

Muse-Score Project

Overview

Lesson-1

Setup

Use the program Musescore (a program available to download for free) to create 8 measures of music:

- in the key of C-Major (no key signature or no accidentals – the white keys on the piano only)
- in treble clef
- in 4/4-time
- by using whole notes (semibreves), half notes (minims), quarter notes (crotchets) or eights notes (quavers) and rests.
- End the piece with a double bar line.

Learning composition is a process that will take time. There is a lot you don't know, and that's okay. Our goal is to eventually create an original and unique piece of music, but first we must understand and master what has been created before us. We began already by learning the fundamentals, the grammar of music, which is essential for enhancing creativity and developing a keen sense of musical awareness. It isn't too difficult to become familiar with reading music, but the challenge lies more in becoming fluent, and how to use your skills in music composition and performing musical instruments. The first step in learning to compose, is realizing that you are just beginning, and it is essential to follow a few guidelines to successfully create your own first 8 measures of original music:

Direction:

- Install Musescore on your device:
<https://musescore.org/en/download>
- Choose the correct version:

Download

The latest stable version is 3.4.2
Released [February 7, 2020 \(release notes\)](#)



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Windows 7 or higher

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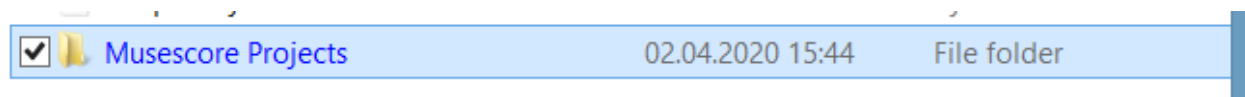
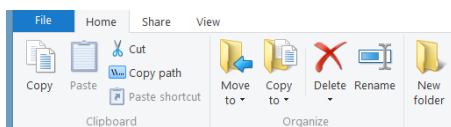
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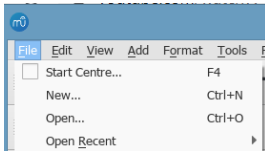
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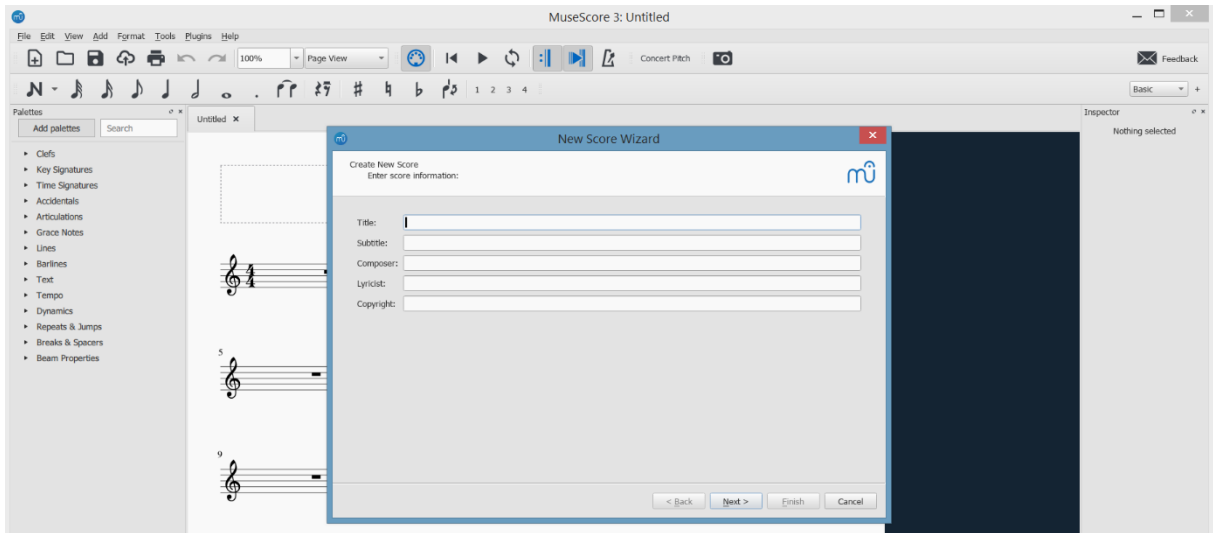
- **Follow the installation instructions.**
- Open your Explorer (PC) or Finder (Mac) and create a **new folder** for your **“Musescore projects”**.
- Here the PC option:



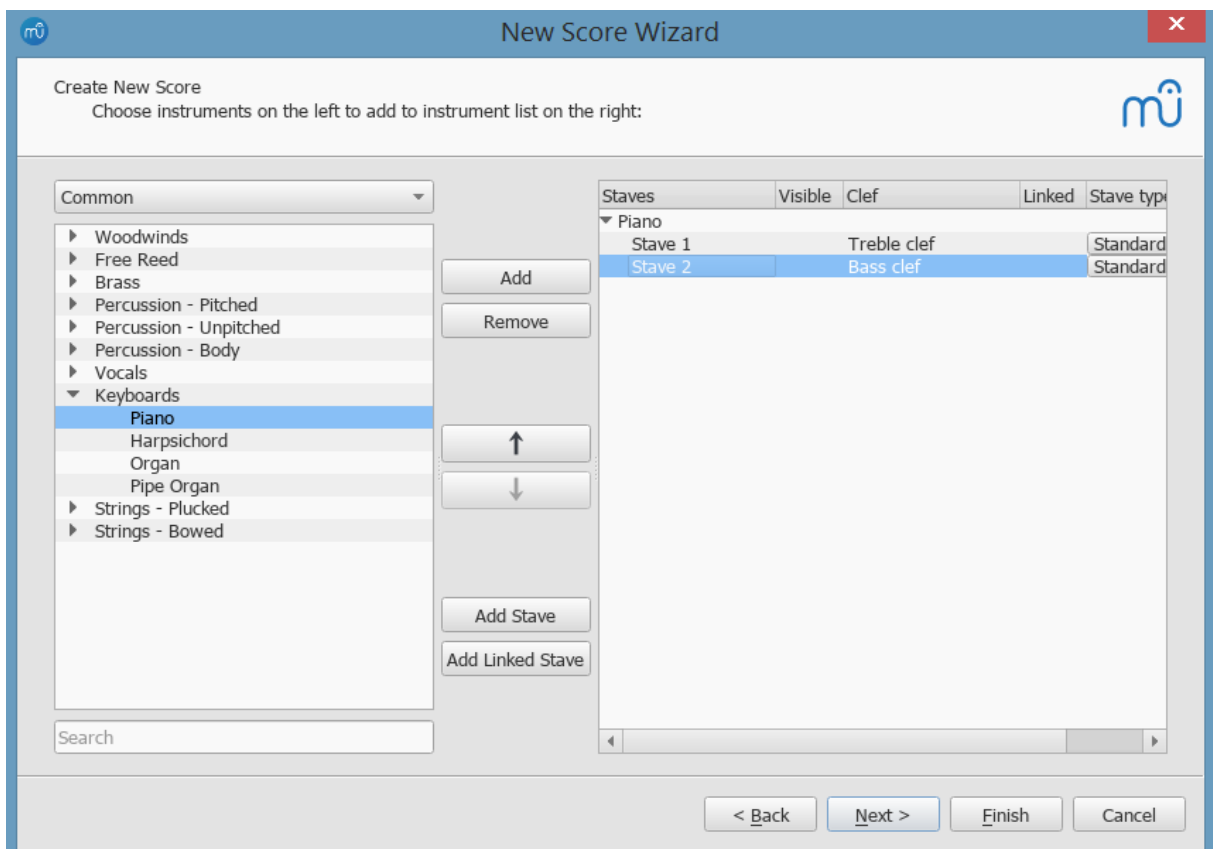
- **Open MuseScore**
- Open a **New** file



- Put in a **title (subtitle)** that will represent your piece and put your name in the composer box;
- Hit next.



- Choose your **instrument**



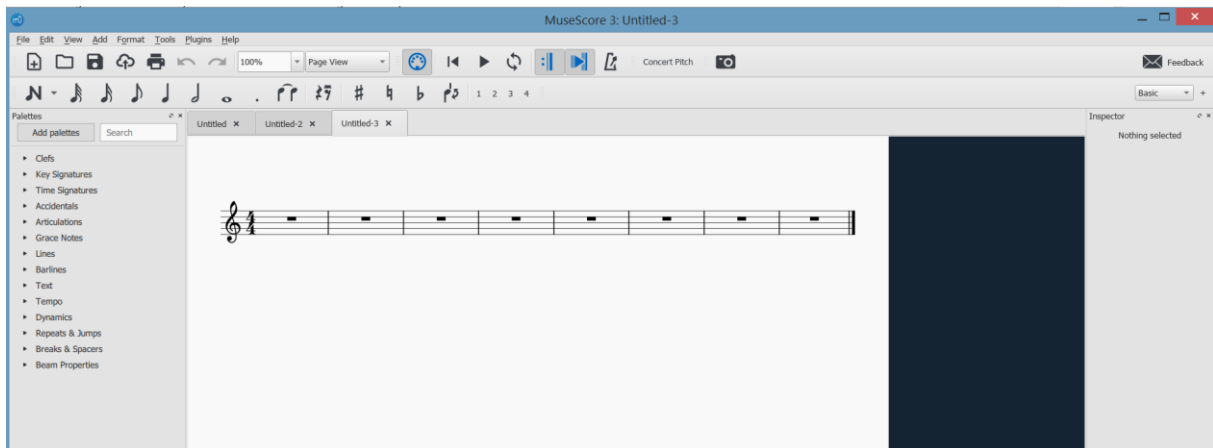
- Select **Piano**
- **Remove Stave 2** (Bass clef)
- Hit next

The screenshot shows the 'New Score Wizard' dialog box with the title 'New Score Wizard' and a close button (X) in the top right corner. The main heading is 'Create New Score' with the instruction 'Choose key signature and tempo:'. The 'Key Signature' section displays a row of 12 key signature options on a musical staff, with the first option (C-Major) selected. Below this, there is a checkbox for 'Tempo' which is currently unchecked, and a 'BPM' field set to '120.0'. At the bottom right, there are four buttons: '< Back', 'Next >', 'Finish', and 'Cancel'.

- Select the Key Signature **C-Major /no accidentals (# or b)**
- You can change the Tempo at a later stage.
- Hit next.

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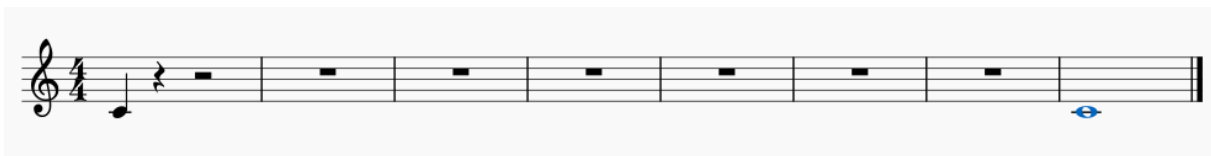
- Enter Time Signature **4/4**
- Enter number of bars **8**
- Hit Finish



- Select the **N button** to enter musical notes:



- Start with a quarter note (crotchets) "middle C" and
- finish your composition with a whole note (semi breve), which is usually a C as well.

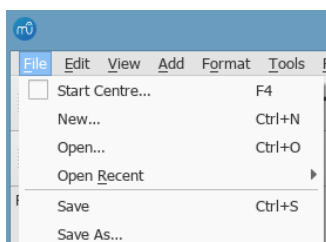


- use only quarter note for your first melody

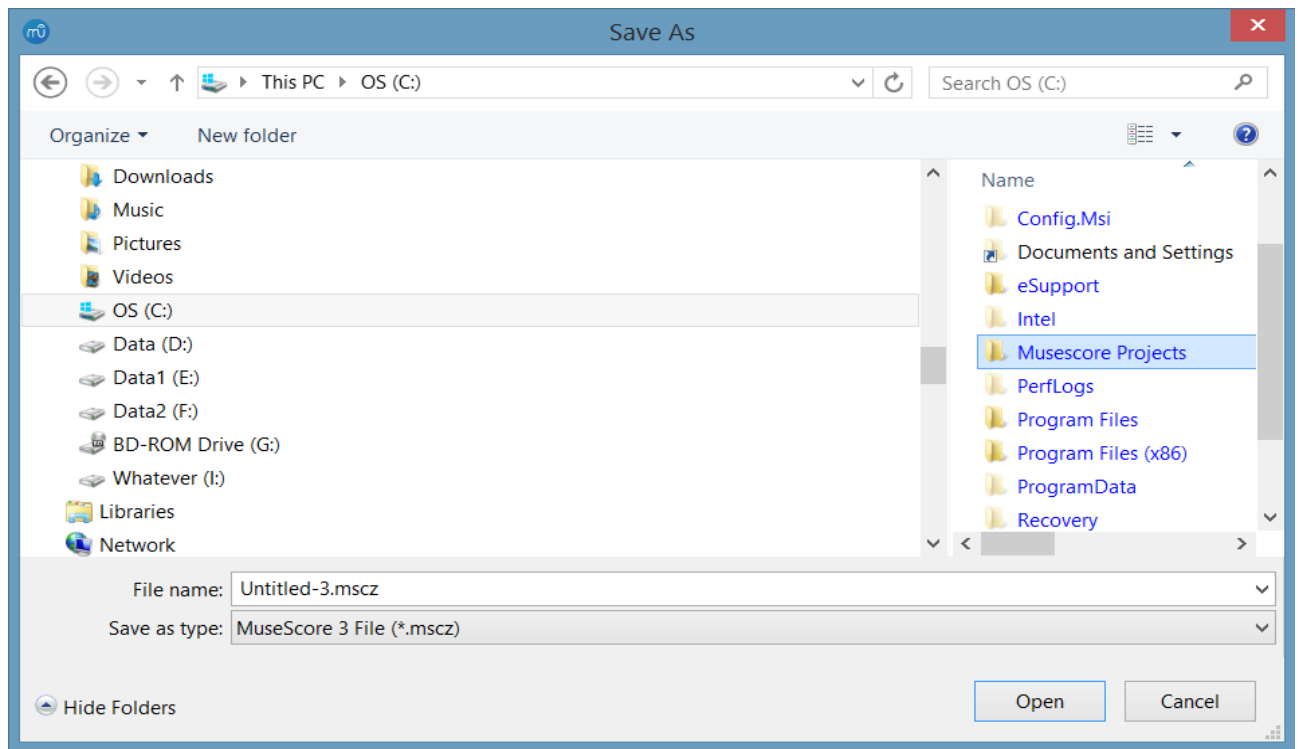


Save your composition:

- Hit the **"File"** button and select **"Save As"**



- Select the folder **"MuseScore Projects"** that you have created earlier.



- If you save your composition with the format **(*.mscz)** you can **open it any time again with MuseScore, play it, change it and save** it again.
- If you hit the button “File” again, you will find the option “Export”. In this way you can save your composition as a **PDF**. A PDF cannot be changed anymore. Don’t forget to save your file first in the format **(*.mscz)**.
- When you submit your assignment I would like you to upload the **PDF** not the **(*.mscz)**.

