sometimes chords with a stretched fingering are required. If not otherwise specified the context-property `maximumFretStretch` is set to 4, though. Resulting in a warning about "No string for pitch ..." and the note is omitted. You may set `maximumFretStretch` to an appropriate value or explicitly assign string-numbers to all notes of a chord.

*%% The code below will print two warnings, which may be omitted by uncommenting:
 %#(for-each (lambda (x) (ly:expect-warning "No string for pitch")) (iota 2))*

```
mus = {
  <c' bes'>
  <c'\2 bes'>
  \set maximumFretStretch = 5
  <c' bes'>
  <c'\2 bes'\1>
}
```

```
<<
  \new FretBoards \mus
  \new TabVoice \mus
>>
```



Controlling the placement of chord fingerings

The placement of fingering numbers can be controlled precisely by using the property `fingeringOrientation`. For fingering orientation to apply, the fingering command must be used within a chord construct (`<...>`), even for single notes. Orientation for string numbers and right-hand fingerings may be controlled in a similar way by using the properties `stringNumberOrientation` and `strokeFingerOrientation`, respectively.

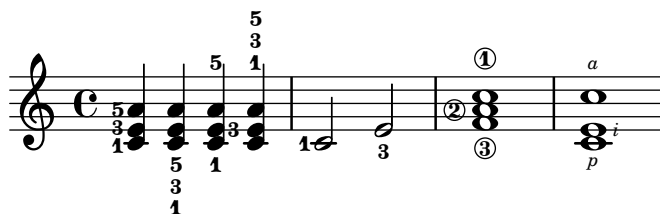
These properties can be set to a list of one to three values. They control whether fingerings may be placed above (if `up` appears in the list), below (if `down` appears), to the left (if `left` appears), or to the right (if `right` appears). Conversely, if a location is not listed, no fingering is placed there. LilyPond takes these constraints and works out the best placement for the fingering of the notes of the following chords. Note that `left` and `right` are mutually exclusive – fingerings may be placed only on one side or the other, not both.

```
\relative c' {
  \set fingeringOrientations = #'(left)
```

```

<c-1 e-3 a-5>4
\set fingeringOrientations = #'(down)
<c-1 e-3 a-5>4
\set fingeringOrientations = #'(down right up)
<c-1 e-3 a-5>4
\set fingeringOrientations = #'(up)
<c-1 e-3 a-5>4
\set fingeringOrientations = #'(left)
<c-1>2
\set fingeringOrientations = #'(down)
<e-3>2
\set stringNumberOrientations = #'(up left down)
<f\3 a\2 c\1>1
\set strokeFingerOrientations = #'(down right up)
<c\rightHandFinger 1 e\rightHandFinger 2 c'\rightHandFinger 4 >
}

```



Customizing fretboard fret diagrams

Fret diagram properties can be set through 'fret-diagram-details. For FretBoard fret diagrams, overrides are applied to the FretBoards.FretBoard object. Like Voice, FretBoards is a bottom-level context, and therefore can be omitted in property overrides.

```

% begin verbatim
\include "predefined-guitar-fretboards.ly"

\storePredefinedDiagram #default-fret-table \chordmode { c' }
    #guitar-tuning
    "x;1-1-(;3-2;3-3;3-4;1-1-);"

% shorthand
oo = #(define-music-function
  (grob-path value)
  (list? scheme?)
  #{ \once \override $grob-path = #value #})

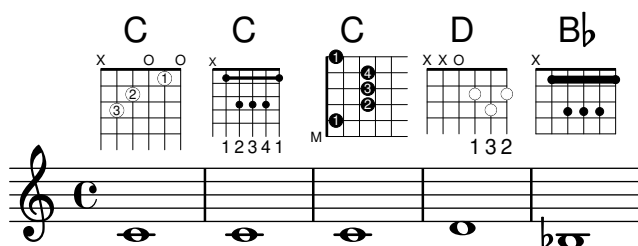
<<
\new ChordNames {
  \chordmode { c1 | c | c | d | bes }
}
\new FretBoards {
  % Set global properties of fret diagram
  \override FretBoards.FretBoard.size = 1.2
  \override FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.finger-code = #'in-dot
  \override FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.dot-color = #'white
  \chordmode {

```

```

c
\oo FretBoard.size #1.0
\oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.barre-type #'straight
\oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.dot-color #'black
\oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.finger-code #'below-string
c'
\oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.barre-type #'none
\oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.number-type #'arabic
\oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.orientation #'landscape
\oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.mute-string "M"
\oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.label-dir #LEFT
\oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.dot-color #'black
c'
\oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.finger-code #'below-string
\oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.dot-radius #0.35
\oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.dot-position #0.5
\oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.fret-count #3
d
  \oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.barre-type #'straight
  \oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.finger-code #'none
  \oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.dot-radius #0.25
  \oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.dot-color #'black
  \oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.string-overhang #0.
  \oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.barre-thickness #2.
bes
}
}
\new Voice {
  c'1 | c' | c' | d' | bes
}
>>

```



Customizing markup fret diagrams

Fret diagram properties can be set through 'fret-diagram-details. For markup fret diagrams, overrides can be applied to the Voice.TextScript object or directly to the markup.

```

<<
\chords { c1 | c | c | d }

\new Voice = "mel" {
  \textLengthOn
  % Set global properties of fret diagram
  \override TextScript.size = 1.2
  \override TextScript.fret-diagram-details.finger-code = #'in-dot

```

```

\override TextScript.fret-diagram-details.dot-color = #'white

%% C major for guitar, no barre, using defaults
% terse style
c'1^\markup { \fret-diagram-terse "x;3-3;2-2;o;1-1;o;" }

%% C major for guitar, barred on third fret
% verbose style
% size 1.0
% roman fret label, finger labels below string, straight barre
c'1^\markup {
% standard size
\override #'(size . 1.0) {
  \override #'(fret-diagram-details . (
    (number-type . roman-lower)
    (finger-code . in-dot)
    (barre-type . straight))) {
    \fret-diagram-verbose #'((mute 6)
      (place-fret 5 3 1)
      (place-fret 4 5 2)
      (place-fret 3 5 3)
      (place-fret 2 5 4)
      (place-fret 1 3 1)
      (barre 5 1 3))
  }
}
}

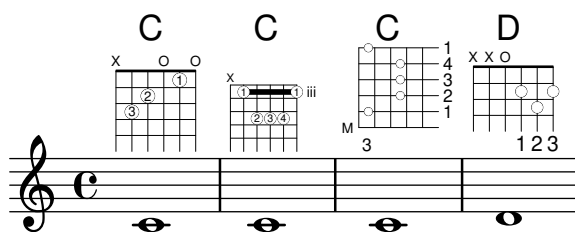
%% C major for guitar, barred on third fret
% verbose style
% landscape orientation, arabic numbers, M for mute string
% no barre, fret label down or left, small mute label font
c'1^\markup {
\override #'(fret-diagram-details . (
  (finger-code . below-string)
  (number-type . arabic)
  (label-dir . -1)
  (mute-string . "M")
  (orientation . landscape)
  (barre-type . none)
  (xo-font-magnification . 0.4)
  (xo-padding . 0.3))) {
  \fret-diagram-verbose #'((mute 6)
    (place-fret 5 3 1)
    (place-fret 4 5 2)
    (place-fret 3 5 3)
    (place-fret 2 5 4)
    (place-fret 1 3 1)
    (barre 5 1 3))
  }
}
}

```

```

%% simple D chord
% terse style
% larger dots, centered dots, fewer frets
% label below string
d'1^\markup {
  \override #'(fret-diagram-details . (
    (finger-code . below-string)
    (dot-radius . 0.35)
    (dot-position . 0.5)
    (fret-count . 3))) {
    \fret-diagram-terse "x;x;o;2-1;3-2;2-3;"
  }
}
}
}
>>

```



Defining predefined fretboards for other instruments

Predefined fret diagrams can be added for new instruments in addition to the standards used for guitar. This file shows how this is done by defining a new string tuning and a few predefined fretboards for the Venezuelan *cuatro*.

This file also shows how fingerings can be included in the chords used as reference points for the chord lookup, and displayed in the fret diagram and the TabStaff, but not the music.

These fretboards are not transposable because they contain string information. This is planned to be corrected in the future.

```

% add FretBoards for the Cuatro
% Note: This section could be put into a separate file
% predefined-cuatro-fretboards.ly
% and \included into each of your compositions

```

```

cuatroTuning = #`(,(ly:make-pitch 0 6 0)
                  ,(ly:make-pitch 1 3 SHARP)
                  ,(ly:make-pitch 1 1 0)
                  ,(ly:make-pitch 0 5 0))

```

```

dSix = { <a\4 b\1 d\3 fis\2> }
dMajor = { <a\4 d\1 d\3 fis \2> }
aMajSeven = { <a\4 cis\1 e\3 g\2> }
dMajSeven = { <a\4 c\1 d\3 fis\2> }
gMajor = { <b\4 b\1 d\3 g\2> }

```

```

\storePredefinedDiagram #default-fret-table \dSix
                        #cuatroTuning
                        "o;o;o;o;"

```

```

\storePredefinedDiagram #default-fret-table \dMajor
    #cuatroTuning
    "o;o;o;3-3;"
\storePredefinedDiagram #default-fret-table \aMajSeven
    #cuatroTuning
    "o;2-2;1-1;2-3;"
\storePredefinedDiagram #default-fret-table \dMajSeven
    #cuatroTuning
    "o;o;o;1-1;"
\storePredefinedDiagram #default-fret-table \gMajor
    #cuatroTuning
    "2-2;o;1-1;o;"

% end of potential include file /predefined-cuatro-fretboards.ly

#(set-global-staff-size 16)

primerosNames = \chordmode {
  d:6 d a:maj7 d:maj7
  g
}
primeros = {
  \dSix \dMajor \aMajSeven \dMajSeven
  \gMajor
}

\score {
  <<
    \new ChordNames {
      \set chordChanges = ##t
      \primerosNames
    }

    \new Staff {
      \new Voice \with {
        \remove "New_fingering_engraver"
      }
      \relative c'' {
        \primeros
      }
    }

    \new FretBoards {
      \set Staff.stringTunings = #cuatroTuning
      % \override FretBoard
      % #'(fret-diagram-details string-count) = 4
      \override FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.finger-code = #'in-dot
      \primeros
    }

    \new TabStaff \relative c'' {

```

```

\set TabStaff.stringTunings = #cuatroTuning
\primeros
}

>>

\layout {
  \context {
    \Score
    \override SpacingSpanner.base-shortest-duration =
      \musicLength 16
  }
}
\midi { }
}

```

Diagram illustrating a musical score for a guitar piece. The score includes a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The notes are D⁶, D, A^Δ, D^Δ, and G. Below the staff are five guitar fretboard diagrams corresponding to the notes. The bottom staff shows the string numbers (1-6) for each note.

Faking a hammer in tablatures

A hammer in tablature can be faked with slurs.

```

\score {
  \new TabStaff {
    \relative c'' {
      \tabFullNotation
      c4( d) d( d)
      d2( c)
    }
  }
}

```

Diagram illustrating a musical score for a guitar piece. The score includes a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The notes are D⁶, D, A^Δ, D^Δ, and G. Below the staff are five guitar fretboard diagrams corresponding to the notes. The bottom staff shows the string numbers (1-6) for each note.

Fingerings, string indications, and right-hand fingerings

This example combines left-hand fingering, string indications, and right-hand fingering.

```

\define RH rightHandFinger

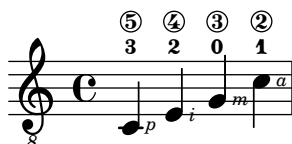
```

```

\relative c {
  \clef "treble_8"
  <c-3\5\RH 1 >4
  <e-2\4\RH 2 >4
  <g-0\3\RH 3 >4
}

```

```
<c-1\2\RH 4 >4
}
```



Flamenco notation

For flamenco guitar, special notation is used:

- a *golpe* symbol to indicate a slap on the guitar body with the nail of the ring finger
- an arrow to indicate (the direction of) strokes
- different letters for fingering (“p”: thumb, “i”: index finger, “m”: middle finger, “a”: ring finger and “x”: little finger)
- 3- and 4-finger *rasgueados*; stroke upwards with all fingers, ending with an up- and down using the index finger
- *abanicos*: strokes (in tuples) with thumb (down), little and index finger (both up). There’s also an *abanico 2* where middle and ring finger are used instead of the little finger.
- *alza pua*: fast playing with the thumb

Most figures use arrows in combination with fingering; with *abanicos* and *rasgueados*, note-heads are printed only for the first chord.

This snippet contains some header-like code that can be copied as ‘flamenco.ly’ and included in source files.

```
%%%%%%%% Cut here ----- Start 'flamenco.ly'
```

```
% Text indicators :
```

```
abanico = ^\markup\small { \italic Abanico }
```

```
rasgueado = ^\markup\small { \italic Ras. }
```

```
alzapua = ^\markup\small { \italic Alzapua }
```

```
% Finger stroke symbols :
```

```
strokeUp = \markup\combine\override #'(thickness . 1.3) \draw-line #'(0 . 2)\raise #2 \arrow
```

```
strokeDown = \markup\combine\arrow-head #Y #DOWN ##f \override #'(thickness . 1.3) \draw-li
```

```
% Golpe symbol :
```

```
golpe = \markup {
```

```
  \filled-box #'(0 . 1) #'(0 . 1) #0
```

```
  \hspace #-1.6
```

```
  \with-color #white
```

```
  \filled-box #'(0.15 . 0.85) #'(0.15 . 0.85) #0
```

```
}
```

```
% Strokes, fingers and golpe command :
```

```
RHp = \rightHandFinger #1
```

```
RHi = \rightHandFinger #2
```

```
RHm = \rightHandFinger #3
```

```
RHa = \rightHandFinger #4
```

```
RHx = \rightHandFinger #5
```

```
RHu = \rightHandFinger \strokeUp
```

```

RHd = \rightHandFinger \strokeDown
RHg = \rightHandFinger \golpe

% Just handy :)
tupletOff = {
  \once \omit TupletNumber
  \once \omit TupletBracket
}

tupletsOff = {
  \omit TupletNumber
  \override TupletBracket.bracket-visibility = #'if-no-beam
}

tupletsOn = {
  \override TupletBracket.bracket-visibility = #'default
  \undo \omit TupletNumber
}

headsOff = {
  \hide TabNoteHead
  \hide NoteHead
  \override NoteHead.no-ledgers = ##t
}

headsOn = {
  \override TabNoteHead.transparent = ##f
  \override NoteHead.transparent = ##f
  \override NoteHead.no-ledgers = ##f
}

%%%%%%%% Cut here ----- End 'flamenco.ly'
%%%%%%%%

part = \relative c' {
  \set strokeFingerOrientations = #'(up)
  \key a\major
  <a, e' a cis e\RHu\RHu>8
  <a e' a cis e\RHd\RHu>8
  r4
  r2^\markup\golpe
  <a e' a cis e\RHu\RHu>8
  <a e' a cis e\RHd\RHu>8
  <a e' a cis e\RHu\RHu\RHg>8
  <a e' a cis e\RHd\RHu>8
  r2
  <a e' a cis e\RHu\RHu>16\rasgueado
  \headsOff
  <a e' a cis e\RHu\RHm>
  <a e' a cis e\RHu\RHu>
  <a e' a cis e\RHd\RHu>~
  \headsOn

```

```

<a e' a cis e>2
r4
\tupletOff
\tuplet 5/4 {
  <a e' a cis e\RHu\RHx>16\rasgueado
  \headsOff
  <a e' a cis e\RHu\RHx>
  <a e' a cis e\RHu\RHm>
  <a e' a cis e\RHu\RHx>
  <a e' a cis e\RHd\RHx>~
  \headsOn
}
<a e' a cis e>2
r4
\tupletsOff
\tuplet 3/2 {
  <a e' a cis e\RHd\RHx>8\abanico
  \headsOff
  <a e' a cis e\RHu\RHx>
  <a e' a cis e\RHu\RHx>
  \headsOn
}
\tuplet 3/2 {
  <a e' a cis e\RHd\RHx>8
  \headsOff
  <a e' a cis e\RHu\RHx>
  <a e' a cis e\RHu\RHx>
  \headsOn
}
\tuplet 3/2 {
  <a e' a cis e\RHd\RHx>8
  \headsOff
  <a e' a cis e\RHu\RHx>
  <a e' a cis e\RHu\RHx>
  \headsOn
}
\tuplet 3/2 {
  <a e' a cis e\RHd\RHx>8
  \headsOff
  <a e' a cis e\RHu\RHx>
  <a e' a cis e\RHu\RHx>
  \headsOn
}
\tupletsOff
\override Beam.positions = #'(2 . 2)
\tuplet 3/2 {
  a8\RHp\alzapua
  <e' a\RHu\RHg>
  <e a\RHd>
}
\tuplet 3/2 {
  a,8\RHp

```

```

    <e' a\RHu\RHg>
    <e a\RHd>
  }
  \tuplet 3/2 {
    a,8\RHp
    <e' a\RHu\RHg>
    <e a\RHd>
  }
  \tuplet 3/2 {
    a,8\RHp
    <e' a\RHu\RHg>
    <e a\RHd>
  }
  \tupletsOn
  <a, e' a\RHu\RHm>1
  \bar "|."
}

\score {
  \new StaffGroup <<
    \context Staff = "part" <<
      \clef "G_8"
      {
        \part
      }
    >>
    \context TabStaff {
      \part
    }
  >>
  \layout {
    ragged-right = ##t
  }
}

\paper { tagline = ##f }

```

The image shows a musical score for guitar and tablature. The score is in G major (two sharps) and common time (C). It consists of four measures. The first measure has a treble clef with a G8 octave sign, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The first two notes are G4 and A4, both marked with an 'i' and an upward arrow. The second measure has four notes: G4, A4, B4, and C5, each marked with an 'i' and an upward arrow. The third measure has four notes: G4, A4, B4, and C5, each marked with an 'i' and an upward arrow. The fourth measure has four notes: G4, A4, B4, and C5, each marked with an 'i' and an upward arrow. Above the fourth measure, there are two 'Ras.' markings with arrows pointing to the first and second notes. Below the staff, there is a tablature section with four staves labeled T, A, B, and B. The first two measures have a '0' on the first staff and a '2' on the second staff. The third and fourth measures have a '0' on the first staff and a '2' on the second staff.

Abanico

Alzapua

5/8

8

0 0 0 0

2 2 2 2

2 2 2 2

2 2 2 2

0 0 0 0

0 0 0 0

2 2 2 2

2 2 2 2

2 2 2 2

2 2 2 2

0 0 0 0

0 0 0 0

2 2 2 2

2 2 2 2

2 2 2 2

2 2 2 2

0 0 0 0

0 0 0 0

Fret diagrams explained and developed

This snippet shows many possibilities for obtaining and tweaking fret diagrams.

```
<<
```

```
\chords {
  a1 a \bar "||" \break
  \repeat unfold 3 {
    c c c d d \bar "||" \break
  }
}
```

```
\new Voice {
  % Set global properties of fret diagram
  \override TextScript.size = 1.2
  \override TextScript.fret-diagram-details
    .finger-code = #'below-string
  \override TextScript.fret-diagram-details
    .dot-color = #'black
```

```
% 1
%
% A chord for ukulele.
```

```
a'1^\markup
  \override #'(fret-diagram-details
    . ((string-count . 4)
      (dot-color . white)
      (finger-code . in-dot)))
  \fret-diagram "4-2-2;3-1-1;2-o;1-o;"
```

```
% 2
%
% A chord for ukulele, with formatting defined in definition
% string: 1.2 * size, 4 strings, 4 frets, fingerings below,
% string dot radius .35 of fret spacing, dot position 0.55 of
% fret spacing.
```

```
a'1^\markup
  \override #'(fret-diagram-details
    . ((dot-color . white)
      (open-string . "o")))
  \fret-diagram
    "s:1.2;w:4;h:3;f:2;d:0.35;p:0.55;4-2-2;3-1-1;2-o;1-o;"
```

```

%%
%% These chords will be in normal orientation
%%

% 3
%
% C major for guitar, barred on third fret: verbose style,
% roman fret label, finger labels below string, straight barre.
c'1^\markup
  % 110% of default size
  \override #'(size . 1.1)
  \override #'(fret-diagram-details
    . ((number-type . roman-lower)
      (finger-code . below-string)
      (barre-type . straight)))
  \fret-diagram-verbose #'((mute 6)
    (place-fret 5 3 1)
    (place-fret 4 5 2)
    (place-fret 3 5 3)
    (place-fret 2 5 4)
    (place-fret 1 3 1)
    (barre 5 1 3))

% 4
%
% C major for guitar, barred on third fret: double barre used
% to test barre function, verbose style.
c'1^\markup
  % 110% of default size
  \override #'(size . 1.1)
  \override #'(fret-diagram-details
    . ((number-type . arabic)
      (dot-label-font-mag . 0.9)
      (finger-code . in-dot)
      (fret-label-font-mag . 0.6)
      (fret-label-vertical-offset . 0)
      (label-dir . -1)
      (mute-string . "M")
      (xo-font-magnification . 0.4)
      (xo-padding . 0.3)))
  \fret-diagram-verbose #'((mute 6)
    (place-fret 5 3 1)
    (place-fret 4 5 2)
    (place-fret 3 5 3)
    (place-fret 2 5 4)
    (place-fret 1 3 1)
    (barre 4 2 5)
    (barre 5 1 3))

```

```

% 5
%
% C major for guitar, with capo on third fret: verbose style.
c'1^\markup
  % 110% of default size
  \override #'(size . 1.1)
  \override #'(fret-diagram-details
    . ((number-type . roman-upper)
      (dot-label-font-mag . 0.9)
      (finger-code . none)
      (fret-label-vertical-offset . 0.5)
      (xo-font-magnification . 0.4)
      (xo-padding . 0.3)))
  \fret-diagram-verbose #'((mute 6)
    (capo 3)
    (open 5)
    (place-fret 4 5 1)
    (place-fret 3 5 2)
    (place-fret 2 5 3)
    (open 1))

% 6
%
% Simple D chord.
d'1^\markup
  \override #'(fret-diagram-details
    . ((finger-code . below-string)
      (dot-radius . 0.35)
      (string-thickness-factor . 0.3)
      (dot-position . 0.5)
      (fret-count . 3)))
  \fret-diagram-terse "x;x;o;2-1;3-2;2-3;"

% 7
%
% Simple D chord, large top fret thickness.
d'1^\markup
  \override #'(fret-diagram-details
    . ((finger-code . below-string)
      (dot-radius . 0.35)
      (dot-position . 0.5)
      (top-fret-thickness . 7)
      (fret-count . 3)))
  \fret-diagram-terse "x;x;o;2-1;3-2;2-3;"

%%
%% These chords will be in landscape orientation
%%
\override TextScript.fret-diagram-details
  .orientation = #'landscape

```

```

% 8
%
% C major for guitar, barred on third fret: verbose style,
% roman fret label, finger labels below string, straight
% barre.
c'1^\markup
  % 110% of default size
  \override #'(size . 1.1)
  \override #'(fret-diagram-details
    . ((number-type . roman-lower)
      (finger-code . below-string)
      (barre-type . straight)))
  \fret-diagram-verbose #'((mute 6)
    (place-fret 5 3 1)
    (place-fret 4 5 2)
    (place-fret 3 5 3)
    (place-fret 2 5 4)
    (place-fret 1 3 1)
    (barre 5 1 3))

% 9
%
% C major for guitar, barred on third fret: Double barre
% used to test barre function, verbose style.
c'1^\markup
  % 110% of default size
  \override #'(size . 1.1)
  \override #'(fret-diagram-details
    . ((number-type . arabic)
      (dot-label-font-mag . 0.9)
      (finger-code . in-dot)
      (fret-label-font-mag . 0.6)
      (fret-label-vertical-offset . 0)
      (label-dir . -1)
      (mute-string . "M")
      (xo-font-magnification . 0.4)
      (xo-padding . 0.3)))
  \fret-diagram-verbose #'((mute 6)
    (place-fret 5 3 1)
    (place-fret 4 5 2)
    (place-fret 3 5 3)
    (place-fret 2 5 4)
    (place-fret 1 3 1)
    (barre 4 2 5)
    (barre 5 1 3))

% 10
%
% C major for guitar, with capo on third fret: verbose style.
c'1^\markup
  % 110% of default size

```

```

\override #'(size . 1.1)
\override #'(fret-diagram-details
  . ((number-type . roman-upper)
    (dot-label-font-mag . 0.9)
    (finger-code . none)
    (fret-label-vertical-offset . 0.5)
    (xo-font-magnification . 0.4)
    (xo-padding . 0.3)))
\fret-diagram-verbose #'((mute 6)
  (capo 3)
  (open 5)
  (place-fret 4 5 1)
  (place-fret 3 5 2)
  (place-fret 2 5 3)
  (open 1))

% 11
%
% Simple D chord.
d'1~\markup
  \override #'(fret-diagram-details
    . ((finger-code . below-string)
      (dot-radius . 0.35)
      (dot-position . 0.5)
      (fret-count . 3)))
  \fret-diagram-terse "x;x;o;2-1;3-2;2-3;"

% 12
%
% Simple D chord, large top fret thickness.
d'1~\markup
  \override #'(fret-diagram-details
    . ((finger-code . below-string)
      (dot-radius . 0.35)
      (dot-position . 0.5)
      (top-fret-thickness . 7)
      (fret-count . 3)))
  \fret-diagram-terse "x;x;o;2-1;3-2;2-3;"

%%
%% These chords will be in opposing-landscape orientation.
%%
\override TextScript.fret-diagram-details
  .orientation = #'opposing-landscape

% 13
%
% C major for guitar, barred on third fret: verbose style,
% roman fret label, finger labels below string, straight
% barre.

```

```

c'1^\markup
% 110% of default size
\override #'(size . 1.1)
\override #'(fret-diagram-details
. ((number-type . roman-lower)
(finger-code . below-string)
(barre-type . straight)))
\fret-diagram-verbose #'(mute 6)
(place-fret 5 3 1)
(place-fret 4 5 2)
(place-fret 3 5 3)
(place-fret 2 5 4)
(place-fret 1 3 1)
(barre 5 1 3))

% 14
%
% C major for guitar, barred on third fret: double barre
% used to test barre function, verbose style.
c'1^\markup
% 110% of default size
\override #'(size . 1.1)
\override #'(fret-diagram-details
. ((number-type . arabic)
(dot-label-font-mag . 0.9)
(finger-code . in-dot)
(fret-label-font-mag . 0.6)
(fret-label-vertical-offset . 0)
(label-dir . -1)
(mute-string . "M")
(xo-font-magnification . 0.4)
(xo-padding . 0.3)))
\fret-diagram-verbose #'(mute 6)
(place-fret 5 3 1)
(place-fret 4 5 2)
(place-fret 3 5 3)
(place-fret 2 5 4)
(place-fret 1 3 1)
(barre 4 2 5)
(barre 5 1 3))

% 15
%
% C major for guitar, with capo on third fret: verbose style.
c'1^\markup
% 110% of default size
\override #'(size . 1.1)
\override #'(fret-diagram-details
. ((number-type . roman-upper)
(dot-label-font-mag . 0.9)
(finger-code . none)
(fret-label-vertical-offset . 0.5)

```

```

        (xo-font-magnification . 0.4)
        (xo-padding . 0.3)))
\fret-diagram-verbose #'((mute 6)
                        (capo 3)
                        (open 5)
                        (place-fret 4 5 1)
                        (place-fret 3 5 2)
                        (place-fret 2 5 3)
                        (open 1))

% 16
%
% Simple D chord.
d'1^\markup
  \override #'(fret-diagram-details
    . ((finger-code . below-string)
      (dot-radius . 0.35)
      (dot-position . 0.5)
      (fret-count . 3)))
  \fret-diagram-terse "x;x;o;2-1;3-2;2-3;"

% 17
%
% Simple D chord, large top fret thickness.
d'1^\markup
  \override #'(fret-diagram-details
    . ((finger-code . below-string)
      (dot-radius . 0.35)
      (dot-position . 0.5)
      (top-fret-thickness . 7)
      (fret-count . 3)))
  \fret-diagram-terse "x;x;o;2-1;3-2;2-3;"
}
>>

\paper {
  tagline = ##f
  ragged-right = ##t
  indent = 0
  system-system-spacing.basic-distance = 20
}

\layout {
  \context {
    \Score
    \override SpacingSpanner.spacing-increment = 3
  }
}

```

The image displays musical notation for guitar, showing fretboard diagrams for chords A, C, and D across three systems of staves. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The first system shows two A chords (one with a 1 2 fingering, the other with a 2 1 fingering) and a C chord. The second system shows three C chords and two D chords. The third system shows three C chords and two D chords. Each chord is accompanied by a fretboard diagram showing the fingerings and fret numbers. The diagrams are labeled with the chord name (A, C, D) and the fret number (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100).

Fretboards alternate tables

Alternate fretboard tables can be created. These would be used in order to have alternate fretboards for a given chord.

In order to use an alternate fretboard table, the table must first be created. Fretboards are then added to the table.

The created fretboard table can be blank, or it can be copied from an existing table.

The table to be used in displaying predefined fretboards is selected by the property `\predefinedDiagramTable`.

```
\include "predefined-guitar-fretboards.ly"
```

```
% Make a blank new fretboard table
```

```
#{define custom-fretboard-table-one
  (make-fretboard-table))
```

```
% Make a new fretboard table as a copy of default-fret-table
```

```
#{define custom-fretboard-table-two
  (make-fretboard-table default-fret-table))
```

```
% Add a chord to custom-fretboard-table-one
```

```
\storePredefinedDiagram #custom-fretboard-table-one
  \chordmode {c}
  #guitar-tuning
  "3-(;3;5;5;5;3-);"
```

```

% Add a chord to custom-fretboard-table-two
\storePredefinedDiagram #custom-fretboard-table-two
    \chordmode {c}
    #guitar-tuning
    "x;3;5;5;5;o;"

<<
\chords {
  c1 | d1 |
  c1 | d1 |
  c1 | d1 |
}
\new FretBoards {
  \chordmode {
    \set predefinedDiagramTable = #default-fret-table
    c1 | d1 |
    \set predefinedDiagramTable = #custom-fretboard-table-one
    c1 | d1 |
    \set predefinedDiagramTable = #custom-fretboard-table-two
    c1 | d1 |
  }
}
\new Staff {
  \clef "treble_8"
  <<
    \chordmode {
      c1 | d1 |
      c1 | d1 |
      c1 | d1 |
    }
    {
      s1_\markup "Default table" | s1 |
      s1_\markup \column {"New table" "from empty"} | s1 |
      s1_\markup \column {"New table" "from default"} | s1 |
    }
  >>
}
>>

```

The image displays musical notation for fretted-string harmonics in tablature. It consists of two rows of six diagrams each, representing chords C and D. The top row shows the fretboard diagrams with fingerings (e.g., 3 2 1 for C, 1 3 2 for D) and fret numbers (e.g., 3fr, 5fr). The bottom row shows the corresponding musical notation on a staff with a treble clef and a common time signature. The diagrams are labeled 'Default table', 'New table from empty', and 'New table from default'.

Fretted-string harmonics in tablature

The following demonstrates fretted-string harmonics in a tablature.

```

pinchedHarmonics = {
  \textSpannerDown
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.text =
    \markup { \halign #-0.5 \teeny "PH" }
  \override TextSpanner.style = #'dashed-line
  \override TextSpanner.dash-period = 0.6
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.right.attach-dir = 1
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.right.text =
    \markup { \draw-line #'(0 . 1) }
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.right.padding = -0.5
}

harmonics = {
  % artificial harmonics (AH)
  \textLengthOn
  <\parenthesize b b'\harmonic>4_\markup { \teeny "AH 16" }
  <\parenthesize g g'\harmonic>4_\markup { \teeny "AH 17" }
  <\parenthesize d' d''\harmonic>2_\markup { \teeny "AH 19" }

  % pinched harmonics (PH)
  \pinchedHarmonics
  <a'\harmonic>2\startTextSpan
  <d''\harmonic>4
  <e'\harmonic>4\stopTextSpan

  % tapped harmonics (TH)
  <\parenthesize g\4 g'\harmonic>4_\markup { \teeny "TH 17" }
  <\parenthesize a\4 a'\harmonic>4_\markup { \teeny "TH 19" }
  <\parenthesize c'\3 c''\harmonic>2_\markup { \teeny "TH 17" }

  % touch harmonics (TCH)
  a4( <e''\harmonic>2. )_\markup { \teeny "TCH" }
}

frettedStrings = {
  % artificial harmonics (AH)
  \harmonicByFret 4 g4\3
  \harmonicByFret 5 d4\4
  \harmonicByFret 7 g2\3

  % pinched harmonics (PH)
  \harmonicByFret 7 d2\4
  \harmonicByFret 5 d4\4
  \harmonicByFret 7 a4\5

  % tapped harmonics (TH)
  \harmonicByFret 5 d4\4
  \harmonicByFret 7 d4\4
  \harmonicByFret 5 g2\3

  % touch harmonics (TCH)
  a4 \harmonicByFret 9 g2.\3

```

```

}

\score {
  <<
    \new Staff
    \with { \omit StringNumber } {
      \new Voice {
        \clef "treble_8"
        \harmonics
      }
    }
    \new TabStaff {
      \new TabVoice {
        \frettedStrings
      }
    }
  >>
}

```

Guitar slides

Unlike glissandos, slides may go from an imprecise point of the fretboard to a specific fret. A good way to do this is to add a hidden grace note before the note which is actually played, as demonstrated in the following example.

```

%% Hide fret number: useful to draw slide into/from a casual point of
%% the fretboard.

```

```

hideFretNumber = {
  \once \hide TabNoteHead
  \once \hide NoteHead
  \once \hide Stem
  \once \override NoteHead.no-ledgers = ##t
  \once \override Glissando.bound-details.left.padding = #0.3
}

```

```

music= \relative c' {
  \grace { \hideFretNumber d8\2 \glissando s2 } g2\2
  \grace { \hideFretNumber g8\2 \glissando s2 } d2 |

  \grace { \hideFretNumber c,8 \glissando s } f4\5^\markup \tiny { Slide into }
  \grace { \hideFretNumber f8 \glissando s } a4\4
  \grace { \hideFretNumber e'8\3 \glissando s } b4\3^\markup \tiny { Slide from }
  \grace { \hideFretNumber b'8 \glissando s2 } g4 |
}

```

```

\score {
  <<
    \new Staff {
      \clef "G_8"
      \music
    }
    \new TabStaff {
      \music
    }
  >>
}

\paper { tagline = ##f }

```

Guitar strum rhythms

For guitar music, it is possible to show strum rhythms, along with melody notes, chord names and fret diagrams.

```

\include "predefined-guitar-fretboards.ly"
<<
  \new ChordNames {
    \chordmode {
      c1 | f | g | c
    }
  }
  \new FretBoards {
    \chordmode {
      c1 | f | g | c
    }
  }
  \new Voice \with {
    \consists "Pitch_squash_engraver"
  } {
    \relative c'' {
      \improvisationOn
      c4 c8 c c4 c8 c
      f4 f8 f f4 f8 f
      g4 g8 g g4 g8 g
      c4 c8 c c4 c8 c
    }
  }
  \new Voice = "melody" {

```

```

\relative c'' {
  c2 e4 e4
  f2. r4
  g2. a4
  e4 c2.
}
}
\new Lyrics {
  \lyricsto "melody" {
    This is my song.
    I like to sing.
  }
}
>>

```

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two staves. The top staff is a guitar chord chart with four chords: C, F, G, and C. Each chord is represented by a fretboard diagram with fingerings. The bottom staff is a melody line in treble clef, with notes corresponding to the lyrics: 'This is my song. I like to sing.' The notes are: C4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F4 (half), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), C5 (quarter).

Hammer on and pull off

Hammer-on and pull-off can be obtained using slurs.

```

\new TabStaff {
  \relative c' {
    d4( e\2)
    a( g)
  }
}

```

The image shows a guitar tab staff with three strings labeled T, A, and B. The notes are: T (3), A (5), B (5), T (3). A slur is drawn over the notes 5 and 3 on the B string, indicating a hammer-on and pull-off.

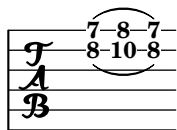
Hammer on and pull off using chords

When using hammer-on or pull-off with chorded notes, only a single arc is drawn. However “double arcs” are possible by setting the `doubleSlurs` property to `#t`.

```

\new TabStaff {
  \relative c' {
    % chord hammer-on and pull-off
    \set doubleSlurs = ##t
    <g' b>8( <a c> <g b>)
  }
}

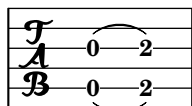
```



Hammer on and pull off using voices

The arc of hammer-on and pull-off is upwards in voices one and three and downwards in voices two and four:

```
\new TabStaff {
  \relative c' {
    << { \voiceOne g2( a) }
    \\ { \voiceTwo a,( b) }
    >> \oneVoice
  }
}
```



How to change fret diagram position

If you want to move the position of a fret diagram, for example, to avoid collision, or to place it between two notes, you have various possibilities:

- 1) modify #'padding or #'extra-offset values (as shown in the first snippet)
- 2) you can add an invisible voice and attach the fret diagrams to the invisible notes in that voice (as shown in the second example).

If you need to move the fret according with a rhythmic position inside the bar (in the example, the third beat of the measure) the second example is better, because the fret is aligned with the third beat itself.

```
\header { tagline = ##f }
```

```
harmonies = \chordmode
{
  a8:13
  % THE FOLLOWING IS THE COMMAND TO MOVE THE CHORD NAME
  \once \override ChordNames.ChordName.extra-offset = #'(10 . 0)
  b8:13 s2.
  % THIS LINE IS THE SECOND METHOD
  s4 s4 b4:13
}
```

```
\score
{
  <<
    \new ChordNames \harmonies
    \new Staff
    {a8~\markup { \fret-diagram "6-x;5-0;4-2;3-0;2-0;1-2;" }
  % THE FOLLOWING IS THE COMMAND TO MOVE THE FRET DIAGRAM
  \once \override TextScript.extra-offset = #'(10 . 0)
  b4.~\markup { \fret-diagram "6-x;5-2;4-4;3-2;2-2;1-4;" } b4. a8\break
```

```
% HERE IS THE SECOND METHOD
```

```
<<
  { a8 b4.~ b4. a8}
  { s4 s4 s4^\markup { \fret-diagram "6-x;5-2;4-4;3-2;2-2;1-4;" }
  }
>>
}
>>
}
```

Jazz combo template

This is quite an advanced template, for a jazz ensemble. Note that all instruments are notated in `\key c \major`. This refers to the key in concert pitch; the key will be automatically transposed if the music is within a `\transpose` section.

```
\header {
  title = "Song"
  subtitle = "(tune)"
  composer = "Me"
  meter = "moderato"
  piece = "Swing"
  tagline = \markup {
    \column {
      "LilyPond example file by Amelie Zapf,"
      "Berlin 07/07/2003"
    }
  }
}

% To make the example display in the documentation
\paper {
  paper-width = 130
}
%#(set-global-staff-size 16)
\include "english.ly"

%%%%%%%%%%%%%% Some macros %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%

sl = {
  \override NoteHead.style = #'slash
```

```

    \hide Stem
}
nsl = {
    \revert NoteHead.style
    \undo \hide Stem
}
crOn = \override NoteHead.style = #'cross
crOff = \revert NoteHead.style

%% insert chord name style stuff here.

jazzChords = { }

%%%%%%%%%%%%%% Keys 'n' thangs %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%

global = { \time 4/4 }

Key = { \key c \major }

% ##### Horns #####

% ----- Trumpet -----
trpt = \transpose c d \relative c' {
    \Key
    c1 | c | c |
}
trpHarmony = \transpose c' d {
    \jazzChords
}
trumpet = {
    \global
    \clef treble
    <<
        \trpt
    >>
}

% ----- Alto Saxophone -----
alto = \transpose c a \relative c' {
    \Key
    c1 | c | c |
}
altoHarmony = \transpose c' a {
    \jazzChords
}
altoSax = {
    \global
    \clef treble
    <<
        \alto
    >>
}

```

```

% ----- Baritone Saxophone -----
bari = \transpose c a' \relative c {
  \Key
  c1
  c1
  \sl
  d4^"Solo" d d d
  \ns1
}
bariHarmony = \transpose c' a \chordmode {
  \jazzChords s1 s d2:maj e:m7
}
bariSax = {
  \global
  \clef treble
  <<
  \bari
  >>
}

% ----- Trombone -----
tbone = \relative c {
  \Key
  c1 | c | c
}
tboneHarmony = \chordmode {
  \jazzChords
}
trombone = {
  \global
  \clef bass
  <<
  \tbone
  >>
}

% ##### Rhythm Section #####

% ----- Guitar -----
gtr = \relative c'' {
  \Key
  c1
  \sl
  b4 b b b
  \ns1
  c1
}
gtrHarmony = \chordmode {
  \jazzChords
  s1 c2:min7+ d2:maj9
}

```

```

guitar = {
  \global
  \clef treble
  <<
    \gtr
  >>
}

%% ----- Piano -----
rhUpper = \relative c' {
  \voiceOne
  \Key
  c1 | c | c
}
rhLower = \relative c' {
  \voiceTwo
  \Key
  e1 | e | e
}

lhUpper = \relative c' {
  \voiceOne
  \Key
  g1 | g | g
}
lhLower = \relative c {
  \voiceTwo
  \Key
  c1 | c | c
}

PianoRH = {
  \clef treble
  \global
  <<
    \new Voice = "one" \rhUpper
    \new Voice = "two" \rhLower
  >>
}
PianoLH = {
  \clef bass
  \global
  <<
    \new Voice = "one" \lhUpper
    \new Voice = "two" \lhLower
  >>
}

piano = {
  <<
    \new Staff = "upper" \PianoRH
    \new Staff = "lower" \PianoLH
  >>
}

```

```

>>
}

% ----- Bass Guitar -----
Bass = \relative c {
  \Key
  c1 | c | c
}
bass = {
  \global
  \clef bass
  <<
  \Bass
  >>
}

% ----- Drums -----
up = \drummode {
  \voiceOne
  hh4 <hh sn> hh <hh sn>
  hh4 <hh sn> hh <hh sn>
  hh4 <hh sn> hh <hh sn>
}
down = \drummode {
  \voiceTwo
  bd4 s bd s
  bd4 s bd s
  bd4 s bd s
}

drumContents = {
  \global
  <<
  \new DrumVoice \up
  \new DrumVoice \down
  >>
}

%%%%%%%%%% It All Goes Together Here %%%%%%%%%%%

\score {
  <<
  \new StaffGroup = "horns" <<
    \new Staff = "trumpet" \with { instrumentName = "Trumpet" }
    \trumpet
    \new Staff = "altosax" \with { instrumentName = "Alto Sax" }
    \altoSax
    \new ChordNames = "barichords" \with { instrumentName = "Trumpet" }
    \bariHarmony
    \new Staff = "barisax" \with { instrumentName = "Bari Sax" }
    \bariSax
    \new Staff = "trombone" \with { instrumentName = "Trombone" }

```

```

\trombone
>>

\new StaffGroup = "rhythm" <<
  \new ChordNames = "chords" \gtrHarmony
  \new Staff = "guitar" \with { instrumentName = "Guitar" }
  \guitar
  \new PianoStaff = "piano" \with {
    instrumentName = "Piano"
    midiInstrument = "acoustic grand"
  }
  \piano
  \new Staff = "bass" \with { instrumentName = "Bass" }
  \bass
  \new DrumStaff \with { instrumentName = "Drums" }
  \drumContents
>>
>>
\layout {
  \context { \Staff \RemoveEmptyStaves }
  \context {
    \Score
    \override BarNumber.padding = 3
    \override RehearsalMark.padding = 2
    skipBars = ##t
  }
}
\midi { }
}

```

Song

(tune)

Me

moderato

Swing

Trumpet

Alto Sax

Bari Sax

Trombone

Guitar

Piano

Bass

Drums

B^Δ C#m⁷

Cm^Δ D^{Δ9}

Laissez vibrer ties

Laissez vibrer ties have a fixed size. Their formatting can be tuned using 'tie-configuration.

```
\relative c' {
  <c e g>4\laissezVibrer r <c f g>\laissezVibrer r
  <c d f g>4\laissezVibrer r <c d f g>4.\laissezVibrer r8

  <c d e f>4\laissezVibrer r
  \override LaissezVibrerTieColumn.tie-configuration
    = #`((-7 . ,DOWN)
      (-5 . ,DOWN)
      (-3 . ,UP)
      (-1 . ,UP))
  <c d e f>4\laissezVibrer r
}
```



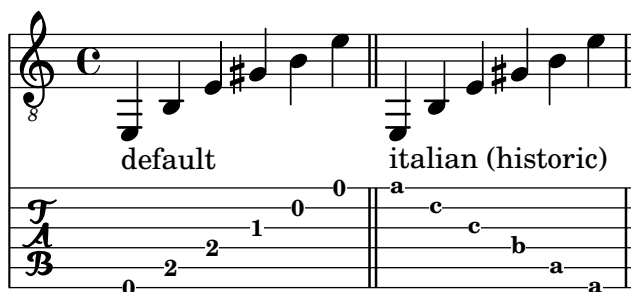
Let TabStaff print the topmost string at bottom

In tablatures usually the first string is printed topmost. If you want to have it at the bottom change the `stringOneTopmost`-context-property. For a context-wide setting this could be done in layout as well.

```
%\layout {
%  \context {
%    \Score
%      stringOneTopmost = ##f
%  }
%  \context {
%    \TabStaff
%      tablatureFormat = #fret-letter-tablature-format
%  }
%}
```

```
m = {
  \cadenzaOn
  e, b, e gis! b e'
  \bar "||"
}
```

```
<<
  \new Staff { \clef "G_8" <>_"default" \m <>_"italian (historic)"\m }
  \new TabStaff
  {
    \m
    \set Score.stringOneTopmost = ##f
    \set TabStaff.tablatureFormat = #fret-letter-tablature-format
    \m
  }
>>
```



Letter tablature formatting

Tablature can be formatted using letters instead of numbers.

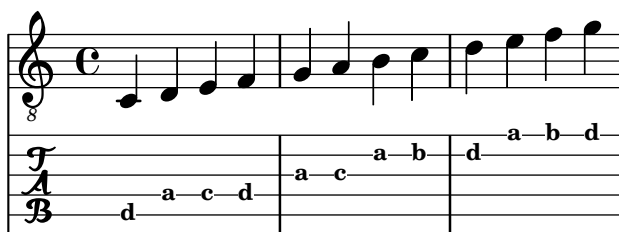
```
music = \relative c {
  c4 d e f
  g4 a b c
}
```

```

d4 e f g
}

<<
\new Staff {
  \clef "G_8"
  \music
}
\new TabStaff \with {
  tablatureFormat = #fret-letter-tablature-format
}
{
  \music
}
>>

```



Open string harmonics in tablature

This snippet demonstrates open-string harmonics.

```

openStringHarmonics = {
  \textSpannerDown
  \override TextSpanner.staff-padding = 3
  \override TextSpanner.dash-fraction = 0.3
  \override TextSpanner.dash-period = 1

  %first harmonic
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.text =
    \markup\small "1st harm. "
  \harmonicByFret 12 e,\6\startTextSpan
  \harmonicByRatio #1/2 e,\6\stopTextSpan

  %second harmonic
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.text =
    \markup\small "2nd harm. "
  \harmonicByFret 7 e,\6\startTextSpan
  \harmonicByRatio #1/3 e,\6
  \harmonicByFret 19 e,\6
  \harmonicByRatio #2/3 e,\6\stopTextSpan
  %\harmonicByFret 19 < e,\6 a,\5 d\4 >
  %\harmonicByRatio #2/3 < e,\6 a,\5 d\4 >

  %third harmonic
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.text =
    \markup\small "3rd harm. "
  \harmonicByFret 5 e,\6\startTextSpan

```

```

\harmonicByRatio #1/4 e,\6
\harmonicByFret 24 e,\6
\harmonicByRatio #3/4 e,\6\stopTextSpan
\break

%fourth harmonic
\override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.text =
  \markup\small "4th harm. "
\harmonicByFret 4 e,\6\startTextSpan
\harmonicByRatio #1/5 e,\6
\harmonicByFret 9 e,\6
\harmonicByRatio #2/5 e,\6
\harmonicByFret 16 e,\6
\harmonicByRatio #3/5 e,\6\stopTextSpan

%fifth harmonic
\override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.text =
  \markup\small "5th harm. "
\harmonicByFret 3 e,\6\startTextSpan
\harmonicByRatio #1/6 e,\6\stopTextSpan
\break

%sixth harmonic
\override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.text =
  \markup\small "6th harm. "
\harmonicByFret 2.7 e,\6\startTextSpan
\harmonicByRatio #1/7 e,\6\stopTextSpan

%seventh harmonic
\override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.text =
  \markup\small "7th harm. "
\harmonicByFret 2.3 e,\6\startTextSpan
\harmonicByRatio #1/8 e,\6\stopTextSpan

%eighth harmonic
\override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.text =
  \markup\small "8th harm. "
\harmonicByFret 2 e,\6\startTextSpan
\harmonicByRatio #1/9 e,\6\stopTextSpan
}

\score {
  <<
    \new Staff
    \with { \omit StringNumber } {
      \new Voice {
        \clef "treble_8"
        \openStringHarmonics
      }
    }
    \new TabStaff {
      \new TabVoice {

```

```

\openStringHarmonics
}
}
>>
}

```

```

\paper { tagline = ##f }

```

8 *1st harm.* *2nd harm.* *3rd harm.*

(12) (12) (7) (7) (19) (19) (5) (5) (24) (24)

6 *4th harm.* *5th harm.*

(4) (4) (9) (9) (16) (16) (3) (3)

10 *6th harm.* *7th harm.* *8th harm.*

(2.7) (2.7) (2.3) (2.3) (2) (2)

Placement of right-hand fingerings

It is possible to exercise greater control over the placement of right-hand fingerings by setting a specific property, as demonstrated in the following example.

```

#(define RH rightHandFinger)

```

```

\relative c {
  \clef "treble_8"

  \set strokeFingerOrientations = #'(up down)
  <c\RH 1 e\RH 2 g\RH 3 c\RH 4 >4

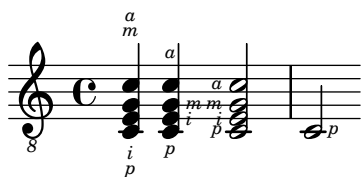
  \set strokeFingerOrientations = #'(up right down)
  <c\RH 1 e\RH 2 g\RH 3 c\RH 4 >4

  \set strokeFingerOrientations = #'(left)
  <c\RH 1 e\RH 2 g\RH 3 c\RH 4 >2

  \set strokeFingerOrientations = #'(right)
  c\RH 1

```

}



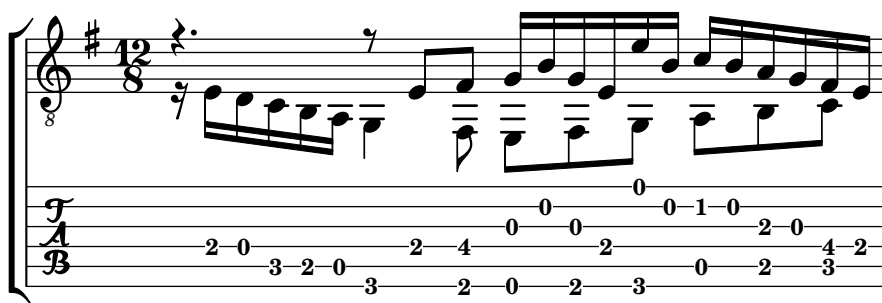
Polyphony in tablature

Polyphony is created the same way in a TabStaff as in a regular staff.

```
upper = \relative c' {
  \time 12/8
  \key e \minor
  \voiceOne
  r4. r8 e, fis g16 b g e e' b c b a g fis e
}
```

```
lower = \relative c {
  \key e \minor
  \voiceTwo
  r16 e d c b a g4 fis8 e fis g a b c
}
```

```
\score {
  <<
    \new StaffGroup = "tab with traditional" <<
      \new Staff = "guitar traditional" <<
        \clef "treble_8"
        \new Voice = "upper" \upper
        \new Voice = "lower" \lower
      >>
      \new TabStaff = "guitar tab" <<
        \new TabVoice = "upper" \upper
        \new TabVoice = "lower" \lower
      >>
    >>
  >>
}
```



Slides in tablature

Slides can be typeset in both Staff and TabStaff contexts.

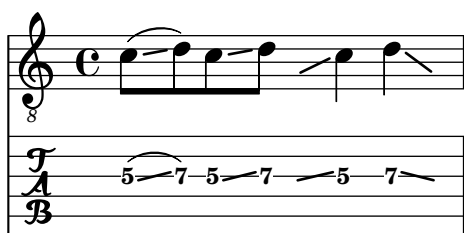
```
slides = {
```

```

c'8\3(\glissando d'8\3)
c'8\3\glissando d'8\3
\hideNotes
\grace { g16\glissando }
\unHideNotes
c'4\3
\afterGrace d'4\3\glissando {
\stemDown \hideNotes
g16 }
\unHideNotes
}

\score {
  <<
    \new Staff { \clef "treble_8" \slides }
    \new TabStaff { \slides }
  >>
  \layout {
    \context {
      \Score
      \override Glissando.minimum-length = 4
      \override Glissando.springs-and-rods =
        #ly:spanner::set-spacing-rods
      \override Glissando.thickness = 2
      \omit StringNumber
      % or:
      \%override StringNumber.stencil = ##f
    }
  }
}

```



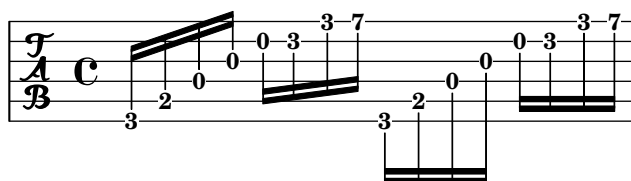
Stem and beam behavior in tablature

The direction of stems is controlled the same way in tablature as in traditional notation. Beams can be made horizontal, as shown in this example.

```

\new TabStaff {
  \relative c {
    \tabFullNotation
    g16 b d g b d g b
    \stemDown
    \override Beam.concaveness = 10000
    g,,16 b d g b d g b
  }
}

```

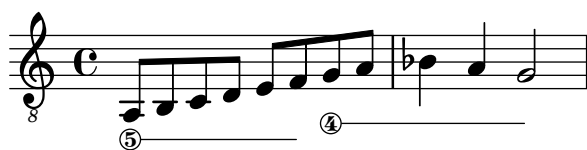


String number extender lines

Make an extender line for string number indications, showing that a series of notes is supposed to be played all on the same string.

```
stringNumberSpanner =
  #(define-music-function (StringNumber) (string?)
    #{
      \override TextSpanner.style = #'solid
      \override TextSpanner.font-size = #-5
      \override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.stencil-align-dir-y = #CENTER
      \override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.text =
        \markup { \circle \number $StringNumber }
    #})
```

```
\relative c {
  \clef "treble_8"
  \stringNumberSpanner "5"
  \textSpannerDown
  a8\startTextSpan
  b c d e f\stopTextSpan
  \stringNumberSpanner "4"
  g\startTextSpan a
  bes4 a g2\stopTextSpan
}
```



Unfretted strings

See also Section “Unfretted string instruments” in *Notation Reference*.

Creating slurs across voices

In some situations, it may be necessary to create slurs between notes from different voices. The solution is to add invisible notes to one of the voices, using `\hideNotes`.

This example is measure 235 of the Ciaccona from Bach’s 2nd Partita for solo violin, BWV 1004.

```
\relative c' {
  <<
    {
      d16( a') s a s a[ s a] s a[ s a]
    }
    \\\
    {
      \slurUp
      bes,16[ s e](
      \hideNotes a)
      \unHideNotes f[(
      \hideNotes a)
      \unHideNotes fis](
      \hideNotes a)
      \unHideNotes g[(
      \hideNotes a)
      \unHideNotes gis](
      \hideNotes a)
    }
  >>
}
```



Dotted harmonics

Artificial harmonics using `\harmonic` do not show dots. To override this behavior, set the context property `harmonicDots`.

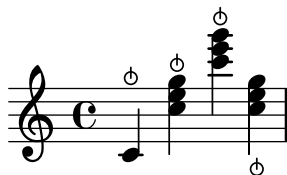
```
\relative c' '' {
  \time 3/4
  \key f \major
  \set harmonicDots = ##t
  <bes f'\harmonic>2. ~
  <bes f'\harmonic>4. <a e'\harmonic>8( <gis dis'\harmonic> <g d'\harmonic>)
  <fis cis'\harmonic>2.
  <bes f'\harmonic>2.
}
```



Snap-pizzicato or Bartok pizzicato

A snap-pizzicato (also known as “Bartok pizzicato”) is a “strong pizzicato where the string is plucked vertically by snapping and rebounds off the fingerboard of the instrument” (Wikipedia). It is denoted by a circle with a vertical line going from the center upwards outside the circle.

```
\relative c' {
  c4\snappizzicato
  <c' e g>4\snappizzicato
  <c' e g>4^\snappizzicato
  <c, e g>4_\snappizzicato
}
```



String quartet template (simple)

This template demonstrates a simple string quartet. It also uses a `\global` section for time and key signatures

```
global= {
  \time 4/4
  \key c \major
}

violinOne = \new Voice \relative c' {
  c2 d
  e1
  \bar "|"
}

violinTwo = \new Voice \relative c' {
  g2 f
  e1
  \bar "|"
}

viola = \new Voice \relative c' {
  \clef alto
  e2 d
  c1
  \bar "|"
}

cello = \new Voice \relative c' {
```

```

\clef bass
c2 b
a1
\bar "|"
}

\score {
  \new StaffGroup <<
    \new Staff \with { instrumentName = "Violin 1" }
    << \global \violinOne >>
    \new Staff \with { instrumentName = "Violin 2" }
    << \global \violinTwo >>
    \new Staff \with { instrumentName = "Viola" }
    << \global \viola >>
    \new Staff \with { instrumentName = "Cello" }
    << \global \cello >>
  >>
  \layout { }
  \midi { }
}

```

String quartet template with separate parts

The “String quartet template” snippet produces a nice string quartet, but what if you needed to print parts? This new template demonstrates how to use the `\tag` feature to easily split a piece into individual parts.

You need to split this template into separate files; the filenames are contained in comments at the beginning of each file. `piece.ly` contains all the music definitions. The other files – `score.ly`, `vn1.ly`, `vn2.ly`, `vla.ly`, and `vlc.ly` – produce the appropriate part.

Do not forget to remove specified comments when using separate files!

```

% piece.ly
% (This is the global definitions file)

```

```

global= {
  \time 4/4
  \key c \major
}

```

```

Violinone = \new Voice \relative c' {
  c2 d e1
  \bar "|."
}

Violintwo = \new Voice \relative c' {
  g2 g e1
  \bar "|."
}

Viola = \new Voice \relative c' {
  \clef alto
  e2 d c1
  \bar "|."
}

Cello = \new Voice \relative c' {
  \clef bass
  c2 b a1
  \bar "|."
}

music = {
  <<
    \tag #'score \tag #'vn1
    \new Staff \with { instrumentName = "Violin 1" }
    << \global \Violinone >>

    \tag #'score \tag #'vn2
    \new Staff \with { instrumentName = "Violin 2" }
    << \global \Violintwo >>

    \tag #'score \tag #'vla
    \new Staff \with { instrumentName = "Viola" }
    << \global \Viola >>

    \tag #'score \tag #'vlc
    \new Staff \with { instrumentName = "Cello" }
    << \global \Cello >>
  >>
}

% These are the other files you need to save on your computer

% score.ly
% (This is the main file)

% uncomment the line below when using a separate file
%\include "piece.ly"

#(set-global-staff-size 14)

```

```

\score {
  \new StaffGroup \keepWithTag #'score \music
  \layout { }
  \midi { }
}

%{ Uncomment this block when using separate files

% vn1.ly
% (This is the Violin 1 part file)

\include "piece.ly"
\score {
  \keepWithTag #'vn1 \music
  \layout { }
}

% vn2.ly
% (This is the Violin 2 part file)

\include "piece.ly"
\score {
  \keepWithTag #'vn2 \music
  \layout { }
}

% vla.ly
% (This is the Viola part file)

\include "piece.ly"
\score {
  \keepWithTag #'vla \music
  \layout { }
}

% vlc.ly
% (This is the Cello part file)

\include "piece.ly"
\score {
  \keepWithTag #'vlc \music
  \layout { }
}

%}

```

Violin 1

Violin 2

Viola

Cello

The image shows a musical score for four string instruments: Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, and Cello. The score is written in common time (C) and consists of two measures. Violin 1 and Violin 2 are in treble clef, Viola is in alto clef, and Cello is in bass clef. The notes are as follows:

Instrument	Measure 1	Measure 2
Violin 1	G4, A4	B4, A4, G4
Violin 2	F#4, G4	A4, B4, A4, G4
Viola	E4, F#4	G4, A4, G4, F#4
Cello	D3, E3	F3, G3, F3, E3

Winds

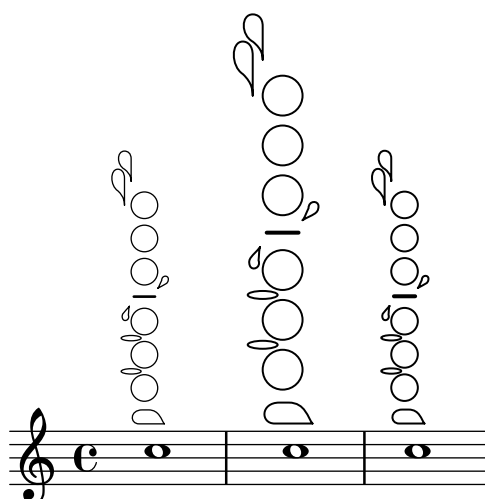
See also Section “Wind instruments” in *Notation Reference*.

Changing the size of woodwind diagrams

The size and thickness of woodwind diagrams can be changed.

```
\relative c' ' {
  \textLengthOn
  c1^\markup
    \woodwind-diagram
    #'piccolo
    #'()

  c^\markup
    \override #'(size . 1.5) {
      \woodwind-diagram
      #'piccolo
      #'()
    }
  c^\markup
    \override #'(thickness . 0.15) {
      \woodwind-diagram
      #'piccolo
      #'()
    }
}
```



Fingering symbols for wind instruments

Special symbols can be achieved by combining existing glyphs, which is useful for wind instruments.

```
lineup =
  \tweak outside-staff-padding #0
  \tweak staff-padding #0
  \tweak padding #0.2
  \tweak parent-alignment-X #CENTER
```

```

\tweak self-alignment-X #CENTER
\etc

\relative c' {
  g\open
  g\lineup ~\markup \combine
    \musicglyph "scripts.open"
    \musicglyph "scripts.tenuto"
  g\lineup ~\markup \combine
    \musicglyph "scripts.open"
    \musicglyph "scripts.stopped"
  g\stopped
}

```



Flute slap notation

It is possible to indicate special articulation techniques such as a flute “tongue slap” by replacing the note head with the appropriate glyph. For that we can draw the accent-like note head with `\markup`.

```

slap =
#(define-music-function (music) (ly:music?)
#{
  \temporary \override NoteHead.stencil = #ly:text-interface::print
  \temporary \override NoteHead.text =
    \markup
      \translate #'(1 . 0)
      \override #'(thickness . 1.4)
      \overlay {
        \draw-line #'(-1.2 . 0.4)
        \draw-line #'(-1.2 . -0.4)
      }
  \temporary \override NoteHead.stem-attachment =
  #(lambda (grob)
    (let* ((stem (ly:grob-object grob 'stem))
          (dir (ly:grob-property stem 'direction UP))
          (is-up (eqv? dir UP)))
      (cons dir (if is-up 0 -0.8))))
  #music
  \revert NoteHead.stencil
  \revert NoteHead.text
  \revert NoteHead.stem-attachment
#})

\relative c' {
  c4 \slap c d r
  \slap { g4 a } b r
}

```

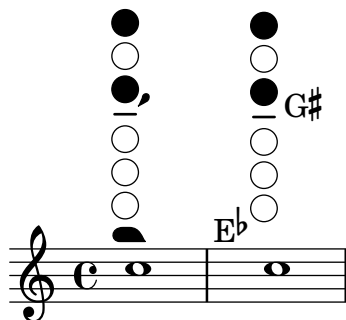


Graphical and text woodwind diagrams

In many cases, the keys other than the central column can be displayed by key name as well as by graphical means.

```
\relative c' {
  \textLengthOn
  c1^\markup
    \woodwind-diagram
      #'piccolo
      #'((cc . (one three))
        (lh . (gis))
        (rh . (ees)))

  c^\markup
    \override #'(graphical . #f) {
      \woodwind-diagram
        #'piccolo
        #'((cc . (one three))
          (lh . (gis))
          (rh . (ees)))
    }
}
```



Recorder fingering chart

The following example demonstrates how fingering charts for wind instruments can be realized.

% range chart for paetzold contrabass recorder

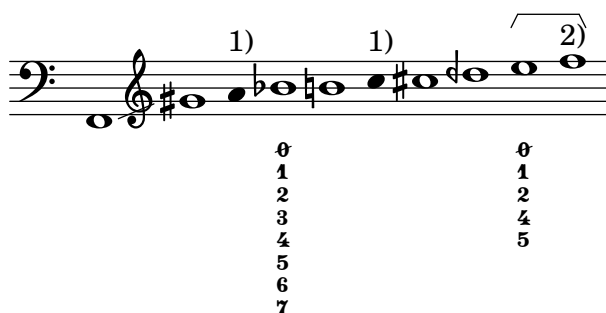
```
centermarkup = {
  \once \override TextScript.self-alignment-X = #CENTER
  \once \override TextScript.X-offset = #(lambda (g)
    (+ (ly:self-alignment-interface::centered-on-x-parent g)
      (ly:self-alignment-interface::x-aligned-on-self g)))
}

\score {
  \new Staff \with {
    \remove "Time_signature_engraver"
```

```

\omit Stem
\omit Flag
\consists "Horizontal_bracket_engraver"
}
{
\clef bass
\set Score.timing = ##f
f,1*1/4 \glissando
\clef violin
gis'1*1/4
\stemDown a'4^\markup "1)"
\centermarkup
\once \override TextScript.padding = 2
bes'1*1/4_\markup \override #'(baseline-skip . 1.7) \column
{ \fontsize #-5 \slashed-digit #0 \finger 1 \finger 2
  \finger 3 \finger 4 \finger 5 \finger 6 \finger 7 }
b'1*1/4
c''4^\markup "1)"
\centermarkup
\once \override TextScript.padding = 2
cis''1*1/4
deh''1*1/4
\centermarkup
\once \override TextScript.padding = 2
\once \override Staff.HorizontalBracket.direction = #UP
e''1*1/4_\markup \override #'(baseline-skip . 1.7) \column
{ \fontsize #-5 \slashed-digit #0 \finger 1 \finger 2
  \finger 4 \finger 5}\startGroup
f''1*1/4^\markup "2)"\stopGroup
}
}

```



Woodwind diagrams key lists

The snippet below produces a list of all possible keys and key settings for woodwind diagrams as defined in `scm/define-woodwind-diagrams.scm`. The list will be displayed in the log file, but not in the music. If output to the console is wanted, omit the `(current-error-port)` from the commands.

```

#(print-keys-verbose 'piccolo (current-error-port))
#(print-keys-verbose 'flute (current-error-port))
#(print-keys-verbose 'flute-b-extension (current-error-port))
#(print-keys-verbose 'tin-whistle (current-error-port))
#(print-keys-verbose 'oboe (current-error-port))

```

```

#(print-keys-verbose 'clarinet (current-error-port))
#(print-keys-verbose 'bass-clarinet (current-error-port))
#(print-keys-verbose 'low-bass-clarinet (current-error-port))
#(print-keys-verbose 'saxophone (current-error-port))
#(print-keys-verbose 'soprano-saxophone (current-error-port))
#(print-keys-verbose 'alto-saxophone (current-error-port))
#(print-keys-verbose 'tenor-saxophone (current-error-port))
#(print-keys-verbose 'baritone-saxophone (current-error-port))
#(print-keys-verbose 'bassoon (current-error-port))
#(print-keys-verbose 'contrabassoon (current-error-port))

```

```
\score {c'1}
```



Woodwind diagrams listing

The following music shows all of the woodwind diagrams currently defined in LilyPond.

```

\layout {
  indent = 0
}

\relative c' {
  \textLengthOn
  c1~
  \markup {
    \center-column {
      'tin-whistle
      " "
      \woodwind-diagram
      #'tin-whistle
      #'()
    }
  }

  c1~
  \markup {
    \center-column {
      'piccolo
      " "
      \woodwind-diagram
      #'piccolo
      #'()
    }
  }

  c1~
  \markup {
    \center-column {
      'flute

```

```

        " "
        \woodwind-diagram
        #'flute
        #'()
    }
}
c1^\markup {
  \center-column {
    'oboe
    " "
    \woodwind-diagram
    #'oboe
    #'()
  }
}

c1^\markup {
  \center-column {
    'clarinet
    " "
    \woodwind-diagram
    #'clarinet
    #'()
  }
}

c1^\markup {
  \center-column {
    'bass-clarinet
    " "
    \woodwind-diagram
    #'bass-clarinet
    #'()
  }
}

c1^\markup {
  \center-column {
    'saxophone
    " "
    \woodwind-diagram
    #'saxophone
    #'()
  }
}

c1^\markup {
  \center-column {
    'bassoon
    " "
    \woodwind-diagram
    #'bassoon
  }
}

```

```

#' ( )
}
}

c1~\markup {
  \center-column {
    'contrabassoon
    " "
    \woodwind-diagram
    #'contrabassoon
    #' ( )
  }
}
}

```

The image displays a musical score for a winds section, organized into two systems of staves. Each staff is labeled with an instrument name and contains a woodwind diagram.

Top System:

- 'tin-whistle:** A vertical staff with a series of circles representing finger holes.
- 'piccolo:** A vertical staff with a series of circles and a small 'p' at the bottom.
- 'flute:** A vertical staff with a series of circles and a small 'f' at the bottom.
- 'oboe:** A vertical staff with a series of circles and a small 'o' at the bottom.
- 'clarinet:** A vertical staff with a series of circles and a small 'c' at the bottom.

Bottom System:

- 'bass-clarinete:** A vertical staff with a series of circles and a small 'b' at the bottom.
- 'saxophone:** A vertical staff with a series of circles and a small 's' at the bottom.
- 'bassoon:** A vertical staff with a series of circles and a small 'b' at the bottom.
- 'contrabassoon:** A vertical staff with a series of circles and a small 'c' at the bottom.

Each staff is preceded by a treble clef and a common time signature 'C'. The staves are connected by a horizontal line. The bottom system is preceded by a measure number '6'.

Ancient notation

See also Section “Ancient notation” in *Notation Reference*.

Adding a figured bass above or below the notes

When writing a figured bass, you can place the figures above or below the bass notes, by defining the `BassFigureAlignmentPositioning.direction` property (exclusively in a `Staff` context). Choices are `#UP` (or `#1`), `#CENTER` (or `#0`) and `#DOWN` (or `#-1`).

This property can be changed as many times as you wish. Use `\once \override` if you don't want the override to apply to the whole score.

```

bass = {
  \clef bass
  g4 b, c d
  e d8 c d2
}

continuo = \figuremode {
  <_>4 <6>4 <5/>4
  \override Staff.BassFigureAlignmentPositioning.direction = #UP
  %\bassFigureStaffAlignmentUp
  <_+ >4 <6>
  \set Staff.useBassFigureExtenders = ##t
  \override Staff.BassFigureAlignmentPositioning.direction = #DOWN
  %\bassFigureStaffAlignmentDown
  <4>4. <4>8 <_+>4
}

\score {
  <<
    \new Staff = bassStaff \bass
    \context Staff = bassStaff \continuo
  >>
}

```



Ancient fonts

Shown here are many of the symbols that are included in LilyPond's ancient notation.

```

\paper { tagline = ##f }

m = { c1 e f ges cis' \bar "||" }

\score {
  \new VaticanaVoice {
    \override NoteHead.style = #'vaticana.punctum
    \key es \major
    \textMark \markup \rounded-box "Vaticana clefs, custos and note heads"
  }
}

```

```

\clef "vaticana-fa2"
<>^"vaticana.punctum"
\m

\override NoteHead.style = #'vaticana.inclinatum
<>^"vaticana.inclinatum"
\m

\override NoteHead.style = #'vaticana.quilisma
<>^"vaticana.quilisma"
\m
\clef "vaticana-fa1"

\override NoteHead.style = #'vaticana.plica
<>^"vaticana.plica"
\m

\override NoteHead.style = #'vaticana.reverse.plica
<>^"vaticana.reverse.plica"
\m

\override NoteHead.style = #'vaticana.punctum.cavum
<>^"vaticana.punctum.cavum"
\m

\override NoteHead.style = #'vaticana.lpes
<>^"vaticana.punctum.lpes"
\m

\override NoteHead.style = #'vaticana.upes
<>^"vaticana.punctum.upes"
\m

\override NoteHead.style = #'vaticana.vupes
<>^"vaticana.punctum.vupes"
\m

\override NoteHead.style = #'vaticana.linea.punctum
<>^"vaticana.punctum.linea"
\m

\override NoteHead.style = #'vaticana.epiphonus
<>^"vaticana.punctum.epiphonus"
\m

\override NoteHead.style = #'vaticana.cephalicus
<>^"vaticana.punctum.cephalicus"
\m

\break

\textMark \markup \rounded-box "Medicaea clefs, custos and note heads"

```

```

\set VaticanaStaff.alterationGlyphs =
  #alteration-medicaea-glyph-name-alist
\override VaticanaStaff.Custos.style = #'medicaea
\clef "medicaea-fa2"

\override NoteHead.style = #'medicaea.punctum
<>^"medicaea.punctum"
\m
\clef "medicaea-do2"

\override NoteHead.style = #'medicaea.inclinatum
<>^"medicaea.inclinatum"
\m

\override NoteHead.style = #'medicaea.virga
<>^"medicaea.virga"
\m
\clef "medicaea-fa1"

\override NoteHead.style = #'medicaea.rvirga
<>^"medicaea.rvirga"
\m

\break

\textMark \markup \rounded-box "Hufnagel clefs, custos and note heads"

\set Staff.alterationGlyphs =
  #alteration-hufnagel-glyph-name-alist
\override VaticanaStaff.Custos.style = #'hufnagel
\clef "hufnagel-fa2"

\break

\override NoteHead.style = #'hufnagel.punctum
<>^"hufnagel.punctum"
\m
\clef "hufnagel-do2"

\override NoteHead.style = #'hufnagel.lpes
<>^"hufnagel.lpes"
\m
\clef "hufnagel-do-fa"

\override NoteHead.style = #'hufnagel.virga
<>^"hufnagel.virga"
\m
}
\layout {
  indent = 0.0
  \context {

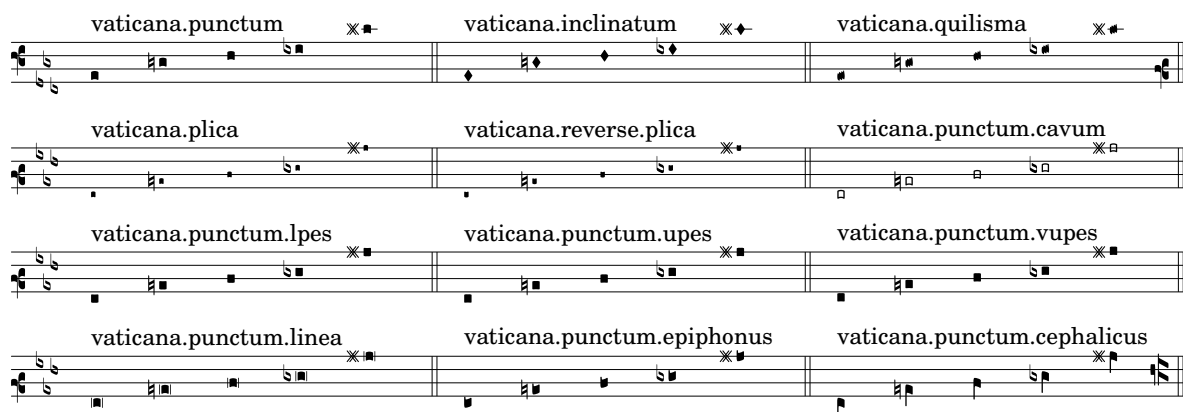
```

```

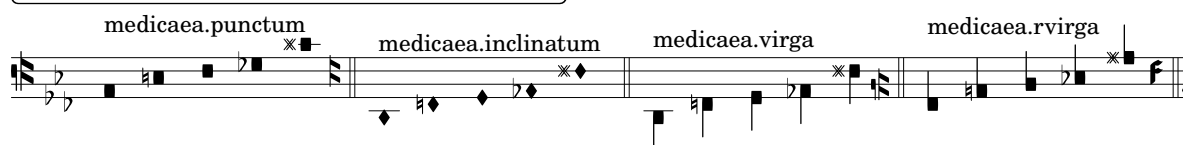
\Score
\override TextScript.font-size = #-2
\override TextMark.break-align-symbols = #'(left-edge clef staff-bar)
\override TextMark.padding = 4
\omit BarNumber
}
\context {
  \VaticanaStaff
  alterationGlyphs =
    #alteration-vaticana-glyph-name-alist
  \override Clef.space-alist =
    #(grob-transformer 'space-alist
      (lambda (grob orig)
        (acons 'custos '(extra-space . 0.7) orig)))
}
}

```

Vaticana clefs, custos and note heads



Medicaea clefs, custos and note heads



Hufnagel clefs, custos and note heads



Ancient notation template – modern transcription of Gregorian music

This example demonstrates how to do modern transcription of Gregorian music. Gregorian music has no measure, no stems; it uses only half and quarter note heads, and special marks, indicating rests of different length.

```

chant = \relative c' {
  \set Score.timing = ##f

```

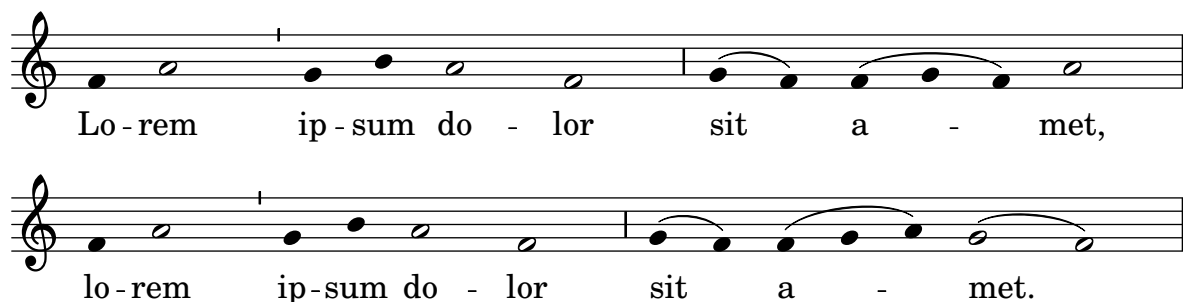
```

f4 a2 \divisioMinima
g4 b a2 f2 \divisioMaior
g4( f) f( g f) a2 \finalis \break
f4 a2 \divisioMinima
g4 b a2 f2 \divisioMaior
g4( f) f( g a) g2( f) \finalis
}

verba = \lyricmode {
  Lo -- rem ip -- sum do -- lor sit a -- met,
  lo -- rem ip -- sum do -- lor sit a -- met.
}

\score {
  \new GregorianTranscriptionStaff <<
    \new GregorianTranscriptionVoice = "melody" \chant
    \new GregorianTranscriptionLyrics = "one" \lyricsto melody \verba
  >>
}

```



Ancient time signatures

Time signatures may also be engraved in an old style.

```

{
  \override Staff.TimeSignature.style = #'neomensural
  s1
}

```



Chant or psalms notation

This form of notation is used for Psalm chant, where verses aren't always the same length.

```

stemOff = \hide Staff.Stem
stemOn  = \undo \stemOff

```

```

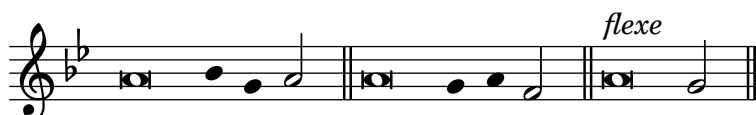
\score {
  \new Staff \with { \remove "Time_signature_engraver" }
  {
    \key g \minor
    \cadenzaOn
  }
}

```

```

\stemOff a'\breve bes'4 g'4
\stemOn a'2 \section
\stemOff a'\breve g'4 a'4
\stemOn f'2 \section
\stemOff a'\breve^\markup { \italic flexe }
\stemOn g'2 \fine
}
}

```



Custodes

Custodes may be engraved in various styles.

```
\layout { ragged-right = ##t }
```

```

\new Staff \with { \consists "Custos_engraver" } \relative c' {
  \override Staff.Custos.neutral-position = #4

```

```

\override Staff.Custos.style = #'hufnagel
c1~"hufnagel" \break
<d a' f'>1

```

```

\override Staff.Custos.style = #'medicaea
c1~"medicaea" \break
<d a' f'>1

```

```

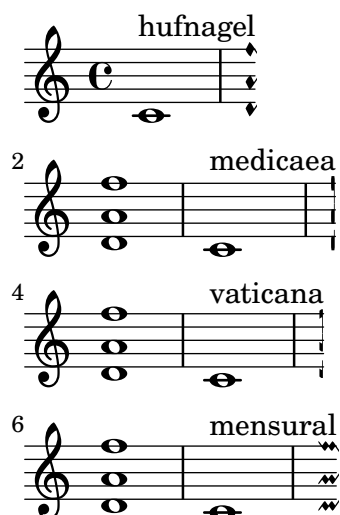
\override Staff.Custos.style = #'vaticana
c1~"vaticana" \break
<d a' f'>1

```

```

\override Staff.Custos.style = #'mensural
c1~"mensural" \break
<d a' f'>1
}

```





Incipit

When transcribing mensural music, an incipit at the beginning of the piece is useful to indicate the original key and tempo. While today musicians are used to bar lines in order to faster recognize rhythmic patterns, bar lines were not yet invented during the period of mensural music; in fact, the meter often changed after every few notes. As a compromise, bar lines are often printed between the staves rather than on the staves.

```
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
% A short excerpt from the Jubilate Deo by Orlande de Lassus
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
```

```
\header { tagline = ##f }
```

```
global = {
  \set Score.skipBars = ##t
  \key g \major
  \time 4/4
```

```

% the actual music
\skip 1*8
```

```

% let finis bar go through all staves
\override Staff.BarLine.transparent = ##f
```

```

% finis bar
\bar "|."
```

```
}
```

```
discantusIncipit = {
  \clef "neomensural-c1"
  \key f \major
  \time 2/2
  c''1.
}
```

```
discantusNotes = {
  \transpose c' c'' {
    \clef "treble"
    d'2. d'4 |
    b e' d'2 |
    c'4 e'4.( d'8 c' b |
    a4) b a2 |
    b4.( c'8 d'4) c'4 |
    \once \hide NoteHead
    c'1 |
    b\breve |
  }
}
```

```
discantusLyrics = \lyricmode {
  Ju -- bi -- la -- te De -- o,
  om -- nis ter -- ra, __ om-
  "...
  -us.
}
```

```
altusIncipit = {
  \clef "neomensural-c3"
  \key f \major
  \time 2/2
  r1 f'1.
}
```

```
altusNotes = {
  \transpose c' c'' {
    \clef "treble"
    r2 g2. e4 fis g |
    a2 g4 e |
    fis g4.( fis16 e fis4) |
    g1 |
    \once \hide NoteHead
    g1 |
    g\breve |
  }
}
```

```
altusLyrics = \lyricmode {
  Ju -- bi -- la -- te
  De -- o, om -- nis ter -- ra,
  "...
  -us.
}
```

```
tenorIncipit = {
  \clef "neomensural-c4"
  \key f \major
  \time 2/2
  r\longa
  r\breve
  r1 c'1.
}
```

```
tenorNotes = {
  \transpose c' c' {
    \clef "treble_8"
    R1 |
    R1 |
    R1 |
    % two measures
    r2 d'2. d'4 b e' |
  }
```

```

    \once \hide NoteHead
    e'1 |
    d'\breve |
  }
}

tenorLyrics = \lyricmode {
  Ju -- bi -- la -- te
  "... "
  -us.
}

bassusIncipit = {
  \clef "mensural-f"
  \key f \major
  \time 2/2
  r\maxima
  f1.
}

bassusNotes = {
  \transpose c' c' {
    \clef "bass"
    R1 |
    R1 |
    R1 |
    R1 |
    g2. e4 |
    \once \hide NoteHead
    e1 |
    g\breve |
  }
}

bassusLyrics = \lyricmode {
  Ju -- bi-
  "... "
  -us.
}

\score {
  <<
  \new StaffGroup = choirStaff <<
  \new Voice = "discantusNotes" <<
    \set Staff.instrumentName = "Discantus"
    \incipit \discantusIncipit
    \global
    \discantusNotes
  >>
  \new Lyrics \lyricsto discantusNotes { \discantusLyrics }
  \new Voice = "altusNotes" <<
    \set Staff.instrumentName = "Altus"

```

```

\global
\incipit \altusIncipit
\altusNotes
>>
\new Lyrics \lyricsto altusNotes { \altusLyrics }
\new Voice = "tenorNotes" <<
  \set Staff.instrumentName = "Tenor"
  \global
  \incipit \tenorIncipit
  \tenorNotes
>>
\new Lyrics \lyricsto tenorNotes { \tenorLyrics }
\new Voice = "bassusNotes" <<
  \set Staff.instrumentName = "Bassus"
  \global
  \incipit \bassusIncipit
  \bassusNotes
>>
\new Lyrics \lyricsto bassusNotes { \bassusLyrics }
>>
>>
\layout {
  \context {
    \Score
    %% no bar lines in staves or lyrics
    \hide BarLine
  }
  %% the next two instructions keep the lyrics between the bar lines
  \context {
    \Lyrics
    \consists "Bar_engraver"
    \consists "Separating_line_group_engraver"
  }
  \context {
    \Voice
    %% no slurs
    \hide Slur
    %% Comment in the below "\remove" command to allow line
    %% breaking also at those bar lines where a note overlaps
    %% into the next measure. The command is commented out in this
    %% short example score, but especially for large scores, you
    %% will typically yield better line breaking and thus improve
    %% overall spacing if you comment in the following command.
    %%\remove "Forbid_line_break_engraver"
  }
  indent = 6\cm
  incipit-width = 4\cm
}
}

```

Discantus

Altus

Tenor

Bassus

3

o, om - nis ter - ra, om - ... -us.

De - o, om - nis ter - ra, ... -us.

Ju - bi - la - te ... -us.

Ju - bi - ... -us.

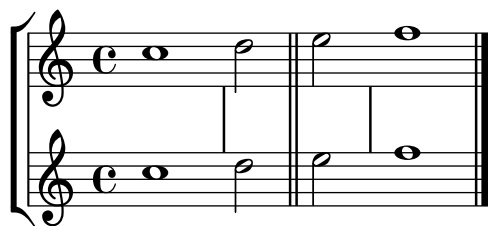
Mensurstriche layout (bar lines between the staves)

Mensurstriche, bar lines between but not through staves, can be printed by setting `measureBarType` to `"-span|"` and using a grouping context that allows span bars, such as `StaffGroup`.

```
\layout {
  \context {
    \Staff
    measureBarType = "-span|"
  }
}
```

```
music = \fixed c'' {
  c1
  d2 \section e2
  f1 \fine
}
```

```
\new StaffGroup <<
  \new Staff \music
  \new Staff \music
>>
```



Rest styles

Rests may be used in various styles.

```
restsA = {
  r\maxima r\longa r\breve r1 r2 r4 r8 r16 s32
  s64 s128 s256 s512 s1024 s1024
}
restsB = {
  r\maxima r\longa r\breve r1 r2 r4 r8 r16 r32
  r64 r128 r256 r512 r1024 s1024
}

\new Staff \relative c {
  \omit Score.TimeSignature
  \cadenzaOn

  \override Staff.Rest.style = #'mensural
  <>\markup \typewriter { mensural } \restsA \bar "" \break

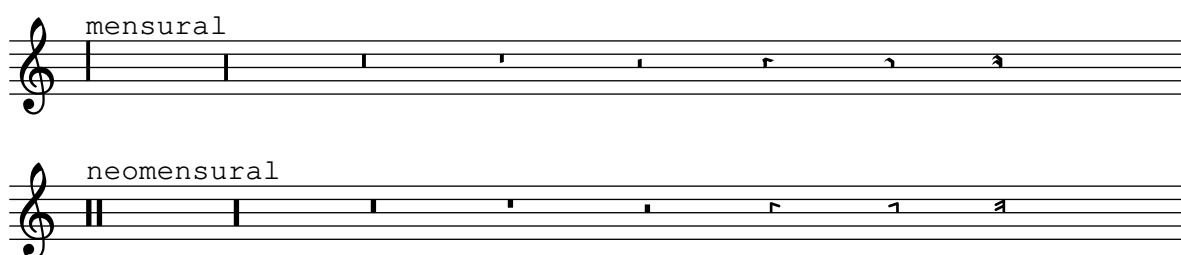
  \override Staff.Rest.style = #'neomensural
  <>\markup \typewriter { neomensural } \restsA \bar "" \break

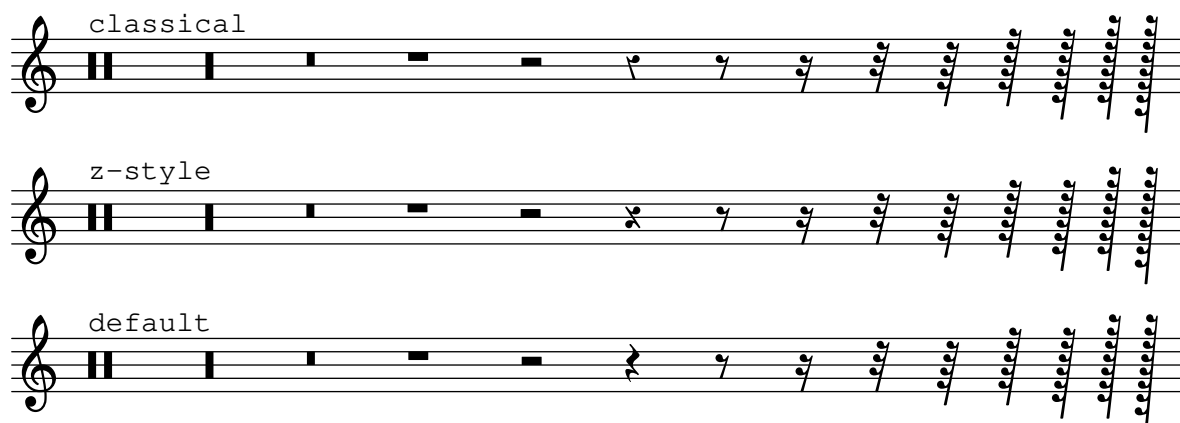
  \override Staff.Rest.style = #'classical
  <>\markup \typewriter { classical } \restsB \bar "" \break

  \override Staff.Rest.style = #'z
  <>\markup \typewriter { z-style } \restsB \bar "" \break

  \override Staff.Rest.style = #'default
  <>\markup \typewriter { default } \restsB \bar "" \break
}

\paper {
  indent = 0
  tagline = ##f
}
```





Using tags to produce mensural and modern music from the same source

Using tags, it is possible to produce both mensural and modern notation from the same music. In this snippet, a function `\menrest` is introduced, allowing mensural rests to be pitched as in the original, but with modern rests in the standard staff position.

Tags can also be used where other differences are needed: for example using “whole measure rests” (`R1`, `R\breve`, etc.) in modern music, but normal rests (`r1`, `r\breve`, etc.) in the mensural version. Converting mensural music to its modern equivalent is usually referred to as *transcription*.

The call `c4.\Be c8 c\Am` is the same as `c4.[c8 c]`. However, it suppresses warnings if it starts on a note that can’t hold a beam but needs it anyway due to the use of `Completion_heads_engraver`.

[The slightly shortened line length of the mensural staff avoids cropping of the custos glyph while LilyPond generates clipped images.]

```
menrest = #(define-music-function (note) (ly:music?)
  #{
    \tag #'mens $(make-music 'RestEvent note)
    \tag #'mod $(make-music 'RestEvent note 'pitch '())
  #})

Be = \tag #'mod
  #(begin
    (ly:expect-warning (G_ "stem does not fit in beam"))
    (ly:expect-warning (G_ "beam was started here"))
    (make-span-event 'BeamEvent START))

Am = \tag #'mod ]

MenStyle = {
  \override Score.BarNumber.transparent = ##t
  \override Stem.neutral-direction = #up
  \omit Slur
  \omit Beam
}

finalis = \section

Music = \relative c'' {
  \key f \major
```

```

g1 d'2 \menrest bes4 bes a2 \menrest r4 g4 fis4.
fis8 fis4 fis g e f4.([ g8] a4[ g8 f]
g2.\Be fis8 e\Am fis2) g\breve \finalis
}

MenLyr = \lyricmode {
  So farre, deere life, deare life,
  from thy bright beames ab- en- ted,
}
ModLyr = \lyricmode {
  So far, dear life, dear life,
  from your bright beams ab -- sen -- ted, --
}

\score {
  \keepWithTag #'mens {
    <<
    \new PetrucciStaff {
      \new PetrucciVoice = "Cantus" {
        \clef "petrucci-c1" \time 4/4 \MenStyle \Music
      }
    }
    \new Lyrics \lyricsto "Cantus" \MenLyr
  } >>
}
\layout {
  line-width = 155\mm

  \context {
    \PetrucciVoice
    % No longer necessary starting with version 2.25.23.
    \override Flag.style = #'mensural
  }
}

\score {
  \keepWithTag #'mod {
    \new ChoirStaff <<
    \new Staff {
      \new Voice = "Sop" \with {
        \remove "Note_heads_engraver"
        \consists "Completion_heads_engraver"
        \remove "Rest_engraver"
        \consists "Completion_rest_engraver"
      } \shiftDurations 1 0 { \time 2/4 \autoBeamOff \Music }
    }
    \new Lyrics \lyricsto "Sop" \ModLyr
  } >>
}
\layout {
  line-width = 157\mm

```

```

}
}

\paper {
  ragged-last = ##t
}

\header { tagline = ##f }

```

So farre, deere life, deare life, from thy bright beames ab-fen-

ted,

So far, dear life, dear life, from your bright beams ab-sen -

6
ted,_____

Vertical line as a baroque articulation mark

This short vertical line placed above the note is commonly used in baroque music. Its meaning can vary, but generally indicates notes that should be played with more “weight”. The following example demonstrates how to achieve such a notation.

```

upline =
\tweak stencil
#(lambda (grob)
  (grob-interpret-markup grob #{ \markup \draw-line #'(0 . 1) #}))
\stopped

\relative c' {
  a'4^\upline a( c d')_\upline
}

```

World music

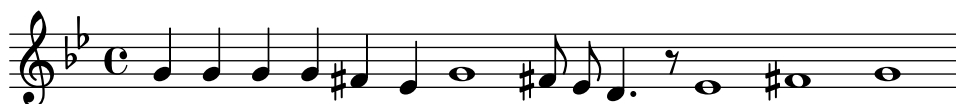
See also Section “World music” in *Notation Reference*.

Arabic improvisation

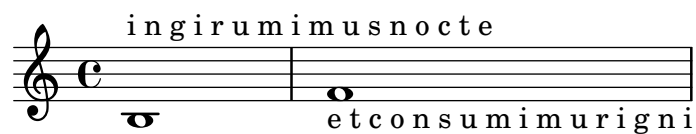
For improvisations or *taqasim* which are temporarily free, the time signature can be omitted and `\cadenzaOn` can be used. Adjusting the accidental style might be required, since the absence of bar lines will cause the accidental to be marked only once. Here is an example of what could be the start of a *hijaz* improvisation:

```
\include "arabic.ly"

\relative sol' {
  \key re \kurd
  \accidentalStyle forget
  \cadenzaOn
  sol4 sol sol sol fad mib sol1 fad8 mib re4. r8 mib1 fad sol
}
```



}



Turkish Makam example

This template uses the start of a well-known Turkish Saz Semai that is familiar in the repertoire in order to illustrate some of the elements of Turkish music notation.

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```

```
% Initialize makam settings
```

```
\include "turkish-makam.ly"
```

```
\header {
```

```
  title = "Hüseyin Saz Semaisi"
```

```
  composer = "Lavtacı Andon"
```

```
}
```

```
\relative {
```

```
  \set Staff.extraNatural = ##f
```

```
  \set Staff.autoBeaming = ##f
```

```
  \key a \huseyni
```

```
  \time 10/8
```

```
  a'4 g'16 [fb] e8. [d16] d [c d e] c [d c8] bfc |
```

```
  a16 [bfc a8] bfc c16 [d c8] d16 [e d8] e4 fb8 |
```

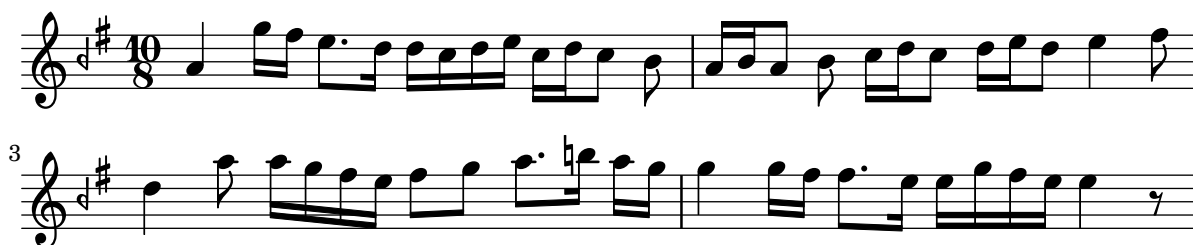
```
  d4 a'8 a16 [g fb e] fb8 [g] a8. [b16] a16 [g] |
```

```
  g4 g16 [fb] fb8. [e16] e [g fb e] e4 r8 |
```

```
}
```

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Contexts and engravers

See also Section “Changing defaults” in *Notation Reference* and Section “Contexts and engravers” in *Learning Manual*.

Adding a figured bass above or below the notes

When writing a figured bass, you can place the figures above or below the bass notes, by defining the `BassFigureAlignmentPositioning.direction` property (exclusively in a `Staff` context). Choices are `#UP` (or `#1`), `#CENTER` (or `#0`) and `#DOWN` (or `#-1`).

This property can be changed as many times as you wish. Use `\once \override` if you don’t want the override to apply to the whole score.

```

bass = {
  \clef bass
  g4 b, c d
  e d8 c d2
}

continuo = \figuremode {
  <_>4 <6>4 <5/>4
  \override Staff.BassFigureAlignmentPositioning.direction = #UP
  %\bassFigureStaffAlignmentUp
  <_+>4 <6>
  \set Staff.useBassFigureExtenders = ##t
  \override Staff.BassFigureAlignmentPositioning.direction = #DOWN
  %\bassFigureStaffAlignmentDown
  <4>4. <4>8 <_+>4
}

\score {
  <<
    \new Staff = bassStaff \bass
    \context Staff = bassStaff \continuo
  >>
}

```



Adding an extra staff

An extra staff can be added (possibly temporarily) after the start of a piece.

```

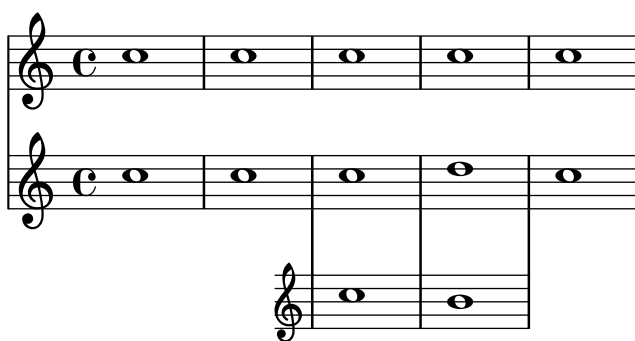
\score {
  <<
    \new Staff \relative c'' {
      c1 | c | c | c | c
    }
    \new StaffGroup \relative c'' {
      \new Staff {
        c1 | c
      }
    }
  >>
}

```

```

    <<
    {
        c1 | d
    }
    \new Staff {
        \once \omit Staff.TimeSignature
        c1 | b
    }
    >>
    c1
}
}
>>
}

```



Adding an extra staff at a line break

When adding a new staff at a line break, some extra space is unfortunately added at the end of the line before the break (to fit in a key signature change, which will never be printed anyway). The workaround is to add a setting of `Staff.explicitKeySignatureVisibility` as is shown in the example.

```

\paper { tagline = ##f }

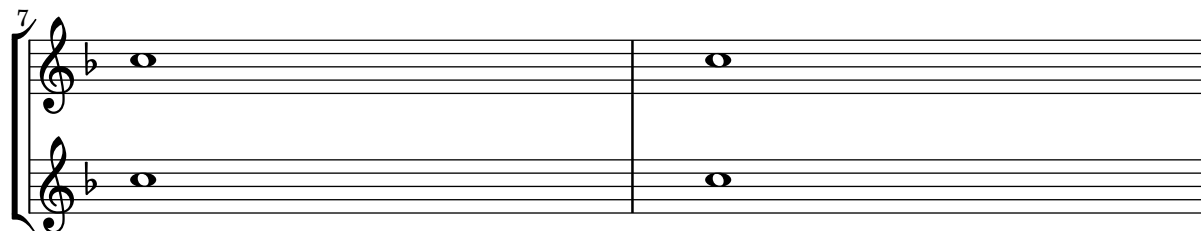
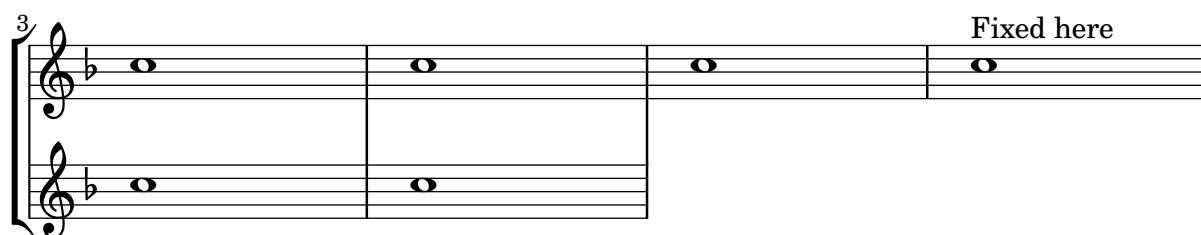
\score {
  \new StaffGroup \relative c'' {
    \new Staff
    \key f \major
    c1 c^"Unwanted extra space" \break
    << { c1 | c }
    \new Staff {
      \key f \major
      \once \omit Staff.TimeSignature
      c1 | c
    }
  }
  >>
  c1 | c^"Fixed here" \break
  << { c1 | c }
  \new Staff {
    \once \set Staff.explicitKeySignatureVisibility = #end-of-line-invisible
    \key f \major
    \once \omit Staff.TimeSignature
    c1 | c
  }
}

```

```

    }
  >>
}

```



Automatically changing the stem direction of the middle note based on the melody

LilyPond can alter the stem direction of the middle note on a staff so that it follows the melody, by adding the `Melody_engraver` to the `Voice` context.

The context property `suspendMelodyDecisions` may be used to turn off this behavior locally.

```

\relative c' {
  \time 3/4
  a8 b g f b g |
  \set suspendMelodyDecisions = ##t
  a b g f b g |
  \unset suspendMelodyDecisions
  c b d c b c |
}

\layout {
  \context {
    \Voice
    \consists "Melody_engraver"
    \autoBeamOff
  }
}

```



Centered measure numbers

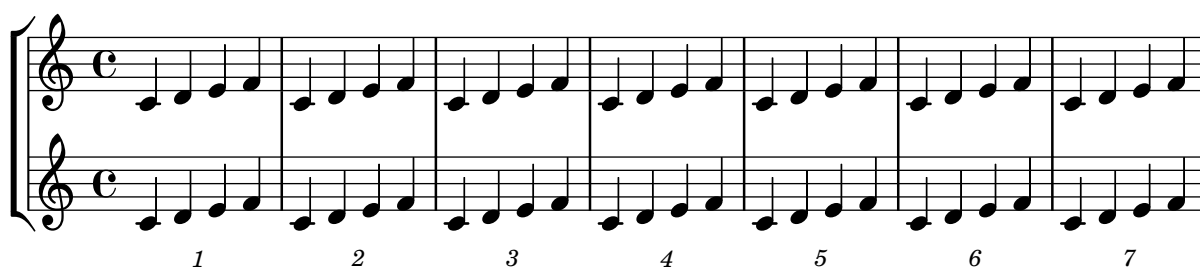
Scores of large ensemble works often have bar numbers placed beneath the system, centered horizontally on the measure's extent. This snippet shows how the `Measure_counter_engraver` may be used to simulate this notational practice. Here, the engraver has been added to a `Dynamics` context.

This snippet presents a legacy method: starting from LilyPond 2.23.3, `\set Score.centerBarNumbers = ##t` is enough.

```
\layout {
  \context {
    \Dynamics
    \consists #Measure_counter_engraver
    \override MeasureCounter.direction = #DOWN
    \override MeasureCounter.font-encoding = #'latin1
    \override MeasureCounter.font-shape = #'italic
    % to control the distance of the Dynamics context from the staff:
    \override VerticalAxisGroup.nonstaff-relatedstaff-spacing.padding = #2
  }
  \context {
    \Score
    \remove "Bar_number_engraver"
  }
}

pattern = \repeat unfold 7 { c'4 d' e' f' }

\new StaffGroup <<
  \new Staff {
    \pattern
  }
  \new Staff {
    \pattern
  }
  \new Dynamics {
    \startMeasureCount
    s1*7
    \stopMeasureCount
  }
>>
```



Changing MIDI output to one channel per voice

When outputting MIDI, the default behavior is for each staff to represent one MIDI channel, with all the voices on a staff amalgamated. This minimizes the risk of running out of MIDI channels, since there are only 16 available per track.

However, by moving the `Staff_performer` to the `Voice` context, each voice on a staff can have its own MIDI channel, as is demonstrated by the following example: despite being on the same staff, two MIDI channels are created, each with a different `midiInstrument`.

```
\score {
  \new Staff <<
    \new Voice \relative c''' {
      \set midiInstrument = "flute"
      \voiceOne
      \key g \major
      \time 2/2
      r2 g-"Flute" ~
      g fis ~
      fis4 g8 fis e2 ~
      e4 d8 cis d2
    }
    \new Voice \relative c'' {
      \set midiInstrument = "clarinet"
      \voiceTwo
      b1-"Clarinet"
      a2. b8 a
      g2. fis8 e
      fis2 r
    }
  >>
  \layout { }
  \midi {
    \context {
      \Staff
      \remove "Staff_performer"
    }
    \context {
      \Voice
      \consists "Staff_performer"
    }
  }
  \tempo 2 = 72
}
```



Changing time signatures inside a polymetric section using `\scaleDurations`

The `measureLength` property, together with `measurePosition`, determines when a bar line is needed. However, when using `\scaleDurations`, the scaling of durations makes it difficult to change time signatures. In this case, `measureLength` should be set manually, using the `ly:make-moment` callback. The second argument must be the same as the second argument of `\scaleDurations`.

```
\layout {
  \context {
    \Score
    \remove "Timing_translator"
  }
  \context {
    \Staff
    \consists "Timing_translator"
  }
}

<<
\new Staff {
  \scaleDurations 8/5 {
    \time 6/8
    \set Timing.measureLength = #6/5
    b8 b b b b b
    \time 2/4
    \set Timing.measureLength = #4/5
    b4 b
  }
}
\new Staff {
  \clef bass
  \time 2/4
  c2 d e f
}
>>
```



Chant or psalms notation

This form of notation is used for Psalm chant, where verses aren't always the same length.

```
stemOff = \hide Staff.Stem
stemOn  = \undo \stemOff
```

```
\score {
  \new Staff \with { \remove "Time_signature_engraver" }
  {
```

```

\key g \minor
\cadenzaOn
\stemOff a'\breve bes'4 g'4
\stemOn a'2 \section
\stemOff a'\breve g'4 a'4
\stemOn f'2 \section
\stemOff a'\breve^\markup { \italic flexe }
\stemOn g'2 \fine
}
}

```



Creating blank staves

To create blank staves, generate empty measures then remove the `Bar_number_engraver` from the `Score` context, and the `Time_signature_engraver`, `Clef_engraver` and `Bar_engraver` from the `Staff` context.

```

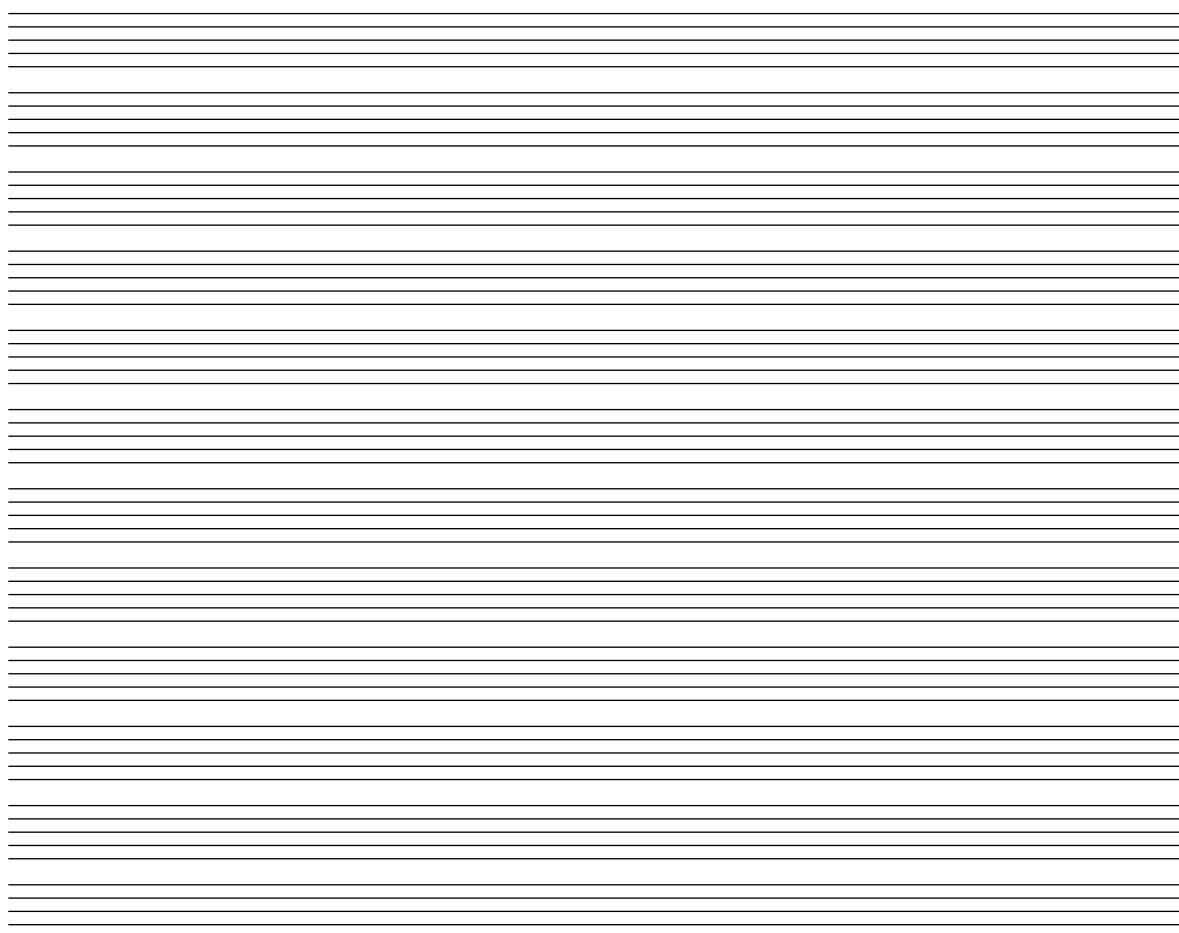
#(set-global-staff-size 20)

\score {
  {
    \repeat unfold 12 { s1 \break }
  }
  \layout {
    indent = 0\in
    \context {
      \Staff
      \remove "Time_signature_engraver"
      \remove "Clef_engraver"
      \remove "Bar_engraver"
    }
    \context {
      \Score
      \remove "Bar_number_engraver"
    }
  }
}

% uncomment these lines for "letter" size
%{
\paper {
  #(set-paper-size "letter")
  ragged-last-bottom = ##f
  line-width = 7.5\in
  left-margin = 0.5\in
  bottom-margin = 0.25\in
  top-margin = 0.25\in
}
%}

```

```
% uncomment these lines for "A4" size
%{
\paper {
  #(set-paper-size "a4")
  ragged-last-bottom = ##f
  line-width = 180
  left-margin = 15
  bottom-margin = 10
  top-margin = 10
}
%}
```



Creating custom key signatures

LilyPond supports custom key signatures. In this example, print for D minor with an extended range of printed flats.

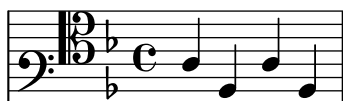
```
\new Staff \with {
  \override StaffSymbol.line-count = #8
  \override KeySignature.flat-positions = #'((-7 . 6))
  \override KeyCancellation.flat-positions = #'((-7 . 6))
  % presumably sharps are also printed in both octaves
  \override KeySignature.sharp-positions = #'((-6 . 7))
  \override KeyCancellation.sharp-positions = #'((-6 . 7))
```

```

\override Clef.stencil = #
(lambda (grob)(grob-interpret-markup grob
#{ \markup\combine
  \musicglyph "clefs.C"
  \translate #'(-3 . -2)
  \musicglyph "clefs.F"
#})))
clefPosition = #3
middleCPosition = #3
middleCClefPosition = #3
}

{
  \key d\minor
  f bes, f bes,
}

```



Cross-staff stems

This snippet shows how to use `Span_stem_engraver` and `\crossStaff` to connect stems across staves automatically.

The stem lengths need not be specified, as the variable distance between noteheads and staves is calculated automatically. However, it is important that `\crossStaff` is applied to the correct voice or staff (i.e., on the opposite side of where a beam is or would be positioned) to get the desired effect.

```

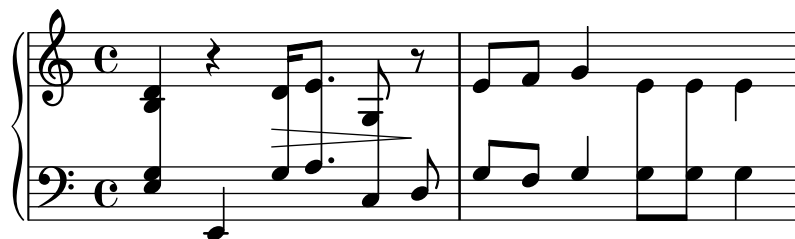
\layout {
  \context {
    \PianoStaff
    \consists "Span_stem_engraver"
  }
}

\new PianoStaff <<
  \new Staff {
    <b d'>4 r d'16\> e'8. g8 r\! |
    e'8 f' g'4
    \voiceTwo
    % Down to lower staff
    \crossStaff { e'8 e'8 } e'4 |
  }

  \new Staff {
    \clef bass
    \voiceOne
    % Up to upper staff
    \crossStaff { <e g>4 e, g16 a8. c8 } d |
    g8 f g4 \voiceTwo g8 g g4 |
  }
}

```

>>



Defining an engraver in Scheme: ambitus engraver

This example demonstrates how the ambitus engraver may be defined on the user side, with a Scheme engraver. This is basically a rewrite in Scheme of the code from `lily/ambitus-engraver.cc`.

```
#(use-modules (oop goops))
```

```
%%%
```

```
%%% Grob utilities
```

```
%%%
```

```
%%% These are literal rewrites of some C++ methods used by the ambitus engraver.
```

```
#(define (ly:separation-item::add-conditional-item grob grob-item)
```

```
  "Add @var{grob-item} to the array of conditional elements of @var{grob}.
```

```
  Rewrite of @code{Separation_item::add_conditional_item} from @file{lily/separation-item.cc}
```

```
    (ly:pointer-group-interface::add-grob grob 'conditional-elements grob-item))
```

```
#(define (ly:accidental-placement::accidental-pitch accidental-grob)
```

```
  "Get the pitch from the grob cause of @var{accidental-grob}.
```

```
  Rewrite of @code{accidental_pitch} from @file{lily/accidental-placement.cc}."
```

```
    (ly:event-property (ly:grob-property (ly:grob-parent accidental-grob Y) 'cause)
      'pitch))
```

```
#(define (ly:accidental-placement::add-accidental grob accidental-grob)
```

```
  "Add @var{accidental-grob}, an @code{Accidental} grob, to the
```

```
  list of the accidental grobs of @var{grob}, an @code{AccidentalPlacement}
  grob.
```

```
  Rewrite of @code{Accidental_placement::add_accidental} from @file{lily/accidental-placement
```

```
    (let ((pitch (ly:accidental-placement::accidental-pitch accidental-grob)))
```

```
      (set! (ly:grob-parent accidental-grob X) grob)
```

```
      (let* ((accidentals (ly:grob-object grob 'accidental-grobs))
```

```
              (handle (assq (ly:pitch-notename pitch) accidentals))
```

```
              (entry (if handle (cdr handle) '()))))
```

```
      (set! (ly:grob-object grob 'accidental-grobs)
```

```
        (assq-set! accidentals
```

```
          (ly:pitch-notename pitch)
```

```
          (cons accidental-grob entry))))))
```

```
%%%
```

```
%%% Ambitus data structure
```

```
%%%
```

```
%%% The <ambitus> class holds the various grobs that are created
```

```

%%% to print an ambitus:
%%% - ambitus-group: the grob that groups all the components of an ambitus
%%% (Ambitus grob);
%%% - ambitus-line: the vertical line between the upper and lower ambitus
%%% notes (AmbitusLine grob);
%%% - ambitus-up-note and ambitus-down-note: the note head and accidental
%%% for the lower and upper note of the ambitus (see <ambitus-note> class
%%% below).
%%% The other slots define the key and clef context of the engraver:
%%% - start-c0: position of middle c at the beginning of the piece. It
%%% is used to place the ambitus notes according to their pitch;
%%% - start-key-sig: the key signature at the beginning of the piece. It
%%% is used to determine if accidentals shall be printed next to ambitus
%%% notes.

#(define-class <ambitus> ()
  (ambitus-group #:accessor ambitus-group)
  (ambitus-line #:accessor ambitus-line)
  (ambitus-up-note #:getter ambitus-up-note
    #:init-form (make <ambitus-note>))
  (ambitus-down-note #:getter ambitus-down-note
    #:init-form (make <ambitus-note>))
  (start-c0 #:accessor ambitus-start-c0
    #:init-value #f)
  (start-key-sig #:accessor ambitus-start-key-sig
    #:init-value '()))

%%% Accessor for the lower and upper note data of an ambitus
#(define-method (ambitus-note (ambitus <ambitus>) direction)
  "If @var{direction} is @code{UP}, then return the upper ambitus note
of @var{ambitus}, otherwise return the lower ambitus note."
  (if (= direction UP)
      (ambitus-up-note ambitus)
      (ambitus-down-note ambitus)))

%%% The <ambitus-note> class holds the grobs that are specific to ambitus
%%% (lower and upper) notes:
%%% - head: an AmbitusNoteHead grob;
%%% - accidental: an AmbitusAccidental grob, to be possibly printed next
%%% to the ambitus note head.
%%% Moreover:
%%% - pitch is the absolute pitch of the note
%%% - cause is the note event that causes this ambitus note, i.e. the lower
%%% or upper note of the considered music sequence.

#(define-class <ambitus-note> ()
  (head #:accessor ambitus-note-head
    #:init-value #f)
  (accidental #:accessor ambitus-note-accidental
    #:init-value #f)
  (cause #:accessor ambitus-note-cause
    #:init-value #f)

```

```

(pitch #:accessor ambitus-note-pitch
  #:init-value #f))

%%%
%%% Ambitus engraving logics
%%%
%%% Rewrite of the code from @file{lily/ambitus-engraver.cc}.

#(define (make-ambitus translator)
  "Build an ambitus object: initialize all the grobs and their relations.

The Ambitus grob contain all other grobs:
Ambitus
|- AmbitusLine
|- AmbitusNoteHead   for upper note
|- AmbitusAccidental for upper note
|- AmbitusNoteHead   for lower note
|- AmbitusAccidental for lower note

The parent of an accidental is the corresponding note head,
and the accidental is set as the 'accidental-grob of the note head
so that is printed by the function that prints notes."
  ;; make the ambitus object
  (let ((ambitus (make <ambitus>)))
    ;; build the Ambitus grob, which will contain all other grobs
    (set! (ambitus-group ambitus) (ly:engraver-make-grob translator 'Ambitus '()))
    ;; build the AmbitusLine grob (line between lower and upper note)
    (set! (ambitus-line ambitus) (ly:engraver-make-grob translator 'AmbitusLine '()))
    ;; build the upper and lower AmbitusNoteHead and AmbitusAccidental
    (for-each (lambda (direction)
      (let ((head (ly:engraver-make-grob translator 'AmbitusNoteHead '()))
            (accidental (ly:engraver-make-grob translator 'AmbitusAccidental '()))
            (group (ambitus-group ambitus)))
        ;; The parent of the AmbitusAccidental grob is the
        ;; AmbitusNoteHead grob
        (set! (ly:grob-parent accidental Y) head)
        ;; The AmbitusAccidental grob is set as the accidental-grob
        ;; object of the AmbitusNoteHead. This is later used by the
        ;; function that prints notes.
        (set! (ly:grob-object head 'accidental-grob) accidental)
        ;; both the note head and the accidental grobs are added
        ;; to the main ambitus grob.
        (ly:axis-group-interface::add-element group head)
        (ly:axis-group-interface::add-element group accidental)
        ;; the note head and the accidental grobs are added to the
        ;; ambitus object
        (set! (ambitus-note-head (ambitus-note ambitus direction))
              head)
        (set! (ambitus-note-accidental (ambitus-note ambitus direction))
              accidental)))
      (list DOWN UP))
    ;; The parent of the ambitus line is the lower ambitus note head

```

```

(set! (ly:grob-parent (ambitus-line ambitus) X)
      (ambitus-note-head (ambitus-note ambitus DOWN)))
;; the ambitus line is added to the ambitus main grob
(ly:axis-group-interface::add-element (ambitus-group ambitus) (ambitus-line ambitus)
ambitus))

#(define-method (initialize-ambitus-state (ambitus <ambitus>) translator)
  "Initialize the state of @var{ambitus}, by getting the starting
  position of middle C and key signature from @var{translator}'s context."
  (if (not (ambitus-start-c0 ambitus))
      (begin
        (set! (ambitus-start-c0 ambitus)
              (ly:context-property (ly:translator-context translator)
                                   'middleCPosition
                                   0))
        (set! (ambitus-start-key-sig ambitus)
              (ly:context-property (ly:translator-context translator)
                                   'keyAlterations))))))

#(define-method (update-ambitus-notes (ambitus <ambitus>) note-grob)
  "Update the upper and lower ambitus pithes of @var{ambitus}, using
  @var{note-grob}."
  ;; Get the event that caused the note-grob creation
  ;; and check that it is a note-event.
  (let ((note-event (ly:grob-property note-grob 'cause)))
    (if (ly:in-event-class? note-event 'note-event)
        ;; get the pitch from the note event
        (let ((pitch (ly:event-property note-event 'pitch)))
          ;; if this pitch is lower than the current ambitus lower
          ;; note pitch (or it has not been initialized yet),
          ;; then this pitch is the new ambitus lower pitch,
          ;; and conversely for upper pitch.
          (for-each (lambda (direction pitch-compare)
                      (if (or (not (ambitus-note-pitch (ambitus-note ambitus direction))
                      (pitch-compare pitch
                                      (ambitus-note-pitch (ambitus-note ambitus direction)
                                                            direction))
                          (begin
                            (set! (ambitus-note-pitch (ambitus-note ambitus direction)
                                                         pitch)
                                (set! (ambitus-note-cause (ambitus-note ambitus direction)
                                                             note-event))))
                        (list DOWN UP)
                        (list ly:pitch<? (lambda (p1 p2)
                                           (ly:pitch<? p2 p1))))))))))

#(define-method (typeset-ambitus (ambitus <ambitus>) translator)
  "Typeset the ambitus:
- place the lower and upper ambitus notes according to their pitch and
  the position of the middle C;
- typeset or delete the note accidentals, according to the key signature.
  An accidental, if it is to be printed, is added to an AccidentalPlacement
  grob (a grob dedicated to the placement of accidentals near a chord);

```

- both note heads are added to the ambitus line grob, so that a line should be printed between them."

```

;; check if there are lower and upper pitches
(if (and (ambitus-note-pitch (ambitus-note ambitus UP))
         (ambitus-note-pitch (ambitus-note ambitus DOWN)))
    ;; make an AccidentalPlacement grob, for placement of note accidentals
    (let ((accidental-placement (ly:engraver-make-grob
                                translator
                                'AccidentalPlacement
                                (ambitus-note-accidental (ambitus-note ambitus DOWN)))))
      ;; For lower and upper ambitus notes:
      (for-each (lambda (direction)
                  (let ((pitch (ambitus-note-pitch (ambitus-note ambitus direction))))
                    ;; set the cause and the staff position of the ambitus note
                    ;; according to the associated pitch
                    (set! (ly:grob-property (ambitus-note-head (ambitus-note ambitus direction))
                                             'cause)
                          (ambitus-note-cause (ambitus-note ambitus direction)))
                    (set! (ly:grob-property (ambitus-note-head (ambitus-note ambitus direction))
                                             'staff-position)
                          (+ (ambitus-start-c0 ambitus)
                             (ly:pitch-steps pitch)))
                    ;; determine if an accidental shall be printed for this note,
                    ;; according to the key signature
                    (let* ((handle (or (assoc (cons (ly:pitch-octave pitch)
                                                    (ly:pitch-notename pitch))
                                             (ambitus-start-key-sig ambitus))
                                       (assoc (ly:pitch-notename pitch)
                                             (ambitus-start-key-sig ambitus))))
                      (sig-alter (if handle (cdr handle) 0)))
                    (cond ((= (ly:pitch-alteration pitch) sig-alter)
                          ;; the note alteration is in the key signature
                          ;; => it does not have to be printed
                          (ly:grob-suicide!
                           (ambitus-note-accidental (ambitus-note ambitus direction)))
                          (set! (ly:grob-object (ambitus-note-head (ambitus-note ambitus direction))
                                                  'accidental-grob)
                                '()))
                        (else
                         ;; otherwise, the accidental shall be printed
                         (set! (ly:grob-property (ambitus-note-accidental
                                                  (ambitus-note ambitus direction))
                                                  'alteration)
                               (ly:pitch-alteration pitch))))))
                  ;; add the AccidentalPlacement grob to the
                  ;; conditional items of the AmbitusNoteHead
                  (ly:separation-item::add-conditional-item
                   (ambitus-note-head (ambitus-note ambitus direction))
                   accidental-placement)
                  ;; add the AmbitusAccidental to the list of the
                  ;; AccidentalPlacement grob accidentals
                  (ly:accidental-placement::add-accidental

```

```

        accidental-placement
        (ambitus-note-accidental (ambitus-note ambitus direction)))
    ;; add the AmbitusNoteHead grob to the AmbitusLine grob
    (ly:pointer-group-interface::add-grob
     (ambitus-line ambitus)
     'note-heads
     (ambitus-note-head (ambitus-note ambitus direction))))
    (list DOWN UP))
  ;; add the AccidentalPlacement grob to the main Ambitus grob
  (ly:axis-group-interface::add-element (ambitus-group ambitus) accidental-placement)
  ;; no notes ==> suicide the grobs
  (begin
    (for-each (lambda (direction)
      (ly:grob-suicide! (ambitus-note-accidental (ambitus-note ambitus direction))
      (ly:grob-suicide! (ambitus-note-head (ambitus-note ambitus direction))))
      (list DOWN UP))
    (ly:grob-suicide! ambitus-line))))

%%%
%%% Ambitus engraver definition
%%%
#(define ambitus-engraver
  (lambda (context)
    (let ((ambitus #f))
      ;; when music is processed: make the ambitus object, if not already built
      (make-engraver
       ((process-music translator)
        (if (not ambitus)
            (set! ambitus (make-ambitus translator))))
       ;; set the ambitus clef and key signature state
       ((stop-translation-timestep translator)
        (if ambitus
            (initialize-ambitus-state ambitus translator)))
       ;; when a note-head grob is built, update the ambitus notes
       (acknowledgers
        ((note-head-interface engraver grob source-engraver)
         (if ambitus
             (update-ambitus-notes ambitus grob))))
       ;; finally, typeset the ambitus according to its upper and lower notes
       ;; (if any).
       ((finalize translator)
        (if ambitus
            (typeset-ambitus ambitus translator))))))

%%%
%%% Example
%%%

\score {
  \new StaffGroup <<
    \new Staff { c'4 des' e' fis' gis' }
    \new Staff { \clef "bass" c4 des ~ des ees b, }

```

```
>>
\layout { \context { \Staff \consists #ambitus-engraver } }
}
```



Displaying a whole GrandStaff system if only one of its staves is alive

In orchestral scores sometimes single or groups of instruments are silent for a while and their staves can be removed for that time (with `\removeEmptyStaves`).

When they play again it is often preferred to show the staves of *all instruments of such a group*. This can be done adding the `Keep_alive_together_engraver` in the grouper (e.g., a `GrandStaff` or a `StaffGroup`).

In the example the violins are silent in the 2nd system and in the 3rd system. Only the first violin plays the last measure but the staff of the second violin is also displayed.

```
\score {
  <<
    \new StaffGroup = "StaffGroup_woodwinds"
    <<
      \new Staff = "Staff_flute" \with {
        instrumentName = "Flute"
        shortInstrumentName = "Fl"
      }
      \relative c' {
        \repeat unfold 3 { c'4 c c c | c c c c | c c c c | \break }
      }
    >>
  >>
  \new StaffGroup = "StaffGroup_Strings"
  <<
    \new GrandStaff = "GrandStaff_violins"
    <<
      \new Staff = "StaffViolinI" \with {
        instrumentName = "Violin I"
        shortInstrumentName = "Vi I"
      }
      \relative c'' {
        a1 \repeat unfold 7 { s1 } \repeat unfold 12 a16 a4
      }
      \new Staff = "StaffViolinII" \with {
        instrumentName = "Violin II"
        shortInstrumentName = "Vi II"
      }
      \relative c' { e1 \repeat unfold 8 { s1 } }
    >>
  >>
  \new Staff = "Staff_cello" \with {
```

```

    instrumentName = "Cello"
    shortInstrumentName = "Ce"
  }
  \relative c { \clef bass \repeat unfold 9 { c1 }}
>>
>>
}

\paper { tagline = ##f }

\layout {
  indent = 3.0\cm
  short-indent = 1.5\cm
  \context {
    \GrandStaff
    \consists Keep_alive_together_engraver
  }
  \context {
    \Staff
    \RemoveEmptyStaves
  }
}

```

Flute

Violin I

Violin II

Cello

4

Fl

Ce

The image shows a musical score snippet with four staves. The top staff is labeled 'Fl' (Flute) and contains a sequence of eighth notes, starting with a measure number '7'. The second staff is labeled 'Vi I' (Violin I) and the third 'Vi II' (Violin II), both with treble clefs. The bottom staff is labeled 'Ce' (Cello) and has a bass clef. The Cello staff has a few notes in the first two measures. The Violin I staff has a series of beamed eighth notes in the third measure. The Violin II staff is empty.

Engravers one-by-one

The notation problem, creating a certain symbol, is handled by plugins. Each plugin is called an *engraver*. In this example, (some) engravers are switched on one by one, in the following order:

- note heads,
- staff symbol,
- clef,
- stem,
- beams, slurs, accents,
- accidentals, bar lines, time signature and key signature.

Engravers are grouped. For example, note heads, slurs, beams, etc., form a *Voice* context. Engravers for key signature, accidentals, bar line, etc., form a *Staff* context.

```
\header { tagline = ##f }
```

```
topVoice = \relative c' {
  \key d \major
  es8([ g] a[ fis])
  b4
  b16[-. b-. b-. cis-.]
  d4->
}
```

```
% empty staff and voice contexts
```

```
MyStaff = \context {
  \type Engraver_group
  \name Staff
```

```
  \accepts Voice
  \defaultchild Voice
}
```

```
MyVoice = \context {
  \type Engraver_group
  \name Voice
```

```

}

% add note heads
MyVoice = \context {
  \MyVoice
  \consists Note_heads_engraver
}
\score {
  \topVoice
  \layout {
    \context { \MyStaff }
    \context { \MyVoice }
  }
}

% add staff
MyStaff = \context {
  \MyStaff
  \consists Staff_symbol_engraver
}
\score {
  \topVoice
  \layout {
    \context { \MyStaff }
    \context { \MyVoice }
  }
}

% add clef
MyStaff = \context {
  \MyStaff
  \consists Clef_engraver
}
\score {
  \topVoice
  \layout {
    \context { \MyStaff }
    \context { \MyVoice }
  }
}

% add stems
MyVoice = \context {
  \MyVoice
  \consists Stem_engraver
}
\score {
  \topVoice
  \layout {
    \context { \MyStaff }
    \context { \MyVoice }
  }
}

```

```

    }
}

% add beams, slurs, and accents
MyVoice = \context {
  \MyVoice
  \consists Beam_engraver
  \consists Slur_engraver
  \consists Script_engraver
  \consists Rhythmic_column_engraver
}

\score {
  \topVoice
  \layout {
    \context { \MyStaff }
    \context { \MyVoice }
  }
}

% add accidentals, bar, time signature, and key signature
MyStaff = \context {
  \MyStaff
  \consists Accidental_engraver
  \consists Bar_engraver
  \consists Time_signature_engraver
  \consists Key_engraver
}

\score {
  \topVoice
  \layout {
    \context { \MyStaff }
    \context { \MyVoice }
  }
}

```



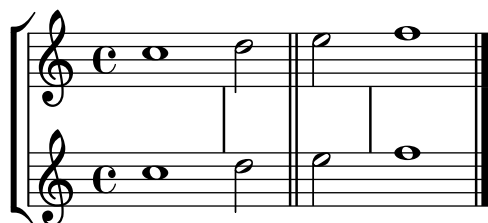
Mensurstriche layout (bar lines between the staves)

Mensurstriche, bar lines between but not through staves, can be printed by setting `measureBarType` to `"-span|"` and using a grouping context that allows span bars, such as `StaffGroup`.

```
\layout {
  \context {
    \Staff
    measureBarType = "-span|"
  }
}
```

```
music = \fixed c'' {
  c1
  d2 \section e2
  f1 \fine
}
```

```
\new StaffGroup <<
  \new Staff \music
  \new Staff \music
>>
```

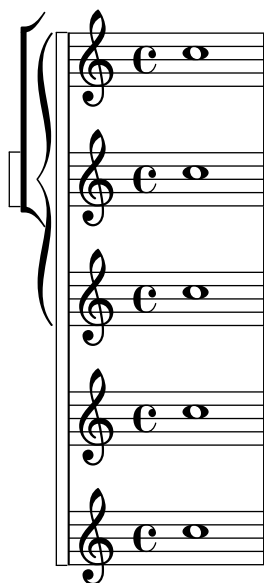


Nesting staves

The property `systemStartDelimiterHierarchy` can be used to make more complex nested staff groups. The command `\set StaffGroup.systemStartDelimiterHierarchy` takes an alphabetical list of the number of staves produced. Before each staff a system start delimiter can be given. It has to be enclosed in brackets and takes as much staves as the brackets enclose. Elements in the list can be omitted, but the first bracket takes always the complete number of staves. The possibilities are `SystemStartBar`, `SystemStartBracket`, `SystemStartBrace`, and `SystemStartSquare`.

```
\new StaffGroup
\relative c'' <<
  \override StaffGroup.SystemStartSquare.collapse-height = 4
  \set StaffGroup.systemStartDelimiterHierarchy
    = #'(SystemStartSquare (SystemStartBrace (SystemStartBracket a
                                              (SystemStartSquare b) ) c ) d)

  \new Staff { c1 }
  \new Staff { c1 }
  \new Staff { c1 }
  \new Staff { c1 }
  \new Staff { c1 }
>>
```



Numbering groups of measures

This snippet demonstrates the use of the `Measure_counter_engraver` to number groups of successive measures. Any stretch of measures may be numbered, whether consisting of repetitions or not.

The engraver must be added to the appropriate context. Here, a `Staff` context is used; another possibility is a `Dynamics` context.

The counter is begun with `\startMeasureCount` and ended with `\stopMeasureCount`. Numbering will start by default with 1, but this behavior may be modified by overriding the `count-from` property.

When a measure extends across a line break, the number will appear twice, the second time in parentheses.

```
\layout {
  \context {
    \Staff
    \consists #Measure_counter_engraver
  }
}

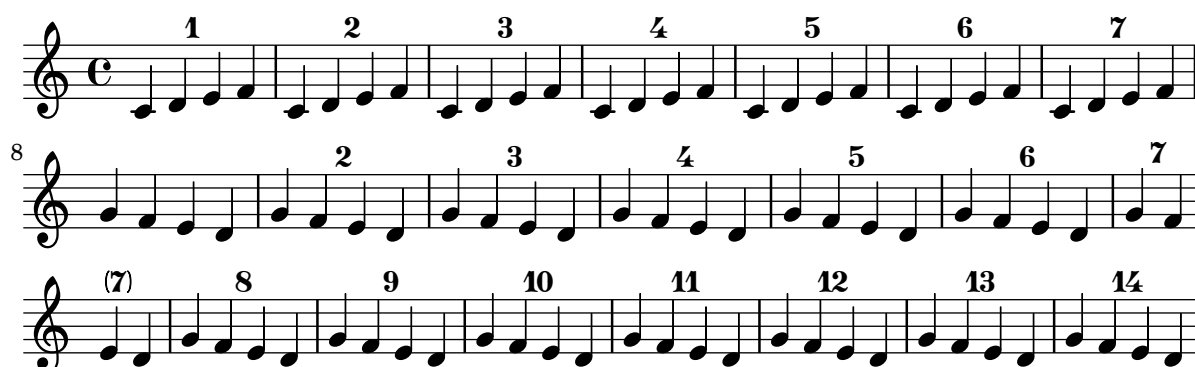
\new Staff {
  \startMeasureCount
  \repeat unfold 7 {
    c'4 d' e' f'
  }
  \stopMeasureCount
  \bar "||"
  g'4 f' e' d'
  \override Staff.MeasureCounter.count-from = #2
  \startMeasureCount
  \repeat unfold 5 {
    g'4 f' e' d'
  }
  g'4 f'
  \bar ""
}
```

```

\break
e'4 d'
\repeat unfold 7 {
  g'4 f' e' d'
}
\stopMeasureCount
}

\paper { tagline = ##f }

```



Print ChordNames with same root and different bass as slash and bass-note

To print subsequent ChordNames only differing in its bass note as slash and bass note use the here defined engraver. The behaviour may be controlled in detail by the chordChanges context property.

```

#(define Bass_changes_equal_root_engraver
  (lambda (ctx)
    "For sequential @code{ChordNames} with same root, but different bass, the root
    markup is dropped: D D/C D/B -> D /C /B
    The behaviour may be controlled by setting the @code{chordChanges}
    context-property."
    (let ((chord-pitches '())
          (last-chord-pitches '())
          (bass-pitch #f))
      (make-engraver
        ((initialize this-engraver)
         (let ((chord-note-namer (ly:context-property ctx 'chordNoteNamer)))
           ;; Set 'chordNoteNamer, respect user setting if already done
           (ly:context-set-property! ctx 'chordNoteNamer
                                     (if (procedure? chord-note-namer)
                                         chord-note-namer
                                         note-name->markup))))
        (listeners
         ((note-event this-engraver event)
          (let* ((pitch (ly:event-property event 'pitch))
                 (pitch-name (ly:pitch-notename pitch))
                 (pitch-alt (ly:pitch-alteration pitch))
                 (bass (ly:event-property event 'bass #f))
                 (inversion (ly:event-property event 'inversion #f)))
            ;; Collect notes of the chord

```

```

;; - to compare inversed chords we need to collect the bass note
;;   as usual member of the chord, whereas an added bass must be
;;   treated separate from the usual chord-notes
;; - notes are stored as pairs containing their
;;   pitch-name (an integer), i.e. disregarding their octave and
;;   their alteration
(cond (bass (set! bass-pitch pitch))
      (inversion
       (set! bass-pitch pitch)
       (set! chord-pitches
              (cons (cons pitch-name pitch-alt) chord-pitches)))
      (else
       (set! chord-pitches
              (cons (cons pitch-name pitch-alt) chord-pitches))))))
(acknowledgers
 ((chord-name-interface this-engraver grob source-engraver)
  (let ((chord-changes (ly:context-property ctx 'chordChanges #f)))
    ;; If subsequent chords are equal apart from their bass,
    ;; reset the 'text-property.
    ;; Equality is done by comparing the sorted lists of this chord's
    ;; elements and the previous chord. Sorting is needed because
    ;; inverted chords may have a different order of pitches.
    ;; `chord-changes' needs to be true
    (if (and bass-pitch
             chord-changes
             (equal?
              (sort chord-pitches car<)
              (sort last-chord-pitches car<)))
        (ly:grob-set-property! grob 'text
                                (make-line-markup
                                 (list
                                  (ly:context-property ctx 'slashChordSeparator)
                                  ((ly:context-property ctx 'chordNoteNamer)
                                   bass-pitch
                                   (ly:context-property ctx 'chordNameLowercaseMinor))))))
        (set! last-chord-pitches chord-pitches)
        (set! chord-pitches '())
        (set! bass-pitch #f))))
 ((finalize this-engraver)
  (set! last-chord-pitches '()))))

myChords = \chordmode {
  %\germanChords

  \set chordChanges = ##t
  d2:m d:m/cis

  d:m/c
  \set chordChanges = ##f
  d:m/b

  e1:7

```

```

\set chordChanges = ##t
e
\break
\once \set chordChanges = ##f
e1/f
e2/gis e/+gis e e:m/f d:m d:m/cis d:m/c
\set chordChanges = ##f
d:m/b
}

<<
\new ChordNames
  \with { \consists #Bass_changes_equal_root_engraver }
  \myChords
\new Staff \myChords
>>

```

The image displays two staves of musical notation. The first staff shows a sequence of chords: Dm, /C#, /C, Dm/B, E⁷, and E. The second staff, starting with a measure number '5', shows: E/F, /G#, E, Em/F, Dm, /C#, /C, and Dm/B. The notation uses vertical stems with flags to represent the notes of each chord, with the chord names written above the staves.

Removing bar numbers from a score

Bar numbers can be removed entirely by removing the `Bar_number_engraver` from the `Score` context.

```

\layout {
  \context {
    \Score
    \omit BarNumber
    % or:
    %\remove "Bar_number_engraver"
  }
}

\relative c' {
  c4 c c c \break
  c4 c c c
}

\paper { tagline = ##f }

```

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in common time (C). It contains four quarter notes, each represented by a vertical stem with a flag.



Use square bracket at the start of a staff group

The system start delimiter `SystemStartSquare` can be used by setting it explicitly in a `StaffGroup` or `ChoirStaff` context.

```
\score {
  \new StaffGroup { <<
    \set StaffGroup.systemStartDelimiter = #'SystemStartSquare
    \new Staff { c'4 d' e' f' }
    \new Staff { c'4 d' e' f' }
  >> }
}
```



Using marklines in a Frenched score

Using `MarkLine` contexts (such as in LSR1010 (<https://lsr.di.unimi.it/LSR/Item?id=1010>)) in a Frenched score can be problematic if all the staves between two `MarkLines` are removed in one system. The `Keep_alive_together_engraver` can be used within each `StaffGroup` to keep the `MarkLine` alive only as long as the other staves in the group stay alive.

```
bars = {
  \tempo "Allegro" 4=120
  s1*2
  \repeat unfold 5 { \mark \default s1*2 }
  \bar "||"
  \tempo "Adagio" 4=40
  s1*2
  \repeat unfold 8 { \mark \default s1*2 }
  \bar "|."
}

winds = \repeat unfold 120 { c''4 }
trumpet = { \repeat unfold 8 g'2 R1*16 \repeat unfold 4 g'2 R1*8 }
trombone = { \repeat unfold 4 c'1 R1*8 d'1 R1*17 }
strings = \repeat unfold 240 { c''8 }

#(set-global-staff-size 16)
\paper {
  systems-per-page = 5
  ragged-last-bottom = ##f
}

\layout {
  indent = 15\mm
```

```

short-indent = 5\mm
\context {
  \name MarkLine
  \type Engraver_group
  \consists Output_property_engraver
  \consists Axis_group_engraver
  \consists Mark_engraver
  \consists Metronome_mark_engraver
  \consists Staff_collecting_engraver
  \override VerticalAxisGroup.remove-empty = ##t
  \override VerticalAxisGroup.remove-layer = #'any
  \override VerticalAxisGroup.staff-affinity = #DOWN
  \override VerticalAxisGroup.nonstaff-relatedstaff-spacing.padding = 1
  keepAliveInterfaces = #'()
}
\context {
  \Staff
  \override VerticalAxisGroup.remove-empty = ##t
  \override VerticalAxisGroup.remove-layer = ##f
}
\context {
  \StaffGroup
  \accepts MarkLine
  \consists Keep_alive_together_engraver
}
\context {
  \Score
  \remove Mark_engraver
  \remove Metronome_mark_engraver
  \remove Staff_collecting_engraver
}
}

\score {
  <<
    \new StaffGroup = "winds" \with {
      instrumentName = "Winds"
      shortInstrumentName = "Winds"
    } <<
      \new MarkLine \bars
      \new Staff \winds
    >>
    \new StaffGroup = "brass" <<
      \new MarkLine \bars
      \new Staff = "trumpet" \with {
        instrumentName = "Trumpet"
        shortInstrumentName = "Tpt"
      } \trumpet
      \new Staff = "trombone" \with {
        instrumentName = "Trombone"
        shortInstrumentName = "Tbn"
      } \trombone
    >>
  }
}

```

```

>>
\new StaffGroup = "strings" \with {
  instrumentName = "Strings"
  shortInstrumentName = "Strings"
} <<
  \new MarkLine \bars
  \new Staff = "strings" { \strings }
>>
>>
}

```

The musical score is divided into four systems, each with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The tempo and meter are indicated at the beginning of each system.

- System 1:** Tempo: *Allegro* (♩ = 120). Sections A and B are marked. Winds, Trumpet, and Trombone play a melody of eighth notes. Strings play a continuous eighth-note accompaniment.
- System 2:** Sections C and D are marked. Winds and Strings continue the eighth-note accompaniment. Trumpet and Trombone play a melody of eighth notes.
- System 3:** Tempo: *Adagio* (♩ = 40). Sections E, F, and G are marked. Winds, Trumpet, and Trombone play a melody of eighth notes. Strings play a continuous eighth-note accompaniment.
- System 4:** Sections H and I are marked. Winds and Strings continue the eighth-note accompaniment. Trumpet and Trombone play a melody of eighth notes.

The image shows a musical score for Winds, Tpt, and Strings. The score is divided into two systems. The first system (measures 21-25) features Winds, Tpt, and Strings. The second system (measures 26-30) features Winds and Strings. Lyrics J, K, L, M, and N are placed above and below the staves.

Vocal ensemble template with lyrics aligned below and above the staves

This template is basically the same as the simple “Vocal ensemble” template, with the exception that here all the lyrics lines are placed using `alignAboveContext` and `alignBelowContext`.

```
global = {
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4
}

sopMusic = \relative c' {
  c4 c c8[( b)] c4
}
sopWords = \lyricmode {
  hi hi hi hi
}

altoMusic = \relative c' {
  e4 f d e
}
altoWords = \lyricmode {
  ha ha ha ha
}

tenorMusic = \relative c' {
  g4 a f g
}
tenorWords = \lyricmode {
  hu hu hu hu
}

bassMusic = \relative c {
  c4 c g c
}
bassWords = \lyricmode {
```

```

ho ho ho ho
}

\score {
  \new ChoirStaff <<
    \new Staff = "women" <<
      \new Voice = "sopranos" { \voiceOne << \global \sopMusic >> }
      \new Voice = "altos" { \voiceTwo << \global \altoMusic >> }
    >>
    \new Lyrics \with { alignAboveContext = "women" }
      \lyricsto "sopranos" \sopWords
    \new Lyrics \with { alignBelowContext = "women" }
      \lyricsto "altos" \altoWords
    % we could remove the line about this with the line below, since
    % we want the alto lyrics to be below the alto Voice anyway.
    % \new Lyrics \lyricsto "altos" \altoWords

    \new Staff = "men" <<
      \clef bass
      \new Voice = "tenors" { \voiceOne << \global \tenorMusic >> }
      \new Voice = "basses" { \voiceTwo << \global \bassMusic >> }
    >>
    \new Lyrics \with { alignAboveContext = "men" }
      \lyricsto "tenors" \tenorWords
    \new Lyrics \with { alignBelowContext = "men" }
      \lyricsto "basses" \bassWords
    % again, we could replace the line above this with the line below.
    % \new Lyrics \lyricsto "basses" \bassWords
  >>
}

```



Vocal ensemble template with verse and refrain

This template creates a score that starts with a solo verse and continues into a refrain for two voices. It also demonstrates the use of spacer rests within the `\global` variable to define meter changes (and other elements common to all parts) throughout the entire score.

```
\header { tagline = ##f }
```

```

global = {
  \key g \major

```

```

% verse
\time 3/4
s2.*2
\break

% refrain
\time 2/4
s2*2
\bar "|."
}

SoloNotes = \relative g' {
  \clef "treble"

  % verse
  g4 g g |
  b4 b b |

  % refrain
  R2*2 |
}

SoloLyrics = \lyricmode {
  One two three |
  four five six |
}

SopranoNotes = \relative c'' {
  \clef "treble"

  % verse
  R2.*2 |

  % refrain
  c4 c |
  g4 g |
}

SopranoLyrics = \lyricmode {
  la la |
  la la |
}

BassNotes = \relative c {
  \clef "bass"

  % verse
  R2.*2 |

  % refrain
  c4 e |
  d4 d |
}

```

```

}

BassLyrics = \lyricmode {
  dum dum |
  dum dum |
}

\score {
  <<
    \new Voice = "SoloVoice" << \global \SoloNotes >>
    \new Lyrics \lyricsto "SoloVoice" \SoloLyrics

    \new ChoirStaff <<
      \new Voice = "SopranoVoice" << \global \SopranoNotes >>
      \new Lyrics \lyricsto "SopranoVoice" \SopranoLyrics

      \new Voice = "BassVoice" << \global \BassNotes >>
      \new Lyrics \lyricsto "BassVoice" \BassLyrics
    >>
  >>
  \layout {
    ragged-right = ##t
    \context { \Staff
      % these lines prevent empty staves from being printed
      \RemoveEmptyStaves
      \override VerticalAxisGroup.remove-first = ##t
    }
  }
}

```



Tweaks and overrides

See also Section “Changing defaults” in *Notation Reference* and Section “Tweaking output” in *Learning Manual*.

Adding an ottava marking to a single voice

If you have more than one voice on the staff, setting octavation in one voice transposes the position of notes in all voices for the duration of the ottava bracket. If the octavation is only intended to apply to one voice, the `Ottava_spanner_engraver` should be moved to `Voice` context.

```
\layout {
  \context {
    \Staff
    \remove Ottava_spanner_engraver
  }
  \context {
    \Voice
    \consists Ottava_spanner_engraver
  }
}

{
  \clef bass
  << { <g d'>1~ q2 <c' e'> }
  \\\
  {
    r2.
    \ottava -1
    <b,,, b,,,>4 ~ |
    q2
    \ottava 0
    <c e>2
  }
  >>
}
```



Adding links to objects

To add a link to a grob stencil you can use `add-link` as defined here. It works both with `\override` and `\tweak`.

Drawback: point-and-click is disturbed for the linked grobs.

Limitation: Works for PDF only.

The linked objects are colored with a separate command. Note that the links are not displayed and are not clickable from inside the LSR.

```
#(define (add-link url-strg)
```

```

(lambda (grob)
  (let* ((stil (ly:grob-property grob 'stencil)))
    (if (ly:stencil? stil)
      (let* ((x-ext (ly:stencil-extent stil X))
              (y-ext (ly:stencil-extent stil Y))
              (url-expr `(url-link ,url-strg ,x-ext ,y-ext))
              (new-stil
                (ly:stencil-add
                 (ly:make-stencil url-expr x-ext y-ext)
                 stil)))
        (ly:grob-set-property! grob 'stencil new-stil))))))

%%% test

%% For easier maintenance of this snippet the URL is formatted to use the
%% actually used LilyPond version.
%% Of course a literal URL would work as well.

#(define major.minor-version
  (string-join (take (string-split (lilypond-version) #\.) 2) "."))

urlI =
#(format #f
  "http://lilypond.org/doc/v~a/Documentation/notation/writing-pitches"
  major.minor-version)

urlII =
#(format #f
  "http://lilypond.org/doc/v~a/Documentation/notation/rhythms"
  major.minor-version)

urlIII =
#(format #f
  "http://lilypond.org/doc/v~a/Documentation/notation/note-heads"
  major.minor-version)

urlIV =
#(format #f
  "http://lilypond.org/doc/v~a/Documentation/notation/beams"
  major.minor-version)

urlV =
#(format #f
  "http://lilypond.org/doc/v~a/Documentation/notation/note-head-styles"
  major.minor-version)

urlVI =
#(format #f
  "http://lilypond.org/doc/v~a/Documentation/notation/writing-pitches"
  major.minor-version)

\relative c' {

```

```

\key cis \minor

\once \override Staff.Clef.color = #green
\once \override Staff.Clef.after-line-breaking =
  #(add-link urlI)

\once \override Staff.TimeSignature.color = #green
\once \override Staff.TimeSignature.after-line-breaking =
  #(add-link urlIII)

\once \override NoteHead.color = #green
\once \override NoteHead.after-line-breaking =
  #(add-link urlIIII)

cis'1
\once \override Beam.color = #green
\once \override Beam.after-line-breaking =
  #(add-link urlIV)
cis8 dis e fis gis2
<gis,
  \tweak Accidental.color #green
  \tweak Accidental.after-line-breaking #(add-link urlVI)
  \tweak color #green
  \tweak after-line-breaking #(add-link urlV)
  \tweak style #'harmonic
bis
dis
fis
>1
<cis, cis' e>
}

```



Adding markups in a tablature

By default markups does not show in a tablature.

To make them appear, simply use the command `\revert TabStaff.TextScript.stencil`

%% <http://lsr.di.unimi.it/LSR/Item?id=919>

% by P.P.Schneider on June 2014

```
high = { r4 r8 <g c'> q r8 r4 }
```

```
low = { c4 r4 c8 r8 g,8 b, }
```

```
pulse = { s8^"1" s^"&" s^"2" s^"&" s^"3" s^"&" s^"4" s^"&" }
```

```

\score {
  \new TabStaff {
    \repeat unfold 2 << \high \\\low \\\pulse >>

```

```

}
\layout {
  \context {
    \TabStaff
    \clef moderntab
    \revert TextScript.stencil
    \override TextScript.font-series = #'bold
    \override TextScript.font-size = #-2
    \override TextScript.color = #red
  }
  \context {
    \Score
    proportionalNotationDuration = #1/8
  }
}
}

```

	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &				1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	
T	1-1				1-1	
A	0-0				0-0	
B	3	3	2	3	3	2
		3			3	

Adding timing marks to long glissandi

Skipped beats in very long glissandi are sometimes indicated by timing marks, often consisting of stems without noteheads. Such stems can also be used to carry intermediate expression markings.

If the stems do not align well with the glissando, they may need to be repositioned slightly.

```

glissandoSkipOn = {
  \override NoteColumn.glissando-skip = ##t
  \hide NoteHead
  \override NoteHead.no-ledgers = ##t
}

```

```

glissandoSkipOff = {
  \revert NoteColumn.glissando-skip
  \undo \hide NoteHead
  \revert NoteHead.no-ledgers
}

```

```

\relative c'' {
  r8 f8\glissando
  \glissandoSkipOn
  f4 g a a8\noBeam
  \glissandoSkipOff
  a8

  r8 f8\glissando
  \glissandoSkipOn
  g4 a8
  \glissandoSkipOff
}

```

```

a8 |

r4 f\glissando \<
\glissandoSkipOn
a4\f \>
\glissandoSkipOff
b8\! r |
}

```



Adjusting grace note spacing

The space given to grace notes can be adjusted using the spacing-increment property of `Score.GraceSpacing`.

```

graceNotes = {
  \grace { c4 c8 c16 c32 }
  c8
}

\relative c' ' {
  c8
  \graceNotes
  \override Score.GraceSpacing.spacing-increment = #2.0
  \graceNotes
  \revert Score.GraceSpacing.spacing-increment
  \graceNotes
}

```



Adjusting lyrics vertical spacing

This snippet shows how to bring the lyrics line closer to the staff.

% Default layout:

```

<<
\new Staff \new Voice = melody \relative c' {
  c4 d e f
  g4 f e d
  c1
}
\new Lyrics \lyricsto melody { aa aa aa aa aa aa aa aa }

\new Staff {
  \new Voice = melody \relative c' {
    c4 d e f
    g4 f e d
    c1
  }
}

```

```

    }
  }
  % Reducing the minimum space below the staff and above the lyrics:
  \new Lyrics \with {
    \override VerticalAxisGroup.nonstaff-relatedstaff-spacing =
      #'((basic-distance . 1))
  }
  \lyricsto melody { aa aa aa aa aa aa aa aa aa }
>>

```



Adjusting slur positions vertically

Using `\override Slur.positions` it is possible to set the vertical position of the start and end points of a slur to absolute values (or rather, forcing LilyPond's slur algorithm to consider these values as desired). In many cases, this means a lot of trial and error until good values are found. You probably have tried the `\offset` command next just to find out that it doesn't work for slurs, emitting a warning instead.

The code in this snippet allows you to tweak the vertical start and end positions by specifying *relative* changes, similar to `\offset`.

```

Syntax: \offsetPositions #'(dy1 . dy2)

offsetPositions =
#(define-music-function (offsets) (number-pair?)
  #{
    \once \override Slur.control-points =
      #(lambda (grob)
        (match-let (((_ . y1) _ _ (_ . y2))
                    (ly:slur::calc-control-points grob))
          ((off1 . off2) offsets))
        (set! (ly:grob-property grob 'positions)
              (cons (+ y1 off1) (+ y2 off2))))
        (ly:slur::calc-control-points grob)))
  #})

\relative c' {
  c4(^"default" c, d2)
  \offsetPositions #'(0 . 1)
  c'4(^"(0 . 1)" c, d2)
  \offsetPositions #'(0 . 2)
  c'4(^"(0 . 2)" c, d2)
  \bar "||"
  g4(^"default" a d'2)
  \offsetPositions #'(1 . 0)
  g,,4(^"(1 . 0)" a d'2)
  \offsetPositions #'(2 . 0)

```

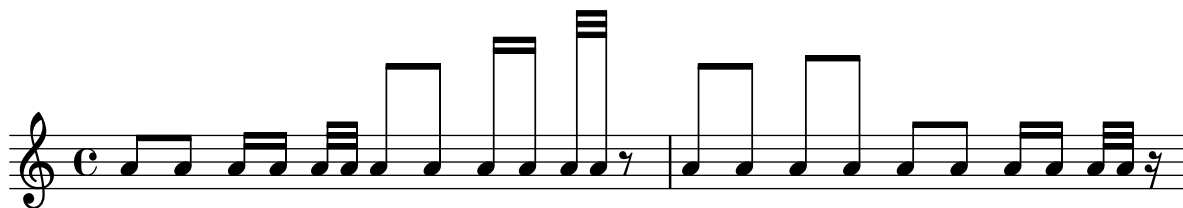
```
g,,4(^"(2 . 0)" a d'2)
}
```



Altering the length of beamed stems

Stem lengths on beamed notes can be varied by overriding the `beamed-lengths` property of the details of the `Stem`. If a single value is used as an argument, the length applies to all stems. When multiple arguments are used, the first applies to eighth notes, the second to sixteenth notes and so on. The final argument also applies to all notes shorter than the note length of the final argument. Non-integer arguments may also be used.

```
\relative c' {
  \override Stem.details.beamed-lengths = #'(2)
  a8[ a] a16[ a] a32[ a]
  \override Stem.details.beamed-lengths = #'(8 10 12)
  a8[ a] a16[ a] a32[ a] r8
  \override Stem.details.beamed-lengths = #'(8)
  a8[ a]
  \override Stem.details.beamed-lengths = #'(8.5)
  a8[ a]
  \revert Stem.details.beamed-lengths
  a8[ a] a16[ a] a32[ a] r16
}
```



Alternative bar numbering

Two alternative methods for bar numbering can be set, especially for when using repeated music.

```
music = \relative c' {
  \repeat volta 3 {
    c4 d e f |
    \alternative {
      \volta 1 { c4 d e f | c2 d \break }
      \volta 2 { f4 g a b | f4 g a b | f2 a | \break }
      \volta 3 { c4 d e f | c2 d } } }
  c1 \bar " | ."
}

\markup "default"
{
  \music
}
```

```
\markup \typewriter "'numbers"
```

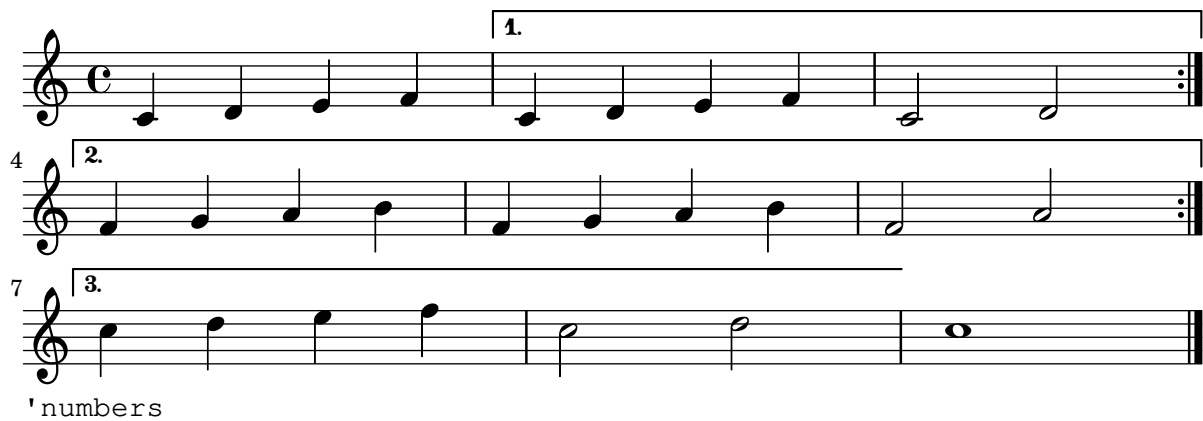
```
{
  \set Score.alternativeNumberingStyle = #'numbers
  \music
}
```

```
\markup \typewriter "'numbers-with-letters"
```

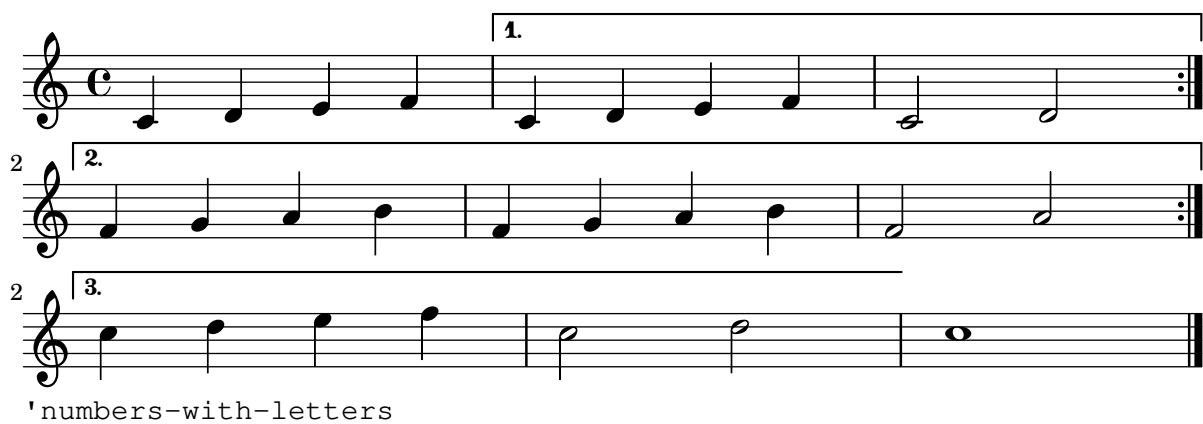
```
{
  \set Score.alternativeNumberingStyle = #'numbers-with-letters
  \music
}
```

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```

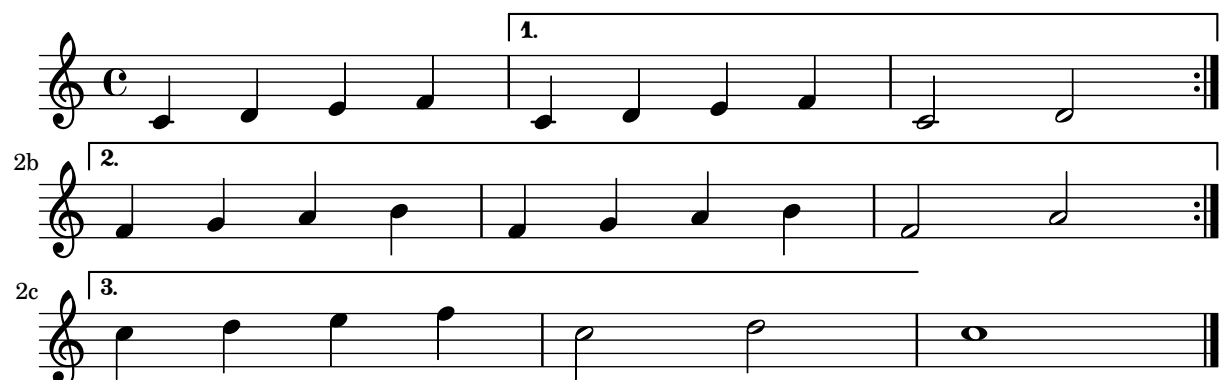
default



Three staves of music in C major, 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled '1.' and contains a sequence of eighth notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The second staff is labeled '2.' and contains a sequence of eighth notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The third staff is labeled '3.' and contains a sequence of eighth notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The text "'numbers" is printed below the third staff.



Three staves of music in C major, 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled '1.' and contains a sequence of eighth notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The second staff is labeled '2.' and contains a sequence of eighth notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The third staff is labeled '3.' and contains a sequence of eighth notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The text "'numbers-with-letters" is printed below the third staff.



Three staves of music in C major, 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled '1.' and contains a sequence of eighth notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The second staff is labeled '2b' and contains a sequence of eighth notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The third staff is labeled '2c' and contains a sequence of eighth notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5.

Analysis brackets above the staff

Simple horizontal analysis brackets are added below the staff by default. The following example shows a way to place them above the staff instead.

```
\layout {
  \context {
    \Voice
    \consists "Horizontal_bracket_engraver"
  }
}

\relative c'' {
  \once \override HorizontalBracket.direction = #UP
  c2\startGroup
  d2\stopGroup
}
```



Analysis brackets with labels

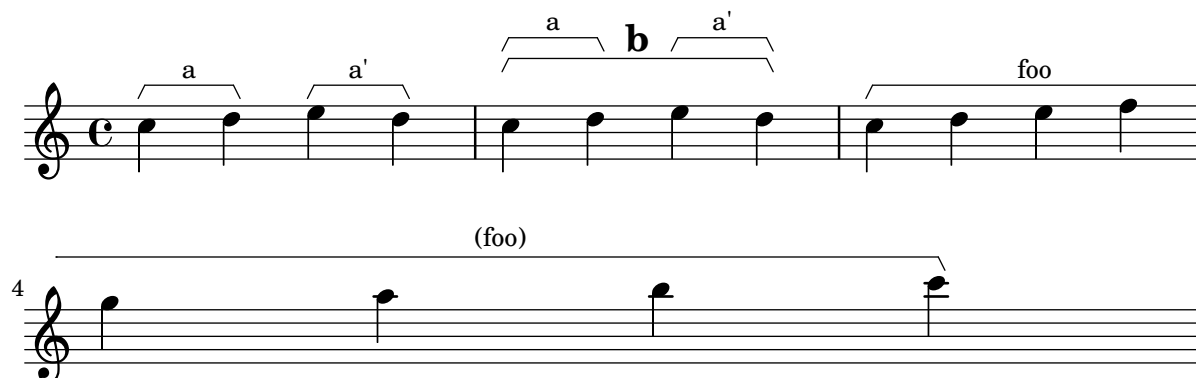
Text markup may be added to analysis brackets through the `text` property of the `HorizontalBracketText` grob. Adding different texts to brackets beginning at the same time requires the `\tweak` command.

Bracket text will be parenthesized after a line break.

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }

\layout {
  \context {
    \Voice
    \consists "Horizontal_bracket_engraver"
    \override HorizontalBracket.direction = #UP
  }
}

{
  \once\override HorizontalBracketText.text = "a"
  c''\startGroup d''\stopGroup
  \once\override HorizontalBracketText.text = "a'"
  e''\startGroup d''\stopGroup |
  c''-\tweak HorizontalBracketText.text
    \markup \bold \huge "b" \startGroup
    -\tweak HorizontalBracketText.text "a" \startGroup
  d''\stopGroup
  e''-\tweak HorizontalBracketText.text "a'" \startGroup
  d''\stopGroup\stopGroup |
  c''-\tweak HorizontalBracketText.text foo \startGroup
  d'' e'' f'' | \break
  g'' a'' b'' c'''\stopGroup
}
```

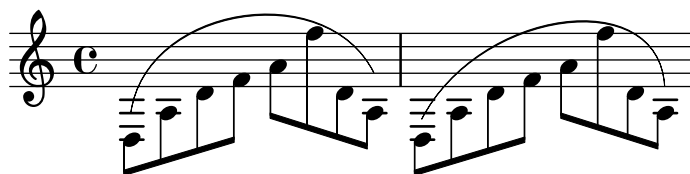


Asymmetric slurs

Slurs can be made asymmetric to match an asymmetric pattern of notes better.

```
slurNotes = { d,8( a' d f a f' d, a) }
```

```
\relative c' {
  \stemDown
  \slurUp
  \slurNotes
  \once \override Slur.eccentricity = #3.0
  \slurNotes
}
```



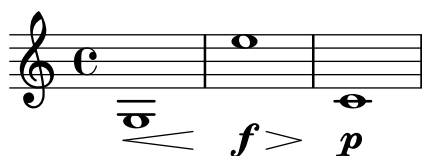
Breaking vertical alignment of dynamics and textscripts

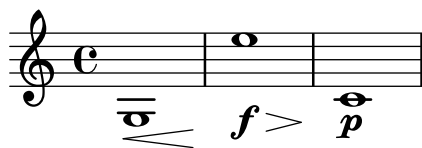
By default, LilyPond uses DynamicLineSpanner grobs to vertically align successive dynamic objects like hairpins and dynamic text. However, this is not always wanted. By inserting `\breakDynamicSpan`, which ends the alignment spanner prematurely, this vertical alignment can be avoided.

```
{ g1\< |
  e''\f\> |
  c'\p }
```

```
{ g1\< |
  e''\breakDynamicSpan\f\> |
  c'\p }
```

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```





Caesura ("railtracks") with fermata

A caesura is sometimes denoted by a double “railtracks” breath mark with a fermata sign positioned above. This snippet shows an optically pleasing combination of railtracks and fermata.

```
\relative c' {
  c2.
  % construct the symbol
  \override BreathingSign.text = \markup {
    \override #'(direction . 1)
    \override #'(baseline-skip . 1.8)
    \dir-column {
      \translate #'(0.155 . 0)
      \center-align \musicglyph "scripts.caesura.curved"
      \center-align \musicglyph "scripts.ufermata"
    }
  }
  \breathe c4
  % set the breath mark back to normal
  \revert BreathingSign.text
  c2. \breathe c4
  \bar "|."
}
```

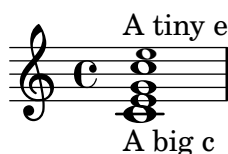


Changing a single note's size in a chord

Individual note heads in a chord can be modified with the `\tweak` command inside a chord, by altering the `font-size` property.

Inside the chord (within the brackets `<>`), before the note to be altered, place the `\tweak` command, followed by `font-size` and define the proper size like `#-2` (a tiny note head).

```
\relative c' {
  <\tweak font-size #-2 c e g c
  \tweak font-size #-2 e>1
  ~\markup { A tiny e }_~\markup { A big c }
}
```



Changing beam thickness and spacing

To make beams thicker or thinner alter the `Beam.beam-thickness` property. To adjust the spacing between beams alter the `Beam.length-fraction` property.

```

\relative f' {
  \time 1/8
  \override Beam.beam-thickness = #0.4
  \override Beam.length-fraction = #0.8
  c32 c c c
  \revert Beam.beam-thickness % 0.48 is default thickness
  \revert Beam.length-fraction % 1.0 is default spacing
  c32 c c c
  \override Beam.beam-thickness = #0.6
  \override Beam.length-fraction = #1.3
  c32 c c c
}

```



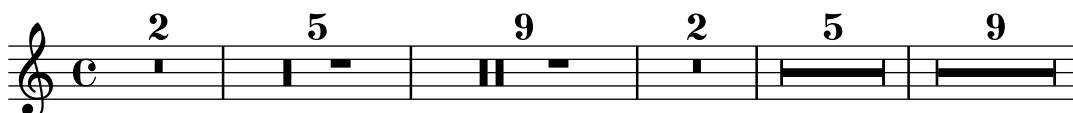
Changing form of multi-measure rests

If there are ten or fewer measures of rests, a series of longa and breve rests (called in German “Kirchenpausen” - church rests) is printed within the staff; otherwise a simple line is shown. This default number of ten may be changed by overriding the `expand-limit` property.

```

\relative c' {
  \compressMMRests {
    R1*2 | R1*5 | R1*9
    \override MultiMeasureRest.expand-limit = 3
    R1*2 | R1*5 | R1*9
  }
}

```



Changing properties for individual grobs

The `\applyOutput` command allows the tuning of any layout object, in any context. It requires a Scheme function with three arguments.

```

#(define (mc-squared grob grob-origin context)
  (let ((sp (ly:grob-property grob 'staff-position)))
    (ly:grob-set-property!
      grob 'stencil
      (grob-interpret-markup grob
        #{ \markup \lower #0.5

#(case sp
  ((-5) "m")
  ((-3) "c ")
  ((-2) #{ \markup \teeny \bold 2 #})
  (else "bla")) #}))))

```

```

\relative c' {
  <d f g b>2
}

```

```
\applyOutput Voice.NoteHead #mc-squared
<d f g b>2
}
```



Changing text and spanner styles for text dynamics

The text used for *crescendos* and *decrescendos* can be changed by modifying the context properties `crescendoText` and `decrescendoText`.

The style of the spanner line can be changed by modifying the `'style` property of `DynamicTextSpanner`. The default value is `'dashed-line`, and other possible values include `'line`, `'dotted-line` and `'none`.

```
\relative c' {
  \set crescendoText = \markup { \italic { cresc. poco } }
  \set crescendoSpanner = #'text
  \override DynamicTextSpanner.style = #'dotted-line
  a2\< a
  a2 a
  a2 a
  a2 a\mf
}
```



Changing the default text font family

The default font families for text can be overridden.

```
%{
You may have to install additional fonts.
```

```
Red Hat Fedora
```

```
dejavu-fonts-all
```

```
Debian GNU/Linux, Ubuntu
```

```
fonts-dejavu-core
fonts-dejavu-extra
```

```
%}
```

```
\paper {
  %{
    run
    lilypond -dshow-available-fonts
    to show all fonts available in the process log.
  %}
  property-defaults.fonts.serif = "DejaVu Serif"
```

```

property-defaults.fonts.sans = "DejaVu Sans"
property-defaults.fonts.typewriter = "DejaVu Sans Mono"
}

{
  g'''4^\markup {
    DejaVu Serif: \bold bold
                  \italic italic
                  \italic \bold { bold italic }
  }
  g4_\markup {
    \override #'(font-family . sans) {
      DejaVu Sans: \bold bold
                   \italic italic
                   \italic \bold { bold italic }
    }
  }
  g''2^\markup {
    \override #'(font-family . typewriter) {
      DejaVu Sans Mono: \bold bold
                       \italic italic
                       \italic \bold { bold italic }
    }
  }
}

```



Changing the staff size

Though the simplest way to resize staves is to use `#{set-global-staff-size xx}`, an individual staff's size can be changed by scaling the properties `'staff-space` and `fontSize`.

```

<<
  \new Staff {
    \relative c'' {
      \dynamicDown
      c8\ff c c c c c c c
    }
  }
  \new Staff \with {
    fontSize = #-3
    \override StaffSymbol.staff-space = #{magstep -3}
  } {
    \clef bass
    c8 c c c c\f c c c
  }
>>

```



Changing the tempo without a metronome mark

To change the tempo in MIDI output without printing anything, make the metronome mark invisible.

```
\score {
  \new Staff \relative c' {
    \tempo 4 = 160
    c4 e g b
    c4 b d c
    \set Score.tempoHideNote = ##t
    \tempo 4 = 96
    d,4 fis a cis
    d4 cis e d
  }
  \layout { }
  \midi { }
}
```



Changing the text for sustain markings

`Staff.pedalSustainStrings` can be used to set the text used for pedal down and up. Note that the only valid strings are those found in the list of pedal glyphs - the values used in this snippet constitute an exhaustive list.

```
sustainNotes = { c4\sustainOn d e\sustainOff\sustainOn f\sustainOff }
```

```
\relative c' {
  \sustainNotes
  \set Staff.pedalSustainStrings = #("P" "P-" "-")
  \sustainNotes
  \set Staff.pedalSustainStrings = #("d" "de" "e")
  \sustainNotes
  \set Staff.pedalSustainStrings = #("M" "M-" "-")
  \sustainNotes
  \set Staff.pedalSustainStrings = #("Ped" "*Ped" "*")
  \sustainNotes
}
```



Controlling spanner visibility after a line break

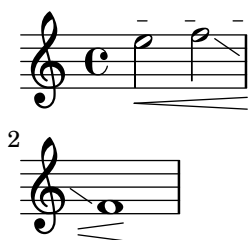
The visibility of spanners which end on the first note following a line break is controlled by the `after-line-breaking` callback `ly:spanner::kill-zero-spanned-time`.

For objects such as glissandos and hairpins, the default behaviour is to hide the spanner after a break; disabling the callback will allow the left-broken span to be shown.

Conversely, spanners which are usually visible, such as text spans, can be hidden by enabling the callback.

```
\paper {
  ragged-right = ##t
  tagline = ##f
}

\relative c'' {
  \override Hairpin.to-barline = ##f
  \override Glissando.breakable = ##t
  % show hairpin
  \override Hairpin.after-line-breaking = ##t
  % hide text span
  \override TextSpanner.after-line-breaking =
    #ly:spanner::kill-zero-spanned-time
  e2\<\startTextSpan
  % show glissando
  \override Glissando.after-line-breaking = ##t
  f2\glissando
  \break
  f,1\!\stopTextSpan
}
```



Controlling the appearance of tremolo slashes

Using various properties of the `StemTremolo` grob it is possible to control the appearance of tremolo slashes.

- Property `slope` sets the slope for tremolo slashes.
- Property `shape` determines whether tremolo slashes look like rectangles (value `rectangle`) or like very small beams (value `beam-like`).
- Property `style` sets both the slope and the shape depending on whether the note has flags, beams, or only a plain stem. This is in contrast to the previous two properties, which change the slope and shape unconditionally. There are two styles defined.
 - `default`: slashes for down-stem flags are longer and more sloped than slashes for up-stem flags; slashes on beamed notes have a rectangular shape and are parallel to the beam.
 - `constant`: all slashes are beam-like and have the same slope except for down-stem flags.

```

music = {
  a''4:32 a':
  e''8: \noBeam e':
  a'':[ a':]
  f':[ g':]
  d':[ d':]
}

\new Staff {
  <>^\markup "default"
  \music
}

\new Staff {
  <>^\markup \typewriter "style = #'constant"
  \override StemTremolo.style = #'constant
  \music
}

\new Staff {
  <>^\markup \typewriter "shape = #'rectangle"
  \override StemTremolo.shape = #'rectangle
  \music
}

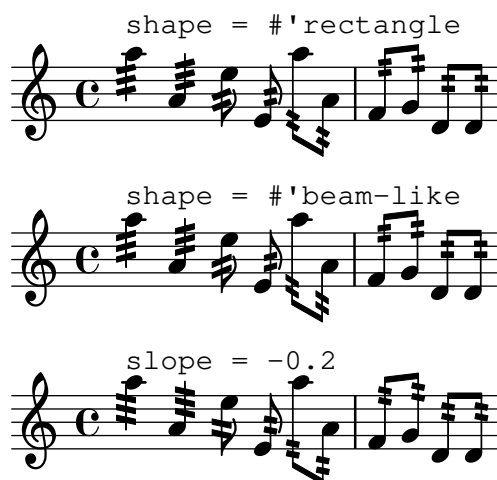
\new Staff {
  <>^\markup \typewriter "shape = #'beam-like"
  \override StemTremolo.shape = #'beam-like
  \music
}

\new Staff {
  <>^\markup \typewriter "slope = -0.2"
  \override StemTremolo.slope = -0.2
  \music
}

\paper {
  indent = 0
  tagline = ##f
}

```





Controlling the vertical ordering of scripts

The vertical ordering of scripts is controlled with the `script-priority` property. The lower this number, the closer it will be put to the note. In this example, the TextScript (the *sharp* symbol) first has the lowest priority, so it is put lowest in the first example. In the second, the *prall trill* (the Script) has the lowest, so it is on the inside. When two objects have the same priority, the order in which they are entered determines which one comes first.

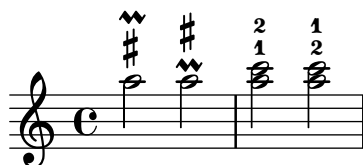
Note that for Fingering, StringNumber, and StrokeFinger grobs, if used within a chord, the vertical order is also determined by the vertical position of the associated note head, which is added to (or, depending on the direction, subtracted from) the grob's `script-priority` value. This ensures that for fingerings above a chord the lower note is associated with the lower fingering (and vice versa for the other direction); it doesn't matter whether you input the notes in the chord from top to bottom or from bottom to top.

By default, the least technical scripts are positioned closest to the note head; the rough order is articulation, flageolet, fingering, right-hand fingering, string number, fermata, bowing, and text script.

```
\relative c''' {
  \once \override TextScript.script-priority = -100
  a2^\prall^\markup { \sharp }

  \once \override Script.script-priority = -100
  a2^\prall^\markup { \sharp }

  \set fingeringOrientations = #'(up)
  <c-2 a-1>2
  <a-1 c>\tweak script-priority -100 -2>2
}
```



Controlling tuplet bracket visibility

The default behavior of tuplet-bracket visibility is to print a bracket unless there is a beam of the same length as the tuplet.

To control the visibility of tuplet brackets, set the property `bracket-visibility` to either `#t` (always print a bracket), `if-no-beam` (only print a bracket if there is no beam) or `#f` (never print a bracket). The latter is in fact equivalent to omitting the `TupletBracket` object altogether from the printed output.

```
music = \relative c' {
  \tuplet 3/2 { c16[ d e ] f8]
  \tuplet 3/2 { c8 d e }
  \tuplet 3/2 { c4 d e }
}

\new Voice {
  \relative c' {
    \override Score.TextMark.non-musical = ##f
    \textMark "default" \music
    \override TupletBracket.bracket-visibility = #'if-no-beam
    \textMark \markup \typewriter "'if-no-beam" \music
    \override TupletBracket.bracket-visibility = ##t
    \textMark \markup \typewriter "#t" \music
    \override TupletBracket.bracket-visibility = ##f
    \textMark \markup \typewriter "#f" \music
    \omit TupletBracket
    \textMark \markup \typewriter "omit" \music
  }
}
```

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```



Creating a delayed turn

Creating a delayed turn, where the lower note of the turn uses the accidental, requires several overrides. The `outside-staff-priority` property must be set to `#f`, as otherwise this would take precedence over the `avoid-slur` property. Changing the fractions `2/3` and `1/3` adjusts the horizontal position.

```
\relative c' {
  \after 2*2/3 \turn c2( d4) r |
  \after 4 \turn c4.( d8)
  \after 4
  {
    \once \set suggestAccidentals = ##t
    \once \override AccidentalSuggestion.outside-staff-priority = ##f
    \once \override AccidentalSuggestion.avoid-slur = #'inside
    \once \override AccidentalSuggestion.font-size = -3
    \once \override AccidentalSuggestion.script-priority = -1
  }
}
```

```

\once \hideNotes
cis8\turn \noBeam
}
d4.( e8)
}

```



Creating custom key signatures

LilyPond supports custom key signatures. In this example, print for D minor with an extended range of printed flats.

```

\new Staff \with {
  \override StaffSymbol.line-count = #8
  \override KeySignature.flat-positions = #'((-7 . 6))
  \override KeyCancellation.flat-positions = #'((-7 . 6))
  % presumably sharps are also printed in both octaves
  \override KeySignature.sharp-positions = #'((-6 . 7))
  \override KeyCancellation.sharp-positions = #'((-6 . 7))

  \override Clef.stencil = #
  (lambda (grob)(grob-interpret-markup grob
    #{ \markup\combine
      \musicglyph "clefs.C"
      \translate #'(-3 . -2)
      \musicglyph "clefs.F"
    #})))
  clefPosition = #3
  middleCPosition = #3
  middleCClefPosition = #3
}

{
  \key d\minor
  f bes, f bes,
}

```



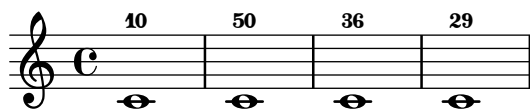
Creating double-digit fingerings

Creating fingerings larger than 5 is possible.

```

\relative c' {
  c1-10
  c1-50
  c1-36
  c1-29
}

```



Creating text spanners

The `\startTextSpan` and `\stopTextSpan` commands allow the creation of text spanners as easily as pedal indications or octavations. Override some properties of the `TextSpanner` object to modify its output.

```
\paper { ragged-right = ##f }

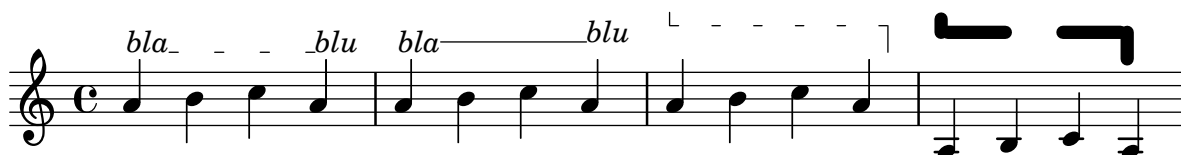
\relative c' {
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.text = #"bla"
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.right.text = #"blu"
  a4 \startTextSpan
  b4 c
  a4 \stopTextSpan

  \override TextSpanner.style = #'line
  \once \override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.stencil-align-dir-y = #CENTER
  a4 \startTextSpan
  b4 c
  a4 \stopTextSpan

  \override TextSpanner.style = #'dashed-line
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.text =
    \markup { \draw-line #'(0 . 1) }
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.right.text =
    \markup { \draw-line #'(0 . -2) }
  \once \override TextSpanner.bound-details.right.padding = #-2

  a4 \startTextSpan
  b4 c
  a4 \stopTextSpan

  \set Staff.middleCPosition = #-13
  \override TextSpanner.dash-period = #10
  \override TextSpanner.dash-fraction = #0.5
  \override TextSpanner.thickness = #10
  a4 \startTextSpan
  b4 c
  a4 \stopTextSpan
}
```

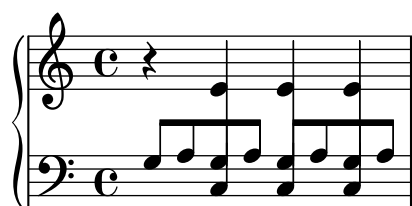


Cross-staff chords - beaming problems workaround

Sometimes it is better to use stems from the upper staff for creating cross-staff chords, because no problems with automatic beam collision avoidance then arise. If the stems from the lower

staff were used in the following example, it would be necessary to change the automatic beam collision avoidance settings so that it doesn't detect collisions between staves using `\override Staff.Beam.collision-voice-only = ##t`

```
\new PianoStaff <<
  \new Staff = up
    \relative c' {
      <<
        { r4
          \override Stem.cross-staff = ##t
          \override Stem.length = #19 % this is in half-spaces,
            % so it makes stems 9.5 staffspaces long
          \override Stem.Y-offset = #-6 % stems are normally lengthened
            % upwards, so here we must lower the stem by the amount
            % equal to the lengthening - in this case (19 - 7) / 2
            % (7 is default stem length)
          e e e }
        { s4
          \change Staff = "bottom"
          \override NoteColumn.ignore-collision = ##t
          c, c c
        }
      >>
    }
  \new Staff = bottom
    \relative c' {
      \clef bass
      \voiceOne
      g8 a g a g a g a
    }
>>
```



Cross-staff stems

This snippet shows how to use `Span_stem_engraver` and `\crossStaff` to connect stems across staves automatically.

The stem lengths need not be specified, as the variable distance between noteheads and staves is calculated automatically. However, it is important that `\crossStaff` is applied to the correct voice or staff (i.e., on the opposite side of where a beam is or would be positioned) to get the desired effect.

```
\layout {
  \context {
    \PianoStaff
    \consists "Span_stem_engraver"
  }
}
```

```

\new PianoStaff <<
  \new Staff {
    <b d'>4 r d'16\> e'8. g8 r\! |
    e'8 f' g'4
    \voiceTwo
    % Down to lower staff
    \crossStaff { e'8 e'8 } e'4 |
  }

  \new Staff {
    \clef bass
    \voiceOne
    % Up to upper staff
    \crossStaff { <e g>4 e, g16 a8. c8 } d |
    g8 f g4 \voiceTwo g8 g g4 |
  }
>>

```



Custodes

Custodes may be engraved in various styles.

```

\layout { ragged-right = ##t }

```

```

\new Staff \with { \consists "Custos_engraver" } \relative c' {
  \override Staff.Custos.neutral-position = #4

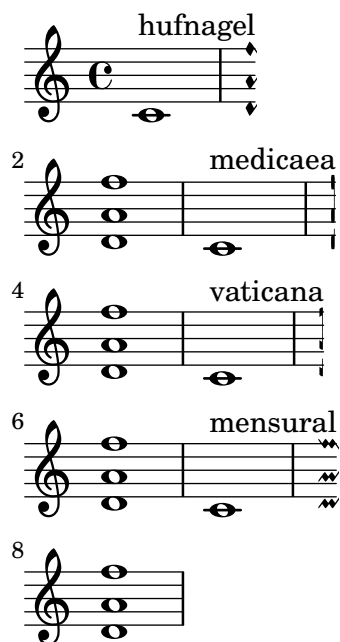
  \override Staff.Custos.style = #'hufnagel
  c1^"hufnagel" \break
  <d a' f'>1

  \override Staff.Custos.style = #'medicaea
  c1^"medicaea" \break
  <d a' f'>1

  \override Staff.Custos.style = #'vaticana
  c1^"vaticana" \break
  <d a' f'>1

  \override Staff.Custos.style = #'mensural
  c1^"mensural" \break
  <d a' f'>1
}

```



Customizing fretboard fret diagrams

Fret diagram properties can be set through 'fret-diagram-details'. For FretBoard fret diagrams, overrides are applied to the FretBoards.FretBoard object. Like Voice, FretBoards is a bottom-level context, and therefore can be omitted in property overrides.

% begin verbatim

```
\include "predefined-guitar-fretboards.ly"
```

```
\storePredefinedDiagram #default-fret-table \chordmode { c' }
                        #guitar-tuning
                        "x;1-1-(;3-2;3-3;3-4;1-1-);"
```

% shorthand

```
oo = #(define-music-function
        (grob-path value)
        (list? scheme?)
        #{ \once \override $grob-path = #value #})
```

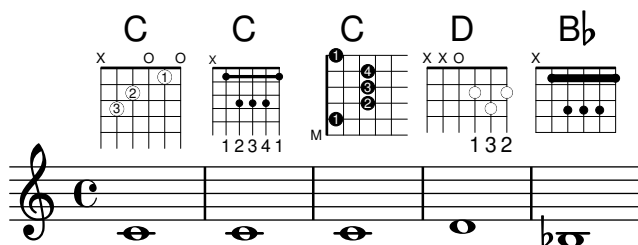
```
<<
```

```
\new ChordNames {
  \chordmode { c1 | c | c | d | bes }
}
\new FretBoards {
  % Set global properties of fret diagram
  \override FretBoards.FretBoard.size = 1.2
  \override FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.finger-code = #'in-dot
  \override FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.dot-color = #'white
  \chordmode {
    c
    \oo FretBoard.size #1.0
    \oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.barre-type #'straight
    \oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.dot-color #'black
    \oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.finger-code #'below-string
```

```

c'
\oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.barre-type #'none
\oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.number-type #'arabic
\oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.orientation #'landscape
\oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.mute-string "M"
\oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.label-dir #LEFT
\oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.dot-color #'black
c'
\oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.finger-code #'below-string
\oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.dot-radius #0.35
\oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.dot-position #0.5
\oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.fret-count #3
d
  \oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.barre-type #'straight
  \oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.finger-code #'none
  \oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.dot-radius #0.25
  \oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.dot-color #'black
  \oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.string-overhang #0.
  \oo FretBoard.fret-diagram-details.barre-thickness #2.
bes
}
}
\new Voice {
  c'1 | c' | c' | d' | bes
}
>>

```



Customizing markup fret diagrams

Fret diagram properties can be set through 'fret-diagram-details'. For markup fret diagrams, overrides can be applied to the Voice.TextScript object or directly to the markup.

```

<<
\chords { c1 | c | c | d }

\new Voice = "mel" {
  \textLengthOn
  % Set global properties of fret diagram
  \override TextScript.size = 1.2
  \override TextScript.fret-diagram-details.finger-code = #'in-dot
  \override TextScript.fret-diagram-details.dot-color = #'white

  %% C major for guitar, no barre, using defaults
  % terse style
  c'1~\markup { \fret-diagram-terse "x;3-3;2-2;o;1-1;o;" }

```

```

%% C major for guitar, barred on third fret
% verbose style
% size 1.0
% roman fret label, finger labels below string, straight barre
c'1~\markup {
  % standard size
  \override #'(size . 1.0) {
    \override #'(fret-diagram-details . (
      (number-type . roman-lower)
      (finger-code . in-dot)
      (barre-type . straight))) {
      \fret-diagram-verbose #'((mute 6)
        (place-fret 5 3 1)
        (place-fret 4 5 2)
        (place-fret 3 5 3)
        (place-fret 2 5 4)
        (place-fret 1 3 1)
        (barre 5 1 3))
    }
  }
}

```

```

%% C major for guitar, barred on third fret
% verbose style
% landscape orientation, arabic numbers, M for mute string
% no barre, fret label down or left, small mute label font
c'1~\markup {
  \override #'(fret-diagram-details . (
    (finger-code . below-string)
    (number-type . arabic)
    (label-dir . -1)
    (mute-string . "M")
    (orientation . landscape)
    (barre-type . none)
    (xo-font-magnification . 0.4)
    (xo-padding . 0.3))) {
    \fret-diagram-verbose #'((mute 6)
      (place-fret 5 3 1)
      (place-fret 4 5 2)
      (place-fret 3 5 3)
      (place-fret 2 5 4)
      (place-fret 1 3 1)
      (barre 5 1 3))
    }
  }
}

```

```

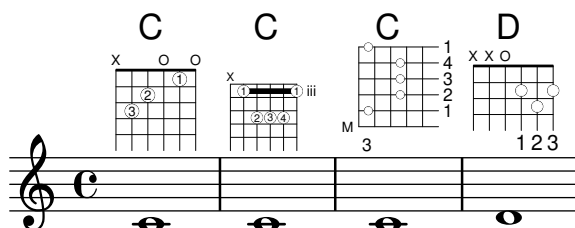
%% simple D chord
% terse style
% larger dots, centered dots, fewer frets
% label below string
d'1~\markup {

```

```

\override #'(fret-diagram-details . (
  (finger-code . below-string)
  (dot-radius . 0.35)
  (dot-position . 0.5)
  (fret-count . 3))) {
  \fret-diagram-terse "x;x;o;2-1;3-2;2-3;"
}
}
}
>>

```



Display bracket with only one staff in a system

If there is only one staff in one of the staff types `ChoirStaff` or `StaffGroup`, by default the bracket and the starting bar line will not be displayed. This can be changed by overriding `collapse-height` to set its value to be less than the number of staff lines in the staff.

Note that in contexts such as `PianoStaff` and `GrandStaff` where the systems begin with a brace instead of a bracket, another property has to be set, as shown on the second system in the example.

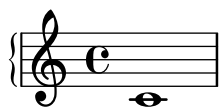
```

\score {
  \new StaffGroup <<
    % Must be lower than the actual number of staff lines
    \override StaffGroup.SystemStartBracket.collapse-height = 4
    \override Score.SystemStartBar.collapse-height = 4
    \new Staff {
      c'1
    }
  >>
}
\score {
  \new PianoStaff <<
    \override PianoStaff.SystemStartBrace.collapse-height = 4
    \override Score.SystemStartBar.collapse-height = 4
    \new Staff {
      c'1
    }
  >>
}

\paper { tagline = ##f }

```





Displaying grob ancestry

When working with grob callbacks, it can be helpful to understand a grob's ancestry. Most grobs have parents which influence the positioning of the grob. X- and Y-parents influence the horizontal and vertical positions for the grob, respectively. Additionally, each parent may have parents of its own.

Unfortunately, there are several aspects of a grob's ancestry that can lead to confusion:

- The types of parents a grob has may depend on context.
- For some grobs, the X- and Y-parents are the same.
- A particular *ancestor* may be related to a grob in multiple ways.
- The concept of *generations* is misleading.

For example, the System grob can be both parent (on the Y-side) and grandparent (twice on the X-side) to a VerticalAlignment grob.

This macro prints (to the console) a textual representation of a grob's ancestry.

When called this way:

```
{ \once \override NoteHead.before-line-breaking = #display-ancestry c }
```

The following output is generated:

```
NoteHead
X,Y: NoteColumn
  X: PaperColumn
    X,Y: System
  Y: VerticalAxisGroup
    X: NonMusicalPaperColumn
      X,Y: System
    Y: VerticalAlignment
      X: NonMusicalPaperColumn
        X,Y: System
      Y: System

%% http://lsr.di.unimi.it/LSR/Item?id=622

#(define (get-ancestry grob)
  (if (not (null? (ly:grob-parent grob X)))
      (list (grob::name grob)
            (get-ancestry (ly:grob-parent grob X))
            (get-ancestry (ly:grob-parent grob Y)))
      (grob::name grob)))

#(define (format-ancestry lst padding)
  (string-append
    (symbol->string (car lst))
    "\n"
    (let ((X-ancestry
          (if (list? (cadr lst))
              (format-ancestry (cadr lst) (+ padding 3))
              (symbol->string (cadr lst)))))))
```

```

(Y-ancestry
  (if (list? (caddr lst))
      (format-ancestry (caddr lst) (+ padding 3))
      (symbol->string (caddr lst))))
(if (equal? X-ancestry Y-ancestry)
    (string-append
      (format #f "~&")
      (make-string padding #\space)
      "X,Y: ")
    (if (list? (cadr lst))
        (format-ancestry (cadr lst) (+ padding 5))
        (symbol->string (cadr lst))))
(string-append
  (format #f "~&")
  (make-string padding #\space)
  "X: " X-ancestry
  "\n"
  (make-string padding #\space)
  "Y: " Y-ancestry
  (format #f "~&"))))
(format #f "~&"))

#(define (display-ancestry grob)
  (format (current-error-port)
    "~3&~a~2%~a~&"
    (make-string 36 #\-)
    (if (ly:grob? grob)
        (format-ancestry (get-ancestry grob) 0)
        (format #f "~a is not a grob" grob))))

\relative c' {
  \once \override NoteHead.before-line-breaking = #display-ancestry
  f4
  \once \override Accidental.before-line-breaking = #display-ancestry
  \once \override Arpeggio.before-line-breaking = #display-ancestry
  <f as c>4\arpeggio
}

```



Dotted harmonics

Artificial harmonics using `\harmonic` do not show dots. To override this behavior, set the context property `harmonicDots`.

```

\relative c' '' {
  \time 3/4
  \key f \major
  \set harmonicDots = ##t
  <bes f'\harmonic>2. ~
  <bes f'\harmonic>4. <a e'\harmonic>8( <gis dis'\harmonic> <g d'\harmonic>)
}

```

```

<fis cis'\harmonic>2.
<bes f'\harmonic>2.
}

```



Drawing boxes around grobs

The `print`-function can be overridden to draw a box around an arbitrary grob.

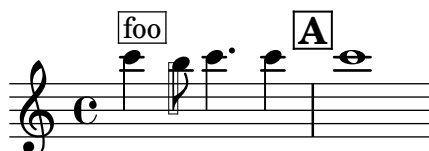
```

\relative c' {
  \override TextScript.stencil =
    #(make-stencil-boxer 0.1 0.3 ly:text-interface::print)
  c'4^"foo"

  \override Stem.stencil =
    #(make-stencil-boxer 0.05 0.25 ly:stem::print)
  \override Score.RehearsalMark.stencil =
    #(make-stencil-boxer 0.15 0.3 ly:text-interface::print)
  b8

  \revert Stem.stencil
  \revert Flag.stencil
  c4. c4
  \mark \default
  c1
}

```



Drawing circles around various objects

The `\circle` markup command draws circles around various objects, for example fingering indications. For other objects, specific tweaks may be required: this example demonstrates two strategies for rehearsal marks and measure numbers.

```

\relative c' {
  c1
  \set Score.rehearsalMarkFormatter =
    #(lambda (mark context)
      (make-circle-markup (format-mark-numbers mark context)))
  \mark \default

  c2 d^\markup {
    \override #'(thickness . 3) {
      \circle \finger 2
    }
  }
}

```

```
\override Score.BarNumber.break-visibility = #all-visible
\override Score.BarNumber.stencil =
  #(\make-stencil-circler 0.1 0.25 ly:text-interface::print)
}
```



Dynamics custom text spanner postfix

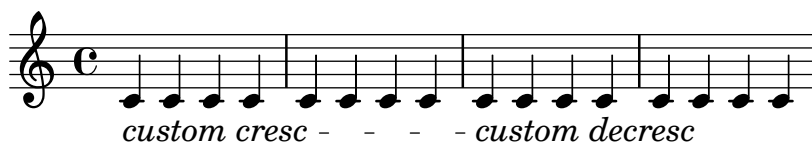
Postfix functions for custom crescendo text spanners. The spanners should start on the first note of the measure. One has to use `-\mycresc`, otherwise the spanner start will rather be assigned to the next note.

*% Two functions for (de)crescendo spanners where you can explicitly
% give the spanner text.*

```
mycresc =
#(define-music-function (mymarkup) (markup?)
  (make-music 'CrescendoEvent
    'span-direction START
    'span-type 'text
    'span-text mymarkup))
```

```
mydecresc =
#(define-music-function (mymarkup) (markup?)
  (make-music 'DecrescendoEvent
    'span-direction START
    'span-type 'text
    'span-text mymarkup))
```

```
\relative c' {
  c4-\mycresc "custom cresc" c4 c4 c4 |
  c4 c4 c4 c4 |
  c4-\mydecresc "custom decresc" c4 c4 c4 |
  c4 c4\! c4 c4
}
```



Dynamics text spanner postfix

Custom text spanners can be defined and used with hairpin and text crescendos. `\<` and `\>` produce hairpins by default, `\cresc` etc. produce text spanners by default.

% Some sample text dynamic spanners, to be used as postfix operators

```
crpoco =
#(make-music 'CrescendoEvent
  'span-direction START
  'span-type 'text
  'span-text "cresc. poco a poco")
```

```
\relative c' {
  c4\cresc d4 e4 f4 |
  g4 a4\! b4\crpoco c4 |
  c4 d4 e4 f4 |
  g4 a4\! b4\< c4 |
  g4\dim a4 b4\decreasc c4\!
}
```



Extending a TrillSpanner

For `TrillSpanner`, the `minimum-length` property becomes effective only if the `set-spacing-rods` procedure is called explicitly.

To do this, the `springs-and-rods` property should be set to `ly:spanner::set-spacing-rods`.

```
\relative c' {
  \key c\minor
  \time 2/4
  c16( as') c,-. des-.
  \once\override TrillSpanner.minimum-length = #15
  \once\override TrillSpanner.springs-and-rods = #ly:spanner::set-spacing-rods
  \afterGrace es4
  \startTrillSpan { d16[( \stopTrillSpan es)] }
  c( c' g es c g' es d
  \hideNotes
  c8)
}
```



Extending glissandi across repeats

A glissando which extends into several `\alternative` blocks can be simulated by adding a hidden grace note with a glissando at the start of each `\alternative` block. The grace note should be at the same pitch as the note which starts the initial glissando. This is implemented here with a music function which takes the pitch of the grace note as its argument.

Note that in polyphonic music the grace note must be matched with corresponding grace notes in all other voices.

```
repeatGliss = #(define-music-function (grace)
  (ly:pitch?)
  #{
    % the next two lines ensure the glissando is long enough
    % to be visible
    \once \override Glissando.springs-and-rods
      = #ly:spanner::set-spacing-rods
```

```

\once \override Glissando.minimum-length = 3.5
\once \hideNotes
\grace $grace \glissando
#})

\score {
  \relative c'' {
    \repeat volta 3 { c4 d e f\glissando }
    \alternative {
      { g2 d }
      { \repeatGliss f g2 e }
      { \repeatGliss f e2 d }
    }
  }
}

music = \relative c' {
  \voiceOne
  \repeat volta 2 {
    g a b c\glissando
  }
  \alternative {
    { d1 }
    { \repeatGliss c \once \omit StringNumber e1\2 }
  }
}

\score {
  \new StaffGroup <<
    \new Staff <<
      \new Voice { \clef "G_8" \music }
    >>
    \new TabStaff <<
      \new TabVoice { \clef "moderntab" \music }
    >>
  >>
}

\paper { tagline = ##f }

```

The image displays a musical score for a piece of music. The top staff is a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The first three measures are grouped by a bracket labeled '1.', the next two by '2.', and the last three by '3.'. Below the treble staff is a guitar tablature staff with six lines. The notes are represented by numbers: 0 (open string), 2, 0, 1, 3, and 5. The first two measures are grouped by a bracket labeled '1.', and the next two by '2.'.

Fine-tuning pedal brackets

The appearance of pedal brackets may be altered in different ways.

```
\paper { ragged-right = ##f }
```

```
\relative c' {
  c2\sostenutoOn c
  c2\sostenutoOff c
  \once \override Staff.PianoPedalBracket.shorten-pair = #'(-7 . -2)
  c2\sostenutoOn c
  c2\sostenutoOff c
  \once \override Staff.PianoPedalBracket.edge-height = #'(0 . 3)
  c2\sostenutoOn c
  c2\sostenutoOff c
}
```



Flat Ties

The function takes the default Tie.stencil as an argument, calculating the result relying on the extents of this default.

Further tweaking is possible by overriding Tie.details.height-limit or with \shape. It's also possible to change the custom-definition on the fly.

```
%% http://lsr.di.unimi.it/LSR/Item?id=1031
```

```
#(define ((flared-tie coords) grob)

  (define (pair-to-list pair)
    (list (car pair) (cdr pair)))

  (define (normalize-coords goods x y dir)
    (map
      (lambda (coord)
        ;(coord-scale coord (cons x (* y dir)))
        (cons (* x (car coord)) (* y dir (cdr coord))))
      goods))

  (define (my-c-p-s points thick)
    (make-connected-path-stencil
      points
      thick
      1.0
      1.0
      #f
      #f))

  ;; outer let to trigger suicide
  (let ((sten (ly:tie::print grob)))
```

```

    (if (grob::is-live? grob)
        (let* ((layout (ly:grob-layout grob))
               (line-thickness (ly:output-def-lookup layout 'line-thickness))
               (thickness (ly:grob-property grob 'thickness 0.1))
               (used-thick (* line-thickness thickness))
               (dir (ly:grob-property grob 'direction))
               (xex (ly:stencil-extent sten X))
               (yex (ly:stencil-extent sten Y))
               (lenx (interval-length xex))
               (leny (interval-length yex))
               (xtrans (car xex))
               (ytrans (if (> dir 0)(car yex) (cdr yex)))
               (uplist
                (map pair-to-list
                     (normalize-coords coords lenx (* leny 2) dir))))
            (ly:stencil-translate
             (my-c-p-s uplist used-thick)
             (cons xtrans ytrans)))
        '()))

#(define flare-tie
  (flared-tie '((0 . 0)(0.1 . 0.2) (0.9 . 0.2) (1.0 . 0.0))))

\layout {
  \context {
    \Voice
    \override Tie.stencil = #flare-tie
  }
}

\paper {
  ragged-right = ##f
  tagline = ##f
}

\relative c' {
  a4~a
  \override Tie.height-limit = 4
  a'4~a
  a'4~a
  <a,, c e a c e a c e>~ q

  \break

  a'4~a
  \once \override Tie.details.height-limit = 14
  a4~a

  \break

  a4~a

```

```

\once \override Tie.details.height-limit = 0.5
a4~a

\break

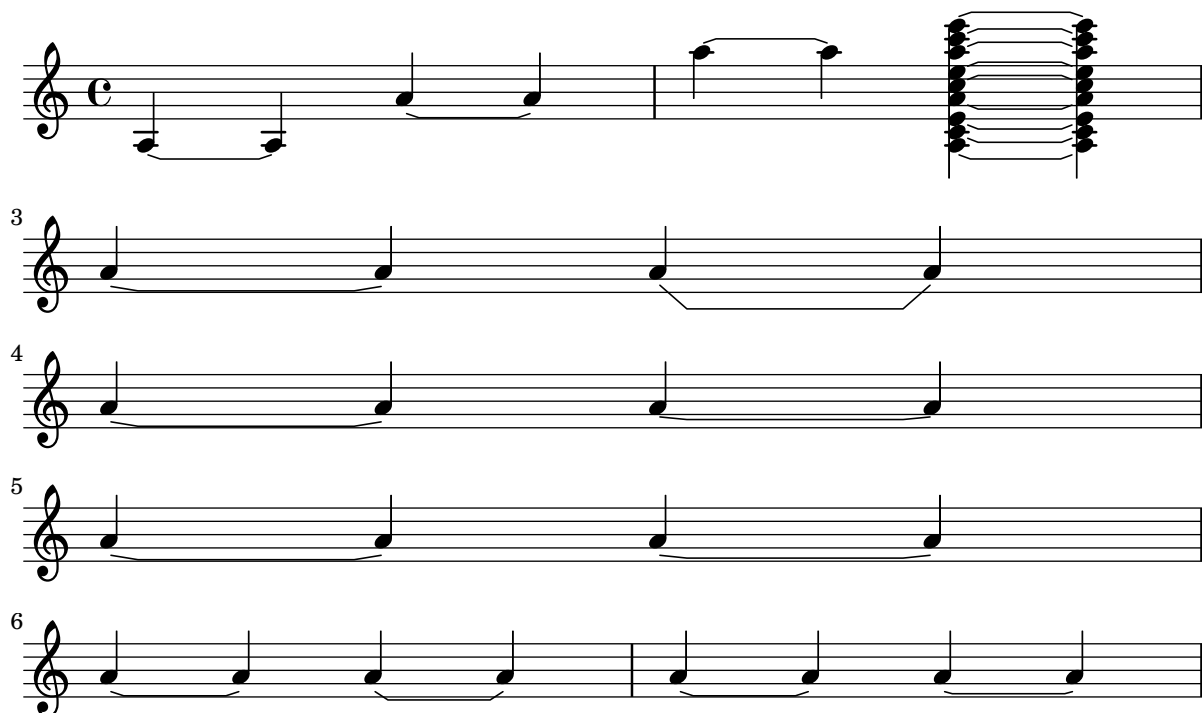
a4~a
\shape #'((0 . 0) (0 . 0.4) (0 . 0.4) (0 . 0)) Tie
a4~a

\break

a4~a
\once \override Tie.stencil =
  #(flared-tie '((0 . 0)(0.1 . 0.4) (0.9 . 0.4) (1.0 . 0.0)))
a4~a

a4~a
\once \override Tie.stencil =
  #(flared-tie '((0 . 0)(0.06 . 0.1) (0.94 . 0.1) (1.0 . 0.0)))
a4~a
}

```



Force a cancellation natural before accidentals

The following example shows how to force a natural sign before an accidental.

```

\relative c' {
  \key es \major
  bes c des
  \tweak Accidental.restore-first ##t
  eis
}

```



Forcing horizontal shift of notes

When the typesetting engine cannot cope, the following syntax can be used to override typesetting decisions. The units of measure used here are staff spaces.

```
\relative c' <<
{
  <d g>2 <d g>
}
\\
{
  <b f'>2
  \once \override NoteColumn.force-hshift = 1.7
  <b f'>2
}
>>
```



Fret diagrams explained and developed

This snippet shows many possibilities for obtaining and tweaking fret diagrams.

```
<<
\chords {
  a1 a \bar "||" \break
  \repeat unfold 3 {
    c c c d d \bar "||" \break
  }
}

\new Voice {
  % Set global properties of fret diagram
  \override TextScript.size = 1.2
  \override TextScript.fret-diagram-details
    .finger-code = #'below-string
  \override TextScript.fret-diagram-details
    .dot-color = #'black

  % 1
  %
  % A chord for ukulele.
  a'1^\markup
    \override #'(fret-diagram-details
      . ((string-count . 4)
        (dot-color . white)
        (finger-code . in-dot)))
```

```

\ fret-diagram "4-2-2;3-1-1;2-o;1-o;"

% 2
%
% A chord for ukulele, with formatting defined in definition
% string: 1.2 * size, 4 strings, 4 frets, fingerings below,
% string dot radius .35 of fret spacing, dot position 0.55 of
% fret spacing.
a'1^\markup
  \override #'(fret-diagram-details
    . ((dot-color . white)
      (open-string . "o")))
\ fret-diagram
  "s:1.2;w:4;h:3;f:2;d:0.35;p:0.55;4-2-2;3-1-1;2-o;1-o;"

%%
%% These chords will be in normal orientation
%%

% 3
%
% C major for guitar, barred on third fret: verbose style,
% roman fret label, finger labels below string, straight barre.
c'1^\markup
  % 110% of default size
  \override #'(size . 1.1)
  \override #'(fret-diagram-details
    . ((number-type . roman-lower)
      (finger-code . below-string)
      (barre-type . straight)))
  \fret-diagram-verbose #'((mute 6)
    (place-fret 5 3 1)
    (place-fret 4 5 2)
    (place-fret 3 5 3)
    (place-fret 2 5 4)
    (place-fret 1 3 1)
    (barre 5 1 3))

% 4
%
% C major for guitar, barred on third fret: double barre used
% to test barre function, verbose style.
c'1^\markup
  % 110% of default size
  \override #'(size . 1.1)
  \override #'(fret-diagram-details
    . ((number-type . arabic)
      (dot-label-font-mag . 0.9)
      (finger-code . in-dot)
      (fret-label-font-mag . 0.6)

```

```

        (fret-label-vertical-offset . 0)
        (label-dir . -1)
        (mute-string . "M")
        (xo-font-magnification . 0.4)
        (xo-padding . 0.3)))
\ fret-diagram-verbose #'((mute 6)
        (place-fret 5 3 1)
        (place-fret 4 5 2)
        (place-fret 3 5 3)
        (place-fret 2 5 4)
        (place-fret 1 3 1)
        (barre 4 2 5)
        (barre 5 1 3))

% 5
%
% C major for guitar, with capo on third fret: verbose style.
c'1~\markup
% 110% of default size
\override #'(size . 1.1)
\override #'(fret-diagram-details
        . ((number-type . roman-upper)
        (dot-label-font-mag . 0.9)
        (finger-code . none)
        (fret-label-vertical-offset . 0.5)
        (xo-font-magnification . 0.4)
        (xo-padding . 0.3)))
\ fret-diagram-verbose #'((mute 6)
        (capo 3)
        (open 5)
        (place-fret 4 5 1)
        (place-fret 3 5 2)
        (place-fret 2 5 3)
        (open 1))

% 6
%
% Simple D chord.
d'1~\markup
\override #'(fret-diagram-details
        . ((finger-code . below-string)
        (dot-radius . 0.35)
        (string-thickness-factor . 0.3)
        (dot-position . 0.5)
        (fret-count . 3)))
\ fret-diagram-terse "x;x;o;2-1;3-2;2-3;"

% 7
%
% Simple D chord, large top fret thickness.
d'1~\markup
\override #'(fret-diagram-details

```

```

        . ((finger-code . below-string)
          (dot-radius . 0.35)
          (dot-position . 0.5)
          (top-fret-thickness . 7)
          (fret-count . 3)))
\ fret-diagram-terse "x;x;o;2-1;3-2;2-3;"

%%
%% These chords will be in landscape orientation
%%
\override TextScript.fret-diagram-details
      .orientation = #'landscape

% 8
%
% C major for guitar, barred on third fret: verbose style,
% roman fret label, finger labels below string, straight
% barre.
c'1^\markup
  % 110% of default size
  \override #'(size . 1.1)
  \override #'(fret-diagram-details
    . ((number-type . roman-lower)
      (finger-code . below-string)
      (barre-type . straight)))
  \fret-diagram-verbose #'((mute 6)
    (place-fret 5 3 1)
    (place-fret 4 5 2)
    (place-fret 3 5 3)
    (place-fret 2 5 4)
    (place-fret 1 3 1)
    (barre 5 1 3))

% 9
%
% C major for guitar, barred on third fret: Double barre
% used to test barre function, verbose style.
c'1^\markup
  % 110% of default size
  \override #'(size . 1.1)
  \override #'(fret-diagram-details
    . ((number-type . arabic)
      (dot-label-font-mag . 0.9)
      (finger-code . in-dot)
      (fret-label-font-mag . 0.6)
      (fret-label-vertical-offset . 0)
      (label-dir . -1)
      (mute-string . "M")
      (xo-font-magnification . 0.4)
      (xo-padding . 0.3)))

```

```

\ fret-diagram-verbose #'((mute 6)
                        (place-fret 5 3 1)
                        (place-fret 4 5 2)
                        (place-fret 3 5 3)
                        (place-fret 2 5 4)
                        (place-fret 1 3 1)
                        (barre 4 2 5)
                        (barre 5 1 3))

% 10
%
% C major for guitar, with capo on third fret: verbose style.
c'1~\markup
% 110% of default size
\override #'(size . 1.1)
\override #'(fret-diagram-details
. ((number-type . roman-upper)
  (dot-label-font-mag . 0.9)
  (finger-code . none)
  (fret-label-vertical-offset . 0.5)
  (xo-font-magnification . 0.4)
  (xo-padding . 0.3)))
\ fret-diagram-verbose #'((mute 6)
                        (capo 3)
                        (open 5)
                        (place-fret 4 5 1)
                        (place-fret 3 5 2)
                        (place-fret 2 5 3)
                        (open 1))

% 11
%
% Simple D chord.
d'1~\markup
\override #'(fret-diagram-details
. ((finger-code . below-string)
  (dot-radius . 0.35)
  (dot-position . 0.5)
  (fret-count . 3)))
\ fret-diagram-terse "x;x;o;2-1;3-2;2-3;"

% 12
%
% Simple D chord, large top fret thickness.
d'1~\markup
\override #'(fret-diagram-details
. ((finger-code . below-string)
  (dot-radius . 0.35)
  (dot-position . 0.5)
  (top-fret-thickness . 7)
  (fret-count . 3)))
\ fret-diagram-terse "x;x;o;2-1;3-2;2-3;"

```

```

%%
%% These chords will be in opposing-landscape orientation.
%%
\override TextScript.fret-diagram-details
    .orientation = #'opposing-landscape

% 13
%
% C major for guitar, barred on third fret: verbose style,
% roman fret label, finger labels below string, straight
% barre.
c'1^\markup
    % 110% of default size
    \override #'(size . 1.1)
    \override #'(fret-diagram-details
        . ((number-type . roman-lower)
            (finger-code . below-string)
            (barre-type . straight)))
    \fret-diagram-verbose #'((mute 6)
        (place-fret 5 3 1)
        (place-fret 4 5 2)
        (place-fret 3 5 3)
        (place-fret 2 5 4)
        (place-fret 1 3 1)
        (barre 5 1 3))

% 14
%
% C major for guitar, barred on third fret: double barre
% used to test barre function, verbose style.
c'1^\markup
    % 110% of default size
    \override #'(size . 1.1)
    \override #'(fret-diagram-details
        . ((number-type . arabic)
            (dot-label-font-mag . 0.9)
            (finger-code . in-dot)
            (fret-label-font-mag . 0.6)
            (fret-label-vertical-offset . 0)
            (label-dir . -1)
            (mute-string . "M")
            (xo-font-magnification . 0.4)
            (xo-padding . 0.3)))
    \fret-diagram-verbose #'((mute 6)
        (place-fret 5 3 1)
        (place-fret 4 5 2)
        (place-fret 3 5 3)
        (place-fret 2 5 4)
        (place-fret 1 3 1)

```

```

                                (barre 4 2 5)
                                (barre 5 1 3))

% 15
%
% C major for guitar, with capo on third fret: verbose style.
c'1~\markup
% 110% of default size
\override #'(size . 1.1)
\override #'(fret-diagram-details
              . ((number-type . roman-upper)
                 (dot-label-font-mag . 0.9)
                 (finger-code . none)
                 (fret-label-vertical-offset . 0.5)
                 (xo-font-magnification . 0.4)
                 (xo-padding . 0.3)))
\fret-diagram-verbose #'(mute 6)
                        (capo 3)
                        (open 5)
                        (place-fret 4 5 1)
                        (place-fret 3 5 2)
                        (place-fret 2 5 3)
                        (open 1))

% 16
%
% Simple D chord.
d'1~\markup
\override #'(fret-diagram-details
              . ((finger-code . below-string)
                 (dot-radius . 0.35)
                 (dot-position . 0.5)
                 (fret-count . 3)))
\fret-diagram-terse "x;x;o;2-1;3-2;2-3;"

% 17
%
% Simple D chord, large top fret thickness.
d'1~\markup
\override #'(fret-diagram-details
              . ((finger-code . below-string)
                 (dot-radius . 0.35)
                 (dot-position . 0.5)
                 (top-fret-thickness . 7)
                 (fret-count . 3)))
\fret-diagram-terse "x;x;o;2-1;3-2;2-3;"
}
>>

\paper {
  tagline = ##f

```

```

ragged-right = ##t
indent = 0
system-system-spacing.basic-distance = 20
}

\layout {
  \context {
    \Score
    \override SpacingSpanner.spacing-increment = 3
  }
}

```

The image displays a musical score with three systems of guitar notation. Each system consists of five measures. The first system begins at measure 1, the second at measure 3, and the third at measure 13. Each measure features a guitar chord diagram above a musical staff. The chords are labeled A, C, D, and E. The diagrams include fingerings (e.g., 1, 2, 3, 4, 1), muting (x), and other guitar-specific notations. The musical staff shows the corresponding notes and rests.

Generating custom flags

The stencil property of the Flag grob can be set to a custom scheme function to generate the glyph for the flag.

```

#(define-public (weight-flag grob)
  (let* ((stem-grob (ly:grob-parent grob X))
         (log (- (ly:grob-property stem-grob 'duration-log) 2))
         (is-up? (eqv? (ly:grob-property stem-grob 'direction) UP))
         (yext (if is-up? (cons (* log -0.8) 0) (cons 0 (* log 0.8))))
         (flag-stencil (make-filled-box-stencil '(-0.4 . 0.4) yext))
         (stroke-style (ly:grob-property grob 'stroke-style))
         (stroke-stencil (if (equal? stroke-style "grace")
                              (make-line-stencil 0.2 -0.9 -0.4 0.9 -0.4)

```

```

                                empty-stencil)))
  (ly:stencil-add flag-stencil stroke-stencil)))

% Create a flag stencil by looking up the glyph from the font
#(define (inverted-flag grob)
  (let* ((stem-grob (ly:grob-parent grob X))
        (dir (if (eqv? (ly:grob-property stem-grob 'direction) UP) "d" "u"))
        (flag (retrieve-glyph-flag "" dir "" grob))
        (line-thickness (ly:staff-symbol-line-thickness grob))
        (stem-thickness (ly:grob-property stem-grob 'thickness))
        (stem-width (* line-thickness stem-thickness))
        (stroke-style (ly:grob-property grob 'stroke-style))
        (stencil (if (null? stroke-style)
                     flag
                     (add-stroke-glyph flag stem-grob dir stroke-style "")))
        (rotated-flag (ly:stencil-rotate-absolute stencil 180 0 0)))
    (ly:stencil-translate rotated-flag (cons (- (/ stem-width 2)) 0))))

snippetexamplenotes =
{
  \autoBeamOff c'8 d'16 c'32 d'64 \acciaccatura {c'8} d'64
}

{
  \time 1/4
  \textMark "Normal flags"
  \snippetexamplenotes

  \textMark "Custom flag: inverted"
  \override Flag.stencil = #inverted-flag
  \snippetexamplenotes

  \textMark "Custom flag: weight"
  \override Flag.stencil = #weight-flag
  \snippetexamplenotes

  \textMark "Revert to normal"
  \revert Flag.stencil
  \snippetexamplenotes
}

```



Glissandi can skip grobs

NoteColumn grobs can be skipped over by glissandi.

```

\relative c' {
  a2 \glissando

```

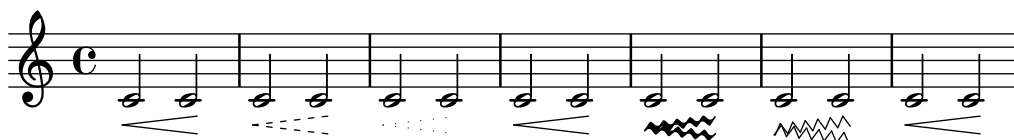
```
\once \override NoteColumn.glissando-skip = ##t
f''4 d,
}
```



Hairpins with different line styles

Hairpins can take any style from `line-interface` - `dashed-line`, `dotted-line`, `line`, `trill` or `zigzag`.

```
\relative c' {
  c2\< c\!
  \override Hairpin.style = #'dashed-line
  c2\< c\!
  \override Hairpin.style = #'dotted-line
  c2\< c\!
  \override Hairpin.style = #'line
  c2\< c\!
  \override Hairpin.style = #'trill
  c2\< c\!
  \override Hairpin.style = #'zigzag
  c2\< c\!
  \revert Hairpin.style
  c2\< c\!
}
```



Horizontally aligning custom dynamics (e.g. "sempre pp", "piu f", "subito p")

Some dynamic expressions involve additional text, like “sempre **pp**”. Since dynamics are usually centered under the note, the `\pp` would be displayed way after the note it applies to.

To correctly align the “sempre **pp**” horizontally so that it is aligned as if it were only the `\pp`, there are several approaches:

- Simply use `\once\override DynamicText.X-offset = #-9.2` before the note with the dynamics to manually shift it to the correct position. Drawback: This has to be done manually each time you use that dynamic markup...
- Add some padding (`#:hspace 7.1`) into the definition of your custom dynamic mark so that after LilyPond center-aligns it, it is already correctly aligned. Drawback: The padding really takes up that space and does not allow any other markup or dynamics to be shown in that position.
- Shift the dynamic script `\once\overrideX-offset =` Drawback: `\once\override` is needed for every invocation!
- Set the dimensions of the additional text to 0 (using `#:with-dimensions '(0 . 0) '(0 . 0)`). Drawback: For LilyPond, “sempre” has no extent now. This means it might put other stuff there, causing collisions (which are not detected by LilyPond’s collision detection).

algorithm!). There also seems to be some spacing, so it is not exactly the same alignment as without the additional text.

- Add an explicit shift directly inside the scheme function for the dynamic script.
- Set an explicit alignment inside the dynamic script. By default, this won't have any effect, only if one sets `X-offset`! Drawback: One needs to set `DynamicText.X-offset`, which will apply to all dynamic texts! Also, it is aligned at the right edge of the additional text, not at the center of `\pp`.

```
\paper {
  ragged-right = ##f
  indent = 2.5\cm
  tagline = ##f
}
```

```
% Solution 1: Using a simple markup with a particular halign value
% Drawback: It's a markup, not a dynamic command, so \dynamicDown
%           etc. will have no effect
semppMarkup = \markup { \halign #1.4 \italic "sempre" \dynamic "pp" }
```

```
% Solution 2: Using a dynamic script & shifting with
%             \once \override ...X-offset = ..
% Drawback: \once \override needed for every invocation
semppK =
#(make-dynamic-script
  (markup #:line
    (#:normal-text
      #:italic "sempre"
      #:dynamic "pp"))))
```

```
% Solution 3: Padding the dynamic script so the center-alignment
%             puts it at the correct position
% Drawback: the padding really reserves the space, nothing else can be there
semppT =
#(make-dynamic-script
  (markup #:line
    (#:normal-text
      #:italic "sempre"
      #:dynamic "pp"
      #:hspace 7.1))))
```

```
% Solution 4: Dynamic, setting the dimensions of the additional text to 0
% Drawback: To lilypond "sempre" has no extent, so it might put
%           other stuff there => collisions
% Drawback: Also, there seems to be some spacing, so it's not exactly the
%           same alignment as without the additional text
semppM =
#(make-dynamic-script
  (markup #:line
    (#:with-dimensions '(0 . 0) '(0 . 0)
      #:right-align
      #:normal-text
      #:italic "sempre"))))
```

```

                                #:dynamic "pp"))))

% Solution 5: Dynamic with explicit shifting inside the scheme function
semppG =
#(make-dynamic-script
  (markup #:hspace 0
    #:translate '(-18.85 . 0)
    #:line (#:normal-text
      #:italic "sempre"
      #:dynamic "pp"))))

% Solution 6: Dynamic with explicit alignment. This has only effect
%           if one sets X-offset!
% Drawback: One needs to set DynamicText.X-offset!
% Drawback: Aligned at the right edge of the additional text,
%           not at the center of pp
semppMII =
#(make-dynamic-script
  (markup #:line (#:right-align
    #:normal-text
    #:italic "sempre"
    #:dynamic "pp"))))

\new StaffGroup <<
  \new Staff = "s" \with { instrumentName = \markup \column { Normal } }
  <<
    \relative c'' {
      \key es \major
      c4\pp c\p c c | c\ff c c\pp c
    }
  >>
  \new Staff = "sMarkup" \with {
    instrumentName = \markup \column { Normal markup }
  }
  <<
    \relative c'' {
      \key es \major
      c4-\semppMarkup c\p c c | c\ff c c-\semppMarkup c
    }
  >>
  \new Staff = "sK" \with {
    instrumentName = \markup \column { Explicit shifting }
  }
  <<
    \relative c'' {
      \key es \major
      \once \override DynamicText.X-offset = #-9.2
      c4\semppK c\p c c
      c4\ff c
      \once \override DynamicText.X-offset = #-9.2
      c4\semppK c
    }
  >>

```

```

>>
\new Staff = "sT" \with {
  instrumentName = \markup \column { Right padding }
}
<<
  \relative c'' {
    \key es \major
    c4\semppT c\p c c | c\ff c c\semppT c
  }
>>
\new Staff = "sM" \with {
  instrumentName = \markup \column { Set dimension "to zero" }
}
<<
  \relative c'' {
    \key es \major
    c4\semppM c\p c c | c\ff c c\semppM c
  }
>>
\new Staff = "sG" \with {
  instrumentName = \markup \column { Shift inside dynamics}
}
<<
  \relative c'' {
    \key es \major
    c4\semppG c\p c c | c\ff c c\semppG c
  }
>>
\new Staff = "sMII" \with {
  instrumentName = \markup \column { Alignment inside dynamics }
}
<<
  \relative c'' {
    \key es \major
    % Setting to ##f (false) gives the same result
    \override DynamicText.X-offset = #0
    c4\semppMII c\p c c | c\ff c c\semppMII c
  }
>>
>>

\layout { \override Staff.InstrumentName.self-alignment-X = #LEFT }

```

Normal	
Normal markup	
Explicit shifting	
Right padding	
Set dimension to zero	
Shift inside dynamics	
Alignment inside dynamics	

How to change fret diagram position

If you want to move the position of a fret diagram, for example, to avoid collision, or to place it between two notes, you have various possibilities:

- 1) modify #'padding or #'extra-offset values (as shown in the first snippet)
- 2) you can add an invisible voice and attach the fret diagrams to the invisible notes in that voice (as shown in the second example).

If you need to move the fret according with a rhythmic position inside the bar (in the example, the third beat of the measure) the second example is better, because the fret is aligned with the third beat itself.

```
\header { tagline = ##f }
```

```
harmonies = \chordmode
```

```
{
```

```
  a8:13
```

```
% THE FOLLOWING IS THE COMMAND TO MOVE THE CHORD NAME
```

```
  \once \override ChordNames.ChordName.extra-offset = #'(10 . 0)
```

```
  b8:13 s2.
```

```
% THIS LINE IS THE SECOND METHOD
```

```
  s4 s4  b4:13
```

```
}
```

```
\score
```

```
{
```

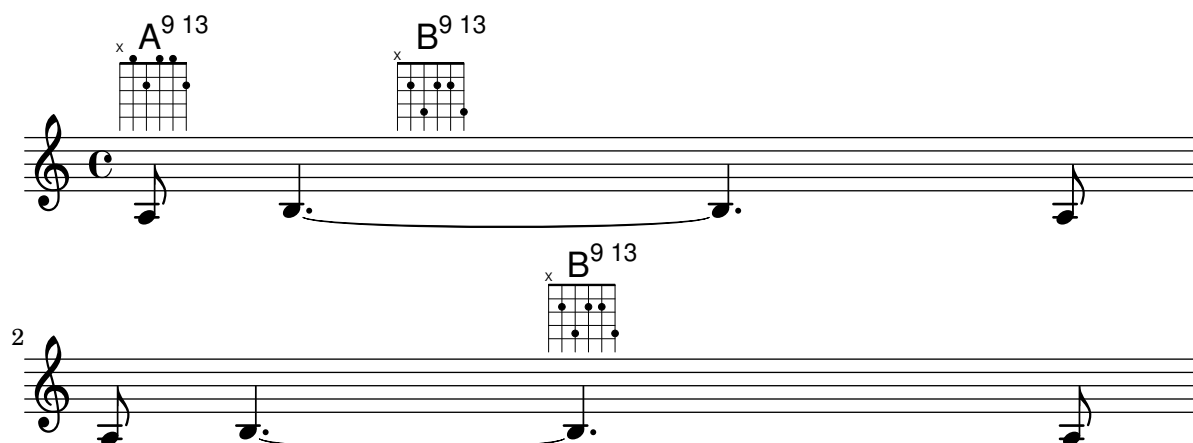
```
  <<
```

```
    \new ChordNames \harmonies
```

```

\new Staff
{ a8~\markup { \fret-diagram "6-x;5-0;4-2;3-0;2-0;1-2;" }
% THE FOLLOWING IS THE COMMAND TO MOVE THE FRET DIAGRAM
\once \override TextScript.extra-offset = #'(10 . 0)
b4.~\markup { \fret-diagram "6-x;5-2;4-4;3-2;2-2;1-4;" } b4. a8\break
% HERE IS THE SECOND METHOD
<<
{ a8 b4.~ b4. a8}
{ s4 s4 s4~\markup { \fret-diagram "6-x;5-2;4-4;3-2;2-2;1-4;" }
}
>>
}
>>
}

```



Inserting a caesura

Caesura marks can be created by overriding the 'text property of the BreathingSign object.

A curved caesura mark is also available.

```

\relative c' {
  \override BreathingSign.text = \markup {
    \musicglyph "scripts.caesura.straight"
  }
  c8 e4. \breathe g8. e16 c4

  \override BreathingSign.text = \markup {
    \musicglyph "scripts.caesura.curved"
  }
  g8 e'4. \breathe g8. e16 c4
}

```



Keep change clefs full sized

When a clef is changed, the clef sign displayed is smaller than the initial clef. This can be overridden with full-size-change.

```

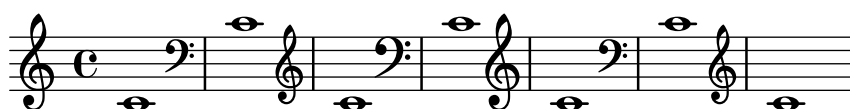
\relative c' {

```

```

\clef "treble"
c1
\clef "bass"
c1
\clef "treble"
c1
\override Staff.Clef.full-size-change = ##t
\clef "bass"
c1
\clef "treble"
c1
\revert Staff.Clef.full-size-change
\clef "bass"
c1
\clef "treble"
c1
}

```



Line arrows

Arrows can be applied to text-spanners and line-spanners (such as the Glissando).

```

\relative c' ' {
  \override TextSpanner.bound-padding = #1.0
  \override TextSpanner.style = #'line
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.right.arrow = ##t
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.text = #"fof"
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.right.text = #"gag"
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.right.padding = #0.6

  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.right.stencil-align-dir-y = #CENTER
  \override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.stencil-align-dir-y = #CENTER

  \override Glissando.bound-details.right.arrow = ##t
  \override Glissando.arrow-length = #0.5
  \override Glissando.arrow-width = #0.25

  a8\startTextSpan gis a4 b\glissando b,
  g'4 c\stopTextSpan c2
}

```



Making an object invisible with the 'transparent property

Setting the transparent property will cause an object to be printed in “invisible ink”: the object is not printed, but all its other behavior is retained. The object still takes up space, it takes part in collisions, and slurs, ties and beams can be attached to it.

This snippet demonstrates how to connect different voices using ties. Normally, ties only connect two notes in the same voice. By introducing a tie in a different voice, and blanking the first up-stem in that voice, the tie appears to cross voices.

```
\relative {
  \time 2/4
  <<
  {
    \once \hide Stem
    \once \override Stem.length = #8
    b'8 ~ 8\noBeam
    \once \hide Stem
    \once \override Stem.length = #8
    g8 ~ 8\noBeam
  }
  \\\
  {
    b8 g g e
  }
  >>
}
```



Making glissandi breakable

Normally, LilyPond refuses to automatically break a line at places where a glissando crosses a bar line. This behavior can be changed by setting the `Glissando.breakable` property to `#t`. Also setting the after-line-breaking property to `#t` makes the glissando line continue after the break.

The breakable property does not affect manual breaks inserted with commands like `\break`.

```
glissandoSkipOn = {
  \override NoteColumn.glissando-skip = ##t
  \hide NoteHead
  \override NoteHead.no-ledgers = ##t
}
```

```
music = {
  \repeat unfold 16 f8 |
  f1\glissando |
  a4 r2. |
  \repeat unfold 16 f8 |
  f1\glissando \once\glissandoSkipOn |
  a2 a4 r4 |
  \repeat unfold 16 f8
}
```

```
\relative c'' {
  <>^\markup { \typewriter Glissando.breakable
               set to \typewriter "#t" }
```

```

\override Glissando.breakable = ##t
\override Glissando.after-line-breaking = ##t
\music
}

\relative c' {
  <>^\markup { \typewriter Glissando.breakable not set }
  \music
}

\paper {
  line-width = 100\mm
  indent = 0
  tagline = ##f
}

```

The image displays two musical staves illustrating the effect of the `Glissando.breakable` override. The first staff, labeled "Glissando.breakable set to #t", shows a glissando (a series of beamed notes) that is broken across three staves (measures 1, 2, and 3). The second staff, labeled "Glissando.breakable not set", shows a glissando that is not broken and spans across the first three staves (measures 1, 2, and 3).

Manually controlling beam positions

Beam positions may be controlled manually, by overriding the positions setting of the Beam grob.

```

\relative c' {
  \time 2/4
  % from upper staff-line (position 2) to center (position 0)
  \override Beam.positions = #'(2 . 0)
  c8 c
  % from center to one above center (position 1)
  \override Beam.positions = #'(0 . 1)
  c8 c
}

```



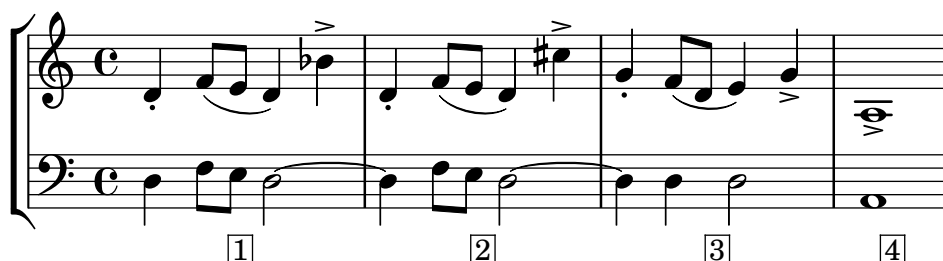
Measure-centered bar numbers

For film scores, a common convention is to center bar numbers within their measure. This is achieved through setting the `centerBarNumbers` context property to true. When this is used, the type of the bar number grobs is `CenteredBarNumber` rather than `BarNumber`.

This example demonstrates a number of settings: the centered bar numbers are boxed and placed below the staves.

```
\layout {
  \context {
    \Score
    centerBarNumbers = ##t
    barNumberVisibility = #all-bar-numbers-visible
    \override CenteredBarNumber.stencil
      = #(make-stencil-boxer 0.1 0.25 ly:text-interface::print)
    \override CenteredBarNumberLineSpanner.direction = #DOWN
  }
}
```

```
\new StaffGroup <<
  \new Staff \relative c' {
    d4-. f8( e d4) bes'-> |
    d,-. f8( e d4) cis'-> |
    g-. f8( d e4) g-> |
    a,1-> |
  }
  \new Staff \relative c {
    \clef bass
    d4 f8 e d2~ |
    4 f8 e d2~ |
    4 4 2 |
    a1 |
  }
>>
```



Mensurstriche layout (bar lines between the staves)

Mensurstriche, bar lines between but not through staves, can be printed by setting `measureBarType` to `"-span|"` and using a grouping context that allows span bars, such as `StaffGroup`.

```
\layout {
```

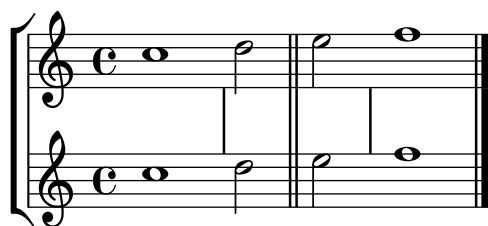
```

\context {
  \Staff
  measureBarType = "-span|"
}
}

music = \fixed c'' {
  c1
  d2 \section e2
  f1 \fine
}

\new StaffGroup <<
  \new Staff \music
  \new Staff \music
>>

```



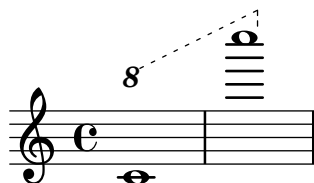
Modifying the Ottava spanner slope

It is possible to change the slope of the Ottava spanner.

```

\relative c'' {
  \override Staff.OttavaBracket.stencil = #ly:line-spanner::print
  \override Staff.OttavaBracket.bound-details =
    #`((left . ((Y . 0)
      (attach-dir . ,LEFT)
      (padding . 0)
      (stencil-align-dir-y . ,CENTER)))
      (right . ((Y . 5.0) ; Change the number here
        (padding . 0)
        (attach-dir . ,RIGHT)
        (text . ,(make-draw-dashed-line-markup
          (cons 0 -1.2))))))
  \override Staff.OttavaBracket.left-bound-info =
    #ly:horizontal-line-spanner::calc-left-bound-info-and-text
  \override Staff.OttavaBracket.right-bound-info =
    #ly:horizontal-line-spanner::calc-right-bound-info
  \ottava 1
  c1
  c'''1
}

```



Moving dotted notes in polyphony

When a dotted note in the upper voice is moved to avoid a collision with a note in another voice, the default is to move the upper note to the right. This behaviour can be over-ridden by using the `prefer-dotted-right` property of `NoteCollision`.

```
\new Staff \relative c' <<
{
  f2. f4
  \override Staff.NoteCollision.prefer-dotted-right = ##f
  f2. f4
  \override Staff.NoteCollision.prefer-dotted-right = ##t
  f2. f4
}
\\
{ e4 e e e e e e e e e e }
>>
```



Moving slur positions vertically

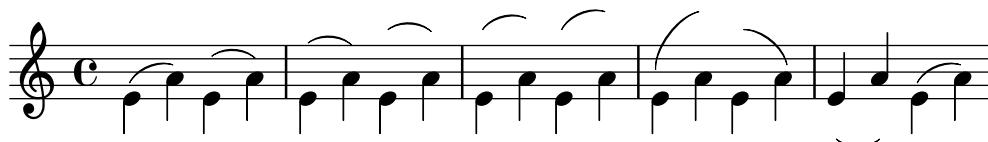
The vertical position of a slur can be adjusted using the `positions` property of `Slur`. The property has 2 parameters, the first referring to the left end of the slur and the second to the right. The values of the parameters are not used by LilyPond to make an exact movement of the slur - instead it selects what placement of the slur looks best, taking into account the parameter values. Positive values move the slur up, and are appropriate for notes with stems down. Negative values move downward slurs further down.

```
\relative c' {
  \stemDown
  e4( a)
  \override Slur.positions = #'(1 . 1)
  e4( a)
  \override Slur.positions = #'(2 . 2)
  e4( a)
  \override Slur.positions = #'(3 . 3)
  e4( a)
  \override Slur.positions = #'(4 . 4)
  e4( a)
  \override Slur.positions = #'(5 . 5)
  e4( a)
  \override Slur.positions = #'(0 . 5)
  e4( a)
  \override Slur.positions = #'(5 . 0)
  e4( a)
}
```

```

\stemUp
\override Slur.positions = #'(-5 . -5)
e4( a)
\stemDown
\revert Slur.positions
e4( a)
}

```



Nesting staves

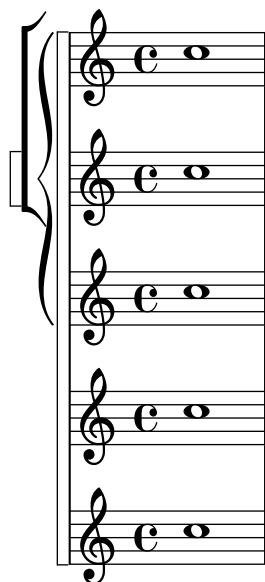
The property `systemStartDelimiterHierarchy` can be used to make more complex nested staff groups. The command `\set StaffGroup.systemStartDelimiterHierarchy` takes an alphabetical list of the number of staves produced. Before each staff a system start delimiter can be given. It has to be enclosed in brackets and takes as much staves as the brackets enclose. Elements in the list can be omitted, but the first bracket takes always the complete number of staves. The possibilities are `SystemStartBar`, `SystemStartBracket`, `SystemStartBrace`, and `SystemStartSquare`.

```

\new StaffGroup
\relative c' ' <<
  \override StaffGroup.SystemStartSquare.collapse-height = 4
  \set StaffGroup.systemStartDelimiterHierarchy
    = #'(SystemStartSquare (SystemStartBrace (SystemStartBracket a
      (SystemStartSquare b) ) c ) d)

  \new Staff { c1 }
  \new Staff { c1 }
  \new Staff { c1 }
  \new Staff { c1 }
  \new Staff { c1 }
>>

```



Overriding articulations by type

Sometimes you may want to affect a single articulation-type. Although it is always possible to use `\tweak`, it might become tedious to do so for every single sign of a whole score. The following shows how to tweak articulations with a list of custom settings. One use-case might be to create a style sheet.

With 2.16.2 and above it is possible to put the proposed function, `\customScripts`, into a `\layout-block`.

% Code by David Nalesnik and Thomas Morley

```
#(define (custom-script-tweaks ls)
  (lambda (grob)
    (let* ((type (ly:event-property
                  (ly:grob-property grob 'cause)
                  'articulation-type))
           (tweaks (assoc-ref ls type)))
      (if tweaks
          (for-each
            (lambda (x) (ly:grob-set-property! grob (car x) (cdr x)))
            tweaks))))))
```

```
customScripts =
#(define-music-function (settings) (list?)
#{
  \override Script.before-line-breaking =
    #(custom-script-tweaks settings)
#})
```

```
revertCustomScripts = \revert Script.before-line-breaking
```

```
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
```

```
% Example:
```

```
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
```

```
% Predefine a list of desired tweaks.
```

```
#(define my-settings-1
' (
  (staccato . ((color . (1 0 0))
               (padding . 0.5)))
  (accent . ((font-size . 0)
             (color . (1 0 0))))
  (tenuto . ((rotation . (45 0 0))
             (padding . 2)
             (font-size . 10)))
  (staccatissimo . ((padding . 1)
                    (color . (1 0 0))))
  (segno . ((font-size . 0)
            (color . (1 0 0))))
))
```

```
#(define my-settings-2
' (
```

```

(staccato . ((color . (0 1 0))))
(accent . ((font-size . 4)
           (color . (0 1 0))
           (padding . 1.5)))
(tenuto . ((font-size . 10)))
(staccatissimo . ((padding . 2)
                  (color . (0 1 0))))
(coda . ((color . (0 1 0))
         (padding . 1)))
))

```

```

one =
\relative c' {
  f1--
  \customScripts #my-settings-1
  f-. f-! f-> f-- f-!\segno
  \revertCustomScripts
  f-> f-.
}

```

```

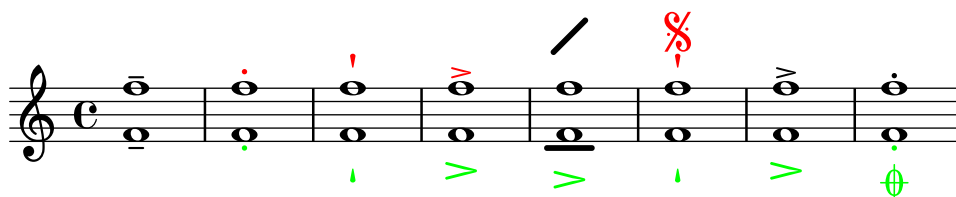
two =
\relative c' {
  f1--
  \customScripts #my-settings-2
  f-. f-! f-> f---> f-!
  f-> f-.\coda
}

```

```

\new Staff
<<
  \new Voice { \voiceOne \one }
  \new Voice { \voiceTwo \two }
>>

```



Percent repeat count visibility

Percent repeat counters can be shown at regular intervals by setting the context property `repeatCountVisibility`.

```

\relative c' {
  \set countPercentRepeats = ##t
  \set repeatCountVisibility = #(every-nth-repeat-count-visible 5)
  \repeat percent 10 { c1 } \break
  \set repeatCountVisibility = #(every-nth-repeat-count-visible 2)
  \repeat percent 6 { c1 d1 }
}

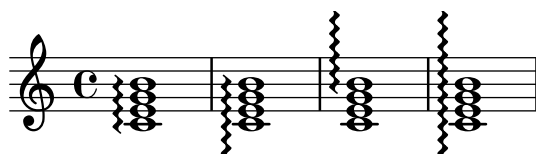
```



Positioning arpeggios

If you need to extend or shorten an arpeggio, you can modify the upper and lower start positions independently.

```
\relative c' {
  <c e g b>1\arpeggio
  \once \override Arpeggio.positions = #'(-5 . 0)
  <c e g b>1\arpeggio
  \once \override Arpeggio.positions = #'(0 . 5)
  <c e g b>1\arpeggio
  \once \override Arpeggio.positions = #'(-5 . 5)
  <c e g b>1\arpeggio
}
```



Positioning multi-measure rests

Unlike ordinary rests, there is no predefined command to change the staff position of a multi-measure rest symbol of either form by attaching it to a note. However, in polyphonic music multi-measure rests in odd-numbered and even-numbered voices are vertically separated.

The positioning of multi-measure rests can be controlled as follows:

```
\relative c' {
  % Multi-measure rests by default are set under the fourth line
  R1
  % They can be moved using an override
  \override MultiMeasureRest.staff-position = -2
  R1
  \override MultiMeasureRest.staff-position = 0
  R1
  \override MultiMeasureRest.staff-position = 2
  R1
  \override MultiMeasureRest.staff-position = 3
  R1
  \override MultiMeasureRest.staff-position = 6
  R1
  \revert MultiMeasureRest.staff-position
  \break

  % In two Voices, odd-numbered voices are under the top line
  << { R1 } \\\ { a1 } >>
```

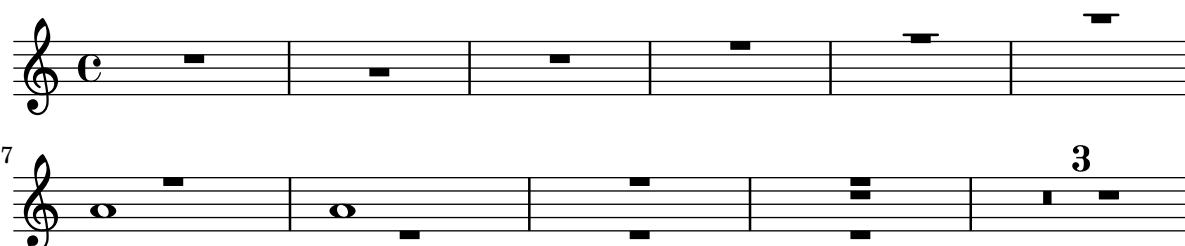
```

% Even-numbered voices are under the bottom line
<< { a1 } \\ { R1 } >>
% Multi-measure rests in both voices remain separate
<< { R1 } \\ { R1 } >>

% Separating multi-measure rests in more than two voices
% requires an override
<< { R1 } \\ { R1 } \\
  \once \override MultiMeasureRest.staff-position = 0
  { R1 }
>>

% Using compressed bars in multiple voices requires another override
% in all voices to avoid multiple instances being printed
\compressMMRests
<<
  \revert MultiMeasureRest.direction
  { R1*3 }
  \\
  \revert MultiMeasureRest.direction
  { R1*3 }
>>
}

```



Positioning text markups inside slurs

Text markups need to have the `outside-staff-priority` property set to `false` in order to be printed inside slurs.

```

\relative c' {
  \override TextScript.avoid-slur = #'inside
  \override TextScript.outside-staff-priority = ##f
  c2(^{\markup { \halign #-10 \natural } d4.}) c8
}

```



Printing bar numbers inside boxes or circles

Bar numbers can also be printed inside boxes or circles.

```

\relative c' {
  % Prevent bar numbers at the end of a line and permit them elsewhere
  \override Score.BarNumber.break-visibility = #end-of-line-invisible

```

```

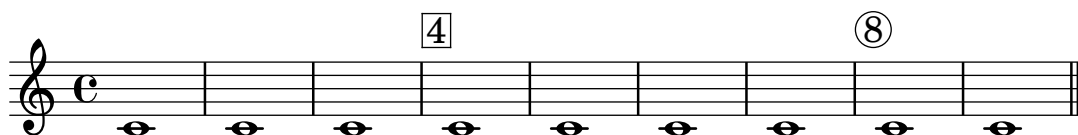
\set Score.barNumberVisibility = #(every-nth-bar-number-visible 4)

% Increase the size of the bar number by 2
\override Score.BarNumber.font-size = 2

% Draw a box round the following bar number(s)
\override Score.BarNumber.stencil
  = #(make-stencil-boxer 0.1 0.25 ly:text-interface::print)
\repeat unfold 5 { c1 }

% Draw a circle round the following bar number(s)
\override Score.BarNumber.stencil
  = #(make-stencil-circler 0.1 0.25 ly:text-interface::print)
\repeat unfold 4 { c1 } \bar "|."
}

```



Printing metronome and rehearsal marks below the staff

By default, metronome and rehearsal marks are printed above the staff. To place them below the staff simply set the direction property of MetronomeMark or RehearsalMark appropriately.

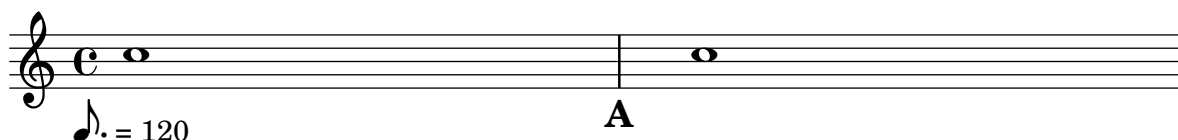
```

\layout {
  indent = 0
  ragged-right = ##f
}

{
  % Metronome marks below the staff
  \override Score.MetronomeMark.direction = #DOWN
  \tempo 8. = 120
  c''1

  % Rehearsal marks below the staff
  \override Score.RehearsalMark.direction = #DOWN
  \mark \default
  c''1
}

```



Printing note names with and without an octave marker

The NoteNames context can be used to print the text value of notes. The printOctaveNames property turns on or off the representation of the octave of the note.

```

scale = \relative c' {
  a4 b c d
}

```

```

e4 f g a
}

\new Staff {
  <<
    \scale
    \context NoteNames {
      \set printOctaveNames = ##f
    \scale
    }
  >>
  R1
  <<
    \scale
    \context NoteNames {
      \set printOctaveNames = ##t
    \scale
    }
  >>
}

```



Printing tuplet brackets on the note head side

Whichever option you choose for controlling the tuplet bracket visibility, it will show or hide the tuplet bracket irrespectively of tuplet bracket placement (stem side or note head side). However, when placing the tuplet bracket on the note head side some authors recommend always printing the tuplet bracket. The option `visible-over-note-heads` can be used to achieve this.

```

music = \relative c' {
  \tupletNeutral \tuplet 3/2 { c16[ d e ] f8}
  \tupletUp \tuplet 3/2 { c8 d e }
}

\new Voice {
  \relative c' {
    \time 2/4
    \override TupletBracket.visible-over-note-heads = ##t
    \override Score.TextMark.non-musical = ##f
    { \textMark \markup "default" \music }
    \override TupletBracket.bracket-visibility = #'if-no-beam
    { \textMark \markup \typewriter "'if-no-beam" \music }
  }
}

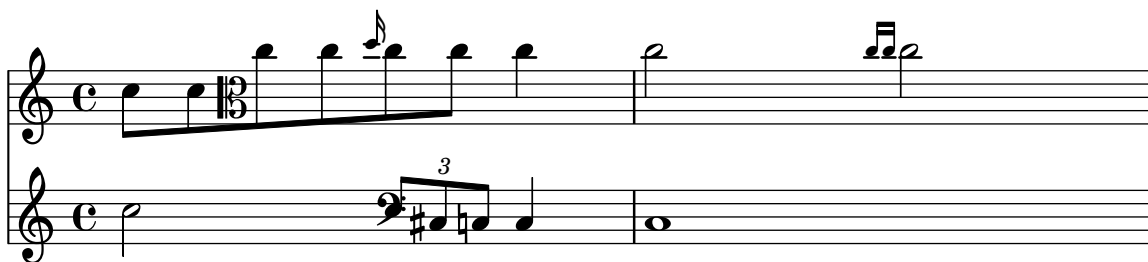
```



Proportional strict notespacing

If `strict-note-spacing` is set spacing of notes is not influenced by bars or clefs within a system. Rather, they are placed just before the note that occurs at the same time. This may cause collisions.

```
\relative c' ' <<
  \override Score.SpacingSpanner.strict-note-spacing = ##t
  \set Score.proportionalNotationDuration = #1/16
  \new Staff {
    c8[ c \clef alto c c \grace { d16 } c8 c] c4
    c2 \grace { c16[ c16] } c2
  }
  \new Staff {
    c2 \tuplet 3/2 { c8 \clef bass cis,, c } c4
    c1
  }
>>
```



Removing brace on first line of piano score

This snippet removes the first brace from a `PianoStaff` or a `GrandStaff`, together with the clefs.

It may be useful when cutting and pasting the engraved image into existing music.

It uses `\alterBroken`.

```
someMusic = {
  \once \override Staff.Clef.stencil = ##f
  \once \override Staff.TimeSignature.stencil = ##f
  \repeat unfold 3 c1 \break
  \repeat unfold 5 c1 \break
  \repeat unfold 5 c1
}

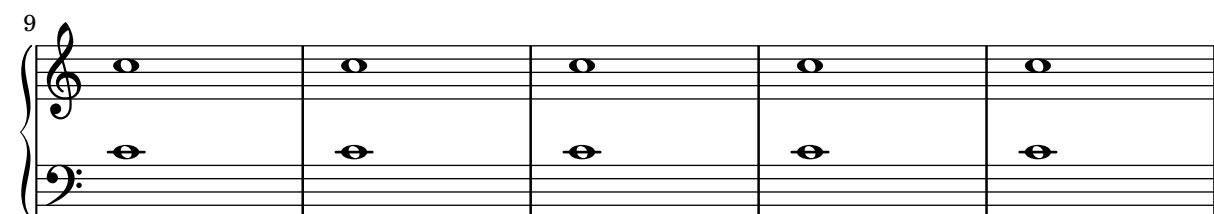
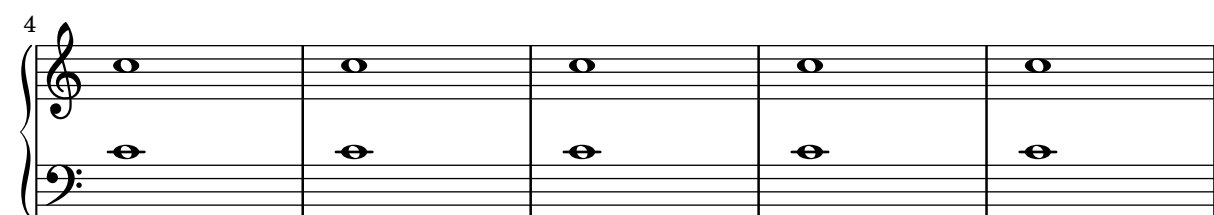
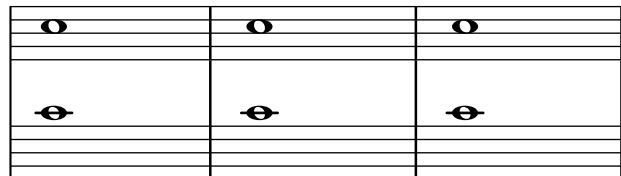
\score {
  \new PianoStaff
  <<
    \new Staff = "right" \relative c' ' \someMusic
    \new Staff = "left" \relative c' { \clef F \someMusic }
  >>
  \layout {
    indent=75
    \context {
      \PianoStaff
      \alterBroken transparent #'(#t) SystemStartBrace
    }
  }
}
```

```

    }
}

\paper { tagline = ##f }

```



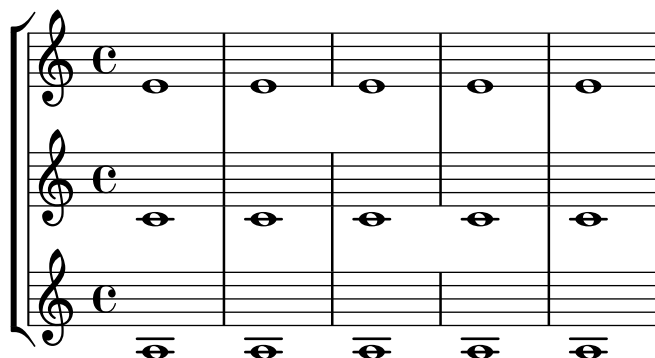
Removing connecting bar lines on StaffGroup, PianoStaff, or GrandStaff

By default, bar lines in StaffGroup, PianoStaff, or GrandStaff groups are connected between the staves, i.e. a SpanBar is printed. This behaviour can be overridden on a staff-by-staff basis.

```

\relative c' {
  \new StaffGroup <<
    \new Staff {
      e1 | e
      \once \override Staff.BarLine.allow-span-bar = ##f
      e1 | e | e
    }
    \new Staff {
      c1 | c | c
      \once \override Staff.BarLine.allow-span-bar = ##f
      c1 | c
    }
    \new Staff {
      a1 | a | a | a | a
    }
  >>
}

```



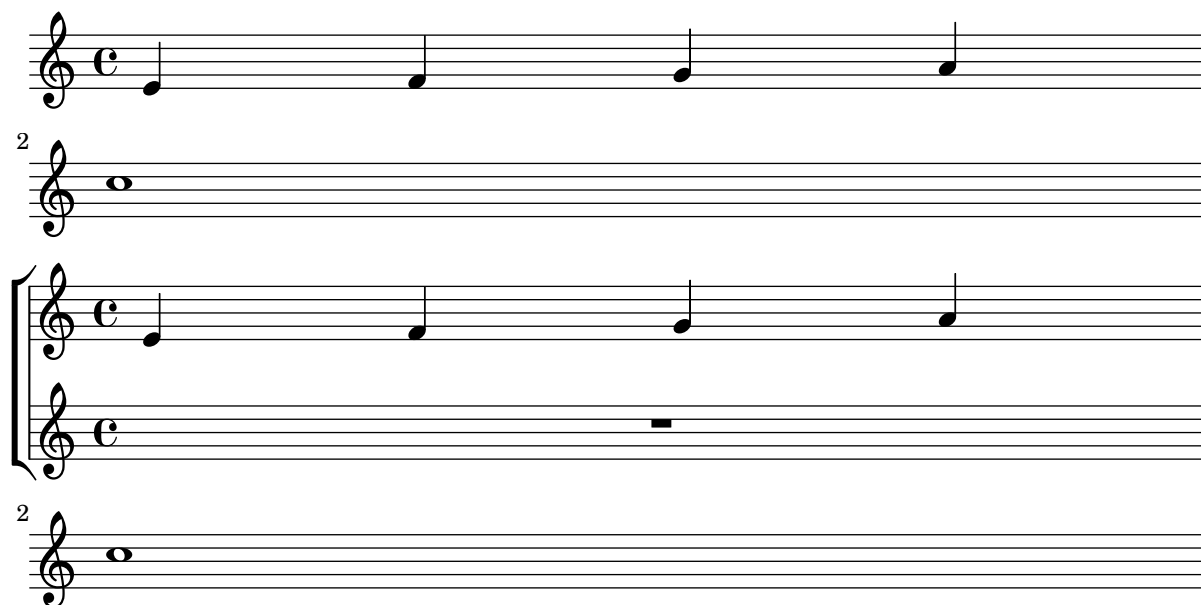
Removing the first empty line

The first empty staff can also be removed from the score by setting the `VerticalAxisGroup` property `remove-first`. This can be done globally inside the `\layout` block, or locally inside the specific staff that should be removed. In the latter case, you have to specify the context (Staff applies only to the current staff) in front of the property.

The lower staff of the second staff group is not removed, because the setting applies only to the specific staff inside of which it is written.

```
\layout {
  \context {
    \Staff \RemoveEmptyStaves
    % To use the setting globally, uncomment the following line:
    % \override VerticalAxisGroup.remove-first = ##t
  }
}
\new StaffGroup <<
  \new Staff \relative c' {
    e4 f g a \break
    c1
  }
  \new Staff {
    % To use the setting globally, comment this line,
    % uncomment the line in the \layout block above
    \override Staff.VerticalAxisGroup.remove-first = ##t
    R1 \break
    R
  }
>>
\new StaffGroup <<
  \new Staff \relative c' {
    e4 f g a \break
    c1
  }
  \new Staff {
    R1 \break
    R
  }
>>

\paper { tagline = ##f }
```



Rest styles

Rests may be used in various styles.

```
restsA = {
  r\maxima r\longa r\breve r1 r2 r4 r8 r16 s32
  s64 s128 s256 s512 s1024 s1024
}
```

```
restsB = {
  r\maxima r\longa r\breve r1 r2 r4 r8 r16 r32
  r64 r128 r256 r512 r1024 s1024
}
```

```
\new Staff \relative c {
  \omit Score.TimeSignature
  \cadenzaOn

  \override Staff.Rest.style = #'mensural
  <>^\markup \typewriter { mensural } \restsA \bar "" \break

  \override Staff.Rest.style = #'neomensural
  <>^\markup \typewriter { neomensural } \restsA \bar "" \break

  \override Staff.Rest.style = #'classical
  <>^\markup \typewriter { classical } \restsB \bar "" \break

  \override Staff.Rest.style = #'z
  <>^\markup \typewriter { z-style } \restsB \bar "" \break

  \override Staff.Rest.style = #'default
  <>^\markup \typewriter { default } \restsB \bar "" \break
}
```

```
\paper {
  indent = 0
}
```

```

tagline = ##f
}

```

The image shows five musical staves, each with a different notation style. The first staff is labeled 'mensural' and shows a single melodic line with vertical stems and horizontal beams. The second staff is labeled 'neomensural' and shows a single melodic line with vertical stems and horizontal beams, but with a different stem orientation. The third staff is labeled 'classical' and shows a single melodic line with vertical stems and horizontal beams, but with a different stem orientation. The fourth staff is labeled 'z-style' and shows a single melodic line with vertical stems and horizontal beams, but with a different stem orientation. The fifth staff is labeled 'default' and shows a single melodic line with vertical stems and horizontal beams, but with a different stem orientation.

Rhythmic slashes

In “simple” lead-sheets, sometimes no actual notes are written, instead only “rhythmic patterns” and chords above the measures are notated giving the structure of a song. Such a feature is for example useful while creating/transcribing the structure of a song and also when sharing lead sheets with guitarists or jazz musicians.

```

startPat = {
  \improvisationOn
  \omit Stem
}
stopPat = {
  \improvisationOff
  \undo \omit Stem
}

\new Voice \with {
  \consists Pitch_squash_engraver
} {
  c'4 d' e' f' |
  \startPat
  4 4 4 4 |
  \stopPat
  f'4 e' d' c'
}

```

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a common time signature 'C'. The first measure contains four eighth notes: C4, D4, E4, and F4. The second measure contains four rhythmic slashes (// // // //). The third measure contains four eighth notes: F4, E4, D4, and C4.

Separating key cancellations from key signature changes

By default, the accidentals used for key cancellations are placed adjacent to those for key signature changes. This behavior can be changed by overriding the `break-align-orders` property of the `BreakAlignment` grob.

The value of `break-align-orders` is a vector of length 3, with quoted lists of breakable items as elements. Each list describes the default order of prefatory matter at the end, in the middle, and at the beginning of a line, respectively. We are only interested in changing the behaviour in the middle of a line.

If you look up the definition of `break-align-orders` in LilyPond's Internal Reference (see the `BreakAlignment` (<https://lilypond.org/doc/v2.22/Documentation/internals/breakalignment>) grob), you get the following order in the second element:

```
...
staff-bar
key-cancellation
key-signature
...
```

We want to change that, moving `key-cancellation` before `staff-bar`. To make this happen we use the `grob-transformer` function, which gives us access to the original vector as the second argument of the lambda function, here called *orig* (we don't need the first argument, *grob*). We return a new vector, with unchanged first and last elements. For the middle element, we first remove `key-cancellation` from the list, then adding it again before `staff-bar`.

```
#(define (insert-before where what lst)
  (cond
    ((null? lst)           ; If the list is empty,
     (list what))         ; return a single-element list.
    ((eq? where (car lst)) ; If we find symbol `where`,
     (cons what lst))     ; insert `what` before curr. position.
    (else                  ; Otherwise keep building the list by
     (cons (car lst)      ; adding the current element and
           (insert-before ; recursing with the next element.
             where what (cdr lst))))))

cancellationFirst =
\override Score.BreakAlignment.break-align-orders =
#(grob-transformer
  'break-align-orders
  (lambda (grob orig)
    (let* ((middle (vector-ref orig 1))
           (middle (delq 'key-cancellation middle))
           (middle (insert-before
                           'staff-bar 'key-cancellation middle)))
      (vector
        ;; end of line
        (vector-ref orig 0)
        ;; middle of line
        middle
        ;; beginning of line
        (vector-ref orig 2)))))
```

```
music = { \key es \major d'1 \bar "||"
```

```

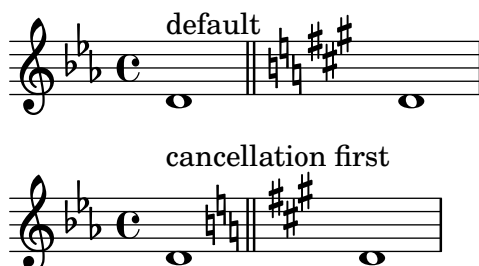
\key a \major d'1 }

{ <>^\markup "default"
  \music }

{ <>^\markup "cancellation first"
  \cancellationFirst
  \music }

\paper { tagline = ##f }

```



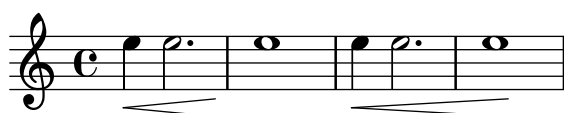
Setting hairpin behavior at bar lines

If the note which ends a hairpin falls on a downbeat, the hairpin stops at the bar line immediately preceding. This behavior can be controlled by overriding the 'to-barline property.

```

\relative c' {
  e4\< e2.
  e1\!
  \override Hairpin.to-barline = ##f
  e4\< e2.
  e1\!
}

```



Setting system separators

System separators can be inserted between systems. Any markup can be used, but `\slashSeparator` has been provided as a sensible default.

```

\paper {
  system-separator-markup = \slashSeparator
  line-width = 120
  tagline = ##f
}

notes = \relative c' {
  c1 | c \break
  c1 | c \break
  c1 | c
}

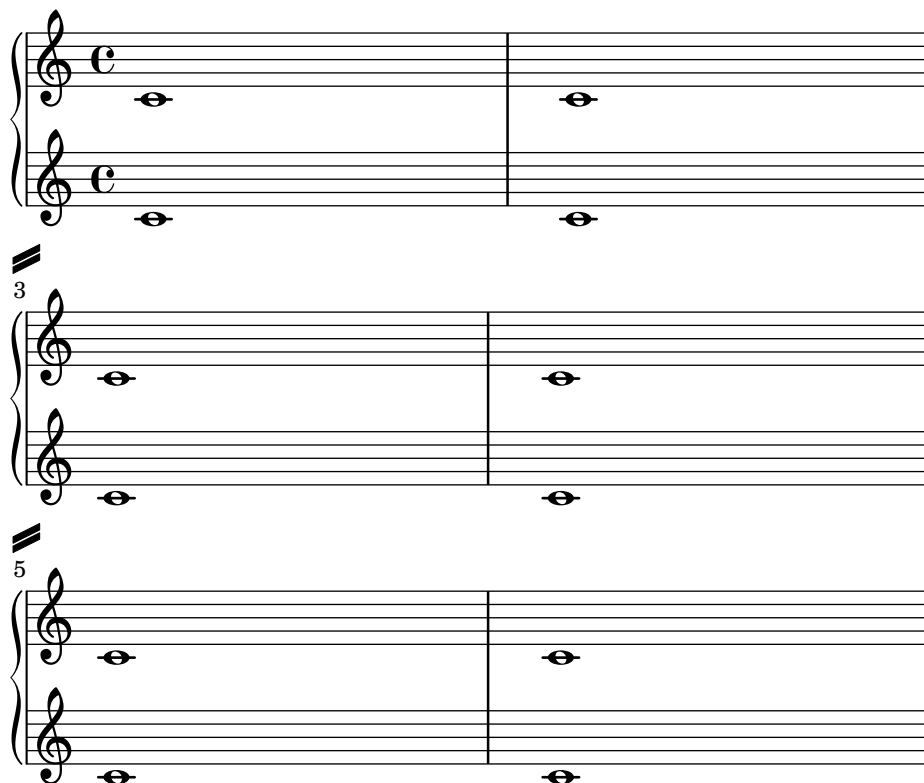
\book {

```

```

\score {
  \new GrandStaff <<
    \new Staff \notes
    \new Staff \notes
  >>
}

```



Shape individual ties in chords

To shape individual ties in chords use the method demonstrated below.

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```

```
\markup "Chords can be tied note by note"
```

```
{ <c'~ e'~ g'~ c''~>2 q }
```

```
\markup \wordwrap {
```

Affecting those *ties* with "`\\shape`" will not succeed, because *TieColumn* positions them on its own behalf and more or less ignores the "`\\shape-input`".

You may surpress this by setting '*positioning-done* true. Alas, '*positioning-done*' is an internal property, setting it true means: all positioning is done, don't do anything further. So you better take care you really did. See the example below where this is missed: All directions are down and the *thickness* is not accurate:

```
}
```

```
{
  <c'~ e'~ g'~ c''~>2
```

```

\once \override TieColumn.positioning-done = ##t
q
}

\markup "To cure that, enter ties with explicit direction-modifiers"

{
  <c'_~ e'_~ g'_~ c''^~>2
  \once \override TieColumn.positioning-done = ##t
  q
}

\markup "Now you can use \\shape for each tie as usual"

{
  <c'-\shape #'((0 . 0) (0 . -10) (0 . -10) (0 . 0)) _~
    e'-\shape #'((0 . 0) (0 . -5) (0 . -5) (0 . 0)) _~
    g'-\shape #'((0 . 0) (0 . -2) (0 . -2) (0 . 0)) _~
    c''-\shape #'((0 . 0) (0 . 5) (0 . 5) (0 . 0)) ^~
  >2
  \once \override TieColumn.positioning-done = ##t
  q
}

\markup "This works at line break as well."

{
  <c'-\shape #'(((0 . 0) (0 . -10) (0 . -10) (0 . 0))
                ((0 . 0) (0 . -10) (0 . -10) (0 . 0)))
    _~
    e'-\shape #'(((0 . 0) (0 . -5) (0 . -5) (0 . 0))
                ((0 . 0) (0 . -5) (0 . -5) (0 . 0)))
    _~
    g'-\shape #'(((0 . 0) (0 . -2) (0 . -2) (0 . 0))
                ((0 . 0) (0 . -2) (0 . -2) (0 . 0)))
    _~
    c''-\shape #'(((0 . 0) (0 . 5) (0 . 5) (0 . 0))
                ((0 . 0) (0 . 5) (0 . 5) (0 . 0)))
    ^~
  >2
  \break
  \once \override TieColumn.positioning-done = ##t
  q
}

\markup "Same with tieWaitForNote"

{
  \set tieWaitForNote = ##t
  c'4-\shape #'((0 . 0) (0 . -10) (0 . -10) (0 . 0)) _~
  e'-\shape #'((0 . 0) (0 . -5) (0 . -5) (0 . 0)) _~
  g'-\shape #'((0 . 0) (0 . -2) (0 . -2) (0 . 0)) _~

```

```

c''-\shape #'((0 . 0) (0 . 5) (0 . 5) (0 . 0)) ^~
\once \override TieColumn.positioning-done = ##t
<c' e' g' c''>1
}

```

Chords can be tied note by note



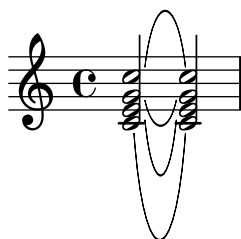
Affecting those ties with `\shape` will not succeed, because `TieColumn` positions them on its own behalf and more or less ignores the `\shape-input`. You may surpress this by setting `'positioning-done true`. Alas, `'positioning-done` is an internal property, setting it true means: all positioning is done, don't do anything further. So you better take care you really did. See the example below where this is missed: All directions are down and the thickness is not accurate:



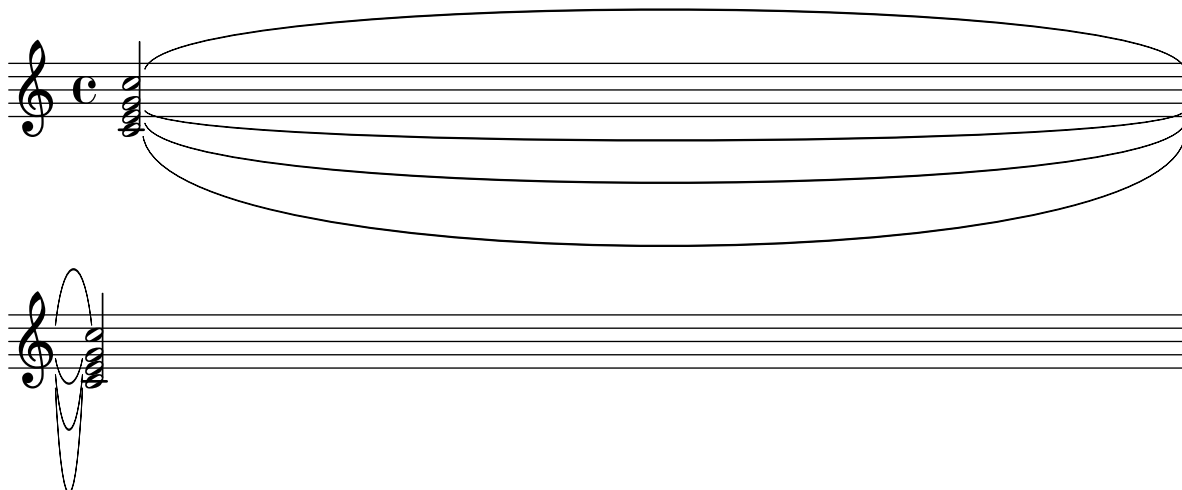
To cure that, enter ties with explicit direction-modifiers



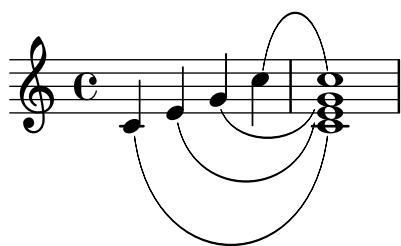
Now you can use `\shape` for each tie as usual



This works at line break as well.



Same with tieWaitForNote



Showing the same articulation above and below a note or chord

By default, LilyPond does not allow the same articulation (e.g., an accent, a fermata, a flageolet, etc.) to be displayed above and below a note. For example, `c4_\fermata^\fermata` only shows a fermata below. The fermata above gets simply ignored.

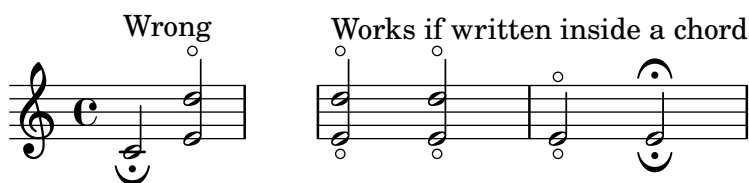
However, one can stick scripts (just like fingerings) inside a chord, which means it is possible to have as many articulations as desired. This approach has the advantage that it ignores the stem and positions the articulation relative to the note head. This can be seen in the case of the flageolets in the snippet. To mimic the behaviour of scripts outside a chord, 'add-stem-support' would be required.

The solution is thus to write the note as a chord and add the articulations inside of `<...>`, using the direction modifiers `^` and `_` as appropriate.

```
\relative c' {
  <>^"Wrong"
  c2_\fermata^\fermata % The second fermata is ignored!
  <e d'>2^\flageolet_\flageolet

  \stopStaff s1 \startStaff

  <>^"Works if written inside a chord"
  <e_\flageolet d'^\flageolet>2
  <e_\flageolet d'^\flageolet>2
  <e_\flageolet^\flageolet>2
  <e_\fermata^\fermata>2
}
```



String number extender lines

Make an extender line for string number indications, showing that a series of notes is supposed to be played all on the same string.

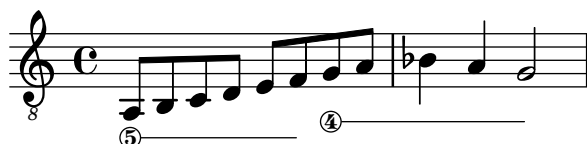
```
stringNumberSpanner =
  #define-music-function (StringNumber) (string?)
  #{
    \override TextSpanner.style = #'solid
    \override TextSpanner.font-size = #-5
    \override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.stencil-align-dir-y = #CENTER
```

```

\override TextSpanner.bound-details.left.text =
  \markup { \circle \number $StringNumber }
#})

\relative c {
  \clef "treble_8"
  \stringNumberSpanner "5"
  \textSpannerDown
  a8\startTextSpan
  b c d e f\stopTextSpan
  \stringNumberSpanner "4"
  g\startTextSpan a
  bes4 a g2\stopTextSpan
}

```



Suppressing warnings for clashing note columns

If notes from two voices with stems in the same direction are placed at the same position, and both voices have no shift or the same shift specified, the error message ‘warning: ignoring too many clashing note columns’ will appear when compiling the LilyPond file. This message can be suppressed by setting the ‘ignore-collision’ property of the NoteColumn object to #t. Please note that this does not just suppress warnings but stops LilyPond trying to resolve collisions at all and so may have unintended results unless used with care.

```
ignore = \override NoteColumn.ignore-collision = ##t
```

```

\relative c' {
  \new Staff <<
    \new Voice { \ignore \stemDown f2 g }
    \new Voice { c2 \stemDown c, }
  >>
}

```



Time signature in brackets

The time signature can be enclosed within brackets.

```

\relative c' {
  \override Staff.TimeSignature.stencil = #(lambda (grob)
    (bracketify-stencil (ly:time-signature::print grob) Y 0.1 0.2 0.1))
  \time 2/4
  a4 b8 c
}

```



Time signature in parentheses

Enclose the time signature in parentheses.

```
\relative c' {
  \override Staff.TimeSignature.stencil = #(lambda (grob)
    (parenthesize-stencil (ly:time-signature::print grob) 0.1 0.4 0.4 0.1))
  \time 2/4
  a4 b8 c
}
```



Time signature printing only the numerator as a number (instead of the fraction)

Sometimes, a time signature should not print the whole fraction (for example, 7/4), but only the numerator (digit 7 in this case). This can be easily done by using `\override Staff.TimeSignature.style = #'single-number` to change the style permanently. By using `\revert Staff.TimeSignature.style`, this setting can be reversed. To apply the single-number style to only one time signature, use the `\override` command and prefix it with a `\once`.

```
\relative c' {
  \time 3/4
  c4 c c
  % Change the style permanently
  \override Staff.TimeSignature.style = #'single-number
  \time 2/4
  c4 c
  \time 3/4
  c4 c c
  % Revert to default style:
  \revert Staff.TimeSignature.style
  \time 2/4
  c4 c
  % single-number style only for the next time signature
  \once \override Staff.TimeSignature.style = #'single-number
  \time 5/4
  c4 c c c c
  \time 2/4
  c4 c
}
```



Tuplet bracket and change staff

This snippet shows how to set a tuplet starting in a lower staff and finishing in the upper one.

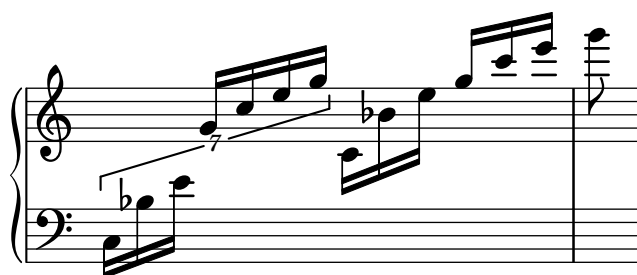
```

aigues = \relative c' {
  \time 6/8
  s4.
  \stemDown
  c16[ bes' e]
  \stemUp
  g c e
  \stemDown
  g8
}

basses = \relative c {
  \time 3/4
  \clef F
  \tweak positions #'(4.5 . 9.5)
  \tweak edge-height #'(1 . -1)
  \tuplet 7/6 {
    c16[ bes' e]
    \change Staff = md
    \stemUp
    g[ c e g]
  }
  s4.s8
}

\new PianoStaff
\with { \omit TimeSignature }
<<
  \new Staff = md \aigues
  \new Staff = mg \basses
>>

```



Tweaking clef properties

Changing the clef glyph, its position, or the ottavation does not change the position of subsequent notes on the staff. To get key signatures on their correct staff lines, `middleCClefPosition` must also be specified, with positive or negative values moving *middle C* up or down respectively, relative to the staff's center line.

For example, `\clef "treble_8"` is equivalent to setting the `clefGlyph`, `clefPosition` (the vertical position of the clef itself on the staff), `middleCPosition`, and `clefTransposition`. Note

that when any of these properties (except `middleCPosition`) are changed a new clef symbol is printed.

The following examples show the possibilities when setting these properties manually. On the first line, the manual changes preserve the standard relative positioning of clefs and notes, whereas on the second line, they do not.

```
{
% The default treble clef
\key f \major
c'1
% The standard bass clef
\set Staff.clefGlyph = "clefs.F"
\set Staff.clefPosition = 2
\set Staff.middleCPosition = 6
\set Staff.middleCClefPosition = 6
\key g \major
c'1
% The baritone clef
\set Staff.clefGlyph = "clefs.C"
\set Staff.clefPosition = 4
\set Staff.middleCPosition = 4
\set Staff.middleCClefPosition = 4
\key f \major
c'1
% The standard choral tenor clef
\set Staff.clefGlyph = "clefs.G"
\set Staff.clefPosition = -2
\set Staff.clefTransposition = -7
\set Staff.middleCPosition = 1
\set Staff.middleCClefPosition = 1
\key f \major
c'1
% A non-standard clef
\set Staff.clefPosition = 0
\set Staff.clefTransposition = 0
\set Staff.middleCPosition = -4
\set Staff.middleCClefPosition = -4
\key g \major
c'1 \break

% The following clef changes do not preserve
% the normal relationship between notes, key signatures
% and clefs:

\set Staff.clefGlyph = "clefs.F"
\set Staff.clefPosition = 2
c'1
\set Staff.clefGlyph = "clefs.G"
c'1
\set Staff.clefGlyph = "clefs.C"
c'1
\set Staff.clefTransposition = 7
```

```

c'1
\set Staff.clefTransposition = 0
\set Staff.clefPosition = 0
c'1

% Return to the normal clef:

\set Staff.middleCPosition = 0
c'1
}

```

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```



Tweaking grace layout within music

The layout of grace expressions can be changed throughout the music using the functions `add-grace-property` and `remove-grace-property`.

The following example undefines the `Stem` direction for this grace, so that stems do not always point up, and changes the default note heads to crosses.

```

\relative c' {
  \new Staff {
    $(remove-grace-property 'Voice 'Stem 'direction)
    $(add-grace-property 'Voice 'NoteHead 'style 'cross)
    \new Voice {
      \acciaccatura { f16 } g4
      \grace { d16 e } f4
      \appoggiatura { f,32 g a } e2
    }
  }
}

```



Using alternative flag styles

Alternative shapes for flags on eighth and shorter notes can be displayed by overriding the `stencil` property of `Flag`. LilyPond provides the following functions: `modern-straight-flag`, `old-straight-flag`, and `flat-flag`. Use `\revert` to restore the default shape.

To get stacked (i.e., vertically more compact) flags, call the command `\flagStyleStacked`, which can be reset with `\flagStyleDefault`.

Overriding the `Flag` stencil does not change how flag elements are positioned vertically. This is especially noticeable for flat flags: LilyPond doesn't dynamically adjust the vertical gaps between flag elements in the same way as it does for beams. A possible solution to harmonize

the appearance is to replace flat flags with half beams, as shown in the second staff; however, this can't be done automatically. In the code of this snippet, such half beams are entered with @ as a prefix, for example @c8.

Be aware that half beams are *not* Flag grobs. This means in particular that modifying Flag properties won't have any effect on them (you have to use Beam properties instead), and properties for their associated Stem grob will also behave beam-like.

```
"@" =
#(define-music-function (music) (ly:music?)
  #{ \set stemLeftBeamCount = 0 $music [] #})

testnotes = {
  \autoBeamOff
  c8 d16 e''32 f64 \acciaccatura { g,,,8 } a128 b
}

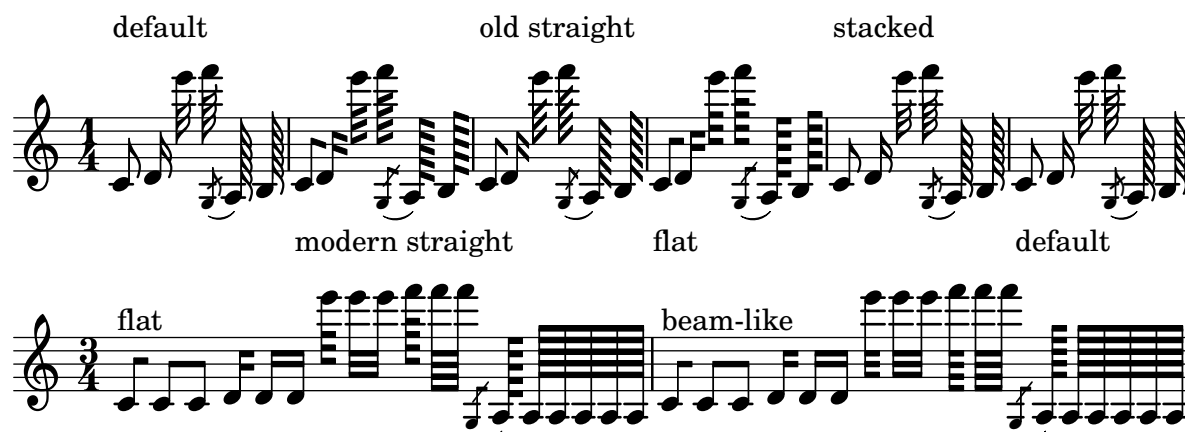
\relative c' {
  \override TextScript.staff-padding = 6
  \time 1/4
  <>^"default" \testnotes
  \override Flag.stencil = #modern-straight-flag
  <>_"modern straight" \testnotes
  \override Flag.stencil = #old-straight-flag
  <>^"old straight" \testnotes
  \override Flag.stencil = #flat-flag
  <>_"flat" \testnotes
  \revert Flag.stencil

  \flagStyleStacked
  <>^"stacked" \testnotes
  \flagStyleDefault
  <>_"default" \testnotes
}

\relative c' {
  \time 3/4
  \override Flag.stencil = #flat-flag

  <>^"flat" c8 c[ c] d16 d[ d] e''32 e[ e] f64 f[ f]
  \acciaccatura { g,,,8 } a128 a[ a a a a]
  <>^"beam-like" @c8 c[ c] @d16 d[ d] @e''32 e[ e] @f64 f[ f]
  \acciaccatura { g,,,8 } @a128 a[ a a a a]
}

\layout {
  indent = 0
  \context {
    \Score
    \override NonMusicalPaperColumn.line-break-permission = ##f
  }
}
```



Using ly:grob-object to access grobs with \tweak

Some grobs can be accessed “laterally” from within another grob’s callback. These are usually listed as “layout objects” in the “Internal properties” section of a grob-interface. The function `ly:grob-object` is used to access these grobs.

Demonstrated below are some ways of accessing grobs from within a `NoteHead` callback, but the technique is not limited to `NoteHeads`. However, the `NoteHead` callback is particularly important, since it is the implicit callback used by the `\tweak` command.

The example function defined below (`"display-grobs"`) is probably not that useful, but it demonstrates that the grobs are indeed being accessed.

Example console output:

```
#<Grob Accidental >
()
#<Grob Stem >
#(define (notehead-get-accidental notehead)
  ;; notehead is grob
  (ly:grob-object notehead 'accidental-grob))

#(define (notehead-get-arpeggio notehead)
  ;; notehead is grob
  (let ((notecolumn (notehead-get-notecolumn notehead)))
    (ly:grob-object notecolumn 'arpeggio)))

#(define (notehead-get-notecolumn notehead)
  ;; notehead is grob
  (ly:grob-parent notehead X))

#(define (notehead-get-stem notehead)
  ;; notehead is grob
  (let ((notecolumn (notehead-get-notecolumn notehead)))
    (ly:grob-object notecolumn 'stem)))

#(define (display-grobs notehead)
  ;; notehead is grob
  (let ((accidental (notehead-get-accidental notehead))
        (arpeggio (notehead-get-arpeggio notehead))
        (stem (notehead-get-stem notehead)))
    (format (current-error-port) "~2&~a\n" (make-string 20 #\~))
```

```

    (for-each
      (lambda (x) (format (current-error-port) "~a\n" x))
      (list accidental arpeggio stem))))

\relative c' {
  %% display grobs for each note head:
  %%\override NoteHead.before-line-breaking = #display-grobs
  <c
  %% or just for one:
  \tweak before-line-breaking #display-grobs
  es
  g>1\arpeggio
}

```



Using PostScript to generate special note head shapes

When a note head with a special shape cannot easily be generated with graphic markup, PostScript code can be used to generate the shape. This example shows how a parallelogram-shaped note head is generated.

```

%% Updaters remark:
%% For unknown reasons this snippet returns a gs-error, but only, if compiled
%% with multiple others like: lilypond *.ly
%% Thus changing to a path-stencil.
%% TODO description needs to get adjusted --harm

```

```

parallelogram =
  #(ly:make-stencil
    '(path 0.1
      (rmoveto 0 0.25
        lineto 1.3125 0.75
        lineto 1.3125 -0.25
        lineto 0 -0.75)
      round
      round
      #t)
    (cons 0 1.3125)
    (cons -.75 .75))

myNoteHeads = \override NoteHead.stencil = \parallelogram
normalNoteHeads = \revert NoteHead.stencil

\relative c' {
  \myNoteHeads
  g4 d'
  \normalNoteHeads
  <f, \tweak stencil \parallelogram b e>4 d
}

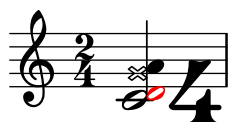
```



Using the `\tweak` command to tweak individual grobs

With the `\tweak` command, every grob can be tuned directly. Here are some examples of available tweaks.

```
\relative c' {
  \time 2/4
  \set fingeringOrientations = #'(right)
  <
    \tweak font-size #3 c
    \tweak color #red d-\tweak font-size #8 -4
    \tweak style #'cross g
    \tweak duration-log #2 a
  >2
}
```



Vertically aligned dynamics and textscripts

All `DynamicLineSpanner` objects (hairpins and dynamic texts) are placed with their reference line at least `'staff-padding` from the staff, unless other notation forces them to be farther. Setting `'staff-padding` to a sufficiently large value aligns the dynamics.

The same idea, together with `\textLengthOn`, is used to align the text scripts along their baseline.

```
music = \relative c' {
  a'2\p b\f
  e4\p f\f\> g, b\p
  c2^\markup { \huge gorgeous } c^\markup { \huge fantastic }
}

{
  \music
  \break
  \override DynamicLineSpanner.staff-padding = 3
  \textLengthOn
  \override TextScript.staff-padding = 1
  \music
}
```

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```





Vertically aligning ossias and lyrics

This snippet demonstrates the use of the context properties `alignBelowContext` and `alignAboveContext` to control the positioning of lyrics and ossias.

```
\relative c' <<
  \new Staff = "1" { c4 c s2 }
  \new Staff = "2" { c4 c s2 }
  \new Staff = "3" { c4 c s2 }
  { \skip 2
    <<
      \lyrics {
        \set alignBelowContext = "1"
        lyrics4 below
      }
      \new Staff \with {
        alignAboveContext = "3"
        fontSize = -2
        \override StaffSymbol.staff-space = #(magstep -2)
        \remove "Time_signature_engraver"
      } {
        \tuplet 6/4 {
          \override TextScript.padding = 3
          c8["^"ossia above" d e d e f]
        }
      }
    }
  }
>>
}
>>

\paper {
  ragged-right = ##t
}
```



Vertically aligning stanza numbers of different staves

It can happen that stanza numbers don't align vertically if the verses are attached to different staves. To fix that, override the `self-alignment-X` property of the `LyricText` grob.

```
\markup { default behavior }

<<
  \new Staff { b b b b }
  \lyrics {
    \set stanza = "3."
    a a a a
  }

  \new Staff { b b b b }
  \lyrics {
    \set stanza = "1."
    aaaaaaaaaa a a a
  }
  \lyrics {
    \set stanza = "2."
    a a a a
  }
>>

\markup \vspace #1
\markup {
  using \typewriter "self-alignment-X = #LEFT" }

<<
  \new Staff { b b b b }
  \new Lyrics \lyricmode {
    \set stanza = "3."
    a a a a
  }

  \new Staff { b b b b }
  \new Lyrics \lyricmode {
    \set stanza = "1."
    \once \override LyricText.self-alignment-X = #LEFT
    aaaaaaaaaa a a a
  }
  \new Lyrics \lyricmode {
    \set stanza = "2."
    a a a a
  }
>>

\paper { tagline = ##f }
```

default behavior

3. a a a a

1. aaaaaaaaaa a a a

2. a a a a

using self-alignment-X = #LEFT

3. a a a a

1. aaaaaaaaaa a a a

2. a a a a

Vertically centering paired figured bass extenders

Where figured bass extender lines are being used by setting `useBassFigureExtenders` to true, pairs of congruent figured bass extender lines are vertically centered if `figuredBassCenterContinuations` is set to true.

```
<<
\relative c' {
  c8 c b b a a c16 c b b
  c8 c b b a a c16 c b b
  c8 c b b a a c c b b
}
\figures {
  \set useBassFigureExtenders = ##t
  <6+ 4 3>4 <6 4 3>8 r
  <6+ 4 3>4 <6 4 3>8 <4 3+>16 r
  \set figuredBassCenterContinuations = ##t
  <6+ 4 3>4 <6 4 3>8 r
  <6+ 4 3>4 <6 4 3>8 <4 3+>16 r
  \set figuredBassCenterContinuations = ##f
  <6+ 4 3>4 <6 4 3>8 r
  <6+ 4 3>4 <6 4 3>8 <4 3+>8
}
>>
```

#6 6 #6 6 #3 #6 6 #6 6 #3 #6 6 #6 6 #3

4 4 4 4 4 4

3 3 3 3 3 3

Paper and layout

See also Section “Spacing issues” in *Notation Reference*.

Aligning and centering instrument names

The horizontal alignment of instrument names is tweaked by changing the `Staff.InstrumentName.self-alignment-X` property. The `\layout` variables `indent` and `short-indent` define the space in which the instrument names are aligned before the first and the following systems, respectively.

```
\paper { left-margin = 3\cm }

\score {
  \new StaffGroup <<

    \new Staff \with {
      \override InstrumentName.self-alignment-X = #LEFT
      instrumentName = \markup \left-column {
        "Left aligned"
        "instrument name"
      }
      shortInstrumentName = "Left"
    }

    { c'1 \break c'1 }

    \new Staff \with {
      \override InstrumentName.self-alignment-X = #CENTER
      instrumentName = \markup \center-column {
        Centered
        "instrument name"
      }
      shortInstrumentName = "Centered"
    }

    { g'1 g'1 }

    \new Staff \with {
      \override InstrumentName.self-alignment-X = #RIGHT
      instrumentName = \markup \right-column {
        "Right aligned"
        "instrument name"
      }
      shortInstrumentName = "Right"
    }

    { e'1 e'1 }

  >>

  \layout {
    ragged-right = ##t
```

```


    indent = 4\cm
    short-indent = 2\cm
  }
}

```

Left aligned
instrument name

Centered
instrument name

Right aligned
instrument name




The image shows three musical staves, each with a treble clef and a common time signature 'C'. The first staff has a left-aligned instrument name, the second has a centered instrument name, and the third has a right-aligned instrument name. The instrument names are represented by the text labels to the left of the staves.

Left

Centered

Right



The image shows three musical staves, each with a treble clef and a common time signature 'C'. The first staff has a left-aligned instrument name, the second has a centered instrument name, and the third has a right-aligned instrument name. The instrument names are represented by the text labels to the left of the staves.

Arranging separate lyrics on a single line

Sometimes you may want to put lyrics for different performers on a single line: where there is rapidly alternating text, for example. This snippet shows how this can be done with `\override VerticalAxisGroup.nonstaff-nonstaff-spacing.minimum-distance = ##f`.

```

\header { tagline = ##f }

\layout {
  \context {
    \Lyrics
    \override VerticalAxisGroup
      .nonstaff-nonstaff-spacing
      .minimum-distance = ##f
  }
}

aliceSings = \markup { \smallCaps "Alice" }
eveSings = \markup { \smallCaps "Eve" }

<<
\new Staff <<
  \new Voice = "alice" {
    f'4^\aliceSings g' r2 |
    s1 |
    f'4^\aliceSings g' r2 |
    s1 | \break

```

```

% ...

\voiceOne
s2 a'8^\aliceSings a' b'4 |
\oneVoice
g'1
}
\new Voice = "eve" {
s1 |
a'2^\eveSings g' |
s1 |
a'2^\eveSings g'
% ...

\voiceTwo
f'4^\eveSings a'8 g' f'4 e' |
\oneVoice
s1
}
>>
\new Lyrics \lyricsto "alice" {
may -- be
sec -- ond
% ...
Shut up, you fool!
}
\new Lyrics \lyricsto "eve" {
that the
words are
% ...
...and then I was like--
}
>>

```

The musical score consists of two staves. The first staff has four measures. The first measure is labeled 'ALICE' and contains the notes for 'may-be'. The second measure is labeled 'EVE' and contains the notes for 'that the'. The third measure is labeled 'ALICE' and contains the notes for 'sec-ond'. The fourth measure is labeled 'EVE' and contains the notes for 'words are'. The second staff starts at measure 5. The first measure is labeled 'EVE' and contains the notes for '...and then I'. The second measure is labeled 'ALICE' and contains the notes for 'Shut up, you like-'. The third measure is labeled 'fool!' and contains a whole note.

Book parts

`\bookpart` can be used to split a book into several parts. Each part last page can be affected by `ragged-last-bottom`. Header and footer markups can detect a part last page, and make the difference with the book last page.

```
#(set-default-paper-size "a6")
```

```

\book {
  %% book paper, which is inherited by all children bookparts
  \paper {
    ragged-last-bottom = ##t
    %% Page footer: add a different part-tagline at part last page
    oddFooterMarkup = \markup {
      \column {
        \fill-line {
          %% Copyright header field only on book first page.
          \if \on-first-page \fromproperty #'header:copyright
        }
        \fill-line {
          %% Part tagline header field only on each part last page.
          \if \on-last-page-of-part \fromproperty #'header:parttagline
        }
        \fill-line {
          %% Tagline header field only on book last page.
          \if \on-last-page \fromproperty #'header:tagline
        }
      }
    }
  }
}

%% book header, which is inherited by the first bookpart
\header {
  title = "Book title"
  copyright = "Copyright line on book first page"
  parttagline = "Part tagline"
  tagline = "Book tagline"
}

\bookpart {
  %% a different page breaking function may be used on each part
  \paper { page-breaking = #ly:minimal-breaking }
  \header { subtitle = "First part" }
  \markup { The first book part }
  \markup { a page break }
  \pageBreak
  \markup { first part last page }
  \markup \wordwrap { with ragged-last-bottom (see the space below this text) }
}

\bookpart {
  \header { subtitle = "Second part" }
  { c'4 }
}
}

```

Book title

First part

The first book part

a page break

Copyright line on book first page

2

first part last page
with ragged-last-bottom (see the space below this
text)

Part tagline

3

Book title

Second part



Part tagline
Book tagline

Changing the staff size

Though the simplest way to resize staves is to use `#(set-global-staff-size xx)`, an individual staff's size can be changed by scaling the properties `'staff-space` and `fontSize`.

```
<<
  \new Staff {
    \relative c'' {
      \dynamicDown
      c8\ff c c c c c c c
    }
  }
  \new Staff \with {
    fontSize = #-3
    \override StaffSymbol.staff-space = #(magstep -3)
  } {
    \clef bass
    c8 c c c c\f c c c
  }
>>
```



Clip systems

This code shows how to clip (extract) snippets from a full score.

This file needs to be run separately with `-dclip-systems`; the snippets page may not adequately show the results. The result will be files named `'base-from-start-to-end[-count].eps'`.

If system starts and ends are included, they include extents of the System grob, e.g., instrument names.

Grace notes at the end point of the region are not included.

Regions can span multiple systems. In this case, multiple EPS files are generated.

```
#(ly:set-option 'clip-systems)
#(ly:set-option 'separate-page-formats "ps")
#(define output-suffix "1")

origScore = \score {
  \relative c' {
    \new Staff \with { instrumentName = "Instrument" }
    c1
    d1
    \grace c16 e1
    \key d \major
    f1 \break
    \clef bass
    g,1
    fis1
  }
}

\book {
  \score {
    \origScore
    \layout {
      % Each clip-region is a (START . END) pair
      % where both are rhythmic-locations.

      % (make-rhythmic-locations BAR-NUMBER NUM DEN)
      % means NUM/DEN whole-notes into bar numbered BAR-NUMBER

      clip-regions = #(list
        (cons
          (make-rhythmic-location 2 0 1)
          (make-rhythmic-location 4 0 1))

        (cons
```

```

      (make-rhythmic-location 0 0 1)
      (make-rhythmic-location 4 0 1))


    (cons
      (make-rhythmic-location 0 0 1)
      (make-rhythmic-location 6 0 1))
    )
  }
}

#(ly:set-option 'clip-systems #f)
#(ly:set-option 'separate-page-formats #f)
#(define output-suffix #f)

\book {
  \score { \origScore }
  \markup { \bold \fontsize #6 clips }
  \score {
    \lyrics {
      \markup { from-2.0.1-to-4.0.1-clip.eps }
      \markup {
        \epsfile #X #30.0 #(format #f "~a-1-from-2.0.1-to-4.0.1-clip.eps"
          (ly:parser-output-name)) }
    }
  }
}

```

Instrument



The image shows a musical score for an instrument and a bass line. The instrument part is written on a treble clef staff with a common time signature (C). It contains four measures: the first measure has a whole note G4; the second measure has a whole note G4; the third measure has a quarter note G4 followed by a whole note G4; the fourth measure has a quarter note G4 followed by a whole note G4. The bass part is written on a bass clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It contains two measures: the first measure has a whole note G3; the second measure has a whole note G3. A measure number '5' is written above the first measure of the bass staff.

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Creating blank staves

To create blank staves, generate empty measures then remove the `Bar_number_engraver` from the `Score` context, and the `Time_signature_engraver`, `Clef_engraver` and `Bar_engraver` from the `Staff` context.

```

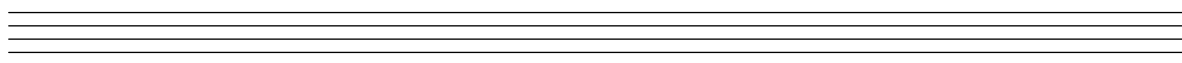
#(set-global-staff-size 20)

\score {
  {
    \repeat unfold 12 { s1 \break }
  }
  \layout {
    indent = 0\in
    \context {
      \Staff
      \remove "Time_signature_engraver"
      \remove "Clef_engraver"
      \remove "Bar_engraver"
    }
    \context {
      \Score
      \remove "Bar_number_engraver"
    }
  }
}

% uncomment these lines for "letter" size
%{
\paper {
  #(set-paper-size "letter")
  ragged-last-bottom = ##f
  line-width = 7.5\in
  left-margin = 0.5\in
  bottom-margin = 0.25\in
  top-margin = 0.25\in
}
%}

% uncomment these lines for "A4" size
%{
\paper {
  #(set-paper-size "a4")
  ragged-last-bottom = ##f
  line-width = 180
  left-margin = 15
  bottom-margin = 10
  top-margin = 10
}
%}

```



Demonstrating all headers

All header fields with special meanings.

```
\header {
  copyright = "copyright"
  title = "title"
  subtitle = "subtitle"
  composer = "composer"
  arranger = "arranger"
  instrument = "instrument"
  meter = "meter"
  opus = "opus"
  piece = "piece"
  poet = "poet"
  texidoc = "All header fields with special meanings."
  copyright = "public domain"
  enteredby = "jcn"
  source = "urtext"
}

\layout {
  ragged-right = ##f
}

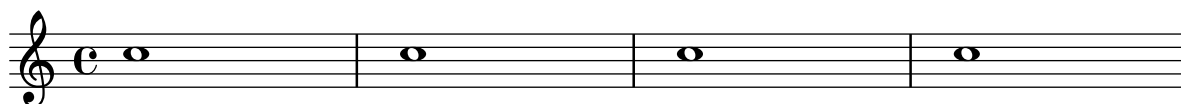
\score {
  \relative c' { c1 | c | c | c }
}
```

```

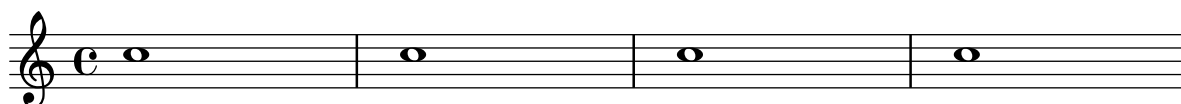
\score {
  \relative c' { c1 | c | c | c }
  \header {
    title = "localtitle"
    subtitle = "localsubtitle"
    composer = "localcomposer"
    arranger = "localarranger"
    instrument = "localinstrument"
    metre = "localmetre"
    opus = "localopus"
    piece = "localpiece"
    poet = "localpoet"
    copyright = "localcopyright"
  }
}

```

	title	
	subtitle	
poet	instrument	composer
meter		arranger
piece		opus



localpiece localopus



Setting system separators

System separators can be inserted between systems. Any markup can be used, but `\slashSeparator` has been provided as a sensible default.

```

\paper {
  system-separator-markup = \slashSeparator
  line-width = 120
  tagline = ##f
}

```

```

notes = \relative c' {
  c1 | c \break
  c1 | c \break
  c1 | c
}

```

```

\book {
  \score {

```

```

\new GrandStaff <<
  \new Staff \notes
  \new Staff \notes
>>
}
}

```

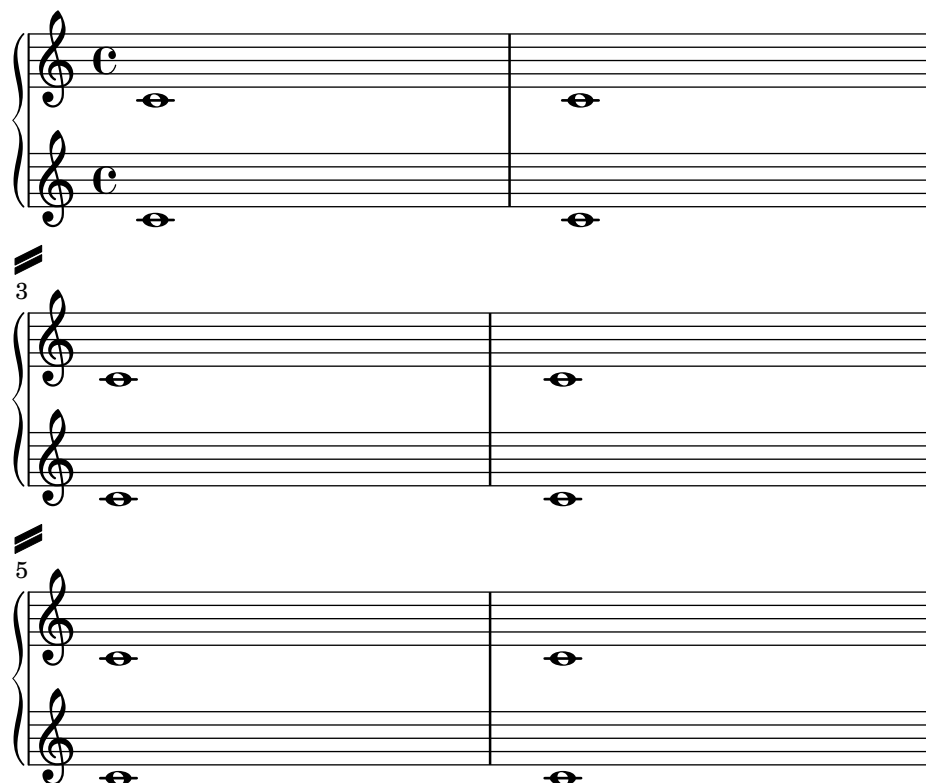


Table of contents

A table of contents is included using `\markuplist \table-of-contents`. The TOC items are added with the `\tocItem` command.

```
#(set-default-paper-size "a6")
```

```

\book {
  \markuplist \table-of-contents
  \pageBreak
  \tocItem \markup { The first score }
  \score {
    {
      c'1 \pageBreak
      \mark \default \tocItem \markup { Mark A }
      d'1
    }
  }
  \pageBreak
  \tocItem \markup { The second score }
  \score {
    { e'1 }
    \header { piece = "Second score" }
  }
}

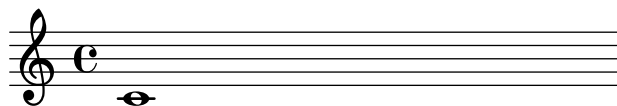
```

}
}

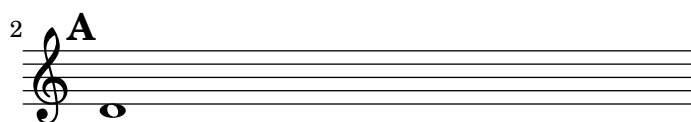
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2



3



4

Second score



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Vertically aligned StaffGroups without connecting SystemStartBar

This snippet shows how to achieve vertically aligned StaffGroups with a SystemStartBar for each StaffGroup, but without connecting them.

```
#(set-global-staff-size 18)
```

```
\header { tagline = ##f }
```

```
\paper {
  indent = 0
  ragged-right = ##f
  print-all-headers = ##t
}
```

```
\layout {
  \context {
    \StaffGroup
    \consists Text_mark_engraver
    \consists Staff_collecting_engraver
    systemStartDelimiterHierarchy =
```

```

    #'(SystemStartBrace (SystemStartBracket a b))
  }

\context {
  \Score
  \remove Text_mark_engraver
  \remove Staff_collecting_engraver
  \override SystemStartBrace.style = #'bar-line
  \omit SystemStartBar
  \override SystemStartBrace.padding = #-0.1
  \override SystemStartBrace.thickness = #1.6
  \override StaffGrouper.staffgroup-staff-spacing.basic-distance = #15
}
}

%%% EXAMPLE

txt =
\lyricmode {
  Wer4 nur den lie -- ben Gott läßt wal2 -- ten4
  und4 hof -- fet auf ihn al -- le Zeit2.
}

% First StaffGroup "exercise"

eI =
\relative c' {
  \textMark \markup {
    \bold Teacher:
    This is a simple setting of the choral. Please improve it.
  }
  \key a \minor
  \time 4/4
  \voiceOne

  \partial 4
  e4
  a b c b
  a b gis2
  e4\fermata g! g f
  e a a gis
  a2.\fermata
  \bar ":|."
}

eII =
\relative c' {
  \key a \minor
  \time 4/4
  \voiceTwo
  \partial 4
  c4

```

```

e e e gis
a f e2
b4 b d d
c c d d
c2.
\bar " : | . "
}

eIII =
\relative c' {
  \key a \minor
  \time 4/4
  \clef bass
  \voiceOne

  \partial 4
  a4
  c b a b
  c d b2
  gis4 g g b
  c a f e
  e2.
}

eIV =
\relative c' {
  \key a \minor
  \time 4/4
  \clef bass
  \voiceTwo

  \partial 4
  a,4
  a' gis a e
  a, d e2
  e,4\fermata e' b g
  c f d e
  a,2.\fermata
  \bar " : | . "
}

exercise =
\new StaffGroup = "exercise"
<<

\new Staff
<<
  \new Voice \eI
  \new Voice \eII
>>

\new Lyrics \txt

```

```

\new Staff
  <<
    \new Voice \eIII
    \new Voice \eIV
  >>
>>

% Second StaffGroup "simple Bach"

sbI =
\relative c' {
  \textMark \markup { \bold" Pupil:" Here's my version! }
  \key a \minor
  \time 4/4
  \voiceOne

  \partial 4
  e4
  a b c b
  a b gis2
  e4\fermata g! g f
  e a a gis
  a2.\fermata
  \bar ":|."
}

sbII =
\relative c' {
  \key a \minor
  \time 4/4
  \voiceTwo
  \partial 4
  c8 d
  e4 e e8 f g4
  f f e2
  b4 b8 c d4 d
  e8 d c4 b8 c d4
  c2.
  \bar ":|."
}

sbIII =
\relative c' {
  \key a \minor
  \time 4/4
  \clef bass
  \voiceOne

  \partial 4
  a8 b
  c4 b a b8 c

```

```

d4 d8 c b2
gis4 g g8 a b4
b a8 g f4 e
e2.
}

sbIV =
\relative c' {
  \key a \minor
  \time 4/4
  \clef bass
  \voiceTwo

  \partial 4
  a,4
  a' gis a e
  f8 e d4 e2
  e,4\fermata e' b a8 g
  c4 f8 e d4 e
  a,2.\fermata
  \bar ":|."
}

simpleBach =
\new StaffGroup = "simple Bach"
<<

  \new Staff
  <<
    \new Voice \sbI
    \new Voice \sbII
  >>

  \new Lyrics \txt

  \new Staff
  <<
    \new Voice \sbIII
    \new Voice \sbIV
  >>
>>

% Third StaffGroup "chromatic Bach"

cbI =
\relative c' {
  \textMark \markup {
    \bold "Teacher:"
    \column {
      "Well, you simply copied and transposed a version of J.S.Bach."
      "Do you know this one?"
    }
  }
}

```

```

}
\key a \minor
\time 4/4
\voiceOne

\partial 4
e4
a b c b
a b gis4. fis8
e4\fermata g! g f
e a a8 b gis4
a2.\fermata
\bar " : | ."
}

cbII =
\relative c' {
  \key a \minor
  \time 4/4
  \voiceTwo
  \partial 4
  c8 d
  e4 e e8 fis gis4
  a8 g! f!4 e2
  b4 e e d
  d8[ cis] d dis e fis e4
  e2.
  \bar " : | ."
}

cbIII =
\relative c' {
  \key a \minor
  \time 4/4
  \clef bass
  \voiceOne

  \partial 4
  a8 b
  c[ b] a gis8 a4 d,
  e8[ e'] d c b4. a8
  gis4 b c d8 c
  b[ a] a b c b b c16 d
  c2.
}

cbIV =
\relative c' {
  \key a \minor
  \time 4/4
  \clef bass
  \voiceTwo

```

```

\partial 4
a4
c, e a, b
c d e2
e4\fermata e a b8 c
gis[ g] fis f e dis e4
a,2.\fermata
\bar " : | ."
}

chromaticBach =
\new StaffGroup = "chromatic Bach"
<<

\new Staff
<<
  \new Voice \cbI
  \new Voice \cbII
>>

\new Lyrics \txt

\new Staff
<<
  \new Voice \cbIII
  \new Voice \cbIV
>>
>>

% Score

\score {
  <<
    \exercise
    \simpleBach
    \chromaticBach
  >>

  \header {
    title = \markup
      \column {
        \combine \null \vspace #1
        "Exercise: Improve the given choral"
        " "
      }
  }
}

\layout {
  \context {
    \Lyrics
    \override LyricText.X-offset = #-1

```

}

}

}

Exercise: Improve the given choral

Teacher: This is a simple setting of the choral. Please improve it.

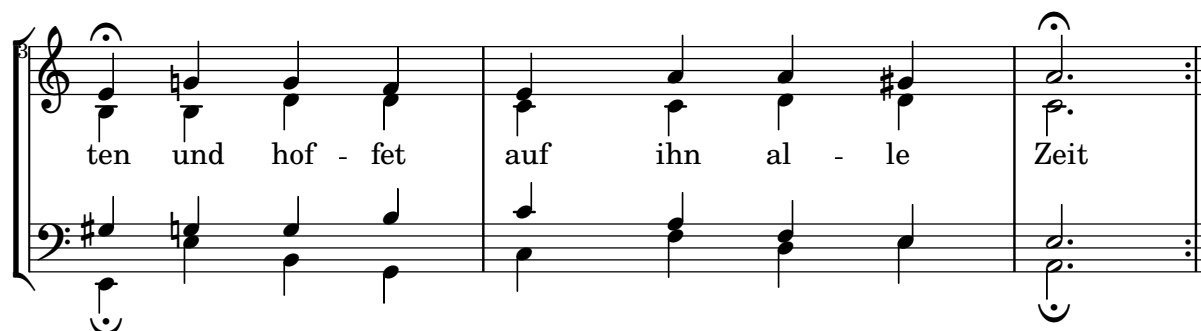
A musical score in C major, common time (C), for a two-part setting. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Wer nur den lie - ben Gott läßt wal -". The melody is simple, with the treble staff moving in a stepwise fashion and the bass staff providing a simple harmonic accompaniment.

Pupil: Here's my version!

A musical score in C major, common time (C), for a two-part setting. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Wer nur den lie - ben Gott läßt wal -". The melody is more complex than the Teacher's version, with the treble staff moving in a stepwise fashion and the bass staff providing a simple harmonic accompaniment.

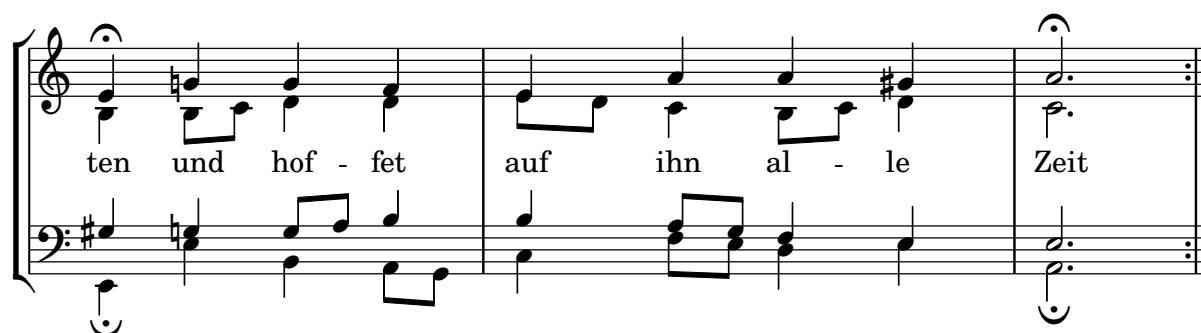
Teacher: Well, you simply copied and transposed a version of J.S.Bach.
Do you know this one?

A musical score in C major, common time (C), for a two-part setting. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Wer nur den lie - ben Gott läßt wal -". The melody is more complex than the Pupil's version, with the treble staff moving in a stepwise fashion and the bass staff providing a simple harmonic accompaniment.



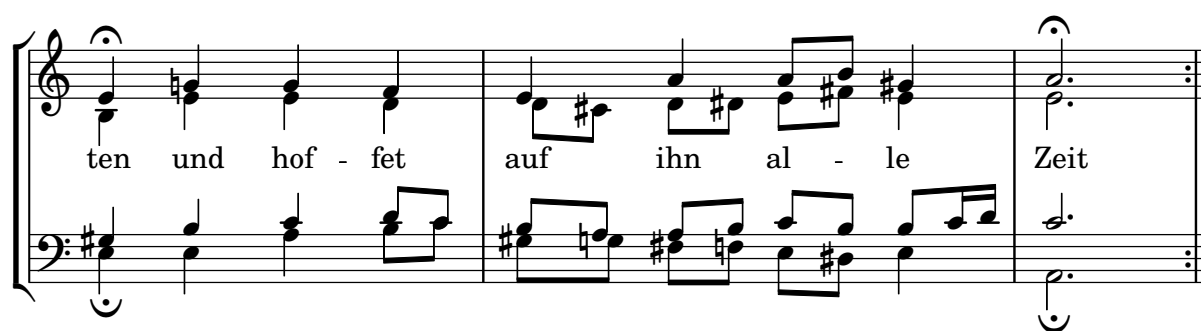
ten und hof - fet auf ihn al - le Zeit

This system shows a vocal melody in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. The lyrics are 'ten und hof - fet auf ihn al - le Zeit'.



ten und hof - fet auf ihn al - le Zeit

This system continues the musical piece with similar notation to the first system. The vocal line and piano accompaniment maintain the same rhythmic and melodic patterns. The lyrics are 'ten und hof - fet auf ihn al - le Zeit'.



ten und hof - fet auf ihn al - le Zeit

This system shows the final part of the musical phrase. The vocal melody and piano accompaniment conclude the phrase. The lyrics are 'ten und hof - fet auf ihn al - le Zeit'.

Titles

See also Section “Titles and headers” in *Notation Reference*.

Adding the current date to a score

With a little Scheme code, the current date can easily be added to a score.

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }

% first, define a variable to hold the formatted date:
date = #(strftime "%d-%m-%Y" (localtime (current-time)))

% use it in the title block:
\header {
  title = "Including the date!"
  subtitle = \date
}

\score {
  \relative c' {
    c4 c c c
  }
}

% and use it in a \markup block:
\markup {
  \date
}
```

Including the date!

03-05-2025



03-05-2025

Aligning and centering instrument names

The horizontal alignment of instrument names is tweaked by changing the `Staff.InstrumentName.self-alignment-X` property. The `\layout` variables `indent` and `short-indent` define the space in which the instrument names are aligned before the first and the following systems, respectively.

```
\paper { left-margin = 3\cm }

\score {
  \new StaffGroup <<

    \new Staff \with {
      \override InstrumentName.self-alignment-X = #LEFT
      instrumentName = \markup \left-column {
        "Left aligned"
        "instrument name"
      }
    }
}
```

```

    }
    shortInstrumentName = "Left"
  }

  { c''1 \break c''1 }

\new Staff \with {
  \override InstrumentName.self-alignment-X = #CENTER
  instrumentName = \markup \center-column {
    Centered
    "instrument name"
  }
  shortInstrumentName = "Centered"
}

{ g'1 g'1}

\new Staff \with {
  \override InstrumentName.self-alignment-X = #RIGHT
  instrumentName = \markup \right-column {
    "Right aligned"
    "instrument name"
  }
  shortInstrumentName = "Right"
}

{ e'1 e'1 }

>>


\layout {
  ragged-right = ##t
  indent = 4\cm
  short-indent = 2\cm
}
}

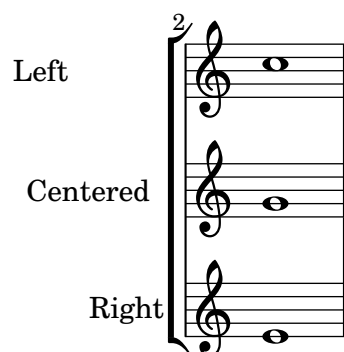
```

Left aligned
instrument name

Centered
instrument name

Right aligned
instrument name





Demonstrating all headers

All header fields with special meanings.

```
\header {
  copyright = "copyright"
  title = "title"
  subtitle = "subtitle"
  composer = "composer"
  arranger = "arranger"
  instrument = "instrument"
  meter = "meter"
  opus = "opus"
  piece = "piece"
  poet = "poet"
  texidoc = "All header fields with special meanings."
  copyright = "public domain"
  enteredby = "jcn"
  source = "urtext"
}

\layout {
  ragged-right = ##f
}

\score {
  \relative c'' { c1 | c | c | c }
}

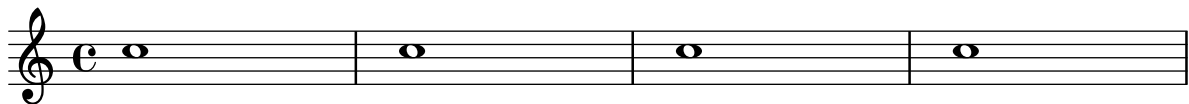
\score {
  \relative c'' { c1 | c | c | c }
  \header {
    title = "localtitle"
    subtitle = "localsubtitle"
    composer = "localcomposer"
    arranger = "localarranger"
    instrument = "localinstrument"
    metre = "localmetre"
    opus = "localopus"
    piece = "localpiece"
    poet = "localpoet"
    copyright = "localcopyright"
  }
}
```

} }

title		
subtitle		
poet	instrument	composer
meter		arranger
piece		opus



localpiece localopus



Outputting the version number

It is possible to print the version number of LilyPond in markup.

\markup { Processed with LilyPond version #(lilypond-version) }

Processed with LilyPond version 2.25.26

Spacing

See also Section “Spacing issues” in *Notation Reference*.

Adjusting lyrics vertical spacing

This snippet shows how to bring the lyrics line closer to the staff.

% Default layout:

```
<<
\new Staff \new Voice = melody \relative c' {
  c4 d e f
  g4 f e d
  c1
}
\new Lyrics \lyricsto melody { aa aa aa aa aa aa aa aa aa }

\new Staff {
  \new Voice = melody \relative c' {
    c4 d e f
    g4 f e d
    c1
  }
}
% Reducing the minimum space below the staff and above the lyrics:
\new Lyrics \with {
  \override VerticalAxisGroup.nonstaff-relatedstaff-spacing =
    #'((basic-distance . 1))
}
\lyricsto melody { aa aa aa aa aa aa aa aa aa }
>>
```



Allowing fingerings to be printed inside the staff

By default, vertically oriented fingerings are positioned outside the staff; that behavior, however, may be disabled. Attention needs to be paid to situations where fingerings and stems are in the same direction: by default, fingerings will avoid only beamed stems. That setting can be changed to avoid no stems or all stems; the following example demonstrates these two options, as well as how to go back to the default behavior.

```
\relative c' {
  <c-1 e-2 g-3 b-5>2
  \override Fingering.staff-padding = #'()
  <c-1 e-2 g-3 b-5>4 g'-0
  a8[-1 b]-2 g-0 r
  \override Fingering.add-stem-support = ##f
```

```

a[-1 b]-2 g-0 r
\override Fingering.add-stem-support = ##t
a[-1 b]-2 g-0 r
\override Fingering.add-stem-support = #only-if-beamed
a[-1 b]-2 g-0 r
}

```



Breaking vertical alignment of dynamics and textscripts

By default, LilyPond uses `DynamicLineSpanner` grobs to vertically align successive dynamic objects like hairpins and dynamic text. However, this is not always wanted. By inserting `\breakDynamicSpan`, which ends the alignment spanner prematurely, this vertical alignment can be avoided.

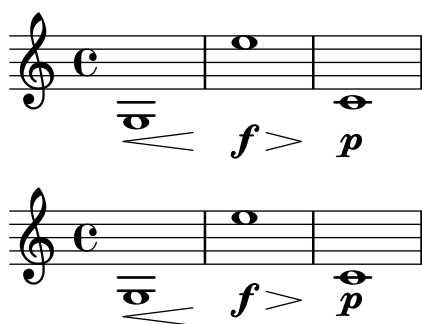
```

{ g1\< |
  e''\f\> |
  c'\p }

{ g1\< |
  e''\breakDynamicSpan\f\> |
  c'\p }

```

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }
```



Page label

Page labels may be placed inside music or at top-level, and referred to in markups.

```

\label license
\markup "This snippet is available under the Creative Commons
Public Domain Dedication license."

```

```

{
  \repeat volta 2 {
    \label startRepeat
    \repeat unfold 20 { c'2 2 }
    \pageBreak
    2 2
  }
}

```

```

\textEndMark \markup {
  \with-link #'startRepeat \line {
    To page \page-ref #'startRepeat "0" "?"
  }
}

\markup {
  See page \page-ref #'license "0" "?" for
  licensing information.
}

```

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Proportional strict notespacing

If strict-note-spacing is set spacing of notes is not influenced by bars or clefs within a system. Rather, they are placed just before the note that occurs at the same time. This may cause collisions.

```

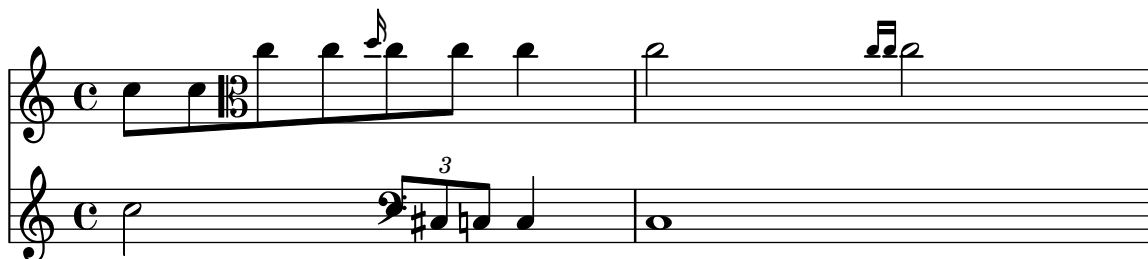
\relative c' ' <<
\override Score.SpacingSpanner.strict-note-spacing = ##t
\set Score.proportionalNotationDuration = #1/16
\new Staff {
  c8[ c \clef alto c c \grace { d16 } c8 c] c4
  c2 \grace { c16[ c16] } c2
}
\new Staff {
  c2 \tuplet 3/2 { c8 \clef bass cis,, c } c4

```

```

c1
}
>>

```



Vertically aligned dynamics and textscripts

All `DynamicLineSpanner` objects (hairpins and dynamic texts) are placed with their reference line at least 'staff-padding' from the staff, unless other notation forces them to be farther. Setting 'staff-padding' to a sufficiently large value aligns the dynamics.

The same idea, together with `\textLengthOn`, is used to align the text scripts along their baseline.

```

music = \relative c' {
  a'2\p b\f
  e4\p f\f\> g, b\p
  c2^\markup { \huge gorgeous } c^\markup { \huge fantastic }
}

{
  \music
  \break
  \override DynamicLineSpanner.staff-padding = 3
  \textLengthOn
  \override TextScript.staff-padding = 1
  \music
}

```

```

\paper { tagline = ##f }

```



Vertically aligning ossias and lyrics

This snippet demonstrates the use of the context properties `alignBelowContext` and `alignAboveContext` to control the positioning of lyrics and ossias.

```

\relative c' <<
  \new Staff = "1" { c4 c s2 }

```

```

\new Staff = "2" { c4 c s2 }
\new Staff = "3" { c4 c s2 }
{ \skip 2
  <<
    \lyrics {
      \set alignBelowContext = "1"
      lyrics4 below
    }
    \new Staff \with {
      alignAboveContext = "3"
      fontSize = -2
      \override StaffSymbol.staff-space = #(magstep -2)
      \remove "Time_signature_engraver"
    } {
      \tuplet 6/4 {
        \override TextScript.padding = 3
        c8["ossia above" d e d e f]
      }
    }
  >>
}
>>

\paper {
  ragged-right = ##t
}

```



MIDI

See also Section “Creating MIDI output” in *Notation Reference*.

Changing MIDI output to one channel per voice

When outputting MIDI, the default behavior is for each staff to represent one MIDI channel, with all the voices on a staff amalgamated. This minimizes the risk of running out of MIDI channels, since there are only 16 available per track.

However, by moving the `Staff_performer` to the `Voice` context, each voice on a staff can have its own MIDI channel, as is demonstrated by the following example: despite being on the same staff, two MIDI channels are created, each with a different `midiInstrument`.

```
\score {
  \new Staff <<
    \new Voice \relative c''' {
      \set midiInstrument = "flute"
      \voiceOne
      \key g \major
      \time 2/2
      r2 g-"Flute" ~
      g fis ~
      fis4 g8 fis e2 ~
      e4 d8 cis d2
    }
    \new Voice \relative c'' {
      \set midiInstrument = "clarinet"
      \voiceTwo
      b1-"Clarinet"
      a2. b8 a
      g2. fis8 e
      fis2 r
    }
  >>
  \layout { }
  \midi {
    \context {
      \Staff
      \remove "Staff_performer"
    }
    \context {
      \Voice
      \consists "Staff_performer"
    }
  }
  \tempo 2 = 72
}
```



Changing the tempo without a metronome mark

To change the tempo in MIDI output without printing anything, make the metronome mark invisible.

```
\score {
  \new Staff \relative c' {
    \tempo 4 = 160
    c4 e g b
    c4 b d c
    \set Score.tempoHideNote = ##t
    \tempo 4 = 96
    d,4 fis a cis
    d4 cis e d
  }
  \layout { }
  \midi { }
}
```



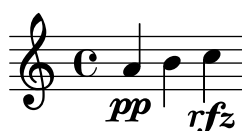
Creating custom dynamics in MIDI output

The following example shows how to create a dynamic marking, not included in the default list, and assign a specific value to it so that it affects MIDI output.

The dynamic mark `\rfz` gets value 0.9.

```
#(define (myDynamics dynamic)
  (if (equal? dynamic "rfz")
    0.9
    (default-dynamic-absolute-volume dynamic)))

\score {
  \new Staff {
    \set Staff.midiInstrument = "cello"
    \set Score.dynamicAbsoluteVolumeFunction = #myDynamics
    \new Voice {
      \relative {
        a'4\pp b c-\rfz
      }
    }
  }
  \layout {}
  \midi {}
}
```



Demo MidiInstruments

Problem: How to know which midiInstrument would be best for your composition?

Solution: A LilyPond demo file.

```
\header {
  title = "Demo of all midi sounds"
  arranger = "Myself "
}

melody = \relative c' {
  \tempo 4 = 150
  c4.\mf g c16 b' c d
  e16 d e f g4 g'4 r
  R1
}

\score {
  \new Voice \melody
  \layout { }
}

\score {
  \new Voice {
    r\mf
    % 1-8 keyboard
    \set Staff.midiInstrument = "acoustic grand" \melody
    \set Staff.midiInstrument = "bright acoustic" \melody
    \set Staff.midiInstrument = "electric grand" \melody
    \set Staff.midiInstrument = "honky-tonk" \melody
    \set Staff.midiInstrument = "electric piano 1" \melody
    \set Staff.midiInstrument = "electric piano 2" \melody
    \set Staff.midiInstrument = "harpsichord" \melody
    \set Staff.midiInstrument = "clav" \melody

    % 9-16 chrom percussion
    \set Staff.midiInstrument = "celesta" \melody
    \set Staff.midiInstrument = "glockenspiel" \melody
    \set Staff.midiInstrument = "music box" \melody
    \set Staff.midiInstrument = "vibraphone" \melody
    \set Staff.midiInstrument = "marimba" \melody
    \set Staff.midiInstrument = "xylophone" \melody
    \set Staff.midiInstrument = "tubular bells" \melody
    \set Staff.midiInstrument = "dulcimer" \melody

    % 17-24 organ
    \set Staff.midiInstrument = "drawbar organ" \melody
    \set Staff.midiInstrument = "percussive organ" \melody
    \set Staff.midiInstrument = "rock organ" \melody
    \set Staff.midiInstrument = "church organ" \melody
    \set Staff.midiInstrument = "reed organ" \melody
    \set Staff.midiInstrument = "accordion" \melody
    \set Staff.midiInstrument = "harmonica" \melody
  }
}
```

```
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "concertina" \melody

% 25-32 guitar
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "acoustic guitar (nylon)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "acoustic guitar (steel)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "electric guitar (jazz)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "electric guitar (clean)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "electric guitar (muted)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "overdriven guitar" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "distorted guitar" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "guitar harmonics" \melody

% 33-40 bass
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "acoustic bass" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "electric bass (finger)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "electric bass (pick)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "fretless bass" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "slap bass 1" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "slap bass 2" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "synth bass 1" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "synth bass 2" \melody

% 41-48 strings
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "violin" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "viola" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "cello" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "contrabass" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "tremolo strings" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "pizzicato strings" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "orchestral harp" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "timpani" \melody

% 49-56 ensemble
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "string ensemble 1" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "string ensemble 2" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "synthstrings 1" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "synthstrings 2" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "choir aahs" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "voice oohs" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "synth voice" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "orchestra hit" \melody

% 57-64 brass
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "trumpet" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "trombone" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "tuba" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "muted trumpet" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "french horn" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "brass section" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "synthbrass 1" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "synthbrass 2" \melody
```

% 65-72 reed

```
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "soprano sax" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "alto sax" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "tenor sax" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "baritone sax" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "oboe" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "english horn" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "bassoon" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "clarinet" \melody
```

% 73-80 pipe

```
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "piccolo" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "flute" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "recorder" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "pan flute" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "blown bottle" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "shakuhachi" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "whistle" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "ocarina" \melody
```

% 81-88 synth lead

```
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "lead 1 (square)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "lead 2 (sawtooth)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "lead 3 (calliope)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "lead 4 (chiff)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "lead 5 (charang)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "lead 6 (voice)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "lead 7 (fifths)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "lead 8 (bass+lead)" \melody
```

% 89-96 synth pad

```
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "pad 1 (new age)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "pad 2 (warm)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "pad 3 (polysynth)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "pad 4 (choir)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "pad 5 (bowed)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "pad 6 (metallic)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "pad 7 (halo)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "pad 8 (sweep)" \melody
```

% 97-104 synth effects

```
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "fx 1 (rain)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "fx 2 (soundtrack)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "fx 3 (crystal)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "fx 4 (atmosphere)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "fx 5 (brightness)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "fx 6 (goblins)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "fx 7 (echoes)" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "fx 8 (sci-fi)" \melody
```

% 105-112 ethnic

```
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "sitar" \melody
```

```

\set Staff.midiInstrument = "banjo" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "shamisen" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "koto" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "kalimba" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "bagpipe" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "fiddle" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "shanai" \melody

% 113-120 percussive
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "tinkle bell" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "agogo" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "steel drums" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "woodblock" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "taiko drum" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "melodic tom" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "synth drum" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "reverse cymbal" \melody

% 121-128 sound effects
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "guitar fret noise" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "breath noise" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "seashore" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "bird tweet" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "telephone ring" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "helicopter" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "applause" \melody
\set Staff.midiInstrument = "gunshot" \melody
}
\midi { }
}

\paper { tagline = ##f }

```

Demo of all midi sounds

Myself



Replacing default MIDI instrument equalization

The default MIDI instrument equalizer can be replaced by setting the `instrumentEqualizer` property in the Score context to a user-defined Scheme procedure that uses a MIDI instrument name as its argument along with a pair of fractions indicating the minimum and maximum volumes respectively to be applied to that specific instrument.

The following example sets the minimum and maximum volumes for flute and clarinet respectively."

```

#(define my-instrument-equalizer-alist '())

```

```

#(set! my-instrument-equalizer-alist
  (append
    '(
      ("flute" . (0.7 . 0.9))
      ("clarinet" . (0.3 . 0.6)))
    my-instrument-equalizer-alist))

#(define (my-instrument-equalizer s)
  (let ((entry (assoc s my-instrument-equalizer-alist)))
    (if entry
      (cdr entry))))

\score {
  <<
    \new Staff {
      \key g \major
      \time 2/2
      \set Score.instrumentEqualizer = #my-instrument-equalizer
      \set Staff.midiInstrument = "flute"
      \new Voice \relative {
        r2 g' \mp g fis~
        4 g8 fis e2~
        4 d8 cis d2
      }
    }
    \new Staff {
      \key g \major
      \set Staff.midiInstrument = "clarinet"
      \new Voice \relative {
        b'1 \p a2. b8 a
        g2. fis8 e
        fis2 r
      }
    }
  >>
  \layout { }
  \midi { }
}

```



Templates

Ancient notation template – modern transcription of Gregorian music

This example demonstrates how to do modern transcription of Gregorian music. Gregorian music has no measure, no stems; it uses only half and quarter note heads, and special marks, indicating rests of different length.

```
chant = \relative c' {
  \set Score.timing = ##f
  f4 a2 \divisioMinima
  g4 b a2 f2 \divisioMaior
  g4( f) f( g f) a2 \finalis \break
  f4 a2 \divisioMinima
  g4 b a2 f2 \divisioMaior
  g4( f) f( g a) g2( f) \finalis
}

verba = \lyricmode {
  Lo -- rem ip -- sum do -- lor sit a -- met,
  lo -- rem ip -- sum do -- lor sit a -- met.
}

\score {
  \new GregorianTranscriptionStaff <<
    \new GregorianTranscriptionVoice = "melody" \chant
    \new GregorianTranscriptionLyrics = "one" \lyricsto melody \verba
  >>
}
```



Anglican psalm template

This template shows one way of setting out an Anglican psalm chant. It also shows how the verses may be added as stand-alone text under the music. The two verses are coded in different styles to demonstrate more possibilities.

```
\paper { tagline = ##f }

SopranoMusic = \relative g' {
  g1 | c2 b | a1 | \bar "||"
  a1 | d2 c | c b | c1 | \bar "||"
}
```

```

AltoMusic = \relative c' {
  e1 | g2 g | f1 |
  f1 | f2 e | d d | e1 |
}

TenorMusic = \relative a {
  c1 | c2 c | c1 |
  d1 | g,2 g | g g | g1 |
}

BassMusic = \relative c {
  c1 | e2 e | f1 |
  d1 | b2 c | g' g | c,1 |
}

global = {
  \time 2/2
}

dot = \markup {
  \raise #0.7 \musicglyph "dots.dot"
}

tick = \markup {
  \raise #1 \fontsize #-5 \musicglyph "scripts.rvarcomma"
}

% Use markup to center the chant on the page
\markup {
  \fill-line {
    \score { % centered
      <<
        \new ChoirStaff <<
          \new Staff <<
            \global
            \clef "treble"
            \new Voice = "Soprano" <<
              \voiceOne
              \SopranoMusic
            >>
            \new Voice = "Alto" <<
              \voiceTwo
              \AltoMusic
            >>
          >>
        \new Staff <<
          \clef "bass"
          \global
          \new Voice = "Tenor" <<
            \voiceOne
            \TenorMusic
          >>
        >>
      >>
    }
  }
}

```

```

        \new Voice = "Bass" <<
        \voiceTwo
        \BassMusic
    >>
>>
>>
>>
\layout {
  \context {
    \Score
    \override SpacingSpanner.base-shortest-duration =
      \musicLength 2
  }
  \context {
    \Staff
    \remove "Time_signature_engraver"
  }
}
} % End score
} % End markup

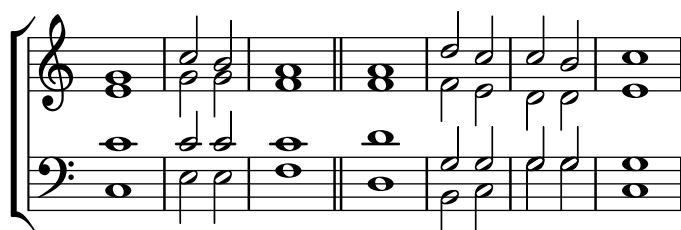
\markup {
  \fill-line {
    \column {
      \left-align {
        \null \null \null
        \line {
          \fontsize #5 0
          \fontsize #3 come
          let us \bold sing | unto \dot the | Lord : let
        }
        \line {
          us heartily
          \concat { re \bold joice }
          in the | strength of | our
        }
        \line {
          sal | vation.
        }
        \null
        \line {
          \hspace #2.5 8. Today if ye will hear his voice *
        }
        \line {
          \concat { \bold hard en }
          \tick not your \tick hearts : as in the pro-
        }
        \line {
          vocation * and as in the \bold day of tempt- \tick
        }
        \line {

```

```

    -ation \tick in the \tick wilderness.
  }
}
}
}
}

```



O come let us **sing** | unto • the | Lord : let
us heartily **rejoice** in the | strength of | our
sal | vation.

8. Today if ye will hear his voice *
harden ' not your ' hearts : as in the pro-
vocation * and as in the **day** of tempt- '
-ation ' in the ' wilderness.

Hymn template

This code shows one way of setting out a hymn tune when each line starts and ends with a partial measure. It also shows how to add the verses as stand-alone text under the music.

```

Timeline = {
  \time 4/4
  \tempo 4=96
  \partial 2
  s2 | s1 | s2 \breathe s2 | s1 | s2 \caesura \break
  s2 | s1 | s2 \breathe s2 | s1 | s2 \fine
}

SopranoMusic = \relative g' {
  g4 g | g g g g | g g g g | g g g g | g2
  g4 g | g g g g | g g g g | g g g g | g2
}

AltoMusic = \relative c' {
  d4 d | d d d d | d d d d | d d d d | d2
  d4 d | d d d d | d d d d | d d d d | d2
}

TenorMusic = \relative a {
  b4 b | b b b b | b b b b | b b b b | b2
  b4 b | b b b b | b b b b | b b b b | b2
}

```

```

BassMusic = \relative g {
  g4 g | g g g g | g g g g | g g g g | g2
  g4 g | g g g g | g g g g | g g g g | g2
}

global = {
  \key g \major
}

\score { % Start score
  <<
    \new PianoStaff << % Start pianostaff
      \new Staff << % Start Staff = RH
        \global
        \clef "treble"
        \new Voice = "Soprano" << % Start Voice = "Soprano"
          \Timeline
          \voiceOne
          \SopranoMusic
        >> % End Voice = "Soprano"
        \new Voice = "Alto" << % Start Voice = "Alto"
          \Timeline
          \voiceTwo
          \AltoMusic
        >> % End Voice = "Alto"
      >> % End Staff = RH
    \new Staff << % Start Staff = LH
      \global
      \clef "bass"
      \new Voice = "Tenor" << % Start Voice = "Tenor"
        \Timeline
        \voiceOne
        \TenorMusic
      >> % End Voice = "Tenor"
      \new Voice = "Bass" << % Start Voice = "Bass"
        \Timeline
        \voiceTwo
        \BassMusic
      >> % End Voice = "Bass"
    >> % End Staff = LH
  >> % End pianostaff
} % End score

\markup {
  \fill-line {
    ""
    {
      \column {
        \left-align {
          "This is line one of the first verse"

```

```

        "This is line two of the same"
        "And here's line three of the first verse"
        "And the last line of the same"
    }
}
}
}
}

\layout {
  \context {
    \Score
    caesuraType = #'((bar-line . "||"))
    fineBarType = "||"
  }
}

\paper { % Start paper block
  indent = 0 % don't indent first system
  line-width = 130 % shorten line length to suit music
  tagline = ##f % Don't print tag line, can be removed
} % End paper block

```



This is line one of the first verse
 This is line two of the same
 And here's line three of the first verse
 And the last line of the same

Jazz combo template

This is quite an advanced template, for a jazz ensemble. Note that all instruments are notated in `\key c \major`. This refers to the key in concert pitch; the key will be automatically transposed if the music is within a `\transpose` section.

```

\header {
  title = "Song"
  subtitle = "(tune)"
  composer = "Me"
}

```

```

meter = "moderato"
piece = "Swing"
tagline = \markup {
  \column {
    "LilyPond example file by Amelie Zapf,"
    "Berlin 07/07/2003"
  }
}
}
% To make the example display in the documentation
\paper {
  paper-width = 130
}
%#(set-global-staff-size 16)
\include "english.ly"

%%%%%%%%%%%%%% Some macros %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%

sl = {
  \override NoteHead.style = #'slash
  \hide Stem
}
ns1 = {
  \revert NoteHead.style
  \undo \hide Stem
}
crOn = \override NoteHead.style = #'cross
crOff = \revert NoteHead.style

%% insert chord name style stuff here.

jazzChords = { }

%%%%%%%%%%%%%% Keys'n'things %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%

global = { \time 4/4 }

Key = { \key c \major }

% ##### Horns #####

% ----- Trumpet -----
trpt = \transpose c d \relative c' {
  \Key
  c1 | c | c |
}
trpHarmony = \transpose c' d {
  \jazzChords
}
trumpet = {
  \global
  \clef treble

```

```

    <<
    \trpt
    >>
}

% ----- Alto Saxophone -----
alto = \transpose c a \relative c' {
    \Key
    c1 | c | c |
}
altoHarmony = \transpose c' a {
    \jazzChords
}
altoSax = {
    \global
    \clef treble
    <<
    \alto
    >>
}

% ----- Baritone Saxophone -----
bari = \transpose c a' \relative c {
    \Key
    c1
    c1
    \sl
    d4~"Solo" d d d
    \ns1
}
bariHarmony = \transpose c' a \chordmode {
    \jazzChords s1 s d2:maj e:m7
}
bariSax = {
    \global
    \clef treble
    <<
    \bari
    >>
}

% ----- Trombone -----
tbone = \relative c {
    \Key
    c1 | c | c |
}
tboneHarmony = \chordmode {
    \jazzChords
}
trombone = {
    \global
    \clef bass

```

```

    <<
    \tbone
    >>
}

% ##### Rhythm Section #####

% ----- Guitar -----
gtr = \relative c'' {
  \Key
  c1
  \sl
  b4 b b b
  \nsl
  c1
}
gtrHarmony = \chordmode {
  \jazzChords
  s1 c2:min7+ d2:maj9
}
guitar = {
  \global
  \clef treble
  <<
  \gtr
  >>
}

%% ----- Piano -----
rhUpper = \relative c'' {
  \voiceOne
  \Key
  c1 | c | c
}
rhLower = \relative c' {
  \voiceTwo
  \Key
  e1 | e | e
}

lhUpper = \relative c' {
  \voiceOne
  \Key
  g1 | g | g
}
lhLower = \relative c {
  \voiceTwo
  \Key
  c1 | c | c
}

PianoRH = {

```

```

\clef treble
\global
<<
  \new Voice = "one" \rhUpper
  \new Voice = "two" \rhLower
>>
}
PianoLH = {
  \clef bass
  \global
  <<
    \new Voice = "one" \lhUpper
    \new Voice = "two" \lhLower
  >>
}

piano = {
  <<
    \new Staff = "upper" \PianoRH
    \new Staff = "lower" \PianoLH
  >>
}

% ----- Bass Guitar -----
Bass = \relative c {
  \Key
  c1 | c | c
}
bass = {
  \global
  \clef bass
  <<
    \Bass
  >>
}

% ----- Drums -----
up = \drummode {
  \voiceOne
  hh4 <hh sn> hh <hh sn>
  hh4 <hh sn> hh <hh sn>
  hh4 <hh sn> hh <hh sn>
}
down = \drummode {
  \voiceTwo
  bd4 s bd s
  bd4 s bd s
  bd4 s bd s
}

drumContents = {
  \global

```

```

<<
  \new DrumVoice \up
  \new DrumVoice \down
>>
}

%%%%%%%%%% It All Goes Together Here %%%%%%%%%%%

\score {
  <<
    \new StaffGroup = "horns" <<
      \new Staff = "trumpet" \with { instrumentName = "Trumpet" }
      \trumpet
      \new Staff = "altosax" \with { instrumentName = "Alto Sax" }
      \altoSax
      \new ChordNames = "barichords" \with { instrumentName = "Trumpet" }
      \bariHarmony
      \new Staff = "barisax" \with { instrumentName = "Bari Sax" }
      \bariSax
      \new Staff = "trombone" \with { instrumentName = "Trombone" }
      \trombone
    >>

    \new StaffGroup = "rhythm" <<
      \new ChordNames = "chords" \gtrHarmony
      \new Staff = "guitar" \with { instrumentName = "Guitar" }
      \guitar
      \new PianoStaff = "piano" \with {
        instrumentName = "Piano"
        midiInstrument = "acoustic grand"
      }
      \piano
      \new Staff = "bass" \with { instrumentName = "Bass" }
      \bass
      \new DrumStaff \with { instrumentName = "Drums" }
      \drumContents
    >>
  >>
  \layout {
    \context { \Staff \RemoveEmptyStaves }
    \context {
      \Score
      \override BarNumber.padding = 3
      \override RehearsalMark.padding = 2
      skipBars = ##t
    }
  }
  \midi { }
}

```

Song (tune)

Me

moderato

Swing

The musical score is arranged in two systems. The first system includes Trumpet, Alto Sax, Bari Sax, and Trombone. The second system includes Guitar, Piano (with a grand staff), Bass, and Drums. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo is 'moderato' and the style is 'Swing'. The score consists of three measures. In the first measure, all instruments play a half note. In the second measure, the saxophones and guitar play a half note, while the trumpet and trombone play a half note. In the third measure, the saxophones and guitar play a half note, while the trumpet and trombone play a half note. The Bari Sax has a 'Solo' section in the third measure, indicated by a 'B^Δ C#m⁷' chord and a 'Solo' label. The Guitar has a 'Cm^Δ D^{Δ9}' chord in the third measure. The Piano plays a steady accompaniment of eighth notes. The Bass plays a steady accompaniment of eighth notes. The Drums play a steady accompaniment of eighth notes.

Orchestra, choir and piano template

This template demonstrates the use of nested `StaffGroup` and `GrandStaff` contexts to subgroup instruments of the same type together, and a way to use `\transpose` so that variables hold music for transposing instruments at concert pitch.

```
#(set-global-staff-size 17)
```

```
\paper {
  indent = 3.0\cm % add space for instrumentName
  short-indent = 1.5\cm % add less space for shortInstrumentName
}
```

```

\header { tagline = ##f }

fluteMusic = \relative c' { \key g \major g'1 b }

% Pitches as written on a manuscript for Clarinet in A
% are transposed to concert pitch.

clarinetMusic = \transpose c' a
  \relative c'' { \key bes \major bes1 d }

trumpetMusic = \relative c { \key g \major g''1 b }

% Key signature is often omitted for horns

hornMusic = \transpose c' f
  \relative c { d'1 fis }

percussionMusic = \relative c { \key g \major g1 b }

sopranoMusic = \relative c'' { \key g \major g'1 b }

sopranoLyrics = \lyricmode { Lyr -- ics }

altoIMusic = \relative c' { \key g \major g'1 b }

altoIIMusic = \relative c' { \key g \major g'1 b }

altoILyrics = \sopranoLyrics

altoIIILyrics = \lyricmode { Ah -- ah }

tenorMusic = \relative c' { \clef "treble_8" \key g \major g1 b }

tenorLyrics = \sopranoLyrics

pianoRHMus = \relative c { \key g \major g''1 b }

pianoLHMus = \relative c { \clef bass \key g \major g1 b }

violinIMusic = \relative c' { \key g \major g'1 b }

violinIIMusic = \relative c' { \key g \major g'1 b }

violaMusic = \relative c { \clef alto \key g \major g'1 b }

celloMusic = \relative c { \clef bass \key g \major g1 b }

bassMusic = \relative c { \clef "bass_8" \key g \major g,1 b }

\score {

```

```

<<
\new StaffGroup = "StaffGroup_woodwinds" <<
  \new Staff = "Staff_flute" \with { instrumentName = "Flute" }
  \fluteMusic

  \new Staff = "Staff_clarinet" \with {
    instrumentName = \markup { \concat { "Clarinet in B" \flat } }
  }

  % Declare that written Middle C in the music
  % to follow sounds a concert B flat, for
  % output using sounded pitches such as MIDI.
  %\transposition bes

  % Print music for a B-flat clarinet
  \transpose bes c' \clarinetMusic
>>

\new StaffGroup = "StaffGroup_brass" <<
  \new Staff = "Staff_hornI" \with { instrumentName = "Horn in F" }
  % \transposition f
  \transpose f c' \hornMusic

  \new Staff = "Staff_trumpet" \with { instrumentName = "Trumpet in C" }
  \trumpetMusic

>>
\new RhythmicStaff = "RhythmicStaff_percussion"
\with { instrumentName = "Percussion" }
<<
  \percussionMusic
>>
\new PianoStaff \with { instrumentName = "Piano" }
<<
  \new Staff { \pianoRHMusical }
  \new Staff { \pianoLHMusical }
>>
\new ChoirStaff = "ChoirStaff_choir" <<
  \new Staff = "Staff_soprano" \with { instrumentName = "Soprano" }
  \new Voice = "soprano"
  \sopranoMusical

  \new Lyrics \lyricsto "soprano" { \sopranoLyrics }
  \new GrandStaff = "GrandStaff_altos"
  \with { \accepts Lyrics } <<
    \new Staff = "Staff_altoI" \with { instrumentName = "Alto I" }
    \new Voice = "altoI"
    \altoIMusical

    \new Lyrics \lyricsto "altoI" { \altoILyrics }
    \new Staff = "Staff_altoII" \with { instrumentName = "Alto II" }
    \new Voice = "altoII"

```

```

    \altoIIMusic

    \new Lyrics \lyricsto "altoII" { \altoIILyrics }
  >>

  \new Staff = "Staff_tenor" \with { instrumentName = "Tenor" }
    \new Voice = "tenor"
    \tenorMusic

  \new Lyrics \lyricsto "tenor" { \tenorLyrics }
  >>
  \new StaffGroup = "StaffGroup_strings" <<
    \new GrandStaff = "GrandStaff_violins" <<
      \new Staff = "Staff_violinI" \with { instrumentName = "Violin I" }
      \violinIMusic

      \new Staff = "Staff_violinII" \with { instrumentName = "Violin II" }
      \violinIIMusic
    >>
  >>

  \new Staff = "Staff_viola" \with { instrumentName = "Viola" }
  \violaMusic

  \new Staff = "Staff_cello" \with { instrumentName = "Cello" }
  \celloMusic

  \new Staff = "Staff_bass" \with { instrumentName = "Double Bass" }
  \bassMusic
  >>
  >>
  \layout { }
}

```

The image shows a musical score template for a symphony orchestra and vocal ensemble. The instruments and voices are listed on the left, and their corresponding staves are on the right. The staves are grouped with brackets. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The score is for two measures. The instruments and voices are: Flute, Clarinet in Bb, Horn in F, Trumpet in C, Percussion, Piano, Soprano, Alto I, Alto II, Tenor, Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass. The lyrics for the vocal parts are: Soprano (Lyr - ics), Alto I (Lyr - ics), Alto II (Lyr - ics), Tenor (Ah - ah), and Violin I (Lyr - ics). The Double Bass staff has a small '8' below it.

Piano template (simple)

Here is a simple piano staff with some notes.

```
upper = \relative c'' {
  \clef treble
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4
```

```
  a4 b c d
}
```

```
lower = \relative c {
  \clef bass
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4
```

```
  a2 c
}
```

```

\score {
  \new PianoStaff \with { instrumentName = "Piano" }
  <<
    \new Staff = "upper" \upper
    \new Staff = "lower" \lower
  >>
  \layout { }
  \midi { }
}

```



Piano template with centered lyrics

Instead of having a full staff for the melody and lyrics, lyrics can be centered between the staves of a piano staff.

```

upper = \relative c'' {
  \clef treble
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4

  a4 b c d
}

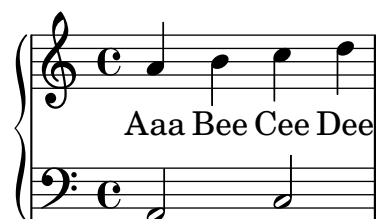
lower = \relative c {
  \clef bass
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4

  a2 c
}

text = \lyricmode {
  Aaa Bee Cee Dee
}

\score {
  \new PianoStaff <<
    \new Staff = upper { \new Voice = "singer" \upper }
    \new Lyrics \lyricsto "singer" \text
    \new Staff = lower { \lower }
  >>
  \layout { }
  \midi { }
}

```



Piano template with melody and lyrics

Here is a typical song format: one staff with the melody and lyrics, with piano accompaniment underneath.

```
melody = \relative c'' {
  \clef treble
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4

  a b c d
}

text = \lyricmode {
  Aaa Bee Cee Dee
}

upper = \relative c'' {
  \clef treble
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4

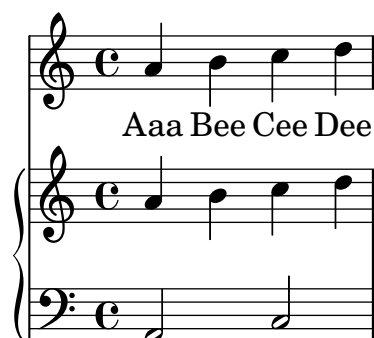
  a4 b c d
}

lower = \relative c {
  \clef bass
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4

  a2 c
}

\score {
  <<
    \new Voice = "mel" { \autoBeamOff \melody }
    \new Lyrics \lyricsto mel \text
    \new PianoStaff <<
      \new Staff = "upper" \upper
      \new Staff = "lower" \lower
    >>
  >>
  \layout {
    \context { \Staff \RemoveEmptyStaves }
  }
  \midi { }
```

}



SATB Choir template - four staves

This is a template for a SATB choir on four staves.

```

global = {
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4
  \dynamicUp
}
sopranonotes = \relative c'' {
  c2 \p \< d c d \f
}
sopranowords = \lyricmode { do do do do }
altonotes = \relative c'' {
  c2\p d c d
}
altowords = \lyricmode { re re re re }
tenornotes = {
  \clef "G_8"
  c2\mp d c d
}
tenorwords = \lyricmode { mi mi mi mi }
bassnotes = {
  \clef bass
  c2\mf d c d
}
basswords = \lyricmode { mi mi mi mi }

\score {
  \new ChoirStaff <<
    \new Staff <<
      \new Voice = "soprano" <<
        \global
        \sopranonotes
      >>
      \new Lyrics \lyricsto "soprano" \sopranowords
    >>
    \new Staff <<
      \new Voice = "alto" <<
        \global
        \altonotes

```

```

>>
\new Lyrics \lyricsto "alto" \altowords
>>
\new Staff <<
  \new Voice = "tenor" <<
    \global
    \tenornotes
  >>
  \new Lyrics \lyricsto "tenor" \tenorwords
  >>
\new Staff <<
  \new Voice = "bass" <<
    \global
    \bassnotes
  >>
  \new Lyrics \lyricsto "bass" \basswords
  >>
>>
}

```

p *f*
do do do do
p
re re re re
mp
mi mi mi mi
mf
mi mi mi mi

Score for diatonic accordion

A template to write a score for a diatonic accordion.

- There is a horizontal staff indicating if the accordion must be pushed (thick line) or pulled (thin line).
- There is a small rhythmic staff with lyrics that describes the bass buttons to press. The bar lines are made from gridlines.
- The tabulator staff for diatonic accordions shows the geographic position of the buttons and not (as for every other instrument) the pitch of the notes; the keys on the melody side of the accordion are placed in three columns and about 12 rows.

In the tabulator staff notation the outermost column is described with notes between lines, the innermost column is described with notes between lines and a cross as accidental, and the middle column is described with notes on a line, whereby the row in the middle is represented on the middle line in the staff.

Some words to transpose piano notes to the diatonic accordion:

1. Every diatonic accordion is built for some keys only (for example, for the keys of C major and F major), so it is important to transpose a piano melody to match one of these keys. Transpose the source code, not only the output because this code is required later on to translate it once more to the tabulator staff. This can be done with the command `displayLilyMusic`.
2. You have to alternate the push- and pull-direction of the accordion regularly. If the player has a too long part to pull the accordion gets broken. On the other hand, some harmonies are only available in one direction. Considering this, decide which parts of the melody are the push-parts and which the pull-parts.
3. For each pull- or push-part translate the piano notes to the according tabulature representation.

```
verse = \lyricmode { Wie gross bist du! Wie gross bist du! }
```

```
harmonies = \new ChordNames \chordmode {
  \germanChords
  \set chordChanges = ##t
  bes8 bes8 bes8
  es2 f
  bes1
}
```

```
NoStem = { \hide Stem }
```

```
NoNoteHead = \hide NoteHead
```

```
ZeroBeam = \override Beam.positions = #'(0 . 0)
```

```
staffTabLine = \new Staff \with {
  \remove "Time_signature_engraver"
  \remove "Clef_engraver"
} {
  \override Staff.StaffSymbol.line-positions = #'(0)
  % Shows one horizontal line. The vertical line
  % (simulating a bar-line) is simulated with a gridline
  \set Staff.midiInstrument = #"choir aahs"
  \key c \major
  \relative c''
  {
    % disable the following line to see the noteheads while writing the song
    \NoNoteHead
    \override NoteHead.no-ledgers = ##t

    % The beam between 8th-notes is used to draw the push-line
    %How to fast write the push-lines:
    % 1. write repeatedly 'c c c c c c c c |' for the whole length of the song
    % 2. uncomment the line \NoNoteHead
    % 3. compile
    % 4. Mark the positions on which push/pull changes.
    %     In the score-picture click on the position
    %         the push- or pull-part starts
    %         (on the noteHead, the cursor will change to a hand-icon).
    %     The cursor in the source code will jump just at this position.
```

```

% a) If a push-part starts there, replace the 'c' by an 'e['
% b) If a pull-part starts there, replace the 'c' by an 's'
% 5. Switch into 'overwrite-mode' by pressing the 'ins' key.
% 6. For the pull-parts overwrite the 'c' with 's'
% 7. For every push-part replace the last 'c' with 'e]'
% 8. Switch into 'insert-mode' again
% 9. At last it should look like e.g.
% (s s e[ c | c c c c c c c c | c c c c c c e] s s)
% 10. re-enable the line \NoNoteHead
\autoBeamOff
\ZeroBeam
s8 s s e[ c c c c c c e] | s s s s s
}
}

% Accordion melody in tabulator score
% 1. Place a copy of the piano melody below
% 2. Separate piano melody into pull- and push-parts
% according to the staffTabLine you've already made
% 3. For each line: Double the line. Remark the 1st one
% (Keeps unchanged as reference) and then change the second
% line using the transformation paper
% or the macros 'conv2diaton push.bsh' and 'conv2diaton pull.bsh'
% Tips:
% - In jEdit Search & Replace mark the Option 'Keep Dialog'

AccordionTabTwoCBesDur = {
% pull 1
%<f' bes'>8 <f' a'>8 <d' bes'>8 |
<g' a'>8 <g' b'>8 <e' a'>8 |
% push 2
%<g' c'>4 <f' d'> <g' ees'> <f' a'> |
<g' a'>4 <d' eisis'> <g' bisis'> <d' f'> |
% pull 3
% <f' bes'>2 r8 }
<g' a'>2 r8 }

AccordionTab= { \dynamicUp
% 1. Place a copy of the piano melody above
% 2. Separate piano melody into pull- and push-parts
% according to the staffTabLine you've already made
% 3. For each line: Double the line. Remark the 1st one
% (Keeps unchanged as reference) and then
% change the second line using the transformation paper
% Tips:
% - In jEdit Search & Replace mark the Option 'Keep Dialog'
% -
\AccordionTabTwoCBesDur
}

\header { tagline = ##f }

```

```

\layout {
  \context {
    \Score
    % The vertical line (simulating a bar-line) in
    % the staffBassRhythm is a gridline
    \consists "Grid_line_span_engraver"
  }
  \context {
    \Staff
    \consists "Grid_point_engraver"
    gridInterval = #4/4 % 4/4 - tact. How many beats per bar
    % The following line has to be adjusted O-F-T-E-N.
    \override GridPoint.Y-extent = #'(-2 . -21)
  }
  \context {
    \ChoirStaff
    \remove "System_start_delimiter_engraver"
  }
}

staffVoice = \new Staff = astaffvoice {
  \time 4/4
  \set Staff.instrumentName = "Voice"
  \set Staff.midiInstrument = "voice oohs"
  \key bes \major
  \partial 8*3
  \clef treble
  {
    \context Voice = "melodyVoi"
    {
      <f' bes'>8 <f' a'>8 <d' bes'>8 |
      <g' c''>4 <f' d''> <g' es''> <f' a'> |
      <f' bes'>2 r8
    }
    \bar " | ."
  }
}

staffAccordionMel =
\new Staff \with { \remove "Clef_engraver" } {
  \accidentalStyle forget %Set the accidentals (Vorzeichen) for each note,
  %do not remember them for the rest of the measure.
  \time 4/4
  \set Staff.instrumentName="Accordion"
  \set Staff.midiInstrument="voice oohs"
  \key c \major
  \clef treble
  { \AccordionTab \bar " | ." }
}

AltOn =

```

```

#(define-music-function (mag) (number?)
  #{ \override Stem.length = #(* 7.0 mag)
    \override NoteHead.font-size =
  #(inexact->exact (* (/ 6.0 (log 2.0)) (log mag))) #})

AltOff = {
  \revert Stem.length
  \revert NoteHead.font-size
}

BassRhythm = {s4 s8 | c2 c2 | c2 s8 }
LyricBassRhythmI= \lyricmode { c b | c }

staffBassRhythm =
\new Staff = staffbass \with { \remove "Clef_engraver" } {
  % This is not a RhythmicStaff because it must be possible to append lyrics.

  \override Score.GridLine.extra-offset = #'( 13.0 . 0.0 ) % x.y
  \override Staff.StaffSymbol.line-positions = #'( 0 )
  % Shows one horizontal line. The vertical line
  % (simulating a bar-line) is simulated by a grid
  % Search for 'grid' in this page to find all related functions
  \time 4/4
  {
    \context Voice = "VoiceBassRhythm"
    \stemDown \AltOn #0.6
    \relative c''
    {
      \BassRhythm
    }
    \AltOff
    \bar "|"
  }
}

\score {
  \new ChoirStaff <<
    \harmonies
    \staffVoice
    \context Lyrics = "lmelodyVoi"
    \with { alignBelowContext = astaffvoice }
    \lyricsto melodyVoi \verse
    \staffAccordionMel
    \staffTabLine
    \staffBassRhythm
    \context Lyrics = "lBassRhythmAboveI"
    \with { alignAboveContext = staffbass }
    \lyricsto VoiceBassRhythm \LyricBassRhythmI
  >>
}

```

Voice: B $E\flat$ F B
 Wie gross bist du! Wie gross bist du!
 Accordion: c b c
 c b c

Single staff template with notes, lyrics, and chords

This template allows the preparation of a song with melody, words, and chords.

```

melody = \relative c' {
  \clef treble
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4

  a4 b c d
}

text = \lyricmode {
  Aaa Bee Cee Dee
}

harmonies = \chordmode {
  a2 c
}

\score {
  <<
    \new ChordNames {
      \set chordChanges = ##t
      \harmonies
    }
    \new Voice = "one" { \autoBeamOff \melody }
    \new Lyrics \lyricsto "one" \text
  >>
  \layout { }
  \midi { }
}

```

A C
 Aaa Bee Cee Dee

Single staff template with notes, lyrics, chords and frets

Here is a simple lead sheet template with melody, lyrics, chords and fret diagrams.

```

verseI = \lyricmode {
  \set stanza = #"1."
  This is the first verse
}

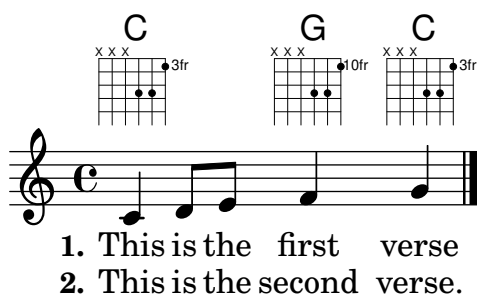
verseII = \lyricmode {
  \set stanza = #"2."
  This is the second verse.
}

theChords = \chordmode {
  % insert chords for chordnames and fretboards here
  c2 g4 c
}

staffMelody = \relative c' {
  \key c \major
  \clef treble
  % Type notes for melody here
  c4 d8 e f4 g
  \bar "|"
}

\score {
  <<
    \context ChordNames { \theChords }
    \context FretBoards { \theChords }
    \new Staff {
      \context Voice = "voiceMelody" { \staffMelody }
    }
    \new Lyrics = "lyricsI" {
      \lyricsto "voiceMelody" \verseI
    }
    \new Lyrics = "lyricsII" {
      \lyricsto "voiceMelody" \verseII
    }
  >>
  \layout { }
  \midi { }
}

```



The image displays a musical score for a single staff. Above the staff, three fret diagrams are shown for the chords C, G, and C. Each diagram is a 6-string guitar fretboard with dots indicating finger positions. The first C chord diagram shows the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd strings at the 3rd fret, with the 4th, 5th, and 6th strings marked with 'x' (muted). The G chord diagram shows the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd strings at the 3rd fret, with the 4th, 5th, and 6th strings marked with 'x'. The second C chord diagram shows the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd strings at the 3rd fret, with the 4th, 5th, and 6th strings marked with 'x'. Below the fret diagrams is a musical staff in treble clef, key of C major, and 4/4 time. The melody consists of a quarter note C4, followed by an eighth note D4, an eighth note E4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note G4. The staff ends with a double bar line. Below the staff, the lyrics are listed: 1. This is the first verse and 2. This is the second verse.

Single staff template with notes and chords

Want to prepare a lead sheet with a melody and chords? Look no further!

```
melody = \relative c' {
  \clef treble
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4

  f4 e8[ c] d4 g
  a2 ~ a
}

harmonies = \chordmode {
  c4:m f:min7 g:maj c:aug
  d2:dim b4:5 e:sus
}

\score {
  <<
    \new ChordNames {
      \set chordChanges = ##t
      \harmonies
    }
    \new Staff \melody
  >>
  \layout{ }
  \midi { }
}
```



Single staff template with notes and lyrics

This small template demonstrates a simple melody with lyrics. Cut and paste, add notes, then words for the lyrics. This example turns off automatic beaming, which is common for vocal parts. To use automatic beaming, change or comment out the relevant line.

```
melody = \relative c' {
  \clef treble
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4

  a4 b c d
}

text = \lyricmode {
  Aaa Bee Cee Dee
}

\score{
  <<
```

```

\new Voice = "one" {
  \autoBeamOff
  \melody
}
\new Lyrics \lyricsto "one" \text
>>
\layout { }
\midi { }
}

```



Single staff template with only notes

This very simple template gives you a staff with notes, suitable for a solo instrument or a melodic fragment. Cut and paste this into a file, add notes, and you're finished!

```

melody = \relative c' {
  \clef treble
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4

  a4 b c d
}

\score {
  \new Staff \melody
  \layout { }
  \midi { }
}

```



String quartet template (simple)

This template demonstrates a simple string quartet. It also uses a `\global` section for time and key signatures

```

global= {
  \time 4/4
  \key c \major
}

violinOne = \new Voice \relative c'' {
  c2 d
  e1
  \bar "|."
}

```

```

violinTwo = \new Voice \relative c' {
  g2 f
  e1
  \bar "|"
}

viola = \new Voice \relative c' {
  \clef alto
  e2 d
  c1
  \bar "|"
}

cello = \new Voice \relative c' {
  \clef bass
  c2 b
  a1
  \bar "|"
}

\score {
  \new StaffGroup <<
    \new Staff \with { instrumentName = "Violin 1" }
    << \global \violinOne >>
    \new Staff \with { instrumentName = "Violin 2" }
    << \global \violinTwo >>
    \new Staff \with { instrumentName = "Viola" }
    << \global \viola >>
    \new Staff \with { instrumentName = "Cello" }
    << \global \cello >>
  >>
  \layout { }
  \midi { }
}

```

Violin 1

Violin 2

Viola

Cello

String quartet template with separate parts

The “String quartet template” snippet produces a nice string quartet, but what if you needed to print parts? This new template demonstrates how to use the `\tag` feature to easily split a piece into individual parts.

You need to split this template into separate files; the filenames are contained in comments at the beginning of each file. `piece.ly` contains all the music definitions. The other files – `score.ly`, `vn1.ly`, `vn2.ly`, `vla.ly`, and `vlc.ly` – produce the appropriate part.

Do not forget to remove specified comments when using separate files!

```
% piece.ly
% (This is the global definitions file)

global= {
  \time 4/4
  \key c \major
}

Violinone = \new Voice \relative c' {
  c2 d e1
  \bar "|."
}

Violintwo = \new Voice \relative c' {
  g2 g e1
  \bar "|."
}

Viola = \new Voice \relative c' {
  \clef alto
  e2 d c1
  \bar "|."
}

Cello = \new Voice \relative c' {
  \clef bass
  c2 b a1
  \bar "|."
}

music = {
  <<
    \tag #'score \tag #'vn1
    \new Staff \with { instrumentName = "Violin 1" }
    << \global \Violinone >>

    \tag #'score \tag #'vn2
    \new Staff \with { instrumentName = "Violin 2" }
    << \global \Violintwo >>

    \tag #'score \tag #'vla
    \new Staff \with { instrumentName = "Viola" }
    << \global \Viola >>
```

```

    \tag #'score \tag #'vlc
    \new Staff \with { instrumentName = "Cello" }
    << \global \Cello >>
  >>
}

% These are the other files you need to save on your computer

% score.ly
% (This is the main file)

% uncomment the line below when using a separate file
%\include "piece.ly"

#(set-global-staff-size 14)

\score {
  \new StaffGroup \keepWithTag #'score \music
  \layout { }
  \midi { }
}

%{ Uncomment this block when using separate files

% vn1.ly
% (This is the Violin 1 part file)

\include "piece.ly"
\score {
  \keepWithTag #'vn1 \music
  \layout { }
}

% vn2.ly
% (This is the Violin 2 part file)

\include "piece.ly"
\score {
  \keepWithTag #'vn2 \music
  \layout { }
}

% vla.ly
% (This is the Viola part file)

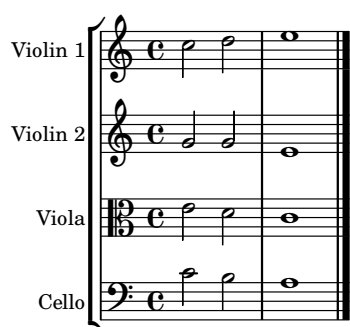
\include "piece.ly"
\score {
  \keepWithTag #'vla \music
  \layout { }
}

```

```
% vlc.ly
% (This is the Cello part file)

\include "piece.ly"
\score {
  \keepWithTag #'vlc \music
  \layout { }
}

%}
```



Vocal ensemble template

Here is a standard four-part SATB vocal score. With larger ensembles, it is often useful to include a section which is included in all parts. For example, the time signature and key signature are almost always the same for all parts. Like in the “Hymn” template, the four voices are regrouped on only two staves.

```
\paper {
  top-system-spacing.basic-distance = 10
  score-system-spacing.basic-distance = 20
  system-system-spacing.basic-distance = 20
  last-bottom-spacing.basic-distance = 10
}

global = {
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4
}

sopMusic = \relative {
  c''4 c c8[( b)] c4
}
sopWords = \lyricmode {
  hi hi hi hi
}

altoMusic = \relative {
  e'4 f d e
}
altoWords = \lyricmode {
  ha ha ha ha
}
```

```

}

tenorMusic = \relative {
  g4 a f g
}
tenorWords = \lyricmode {
  hu hu hu hu
}

bassMusic = \relative {
  c4 c g c
}
bassWords = \lyricmode {
  ho ho ho ho
}

\score {
  \new ChoirStaff <<
    \new Lyrics = "sopranos" \with {
      % this is needed for lyrics above a staff
      \override VerticalAxisGroup.staff-affinity = #DOWN
    }
    \new Staff = "women" <<
      \new Voice = "sopranos" {
        \voiceOne
        << \global \sopMusic >>
      }
      \new Voice = "altos" {
        \voiceTwo
        << \global \altoMusic >>
      }
    >>
    \new Lyrics = "altos"
    \new Lyrics = "tenors" \with {
      % this is needed for lyrics above a staff
      \override VerticalAxisGroup.staff-affinity = #DOWN
    }
    \new Staff = "men" <<
      \clef bass
      \new Voice = "tenors" {
        \voiceOne
        << \global \tenorMusic >>
      }
      \new Voice = "basses" {
        \voiceTwo << \global \bassMusic >>
      }
    >>
    \new Lyrics = "basses"
    \context Lyrics = "sopranos" \lyricsto "sopranos" \sopWords
    \context Lyrics = "altos" \lyricsto "altos" \altoWords
    \context Lyrics = "tenors" \lyricsto "tenors" \tenorWords
    \context Lyrics = "basses" \lyricsto "basses" \bassWords

```

```
>>
}
```



Vocal ensemble template with automatic piano reduction

This template adds an automatic piano reduction to the standard SATB vocal score demonstrated in “Vocal ensemble template”. This demonstrates one of the strengths of LilyPond – you can use a music definition more than once. If any changes are made to the vocal notes (say, `tenorMusic`), then the changes will also apply to the piano reduction.

```
\paper {
  top-system-spacing.basic-distance = 10
  score-system-spacing.basic-distance = 20
  system-system-spacing.basic-distance = 20
  last-bottom-spacing.basic-distance = 10
}
```

```
global = {
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4
}
```

```
sopMusic = \relative {
  c''4 c c8[( b)] c4
}
```

```
sopWords = \lyricmode {
  hi hi hi hi
}
```

```
altoMusic = \relative {
  e'4 f d e
}
```

```
altoWords = \lyricmode {
  ha ha ha ha
}
```

```
tenorMusic = \relative {
  g4 a f g
}
```

```
tenorWords = \lyricmode {
  hu hu hu hu
}
```

```

bassMusic = \relative {
  c4 c g c
}
bassWords = \lyricmode {
  ho ho ho ho
}

\score {
  <<
    \new ChoirStaff <<
      \new Lyrics = "sopranos" \with {
        % This is needed for lyrics above a staff
        \override VerticalAxisGroup.staff-affinity = #DOWN
      }
      \new Staff = "women" <<
        \new Voice = "sopranos" { \voiceOne << \global \sopMusic >> }
        \new Voice = "altos" { \voiceTwo << \global \altoMusic >> }
      >>
      \new Lyrics = "altos"
      \new Lyrics = "tenors" \with {
        % This is needed for lyrics above a staff
        \override VerticalAxisGroup.staff-affinity = #DOWN
      }
    >>

    \new Staff = "men" <<
      \clef bass
      \new Voice = "tenors" { \voiceOne << \global \tenorMusic >> }
      \new Voice = "basses" { \voiceTwo << \global \bassMusic >> }
    >>
    \new Lyrics = "basses"
    \context Lyrics = "sopranos" \lyricsto "sopranos" \sopWords
    \context Lyrics = "altos" \lyricsto "altos" \altoWords
    \context Lyrics = "tenors" \lyricsto "tenors" \tenorWords
    \context Lyrics = "basses" \lyricsto "basses" \bassWords
  >>

  \new PianoStaff <<
    \new Staff <<
      \set Staff.printPartCombineTexts = ##f
      \partCombine
      << \global \sopMusic >>
      << \global \altoMusic >>
    >>
    \new Staff <<
      \clef bass
      \set Staff.printPartCombineTexts = ##f
      \partCombine
      << \global \tenorMusic >>
      << \global \bassMusic >>
    >>
  >>
  >>
  >>

```

}

The image shows a musical score for a vocal ensemble in 4/4 time, key of C major. It consists of four staves. The first two staves are for vocal parts: the top staff (Soprano) has lyrics 'hi hi hi hi' above it and 'ha ha ha ha' below it; the second staff (Alto) has lyrics 'hu hu hu hu' above it and 'ho ho ho ho' below it. The bottom two staves are for piano accompaniment. The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes.

Vocal ensemble template with lyrics aligned below and above the staves

This template is basically the same as the simple “Vocal ensemble” template, with the exception that here all the lyrics lines are placed using `alignAboveContext` and `alignBelowContext`.

```
global = {
  \key c \major
  \time 4/4
}

sopMusic = \relative c' {
  c4 c c8[( b)] c4
}
sopWords = \lyricmode {
  hi hi hi hi
}

altoMusic = \relative c' {
  e4 f d e
}
altoWords = \lyricmode {
  ha ha ha ha
}

tenorMusic = \relative c' {
  g4 a f g
}
tenorWords = \lyricmode {
  hu hu hu hu
}
```

```

bassMusic = \relative c {
  c4 c g c
}
bassWords = \lyricmode {
  ho ho ho ho
}

\score {
  \new ChoirStaff <<
    \new Staff = "women" <<
      \new Voice = "sopranos" { \voiceOne << \global \sopMusic >> }
      \new Voice = "altos" { \voiceTwo << \global \altoMusic >> }
    >>
    \new Lyrics \with { alignAboveContext = "women" }
      \lyricsto "sopranos" \sopWords
    \new Lyrics \with { alignBelowContext = "women" }
      \lyricsto "altos" \altoWords
    % we could remove the line about this with the line below, since
    % we want the alto lyrics to be below the alto Voice anyway.
    % \new Lyrics \lyricsto "altos" \altoWords

    \new Staff = "men" <<
      \clef bass
      \new Voice = "tenors" { \voiceOne << \global \tenorMusic >> }
      \new Voice = "basses" { \voiceTwo << \global \bassMusic >> }
    >>
    \new Lyrics \with { alignAboveContext = "men" }
      \lyricsto "tenors" \tenorWords
    \new Lyrics \with { alignBelowContext = "men" }
      \lyricsto "basses" \bassWords
    % again, we could replace the line above this with the line below.
    % \new Lyrics \lyricsto "basses" \bassWords
  >>
}

```



Vocal ensemble template with verse and refrain

This template creates a score that starts with a solo verse and continues into a refrain for two voices. It also demonstrates the use of spacer rests within the `\global` variable to define meter changes (and other elements common to all parts) throughout the entire score.

```
\header { tagline = ##f }
```

```

global = {
  \key g \major

  % verse
  \time 3/4
  s2.*2
  \break

  % refrain
  \time 2/4
  s2*2
  \bar "|."
}

SoloNotes = \relative g' {
  \clef "treble"

  % verse
  g4 g g |
  b4 b b |

  % refrain
  R2*2 |
}

SoloLyrics = \lyricmode {
  One two three |
  four five six |
}

SopranoNotes = \relative c'' {
  \clef "treble"

  % verse
  R2.*2 |

  % refrain
  c4 c |
  g4 g |
}

SopranoLyrics = \lyricmode {
  la la |
  la la |
}

BassNotes = \relative c {
  \clef "bass"

  % verse
  R2.*2 |
}

```

```

% refrain
c4 e |
d4 d |
}

BassLyrics = \lyricmode {
  dum dum |
  dum dum |
}

\score {
  <<
    \new Voice = "SoloVoice" << \global \SoloNotes >>
    \new Lyrics \lyricsto "SoloVoice" \SoloLyrics

    \new ChoirStaff <<
      \new Voice = "SopranoVoice" << \global \SopranoNotes >>
      \new Lyrics \lyricsto "SopranoVoice" \SopranoLyrics

      \new Voice = "BassVoice" << \global \BassNotes >>
      \new Lyrics \lyricsto "BassVoice" \BassLyrics
    >>
  >>
  \layout {
    ragged-right = ##t
    \context { \Staff
      % these lines prevent empty staves from being printed
      \RemoveEmptyStaves
      \override VerticalAxisGroup.remove-first = ##t
    }
  }
}

```

