## MusiXTEX ${ }^{\odot}$

# Using $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ to write polyphonic or instrumental music 

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If you are not familiar with $T_{E} X$ at all I would recommend to find another software package to do musical typesetting. Setting up $T_{E} X$ and MusiXT $T_{E} X$ on your machine and mastering it
is an awesome job which gobbles up a lot of your time and disk space.

But, once you master it...
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## Preface to Version T. 113

The main author of MusiXTEX, Daniel Taupin, died all too early in a 2003 climbing accident. The MusiXTEX community was shocked by this tragic and unexpected event. You may read some tributes to Daniel Taupin which are archived at the Werner Icking Music Archive.

Now, almost two years after his death, we would like to help keep his excellent work alive and current by assembling a new release. This new version corrects various minor bugs without adding any new functionality. At the same time it incorporates directly into the distribution some additional packages:

- Type 1 (postscript) versions of all the MusiXTEX fonts, created by Takanori Uchiyama;
- Postscript Slur Package K (Ver 0.92, 12 May 02) by Stanislav Kneif;
- musixlyr (Ver 2.1c, 12 June 03) a MusiXTEX extension package for lyrics handling, by Rainer Dunker.

We would like to thank the authors of these packages for generously agreeing to allow their contributions to be included in the main MusiXT $\mathrm{EX}_{\mathrm{E}}$ package.

We have left the remainder of this manual largely as Daniel Taupin left it, except we have updated various references and provided dynamic links to archived versions where possible.

This documentation is rather technical and is probably not the best way to begin typesetting music. If you are a beginner, you should visit the software section of the Werner Icking Music Archive. In particular, we recommend Cornelius Noack's tutorial. It contains helpful information for getting started with MusiXTEX, as well as a tutorial for PMX, a preprocessor for MusiXT $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{E}}$ with a much simpler input language, and a brief introduction to $\mathrm{M}-\mathbf{T x}$, a preprocessor for PMX which eases the inclusion of lyrics.

In the name of the community, Olivier Vogel, July 30, 2005

## Preface to Version T. 114

In order to expedite the release of version T. 113 of MusiXTEX, only the most essential modifications were made to the manual. With version T. 114 the manual has been extensively edited from cover to cover. Some material has been rearranged, and references to Music $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$, the immediate predecessor to MusiXTEX, have been removed. The software itself remains very stable. Only the slightest changes have been made since version T.113.

It remains true that this is the definitive reference to all features of MusiXTEX, but also that it is not the best place for a novice user to start. The Werner Icking Music Archive contains excellent and detailed instructions for installing MusiXT $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{E}}$ and the strongly recommended preprocessors PMX (for instrumental music) and M-Tx (for vocal) under Linux/unix or Windows 2000. Once the software is installed, most common music typesetting tasks can be accomplished entirely by using one of these preprocessors to generate the MusiXTEX input file, relieving the user of learning any of the commands or syntax of MusiXTEX itself. It is only for out-of-the-ordinary constructions that one must learn these details, so he may insert the necessary MusiXX ${ }_{E} \mathrm{X}$ commands into the preprocessor's input file as so called inline $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$. Cornelius Noack's tutorial is an important resource which, in addition to gently introducing the novice to PMX and M-Tx, gives further details on installing Postscript slur facilities.

Don Simons, Andre van Ryckeghem, Cornelius Noack, August 30, 2005

## Preface to Version 1.15

From the time of MusiXTEX's predecessor Music $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ until the previous version of MusiXTEX (T.114), the maximum numbers of simultaneous appearances of certain basic musical elements were limited: 12 instruments, 12 or 6 beams depending on the type, 12 font-based slurs ${ }^{2}$, and 6 trills or octave lines, even with musixmad.tex. For some purposes these limits are too tight, and because of them, developers of open-source GUI music editors may deem MusiXTEX unworthy of support in their software. Without such support or enhanced capacity, MusiXTEX risks consignment to the junk heap of obsolete software.

It has been the MusiXT ${ }_{E} \mathrm{X}$ community's long-cherished desire to have a new official version with greater capacity. However, for quite some time the limits were due not only to the design of MusiXT ${ }_{E} \mathrm{X}$ itself but also to limitations in older versions of $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ on the maximum numbers of available registers-256 each for counts (\count), dimensions (\dimen), skips (\skip), and tokens (\toks).

But now, an extended variation of $T_{E} X-\varepsilon-T_{E} X-$ is available. ${ }^{3}$ One of $\varepsilon-T_{E} X$ 's features is that it can handle 32768 registers. Furthermore, $\mathrm{AT}_{\mathrm{EX}} 2 \varepsilon$ and other well-known extension packages require the $\varepsilon-\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ engine, so it has spread widely among many $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ users. In fact, the current executable file called latex relies on the $\varepsilon$ - $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ engine. Many other advanced branches based on $\varepsilon-\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ are also available.

Here we provide the new MusiXTEX 1.15 as the solution for typesetting larger musical scores, taking advantage of $\varepsilon$ - $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ 's 32768 -register capacity. We have made the new version 1.15 as compatible as possible with earlier versions of MusiXTEX, existing scores, extension packages, and Prof. Knuth's original (non $\varepsilon-$ ) $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$. With it, you can use many more instruments and other musical elements within the capacity of $\varepsilon-\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ or even with original $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$. Also, as of version 2.6, the preprocessor PMX has been enhanced to allow up to 24 lines of music, and requires both MusiXT ${ }_{E} \mathrm{X} 1.15$ and $\varepsilon-\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X} .{ }^{4}$ Unfortunately, we have found a few rarely used old extensions not compatible with 1.15 ; we will provide information for adapting them to the new version.

We hope the new version 1.15 will keep MusiXTEX relevant well into the twenty-first century.

Hiroaki Morimoto, Andre van Ryckeghem, Don Simons, April 2011

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## Chapter 1

## Introduction to MusiXTEX

This chapter is not a tutorial on the use of MusiXTEX, but instead serves as an overview of some of its capabilities, quirks, and history.

MusiXT $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ is a set of macros and fonts which enables music typesetting within the $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ system. It requires as a prerequisite a working installation of $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}^{1}$. MusiXTEX might be regarded as the digital equivalent of a box of type. It contains symbols for staves, notes, chords, beams, slurs and ornaments, ready to be arranged to form a sheet of music. But it must be told how to position those symbols on the page. This could be done by the typesetter himself, if he elects to proceed by entering MusiXTEX commands manually into an input file. However most users will find it far less taxing to let such decisions be made largely by the preprocessor PMX, which in addition uses a much simpler input language than MusiXTEX.

Lyrics can also be handled by MusiXTEX. There is a set of primitive commands for this which are described later. But there is also a far more adaptable set of macros contained in the extension file musixlyr.tex, and there is the preprocessor M-Tx which provides easy, transparent access to these macros.

Most users of $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ are familiar with $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{A}} \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$, a set of $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ macros which eases document layout. In fact many may only use $\mathrm{LA}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$. Until recently, $\mathrm{EAT}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ and MusiXTEX coexisted only grudgingly, owing primarily to the limited availabily of storage registers. But with modern versions of $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ and with the use of eATEX, only a modest increase in complexity is incurred with the addition of musical excerpts to a $\mathrm{AT}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ document. Still, fortunately, for typesetting a musical score there is rarely if ever any advantage to using $\mathrm{EAT}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$. Only if one wanted to create a text document with embedded musical examples would there be much use for it. Even in that case there is a perfectly fine way to avoid using MusiXT $T_{E} \mathrm{X}$ directly in the document file, namely, by using MusiXTEX to create eps files for each of the examples, then embedding references to those in the file for the book. But for anyone who still wants to use both together, there is no better example than this manual, as generated with the files musixdoc.tex and musixdoc.sty. A few further details about such nonstandard applications are given in section 2.22.1.

### 1.1 Primary features of MusiXT $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$

### 1.1.1 Music typesetting is two-dimensional

Written music is not usually a linear sequence of symbols like a literary text. Rather, except for unaccompanied single-note instruments like clarinets, trumpets and human voices, it has the form of a two-dimensional matrix. Thus, a logical way of coding music consists in horizontally accumulating a set of vertical combs with horizontal teeth as depicted in Table 1.1. Accordingly,

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Table 1.1: A logical way of coding music
in MusiXTEX the fundamental macro used to represent one of those vertical combs (or one of the columns in Table 1.1) is of the form

$$
\text { \notes . . . \& . . . \& . . . \enotes }{ }^{2}
$$

where the character \& is used to separate the notes to be typeset on respective staves of the various instruments, starting from the bottom.

In the case of an instrument whose score has to be written with several staves, they are separated by the character 1 .

Thus, a score written for a keyboard instrument and a single-line instrument (e.g., piano and violin) will be coded as follows:

```
\notes ... | ... & ...\enotes
```

for each column of simultaneous groups of notes. Each of those groups, represented by a single box in Table 1.1 and by a sequence of three dots in the the two example macros above, may contain not only chord notes to be played simultaneously, but short sequences of consecutive notes or chords. As we'll soon see, this implies the need for two fundamentally different kinds of elemental macros in MusiXTEX, those that are automatically followed by some amount of space (called spacing macros, and those that are not. The former type, for example, would be used to represent all the notes and rests in a single-line score. The latter would be used for example for chord notes and ornaments.

### 1.1.2 Horizontal spacing

Deciding upon the proper horizontal spacing of notes is a very complicated matter that we will not address in any detail here. Obviously short-duration notes should be closer together than longer ones. Almost as obviously, the spacing cannot be linearly proportional to the duration; otherwise for example a whole note would occupy 32 times as much horizontal space as a thirtysecond note. And in polyphonic scores the spacing in one staff is often influenced by the notes in another. This is a decision that the typesetter or preprocessor must make. Once the decision is made, MusiXTEX can provide the desired spacing. The main mechanism is through a set of macros described in section 2.2.2. At this point we shall only mention that to control spacing, one of those macros will be selected to replace the symbol \notes in the two examples above, and it will imply that whenever a spacing macro in encountered within a group of notes, a certain specific amount of horizontal space will be inserted.

### 1.1.3 Music tokens

The tokens provided by MusiXTEX include

- note symbols without stems;
- note symbols with stems, and flags for eighth notes and shorter;

[^3]- beam beginnings and endings;
- beginnings and endings of ties and slurs;
- accidentals;
- ornaments: arpeggios, trills, mordents, turns, staccatos, pizzicatos, fermatas, etc.;
- bar lines;
- meters, key signatures, clefs.

Thus for example, \wh a produces a whole note at nominal frequency 222.5 Hz , \wh h produces one an octave higher, \qu c produces an up-stemmed quarter note C ( 250 Hz ), and $\backslash \mathrm{cl}$ J produces a down-stemmed C eighth note an octave lower.

To generate chords with solid note heads, the macro $\backslash z q$ can be used. It produces a solid note head at the specified pitch, the vertical position of which is memorized and recalled whenever the next stemmed note (possibly with a flag) is coded. The stem length is automatically adjusted to link all simultaneous notes. Thus, the C-major chord

is coded $\backslash \mathrm{zq} \mathrm{c} \backslash \mathrm{zq} \mathrm{e} \backslash \mathrm{zq} \mathrm{g} \backslash q u \mathrm{j}$ or more concisely, $\backslash \mathrm{zq}\{c e g\} \backslash q u \mathrm{j}$. Here the u in the spacing note macro \qu is what causes the upstem.

### 1.1.4 Beams

Each beam is generated by a pair of macros. The first defines the beginning horizontal position (implicitly the current position), altitude, direction (upper or lower), multiplicity (number of lateral bars), slope and reference number. This latter feature is needed so independent beams can overlap. The second macro of the pair specifies the termination location (again implicitly) and the reference number.

### 1.1.5 Setting anything on the score

A general macro ( $\backslash$ zcharnote) provides a means of putting any sequence of symbols (possibly contained in an \hbox\{..\}\}) at any pitch of any staff of any instrument. This allows any symbol defined in a font (letters, math symbols, etc.) to be placed in the score at a position keyed to the music both in time (horizontally) and pitch (vertically) on the staff,

### 1.2 A simple example

Before going into more detail, we give below an example of the two first bars of the sonata in C-major KV545 by Mozart:


The coding is as follows:

```
\begin{music}\nostartrule
\parindent10mm
\instrumentnumber{1} % a single instrument
\setname1{Piano} % whose name is Piano
\setstaffs1{2} % with two staffs
\generalmeter{\meterfrac44}% 4/4 meter chosen
\startextract % starting real score
\Notes\ibu0f0\qb0{cge}\tbu0\qb0g|\hl j\en
\Notes\ibu0f0\qb0{cge}\tbu0\qbOg|\ql l\sk\ql n\en
\bar
\Notes\ibu0f0\qb0{dgf}|\qlp i\en
\notes\tbu0\qb0g|\ibbl1j3\qb1j\tbl1\qb1k\en
\Notes\ibu0f0\qbO{cge}\tbu0\qb0g|\hl j\en
\zendextract % terminate excerpt
\end{music}
```

- \ibu0f0 begins an upper beam, aligned on the $f$, reference number 0 , slope 0
- \tbu0 terminates this beam before writing the second $g$ by means of $\backslash q b 0 g$
- \qb. . indicates a note belonging to a beam.
- \sk sets a space between the two quarters in the right hand, so that the second one is aligned with the third eighth in the left hand.
- \qlp is a dotted quarter note.
- \ibbl1j3 begins a double beam, aligned on the C ( j at this pitch) with slope $15 \%$.


### 1.3 The three pass system

$\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ 's line-breaking procedure implicitly assumes that a normal line of text will contain many words, so that inter-word glue need not stretch or shrink too much to justify the line. One might at first consider extending this to music, treating each bar like a word with no stretchable internal space. But typically this would lead to unsightly gaps before each bar rule, simply because the number of bars per line is normally many fewer than the number of words in a line of text. MusiXTEX needs a more sophisticated horizontal spacing algorithm than is used in $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$.

To understand how MusiXTEX solves this problem, we have to recognize two different kinds of horizontal space, hard and scalable. Hard space is fixed and always represents the same physical distance. Examples of hard space are the widths of bar rules, clefs, and key signatures. Scalable space can be stretched as needed. It is what is normally used for the space after notes or rests. At the outset it is only defined in a relative sense. In other words, scalable spaces are defined as multiples of \elemskip, an initially undefined elemental spacing unit. For example, in PMX all sixteenth notes are typically assigned a scalable width of $1.41 \backslash e l e m s k i p$. One main job of MusiXTEX is to compute the physical value of \elemskip, often expressed in points (72nds of an inch). The correct value is that which makes all the scalable space on a line just fill up what's not occupied by hard space. Obviously it may vary from line to line.

To this end a three pass system was developed. To start the first pass on the file jobname.tex, you would enter ${ }^{3}$ etex jobname. Information about each bar is written to an external file named jobname.mx1. This file begins with a header containing parameters such as line width and paragraph indentation. Then the hard and scalable space is listed for each bar.

[^4]The second pass, which is started with musixflx jobname, determines optimal values of the elemental spacing unit \elemskip for each line, so as to properly fill each line, and to spread the piece nicely over an integral number of full lines. This routine was written in FORTRAN and now converted to $C$ rather than $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$, the main reason being the lack of an array handling capability in TEX.
musixflx reads in the file jobname.mx1, and writes its output to jobname.mx2. The latter file contains a single entry for each line of music in the reformatted output. The key piece of information is the revised value of \elemskip for each line.

Next, the file is $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$-ed again, by entering etex jobname. On this third pass, the jobname.mx2 file is read in, and the information is used to physically define the final score and embed the page descriptions into a dvi file.

You may wonder how the same command can cause something different to happen the second time it is issued. The explanation is that MusiXTEX checks for the presence of jobname.mx2. If it's not present, the first pass is executed; if it is, the third pass. Obviously if you've made some corrections that affect any horizontal spacing, you must remember to delete the old jobname.mx2 and then rerun all three passes, or build or use a batch script that does so.

Here's an example. Here, no value for \elemskip is explicitly specified, so MusiXTEX assign a single, default value. After the first pass you might get the following output:


Note that the space after every quarter note is the same, and that lines are not justified. After running musixflx and $T_{E} X$-ing the second time you'll get:


Now MusiXT ${ }_{E} \mathrm{X}$ has determined a number of lines (which is different from the original number), the lines are justified, and if you look carefully you can see that the space after quarters in the first line is smaller than in the second. This example was coded as:
$\backslash$ hsize $=100 \mathrm{~mm}$
\generalmeter\{\meterfrac24\}\%
$\backslash$ parindent Opt
\generalsignature\{-3\}
\startpiece\bigaccid
$\backslash$ NOtes \qu\{ce\}\en\bar
$\backslash$ NOtes \qu\{gh\}\en\bar

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\NOtes\qu{=b}\en
\Notes\ds\cu g\en\bar
\NOtes\qu{`f=f}\en\bar
\NOtes\qu{=e}\itiedOe\qu{_e}\en\bar
\Notes\ttie0\Qqbu ed{_d}c\en\bar
\Notes\ibu0b{-2}\qbO{=b}\enotes
\notes\nbbu0\qb0{=a}\tqh0N\enotes
\Notes\Dqbu cf\en\bar
\NOtes\uptext{\it tr}\qu e\uptext{\it tr}\qu d\en\bar
\NOtes\qu c\qp\en\Endpiece
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One benefit of the 3 -pass system is the quick and easy alteration to the layout which can be achieved by changing only one parameter, namely \mulooseness. This value acts analogously to $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ 's \looseness command. For non- $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$-perts: if you state \looseness=-1 somewhere inside any paragraph, then $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ will try to make the paragraph one line shorter than it normally would.
 paragraphs. A system is just a group of staves treated as a unit, and in this discussion is analogous to a line of text. What is a section? It's any chunk of coding not containing a forced system break, System breaks can be forced with \stoppiece, \endpiece, \zstoppiece, \Stoppiece, \Endpiece, \alaligne \zalaligne, \alapage or \zalapage. If none of these is present, the section comprises the whole piece. Somewhere ${ }^{4}$ before the end of the section, you can change the value of $\backslash$ mulooseness to something different from the default of 0 , and $\mathrm{MusiXT}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ will typeset that section with a different number of systems.

To give an easy example, changing the last line in the previous example to:

## $\backslash$ NOtes \qu $c \backslash q p \backslash e n \backslash m u l o o s e n e s s=1 \backslash E n d p i e c e$

yields:


On the other hand,
\NOtes\qu c\qp\en\mulooseness=-1\Endpiece
yields

which is tighter than you would ever want, but serves to further demonstrate the use of $\backslash$ mulooseness.

[^5]If you want to build up a MusiXTEX input file manually (which in fact very few users will ever need to do, considering the availability of PMX), here is a roadmap for one way to proceed:

1. Enter the data one \notes group at a time, taking care to select the relative horizontal spacing for each group (via the macros discussed in section 2.2.2) so as to maintain a consistent relationship between scalable space and note durations. This will be discussed in a great deal more detail in Chapter 2.
2. $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X} \Longrightarrow$ musixflx $\Longrightarrow \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$.
3. Look at the output and decide if you want to have more or fewer systems, e.g. to fill the page or to get an even number of pages.
4. If you want to change the number of systems in a section, adjust \mulooseness accordingly. Keep in mind that each section cannot have fewer systems than bars.
5. Delete jobname. mx 2 and repeat the process $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X} \Longrightarrow$ musixflx $\Longrightarrow \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$.
There is an alternate way to proceed if you know at the outset how many systems you want in a section. You can specify it directly by assigning a positive number to \linegoal somewhere within the section (\linegoal requires version 0.83 or later of musixflx). \mulooseness must be zero for \linegoal to work. Both are automatically reset to zero after processing the end of a section e.g. as defined by \stoppiece.

Finally, for large scores (more than 4 pages or so), having only one section and an overall value of $\backslash$ mulooseness becomes impractical since one wants not only to have nicely spaced systems, but also completely filled pages without empty top and bottom margins on the last page. It is then wise to force the total number of pages and possibly the line breaks in each page, which can be done using \alapage and/or \alaligne ${ }^{5}$.

There is another advantage to MusiXTEX's way of using scalable space and the three pass system. In $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{Xnical}$ terms it eliminates the need for glue, and enables every horizontal position in a line to be computed. This in turn enables certain variable length symbols such as slurs to be specified by macros entered at their beginning and ending points, rather than having to estimate the length of the symbol and enter it at the starting point.

### 1.3.1 External executable musixflx

One issue that compromises portability between computers is the need for the executable musixflx. To address this, the C source and compiled versions for various OS's are included in musixtex.zip and are available from the Werner Icking Music Archive.

On most computers, the executable is invoked by typing the name of the program and the name of the file to be acted upon. i.e.

```
musixflx jobname.mx1
```

Optionally, you can add a letter to indicate one of the debug modes, which are:
d for debug information to screen
f for debug information to file jobname.mxl
$s$ to get the computed lines immediately on screen
To allow for ease of use with a batch file, musixflx can either be fed with jobname.mx1, jobname.tex or only jobname, any one of which will open jobname.mx1.

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### 1.3.2 Unrecorded spaces: the novice's bugaboo

Because of the way MusiXTEX accounts for hard and scalable space and avoids using glue, it is absolutely essential that every horizontal space be properly entered into the input file. The most common error in this regard is including a blank space in the midst or at the end of an input line. Such a blank space, or for that matter any stray character not entered with an appropriate MusiXTEX macro, will not be properly recognized and recorded by MusiXTEX, but it will still be treated like ordinary text by $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$. The symptoms of such a transgression will be an Overfull hbox warning during the third pass, and the appearance of either excessive blank horizontal space or thick black vertical lines in the page image.

> Considerable discipline is needed to avoid this problem!

The best technique for avoiding such unpleasantness is to avoid entering any nonessential blanks within input lines, and to end every input line with either \% or \relax, unless it already ends with a control sequence ending in a letter.

There are other ways to enter unrecorded space which should be avoided. Between \startpiece and \stoppiece or \endpiece, never use \hskip or \kern except within zero-boxes like \rlap, \llap, \zcharnote, \uptext, etc., and never assign hard values to scalable dimensions like $\backslash$ noteskip, \elemskip, \afterruleskip and \beforeruleskip ${ }^{6}$.

Here is a checklist of tips related to spacing issues. Because the foregoing several paragraphs are so important, some of their content is repeated in the list.

1. Between \startpiece and \stoppiece or \endpiece, end every input line with a either \% or a command with no arguments (including \relax).
2. \off must only be used with scalable values, e.g. \noteskip, \elemskip, \afterruleskip, and $\backslash$ beforeruleskip.
3. Remember that \qsk and \hqsk are scalable, i.e. \qsk doesn't necessarily mean exactly one note head width (it depends on \elemskip).
4. Lyrics and any other non-MusiXTEX text must be put in zero boxes such as $\backslash$ zcharnote, \zchar, \rlap, \lrlap, \llap, \uptext, or \zsong. Additional specific capabilities for entering lyrics are provided by \hardlyrics, \hsong, and-most significantly-the textemplacement macros defined in musixlyr.tex (see 2.21, p. 76).
5. Between \startpiece and \stoppiece or \endpiece, don't assign hard values to \noteskip, \beforeruleskip, or \afterruleskip.

### 1.4 Further highlights

### 1.4.1 Key signatures

A single key signature can be assigned to all instruments, for example by \generalsignature\{-2\} which sets two flats on each staff. \generalsignature can be overridden for selected instruments, for example by \setsign2\{1\} which puts one sharp on each staff of instrument number 2. Of course, the current signature as well as meters and clefs may change at any time.

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### 1.4.2 Transposition

With some extra attention, a score can be input in such a way that it is fairly easily transposed. There is an internal register called \transpose, the default value of which is zero, but which may be set to any reasonable positive or negative value. It defines a number of pitch steps (lines or spaces on a staff) by which all pitched symbols with be offset, provided they have been entered with letter values to represent their pitch. However, it will neither change the local accidentals nor the key signature.

For example, suppose a piece were originally input in F major, and it contained a B natural, and you wanted to transpose it to G. If you simply set \transpose to 1 with no other special considerations, then the key signature would not change, and the B natural would appear as a C natural, whereas it should be a C sharp. So first you must explicitly change the key signature. Then, to solve the problem with accidentals, you should declare \relativeaccid, which will cause the actual appearance of any accidental to depend on the pitch of the accidental as well as the current key signature. But the use of this facility requires the typesetter to have entered the original set of accidentals according to a nonstandard convention wherein an accidental does not specifically refer to the black or white keys on a piano, but to the amount by which the pitch is altered up or down from what it would naturally have been, taking the key signature into account. This is discussed in more detail in section 2.9.2. Now, finally, you can enter \transpose=1 with more or less the desired effect.

More or less, because there is also an issue with stem and beam directions. Normally a typesetter would want full control over them, and would exercise that control by entering them with macros that explicitly assign the direction. Naturally the assigned directions would persist even after changing \transpose. With respect to stems of unbeamed notes, this matter can also be addressed at the input level, by using special macros for notes that leave the decision about stem directions up to MusiXTEX. These macros do the right thing in the face of transposition. They are discussed in section 2.4. Unfortunately there is no corresponding such facility for beams, so the typesetter will have to edit the transposed score to adjust beam directions as required ${ }^{7}$.

### 1.4.3 Extracting parts from a score

Another question is: "Can I write a full score and then extract separate scores for each individual instrument?"

The answer is yes, but only with a great deal of special attention-so much, in fact, that we shall strongly recommend that if you want to do this, you should use PMX, which makes the process very easy. If for some reason you choose to ignore this advice, you may refer to the details that were provided in Section 1.4.3 of an earlier version of this manual, musixdoc-T112.pdf.

### 1.4.4 Staff and note sizes

Although the standard staff size is 20 pt , MusiXTEX allows scores with sizes of 16,24 , or 29 pt . Furthermore, any instrument may be assigned its own special staff size (usually smaller than the overall staff size), and there are special macros (e.g. \smallnotesize, \tinynotesize) that cause notes, beams, and accidentals all to take a different size.

[^8]
### 1.4.5 Add-in macro libraries

During the early stages of MusiXTEX's development, common versions of $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ itself were very limited in capacity, especially in terms of the numbers of registers that could be defined for use in macros. For this historical reason, many important enhancements to $\mathrm{MusiXT}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ are available only via add-in libraries. The user can thus pick and choose which to include for any particular compilation. Most of these are included in musixtex.zip, and their uses are discussed in this manual. The libraries have names like blabla.tex, and are activated by including a line like \input blabla within the the input file. The most common such files are musixadd.tex and musixmad.tex which respectively increase the number of instruments from the default 6 to 9 or 12 as well as increasing available numbers of other features; musixps.tex which enables Type K postscript slurs; and musixlyr.tex which greatly eases typesetting lyrics. In fact the latter two, while now included in musixtex.zip, are not documented in this manual but in separate files inside musixtex.zip, namely musixps.tex itself and mxlyrdoc.pdf respectively.

### 1.5 Where to get the software and help using it

The home base for all matters related to MusiXTEX is the Werner Icking Music Archive, at http://icking-music-archive.org. The most up-to-date versions of MusiXT ${ }_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ and friends are located in the software section of the archive. Assuming you already have $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ and only want to install MusiXTEX, the file you need to download will be named musixtex.zip. Further details about the installation process are given in section 3 .

There is a mailing list, hosted by TUG, the $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ Users Group, where you will always find someone willing to answer questions and help solve problems.

### 1.6 A very brief history of MusiXT $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$

The idea of using $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ to typeset music appears to have originated around 1987 with the master's thesis of Andrea Steinbach and Angelika Schofer ${ }^{8}$. They called their package MuTEX. It was limited to a single staff. It introduced two key concepts: (1) using a large number of font characters to construct beams and slurs, and (2) using $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ glue to help control horizontal spacing and justification.

The next major step came around 1991 when Daniel Taupin created MusicT $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$. Its major enhancement was to allow multiple staves. But this came at a price: some flexibility was lost in controlling horizontal spacing and a great deal of trial and error became necessary to avoid excessive or insufficient gaps before and after bar lines.

MusicTEX was a single-pass system. To remedy its shortcomings it became clear that a multipass system would be required. Around 1997 Dr. Taupin along with Ross Mitchell and Andreas Egler created the first version of MusiXTEX. At last a fully automatic procedure was coded so as to provide pleasing horizontal spacing in multi-staff scores.

Significant enhancements to MusiXTEX, which have already been mentioned, have been provided by Stanislav Kneifl (Type K postscript slurs) and Rainer Dunker (Lyrics handling via musixlyr.tex).

Since Dr. Taupin passed away in 2003, MusiXTEX has been maintained by a varying cast including Olivier Vogel, Hiroaki Morimoto, Bob Tennent, Andre Van Ryckeghem, Cornelius Noack, and Don Simons.

[^9]No discussion of the history of MusiXTEX would be complete without mentioning the contributions of Werner Icking. From the early days of $\mathrm{MuT}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ until his untimely death in 2001, he served this line of software as its most prominent proponent, beta tester, web site and mailing list editor, consultant, problem solver, and inspiration for many third-party enhancements including PMX. In fact he founded the mailing list and the archive that now is named in his honor. The web site is currently edited by Christian Mondrup, the software page by Don Simons, and the mailing list by Maurizio Codogno.

## Chapter 2

## Elements of MusiXTEX

### 2.1 Setting up the input file

### 2.1.1 What makes a $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ file a MusiXT $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ file?

A MusiXTEX input file is a special kind of $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ input file. What makes it special is that it must contain the command \input musixtex before any reference to MusiXTEX macros. After that might follow \input musixadd or \input musixmad if you want to have respectively up to nine or twelve instruments or simultaneous beams, ties, or slurs. If you want to have greater numbers of these elements, you can assign them directly by including one or more of these commands: \setmaxinstruments, \setmaxcxxviiibeams, \setmaxcclvibeams, \setmaxgroups, \setmaxslurs, \setmaxtrills, \setmaxoctlines.

Since it is still a $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ file, after that, if you wished to, you could write a whole non-musical book using normal $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ commands provided that you did not use \& as a tab character like in plain $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ ( $\mathrm{In} \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ lingo, its \catcode has been changed).

### 2.1.2 Cautions for the non $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{Xpert}$

When $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ reads anything, it inputs one token at a time. A token may be either a command or a character. A command (or macro, or control sequence) is a backslash (" $\backslash$ ") immediately followed by sequence of letters with no intervening spaces. For practical purposes, any single symbol (letter, digit, special character, or space) that is not part of a command counts as a character and therefore as a token.

Each command expects a specific number of parameters. The tokens " $\{$ " and " $\}$ " are very special, in that (1) they must occur in matched pairs, and (2) any matched pair together with the stuff inside counts as a single parameter. If the first parameter expected is a single letter, it must either be separated from the command by a space or enclosed in braces (otherwise it would be interpreted as part of the command). For example the command \ibu expects three parameters, so the following are all OK: \ibu123, \ibu1A3, \ibu1\{‘A\}3, \ibu\{1\}\{2\}\{3\}, \ibu1\{-2\}3, or \ibu1\{23\}4, but \ibu1234 is not OK; the first three digits are taken as parameters, leaving the " 4 " with no purpose other than to cause some of the dreaded unrecorded space that we have already mentioned.

In the rest of this manual, when describing commands we will write things like $\backslash q b\{n\}\{p\}$. It should be understood that when $n$ and $p$ are replaced by their literal values, the braces may or may not be necessary. In particular, if both are single digits, no braces are needed; but if $n$ has two digits, or if $p$ has more than one character, they must be surrounded by braces.

Spaces (blank characters) in the input file must be handled very carefully. They are ignored at the beginning of a line, enabling logical indentation schemes to help make the file human-readable.

There are also a few other places within lines where blank spaces are OK (such as mentioned in the prior paragraph), but in general is it safest to avoid any unnecessary blanks between the beginning and end of an input line. At the end of a line, the truth is that a command with no parameters, such as \bar or \enotes will cause no trouble. However if a command with one or more parameters is the last item in an input line, it will cause unrecorded space. The way around this is to end the line with either "\%" or \relax.

### 2.1.3 Usual setup commands

The first decision is what size type to use. MusiXX ${ }_{E} \mathrm{X}$ offers four sizes: "small" (16-pt-high staves), "normal" (20pt), "large" (24pt), and "Large" (29pt). The default is \normalmusicsize. If you want a different size, then you have to enter \smallmusicsize, \largemusicsize, or \Largemusicsize. Each of these commands defines not only the desired staff size but many other related sizes such as note heads, ornaments, stem lengths, etc.

The command \instrumentnumber $\{n\}$ defines the number of instruments to be $n$. If not entered, the default is 1 . This number is used in loops that build staves, set key signatures, set meters, etc., so if it differs from 1 it must be explicitly defined before any further commands.

An instrument may have one or more staves (e.g. a piano would normally have 2 staves). The differences between one instrument of several staves and several instruments with one staff each are as follows:

- Different instruments may have different key signatures, while different staves of an instrument will all have the same key signature.
- A beam may include notes in different staves of the same instrument.
- A chord may extend across several staves of the same instrument.
- If an instrument has more than one staff, they will be linked together with a big, curly brace at the beginning of each line.
The default number of staves per instrument is 1 . If it is different, then it must be specified by \setstaffs $\{n\}\{p\}$ where $p$ is the number of staves and $n$ is the number of the instrument. In MusiXTEX, instruments are numbered starting with the lowest. So for example setstaffs32 assigns two staves to the third instrument from the bottom.

The default clef for every staff is the treble clef. To assign any other clef, the command is $\backslash$ setclef $\{n\}\left\{s_{1} s_{2} s_{3} s_{4}\right\}$ where $n$ is the number of the instrument, $s_{1}$ is a digit specifying the clef for the first (lowest) staff, $s_{2}$ for the second staff, and so forth. Note that like instruments, staves of a given instrument are numbered starting with the lowest. The parameters $s_{2}, s_{3}$ and $s_{4}$ can be omitted, in which case any unspecified staves will be assigned a treble clef.

The digits $s$ can range from 0 to 9 , with the following meanings: $s=0$ signifies treble or G clef. $s=1$ to 4 mean C-clef, respectively on the first (lowest) through fourth staff line. 1 is also called soprano, 3 alto and 4 tenor. $s=5$ to $s=7$ mean F-clef, respectively on the third through fifth staff line. 5 is also called baritone and 6 is the normal bass. $s=8$ is not used. $s=9$ represents a G clef on the first line, also called French violin clef.

The three tokens \treble, \alto, and \bass can be used instead of a digit for $s$, but only if there would have been but one digit in the string. So for example the clefs for a standard piano score could be specified by $\backslash$ setclef $1\{\backslash$ bass $\}$.

Treble and bass clefs with the digit 8 above or below are also possible; see section 2.14.3.
To set a common key signature for all instruments, use \generalsignature\{s\}, where $s>0$ is the number of sharps in the signature and $s<0$ the number of flats ${ }^{1}$. To override the common

[^10]key signature for instrument $n$, use $\backslash$ setsign $\{n\}\{s\}$. Note that differing key signatures cannot be assigned to different staves of the same instrument.

A common meter for all staves can be specified by \generalmeter\{ $\{m\}$, where $m$ describes the appearance of the meter indication, and can take several different forms. If the meter is a fraction (e.g. 3/4) the command is \generalmeter\{\meterfrac\{3\}\{4\}\}. Other possible tokens $m$ are \meterC, \allabreve, \reverseC, \reverseallabreve and \meterplus. These are illustrated in the following example:

which was coded as:

```
\generalmeter\meterC
\nostartrule
\parindentOpt\startpiece
\NOtes\qa{cegj}\enotes
\generalmeter\allabreve\changecontext
\NOTes\ha{ce}\enotes
\generalmeter\reverseC\changecontext
\NOTEs\zbreve g\enotes
\generalmeter\reverseallabreve\changecontext
\NOTEs\zwq g\enotes
\generalmeter{\meterfrac{3\meterplus2\meterplus3}8}\changecontext
\Notes\Tqbu ceg\Dqbl jg\Tqbu gec\enotes\setemptybar
\endpiece
```

To override the common meter for any staff, use $\backslash \operatorname{setmeter}\{n\}\left\{\left\{m_{1}\right\}\left\{m_{2}\right\}\left\{m_{3}\right\}\left\{m_{4}\right\}\right\}$. This works just like \setclef. For example, setmeter3\{\{\meterfrac\{12\}8\}\allabreve\} sets the meter to $12 / 8$ for the first staff of the third instrument, and alla breve for the second staff.

To insert extra space before the meter is written, use \meterskipd where $d$ is any hard $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ dimension ${ }^{2}$. The assignment must occur outside \startpiece...\endpiece and will be reset to zero after first meter is posted.

To set an instrument name, use \setname\{n\}\{name of the instrument\}. This will place the name in the space to the left of the first staff or group of staves for instrument $n$. To specify the amount of space available, use $\backslash$ parindent $d$ where $d$ is any hard $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ dimension.

### 2.1.4 Groupings of instruments

By default, all staves in a system will be joined at the left by a thin, vertical rule. In addition, if an instrument has more than one staff, they will be joined by a big, curly brace. Now we introduce a way to delineate groups of instruments or choirs with a square brace containing two parallel vertical rules, the left one thick and the right one thin. This is commonly used to group together the voices in a choir.

If there is only one choir, this can be done with

```
\songtop{n}
\songbottom{m}
```

where $m$ and $n$ are the instrument numbers of the first and last voices. An example is shown in section 2.23.5.

[^11]If there is more than one choir to be set off with square braces, each one can be specified with

```
\grouptop{g}{n}
\groupbottom{g}{m}
```

where $m$ and $n$ are the instrument numbers of the first and last voices of group number $g$. MusiXTEX allows up to three groups, numbered from 1 to 3 . The command $\backslash$ songtop is equivalent to \grouptop 1; \songbottom is equivalent to \groupbottom 1.

With musixadd.tex or musixmad.tex, the allowable number of groups is increased to four. Alternatively, you can specify the allowable number of groups to $m$ by \setmaxgroups $\{m\}^{3}$.

If any of the instruments grouped this way has more than one staff, the heavy curly brace will be shifted to the left of the square brace.

Previously defined square braces can be removed by declaring \songtop less than \songbottom. The same applies to \grouptop and \groupbottom for the same group number.

An alternate command allows you to specify all choirs at once:
\akkoladen\{\{lower_1\}\{upper_1\}\{lower_2\}\{upper_2\}\{lower_3\}\{upper_3\}\}
where lower_ $n$ and upper_ $n$ are instrument numbers that denote the span of bracket number $n$. For setting fewer than three brackets, just omit all unneeded \{lower_n\}\{upper_n\} pairs. For example, \instrumentnumber\{5\}\akkoladen\{\{1\}\{2\}\{3\}\{5\}\} yields the first example below, with five single-staff instruments divided into two groups.

The second example has 2 instruments, the first (lower) with two staves and the second with three. Each instrument is set off by default with a curly bracket.

If for some reason you want more than one instrument grouped within a curly bracket, then you can use the extension file curly.tex ${ }^{4}$, which defines the command
\curlybrackets\{\{lower_1\}\{upper_1\}\{lower_2\}\{upper_2\}...
to be used as illustrated in the third example below.

[^12]
is coded as:
\sepbarrules
\smallmusicsize
\setsize1\smallvalue
\setsize2\smallvalue
\setsize3\smallvalue
\setsize4\smallvalue
\setsize5\smallvalue
\instrumentnumber\{5\}
\akkoladen\{\{1\}\{2\}\{3\}\{5\}\}
\startextract
\notes $\backslash e n \backslash$ bar $\backslash$ notes $\backslash e n$
\zendextract

is coded as:
\sepbarrules
\smallmusicsize
\setsize1\smallvalue
\setsize2\smallvalue
\instrumentnumber2
\setstaffs12
\setstaffs23
\startextract
\notes \en\bar \notes\en
\zendextract

is coded as:
\input curly
\sepbarrules
\instrumentnumber5
\smallmusicsize
\setsize1\smallvalue
\setsize2\smallvalue
\setsize3\smallvalue
\setsize4\smallvalue
\setsize5\smallvalue
\curlybrackets\{1235\}
\startextract
\notes \en \bar $\backslash$ notes $\backslash e n$
$\backslash$ zendextract

### 2.2 Preparing to enter notes

### 2.2.1 After the setup, what next?

The command \startmuflex initiates the serious business of MusiXTEX. On the first $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ pass it opens jobname.mx1 for writing bar-by-bar tabulations of all hard and scalable space to be fed to musixflx on the second pass. musixflx generates jobname.mx2 which defines the number of bars in each system and the factors relating scalable space to hard space in each system. On the third pass both files will be opened and read to define the final spacing. These files should be closed before leaving $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$, preferably before \bye or \end, with \endmuflex. Normally $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ closes all open files on its own when terminating the program, but it is still cleaner to do this explicitly.

After \startmuflex, the command \startpiece will initiate the first system, containing all instruments you have previously defined. The indentation will be \parindent, so if you want nonzero indentation, this register should be set to the desired hard dimension before issuing \startpiece.

### 2.2.2 Horizontal spacing commands

### 2.2.2.1 Basic note spacing

MusiXT ${ }_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ provides a set of macros each of which defines a particular increment of scalable spacing. The default set is tabulated below:


What each of these macros actually does is to set an internal dimension register \noteskip to the given multiple of the fundamental spacing unit \elemskip (which has dimensions of length, usually given in points). Normally, every spacing note (e.g., \qu, \qb, \hl) will then be followed by a spacing of width \noteskip. By selecting a particular note spacing macro from the above table, the typesetter can thus control the relative spacing between notes.

The actual spacing will therefore be determined by the value of \elemskip. On the first pass, $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ will set a default value for \elemskip based on the declared music size, or the user can set it to any hard dimension he chooses. However, the value on the first pass doesn't matter as much as you might think (more about that later). On the second pass, musixflx determines where the system breaks will come, and then computes the final value of \elemskip for each system.

If the arthmetic progression of note spacings in the above table does not meet your wishes, you may activate an alternate set with the command \geometricskipscale. As implied by the name, this is a geometric progression, where \Notes is $\sqrt{2}$ times wider than \notes, $\backslash$ NOtes is $\sqrt{2}$ times wider than \Notes, and so forth. Then the factors in the middle column of the above table will be replaced by the sequence $2.00,2.38,2.83,3.36,4.00,4.76,5.66,6.72$, and 8.00 . Two additional macros, \NOTEsp and \NOTES, will be defined corresponding to factors 9.52 and 11.32. The original arithmetic progression can be restored by \arithmeticskipscale.

If neither of the predefined progressions satisfies you, you may define your own, using the more general macro \vnotes in the same manner that MusiXTEX uses it for the predefined progressions. So for example \def \NOtes\{\vnotes5.34\elemskip\} will redefine \NOtes in the obvious way, and the extension to the other spacing macros should likewise be obvious.

In addition, inside any pair \notes... \enotes there are two equivalent ways to locally redefine \noteskip to another scalable value, namely by issuing a command like \noteskip=2.4\noteskip or \multnoteskip\{2.4\}, which have the expected effect until the notes group is terminated or \noteskip is further redefined.

Finally, by issuing a command like \scale\{2.4\} outside any notes group, you can scale all subsequent \noteskips by any desired factor.

These facilities may be useful, for example, to control spacing when there are three equal duration notes in one staff against two in another.

### 2.2.2.2 \elemskip, \beforeruleskip and \afterruleskip

We've just seen how \elemskip is used to scale the spacings between notes. There are two other spacing units that share some behavior with \elemskip. \beforeruleskip is the horizontal space that is automatically inserted before every bar line, while \afterruleskip goes after every bar line. (In practice \beforeruleskip is almost aways set to Opt because there will typically already be a space of 1 \noteskip before every barline.) On the first pass, just as with \elemskip, MusiXTEX assigns them default values according to the following table:

| using | \elemskip | \afterruleskip | \beforeruleskip |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| \normalmusicsize | 6 pt | 8 pt | 0 pt |
| \smallmusicsize | 4.8 pt | 6 pt | 0 pt |

In the second pass, musixflx assigns new values to each of these dimensions, a different set for each line or system. It does this in such a way that available scalable horizontal space in each system is exactly filled up.

The values that are assigned to these dimensions on the first pass, whether by default or explicitly by the user or in some combination, only matter insofar as their relative sizes. That's why we earlier stated that the first-pass value of \elemskip didn't matter as much as you might think. For both music sizes in the table above, it appears that by default \afterruleskip is $1.3333 \backslash e l e m s k i p^{5}$.

Note that if you do want to change any of these values, you have to do so after setting the music size and before \startpiece.

Here is an example that illustrates the various dimensions under discussion:


```
a }->\mathrm{ \afterruleskip
b}->\mathrm{ \notes = \vnotes 2\elemskip
c }->\mathrm{ \NOtes = \vnotes 4\elemskip
d }->\mathrm{ \beforeruleskip
e}->\mathrm{ \elemskip
```


### 2.2.3 Moving from one staff or instrument to another

When entering notes inside \notes ... \enotes, the usual way to suspend input for one instrument and start the next (higher) is with the character " $\&$ ". If the instrument has more than one staff, to switch to the next (higher) one you can use the character "I".

There are some alternate navigation commands that may be useful in special situations. Due to "catcode problems" (see section 2.22.3) it may sometimes be necessary to use the more explicit commands \nextinstrument and \nextstaff, which have the same meanings as " $k$ " and "|" respectively. To switch to the previous (next lower) staff of the same instrument, use \prevstaff. This might be useful if a beam starts in a higher staff than where it ends. More generally, to switch to an arbitrary instrument $n$, use \selectinstrument $\{n\}$, and to switch to an arbitrary staff $n$ of the current instrument, use $\backslash$ selectstaff $\{n\}$. In the latter case if $n$ exceeds the number of staves defined for the instrument, you will receive an error message. You can enter part of a successive voice on same staff by using \selectstaff $\{n\}$ with $n$ for the current staff.

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### 2.3 Note pitch specification

Note pitches can be specified either by letters or numbers. If no transposition or octaviation is in effect, letters ranging from a to $z$ represent notes starting with the A below middle C. Upper case letters from A to N represent pitches two octaves lower than their lower case counterparts. Any letter can be used in any clef, but some users may prefer to use the lower case letters in treble clef, and the upper case ones in bass clef.

Alternatively, a one- or two-digit, positive or negative integer can always be used. The number represents the vertical position on the staff, with 0 for the lowest line and 1 for the space right above, regardless of the clef. Unlike with letters, the associated pitch will depend on the clef, and notes entered this way are immune to transposition and octaviation.

Notes lower than A and higher than z can be entered, with either numbers as just described, or with octaviation as will be explained in section 2.9 .

### 2.4 Writing notes

There are two major kinds of note macros, those that include a space (of length \noteskip) after the printed symbol, and those that don't cause any space. A single-line melody would be written using the first type. All notes of a chord except the last would use the second.

Another distinction concerns stemmed notes. Some macros explicitly set the stem direction with either "u" or " 1 " contained in the name of the macro. On the other hand, an "a" in the macro's name usually signifies automatic stem direction selection. In this case notes below the middle staff line will get up stems, otherwise down.

### 2.4.1 Normal (unbeamed) spacing notes

In the following, $\{p\}$ signifies a pitch specification as described in sections 2.3 and 2.9. However it is understood that if the pitch is a single character, the brackets are not neecessary, provided that if it is a letter, a space separates the macro from the letter.

```
\breve{p} : breve (\Xi).
\longa{p} : longa (#).
\longaa{p} : longa with automatic stem direction }\mp@subsup{}{}{6}\mathrm{ .
\zmaxima{p} : maxima(#).
\wq{p} : arbitrary duration note ($)
\wqq{p} : long arbitrary duration note (|O||) (also used as alternate representation of a
    longa).
\wh{p} : whole note.
\hu{p} : half note with stem up.
\ h l \{ p \} ~ : ~ h a l f ~ n o t e ~ w i t h ~ s t e m ~ d o w n .
\ha{p} : half note with automatic stem direction
\qu{p} : quarter note with stem up.
\ql{p} : quarter note with stem down.
\qa{p} : quarter note with automatic stem direction.
\ \ c u \{ p \} ~ : ~ e i g h t h ~ n o t e ~ ' ~ w i t h ~ s t e m ~ u p .
\cl{p} : eighth note with stem down.
```

[^14]$\backslash c a\{p\}$ : eighth note with automatic stem direction.
$\backslash c c u\{p\}$ : sixteenth note with stem up.
$\backslash c c l\{p\}$ : sixteenth note with stem down.
$\backslash c c a\{p\}$ : sixteenth note with automatic stem direction.
$\backslash c c c u\{p\}: 32 n d$ note with stem up.
$\backslash \operatorname{cccl}\{p\}: 32$ nd note with stem down.
$\backslash c c c a\{p\}: 32$ nd note with automatic stem direction.
\ccccu\{p\} : 64th note with stem up.
$\backslash \operatorname{ccccl}\{p\}$ : 64th note with stem down.
$\backslash c c c c a\{p\}$ : 64th note with automatic stem direction.
$\backslash c c c c c u\{p\}$ : 128nd note with stem up.
$\backslash \operatorname{cccccl}\{p\}: 128$ nd note with stem down.
$\backslash \operatorname{cccca}\{p\}$ : 128nd note with automatic stem direction.
As an example, the sequence

was coded as
$\backslash$ Notes \cu c\cl $j \backslash e n o t e s \backslash b a r$
$\backslash$ Notes $\backslash c c u ~ c \backslash c c l ~ j \backslash e n o t e s \backslash b a r ~$
$\backslash$ Notes \cccu c\cccl $j \backslash e n o t e s \backslash b a r$
$\backslash$ Notes $\backslash c c c c u ~ c \backslash c c c c l ~ j \backslash e n o t e s \backslash b a r ~$
\Notes\cccccu c\cccccl $j \backslash e n o t e s$

### 2.4.2 Non-spacing note heads

These macros are used to create chords. Any number of them can be entered in sequence, followed by a spacing note. All of the note heads will be joined to the spacing note and the stem length will automatically be adjusted as needed.
$\backslash z q\{p\}$ : quarter (or shorter) note head.
$\backslash z h\{p\}$ : half note head.

### 2.4.3 Shifted non-spacing note heads

These symbols are used mainly in chords containing an interval of a second. They provide note heads shifted either to the left or right of the default position by the width of one note head.
$\backslash{ }_{\text {ww }}\{p\}$ : whole note head shifted right.
$\backslash 1 w\{p\}$ : whole note head shifted left.
$\backslash r h\{p\}$ : half note head shifted right ${ }^{8}$.
$\backslash \operatorname{lh}\{p\}$ : half note head shifted left.
$\backslash r q\{p\}$ : quarter note head shifted right.
$\backslash 1 q\{p\}$ : quarter note head shifted left.

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### 2.4.4 Non-spacing notes

These macros provide normal notes, with stems if applicable, but without any following space.
$\backslash z h u\{p\}$ : half note with stem up but no spacing. It acts like \hu for chord building, i.e., it will join together any immediately preceding non-spacing note heads.
$\backslash z h l\{p\}$ : half note with stem down but no spacing. It acts like $\backslash h l$ for chord building.
$\backslash z q u\{p\}$ : quarter note with stem up but no spacing. It acts like \qu for chord building.
$\backslash z q 1\{p\}$ : quarter note with stem down but no spacing. It acts like \ql for chord building.
$\backslash z c u\{p\}, \backslash z c c u, \backslash z c c c u, \backslash z c c c c u, \backslash z c c c c c u:$ eighth, ..., note with stem up but no spacing. They act like \cu for chord building.
$\backslash z c l\{p\}, \backslash z c c l, \backslash z c c c l, \backslash z c c c c l, \backslash z c c c c c l:$ eighth, ..., note with stem down but no spacing. They act like $\backslash c l$ for chord building.
$\backslash z q b\{p\}$ : note belonging to a beam but no spacing. (DAS: put this later!)
$\backslash r h u\{p\}, \backslash r h l, \backslash r q u, \backslash r q 1, \backslash r c u, \backslash r c l: \ r h u$ acts like $\backslash z h u$, but the note is shifted one note width to the right; others analogous.
$\backslash l h u\{p\}, \backslash 1 h l, \backslash l q u, \backslash l q l, \backslash l c u, \backslash l c l:$ same as above, but the note is shifted one note width to the left.
$\backslash z w\{p\}$ : whole note with no following space.
$\backslash z w q\{p\}$ : arbitrary duration note ( $\mathbf{( O )}$ ) with no following space.
\zbreve\{p\} : breve ( $(コ)$ with no following space.
$\backslash z l o n g a\{p\}$ : longa ( $(=$ ) with no following space.
$\backslash$ zmaxima $\{p\}$ : maxima ( $=$ ) with no following space.

### 2.4.5 Spacing note heads

Although not needed in normal music scores, these may be useful in very special cases.
$\backslash$ nh $\{p\}$ : spacing half note head.
$\backslash \mathrm{nq}\{p\}$ : spacing quarter note head.
As an example, the sequence

was coded as
\notes $\backslash n q \mathrm{c} \backslash$ nq $j \backslash$ enotes $\backslash$ barre
$\backslash$ Notes $\backslash$ nh $c \backslash n h ~ j \backslash e n o t e s \backslash$ barre
\notes $\backslash n q$ \{cdef\}
Non spacing variants are also provided, namely $\backslash z n h$ and $\backslash z n q$.

### 2.4.6 Dotted notes

By appending one or two p's (for "pointed") to the name, many of the macros just introduced provide one or two dots after the notehead: \whp\{p\}, \whpp, \zwp, \zwpp, \hup, \hupp, \hlp, \hlpp, \zhp, \zhpp, \qup, \qupp, \qlp, \qlpp, \zqp, \zqpp, \cup, \cupp, \clp, \clpp, \qbp and \qbpp. Naturally, the ones that start with " $z$ " are used in chords. The dot(s) will be raised if the note is on a line.

A more explicit way uses one of the macros $\backslash \mathrm{pt}\{p\}$, $\backslash \mathrm{ppt}$, or $\backslash \mathrm{pppt}$ right before any note macro to place one to three dots after the normal note head at pitch $p$. Again they will be raised if on a line. In fact this is the only way to get a triple-dotted note. For example a quarter note with one dot could be coded $\backslash \mathrm{pt} \mathrm{h} \backslash \mathrm{qu} \mathrm{h}$, with two dots as $\backslash \mathrm{ppt} \mathrm{h} \backslash \mathrm{qu} \mathrm{h}$ and with three as $\backslash \mathrm{pppt} \mathrm{h} \backslash \mathrm{qu} \mathrm{h}$.

Yet another method for posting a dot is to insert a period before the letter representing the pitch. Thus \qu\{.a\} is equivalent to either \pt a\qu a or \qup a. This may be useful when using collective coding, which will be discussed in the next section.

Non-spacing dotted notes can be produced using \zhup, \zhlp, \zqup, \zqlp, \zcup, \zclp, \zqbp, and similarly with two p's for double-dotted notes.

As a matter of style, if two voices share one staff, the dots in the lower voice should be lowered if the note is on a line. For this you can use $\backslash \operatorname{lpt}\{p\}$ and $\backslash \operatorname{lppt}\{p\}$.

### 2.4.7 Sequences of equally spaced notes; collective coding

It isn't necessary to write a separate macro sequence \notes... \enotes for every individual column of notes. Rather, a single such macro can contain all the notes in all staves over an extended horizontal range, as long as all spacings are equal or multiples of a unique value of \noteskip. The notes in each staff could be entered one after another as normal spacing notes as already described in section 2.4.1. Then each spacing note will cause the insertion point to advance horizontally by the operative value of \noteskip defined by the choice of \notes, \Notes, \NOtes, etc. Of course in such sequences non-spacing chord notes can be entered right before their associated spacing note. If you need to skip forward by one \noteskip, for example after a quarter note when there are two eighth notes in another staff, you can use \sk.

If there are only spacing notes in such a sequence, a further simplification is available, called collective coding. For instance \qu\{cdefghij\} writes the C major scale in quarters with up stems. Similarly \cl\{abcdef^gh\} writes the $A$-minor scale in non-beamed eighths. (Here " " " represents a sharp). If necessary a void can be inserted in a collective coding sequence by using *. Not all note generating macros can be used to perform collective coding, but most of them can.

### 2.5 Beams

### 2.5.1 Starting a beam

Each beam must be declared with a macro issued before the first spacing note under the beam is coded. Two distinct kinds of macros are provided for this. The first kind initiates a "fixed-slope" beam, with an arbitrary slope and starting height chosen by the user, while the second kind, a "semi-automatic" beam, computes the slope and, in addition, adjusts the starting height in some cases.

The basic form of the macros for starting fixed-slope beams is exemplified by the one for a single upper beam, $\backslash \operatorname{ibu}\{n\}\{p\}\{s\}$. Here $n$ is the reference number of the beam, $p$ the starting "pitch", and $s$ the slope.

The reference number is assigned by the user. It is needed because more than one beam may be open at a time, and it tells MusiXTEX to which beam subsequent beamed notes and other beam specification commands are assigned. By default, the reference number must be in the range [0-5], but the range for 8 th to 128 th beams will be expanded to $[0-8]$ or $[0-11]$ if musixadd or musixmad respectively has been \input.

Alternatively, you can specify the number of 8 th to 64 th beams directly ${ }^{9}$ with

[^16]\setmaxinstruments $\{m\}$ within the range $7<m \leq 100$; the corresponding reference number may then be in the range from 0 to $(m-1)$. For 128th beams, use \setmaxcxxviiibeams $\{m\}$.

For 256 th notes, which can only appear in beams, see section 2.23.4.
The "pitch" parameter $p$ is a pitch that is three staff spaces below the bottom of the heavy connecting bar (above the bar for a lower beam); in many (but not all) cases it should be input as the actual pitch of the first note. The slope $s$ is an integer in the range $[-9,9]$. When multipled by $5 \%$ it gives the actual slope of the heavy bar. Typically a slope of 2 or 3 is OK for ascending scales, and 6 to 9 for ascending arpeggios.

The full set of fixed-slope beam initiation macros is as follows:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { \ibu }\{n\}\{p\}\{s\}: \text { initiates an upper beam. } \\
& \text { \ibl }\{n\}\{p\}\{s\}: \text { initiates a lower beam. } \\
& \text { \ibbu }\{n\}\{p\}\{s\} \text { : initiates a double upper beam. } \\
& \text { \ibbl }\{n\}\{p\}\{s\} \text { : initiates a double lower beam. } \\
& \text { \ibbbu }\{n\}\{p\}\{s\}: \text { initiates a triple upper beam. } \\
& \text { \ibbbl }\{n\}\{p\}\{s\}: \text { initiates a triple lower beam. } \\
& \text { \ibbbbu }\{n\}\{p\}\{s\}: \text { initiates a quadruple upper beam. } \\
& \text { \ibbbbl }\{n\}\{p\}\{s\} \text { : initiates a quadruple lower beam. }
\end{aligned}
$$

A semi-automatic beam is initiated with a command that has four parameters, the beam number, the first and last pitches, and the total horizontal extent in \noteskips, based on the
 you want to build an upper beam (beam number 2) horizontally extending $3 \backslash$ noteskip, the first note of which is a $g$ and the last note a $j$. Knowing these parameters it will choose the highest slope number that corresponds to a slope not more than $(j-g) /(3 \backslash$ noteskip $)$. The nominal height of the heavy bar is offset the same as for fixed-slope beams. However, if there is no sufficiently steep beam slope available, then MusiXTEX will raise (or lower) the starting point.

Eight such macros are available: \Ibu, \Ibbu, \Ibbbu, \Ibbbbu, \Ibl, \Ibbl, \Ibbbl and \Ibbbbl.

### 2.5.2 Adding notes to a beam

Spacing notes belonging to beams are coded with the macro $\backslash q \mathrm{~b}\{n\}\{p\}$ where $n$ is the beam number and $p$ the pitch of the note. MusiXTEX adjusts the length of the note stem to link to the beam.

Chord notes within a beam are entered before the main note with the non-spacing macro $\backslash z q b\{n\}\{p\}$. Again, the stem length will be automatically adjusted as required.

There are also special macros for semi-automatic beams with two, three, or four notes: $\backslash$ Dqbu, $\backslash \mathrm{Dqb} 1, \backslash \mathrm{Dqbbu}, \backslash \mathrm{Dqbbl}, \backslash \mathrm{Tqbu}, \backslash \mathrm{Tqb} 1, \backslash T q b b u, \backslash T q b b l, \backslash q q b u, \backslash Q q b 1, \backslash Q q b b u$ and $\backslash Q q b b 1$. For example \Dqbu gh is equivalent to Iqbu1gh \qb1 $\mathrm{g} \backslash t b u 1 \backslash q b 1 \mathrm{~h}$, except that the special macros don't require a beam number. Their use is illustrated in the following example:


This was coded as ${ }^{10}$ :

[^17]```
\Notes\Dqbu gh\Dqbl jh\en
\notes\Dqbbu fg\Dqbbl hk\en\bar
\Notes\Tqbu ghi\Tqbl mmj\en
\notes\Tqbbu fgj\Tqbbl njh\en\bar
\Notes\Qqbu ghjh\Qqbl jifh\en
\notes\Qqbbu fgge\Qqbbl jhgi\en
```


### 2.5.3 Ending a beam

The termination of a given beam must be declared before coding the last spacing note connected to that beam. The macros for doing that are $\backslash \operatorname{tbu}\{n\}$ for an upper beam and $\backslash t b l\{n\}$ for a lower one. These work for beams of any multiplicity. So for example an upper triple beam with 32 nd notes is initiated by $\backslash i b b b u\{n\}\{p\}\{s\}$ but terminated by $\backslash$ tbu $\{n\}$.

Since beams usually finish with a \qb for the last note, the following shortcut macros have been provided:
$\backslash \mathrm{tqb}\{n\}\{p\}$ is equivalent to $\backslash \mathrm{tbl}\{n\} \backslash \mathrm{qb}\{n\}\{p\}$.
$\backslash \mathrm{tqh}\{n\}\{p\}$ is equivalent to $\backslash \mathrm{tbu}\{n\} \backslash \mathrm{qb}\{n\}\{p\}$.
$\backslash z \operatorname{tqb}\{n\}\{p\}$ is equivalent to $\backslash \operatorname{tbl}\{n\} \backslash \operatorname{zqb}\{n\}\{p\}$, i.e., no spacing afterwards.
$\backslash z \operatorname{tqh}\{n\}\{p\}$ is equivalent to $\backslash \operatorname{tbu}\{n\} \backslash z q b\{n\}\{p\}$, i.e., no spacing afterwards.

### 2.5.4 Changing multiplicity after the beam starts

Multiplicity (the number of heavy bars) can be increased at any position after the beam starts. The commands are $\backslash n b b u\{n\}$ which increases the multiplicity of upper beam number $n$ to two starting at the current position, $\backslash$ nbbbu\{n\} to increase it to three, and $\backslash$ nbbbbu $\{n\}$ to increase to four. The commands $\backslash \operatorname{nbbl}\{n\} \ldots \backslash n b b b b l\{n\}$ do the same for lower beams. Thus, the sequence

has been coded as
$\backslash$ Notes $\backslash i b u 0 h 0 \backslash q b 0 e \backslash n b b u 0 \backslash q b 0 e \backslash n b b b u 0 \backslash q b 0 e \backslash n b b b b u 0 \backslash q b 0 e \backslash t b u 0 \backslash q b 0 e \backslash e n o t e s$
To decrease multiplicity to one, use $\backslash \mathrm{tbbu}\{n\}$ or $\backslash \mathrm{tbbl}\{n\}$. To decrease to two or three use \tbbbu\{n\}...\tbbbbl\{n\}. For example,

has been coded as

```
\startextract
\Notes\ibbbu0h0\qb0e\tbbbu0\qb0e\tbbu0\qb0e\tbu0\qb0e\enotes
\zendextract
```

Although at first it may seem counterintuitive, the macros \tbbu and \tbbl and higher order counterparts may also be invoked when the multiplicity is one. In this case a second, third, or fourth heavy bar will be opened one note width before the current stem, and immediately closed at the stem. Thus the following sequences



\Notes\ibu0e0\qbpp0e\%<br>\tbbbu0\tbbu0\tbu0\qb0e\en

The symmetrical pattern is also possible. For example:

has been coded as:
\Notes\ibbl0j0\roff\{\tbbl0\}\qb0j\tbl0\qbp0j\enotes
The constructions in this section illustrate some general properties of beam initiation and termination commands: To mate properly with the expected stems, the starting position of the heavy $\operatorname{bar}(\mathrm{s})$ (for initiation commands) and the ending position (for terminations) will be at different horizontal locations depending on whether they are for upper or lower beams: The position for upper beam commands is one note head width to the right of those for lower beams. In fact this is the only difference between upper and lower termination commands. Both types will operate on whatever kind of beam is open and has the same beam number.

Recognizing this principle, in the example just given it was necessary to shift the double termination to the right by one note head width, using the command $\backslash r o f f\{\ldots\}$, which does precisely that for any MusiXTEX macro.

Here is another, slightly more complicated example which also uses \roff:

has been coded as:

```
\notes\ibbbu0e0\roff{\tbbbu0}\qb0f\en
\notesp\tbbu0\qbp0f\en
\Notes\tbu0\qb0f\en
\notesp\ibbu0f0\roff{\tbbu0}\qbp0f\en
\Notes\qbOf\en
\notes\tbbbu0\tbbu0\tbu0\qb0f\en
```

Note that the first beam opening command used a pitch one step below the note. This makes the stem shorter by one pitch unit, since it is always the closest heavy bar that is separated from the given pitch by three staff spaces.

We close this section with an example showing how to open a beam of one sense, increase multiplicity, then terminate with opposite sense:

which has been coded as
$\backslash$ Notes \ibl0p0\qb0p\nbbl0\qb0p\nbbbl0\qb0p\tbu0\qb0e\enotes
REMARK: One may save some typing by defining personalized $T_{E} X$ macros to perform any oft repeated sequence of commands. For example, one could define a set of four sixteenths by the macro:
\def \qqh\#1\#2\#3\#4\#5\{\ibbl0\#2\#1\qb\#2\qb\#3\qb\#4\tbl0\qb\#5\}
where the first argument is the slope and the other four arguments are the pitches of the four successive sixteenths.

### 2.5.5 Shorthand beam notations for repeated notes

Sometimes you may want to indicate repeated short notes with open note heads joined by a beam. Here's an example of how to do that using the \hb macro:

which has been coded as:
\Notes\ibblOj0\hbOj\tbl0\hb0j\enotes
\Notes \ibbu0g0\hbOg\tbuO\hbOg\enotes
It is also possible to dispense with the stems:

which was coded as
\Notes\ibblOj3\wh $j \backslash t b 10 \backslash w h ~ 1 \backslash e n o t e s ~$
\Notes\ibbuOg3\wh g\tbu0\wh i\enotes
A different look could be obtained as follows:

which was coded as:
\Notes\loff\{\zw j\}\ibbl0j3\sk\tbl0\wh l\enotes
$\backslash$ Notes $\backslash i b b u 0 g 3 \backslash w h ~ g \backslash t b u 0 \backslash r o f f\{\backslash w h ~ i\} \backslash e n o t e s \backslash q s p a c e ~$
Yet another way to indicate repeated notes is given in the following example:

whose coding (due to Werner Icking) is

```
\Notes\iblOhO\qbO{hhh}\tblO\qbOh\bsk\bsk\bsk\bsk
    \ibu0j0\qb0{jjj}\tbu0\qb0j\en
\NOTes\loffset{0.5}{\ibl0j9}\roffset{0.5}{\tbl0}\zhl h%
    \loffset{0.5}{\ibu0g9}\roffset{0.5}{\tbu0}\hu j\en\bar
\notes\ibblOiO\qbO{hhh}\tblO\qbOh\bsk\bsk\bsk\bsk
    \ibbu0i0\qb0{jjj}\tbu0\qb0j%
    \ibbl0i0\qbO{hhh}\tbl0\qbOh\bsk\bsk\bsk\bsk
    \ibbu0i0\qbO{jjj}\tbu0\qbOj\en
\NOTes\loffset{0.5}{\ibblOk9}\roffset{0.5}{\tbl0}\zhl h%
    \loffset{0.5}{\ibbu0f9}\roffset{0.5}{\tbu0}\hu j\en
```


### 2.5.6 Beams that cross line breaks

Although careful typesetting can usually avoid it, occasionally a beam may need to cross a line break. If so, it must be manually terminated at the end of one line and continued in the next. This can be done by shifting beam terminations and initiations using \roff and/or \loff, or
by inserting a spacing command such as \hsk. We give an example from Grieg's "Hochzeit auf Troldhaugen":


The prolongation of the two upper beam at the end is illustrated in the code fragment
\notes $\backslash r l a p\{\backslash q s\} \backslash h s k \backslash t b u 0 \mid \backslash r q$ e $\backslash z q d \backslash z q b 1 N \backslash h s k \backslash t b u 1 \backslash e n$

### 2.5.7 Beams with notes on several different staves

Here's a simple example from Brahms's Intermezzo op. 118,1 provided by Miguel Filgueiras:


The coding is
\interstaff\{13\}
\instrumentnumber\{1\}
\setstaffs1\{2\}
\setclef1\bass
\generalmeter\allabreve
\startextract
\NOtes\qp\nextstaff\isluru0q\zq\{q\}\ql\{j\}\enotes
\bar
\nspace
\Notes\ibu0a1\qb0\{CEJLcL\}\%
\nextstaff $\backslash$ roff $\{\backslash \mathrm{zw}\{l\}\} \backslash p t\{p\} \backslash z h\left\{\_p\right\} \backslash p t\{i\} \backslash h l\left\{\_i\right\} \backslash e n o t e s$
$\backslash$ Notes $\backslash q b 0 J \backslash i t i e d 1 a \backslash q b 0 a \backslash n e x t s t a f f \backslash t s l u r 0 o \backslash z q\{o\} \backslash q l\{h\} \backslash e n o t e s$
\bar
\Notes\ttie1\zh\{.L.a\}\hl\{.e\}\%
$\backslash$ nextstaff \qb0\{chj\}\tblo\qb0l\cl\{q\}\ds\enotes
\NOtes\qp\nextstaff $\backslash z q\{q\} \backslash q l\{j\} \backslash e n o t e s$
\endextract
(This example also shows that there is no problem in extending a beam across a bar line.)
The general features that enable this type of coding as well as the more complex example to follow are

- Commands like \ibu, \ibl, \Ibu, and \Ibl define beams whose initial vertical position and slope are fixed relative to the staff where they begin, but notes in other staves can still be connected to them using \qb\{n\}.
- The commands \tbu\{n\} or $\backslash t b l\{n\}$ terminate beam $n$ at the specified position, but MusiXTEX remembers the beam parameters until a new beam with the same number is defined. Therefore, even after beam $n$ has been "finished" by a \tbu or \tbl command, commands like $\backslash q b\{n\}\{p\}$ will still generate notes connected to the phantom extension of this beam, provided they are issued in a different staff. If the command $\backslash q b\{n\}\{p\}$ were issued on the same staff as the beam after the beam had ended, an error would result.
- If the beam is initiated on one staff, notes in a lower staff can be connected to it, but only after the beam has been defined. This may require using the command $\backslash$ prevstaff to go back one staff, as described in section 2.2.3.

Here is an example:

which is coded as:

```
\setstaffs13
\setclef1{6000}
\startextract
\notes
\nextstaff\Ibbbu0Ae7\prevstaff
\qb0{AEH`JLa}\relax\nextstaff
\qb0{******^c}\tqh0e\relax
|\zq{h^jl}\ql o\enotes
\notes
\nextstaff
\IbbbuOhH6\qbO{hec}\prevstaff
\qbO{***aLJ}\tqhOH\relax\nextstaff
|\zq{h^jl}\ql o\enotes \nspace
\zendextract
```

In this example we not only see multiple uses of \nextstaff and \prevstaff, but also the character * to make virtual beam notes (see section 2.4.7).

### 2.6 Rests

### 2.6.1 Ordinary rests

A separate macro is defined for each kind of ordinary rest. They cause a space after the symbol, just like spacing note commands, but they have no parameters. A whole rest is coded as \pause,
dotted whole rest \pausep, half rest \hpause, dotted half rest \hpausep, quarter rest \qp or \soupir, eighth rest \ds, sixteenth rest \qs, 32nd rest \hs, and 64th rest \qqs.

Longer rests, normally interpreted as lasting two or four bars respectively, can be coded as $\backslash$ PAuse and $\backslash$ PAUSe, which yield:


### 2.6.2 Raising rests

All the previous rests except \pausep and \hpausep are hboxes, which means that they can be vertically offset if needed using the standard $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ command $\backslash$ raise. For example:

```
\raise 2\Interligne\qp
\raise 3mm\qq
```

where \Interligne is the distance from one staff line to the next.
In addition, two macros are available to put a whole or half rest above or below the staff. The ordinary \pause or \hpause cannot be used outside the staff because a short horizontal line must be added to distinguish between the whole and the half rest. The commands, which are non-spacing ${ }^{11}$, are

- \liftpause $n$ to get a- raised from original position by $n$ staff line intervals,
- \lifthpause $n$ to get ${ }^{-}$raised the same way.
- \liftpausep $n$ to get a-r raised from original position by $n$ staff line intervals,
- \lifthpausep $n$ to get ${ }^{-}$raised the same way.


### 2.6.3 Bar centered rests

Sometimes it is necessary to place a rest (or any other symbol) exactly in the middle of a bar. This can be done with combinations of the commands \atnextbar, \centerbar, \centerPAUSe, \centerPAuse, \centerpause, \centerhpause, as demonstrated in the following example:

with the coding

```
\generalmeter\meterC
\setclef1\bass
\setstaffs1{2}
\parindent0pt
\startpiece\addspace\afterruleskip
\NOtes|\qa{cegj}\en
\def\atnextbar{\znotes\centerpause\en}\bar
```

[^18]```
\NOtes|\qa{jgec}\en
\def\atnextbar{\znotes\centerpause\en}\bar
\Notes\ca{`jihgfedc}\en
\def\atnextbar{\znotes|\centerpause\en}\bar
\NOTes\ha{Nc}\en
\def\atnextbar{\znotes|\centerpause\en}\bar
\addspace{10\elemskip}%
\def\atnextbar{\znotes\centerbar{\duevolte}|\centerbar{\duevolte}\en}\endpiece
```


### 2.7 Skipping spaces and shifting symbols

We've already mentioned that when coding a sequence of notes inside a particular pair \notes...\enotes, the command \sk can be used to skip horizontally by one \noteskip. This would be used for example to align the third note in one staff with the second note in another. Skipping in this manner is logically equivalent to inserting blank space; as such, the space must be recorded by MusiXTEX. This command and the others discussed here will do just that, so that musixflx can properly account for the added space.

To skip by one noteskip while in a collective coding sequence, you may simply insert an asterisk ("*"). This would have the same effect as stopping the sequence, entering $\backslash$ sk, then restarting. For example,


To skip forward by one half of a \noteskip, use \hsk. To insert spacing of approximately one note head width, you can use \qsk, or for half of that, \hqsk. To skip backward by one $\backslash$ noteskip, use $\backslash$ bsk. More generally, to skip an arbitrary distance, use $\backslash \operatorname{off}\{D\}$ where $D$ is any scalable dimension, e.g. \noteskip or \elemskip. Indeed, if you look in the MusiXTEX source, you will see that \off is the basic control sequence used to define all the other skip commands.

The foregoing commands only work inside a \notes... \enotes group. A different set of commands must be used to insert space outside such a group. \nspace produces an additional spacing of half a note head width; \qspace, one note head width. These are "hard" spacings. To insert an arbitrary amount of hard space outside a \notes... \enotes group, use \hardspace\{d\}\{...\} where $d$ is any fixed dimension. The foregoing three commands are the only space-generating commands that insert hard space; all the others insert scalable spacing: \elemskip, \beforeruleskip, \afterruleskip, \noteskip and their multiples. Finally, to insert scalable spacing outside a $\backslash$ notes... \enotes group, use \addspace\{ $D$ \}. The argument may be negative, in which case the normal spacing will be reduced. For example, after \changecontext, many users prefer to reduce the space with a command like addspace\{-\afterruleskip\}.

There is yet another set of commands for simply shifting a note, symbol, or sequence inside \notes... \enotes without adding or subtracting any space. To shift by one note head width, you may write $\backslash r o f f\{a n y m a c r o\}$ or $\backslash \operatorname{loff}\{\ldots\}$ for a right or left shift respectively. To shift by half of a note head width, use $\backslash h r o f f\{\ldots\}$ or $\backslash h l o f f\{\ldots\}$. For example, to get

you would code:

## $\backslash$ Notes $\backslash r o f f\{\backslash z w h ~ g\} \backslash q u ~ g \backslash q u ~ h \backslash q u ~ i \backslash e n o t e s ~$

To shift notes or symbols by an arbitrary amount, use $\backslash$ roffset $\{N\}\{\ldots\}$ or $\backslash \operatorname{loffset}\{N\}\{\ldots\}$, where $N$ is the distance to be shifted in note head widths. For example

was coded as

An important feature of these shift commands is that the offset, whether implicit or explicit, is not added to the total spacing amount, but any spacing due to the included commands is.

### 2.8 Accidentals

Accidentals can be introduced in two ways.
The first way, using explicit macros, consists for example in coding $\backslash f 1\{p\}$ to put a flat at the pitch $p$, presumably right before a note at the same pitch. This is a non-spacing command and will automatically place the accidental an appropriate distance to the left of the anticipated note head. Naturals, sharps, double flats and double sharps are coded $\backslash \operatorname{na}\{p\}, \backslash \operatorname{sh}\{p\}, \backslash \operatorname{dfl}\{p\}$ and $\backslash$ dsh $\{p\}$ respectively.

The alternate macros \lfl, \lna, \lsh, \ldfl and \ldsh place the same accidentals, but shifted one note head width to the left. These can be used if a note head has been shifted to the left, or to avoid collision with other accidentals in a chord. If you want to shift an accidental by some other amount for more precise positioning, you could use \loffset with the normal accidental macro as the second parameter.

The second way of coding accidentals is to modify the parameter of a note command. Just put the symbol ~ for a sharp, _ for a flat, = for a natural, > for a double sharp, or < for a double flat, right before the letter or number representing the pitch. For example, \qb\{^g\} yields a $G \sharp$. This may be used effectively in collective coding, e.g. \qu\{ac^d\}.

There are two sizes of accidentals. By default they will be large unless there is not enough space between notes, in which case they will be made small. Either size can be forced locally by coding \bigfl, \bigsh, etc., or \smallfl, \smallsh, etc. If you want all accidentals to be large, then declare \bigaccid near the top of the input file. For exclusively small ones use \smallaccid. \varaccid will restore variable sizes.

For editorial purposes, small accidentals can be placed above note heads. This is done using $\backslash u p p e r s h\{p\}$, \upperna $\{p\}$, or \upperfl $\{p\}$ :


It also possible to introduce cautionary accidentals, i.e. small accidentals enclosed in parentheses. This done by preceding the name of the accidental keyword with "c", e.g. $\backslash c f 1\{p\}$ for a
cautionary flat. Available cautionary accidentals are \csh, \cf1, \cna, \cdf1 and \cdsh, which give


The distance between all notes and accidentals is controlled by $\backslash$ accshift=any $T_{E} X$ dimension, where positive values shift to the left and negative to right, with a default value of Opt.

### 2.9 Transposition and octaviation

Two different subjects are discussed in this section. First, there are commands that cause notes to be printed at different pitches than entered. We shall refer to this as logical transposition. Second, there are notations for octaviation that do not otherwise alter the appearance of the score, which we'll call octaviation lines.

### 2.9.1 Logical transposition and octaviation

Logical transposition is controlled by an integer-valued $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ register $\backslash$ transpose. Its default value is 0 . If you enter \transpose= $n$, then all subsequent pitches specified by letters will be transposed by $n$ positions. Normally this method would be used to transpose an entire piece. Pitches specified with numbers will not be affected, so if you think you will ever want to transpose a piece, you should enter all note pitches with letters.

One way to transpose up or down by one octave would be to set \transpose to 7 or -7 . For example, to make a quarter note octave as a chord, you could define a macro as $\backslash$ def $\backslash$ soqu\#1 $\{\backslash z q\{\# 1\}\{\backslash$ transpose=7 $\backslash q u\{\# 1\}\}\}$. Note that because $\backslash$ transpose is altered inside a pair of braces, the effect of the alteration is only local and does not reach outside the braces.

Another more convenient way to transpose locally up or down by one octave makes use respectively of the characters ' (acute accent) and ' (grave accent), placed immediately before the letter specifying the pitch. So for example \qu\{’ab\} is equivalent to \qu\{hi\} and \qu\{'kl\} is equivalent to \qu\{de\}. These characters have cumulative effects but in a somewhat restricted sense. They will alter the value of \transpose, but only until changing to a different staff or instrument or encountering \enotes, at which time it will be reset to the value it had before the accents were used. (That value is stored in another register called \normaltranspose). Thus for example \qu\{' 'A'A\} and \qu\{' 'A\}\qu\{'A\} are both equivalent to \qu\{ah\}.

At any point it is possible to reset the \transpose register explicitly to the value it had when entering \notes, by prefacing a pitch indication with "!". Thus \qu\{!a'a\} always gives the note a and its upper octave h , shifted by the value of \transpose at the beginning of the current \notes... \enotes group, regardless of the number of grave and acute accents occurring previously within that group.

### 2.9.2 Behavior of accidentals under logical transposition

The above processes indeed change the vertical position of the note heads and associated symbols (e.g. stems and beams), but they don't take care of the necessary changes of accidentals when transposing. For example, suppose an $\mathrm{F} \sharp$ occurs in the key of C major. If the piece is transposed up three steps to the key of F , the $\mathrm{F} \sharp$ should logically become a Bh. But if all you do is set $\backslash$ transpose=3, the note will be typeset as a $\mathrm{B} \sharp$. In other words, MusiXTEX will interpret the \sh or " to mean "print a \#".

Naturally there is a solution, but it requires the typesetter to plan ahead: To force accidentals to behave well under transposition, they must be entered according to the relative accidental convention. To alert MusiXTEX that you are using this convention to enter notes, you must issue the command \relativeaccid. Once you have done this, the meaning of accidental macros and characters (accents) in the input file is changed. Under the convention, when for example a $\backslash$ sh is entered, it indicates a note that is supposed to sound one half step higher than what it would normally be under the current key signature. Flats and naturals on entry similarly indicate notes one half step lower or at the same pitch as what the key signature dictates. MusiXTEX will take account of the key signature, and print the correct symbol according to the modern notational convention, provided you have explicitly entered the transposed key signature using for example \generalsignature.

Many people have a difficult time understanding how this works, so here are two simple examples in great detail. Consider the case already mentioned of the $\mathrm{F} \sharp$ in the key of C major. With \relativeaccid in effect, it should still be entered as \sh f, and with no transposition it will still appear as $\mathrm{F} \sharp$. With \transpose $=3$ and \generalsignature\{-1\} it will appear (correctly) as Bদ. Conversely, suppose you want to enter a B when originally in the key of F. With \relativeaccid in effect, it should be entered as \sh i. (That's the part that people have the most trouble with: "If I want a natural, why do I have to enter a sharp?" Answer: "Go back and re-read the previous paragraph very carefully.") With no transposition, it will be printed as Bদ. Now to transpose this to C major, set \transpose=-3 and \generalsignature0, and it will appear as $\mathrm{F} \sharp$.

If you have invoked \relativeaccid and then later for some reason wish to revert to the ordinary convention, enter \absoluteaccid.

### 2.9.3 Octaviation lines

The first kind of notation for octave transposition covers a horizontal range that must be specified at the outset. The sequence

 is at staff level 10 and extends $3.5 \backslash$ noteskip. Conversely, lower octaviation can be coded. For example

 of these notations, redefine one of the macros \octnumberup or \octnumberdown. The reason for the distinction between up and down is that, traditionally, upper octaviation only uses the figure " 8 " to denote its beginning, while lower octaviation uses a more elaborate indication such as $8^{v a}$ bassa. Thus

is coded
while

is coded as

```
\NOTEs\def\octnumberdown{\ppffsixteen8$_{ba}$}%
    \octfindown{-5}{2.5}\ql l\ql k\ql j\en
```

The foregoing constructions have the drawbacks that (a) the span must be indicated ahead of time and (b) they cannot extend across a line break. Both restrictions are removed with the use of the alternate macros \Ioctfinup, \Ioctfindown and \Toctfin.
$\backslash$ Ioctfinup $n p$ indicates an upward octave transposition line with reference number $n$ and with dashed line at pitch $p$. By default $n$ must be in the range [0-5], but you can specify a larger maximum number directly with $\backslash$ setmaxoctlines $\{m\}$ where $7<m \leq 100^{12}$; the reference number will be in the range between 0 and $(m-1)$.

Usually $p$ will be numeric and $>9$, but it can also be a letter. \Ioctfindown $n p$ starts a lower octave transposition line at pitch $p$ (usually $p<-1$ ). Both extend until terminated with $\backslash$ Toctfin. The difference between \Ioctfinup $n$ and \Ioctfindown $n$ is the relative position of the figure " 8 " with respect to the dashed line, and the sense of the terminating hook As shorthand, \ioctfinup is equivalent to \Ioctfinup 0 and \ioctfindown is equivalent to \Ioctfindown 0 .

For example,

is coded as

```
\begin{music}\nostartrule
\instrumentnumber{1}
\setstaffs12
\setclef1{6000}
%
\startextract
\notes\wh{CDEFGH}|\wh{cde}\Ioctfinup 1p\wh{fgh}\enotes
\bar
\notes\Ioctfindown 2A\wh{IJKLMN}|\wh{ijklmn}\enotes
\bar
\Notes\wh{NMLKJI}|\wh{nmlkji}\Toctfin1\enotes
\bar
\Notes\wh{HGFED}\Toctfin2\wh C|\wh{hgfedc}\enotes
\zendextract
\end{music}
```

The elevation of octaviation lines may be changed in midstream using \Liftoctline $n p$, where $n$ is the reference number of the octave line, and $p$ a (possibly negative) number of \internotes (staff pitch positions) by which elevation of the dashed line should be changed. This may be useful

[^19]when octaviation lines extend over several systems and the elevation needs to be changed in a systems after the one where it was initiated.

### 2.10 Slurs and ties

Two fundamentally different implementations of slurs, ties, and hairpins are available. (The hairpins "go along for the ride" with slurs and ties.) First, there are the original font-based versions. These are constructed with traditional $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ font characters that were created with METAFONT and stored in $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ font files. Second, it is now possible to generate these shapes directly with postscript, dispensing altogether with the font characters ${ }^{13}$. We shall first describe the font-based versions, then Type K postscript slurs, which are one of two available postscript slur options ${ }^{14}$. If you plan to use Type K postscript slurs, you may skip directly to section 2.10.2.

### 2.10.1 Font-based slurs

Font-based slurs and ties provided by MusiXTEX can be divided into two categories:

- Those where the complete slur symbol is composed of a single character from one of the slur fonts, and
- those where the slur symbol is composed of three distinct characters, to form the beginning, middle and end of the slur.
The former are called simple slurs and the latter, compound slurs. In many cases the distinction between the two is invisible to the user, in that many of the macros described below will automatically select between the two types. However, there are other macros that allow simple slurs to be forced.

The next few subsections describe the usual method of slur coding, where the choice between simple or compound slurs is made automatically. In this case, slurs are initiated and terminated by separate macros, similar to beams.

### 2.10.1.1 Font-based slur initiation

A slur must be initiated before the spacing note on which the slur begins, and terminated before the note on which it ends.

The basic slur initiation macro is \isluru\{n\}\{p\}, which initiates an upper slur, with reference number $n$, beginning on a note at pitch $p$. The starting point of the slur is centered above a virtual quarter note head at pitch $p^{15}$. Similarly, \islurd $\{n\}\{p\}$ initiates a lower slur. These slurs are terminated by coding $\backslash \operatorname{tsl} \operatorname{ur}\{n\}\{p\}$ where $n$ is the reference number and $p$ is the termination pitch.

As with beams, the reference number $n$ by default can take values from 0 to 5 , or up to 8 or 11 respectively if musixadd.tex or musixmad.tex is included. You can also specify the maximum number directly with $\backslash$ setmaxslurs $\{m\}$ where $7<m \leq 100^{16}$; the reference number $n$ will be in the range between 0 and $(m-1)$.

To illustrate with an elementary example, the following passage

[^20]
was coded as:

```
\NOtes\islurdOg\qu g\tslurO{'c}\qu c\en
\Notes\isluru0{'e}\ibl0e{-2}\qb0{edc}\tslur0b\tqb0b\en
\bar
\NOtes\islurdO{'a}\qu a\tslur0{'f}\qu f\en
\NOTes\hu g\en
```

Other macros are provided to change the starting and ending point of the slur in relation to the initial and final notes. Thus, \issluru\{n\}\{p\} initiates a "short" upper slur suitable for linking notes involved in chords. The starting point is shifted to the right, and is vertically aligned with the center of a virtual quarter note head at pitch $p$. If a lower short slur is wanted, one should use \isslurd\{n\}\{p\}.

Sometimes, busy scores call for slurs which are vertically aligned with the ends of note stems rather than note heads. These "beam" slurs - so called because the slur is written at usual beam height-are provided by the macros \ibsluru\{n\}\{p\} and \ibslurd\{n\}\{p\}. These macros initiate slurs raised or lowered by the current stem height to accommodate stems or beams above or below.

### 2.10.1.2 Font-based slur termination

Font-based slurs that are not forced to be simple must be terminated by an explicit command right before the last note under the slur. There are termination commands analogous to each of the initiation commands alread presented. They are summarized in the following table:

| Initiation | Termination |
| :--- | :--- |
| \isluru, \islurd | \tslur |
| \issluru, \isslurd | \tsslur |
| \ibsluru | \tbsluru |
| \ibslurd | \tbslurd |

All of these command have two parameters, $n$ and $p$.
These specific termination macros are not restricted to being used with their initiation counterpart. A slur started in one sense can be terminated in another. For example, a slur beginning as a "beam" slur may be terminated as a normal slur. This would be achieved using the macro pair \ibslur...\tslur.

### 2.10.1.3 Font-based ties

Font-based ties will have the same shapes as ordinary font-based slurs of the same length between notes of equal pitch, but there are two important distinctions: (1) There cannot be any pitch difference between start and end, and (2) the positions of both the beginning and end of a tie relative to the note heads are slightly different from those of an ordinary slur ${ }^{17}$. Upper ties are initiated by $\backslash i t i e u\{n\}\{p\}$, which starts an upper tie of reference number $n$ at pitch $p$. Lower ties are initiated by $\backslash i t i e d\{n\}\{p\}$, which starts an lower tie of reference number $n$ at pitch $p$. The starting position of the tie is the same as \issluru and \isslurd respectively. The tie is terminated by coding \ttie\{n\}. Note that no pitch parameter is required.

[^21]There are also short ties, which bear the same relation to ordinary ties as short slurs to ordinary slurs. They are intended to be used between chords. They are initiated with \itenu\{n\}\{p\} or \itenl $\{n\}\{p\}^{18}$, and terminated with $\backslash$ tten $\{n\}$.

The following example illustrates the differences in positioning of the various slur and tie options:


It was coded as
\NOTes\islurdOg\qu g\tslur0g\qu g\isslurdOg\qu g\tsslur0g\qu g\%
\ibsluru0g\qu $g \backslash t b s l u r u 0 g \backslash q u ~ g \backslash i t i e d 0 g \backslash q u ~ g \backslash t t i e 0 \backslash q u ~ g \% ~$
\itenlog\qu $g \backslash t t e n 0 \backslash q u ~ g \backslash e n ~$
Here are some more general examples of font-based slurs and ties discussed so far:


This was coded as:
\NOTes \isluruOg \hl $\mathrm{g} \backslash t s l u r O h \backslash h l ~ h \backslash e n ~$
$\backslash N O T e s \backslash i s l u r d 0 c \backslash i s s l u r u 1 g \backslash z h\{c e\} \backslash h u g \backslash t s l u r 0 d \backslash t s s l u r 1 h \backslash z h\{d f\} \backslash h u h \backslash e n$
\NOTes\ibsluruOg\islurd1g\hu g\tubslurOh $\backslash h u \quad h \backslash e n$


### 2.10.1.4 Dotted slurs

Any font-based slur may be made dotted by specifying \dotted just before it is initiated:


This was coded as:
\NOtes\dotted\islurdOg\qu $g \backslash t s l u r 0\left\{{ }^{\prime} c\right\} \backslash q u ~ c \backslash e n ~$

\NOtes\dotted\slur\{'a\}\{'f\}d1\qu\{'a‘f\}\en
\NOTes \hu g\en

### 2.10.1.5 Modifying font-based slur properties

Several macros are provided to modify the shape of slurs already initiated. These macros must be coded right before the slur termination. Invoking any of the macros described in this section will force the slur to be compound.

By default, the midpoint of a font-based slur is three \internotes above or below a line between its ends. This can be changed using the macro \midslur $h$ where $h$ is the revised vertical displacement. For example, \midslur6 coded right before \tslur causes an upper slur to rise to a maximum height of 6 \internote above the starting position. For example,

[^22]
was coded as

```
\NOtes\multnoteskip8\isluru0g\ql g\en
\notes\tslurOg\ql g\en
\NOtes\multnoteskip8\isluru0g\ql g\en
\notes\midslur7\tslur0g\ql g\en
\NOtes\multnoteskip8\isluru2g\ql g\en
\notes\midslur{11}\tslur2g\ql g\en
```

The macro \curvehij allows more precise control over the shape of a slur or tie. The first parameter $h$ is the vertical deviation and it works exactly like the sole parameter of $\backslash$ midslur described above. The second and third parameters $i$ and $j$ set the initial and final gradient respectively. They are defined as the horizontal distance required to attain maximum vertical deviation. Thus smaller numbers for $i$ and $j$ lead to more extreme gradients. The default setting is \curve344. Hence, coding \curve322 doubles the initial and final gradient relative to the default. As with \midslur, \curve must be coded immediately before the slur termination. The example below illustrates the use of \curve.


This was coded as

\notes\ttie0\ql g\en
\zendextract
\startextract
$\backslash$ NOtes $\backslash m u l t n o t e s k i p 8 \backslash i t i e u 1 g \backslash q l ~ g \backslash e n ~$
\notes\curve 322\ttie1\ql g\en
\zendextract
\startextract
$\backslash N O t e s \backslash m u l t n o t e s k i p 8 \backslash i t i e u 2 g \backslash q l ~ g \backslash e n$
\notes\curve $111 \backslash t t i e 2 \backslash q l$ g\en
Two macros are provided to control the behaviour of slurs which extend across line breaks. Normally, the part of the slur before the line break is treated as a tie. This can be changed using
$\backslash$ breakslur $\{n\}\{p\}$, which sets the termination height of the broken slur at the line break to pitch $p$, for slur number $n$.

After the line break, the slur is normally resumed at the initial pitch reference, i.e., the one coded in \islur. To change this, the macro \Liftslur $\{n\}\{h\}$ may be used. Here $n$ is again the slur reference number and $h$ is the change in height relative to the initialization height. This macro is normally used following line breaks, in which case it is best coded using the \atnextline macro. For example, coding \def $\backslash$ atnextline $\{\backslash$ Liftslur06\} raises the continuation of slur zero by 6 internote relative to its initialization height.

The following example illustrates the use of the macros for broken slurs:
Default, without adjustments:
With \Liftslur and \breakslur :

\Notes\ibsluru1b\qu b\qu $g \backslash e n \backslash b a r$ \Notes\qu\{'c!\}\tslur1f\qu $f \backslash e n$

\def \atnextline\{\Liftslur17\}\%
\Notes \ibsluru1b\qu b\qu g\%
\breakslur1g\en\bar
\Notes\qu\{'c!\}\tslur1f\qu f\en

Occasionally in keyboard works one needs to begin a slur in one staff but end it in another. This can be done using the macro \invertslur $\{n\}$ which is best described by reference to the example shown below.


This was coded as

> \NOtes\multnoteskip5\isluru0a\ql a\en
> \notes\invertslur0\curve311\tslur0g $/ \backslash q u d \backslash e n$
> \NOtes\multnoteskip\{10\}\isluru0a\ql a\en
> \notes\invertslur0\curve333\tslur0g|\qu $d \backslash e n$

Slur inversion as just described takes effect where the slope is zero; therefore it only works with ascending slurs that were started with \isluru, and with descending slurs started with \islurd. Otherwise no horizontal place can be found and the result is erratic.

A different approach removes this restriction. The idea is to stop the slur at a the desired inversion point and restart it in the other sense at the same place. The commands to do this are as follows:

- \Tslurbreak $\{n\}\{p\}$ stops slur number $n$ exactly at pitch $p$, not above or below the virtual note head.
- \Islurubreak $\{n\}\{p\}$ restarts an upper slur at the same position, not above a virtual note head.
- \Islurdbreak $\{n\}\{p\}$ restarts a lower slur at the same position, not below a virtual note head.

The vertical position may have to be adjusted to minimize any discontinuity in the slope. For example, the following pattern

was coded as

```
\begin{music}\nostartrule
\NOTes\multnoteskip 3\isluru0a\ql a\en
\NOTes\multnoteskip 3\TslurbreakOd\IslurdbreakOd\sk\en
\Notes\tslurOh\qu h\en
\NOTes\multnoteskip 3\islurdOa\ql a\en
\NOTes\multnoteskip 3\TslurbreakOd\IslurubreakOd\sk\en
\Notes\tslurOh\qu h\en
\end{music}
```

Simple slurs and ties have advantages in some cases: (1) They will always have the best possible shape, and (2) if \noteskip doesn't change from start to finish, they are easier to code. But they have drawbacks as well: (1) They are limited in length to 68 pt for slurs and 220 pt for ties, (2) their maximum vertical extent is 8 \internote, and (3) they may not extend across a line break. Despite all these limitations, simple slurs are extremely useful in many applications where the slurs are short and contained within a bar.

Simple slurs must be coded before the note on which the slur begins. The primary macro is $\backslash$ slur $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\} s l$ where $p_{1}$ and $p_{2}$ are respectively the initial and final pitches, $s$ is the sense (either "u" or "d"), and $l$ is the length, in noteskips. Thus, thirds slured in pairs can be coded

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { \NOtes\slur ced1\qu\{ce\}\en } \\
& \text { \NOtes\slur dfd1\qu\{df\}\en } \\
& \text { \NOtes\slur egd1\qu\{eg\}\en } \\
& \text { \NOtes\slur\{'e\}cu1\ql\{ec\}\en } \\
& \text { \NOtes\slur\{'d\}bu1\ql\{db\}\en } \\
& \text { \NOtes\slur\{'c\}au1\ql\{ca\}\en }
\end{aligned}
$$

which yields


There are similar commands to force simple versions of the other variants of font-based slurs and ties. Simple ties may be set using $\backslash$ tie $\{p\} s l$ (only one pitch is needed). Simple short slurs and short ties can be forced with the macros $\backslash s s l u r\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\} s l$ and $\backslash s t i e\{p\} s l$ respectively. Finally, simple beam slurs can be forced with $\backslash$ bslurs $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\} l$.

### 2.10.1.6 Limitations of font-based slurs

The change in altitude between slur initiation and slur termination is limited to $16 \backslash$ Internote. Thus unexpected vertical gaps can appear, as seen in


whose coding was

```
\NOTes\multnoteskip3\isluru0c\ql c\tslur0j\ql j\enotes
    \bar\NOTes\multnoteskip3\isluru0c\ql c\tslur0n\ql n\enotes
\NOTes\multnoteskip3\isluru0c\ql c\tslur0s\ql s\enotes
    \bar\NOTes\multnoteskip3\isluru0c\ql c\tslurOz\ql z\enotes
    \end{music}
```

Furthermore, if the slope becomes too steep, even worse results can occur, such as


Another limitation of font-based slurs crops up when one attempts to generate bitmapped versions for high-resolution printers: the characters for long ties can exceed METAFONT's maximum capacity.

### 2.10.2 Type K postscript slurs

All of the aforementioned limitations of font-based slurs can be circumvented by using Type K postscript slurs ${ }^{19}$. As well as slurs, the package includes ties and crescendos (see section 2.17.6). Its use is very similar to font-based slurs, and in fact identical if only the elementary slur and tie initiation and termination macros are used.

In order to use Type K postscript slurs, you must first place musixps.tex anywhere $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ can find it. You must also place psslurs.pro somewhere that dvips can find it.

The mxsk font is required for "half ties," which are special symbols that are used by default for the second portion of a tie that crosses a line break. If you like this treatment you must install the font in your $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ system. However, perfectly acceptable line-breaking ties will appear if you invoke \nohalfties, and then you will not have to install this font.

Once the software mentioned in the prior two paragraphs is emplaced and the $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ filename database is refreshed, the Type K package can be invoked by including the command \input musixps near the beginning of your source file. The resulting dvi file should then be converted into postscript using dvips. If desired, a PDF file can then be generated with ps2pdf, ghostscript, or Adobe Acrobat (see chapter 3 for more information on this).

Two minor inconveniences with Type K postscript slurs are that (1) they won't appear in any standard dvi previewer, and (2) they won't appear in PDF files generated with pdftex. The former limitation can be circumvented by using a postscript viewer such as GSview. The latter simply requires that you create an intermediate postscript file with dvips, then make the PDF with any of the software mentioned above.

[^23]
### 2.10.2.1 Initiating and terminating type K postscript slurs

Basic usage of type K slurs is the same as for font-based slurs. To initiate one, use for example \isluru0g to start an upper slur with ID 0 above a virtual note at pitch level g . To terminate one, use a command like \tslur0i which terminates the slur with ID 0 on a virtual note at pitch level i. Both types of commands are non-spacing and must precede the first or last note under the slur.

You can shift the starting or ending point slightly to the left or right by substituting one of the commands \ilsluru, \ilslurd, \irsluru, \irslurd, \trslur or \tlslur.

You can control the shape of Type K slurs with variants of the termination command. To make the slur a bit flatter than default use \tfslur0f; a bit higher, \thslur0f; higher still, \tHslur0f; or even higher, \tHHslur0f. These commands have an effect like \midslur does for font-based slurs.

All combinations of the shifting and curvature variants are allowed, e.g. \trHHslur.
The following examples demonstrate how much better the type K slurs perform in the extreme situations of the prior two typeset examples. The coding is exactly the same as above except that \input musixps has been added:
\begin\{music\}\nostartrule }
\input musixps
\startextract $\backslash N O T e s \backslash m u l t n o t e s k i p 3 \backslash i s l u r u 0 c \backslash q l ~ c \backslash t s l u r 0 s \backslash q l ~ s \backslash e n o t e s ~$


For maximal control over type K slurs, you can use one of the commands \iSlur npvh and \tSlur npvhca, where the characters in npvhca respectively stand for ID number, height, vertical offset, horizontal offset, curvature, and angularity. All offsets are in internote, and the slur direction is determined by the sign of the vertical offset. See the comments in musixps.tex for precise definitions of the other parameters. Examples of permissible forms for these commands are iSlur0c11 and tSlur0\{!d\}11\{.2\}0.

The next example shows how you can use iSlur in difficult circumstances:

with this coding:

```
\NOtes\irslurdO{'b}\zhl b\sk\zq{!e}\qu{'c}\en\bar
\NOtes\zh{'d}\zhu{'f}\off{7.2pt}\tlslur0{'b}\ql b\ql b\en\bar
```

```
%
\NOtes\irslurdO{'b}\zhl b\sk\zq{!e}\qu{'c}\en\bar
\NOtes\zh{'d}\zhu{'f}\off{7.2pt}\tlfslur0{'b}\ql b\ql b\en\bar
%
\NOtes\iSlurO{'b}{-.5}3\zhl b\sk\zq{!e}\qu{'c}\en\bar
\NOtes\zh{'d}\zhu{'f}\off{7.2pt}\tSlurO{'b}{.5}{-1}{.3}0\ql b\ql b\en
```

The ID number for a slur, tie or crescendo should normally range from 0 to 9 . If it is bigger than nine but less than 15 , the object can cross a line break but not a page break. If bigger than 14 but less than $2^{31}$, it can't be broken at all, nor can a slur termination be positioned at a beam with e.g. \tbsluru\{17684\}\{16\}; however \ibsluru\{152867\}\{16\} is OK.

It's also OK to have opened simultaneously a slur, tie and crescendo all with the same ID, or a slur, tie and decrescendo, but not a crescendo and decrescendo.

### 2.10.2.2 Type K postscript beam slurs

Type K beam slurs are defined differently than the font-based ones: They require as parameters both a slur ID number $n$ and a beam ID number $m$, but that's all. The commands are $\backslash i B s l u r u\{n\}\{m\}, \backslash i B s l u r d\{n\}\{m\}$, and $\backslash t B s l u r\{n\}\{m\}$. They must be placed after the beam initiation or termination command. Type K slurs may start on one beam and end on another. For example,

```
\Notes\ibuOi0\iBsluru00\qbO{eh}\tbu0\qbOi\ibu0j0\qbO{jl}\tbu0%
    \slurtext{6}\tBslur00\qb0e\en
```

produces


The above example also illustrates the use of the macro \slurtext. It has just one parametersome text to be printed-and it centers it just above or below the midpoint of the next slur that is closed. This works only for non-breaking slurs; if the slur is broken, the text disappears ${ }^{20}$.

### 2.10.2.3 Type K postscript ties

All of the foregoing Type K slur commands except the shape-changing ones have counterparts for ties. Simply replace "slur" with "tie", and for terminations omit the pitch parameter. Type K ties not only are positioned differently by default, but they also have different shapes than slurs. If you want to change the shape of a tie, redefine $\backslash$ pstiehgt from its default of 0.7.

### 2.10.2.4 Dotted type $K$ slurs and ties.

A slur or tie can be made dotted simply by entering \dotted anywhere before the beginning of the slur or tie. Only the first slur or tie following this command will be affected. On the other hand, if you enter \Dotted, then ALL slurs and ties from this point forward will be dotted until you say \Solid. Furthermore, inside \Dotted... \Solid you can make any individual slur or tie solid saying \solid before its beginning.

[^24]
### 2.10.2.5 Avoiding collisions of Type $K$ slurs and ties with staff lines.

In postscript it is possible to do some computations which would be very hard to implement directly in TeX . Type K slurs can use this facility to check whether the curve of a slur or tie is anywhere nearly tangent to any staff line, and if so, to adjust the altitude of the curve to avoid the collision. By default this feature is turned on. You can disable it either globally ( $\backslash$ Nosluradjust, \Notieadjust) or locally (\nosluradjust, \notieadjust), and you can also turn it back on globally (\Sluradjust, \Tieadjust) or locally (\sluradjust, \tieadjust). Here "locally" means that the command will only affect the next slur or tie to be opened.

### 2.10.2.6 Line breaking slurs and ties

Tyle K slurs and ties (and crescendos) going across line breaks are handled automatically. In fact they can go over more lines than two (this is true also for ties, though it would be somewhat strange).

There is a switch \ifslopebrkslurs that controls the default height of the end point of the first segment of all broken slurs. By default the height will be the same as the beginning. To have it raised by 3 internote, simply issue the command \slopebrkslurstrue. To revert to the default, use \slopebrkslursfalse.

To locally override the default height of the end of the first segment, use the command $\backslash$ breakslur $\{n\}\{p\}$, which sets the height for slur number $n$ to pitch $p$, just like with font-based slurs.

You can raise or lower the starting point of the second segment of a broken slur with the command \liftslur $\{n\}\{h\}$, with parameters slur ID and relative offset in \internotes measured from the slur beginning. Its effect is the same as \Liftslur for font-based slurs, except it is not necessary to code it within \atnextstaff $\}$, just anywhere inside the slur.

As already mentioned, anything with $\mathrm{ID}<10$ is broken fully automatically, but you should be careful about slurs, ties and crescendos with $10 \leq \mathrm{ID}<15$. These cannot cross page breaks, although they can cross line breaks.

If the second segment of a broken tie is less than 15 pt long, then by default it will have a special shape which begins horizontally. These shapes are called half ties and are contained in the font mxsk. Of course if they are to be used, the font files must be integrated into the $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ installation. Their use can be turned off with \nohalfties and back on with \halfties.

### 2.10.2.7 A few final technical details

Each \i... and \t... produces a \special command, which must be stored in TeX's main memory. Therefore, if too many slurs occur in one page, some memory problems could occur. The only solutions are to use BigTEX (if you aren't already), or to use font-based slurs.

Type K slurs need the postscript header file psslurs.pro to be included in the output postscript file. This is made to happen by the $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ command $\backslash$ special\{header=psslurs.pro\}, which is automatically included when you \input musixps. So normally this is not of concern. However if you wish to extract a subset of pages from the master dvi file using dvidvi, then you have three options: (1) include the first page in the subset, (2) manually issue the \special command in the $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ source for the first page of the subset, or (3) use the option -h psslurs.pro when you run dvips.

### 2.11 Bar Lines

### 2.11.1 Single, double, and invisible bar lines

The usual macro to typeset a single bar line is $\backslash$ bar. There is a possibility of confusion with a command in $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E} X}$ 's math mode that has exactly the same name. However, there will generally be no problem, because inside \startpiece. . \endpiece, \bar will take the musical meaning, while outside, it will have the mathematical one. If for some reason you need the math \bar inside, you can use \endcatcodesmusic...\bar...\catcodesmusic.

To typeset a double bar line with two thin rules, use \doublebar. You could also issue \setdoublebar to cause the next \bar (or \stoppiece, \alaligne, or \alapage) to be replaced by a double bar.

There is no specific command to print a thin-thick double bar line, but \setdoubleBAR will cause one in the same cases where \setdoublebar would cause a thin-thin double bar line.

To make the next bar line invisible, use \setemptybar before \bar.
You can suppress the beginning vertical rule with saying \nostartrule and restore the default with \startrule after that.

### 2.11.2 Simple discoutinuous bar lines

Normally, bars (as well as double bars, final bars and repeat bars) are drawn continuously from the bottom of the lowest staff of the lowest instrument to the top of the highest staff of the uppermost instrument. However, if desired, they can be made discontinuous between instruments by saying \sepbarrules. An example of this is given in avemaria.tex in section 2.19.

Continuous bar lines can be restored with \stdbarrules. In the extension library are some more types of bar rules, mainly for very old music, see section 2.23.15.

### 2.11.3 Elementary asynchronous bar lines

Situations may arise where the bar lines in different instruments are not aligned with one another. To set this up, first say \sepbarrules. Then use a combination of the following five commands:

- \hidebarrule $\{n\}$ hides the bar rule for instrument $n$, until this is changed by $\backslash$ showbarrule\{ $n\}$.
- \showbarrule $\{n\}$ stops hiding the bar rule for instrument $n$, until this is changed by $\backslash h i d e b a r r u l e\{n\}$.
- $\backslash$ Hidebarrule $\{n\}$ hides the bar rule for instrument $n$, only for the next bar.
- \Showbarrule $\{n\}$ shows the bar rule for instrument $n$ once only, and then resets it Hidebarrule.
- \showallbarrules resets all defined instruments to \showbarrule\{n\}. This command is automatically inserted with double bars, final bars and repeats.

Thus, this example

was obtained with the following coding:
\instrumentnumber3
\setmeter3\{\{\meterfrac\{3\}\{4\}\}\}
$\backslash$ setmeter2\{\{\meterfrac $\{2\}\{4\}\}\}$
$\backslash$ setmeter $1\{\{\backslash$ meterfrac $\{3\}\{8\}\}\}$
$\backslash$ nobarnumbers
\sepbarrules
\startextract
\NOtes\pt $f$ \qa $f \& \backslash q a f \& \backslash q a f$ \en
\hidebarrule2\hidebarrule3\bar
\NOtes\multnoteskip\{.333\}\Tqbu fff\&\qa f\& $\backslash q a \mathrm{f}$ \en
\showbarrule2\bar
\NOtes\pt $f$ \qa $f \& \backslash q a f \& \backslash q a f \backslash e n$
\hidebarrule2\showbarrule3\bar
\NOtes\multnoteskip\{.333\}\Tqbu fff\& ${ }^{\text {Sqa }} \mathrm{f} \& \backslash q a \mathrm{f} \backslash \mathrm{en}$
\showbarrule2\hidebarrule3\bar
$\backslash$ NOtes $\backslash p t$ f $\backslash q a f \& \backslash q a f \& \backslash q a f \backslash e n$
\hidebarrule2\bar
\NOtes\multnoteskip\{.333\}\Tqbu fff\&\qa f\& \qa $f$ \en
\setdoublebar
\bar\hidebarrule3
\NOtes \pt $f \backslash q a f \& \backslash q a f \& \backslash q a f \backslash e n$
\Hidebarrule2\bar

$\backslash$ bar
\NOtes\pt $f$ \qa $f \& \backslash q a f \& \backslash q a f \backslash e n$
\message\{Showbarrule3 coming\}\%
\Hidebarrule2\Showbarrule3\bar
\NOtes\multnoteskip\{.333\}\Tqbu fff\& ${ }^{\text {\qa }} \mathrm{f} \& \backslash q a \mathrm{f} \backslash \mathrm{en}$
$\backslash$ bar
\NOtes\pt $f$ \qa $f \& \backslash q a f \& \backslash q a f$ \en
\Hidebarrule2\bar
\NOtes\multnoteskip\{.333\}\Tqbu fff\&\qa f\& $\backslash q a \mathrm{f} \backslash \mathrm{en}$
\setrightrepeat
\zendextract

### 2.11.4 Dotted, dashed, and more general asynchronous and discontinuous bar lines

The extension package musixdbr.tex by Rainer Dunker provides commands for dashed, dotted, and arbitrarily discontinuous bar lines. It supports individual bar line settings for each instrument, multi-staff instruments, different sizes of staves, and even different numbers of lines per staff,

To use the package, you must \input musixdbr after musixtex, and execute the macro \indivbarrules which activates individual bar line processing. Then the following commands are available:

- \sepbarrule\{n\} separates bar lines of instrument $n$ from those of instrument $n-1$
- \condashbarrule $\{n\}$ connects bar lines of instrument $n$ to those of instrument $n-1$ with a dashed line
- \condotbarrule $\{n\}$ connects bar lines of instrument $n$ to those of instrument $n-1$ with a dotted line
- \conbarrule $\{n\}$ connects bar lines of instrument $n$ to those of instrument $n-1$
- \hidebarrule\{n\} hides bar lines of instrument $n$
- \showdashbarrule\{n\} dashes bar lines of instrument $n$
- \showdotbarrule $\{n\}$ dots bar lines of instrument $n$
- \showbarrule\{n\} shows bar lines of instrument $n$
- \sepmultibarrule $\{n\}$ separates bar lines within multistaff instrument $n$
- \condashmultibarrule $\{n\}$ dashes bar lines between staves of multistaff instrument $n$
- \condotmultibarrule\{n\} dots bar lines between staves of multistaff instrument $n$
- \conmultibarrule\{n\} shows bar lines between staves of multistaff instrument $n$
- \allbarrules[any of the above commands, without numerical parameter] sets bar line style for all instruments together.

Dashing and dotting style may be changed by redefining the macros $\backslash$ barlinedash or \barlinedots respectively (see original definitions in musixdbr.tex).

Here is an example of the use of these macros:


This is the code:
\input musixdbr
\instrumentnumber4\setstaffs23\setstaffs32\setlines14\setsize2\tinyvalue
\indivbarrules $\backslash$ parindentOpt $\backslash$ startextract
\% normal barlines
\bar
\% separate instrument 2 from 1
\sepbarrule2
\notes\en\bar
\% barlines on staves
\allbarrules\sepbarrule
\allbarrules \sepmultibarrule
\allbarrules\showbarrule
$\backslash$ NOTes $\backslash e n \backslash$ bar
\% barlines between staves
\allbarrules \conbarrule
\allbarrules \conmultibarrule
\allbarrules $\backslash$ hidebarrule
$\backslash$ NoTes \en\bar
\% dashed barlines on staves
\allbarrules\sepbarrule
\allbarrules\sepmultibarrule
\allbarrules\showdashbarrule
\NOTes\en\bar
\% dashed barlines between staves
\allbarrules \condashbarrule
\allbarrules \condashmultibarrule
$\backslash a l l b a r r u l e s \backslash h i d e b a r r u l e ~$
$\backslash$ NoTes $\backslash e n \backslash$ bar
\% dotted barlines on staves
\allbarrules \sepbarrule

```
\allbarrules\sepmultibarrule
\allbarrules\showdotbarrule
\NOTes\en\bar
% dotted barlines between staves
\allbarrules\condotbarrule
\allbarrules\condotmultibarrule
\allbarrules\hidebarrule
\NOTes\en\bar
% a wild mixture of all
\showdotbarrule1\hidebarrule2\showdashbarrule3\showbarrule4%
\condashbarrule2\conbarrule3\condotbarrule4%
\condashmultibarrule2\sepmultibarrule3%
\NOTes\en\bar
% conventional ending
\allbarrules\showbarrule
\allbarrules\conbarrule
\allbarrules\conmultibarrule
\NOTes\en\setdoubleBAR\zendextract
```


### 2.12 Bar numbering

The current bar number is stored in a count register call \barno. When \startpiece is encountered, \barno is set equal to another count register called \startbarno, whose default value is one. Therefore, if you want the first bar to have a number $n$ different from 1, you may either say \startbarno= $n$ before \startpiece, or say $\backslash$ barno $=n$ afterwards, but before the first bar line. You may also alter the bar number at any time, either by explicitly resetting \barno, or by incrementing it with a command like \advance\barno-1.

MusiXTEX supports two distinct modes for printing bar numbers. In periodic bar numbering, the bar number is placed above the top staff with a user-selectable frequency. In system bar numbering, the number will appear at the beginning of each system.

### 2.12.1 Periodic bar numbering

In a normal piece, periodic bar number printing is turned on by default, with a frequency of one. In an extract, the default is to not print bar numbers. To turn off bar numbering say \nobarnumbers. To reinstate periodic bar numbering, or to initiate it in an extract, say $\backslash$ barnumbers. To change to a different frequency $n$, say \def $\backslash f r e q b a r n o\{n\}$.

The appearance and positioning of the bar number is controlled by the token \writethebarno, which by default is defined as
\def \writethebarno\{\fontbarno\the\barno\kernm\qn@width\} where the font is defined as $\backslash$ def $\backslash f o n t b a r n o\{\backslash i t\}$. You can change either of these as desired, for example

which was coded as

## $\backslash$ barnumbers

\Notes \Dqbu gh\Dqbl jh\en
$\backslash$ notes $\backslash$ Dqbbu $\mathrm{fg} \backslash$ Dqbbl hk\en\bar

```
\Notes\Tqbu ghi\Tqbl mmj\en
\def\fontbarno{\bf}%
\notes\Tqbbu fgj\Tqbbl njh\en\bar
\Notes\Qqbu ghjh\Qqbl jifh\en\bar
\notes\Qqbbu fgge\Qqbbl jhgi\en
```


### 2.12.2 System bar numbering

To have a bar number printed just above the beginning of each system, use \systemnumbers. The distance above the staff is controlled by \raisebarno, which by default is 4 \internote (to fit above a treble clef). This can be redefined with the command \def $\backslash$ raisebarno\{any $T_{E} X$ dimension\}. The horizontal position similarly is defined by \shiftbarno which by default is 0pt.

The number normally is enclosed in a box. If you don't like that, you may redefine the macro \writebarno which by default is defined as \def \writebarno\{\boxit\{\eightbf \the $\backslash$ barno\barnoadd\}\}.
This uses the utility MusiXTEX macro \boxit which will enclose any text string in a box.
Here are some possible alternate formats for system bar numbers:
(a)

(b)

(c)


This was coded as
(a) (default)
(b) \def\writebarno\{\tenrm\the\barno\barnoadd\}\%
\def \raisebarno\{2\internote\}\%
\def \shiftbarno\{2.5\Interligne\}\%
(c) \def\writebarno\{\llap\{\tenbf \the $\backslash$ barno\barnoadd $\}$ \}\%
\def \raisebarno\{2\internote\}\%
\def \shiftbarno\{1.3\Interligne\}\%

If the previous line does not stop with a bar rule, then the next printed system bar number will immediately be followed by the contents of the token \writezbarno, whose default setting is the lower case character ' $a$ '. You might want to change this to ' + ', in which case you should say \def\writezbarno\{+\}.

### 2.13 Managing the layout of your score

### 2.13.1 Line and page breaking

If every bar ends with \bar and no other line- or page-breaking commands are used, then the external program musixflx will decide where to insert line and page breaks. Line breaks will only come at bar lines. The total number of lines will depend on the initial value of \elemskip, which by default is 6 pt in \normalmusicsize.

You can force a line or page break by replacing \bar with \alaligne or \alapage respectively. On the other hand, to forbid line-breaking at a particular bar, replace \bar with $\backslash x b a r$. To force a
line or page break where there is no bar line, use \zalaligne or \zalapage. To mark any mid-bar location as an optional line-breaking point, use \zbar.

The heavy final double bar of a piece is one of the consequences of \Endpiece or \Stoppiece. If you just want to terminate the text with a simple bar, say \stoppiece or \endpiece. To terminate it with no bar line at all, code \zstoppiece.

Once you have stopped the score by any of these means, you may want to restart it, and there are several ways to do so. If you don't need to change the key signature, meter, or clef, you can use \contpiece for no indentation, or \Contpiece to indent by \parindent. If you do want to change some score attribute that takes up space, for example with \generalsignature after \stoppiece, then to restart you must use \startpiece. However, if you don't want \barno reset to 1 , you must save its new starting value to \startbarno. You may also wish to modify instrument names or \parindent before restarting.

Recall that thin-thin or thin-thick double bars or blank bar lines can be inserted without stopping by using the commands described in section 2.11.1. Those commands can also be used before \stoppiece, \alaligne, or \alapage

### 2.13.2 Page layout

Blank space above and below each staff is controlled by the dimension registers \stafftopmarg and \staffbotmarg. For more info see section 2.20.

The macro \raggedbottom will remove all vertical glue and compact everything toward the top of page. In contrast, the macro \normalbottom will restore default behavior, in which vertical space between the systems is distributed so that the first staff on the page is all the way at the top and the last staff all the way at the bottom.

The macro \musicparskip will allow the existing space between systems to increase by up to $5 \backslash$ Interligne.

The following values of page layout parameters will allow the maximum material to fit on each page, provided the printer allows the margins that are implied.

| A4 | letter | A4 or letter |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \parindent $=0 \mathrm{pt}$ |  |  |
| \hoffset $=-15.4 \mathrm{~mm}$ |  |  |
| \voffset= $=-10 \mathrm{~mm}$ |  |  |
| \hsize $=190 \mathrm{~mm}$ | \hsize $=196 \mathrm{~mm}$ | \hsize $=190 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| \vsize $=260 \mathrm{~mm}$ | \vsize $=247 \mathrm{~mm}$ | \vsize $=247 \mathrm{~mm}$ |

### 2.13.3 Page numbering, headers and footers

There are no special page numbering facilities in MusiXXTEX; you must rely on macros from plain $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$. There is a count register in $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ called $\backslash$ pageno. It is always initialized to 1 and incremented by one at every page break. By saying $\backslash$ pageno $=n$, it can be reset to any value at any time, and will continue to be incremented from the new value.

By default, $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ will place a page number on every page, centered at the bottom. Unfortunately, this is not the preferred location according to any standard practice. To suppress this default behavior, say \nopagenumbers.

One way to initiate page numbering in a more acceptable location is to take advantage of the facts that (a) $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ prints the contents of the control sequences \headline and $\backslash$ footline at the top and bottom respectively of every page, and (b) the value of \pageno can be printed by saying $\backslash f o l i o$. Therefore, for example, the following sequence of commands, issued anywhere before the
end of the first page, will cause page numbers and any desired text to be printed at the top of every page, alternating between placement of the number at the left and right margins, and alternating between the two different text strings (the capitalized text in the example):

```
\nopagenumbers
\headline={\ifodd\pageno\rightheadline\else\leftheadline\fi}%
\def\rightheadline{\tenrm\hfil RIGHT RUNNING HEAD\hfil\folio}%
\def\leftheadline{\tenrm\folio\hfil LEFT RUNNING HEAD\hfil}%
\voffset=2\baselineskip
```


### 2.13.4 Controlling the total number of systems and pages

Once all the notes are entered into a MusiXTEX score, it would be convenient if there were a simple sequence of commands to cause a specified number of systems to be uniformly distributed over a specified number of pages. Unfortunately that's not directly possible ${ }^{21}$. Rather, some trial and error will usually be required to achieve the desired final layout. To this end, some combination of the following strategies may be used:

1. Assign a value to the count register \linegoal representing the total number of systems. The count register $\backslash$ mulooseness must be 0 if using \linegoal.
2. Explicitly force line and page breaking as desired, using the macros \alaligne, \alapage, \zalaligne or \zalapage.
3. Adjust both \mulooseness and the initial value of \elemskip: increasing \mulooseness from its default of 0 will increase the total number of systems, while changing the initial value of \elemskip (use \showthe\elemskip to find its default value) may change the total number of systems accordingly.

### 2.14 Changing clefs, key signatures, and meters

### 2.14.1 Introduction

To define clefs, key signatures, or meters at the start of a piece, or to change one or more of these attributes ${ }^{22}$ anywhere else in a score, MusiXTEX requires two steps. The first step is to set the new values of the attributes. Most of the commands for this have the form \set... . They will be described in the following subsections.

But this alone will not cause anything to be changed or printed. The second step is to activate the change. This is done by issuing one of the following commands (outside \notes...\en): \startpiece, \startextract, \contpiece, \Contpiece, \alaligne, \alapage, \zalaligne, \zalapage, \changecontext, \Changecontext, \zchangecontext, \changesignature, \changeclefs, or \zchangeclefs. Most of these perform other functions as well, and some may be used even when no attributes change. Features unrelated to changing attributes are detailed elsewhere. The first 11 will activate all pending new attributes. If more than one type is activated by a single command in this manner, then regardless of the order they were set, they will always appear in the following order: clef, key signature, meter. The last three commands in the above list obviously activate only the specific type of attribute referred to in the name of the command.

The macros \changecontext, \Changecontext, \zchangecontext will respectively insert a single, double, or invisible bar line before printing the attributes.

[^25]
### 2.14.2 Key Signatures

We've already seen in section 2.1.3 how to set key signatures for all instruments with \generalsignature, or for specific instruments with \setsign. As just noted, these commands only prepare for the insertion of the signatures into the score; it is really \startpiece that puts them in place at the beginning of the score.

The commands \generalsignature and \setsign also serve to set new key signature(s) anywhere in score. The change can then be activated with one of the 11 general commands listed above, or with \changesignature if in the middle of a bar. While neither \changesignature nor \zchangecontext prints a bar line, the differences are that the latter increments the bar number counter and inserts a horizontal space of \afterruleskip after the new signature(s). All of these options will repost signatures that have not been changed.

Normally, changing a signature from flats to sharps or vice-versa, or reducing the number of sharps or flats, will produce the appropriate set of naturals to indicate what has been suppressed. This standard feature can be temporarily inhibited by the command \ignorenats issued right before the change-activating command.

Here is an example showing various possibilities for changing key signatures. Note the comments between the code lines.

```
\instrumentnumber2\setstaffs22%
\setclef1{\bass}\generalsignature2%
\startextract
\Notes\qu K&\qu d|\qu e\en
% Signature change in a single instrument with two staves.
% Naturals appear by default, indicating cancelled sharps.
\setsign20\changesignature
\Notes\qu J&\qu d|\qu e\en
% When changing signature in the middle of a bar and no naturals
% are posted, the new signature can be confused with a simple accidental.
\setsign11\ignorenats\changesignature
\Notes\qu M&\qu d|\qu e\en
% New signatures after a double bar line
\generalsignature{-2}\Changecontext%
\Notes\qu K&\qu d|\qu e\en%
\Notes\qu K&\qu d|\qu e\en%
% New signatures after an invisible bar line. Note the
% difference in spacing compared with beat 3 of the prior measure
\generalsignature{1}\zchangecontext%
\Notes\qu K&\qu d|\qu e\en%
```



### 2.14.3 Clefs

Macros that define clefs have already been discussed in section 2.1.3. By way of review, here are all of the possible clefs (applied to the lowest staff):


Just as with key signatures, these commands only prepare for clef changes. To activate them, any of the first 11 commands listed in section 2.14 .1 could be used. However, one should keep in mind that according to modern conventions, a clef change at a bar line is posted before the bar line, while for example \changecontext would post it after the bar line. In part for this reason, we have the special command \changeclefs. It can be used anywhere outside \notes... \enotes to activate a clef change and insert an amount of horizontal space to accommodate the new clef symbol(s), without printing a bar line. Sometimes no added space is required, in which case $\backslash$ zchangeclefs should be used.

Here are some examples of clef changes:

```
\instrumentnumber2\setstaffs22%
\setclef1{\bass}\generalsignature2%
\startextract
% Change in one staff only, with added space
\setclef1\treble\changeclefs%
\Notes\qu k&\qu e|\cu{.d}\ccu{e}\en%
% Combined with signature change, also no extra space needed
% twice the same clef in staff 2 - with the help of a blank clef
\setclef28\zchangeclefs\setclef2\treble%
\setclef1\bass\zchangeclefs\setsign1{-2}\setsign2{-2}%
\ignorenats\changesignature%
\Notes\qu K&\cu{de}|\qu e\en%
% clef change before barline
\setclef1\treble\zchangeclefs\bar%
\Notes\qu k&\cu{de}|\qu e\en%
% clef change after barline
\setclef1\bass\bar\changeclefs%
\Notes\qu K&\cu{de}|\qu e\en%
% clef change after barline with changecontext
\setclef1\treble\changecontext%
\Notes\cu k&\cu d|\qu e\en%
% twice the same clef
\setclef18\zchangeclefs\setclef1\treble\changeclefs%
\Notes\cu k&\cu e |\en%
\zendextract
```

[^26]

Of course the examples in the last two bars are contrary to accepted practice.
Clef changes initiated with the \setclef command have several features in common. When activated after the beginning of the piece, the printed symbol is smaller than the normal one used at the beginning of the piece. Also, MusiXTEX automatically adjusts vertical positions of noteheads consistent with the new clef.

There is an additional group of macros for setting new clefs which does not share either of these features. In other words, they will always print full sized symbols, and they won't change the vertical positions of noteheads from what they would have been before the new symbol was printed. We could call this process "clef symbol substitution", because all it does is print a different symbol (or no symbol at all) in place of the underlying clef which was set in the normal way.

You'll need to use clef symbol substitution if you want to have a so-called octave treble clef or octave bass clef, i.e., one containing a numeral 8 above or below the normal symbol. The syntax for setting upper octaviation is \setbassclefsymbol $\{n\} \backslash$ bassoct or \settrebleclefsymbol $\{n\} \backslash$ trebleoct; for lower octaviation it is $\backslash$ setbassclefsymbol $\{n\} \backslash$ basslowoct or $\backslash$ settrebleclefsymbol $\{n\} \backslash$ treblelowoct. Because these sequences act to replace normal bass or treble clefs with a different symbol, they require that the normal clefs be set first. For example

\parindent 19mm
\instrumentnumber\{4\}
\generalmeter\{\empty\}
\setclef1\bass \setclef2\bass
\setclef3\treble \setclef4\treble
\setbassclefsymbol1\basslowoct
\setbassclefsymbol2\bassoct
\settrebleclefsymbol3\treblelowoct
\settrebleclefsymbol4\trebleoct
\startextract
\Notes\qu\{'abcdefghi\}\&\qu\{'abcdefghi\}\%
$\& \backslash q u\{a b c d e f g h i\} \& \backslash q u\{a b c d e f g h i\} \& \backslash e n o t e s ~$
Another application of clef symbol substitution is to cause no clef to be printed, as for example might be desired in percussion music, This can be accomplished with \setclefsymbol\{n\}\empty, which once activated would replace all clef symbols in the first (lowest) staff of instrument $n$ with blanks.

Normal symbols for those clefs that have been substituted can be restored by \resetclefsymbols.

Four other small clef symbols are available: \smalltrebleoct, \smalltreblelowoct, \smallbassoct, and \smallbasslowoct. They look just like the corresponding normal-sized symbols, and are useful by clef symbol substitution for clef changes after the beginning of a piece, as
demonstrated in the following example.
The various clef symbol substitution commands can only be used to substitute for treble, alto, or bass clefs.

In the following example, (1) is two normal clef changes. At (2) the clef is first changed back to treble and then the \treblelowoct symbol is substituted by using \settrebleclefsymbol. When changing the clef away from treble and then back as at (3), the substitution symbol is still in force. At (4), \resetclefsymbols cancels the symbol substitution. If using \setclefsymbol all available clefs are changed to the same symbol, as you can see in the three clefs after (5) in comparison with (2). These also illustrate the use of the small octave clef symbol. Obviously the second clef after (5) is nonsense; \resetclefsymbols puts matters in order at (6) and (7).


This is the code:

```
\begin{music}\nostartrule
\instrumentnumber1\setclef1\bass
\startpiece
\notes\zchar{-5}{1}\qu H\en\setclef1\treble\changeclefs
\notes\qu i\en\setclef1\bass\changeclefs\bar
\notes\zchar{-5}{2}\qu J\en
\setclef1\treble\settrebleclefsymbol1\treblelowoct\changeclefs
\notes\qu i\en\setclef1\bass\changeclefs\bar
\notes\zchar{-5}{3}\qu I\en\setclef1\treble\changeclefs
\notes\qu i\en\setclef1\bass\changeclefs\bar
\notes\zchar{-5}{4}\qu J\en\resetclefsymbols\setclef1\treble\changeclefs
\notes\qu i\en\setclef1\bass\changeclefs\doublebar
\notes\zchar{-5}{5}\qu J\en
\setclef1\treble\setclefsymbol1\smalltreblelowoct\changeclefs
\notes\qu i\en\setclef1\bass\changeclefs\bar
\notes\qu I\en\setclef1\treble\changeclefs
\notes\zchar{-5}{6}\qu i\en\resetclefsymbols\setclef1\bass\changeclefs\bar
\notes\zchar{-5}{7}\qu J\en\setclef1\treble\changeclefs
\notes\qu i\en
\endpiece
```


### 2.14.4 Meter changes

As mentioned in section 2.1.3, a common meter for all staves can be specified by $\backslash$ generalmeter $\{m\}$, where $m$ denotes the meter. On the other hand, meter changes in specific staves are implemented with $\backslash \operatorname{setmeter}\{n\}\{\{m 1\}\{m 2\}\{m 3\}\{m 4\}\}$, where $n$ is the number of the instrument, $m 1$ specifies the meter of the first (lowest) staff, $m 2$ the second staff, and so forth. (Only enter as many $m$ 's as necessary.)

Since meter changes are meaningful only across bars, there is no special command to activate a new meter; rather, they are activated with the general commands \changecontext, etc., listed in section 2.14.1.

The next example shows a few methods to get a meter change, in all staves or in a single staff.

```
\instrumentnumber2\setstaffs22%
\generalmeter{\meterfrac{4}{4}\meterfrac{2}{4}\meterfrac{1}{4}}%
```

```
\setclef1{\bass}\generalsignature2%
\startextract
\setmeter1{{\meterfrac{2}{4}}}%
\setmeter2{{\lower2pt\hbox{\meterfrac{\Bigtype 2}{}}}%
{\meterfrac{3}{4}}}\changecontext
\Notes\qu K&\cu{de}|\qu e\en
% bar 11
% Meters, clefs, and key signatures.
% All 3 clefs after bar (probably bad form) if no changeclefs
\setmeter1{{\meterfrac{2}{8}}}%
\setmeter2{{\meterfrac{3}{6}}{\meterfrac{3}{8}}}%
\setsign2{-1}%
% How to force showing the bass clef?
\setclef1\bass\setclef2{23}%
\Changecontext
\Notes\qu K&\cu{de}|\qu e\en
% bar 12
% Meters, clefs, and key signatures, with clef before the bar.
% Maybe not best form if signatures are involved
\setmeter1{{\meterfrac{2}{4}}}%
\setmeter2{{\meterfrac{3}{8}}{\meterfrac{3}{6}}}%
\setsign2{-1}%
\setclef1\treble\zchangeclefs\changecontext
\Notes\qu k&\cu{de}|\qu e\en
```



### 2.15 Repeats

To replace a bar line with a left, right, or left-right repeat, use one of the commands \leftrepeat, \rightrepeat or \leftrightrepeat in place of \bar. If a \leftrepeat happens to come at the end of a system, it will automatically be moved to the start of the next system. If a \leftrightrepeat happens to come at the end if a system, MusiXTEX will automatically post a right repeat at the end of the system and a left repeat at the beginning of the next.

For example,

has been coded as:
$\backslash N O T e s \backslash h a g \backslash e n o t e s$

```
\leftrepeat
\NOTes\ha h\enotes
\leftrightrepeat
\NOTes\ha i\enotes
\rightrepeat
\NOTEs\wh j\enotes
```

To insert a right repeat at a forced line break or at the end of a piece, use \setrightrepeat before \alaligne or \endpiece. In contrast, to insert a left repeat at a forced line break or at the beginning of a piece, simply use \leftrepeat immediately after \startpiece or \alaligne. To insert a left-right repeat at a forced line break, use \setrightrepeat \alaligne\leftrepeat.

In fact it is possible to use \setleftrepeat, \setrightrepeat or \setleftrightrepeat before any \bar, \stoppiece or \changecontext. But be aware that while \setleftrepeat behaves properly if the bar is at the end of a system, \setleftrightrepeat does not, placing the symbol only at the end of the system.

### 2.15.1 First and second endings (Voltas)

All volta commands must be entered right before the bar line command (or repeat, etc.) where they are to take effect. There are three commands that suffice to set all voltas. To start one, use $\backslash$ Setvolta\{text\}; to terminate it with or without a vertical line, use \endvolta or \endvoltabox respectively. The text by default will be followed by a period. There are also various alternate commands (e.g., \setendvoltabox is equivalent to endvoltabox). Some such alternate forms are used in the following example, but the first three mentioned above are all that are required:


This was coded as

```
\startpiece \addspace\afterruleskip
\NOTEs\wh a\en\bar
\NOTEs\wh b\en\setvoltabox{1.-3}\bar
\NOTEs\wh c\en\setvolta4\setendvolta\rightrepeat
\NOTEs\wh d\en\doublebar
\NOTEs\wh e\en\bar
\NOTEs\wh f\en\leftrepeat
\NOTEs\wh g\en\bar
\NOTEs\wh h\en\Setvolta1\bar
\NOTEs\wh i\en\bar
\NOTEs\wh j\en\Setvolta2\setendvoltabox\rightrepeat
\NOTEs\wh i\en\bar
\NOTEs\wh h\en\setendvoltabox
\Endpiece
```

If the volta only spans one measure and ends without a vertical segment, it can be specified simply by saying \setvolta\{text $\}$ before the bar line command that starts it, and it will automatically terminate at the second bar line command:

which was coded as:

```
\parindent0pt \startpiece \addspace\afterruleskip
\NOTEs\wh a\en\bar
\NOTEs\wh b\en\setvolta{1.-3}\bar \NOTEs\wh c\en\setvolta4\rightrepeat
\NOTEs\wh d\en\bar
\NOTEs\wh e\en\Endpiece
```

The height above the top staff line of the horizontal line in a volta symbol is determined by the token \raisevolta which is 4 \internote by default. You can change this to any desired dimension.

The period after the text can be removed by saying \def \voltadot\{\} and restored by \def \voltadot\{.\}.

### 2.15.2 Special symbols for repeating long sections

Four special symbols and corresponding macros are available, namely \coda $p$, \Coda $p$, and $\backslash$ segno $p$, where $p$ specifies the pitch; and \Segno with no argument. Their behavior is illustrated in this example:

which has been coded:
\NOtes\segno m\enotes\bar
\NOtes\coda m\enotes
\NOtes\Segno\enotes\bar
\NOtes\Coda m\enotes

### 2.15.3 Repeating a single bar

The special symbol for a single bar repeat is generated by \duevolte, as shown in the following example:

whose coding is:

```
\generalmeter\meterC
\setclef1\bass\setstaffs1{2}
\startextract
\NOtes\sk\sk\pause|\qa{cegj}\en
\bar\NOtes\qa{cdef}|\sk\hsk\duevolte\en
\endextract
```

This is often used with \centerbar to more easily center the symbol between bar lines, as shown in the example in section 2.6.3.

### 2.16 Font selection and text placement

### 2.16.1 Predefined text fonts

While any $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ font can be used by MusiXT $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$, there are certain styles and sizes that can be selected using shortcut commands. For ordinary text the shortcuts cover fonts of eight different sizes and three styles. The sizes in points are $8,9,10,12,14,17,20$, and 25 ; the styles are from the standard Computer Modern family: Roman, bold and italic. The four smallest sizes are each available in all three styles, while the larger sizes, which are intended for titles, are available only in bold style. The size selection macros from smallest to biggest are \smalltype, \Smalltype, \normtype, \medtype, \bigtype, \Bigtype, \BIgtype and \BIGtype. Following size selection, the style may be selected or changed using \rm (Roman), \bf (bold) or \it (italic). If no style is explicitly selected, Roman style will be used for the sizes \medtype or smaller. For the larger sizes, only bold style is provided and no style selection is required. Thus, for example, eight point italic is selected with \smalltype\it, while twelve point Roman is selected using \medtype\rm or simply \medtype. To change between styles while maintaining the same size, code \rm, \it or \bf as in Plain $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E} X}$. When MusiXTEX is started, the default font for ordinary text is ten point Roman, equivalent to \normtype $\backslash r m$.

Another group of fonts, in bold extended italic style, is predefined in point sizes $10,12,14$, and 17 for dynamic markings. The appropriate font for the current staff size may be selected simply by using \ppff as a font specification. Macros \smalldyn, \normdyn, or \meddyn may be used to redefine $\backslash p p f f$ to represent one of the smallest three.

All predefined fonts are summarized in the following table. The second column gives an explicit control sequence that can alternatively be used locally as a font specification.

| Size and style | Font specification | Example |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \smalltype | \eightrm | small Roman |
| \smalltype\bf | \eightbf | small bold |
| \smalltype\it | \eightit | small italic |
| $\backslash$ Smalltype | \ninerm | Small Roman |
| \Smalltype\bf | $\backslash$ ninebf | Small bold |
| \Smalltype\it | $\backslash$ nineit | Small italic |
| \normtype | \tenrm | normal Roman |
| \normtype\bf | \tenbf | normal bold |
| \normtype\it | \tenit | normal italic |
| $\backslash$ \medtype | \twelverm | medium Roman |
| $\backslash$ medtype\bf | \twelvebf | medium bold |
| $\backslash$ medtype\it | \twelveit | medium italic |
| \bigtype | \bigfont | big bold |
| \Bigtype | \Bigfont | Big bold |
| \BIgtype | \BIgfont | BIg bold |
| \BIGtype | $\backslash \mathrm{BIGfont}$ | BIG bold |
| \smalldyn | $\backslash p p f f$ sixteen | $p p$ ff diminuendo |
| \normdyn | \ppfftwenty | $p p$ ff crescendo |
| $\backslash$ meddyn | \ppfftwentyfour | $p p$ ff crescendo |
|  | \ppfftwentynine | pp ff diminuendo |

### 2.16.2 User-defined text fonts

Since MusiXTEX is a superset of $T_{E} X$, you are free to use the standard $T_{E} X$ machinery for defining and using any special font you desire. You must first of course ensure that (a) all the necessary font files (e.g., bla10.tfm, bla10.pfb, or equivalents) are installed in the right places in your system, (b) all configuration files (e.g., config.ps or equivalent) have been updated, and (c) the $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ system has been "rehashed". Then you can use the font just as in any $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ document, e.g. by


You might also wish to replace once and for all the typefaces invoked by the commands described in the previous section. Again, before doing this, you must follow steps (a-c) of the previous paragraph for all fonts in questions. You can use the standard bitmapped fonts which are converted to postscript by e.g. dvips, but you also may replace them by native postscript fonts.

As an example, you can replace the standard musixtex fonts by the Times series of fonts as follows:
\% 8pt roman, bold, and italic
\font $\backslash$ eightrm=ptmr7t at 8pt
\font $\backslash e i g h t b f=p t m b 7 t$ at $8 p t$
\font $\backslash$ eightit=ptmri7t at 8pt
\% 9pt
$\backslash f o n t \backslash$ ninerm $=$ ptmr 7 t at 9 pt
\font $\backslash$ ninebf $=$ ptmb7t at 9pt
$\backslash$ font $\backslash$ nineit=ptmri7t at 9 pt
\% 10pt
\font $\backslash$ tenrm $=p t m r 7 t$
\font $\backslash$ tenbf=ptmb7t
\font $\backslash$ tenit=ptmri7t
\% 12pt
\font $\backslash$ twelverm=ptmr7t scaled $\backslash$ magstep 1
$\backslash$ font $\backslash$ twelvebf=ptmb7t scaled $\backslash$ magstep 1
$\backslash f o n t \backslash t w e l v e i t=p t m r i 7 t$ scaled $\backslash$ magstep 1
\% Large fonts for titles : normal shaped Times-Roman fonts are applied
\font $\backslash$ bigfont=ptmr7t scaled $\backslash$ magstep2 \% 14pt
\font $\backslash$ Bigfont=ptmr7t scaled $\backslash$ magstep3 \% 17pt
\font $\backslash$ BIgfont=ptmr7t scaled \magstep4 \% 20pt
\font $\backslash$ BIGfont=ptmr7t scaled $\backslash$ magstep5 \% 25pt
\%
\normtype
The above definitions are made available in a file musixtmr.tex ${ }^{24}$, to be used as
\input musixtex
\input musixps
\input musixtmr
Here's a comparison of some of the Computer Modern Roman and Times Roman fonts:

| normal (10pt) cm Roman | normal Times Roman |
| :--- | :--- |
| normal cm bold | normal Times bold |
| normal cm italic | normal Times italic |
| cm big | Times big |
| cm BIg | Times BIg bold |

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### 2.16.3 Text placement

Special macros are provided to allow precise placement of any $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ text, vertically relative to the staff, and horizontally relative to any note in the staff.

The macros in the first group will vertically position the text with the baseline at any specified pitch or staff line. They must be used inside \notes... \enotes. They will not insert any additional horizontal space. They have the forms \zcharnote\{p\}\{text\}, \lcharnote\{p\}\{text\}, and $\backslash c c h a r n o t e\{p\}\{t e x t\}$, where $p$ is the pitch. With the first one, text will spill to the right from the current insertion point, with the second it will spill to the left, and with the third it will be centered horizontally.

There are similar macros $\backslash$ zchar $\{p\}\{t e x t\}, \backslash 1 \operatorname{char}\{p\}\{t e x t\}$, and $\backslash c c h a r\{p\}\{t e x t\}$, which differ from the previous three in that the pitch must be given with a number (representing the number of staff positions up from the lowest line), and that the number need not be an integer.

To vertically position any text midway between two consecutive staves, use \zmidstaff $\{t e x t\}$, $\backslash 1 m i d s t a f f\{t e x t\}$, or $\backslash c m i d s t a f f\{t e x t\}$ at the appropriate point in the lower staff.

The macros \uptext\{text\} and \Uptext\{text\} are simply shorthands for \zchar\{10\}\{text\} and $\backslash z c h a r\{14\}\{t e x t\}$ respectively.

The text items handled by all of the above macros can include any appropriate string of $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ control sequences, including font definitions, \hbox'es, etc.

Material posted with any of the macros described in this section will not create any additional horizontal or vertical space within the current system, and will overwrite anything in the current system that gets in the way. It is the typesetter's responsibility to ensure there is adequate white space within the current system to accommodate any text emplaced with these macros. On the other hand, if text is emplaced far above or below a system, $\mathrm{MusiXX}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ will usually insert additional vertical space if needed.

### 2.16.4 Rehearsal marks

Rehearsal marks are usually boxed or circled uppercase letters or digits. They can be defined using the macros \boxit\{text\} or \circleit\{text\}. For boxed text, the margin between the text and box is controlled by the dimension register \boxitsep, which can be reset to any $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ dimension if the default value of 3pt is unsatisfactory. To emplace the mark, use \Uptext or any of the other macros defined in the previous section.

### 2.17 Miscellaneous other notations

### 2.17.1 Metronomic indications

By way of example, the notations $\quad d .=60$ and $\quad \boldsymbol{\bullet}=\boldsymbol{\downarrow}$ are respectively coded as \metron\{\hup\}\{60\} and \metronequiv\{\qup\}\{\qu\}, which are normally emplaced using \Uptext.

Also, you can set a smaller metronomic indication like $\quad d=$ ca. $72 \quad$ or $\quad d=$ ca. $72 \quad$ by writing \metron\{\smallnotesize\lqu\}\{ca. 72$\}$ or $\backslash$ metron\{\tinynotesize\lqu\}\{ca. 72$\}$.

### 2.17.2 Accents

You may use ${ }^{25}$

[^28]- $\backslash u p z\{p\}$ (upper staccato) to put a dot above a note head at pitch $p$,
- $\backslash \operatorname{lpz}\{p\}$ (lower staccato) to put a dot below a note head at pitch $p$,
- \usf\{p\} (upper sforzando) to put a > accent above a note head at pitch $p$,
- $\backslash l \operatorname{lsf}\{p\}$ (lower sforzando) to put a $>$ accent below a note head at pitch $p$,
- \ust\{p\} (upper tenuto) to put a hyphen above a note head at pitch $p$,
- \list $\{p\}$ (lower tenuto) to put a hyphen below a note head at pitch $p$,
- \uppz\{p\} (upper staccatissimo) to put a solid vertical wedge above a note head at pitch $p$,
- $\backslash l \mathrm{ppz}\{p\}$ (lower staccatissimo) to put an inverted solid vertical wedge below a note head at pitch $p$,
- \usfz\{p\} (upper forzato) to put a "dunce cap" above a note head at pitch $p$,
- \lsfz\{p\} (lower forzato) to put an inverted "dunce cap" below a note head at pitch $p$,
- \upzst\{p\} (upper staccato/tenuto) to put a dot and a hyphen above a note head at pitch $p$,
- \lpzst\{p\} (lower staccato/tenuto) to put a dot and a hyphen below a note head at pitch $p$,
- \flageolett\{p\} to put a small circle above a note head at pitch $p$.

These marks are horizontally centered relative to solid note heads. To compensate for the fact that whole notes are wider, you should use \wholeshift\{Any nonspacing macro\} to center accents and other items (e.g. \Fermataup) above a whole note.

There are also variants of the most common accents ${ }^{26}$ which will be automatically positioned above or below a beam. They are spelled like the corresponding normal accent, but preceded with the letter $b$, and their argument, instead of the pitch, is the beam reference number . Thus

was coded as

```
    \startextract
\Notes\ibu0f3\busfz0\qb0f\bupz0\qb0g\bust0\qb0h%
    \buppz0\qb0i\busf0\qb0j\butext0\tqh0k\en
\Notes\Ibl0lg5\blsfz0\qb0l\blpz0\qb0k\blst0\qb0j%
    \blppz0\qb0i\blsf0\qbOh\bltext0\tqb0g\en
\zendextract
```

The macros \bltext and \butext are detailed in the next section, where the mystery of why they produce the number 3 is resolved.

### 2.17.3 Numbers and brackets for xtuplets

The following table lists all the special macros that place a number indicating an xtuplet. Some also place a bracket above or below the notes, and are intended for use with unbeamed notes. In the table, $p$ is a pitch, $k$ is a number, $n$ is a beam number, $w$ is a bracket width in \internotes, and $s$ is the bracket slope as a multiple of 1.125 degrees. The macro \txt contains a default number and its font, which will be emplaced by the first and third through sixth macros, and is initially defined as \def \txt\{\eightit 3\}. The macro \tuplettxt serves the same role for the last two macros. The first four are to be used with beamed xtuplets. As indicated in the last column, the last four produce a sloping bracket and are to be used with unbeamed xtuplets. The last two require the extension file tuplet. tex to be input right after \input musixtex.

[^29]| Macro and arguments | Number printed | Where invoked | Needs tuplet.tex? | Bracket |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \triolet\{p\} | \txt | before beam | no | none |
| $\backslash \mathrm{xtuplet}\{k\}\{p\}$ | $k$ | before beam | no | none |
| $\backslash$ butext $\{n\}$ | \txt | before note at number | no | none |
| $\backslash \mathrm{bltext}\{n\}$ | \txt | before note at number | no | none |
| \uptrio ${ }^{\text {a }}$ \} $\{w\}\{s\}$ | \txt | before first note | no | solid |
| \downtrio ${ }^{\text {a }}$ \} $\{w\}\{s\}$ | \txt | before first note | no | solid |
| \uptuplet $\{p\}\{w\}\{s\}$ | \tuplettxt | before first note | yes | with gap |
| \downtuplet $\{p\}\{w\}\{s\}$ | \tuplettxt | before first note | yes | with gap |

Here are some examples of the first six macros in the table:

whose coding is
\notesp\xtuplet6n\isluru01\ibl010\qb0\{1llll\}\tslur01\tqb01\en\bar
\notesp\triolet $n \backslash i s l u r u 01 \backslash I b 101 n 2 \backslash q b 0\{1 m\} \backslash t s l u r 0 n \backslash t q b 0 n \backslash e n$
\notesp $\backslash i b s l u r d 0 k \backslash I b l 0 k m 2 \backslash q b 0 k \backslash b l t e x t 0 \backslash q b 01 \backslash t d b s l u r 0 m \ t q b 0 m \ e n \backslash b a r ~$
\Notesp\triolet o\isluru0l\ql\{lm\}\tslur0n\ql $n \backslash e n \backslash b a r$
\Notesp\uptrio o16\ql l\en\notesp\cl n\en
\Notesp\downtrio 016\qu e\en\notesp\cu g\en

Next are examples using the macros from \tuplet.tex. Comparison of the coding with the printed result reveals that (a) a redefinition of \tuplettxt inside a notes group only applies inside that group and leaves the default definition intact (bar 2), (b) the default definition is \def \tuplettxt\{\ppffsixteen3\}, a 10-pt bold extended italic numeral 3 which may be larger and heavier than desired (first set, bar 3) (c) to get the number properly centered in the gap, you must include some extra spaces after the number in the definition of \tuplettxt, and (d) as you can see in the last bar, if the span becomes to small, the macros still won't provide enough room for the number in the gap; in this case it would be better to use to the macros without gaps.

with coding

```
\input tuplet
\parindent0mm\generalmeter{\meterfrac24}
\startextract\addspace\afterruleskip
\notesp\triolet o\Ibl0ln2\qb0{lm}\tqb0n\en
\notesp\Ibl0km2\qb0k\bltext0\qb0l\tqb0m\en\bar
\notesp\def\tuplettxt{\eightit 5\/\/}\uptuplet o{4.1}2\cl{jklmn}\en\bar
\Notesp\uptuplet o16\ql l\en\notesp\cl n\en
\def\tuplettxt{\eightit 3\/\/}
\Notesp\downtuplet 016\qu e\en\notesp\cu g\en\bar
\notesp\uptuplet o16\ccl l\en\notesp\cccl n\en
\notesp\downtuplet 016\ccu e\en\notesp\cccu g\en
\endextract
```


### 2.17.4 Ornaments

### 2.17.4.1 Arpeggios

Arpeggios (i.e. \}) can be coded with the macro \arpeggio $\{p\}\{m\}$ where $p$ is the pitch of the base of the arpeggio symbol and $m$ is its height in units of \interligne, the distance from one staff line to the next. It should be issued before the affected chord. It is automatically positioned to the left of the chord, but inserts no spacing. Its variant \larpeggio sets the arpeggio symbol roughly one note head width to the left of the default position, and is intended to avoid collision with single accidentals on chord notes.

### 2.17.4.2 Arbitrary length trills

There are two styles of arbitrary length trills, each with two variants. For a trill with preassigned length, use $\backslash$ trille $\{p\}\{l\}$ for or $\backslash$ Trille $\{p\}\{l\}$ for $\operatorname{tr} \sim$, where $p$ is the pitch and $l$ the length in current \noteskips.

To let MusiXTEX compute the length of the trill, or if it extends across a system break, you can use $\backslash$ Itrillen $\{p\}$ to start a plain trill, where $n$ is a trill reference number between 0 and 5 ; then $\backslash$ Ttrillen to terminate it. To get the $\operatorname{tr}$ at the beginning, use $\backslash \operatorname{ITrillen}\{p\}$ to start the trill and \Ttrillen to close it.

As with other elements, you can specify the maximum number directly with \setmaxtrills $\{m\}$ where $7<m \leq 100^{27}$; the reference number $n$ will be in the range between 0 and $(m-1)$.

For example:

whose coding is

```
\begin{music}\nostartrule
\instrumentnumber{1}
\setstaffs12
\setclef1{6000}
%
\startextract
\notes\qu{CDEFGH}|\hu k\sk\ITrille 1p\itenu1l\wh l\enotes
\bar
\notes\Itrille 2A\itenu1e\whp E|\tten1\hlp l\sk\Ttrille 1\qu {mno}\enotes
\bar
\Notes\tten1\itenu1E\whp E|\ql{nmlkji}\Toctfin1\enotes
\bar
\Notes\tten1\whp E\sk\sk\sk\sk\Ttrille2|\qu{hgfedc}\enotes
\endextract
```

[^30]
### 2.17.4.3 Piano pedal commands

The macro \PED inserts a piano pedal command below the staff; \DEP, a pedal release. Alternate symbols, the first of which occupies less space, are invoked with \sPED and \sDEP. For example,

was coded as

```
\NOtes\PED\wh J|\qu h\enotes
\NOtes|\qu g\enotes
\NOtes|\hu k\enotes
\Notes\DEP\enotes \bar
\NOtes\sPED\wh JI\qu h\enotes
\NOtes|\qu g\enotes
\NOtes|\hu k\enotes
\Notes\sDEP\enotes
```

The vertical position of \PED, \sPED, \DEP and \sDEP can be globally changed by redefining its elevation, which has the default definition \def \raiseped\{-5\}. To locally change the vertical position of a pedal symbol, use one of the more fundamental macros \Ped, \sPed, \Dep and \sDep in combination with $\backslash$ zchar or $\backslash$ zcharnote. Since the $\mathscr{L e d}$. symbol is rather wide, it might collide with adjacent bass notes. To shift it horizontally, you could use \loff\{\PED\}.

### 2.17.4.4 Other ornaments

The argument $p$ in the following macros for ordinary ornaments is the pitch at which the ornament itself appears. They are all nonspacing macros. You may use

- \mordent $\{p\}$ for $\downarrow v$,
- $\backslash$ Mordent $\{p\}$ for $\mu \mathrm{m}$,
- \shake $\{p\}$ for $\boldsymbol{\sim}$,
- \Shake\{p\} for mw,
- \Shakel $\{p\}$ for how,
- \Shakesw $\{p\}$ for $\mathbf{C w}$,
- \Shakene $\{p\}$ for $\boldsymbol{m}$,
- \Shakenw\{p\} for Conv,
- \turn\{p\} for $\bigcirc$,
- \backturn\{p\} for es.

In the following macros for fermatas, the argument $p$ is the pitch of the notehead on which the fermata rests, assuming no additional vertical adjustments are needed for stems or intervening staff lines. They are all nonspacing macros. You may use

- $\backslash$ fermataup $\{p\}$ for ${ }^{\curvearrowright}$,
- \fermatadown\{p\} for $\qquad$
- $\backslash$ Fermataup $\{p\}$ for $\widehat{\hat{\sigma}}$, centered over a whole note,
- $\backslash$ Fermatadown $\{p\}$ for $\xlongequal{?}$, centered under a whole note.

A breath mark, can be put just above the staff with \zbreath. This is a nonspacing macro. On the other hand, \cbreath will cause a space of one \noteskip and place the comma midway through the space.

The \caesura command inserts a slash $0.5 \backslash$ noteskip before the place it is entered, while adding no space:


### 2.17.5 Alphabetic dynamic marks

Conventional dynamic symbols $p p p p, p p p, p p, p, m p, m f, f, f p, s f, f f, f f f$ and $f f f f$ can be posted using the macros $\backslash \mathrm{pppp}, \backslash \mathrm{ppp}, \backslash \mathrm{pp}, \backslash \mathrm{p}, \backslash \mathrm{mp}, \backslash \mathrm{mf}, \backslash \mathrm{f}, \backslash \mathrm{fp}, \backslash \mathrm{sF}, \backslash \mathrm{ff}, \backslash \mathrm{fff}, \backslash \mathrm{ffff}$ respectively as the second argument of \zcharnote or \ccharnote.

### 2.17.6 Hairpins (crescendos and decrescendos)

The syntax and properties of hairpins will differ depending on whether or not you have input musixps.tex, which activates not only type K postscript slurs and ties but hairpins as well. The font-based variety are always horizontal, are limited in length, and cannot span system breaks. Using the postscript variety removes all these restrictions, but they will not be visible in DVI previewers.

### 2.17.6.1 Font-based hairpins

There are two categories of font-based hairpins. The first type requires only one command, $\backslash c r e s c e n d o\{\ell\}$ or $\backslash$ decrescendo $\{\ell\}$, where $\ell$ is any $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ dimension, either a fixed one - for example in points - or a scalable one expressed either explicitly or implicitly as some number of \noteskips. These should be used as arguments to \zcharnote, \zchar, \uptext, \zmidstaff, etc., to post them at the desired altitude. The longest such symbol is $\simeq 68 \mathrm{~mm}$.

The second type of font-based hairpin requires two commands, one to start it and another to end it. The starting macro is \icresc. It has no arguments. Only one invocation suffices to start any number and combination of crescendos and diminuendos. The ending macros are $\backslash t c r e s c$ or \tdecresc. They should be used as arguments of \zcharnote etc, which will set the altitude. For example,

which was coded as

```
\Notes\cmidstaff\ppp|\ca c\en
\Notes\icresc|\ca{defgh'abcde}\en
\Notes\zmidstaff{\\loff\tcresc}\cmidstaff\fff|\ca{'f}\en
```

while

was coded as

```
\Notes \cmidstaff\ppp|\ca c\en
\(\backslash\) Notes \icresc|\ca\{defgh'abcde\} \({ }^{\text {en }}\)
\Notes\zcharnote N\{\tcresc\}\cmidstaff\fff|\zcharnote q\{\tcresc\}\ca\{'f\}\en
```


### 2.17.6.2 Postscript hairpins

As already noted, these require that you have input musixps.tex. Once having done that, you should not try to use font-based hairpins because the syntax is incompatible.

Again, there are two different types. The first type is normally initiated with either $\backslash i c r e s c\{n\}$ or $\backslash i d e c r e s c\{n\}$, and terminated with $\backslash \operatorname{tcresc}\{n\}$, where $n$ is a hairpin index, which is virtually unlimited but certain restrictions apply if it exceeds 14 . The altitude is set by the value of \setcrescheight, which by default is -5 and which must be expressed numerically. Note that \tcresc is the same as \tdecresc.

You can shift the starting or ending point horizontally by replacing the foregoing macros with \ilcresc, \ildecresc, \ircresc, \irdecresc, \tlcresc, \tldecresc, \trcresc, \trdecresc, for example to make space for an alphabetic dynamic mark.

The second form of postscript hairpin macros allows individual and arbitrary specification of the altitude and horizontal offset. The syntax is $\backslash$ Icresc $\{n\}\{h\}\{s\}$, where $h$ is the altitudewhich must be numerical - and $s$ is the horizontal offset in \internote. Similar syntax obtains for $\backslash$ Idecresc and \Tcresc.

These hairpins may span several lines. If one of them spans three systems then the height of the middle section can be adjusted with $\backslash$ liftcresc $\{n\}\{h\}$. The height of the first and last parts of a broken crescendo will be defined by the height parameter in \Icresc or \Tcresc.

There are numerous other nuances and shorthand macros that are described in the comments in musixps.tex.

As an example of a postscript hairpin,

was coded as
\input musixps
\generalmeter\{\meterfrac\{12\}8\}
\startextract
$\backslash$ Notes \ccharnote\{-8\}\{\ppp\}\Icresc0\{-7\}6\ca\{bdegh'bde\}\en
$\backslash$ Notes $\backslash$ Tcresc0 $\{-4\}\{-2\} \backslash$ zcharnote\{-5\}\{<br>fff\}\ca\{'f\}\en
\zendextract

### 2.17.7 Length of note stems

The default length of note stems is the distance of one octave, i.e. $7 \backslash$ internote or 4.66 \interbeam. The default may be changed with the macro \stemlength $\{b\}$ where $b$ is the length in \interbeams.

The command \stemcut causes stems that extend outside the staff to be shortened depending on the pitch of the notes. It is the default behavior. To suppress this adjustment, issue the command \nostemcut.

Normally, down stems never end above the middle line of the staff and up stems never below that line. The command \stdstemfalse will inhibit this adjustment, but only for the next stem generated. There is no command to globally suppress this behavior.

### 2.17.8 Brackets, parentheses, and oblique lines

Several varieties of brackets, parentheses and oblique lines are provided for use within a score.

- $\backslash 1 \operatorname{par}\{p\}$ and $\backslash r \operatorname{par}\{p\}$ yield left and right parentheses at pitch $p$. They could be used to enclose notes or to build cautionary accidentals, although the latter are more easily obtained with predefined macros (see 2.8).
For example,

- \bracket $\{p\}\{n\}$ posts a square bracket to the left of a chord, vertically spanning $n$ internotes.
- \doublethumb $\{p\}$ indicates a bracket as above spanning $2 \backslash$ internotes.
- \ovbkt $\{p\}\{n\}\{s\}$ and $\backslash u n b k t\{p\}\{n\}\{s\}$ draw a sloped bracket starting at the current position at pitch $p$, with horizontal extent $n$ noteskips and slope $s$ in multiples of 1-1/8 degree.
- \uptrio $\{p\}\{n\}\{s\}$ and $\backslash$ downtrio $\{p\}\{n\}\{s\}$ are like \ovbkt but with freely definable \txt centered inside.
- \varline $\{h\}\{\ell\}\{s\}$ builds an oblique line starting at the current horizontal position. It must be used inside a zero box, such as for example as the second argument of $\backslash$ zcharnote. $h$ is the height of the starting point, $\ell$ is the length, and $s$ is the slope. It is used in the definitions of some of the foregoing macros, and could be used, for example, to construct various obscure baroque ornaments made up of diagonal lines.
For example,

is coded as

```
\begin{music}
\setstaffs1{2}
\setclef1{\bass}
\startextract
\NOtes\bracket C8\zq C\qu J\en
```

```
\NOtes|\doublethumb g\rq h\qu g\en
\NOtes\lpar c\rpar c\qu c\en
\NOtes\unbkt C15\qu {FH}|\ovbkt n14\ql{kl}\en
\NOtes\downtrio C16\qu {FH}|\uptrio o14\ql{lm}\en
\zendextract
\end{music}
```


### 2.17.9 Forcing activity at the beginning of systems

A macro named \everystaff is executed each time a new system begins. It is normally void, but it can be defined (simply by \def \everystaff\{...\}) to cause MusiXTEX to post anything reasonable at the beginning of each system. For it to affect the first system in a score, it must be defined before \startpiece.

If a macro named \atnextline is defined at any point in a score, it will be executed just once, viz., at the next computed or forced system break. More precisely, it is executed after the break and before the next system begins. Thus it is suitable for redefining layout parameters.

In some scores, tenor parts are not coded using the bass clef, but using rather the octave treble clef, which is subscripted by a numeral 8. This clef is supported by the clef substitution command $\backslash$ settrebleclefsymbol $\{n\} \backslash$ treblelowoct, as already explained in section 2.14.3. However, if for some reason you aren't happy with the height of the " 8 ", it can be posted on selected staves at the beginning of every system using \everystaff and \zcharnote as follows:


The coding is

```
\instrumentnumber{4}
\setclef1\bass
\def\everystaff{%
    \znotes&\zchar{-6}{\eightrm \kern -2\Interligne 8}%
    &\zchar{-6}{\eightrm \kern -2\Interligne 8}\en}%
\startextract
\NOTes\ha{HIJK}&\ha{efgh}&\ha{hijk}&\ha{hmlk}\en
\endextract
```


### 2.18 Smaller notes in normal-sized staves

Here we describe how to reduce the size of note symbols without changing the size of the staff itself. Changing overall staff size will be treated in section 2.19.

### 2.18.1 Arbitrary sequences of notes

Written-out ornaments and cadenzas are usually typeset with smaller notes and spacing than normal. The smaller size can be initiated anywhere inside a \notes group by stating \smallnotesize or \tinynotesize. Normal note size is then restored by \normalnotesize or simply by terminating the notes group and starting another. Smaller spacing must also be explicitly indicated, usually by redefining \noteskip in some way.

As an example, this excerpt, from the beginning of the Aria of the "Creation" by Joseph Haydn),

can be coded as
\instrumentnumber\{2\}
\generalmeter\{\meterfrac44\}
\setstaffs2\{2\}
\setclef2\{\bass\}
\setclef1\{\bass\}
\startbarno=0
\startextract
\NOtes\qp\& $\backslash z m i d s t a f f\{\backslash b f$ II\}\qp|\qu g\en
\% mesure 1
$\backslash$ bar
\Notes\itieu2J\wh J\& $\backslash z w ~ N \backslash i b l 0 c 0 \backslash q b 0 e / \backslash q u ~ j \backslash e n ~$

\Ibbu1ki2\qb1\{kj\}\tqh1i\en
$\backslash$ Notes\& $\backslash q b 0 e \backslash t b 10 \backslash q b 0 c / \backslash q u ~ j \backslash e n$
\Notes\& $\backslash i b 10 c 0 \backslash q b 0\{e c e\} \backslash t b 10 \backslash q b 0 c \mid \ q 1 ~ 1 \backslash s k \backslash q 1 ~ j \backslash e n$
\% mesure 2
\bar\Notes\ttie2\wh J\& \ql J\sk\q1 L|\zqupp g\qbl1e0\%
\zq c\qb1e\zq c\qb1e\zq c\tbl1\zqb1e\en

\Notes\& \ql N\sk\ibl0L\{-4\}\qbp0L|\ibl1e0\zq c\zqb1e\cu g\% \zq c\zqb1e\raise\Interligne\ds\zqu g\qb1g\en
\notes\& $\backslash$ sk $\backslash t b b 10 \backslash t b 10 \backslash q b 0 J / \backslash t b l 1 \backslash z q ~ c \backslash q b 1 e \backslash e n ~$
\endextract

### 2.18.2 Grace notes

Grace notes are a special case of small and tiny notes, namely single-stemmed eighth notes with a diagonal slash through the flag. To enable this, there are the macros $\backslash \operatorname{grcu}\{p\}$ and $\backslash \operatorname{grcl}\{p\}$, which by themselves would produce normal-sized eighth notes with a slash. They should be used along with the note size reduction macros and spacing reduction macros just discussed. In addition, chordal grace notes can be built as in the following example:

which was coded as
\startextract
\NOTes $\backslash h u$ h \enotes
\notes $\backslash m u l t n o t e s k i p \backslash s m a l l v a l u e \backslash s m a l l n o t e s i z e \backslash g r c u ~ j \backslash e n o t e s ~$
$\backslash N O T e s \backslash h u$ i $\backslash e n o t e s$
\bar
\notes\multnoteskip\tinyvalue\tinynotesize\zq h\grcl j\enotes
$\backslash$ NOTEs $\backslash$ wh i
\zendextract

### 2.18.3 Ossia ${ }^{28}$

This clever example had been provided by Olivier Vogel:


The code is:

```
\hsize70mm\%
\def\xnum\#1\#2\#3\{\off\{\#1\elemskip\}\zcharnote\{\#2\}\{\smalltype\it \#3\}\%
\off\{-\#1\elemskip\}\}\%
\newbox\ornamentbox
\setbox\ornamentbox=\hbox to 0pt\{\kern-4pt\vbox\{\hsize=2.6cm\%
\nostartrule\smallmusicsize\setsize1\{\smallvalue\}\setclefsymbol1\empty\%
\startpiece\addspace\{2pt\}\%
\notes \ibbbl2\{'c\}0\qb2b\qb2c\qb2d\tbbb12\qb2c\en\%
\notes \(\backslash x n u m\{1.15\}\left\{{ }^{\prime} e\right\} 3 \backslash q b 2 d \backslash q b 2 c \backslash t b 12 \backslash q b 2 d \backslash e n \%\)
\notes\ibl2\{'c\}1\usf e\qb2c\en\%
\notes \(\backslash t b 12 \backslash q b 2\left\{{ }^{\prime} d\right\} \backslash e n \%\)
\zstoppiece\%
\}\hss\}
\normalmusicsize\nopagenumbers
\def\nbinstruments\{1\}\%
\setstaffs12\setclef1\{60\}\%
\generalsignature\{-2\}\generalmeter\{\meterfrac\{3\}\{4\}\}\%
\parindent 0pt\%
\stafftopmarg0pt\staffbotmarg5\Interligne\interstaff\{10\}\relax
\startpiece\addspace\afterruleskip\%
\notes \({ }^{\text {ibl1\{ }}\) G\}\{-1\}\qb1G\sk\bigna \(F \backslash t b 11 \backslash q b 1 F \mid \%\)
```

[^31]\ibbl2\{'b\}0\qb2b\qb2a\qb2b\tb12\qb2c\en\%
\notes \hl\{'E\}\bsk\raise6\internote\ds\ibu3\{G\}1\bigsh F\%
\qb3F\qb3G\tbu3\qb3\{'A\}|\zcharnote\{10\}\{\copy\ornamentbox\}\qlp\{'c\}\sk\sk\%
\cl d\en\%

### 2.19 Staff size

In contrast with the prior section, here we describe how to change the sizes of everything...staff, notes, and all other symbols. In section 2.1.3 we saw how to set the size for all instruments at the start of a score. Any one of the same macros-\normalmusicsize, \smallmusicsize, \largemusicsize, or \Largemusicsize - can be used to change the size of all instruments midway through a score, but in this case it must come between \stoppiece and \startpiece.

Once the overall staff size is set, you can alter the size of any desired instrument with the macro $\backslash$ setsize $\{n\}\{s\}$, where $n$ is the instrument number and $s$ is a factor by which the size is to be changed from the prevailing overall size. There are five predefined macros that should be used for the size factor $s$. Their names and respective values are \normalvalue (1.0), \smallvalue (0.80), \tinyvalue (0.64), \largevalue (1.2), and \Largevalue (1.44). MusiXTEX should not crash if you use an explicit number different from any of these, but the result may be less than satisfactory.

Once again, if used at the beginning of a piece, the \setsize macro must precede \startpiece (not \contpiece), and if used after the beginning, must be preceded by \stoppiece.

As an example, we give two bars of the Ave Maria by Charles Gounod, based on the first prelude of J. S. Bach's Well Tempered Clavier, as transcribed for organ, violin and voice by Markus Veittes:


This example was coded as:
\def \oct\{\advance\transpose by 7\}
$\backslash$ def $\backslash$ liftqs\#1\{\raise\#1\Interligne\qs\}
$\backslash$ parindent0pt
\sepbarrules
\instrumentnumber\{3\}
$\backslash$ generalmeter $\{\backslash$ meterC\}
\setinterinstrument2\{3\Interligne\}
\setsize3\tinyvalue
\setsize2\tinyvalue
\setclef1\bass
\setstaffs1\{2\}
\startpiece\addspace\afterruleskip
\%Takt 9

```
\notes\zhl c\liftqs6\qupp e|\ds&\oct
    \itieu5h\hl h&\tx ~~~gra---*\itied4h\hu h\enotes
\notes|\ibblOj3\qbOh\tqb01\enotes
\notes|\ibbl1k0\qb1{ohl}\tqb1o\enotes
\notes\zhl c\liftqs6\qupp e|\ds&\oct
    \ttie5\ibl4c0\qb4h&\ttie4\ibu5g{-3}\qb5h\enotes
\notes|\ibbl0j3\qb0h\tqb0l&\oct\qb4a&\tx ---*\tqh5a\enotes
\notes|\ibbl1k0\qb10\qb1h&\oct\qb4b&\tx ~~ti~-*\cu b\enotes
\notes|\qb11\tqb1o&\oct\tqb4c&\tx a*\cu c\enotes
\bar
%Takt }1
\notes\zhl c\liftqs6\qupp d|\ds&\oct
    \qlp d&\tx ~~~
\notes|\ibbu1g3\bigaccid\qb1{^f}\tqh1h\enotes
\notes|\ibbu2i0\qb2k\qb2f\enotes
\notes|\qb2h\tqh2k&\oct\cl e&\curve222\tubslur4f\cu e\enotes
\notes\zhl c\liftqs6\qupp d|\ds&\oct\ql d&\tx na,*\qu d\enotes
\notes|\ibbu1g3\qb1f\tqh1h\enotes
\notes\\ibbu2i0\qb2{kfh}\tqh2k&\qp&\qp\enotes
\endpiece
```


### 2.20 Layout parameters

Most layout parameters are set by MusiXT $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{E}}$ to reasonable default values. However, some projects will require altering one or more of them. In this section we discuss the most important parameters and how to change them.

### 2.20.1 List of layout parameters

In the following, the indication "(NOT to be changed)" does not mean that this parameter cannot be changed at all, but that it should not be modified directly, e.g. by saying something like \Interligne $=14 \mathrm{pt}$. In other words, changes in these parameters must be accomplished only by more comprehensive macros which not only revise them but at the same time perform other necessary related changes. Even though you cannot change these, you may refer to them in your coding if that proves useful.
\Interligne : vertical distance between the bottoms of consecutive staff lines of the current instrument, taking no account of a possible alteration by \setsize (NOT to be changed).
\internote : vertical spacing between notes one scale step apart in the current instrument, taking account of a possible alteration by \setsize (NOT to be changed).
\Internote : vertical spacing between notes one scale step apart in any instrument whose \setsize has the default value \normalvalue (1.0), equal to $0.5 \backslash$ Interligne (NOT to be changed)
\staffbotmarg : margin below the first (lowest) staff of the first (lowest) instrument. Changes are recognized at the next system. Default is $3 \backslash$ Interligne
\stafftopmarg : margin above the last (uppermost) staff of last (uppermost) instrument. Changes are recognized at the next system. Default is $3 \backslash$ Interligne.
\interbeam : vertical distance between beams. (NOT to be changed).
\interstaff : a very important macro with a single numerical argument representing the factor that multiplies 2 \internote to give the distance between the bottom of one staff and the bottom of the next one. In fact the macro redefines the parameter \interfacteur.
\interportee : distance between the bottom of one staff and the bottom of the next one. It
 change \interportee will have no effect. Change \interstaff instead. Further, note that \interstaff applies to all the instruments, but each distinct instrument may have a different \internote (see 2.19).
\interinstrument : additional vertical distance between two consecutive instruments. This means that the distance between the lowest line of the previous instrument and the lowest line of the top staff of the current instrument is \interportee+ \interinstrument. The default value of \interinstrument is zero, but sometimes you may want additional space between distinct instruments. This is a general dimension register. As usual in $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$, it can be set using a command such as \interinstrument=10pt or \interinstrument=6\internote. Its value can be overridden for the space above any particular instrument with the macro \setinterinstrument $\{n\}\{s\}$, where $n$ is the instrument and $s$ is the replacement value of the space to be added. The \setinterinstrument macro may be useful in some vocal scores to provide vertical space for lyrics. Note that after you have used \setinterinstrument, you cannot reset the distances for that instrument with \interinstrument; you must subsequently use \setinterinstrument for that purpose.
\systemheight : distance from the bottom of the lowest staff to the top of the highest one. This is the length of any vertical lines such as repeats that span the full height of a system. (NOT to be changed).

In addition, when handling notes of a given staff of a given instrument, the following dimensions are available (note these are not true registers, but equivalenced symbols through a \def):
\altplancher : altitude of the lowest line of the lowest instrument (NOT to be changed).
\altitude : altitude of the lowest line of the lowest staff of the current instrument (NOT to be changed).
\altportee : altitude of the lowest line of the current staff (NOT to be changed).
\stemfactor : parameter defining the length of stems on half, quarter, and beamed eighth notes, in units of \interbeam. Normally a stem has the length of one octave, i.e. 3.5\Interligne. However, this is not correct for small or tiny note sizes. Therefore, stem length is defined as a multiple of the dimension \interbeam, which is chosen because it is automatically redefined as a different multiple of \Interligne whenever note size is changed. For example, with \normalmusicsize when \setsize is \normalvalue, \interbeam is 0.75 \Interligne. This legislates a default value for $\backslash$ stemfactor of $4.66(=3.5 / 0.75)$. To change stem length, it is easiest to use e.g. \stemlength\{3.5\}, which simply redefines \stemfactor. Subsequently, \stemfactor will not automatically be reset to the default, but keep in mind that if it is changed inside a notes group, the change will only be effective within that notes group.

### 2.20.2 A convenient macro for changing layout parameters in mid-score

Of the parameters just described that can be changed, many should only be changed between the end of one system and the beginning of the next. The command sequence \def \atnextline\{any control sequence\} may be useful for this purpose. It will cause any control sequence to be inserted right before the next new line is begun, provided the line break is not initiated by a \startpiece. Thus this will work with automatically generated line breaks, with those forced by \alaligne, and with those forced by explicit use of \endpiece or \stoppiece
followed by \contpiece. (Note, however, that in the latter case it would be just as convenient to enter the parameter changes explicitly as well.) The control sequence will only be executed once, after which \atnextline is redefined as \empty.

### 2.20.3 Changing the number of lines per staff

Naturally, the default number of lines per staff is five. But you may want a different number in some or all staves, for example for gregorian music, percussion music, guitar tablature, or early baroque keyboard music. To do so, use the command $\backslash \operatorname{setlines}\{n\}\{m\}$ where $n$ is the instrument number and $m$ is the number of lines.

### 2.20.4 Resetting normal layout parameters

The general size can only be changed with one of the commands \smallmusicsize, \normalmusicsize, \largemusicsize, or \Largemusicsize. Beyond that, the command \resetlayout will reset the following key layout parameters to their default values: \staffbotmarg ( $3 \backslash$ Interligne), \stafftopmarg (3\Interligne), \interstaff (9), number of lines per staff for all instruments (5); and will reset all clef symbols to standard clef symbols.

### 2.21 Lyrics

MusiXTEX itself doesn't manage lyrics very well. You should use musixlyr instead, a MusiXT ${ }_{E} \mathrm{X}$ extension package for lyrics handling by Rainer Dunker. The $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ source and documentation are included in the MusiXT ${ }_{E} \mathrm{X}$ distribution.

But first we recall briefly the older methods, which may still be useful when only a small number of words are involved.

### 2.21.1 Native lyrics method: placing single words

### 2.21.1.1 Native MusiXTEX commands for lyrics

1. An obvious solution consists in using the commandc \zcharnote (expanded to the right), \lcharnote (expanded to the left), \ccharnote (centered), to post the text at any position (computed in \internotes) with respect to the lower line of the current staff. The pitch should be usually negative to have the text below the staff.
Example: $\underset{\text { Word }}{\boldsymbol{O}}$ is coded by $\backslash$ zcharnote $\{\mathrm{N}\}\{$ Word $\} \backslash$ wh g .
2. The vertical position can also be given with a number in the commands $\backslash$ zchar (expanded to the right), \lchar (expanded to the left), \cchar (centered). The number is internally multiplied by \internote.

3. Of easier use are the commands \zsong (right of the note), \lisong (left) and \csong (centered) which post the lyrics at the lower staff line minus the previous \interinstrument $n$ or the \staffbotmarg quantity. These commands only have one argument, namely the lyrics text: \zsong\{text\} \lisong\{text\} \csong\{text\} Depending on the values of the interinstrument spacings and margins, the resulting vertical position might be inappropriate. Then it can be changed for any specific $n$-th instrument until further change using

## \setsongraise $n\left\{a n y T_{E} X\right.$-dimension\}

As an example, the following French song

was coded as:

```
\generalsignature{1}
\startextract
\geometricskipscale
\NOtes\zsong{Au }\qu g\zsong{clair }\qu g\en
\NOtes\zsong{de }\qu g\zsong{la }\qu h\en\bar
\NOTes\zsong{lu- }\hu i\zsong{ne, }\hu h\en\bar
\NOtes\zsong{mon }\qu g\zsong{a- }\qu i\en
\NOtes\zsong{mi }\qu h\zsong{Pier- }\qu h\en\bar
\NOTes\zsong{rot, }\wh g\sk\en
\zendextract
```


### 2.21.1.2 Adapting note spacing for lyrics

The command \hardlyrics\{longword\} provides a spacing that is equal to the length of the text argument \{longword\}. In the same time the argument \{longword\} is saved in \thelyrics


All notes with long lyrics need such a treatment. The commands only carry out on $\backslash$ notes (not on \Notes, \NOtes...).

If you want to go back to the normal placing on an easy way, you simply can replace '\hardlyrics' by '\softlyrics'.

A complete score is given in example glorias.tex and in gloriab.tex, the latter exhibiting not only the song tune but also the organ accompaniment.

Alternate versions of \hsong are \dhsong which has a fixed length of $2 \backslash$ noteskip and $\backslash$ thsong whose fixed length is $3 \backslash$ noteskip. These are useful when the text is set below (or above) a collective coding of two or three notes.

### 2.21.2 Musixlyr

Lyrics are best handled by the musixlyr package by Rainer Dunker. The package can be used by inserting a file in your source code:

```
\input musixtex
\input musixlyr
```

The manual, the input file and a few examples are in musixtex.zip, or they may be downloaded for Windows or for UNIX. Look at the manual for a detailed description. Here is an overview of the commands and an example of use.

| \setlyrics\{sopr\}\{the ly_-ric words_\} | defining the lyrics text |
| :---: | :---: |
| \copylyrics\{sopr\}\{alto\} | alto has same lyrics as soprano |
| \appendlyrics\{alto\}\{more words\} | alto lyrics is longer |
| \assignlyrics2\{sopr,alto\} | soprano and alto lyrics at staff 2 |
| \assignlyricsmulti\{1\}\{2\}\{alto\} | assign alto lyrics to staff 2 of instrument 1 |
| \NOtes\assignlyricshere\{alto\}\qa c\en | assigning without staff number |
| \auxlyr\assignlyrics\{2\}\{sopr\} | assign soprano above staff 2 |
|  | make a melisma by hand |
| \beginmel\qu c...\endmel\qu c | melisma, same as word extension underline |
| \lyr\qu c | force a syllable from lyrics text at this note or rest |
| \lyric\{word\}\qu c | insert syllable 'word' at this note |
| \loffset\{2\}\{\lyric*\{1.\}\}\qu c | combine '1.' with regular syllable |
| \lyrich\{syl\}\qu c | same as \lyric, but with hyphenation |
| \lyrich*\{\}\qu c | same as \lyric*, but with hyphenation |
| \lyricsoff...\lyricson | stop lyrics, then start again |
| \nolyr\qu c | no syllable at this note |
| $\backslash l l a b e l\{l a b e l n a m e\} n a m e ~$ | labelling a "go to" target in text |
| \golyr\{labelname\}\qu c | perform a jump, in music code |
| $\backslash l y r p t, \ q u ~ c ~$ | add a comma to the syllable under this note |
| \lyrnop\qu c | remove last character in syllable |
| \lclyr\qu c | make first character lower case |
| \llyr\qu c | left justified syllable |
| \leftlyrtrue\qu c...\leftlyrfalse\qu c | start and stop left justification as the default |
| \lyroffset\{-4\}\qu c | shift syllable 1 notehead to the left |
| $\backslash \mathrm{minlyrspace} \mathrm{\{3pt} \mathrm{\}} \mathrm{\backslash qu} \mathrm{c}$ | define minimum space between the words |
| \forcelyrhyphenstrue\qu c | always use a hyphen from now on |
| \forcelyrhyphensfalse\qu c | remove hyphen and make one word if necessary |
| \showlyrshifttrue\qu c | show the lyric shift |
| $\backslash l y r r a i s e\{1\}\{a ~ 2 \backslash I n t e r l i g n e\} ~$ | raise lyrics below staff 1 by $2 \backslash$ Interligne |
| $\backslash l y r r a i s e m u l t i\{1\}\{2\}\{a ~ 2 \backslash I n t e r l i g n e\} ~$ | raise alto lyrics above staff 2 of instrument 1 |
| \lyrraisehere\{b 2\Interligne\}\qu c | raise lyrics below this staff by $2 \backslash$ Interligne |
| $\backslash m i n l y r r u l e l e n g t h\{2 m m\} ~$ | melismas shorter than 2 mm are not shown |
| $\backslash$ minmulthyphens\{15mm | distance between hyphens in 'hyphen melisma' |
| \def \lyrhyphenchar\{-\} | chose a hyphen character |
| \setlyrics\{\lyrlayout\{\it\}..\} | apply italics to all lyrics lines |
| \verses\{, \beginmel\} \qu c | initiate melisma at second verse |
| \small\setlyrstrut | adapt the vertical distance between lyrics lines |
| $\backslash$ lyrstrutbox\{10pt\} | (re)define the distance between the lyrics lines |
| \lyrmodealter2 | attach lyrics of staff 2 to the upper voice |
| \lyrmodealtermulti\{1\}\{2\} | attach lyrics of instr. 1 staff 2 to the upper voice |
| \lyrmodealterhere\qu c | attach lyrics of this staff to the upper voice |
| \lyrmodenormal2 | restore the default behaviour |
| $\backslash$ lyrmodenormalmulti\{1\}\{2\} | restore the default behaviour at staff 2 of instr. 1 |
| \lyrmodenormalhere\qu c | restore the default behaviour of this staff |
| \lyrlink | linking 2 words with a ' ' |
| \lowlyrlink | same as \lyrlink but a little bit lower |
| \resetlyrics | set word pointer to the first word in all lyrics lines |

defining the lyrics text
alto has same lyrics as soprano
alto lyrics is longer
soprano and alto lyrics at staff 2
assign alto lyrics to staff 2 of instrument 1
assigning without staff number
assign soprano above staff 2
make a melisma by hand
melisma, same as word extension underline
force a syllable from lyrics text at this note or rest
insert syllable 'word' at this note
combine '1.' with regular syllable
same as \lyric, but with hyphenation
same as \lyric*, but with hyphenation
stop lyrics, then start again
no syllable at this note
labelling a "go to" target in text
perform a jump, in music code
add a comma to the syllable under this note remove last character in syllable make first character lower case left justified syllable
start and stop left justification as the default shift syllable 1 notehead to the left
define minimum space between the words always use a hyphen from now on remove hyphen and make one word if necessary show the lyric shift
raise lyrics below staff 1 by $2 \backslash$ Interligne raise alto lyrics above staff 2 of instrument 1 raise lyrics below this staff by $2 \backslash$ Interligne melismas shorter than 2 mm are not shown distance between hyphens in 'hyphen melisma' chose a hyphen character
apply italics to all lyrics lines
initiate melisma at second verse
adapt the vertical distance between lyrics lines
(re)define the distance between the lyrics lines
attach lyrics of staff 2 to the upper voice attach lyrics of instr. 1 staff 2 to the upper voice attach lyrics of this staff to the upper voice restore the default behaviour
restore the default behaviour at staff 2 of instr. 1 restore the default behaviour of this staff
linking 2 words with a ' '
same as \lyrlink but a little bit lower
set word pointer to the first word in all lyrics lines
\enableauxlyrics don't use this anymore
\setsongraise\{1\}\{2\Interligne\} same as \{\lyrraise\}\{1\}\{b 2\Interligne\}
\auxsetsongraise\{1\}\{2\Interligne\}
same as $\{\backslash$ lyrraisemulti\} $\{1\}\{b$ 2\Interligne $\}$
\oldlyrlinestart

As a further illustration of the use of the commands, have a look at the following example ${ }^{29}$ :

which was coded as:

```
% define lyrics above the staff
\setlyrics{soprano}{bring her die Gans,}
% lyric beneath the staff are the same
\copylyrics{soprano}{alto}
% assign alto lyrics below staff 1 on the notes with stem down
\assignlyrics1{alto}
% assign soprano lyrics above staff 1 on the notes with stem up
\auxlyr{\assignlyrics1{soprano}}
% attach both lyrics to the upper voice
\lyrmodealter0
\generalsignature{-2}
% make place for the lyrics
\advance\stafftopmarg1\Interligne\advance\staffbotmarg2\Interligne
\startextract\addspace\afterruleskip
\NOtes\zqu g\ql e\en\bar
% start melisma in lower lyrics
\Notes\zqu i\beginmel\ibslurd0f\iblOf{-1}\qb0{fe}\en
% start melisma in upper lyrics
\Notes\auxlyr\beginmel\ibsluru1i\zqup i\qb0d\tqb0e\en
% end melisma in lower lyrics
\Notes\endmel\tbslurd0e\ql c\en
\notes\ibbu0h{-1}\qb0h\tqh0g\en
% start melisma in upper lyrics
\NOtes\auxlyr\endmel\tbsluru1h\zqu h\ql c\en\bar
% The lyrics of the whole notes (without stem) must be given manually.
\NOTEs\auxlyr\lyr\zwh i\lyr\wh b\en
\endextract
\lyrmodenormal0
```


### 2.21.3 Getting enough vertical space for lyrics

Since songs are usually equivalent to a one-staff instrument (possibly with several voices) the recommended solution consists in adjusting the distance between instruments using either \interinstrument=any $T_{E} X$-dimension to give more place below all instruments or using

[^32]\setinterinstrument to make more space above. Note that \setinterinstrument defines spacing above and not below an instrument. Since lyrics are usually set below the staff, the first argument of a \setinterinstrument should be the song instrument number minus one.

In the case of a single staff tune, or if the song instrument is the lowest one, then additional place can be provided using \staffbotmarg.

### 2.21.4 Fine tuning the placement of the lyrics

When not using \hardlyrics, on short notes, sometimes the lyrics are shifted away from the notes or they collide with other words. This are a few approaches to get around this:

1. Making more music lines for the notes to go further apart. This could be done with $\backslash m u l o o s e n e s s$.
2. Stretch a bar with short notes in it by i.e. replacing \notes by \NOTes.
3. Insert space between the notes by using \sk, \hsk, \qsk...
4. Stretch a bar with short notes in it by using the command \scale:
\scale\{1.6\}\notes.. $\backslash e n \backslash s c a l e\{1\} \%$
This method can be used in PMX but only with care, because it changes horizontal spacing in a way that PMX will not be aware of. It will not move bars to the next line, but will shorten the other bars on the line.
As an example, the lyrics of this music line are better placed by using \scale in the first bar and moving to the left the word 'mon'. Note that the hyphen is removed when there is no place for it:


The code of the second music line is (\assignlyrics1\{\} is only needed because lyrics are assigned before this in this manual):

```
\begin{music}
\input musixlyr
\resetlyrics
\setlyrics{v1}{Au clair de la lu-ne, \kernm1exmon a-mi Pier-rot,}%
\assignlyrics1{}\assignlyrics1{v1}%
\staffbotmarg2\Interligne\generalsignature{1}%
\startextract \geometricskipscale
\scale{1.4}\notes\qu{gggh}\en\bar\scale{1}%
\Notes\hu{ih}\en\bar
\notes\qu{gihh}\en\bar
\Notes\wh g\en
\endextract
\end{music}
```

5. Moving a word in any direction
```
\setlyrics\{alto\}\{\kernm3ex1.~~firstsyllable...\}
                                    left moving for numbering verses
\setlyrics\{alto\}\{...\kern1exword...\} right moving a single word
\setlyrics\{alto\}\{...\lower2pt\hbox\{word\}...\} lowering a single word
\setlyrics\{alto\}\{...\raise2pt\hbox\{word\}...\} raising a single word
\def \strut\{\vbox to \(2 \backslash\) Interligne\{\}\}\setlyrics\{alto\}\{\lyrlayout\{\strut\}...\}
    controlling distance between verses
\lyrlayout\{\vphantom\{Mp(\lowlyrlink\} minimum distance between verses
\setbox\lyrstrutbox=\hbox\{\vphantom\{yM\lyrlink\}\}
                                    redefining default lyrstrut
```

6. Placing of accents can be made easier as shows this example:
```
\catcode`\ä\active \defä{\"a}
\catcode'\ö\active \defö{\"o}
\catcode'\å\active \letå\aa
\setlyrics1{å äö} \assignlyrics1{}
\assignlyrics11
\startextract
\NOtes\qa{ggg}\en
\zendextract
```

7. Using an 8-bit encoded characterset

This can be achieved by putting \input plainenc\relax\inputencoding\{cp850\} at the beginning of the file.

Here you must adapt the character set to your region. To do this, if necessary, replace cp850 by cp1250 (Czech, Croation region), cp1251 (Russian, Bulgarian region), cp1252 (most other European regions), cp1253 (Greek region) or check your $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{Xdistribution} \mathrm{for} \mathrm{the} \mathrm{right} \mathrm{file}$.
This is the coding for the previous example by using an 8-bit characterset:
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { Poème naïf }\end{array} \begin{array}{l}\text { \input plainenc\relax\inputencoding\{cp850\} } \\ \text { \input musixtex } \\ \text { \input musixlyr } \\ \text { \startpiece\% }\end{array}\right\}$

### 2.22 Embedding musical excerpts in text documents

Here we discuss the options for including music in text documents. The first decision is whether or not to use $\mathrm{LA}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}^{30}$. Because $\mathrm{IAT}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ so effectively simplifies production of text-based $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ documents, most users take that path, and most of the descriptions given here will assume that's the case ${ }^{31}$.

If for some reason you choose not to use $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ to emplace musical excerpts, the basic approach is simply to set off the musical parts between \startpiece or \contpiece and \stoppiece or

[^33]\endpiece, or between \startextract and \zendextract. But some details in what follows will also apply with no $\mathrm{HA}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$.

There are two basic approaches to embedding musical excerpts in $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ documents. The first method is to directly include the MusiXT ${ }_{E} \mathrm{X}$ code in the $\mathrm{EAT}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ source file. That will be the subject of the next subsection. The other is to create an EPS (encapsulated Postscript) file containing only the excerpt, and then "paste" it into the $\mathbb{E T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ file. That will be covered in subsection 2.22.2.

The advantages of using the direct method are that all of the source code for all excerpts can be kept in the same file as the text, and that there is no limit on the length of the excerpt. The advantage of the EPS method is that you don't have to burden the ${ }_{\mathrm{LA}}^{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{E}$ X source with any of the MusiXT $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ paraphernalia. That in turn permits use of primitive versions of the $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ compiler that may not have the capacity to handle the direct method (due to the number of registers consumed by ${ }^{\mathrm{LA}} \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ and MusiXT $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ ). The disadvantages are that you must create and keep track of a separate $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ and EPS file for every excerpt, and that the excerpt must not span any page breaks. On balance, the direct method is probably to be preferred.

### 2.22.1 Directly embedding excerpts in $\mathrm{ET}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ documents

To use the direct method, you should include "musixtex" as one of the arguments of the \documentstyle command. This will cause the file musixtex.sty to be loaded, so naturally you must make that file available in a place where $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ can find it. That file simply inputs two other files, musixtex.tex and musixltx.tex, which again must obviously be available to $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$.

Now you are in position to directly embed an excerpt by inserting code at the appropriate place in the source file. The most common type of excerpt is one that occupies less than a full line and is to be horizontally centered. In that case, the extract should begin with the command \begin\{music\}, followed by any preliminary commands. Then, instead of \startpiece, } use \startextract. Now comes the normal MusiXT ${ }_{E} \mathrm{X}$ coding. Finally, end the extract with \endextract instead of \endpiece or \stoppiece, followed by \end\{music\}. }

To terminate an extract without any bar line, use \zendextract instead of \endextract.
To create a left-justified excerpt, use the sequence \let $\backslash e x t r a c t l i n e \backslash l e f t l i n e . ~$
If several extracts are to be placed on the same line, you can redefine \extractline as demonstrated in the following example ${ }^{32}$ :

```
\begin{music}\nostartrule
\let\extractline\hbox
\hbox to \hsize{%
\hss\startextract ... \zendextract\hss%
\hss\startextract ... \zendextract\hss}
\end{music}
```

An even shorter type of extract is one that is embedded within a line of text. To insert MusiXT ${ }_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ symbols within a line of text, you could begin by defining \notesintext as follows ${ }^{33}$ :

```
\begin{music}\nostartrule
\makeatletter
\def\notesintext#1{%
    {\let\extractline\relax
        \setlines10\smallmusicsize \nobarnumbers \nostartrule
```

[^34] local, not global.
${ }^{33}$ provided by Rainer Dunker
}

```
    \staffbotmarg0pt \setclefsymbol1\empty \global\clef@skip0pt
    \startextract\addspace{-\afterruleskip}#1\zendextract}}
\makeatother
\end{music}
```

Then, for example, the code
Use \raisebox\{0ex\}[0ex][0ex]\{\notesintext\{\notes $\backslash r q 11 \backslash q u 2 \backslash e n\}\}$
not \raisebox\{0ex\}[0ex][0ex]\{\notesintext\{\notes \q12\lqu1\en\}\}
would produce: "Use $\rho_{p}$ not $\rho_{0}$ ".
The \raisebox voids the vertical space that is introduced by the notes.
Finally, you may want to insert an extract containing more than one line of music. Once having mastered MusiXTEX, this is the easiest of all: Between \begin\{music\} } { } ^ { nostartrule and } \end\{music\}, use exactly the same coding you would to make an ordinary score. }

The best way to learn how to apply these methods is to study musixdoc.tex, the source file for this document ${ }^{34}$.

### 2.22.2 Embedding musical excerpts as encapsulated postscript files

To use this method of including excerpts, you first must create a separate MusiXTEX input file for each excerpt. Process each such file with $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ and musixflx to generate a .dvi file. Generate a postscript file from each .dvi using dvips. Then convert each postscript file to an .eps file. One way to do that is with ghostscript and-if you are using Windows-GSview. In general this is possible only for single-page postScript files.

To set up your athrm{IAT}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}\)documentforincluding.epsfiles,youmustpostthecommand\usepackage[dvips]\{graphicx\}inthepreambleofthedocument.Now,youmayincludeeach.epsfileattheappropriateplaceinthe$\mathrm{LAT}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}$documentwithacommandlike.undefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefinedundefined

### 2.22.3 Issues concerning \catcodes

MusiXTEX uses the following symbols differently from plain $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}:>,<, 1, \&,!, *, .$, and : . The symbols are given their special meanings by executing the macro \catcodesmusic, and are restored to their plain $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ meanings with \endcatcodesmusic. When setting either a selfcontained score or a musical extract, you normally need not worry about this at all, because \startpiece or \startextract executes \catcodesmusic and \endpiece or \endextract executes \endcatcodesmusic. But there are some special situations where you might need to use these catcode-modifying macros explicitly. One is if you were to define a personalized macro outside \startpiece ... \endpiece, but which incorporated any of the symbols with their MusiXTEX meanings. Another would be if you wished to have access to facilities enabled by alternate style files such as french. sty which change \catcodes themselves. In such cases, provided you have input musixtex.tex, you can always invoke \catcodesmusic to set the \catcodes at their MusiXTEX values, and \endcatcodesmusic to restore them to their prior values.

### 2.23 Extension Library

All following files are invoked by saying \input filename. Most of them are fully compatible with MusiXTEX in that they do not redefine any existing macros but rather provide additional

[^35]functionality. In future versions of MusiXTEX we may very well incorporate many of them directly into musixtex.tex, but for now we leave them separate.

### 2.23.1 curly

Allows you to group more than 1 instrument with curly brackets (see 2.1.4).

### 2.23.2 musixadd

Increases the number of instruments, slurs and beams from six to nine.

### 2.23.3 musixbm

This file does nothing; it is retained only for compatibility with MusiXT ${ }_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ T. 110 or earlier. Since version T.111, musixtex.tex itself contains all the functions of the older musixbm, namely commands for 128th notes, either with flags or with beams: \ibbbbbu, \ibbbbbl, \nbbbbbu, \nbbbbbl, \tbbbbbu, \tbbbbbl, \Ibbbbbu, \Ibbbbbl, \cccccu, \cccccl, \ccccca, \zcccccu and \zcccccl.

### 2.23.4 musixbbm

Provides 256 th notes, but only for use within beams, via the commands $\backslash i b b b b b b u, ~ \ i b b b b b b l$, $\backslash$ nbbbbbbu, \nbbbbbbl, \tbbbbbbu, \tbbbbbbl, \Ibbbbbbu and \Ibbbbbbl.

By default musixbbm provides six 256 th beams with reference number 0 to 5 . You can specify a larger maximum number directly with $\backslash$ setmaxcclvibeams $\{m\}$ within the range ${ }^{35} 7 \leq m \leq 100$.

### 2.23.5 musixcho

Enables certain macros intended for choral music ${ }^{36}$. Provides the following commands: \biglbrace, \bigrbrace, \braceheight, \Dtx and \Drtx for two-line text, \Ttx and \Trtx for three-line text, \Qtx and \Qrtx for four-line text. To eliminate zigzagging lyrics lines, all multiple line texts are automatically vertically justified with the macro \ChroirStrut, defined as \vphantom\{\^Wgjpqy\}.

The macros $\backslash$ tx $\{t e x t\}, \backslash r t x\{t e x t\}$ cause song text to be left-justified on the insertion point rather then centered. $\backslash \mathrm{hf}\{m\}$ sets a text continuation rule of length $m \backslash$ noteskip.

Consult the source file musixdoc.tex to see the coding of the following example:


[^36]
### 2.23.6 musixcpt

Empowers MusiXTEX to run files created under MusicTeX, the predecessor of MusiXT ${ }_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$, such as some of the examples provided by Daniël TAUPIN. It is not needed for any files created under MusiXTEX, and is included mainly for historical completeness.

### 2.23.7 musixdat

Enables the command \today, which sets the current date in one of several possible languages. The language is selected by an optional preparatory command \date.... The default is \dateUSenglish, but this can changed, either at the end of musixdat.tex for a permanant change, or right before issuing \today. Available choices and sample results are summarized below:

| \dateUSenglish | April 2, 2011 |
| :--- | :--- |
| \dateaustrian | 2. April 2011 |
| \dateenglish | 2nd April 2011 |
| \datefrench | 2 avril 2011 |
| \dategerman | 2. April 2011 |

### 2.23.8 musixdbr

Enables dashed and dotted bar lines (see 2.11.4).

### 2.23.9 musixdia

Enables notes with diamond-shaped heads as follows:

- Solid note heads ( $\bullet$ ) are obtained using the macros \yqu, \yqup, \yqupp, \yql, \yqlp, \yqlpp, \yzq, \yzqp, \yzqpp, \yqb, \ycu, \yccu, \ycccu, \yccccu, \ycl, \yccl, \ycccl, \yccccl, \ycup, \ycupp, \yclp, \yclpp. (Think of dyamond). A solid diamond with no stem is obtained with \ynq (spacing) or \yznq (non-spacing).
- Open note heads $(\diamond)$ are obtained using the macros \dqu, \dqup, \dqupp, \dql, \dqlp, $\backslash d q 1 p p, \backslash d z q, \backslash d z q p, \ d z q p p, \backslash d q b, \backslash d c u, \backslash d c c u, \backslash d c c c u, \backslash d c c c c u, \backslash d c l, \backslash d c c l, \backslash d c c c l$,
 stem is obtained with \dnq (spacing) or \dznq (non-spacing).
One use of these note heads is for a string part with harmonic notes. For example,

was coded as follows:
\generalsignature\{-2\}
\generalmeter\allabreve
\startextract

$\backslash$ Notes $\backslash i b u 0 k 0 \backslash z q ~ g \backslash y q b 0 k \backslash q b 0 j \backslash z q ~ e \backslash y q b 0 i \backslash t b u 0 \backslash q b 0 j \backslash e n o t e s ~$
\bar
$\backslash N O T e s \backslash d z q ~ g \backslash h u k \backslash e n o t e s$
$\backslash$ NOTes $\backslash$ hpause $\backslash e n o t e s$
\bar
$\backslash$ NOTes $\backslash d z q \quad o \backslash z h ~ d \backslash h l ~ h \backslash e n o t e s$

```
\Notes\ibl0e0\zq g\yqb0k\qb0j\zq e\yqb0i\tbl0\qb0j\enotes
\bar
\NOTes\dzq g\hu k\enotes
\NOTes\hpause\enotes
\endextract
```

Another use is for percussion parts. In fact the file musixdia.tex is automatically loaded if you input musixper.tex (see 2.23.18).

### 2.23.10 musixeng

This package is provided for music typesetters who are allergic to the default rest names, which are taken from French, German or Italian. It does not provide new features, only new command names:

| original | alternate |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\backslash$ PAUSe | \Qwr |
| \PAuse | \Dwr |
| \liftpause | \liftwr |
| \pausep | \wrp |
| \pause | \wr |
| \lifthpause | \lifthr |
| \hpausep | $\backslash h r p$ |
| \hpause | $\backslash h r$ |
| \qp | \qr |
| $\backslash d s$ | $\backslash e r$ |
| $\backslash q s$ | $\backslash e e r$ |
| $\backslash h s$ | $\backslash e e e r$ |
| $\backslash q q s$ | $\backslash e e e e r$ |

### 2.23.11 musixext

Defines the following two specific macros:
$\backslash$ slide $\{p\}\{x\}\{s\}$, which provides a glissando starting at pitch $p$ and extending for $x$ \internotes with slope $s$ (ranging from -8 to 8 ).
\raggedstoppiece, which inhibits right-justification of the last line of a score.

### 2.23.12 musixfll

Enables modification of ledger lines. Ledger lines normally exceed the width of a note head by 25 percent in each direction. If the space between notes is insufficient, the ledger lines of consecutive notes may meet, creating visual ambiguities. Therefore, MusiXTEX shortens the ledger lines if notes are set so close together that the ledger lines may meet. But because MusiXTEX does not know whether consecutive notes need ledger lines, this automatic shortening may be superfluous. The extension file musixfll.tex allows this feature to be switched off and on. Upon inputting musixfll.tex, the automatic shortening of ledger lines is switched off. From then on, it may be switched on again using \autoledgerlines and switched off again using \longledgerlines. Both macros have global effect.

The following example shows that narrowly set scales look better with \autoledgerlines (the default behavior), while single notes requiring ledger lines look better with \longledgerlines.


### 2.23.13 musixgre

Gregorian chant is often coded using four line staffs (see section 2.20.3) and using special notes called neumes (which are described later in this section). It also requires special clefs. One way to substitute them for the modern ones is for example with commands like
\setaltoclefsymbol3\gregorianCclef
or
\setbassclefsymbol3\gregorianFclef,
which will cause instrument number 3 to display the selected gregorian clef. The standard clefs can be restored for every instrument with \resetclefsymbols. Note that when using this method you must specify whether to substitute for the bass or alto clef symbol (there is no treble clef in gregorian chant). The reason is that MusiXTEX selects and raises the F and C clefs differently, according to the arguments of the \setclef command. Therefore, if one had substituted any F clef symbol while saying \setclef1\{1000\}, then an F clef would duly appear on the staff, but it would be set at the position of an alto clef, thus seriously misleading the musician.

Another method of clef substitution employs \setclefsymbol (see section 2.14.3), which substitutes the clef given by the second argument for all clef symbols of the instrument given by the first, regardless of the actual musical meaning of the new clef symbol. This method is generally appropriate only if you want to change the clef symbol(s) of an instrument for the whole of the score.

As an example, the same gregorian scale has been written with a gregorian C clef on all four lines of the staff:


The coding was:

```
\instrumentnumber{4}
\setname1{1st line} \setname2{2nd line} \setname3{3rd line} \setname4{4th line}
\setlines1{4}\setlines2{4}\setlines3{4}\setlines4{4}
\sepbarrules
\generalmeter{\empty}
\setclef1{1000} \setclef2{2000} \setclef3{3000} \setclef4{4000}
\setaltoclefsymbol1\gregorianCclef
```

```
\setaltoclefsymbol2\gregorianCclef
\setaltoclefsymbol3\gregorianCclef
\setaltoclefsymbol4\gregorianCclef
\startextract
\Notes\squ{abcdefghi}&\squ{abcdefghi}&\squ{abcdefghi}&\squ{abcdefghi}&\enotes
\zendextract
```

All of the special gregorian symbols available in $\mathrm{MusiXT}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ are described in the following subsections.

### 2.23.13.1 Clefs

- Gregorian C clef: E = \gregorianCclef, normally activated for instrument $n$ with the command \setaltoclefsymbol\{n\}\gregorianCclef
- Gregorian F clef: $\boldsymbol{E}$ = \gregorianFclef, normally activated with the command \setbassclefsymbol\{ $n\} \backslash$ gregorianFclef


### 2.23.13.2 Elementary symbols

- Diamond shaped punctum (This has a different shape compared to the percussion diamond): - = \diapunc\{p\} .
- Square punctum: $=\backslash$ squ $\{p\}$ or $\backslash$ punctum $\{p\}$.
- Left stemmed virga (not in the 1905 gregorian standard): $\boldsymbol{\uparrow}=\backslash 1$ squ $\{p\}$.
- Right stemmed virga: $\boldsymbol{q}=\backslash$ rsqu $\{p\}$ or $\backslash \operatorname{virga}\{p\}$.
- Apostropha: $=\backslash$ apostropha $\{p\}$.
- Oriscus: = \oriscus $\{p\}$.
- Quilisma: $\mathrm{m}=$ \quilisma $\{p\}$.
- Punctum auctum (up): •= \punctumauctup\{p\} .
- Punctum auctum (down): = \punctumauctdown $\{p\}$.
- Diamond shaped punctum auctum (down): $\boldsymbol{,}=\backslash$ diapunctumauctdown $\{p\}$.
- Punctum deminutum: $=\backslash$ punctumdeminutum $\{p\}$.
- Apostropha aucta: , = \apostropha aucta\{p\} .

All non-liquescens symbols have non-spacing variants, namely \zdiapunc, \zsqu, \zlsqu, \zrsqu, $\backslash z a p o s t r o p h a$ and $\backslash z o r i s c u s$.

### 2.23.13.3 Plain complex neumes

Other neumes can be obtained by combining two or more of these symbols. Since neumes have a special note head width, an additional shifting macro is provided, namely \groff. It is similar to \roff, but the offset is smaller. For use with comples neumes, another shifting macro is provided, namely \dgroff, which causes an offset twice the offset of \groff.

Since most of these symbols depend on relative pitches of their components, we cannot provide all possible compact combinations as single symbols. The ones that are available in musixgre are described below. In the following, $p_{1}, p_{2}, p_{3}$, and $p_{4}$ represent pitches specified as usual. Please refer to the source file musixtex.tex if you wish to see the coding of those examples for which it is not quoted here.
$\backslash$ bivirga\{ $\left.p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}$, for example:


This example was coded as:

```
    \instrumentnumber 1
    \setstaffs 1 1
    \setlines 1 4
    \setclef 1{3000}
    \setaltoclefsymbol 1 \gregorianCclef
    \startextract
    \notes \bivirga ab\enotes
    \notes \bivirga cc\enotes
    \zendextract
```

\trivirga\{ $\left.p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}\left\{p_{3}\right\}$, for example:

$\backslash$ bistropha $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}$, for example:

\tristropha $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}\left\{p_{3}\right\}$, for example:

$\backslash c l i v i s\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}$, for example:

\lclivis $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}$, for example:

$\backslash$ podatus $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}$, for example:

$\backslash$ podatusinitiodebilis $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}$, for example:

\lpodatus $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}$, for example:

$\backslash$ pesquassus $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}$, for example:

$\backslash$ quilismapes $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}$, for example:

\torculus $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}\left\{p_{3}\right\}$, for example:

\torculusinitiodebilis $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}\left\{p_{3}\right\}$, for example:

$\backslash$ Porrectus $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}\left\{p_{3}\right\}$, for example:

coded:

```
\notes \Porrectus bab\enotes
\notes \Porrectus bac\enotes
\notes \Porrectus bNd\enotes
    \notes \Porrectus bMe\enotes
    \notes \Porrectus bLe\enotes
```

$\backslash$ Porrectus exists in four different shapes, depending on the difference between first and second argument. The constraint is that

$$
p_{1}-4 \leq p_{2} \leq p_{1}-1
$$

otherwise a diagnostic occurs. Note also that $\backslash$ bporrectus provides the first curved part of the porrectus command, if you should need it. It has two arguments, the starting pitch and the lower pitch.
$\backslash$ Porrectusflexus $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}\left\{p_{3}\right\}\left\{p_{4}\right\}$, for example:

coded:

| \notes \Porrectusflexus | bacN\enotes |
| :--- | :--- |
| \notes \Porrectusflexus | bNdb $\backslash$ enotes |
| \notes \Porrectusflexus | bMeb\enotes |
| \notes \Porrectusflexus | bLea\enotes |

\climacus $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}\left\{p_{3}\right\}$, for example:

$\backslash c l i m a c u s r e s u p i n u s\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}\left\{p_{3}\right\}\left\{p_{4}\right\}$, for example:

$\backslash$ lclimacus $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}\left\{p_{3}\right\}$, for example:

$\backslash$ scandicus $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}\left\{p_{3}\right\}$, for example:

$\backslash$ salicus $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}\left\{p_{3}\right\}$, for example:

$\backslash$ salicusflexus $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}\left\{p_{3}\right\}\left\{p_{4}\right\}$, for example:

\trigonus $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}\left\{p_{3}\right\}$, for example:


### 2.23.13.4 Liquescens complex neumes

$\backslash c l i v i s a u c t u p\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}$, for example:

\clivisauctdown $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}$, for example:

$\backslash$ podatusauctup $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}$, for example:

$\backslash$ podatusauctdown $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}$, for example:

$\backslash$ pesquassusauctdown $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}$, for example:

\quilismapesauctdown $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}$, for example:

\torculusauctdown $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}\left\{p_{3}\right\}$, for example:

$\backslash$ Porrectusauctdown $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}\left\{p_{3}\right\}$, for example:

\climacusauctdown $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}\left\{p_{3}\right\}$, for example:

$\backslash$ scandicusauctdown $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}\left\{p_{3}\right\}$, for example:

\salicusauctdown $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}\left\{p_{3}\right\}$, for example:

\clivisdeminut $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}$, for example:

$\backslash$ podatusdeminut $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}$, for example:

\torculusdeminut $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}\left\{p_{3}\right\}$, for example:

\torculusdebilis $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}\left\{p_{3}\right\}$, for example:

$\backslash$ Porrectusdeminut $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}\left\{p_{3}\right\}$, for example:

\climacusdeminut $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}\left\{p_{3}\right\}$, for example:

\scandicusdeminut $\left\{p_{1}\right\}\left\{p_{2}\right\}\left\{p_{3}\right\}$, for example:


### 2.23.14 musixgui

Provides macros for typesetting modern style guitar tablatures. For example:


The macro \guitar sets the grid, chord name, barre type, and on-off indicators for the strings. For example, the first chord in above example was coded as
\guitar G\{\}o-----\gbarre3\gdot25\gdot35\gdot44
where the first argument is the text to be placed above the grid, the second is empty (relative barre), and the next six characters indicate if the string is played or not with either x , o or - . The dots are set with $\backslash$ gdot $s b$ where the $s$ is the string and $b$ is the barre. The rule is set with \gbarre $b$ where $b$ indicates the position of the barre.

The whole symbol may be vertically shifted with \raiseguitar\{n\}, where $n$ is a number in units of \internote. When using guitar tablatures, it might be useful to reserve additional space above the chord by advancing \stafftopmarg to something like stafftopmarg=10\Interligne.

For frequently used chords, it might be useful to define your own macros, e.g.
\def\Dmajor\{\guitar D\{\}x-----\gdot42\gdot53\gdot62\}\%

### 2.23.15 musixlit

Provides a notation style intermediate between gregorian and baroque, for example



This package provides:

- \oldGclef which replaces the ordinary $G$ clef with an old one, using (for instrument 2 as an example): \settrebleclefsymbol2\oldGclef
- \cqu $p$ provides a square headed quarter note with stem up at pitch $p$.
- \cql $p$ provides a square headed quarter note with stem down at pitch $p$.
- \chu $p$ provides a square headed half note with stem up at pitch $p$.
- \chl $p$ provides a square headed half note with stem down at pitch $p$.
- \cnqu $p$ and $\backslash$ cnql $p$ provide a stemless square headed quarter note at pitch $p$.
- \cnhu $p$ and $\backslash c n h l p$ provide a stemless square headed half note at pitch $p$.
- $\backslash$ Hpause $p n$ provides an arbitrary length pause at pitch $p$ and of length $n \backslash$ noteskip. However, in the first of the above example, this feature has been used to denote an arbitrary length note rather than a rest!
- \Hlonga $p n$ provides an arbitrary length note at pitch $p$ and of length $n \backslash$ noteskip. This feature has been used to denote an arbitrary length note in the second of the above examples.
- \shortbarrules has been used to provide bar rules shorter than the staff vertical width.
- \interbarrules has been used to provide bars between the staffs, rather that over them. This is an arbitrary question of taste...


### 2.23.16 musixlyr

Enables the recommended method for adding lyrics to a score (see 2.21.2).

### 2.23.17 musixmad

Increases the number of instruments, slurs and beams up to twelve. When using this extension, it is not necessary to explicitly input musixadd.tex.

If you need greater numbers of these elements, see sections 2.1.4, 2.5.1, 2.9.3, 2.10.1.1, and 2.17.4.2.

### 2.23.18 musixper

Provides special symbols intended for percussion parts. Included are a drum clef-comprising two vertical parallel lines - and notes with various specially shaped heads. The note symbols that are available are as follows:

- The $\otimes$ symbol which is obtained using the \qu, \qb, \cu, etc. macros preceeded with a "dc" (think of diagonal cross). Available are \dcqu, \dcql, \dcqb, \dczq, \dccu, \dcccu, \dccl and \dcccl.
- The $\times$ symbol which is obtained using the $\backslash q u, \backslash q b, \backslash c u$, etc. macros preceeded with a "dh" (think of diagonal cross half open). Available are \dhqu, \dhql, \dhqb, \dhzq, \dhcu, \dhccu, \dhcl and \dhccl.
- The $\times$ symbol which is obtained using the \qu, \qb, \cu, etc. macros preceeded with a "do" (think of diagonal cross open). Available are \doqu, \doql, \doqb, \dozq, \docu, \doccu, $\backslash$ docl and \doccl.
- The xsymbol which is obtained using the \qu, \qb, \cu, etc. macros preceeded by "x" (e.g. for spoken text of songs). Available are \xqu, \xq1, \xqb, \xzq, \xcu, \xccu, \xcl and \xccl.
- The symbol which is obtained using the \qu, \qb, \cu, etc. macros preceeded by "ox" . Available are \oxqu, \oxql, \oxqb, \oxzq, \oxcu, \oxccu, \oxcl and \oxccl.
- The -symbol which is obtained using the \qu, \qb, \cu, etc. macros preceeded by "ro"
 $\backslash$ roccl.
- The $\Delta$ symbol which is obtained using the \qu, \qb, \cu, etc. macros preceeded by "tg" (think of triangle). Available are $\backslash$ tgqu, $\backslash$ tgql, $\backslash \mathrm{tgqb}, \backslash \mathrm{tgzq}, \backslash \mathrm{tgcu}, \backslash \mathrm{tgccu}, \backslash \mathrm{tgcl}$ and $\backslash t g c c l$.
- The + symbol which is obtained using the \qu, \qb, \cu, etc. macros preceeded by "k" . Available are $\backslash \mathrm{kqu}, \backslash \mathrm{kql}, \backslash \mathrm{kqb}, \backslash \mathrm{kzq}, \backslash \mathrm{kcu}, \backslash \mathrm{kccu}, \backslash \mathrm{kcl}$ and $\backslash \mathrm{kccl}$.
The diamond shaped noteheads described in section 2.23 .9 are also available, because musixper.tex inputs musixdia.tex.

If any of the foregoing notes need to be dotted, you must use the explicit dotting macros $\backslash \mathrm{pt}$, $\backslash \mathrm{ppt}$, or $\backslash \mathrm{pppt}$ as described in section 2.4.6.

Since the usage of these note symbols is not standardized, it would be wise to include in the score a explanation of which symbol corresponds to which specific percussion instrument.

A special drum clef-comprising two heavy vertical bars - can be made to replace the normal clef for the $n$-th intrument by saying \setclefsymbol $\{n\} \backslash$ drumclef. To cause this to appear at the right vertical position, the instrument should previously have been assigned a treble clef (or not explicitly assigned any clef, thereby giving it a treble clef by default).

Percussion music might be written on a staff with either one or five lines. If there are several different percussions instruments it may be useful to use a five-line staff with a drum clef, and differentiate the instruments by the type of the note heads and the apparent pitch of the note on the staff. Here is an example of the latter ${ }^{37}$ :


Its coding is
$\backslash$ begin\{music\}
\instrumentnumber\{1\}
$\backslash$ generalmeter\{\meterfrac44\}
\setclefsymbol1\drumclef

[^37]```
\parindentOpt\startpiece
\leftrepeat
\Notes\zql f\rlap\qp\ibu0m0\xqbO{nn}\enotes
\Notes\kzq d\zql f\zq j\xqbOn\tbu0\xqbOn\enotes
\Notes\zql f\rlap\qp\ibu0m0\xqbO{nn}\enotes
\Notes\kzq d\zql f\zq j\xqbOn\tbuO\xqbOn\enotes
\bar
\Notes\zql f\rlap\qp\ibuOmO\kqbO{nn}\enotes
\Notes\xzq d\zql f\zq j\kqbOn\tbu0\kqbOn\enotes
\Notes\zql f\rlap\qp\ibu0mO\kqbO{nn}\enotes
\Notes\xzq d\zql f\zq j\kqbOn\tbu0\kqbOn\enotes
\bar
\Notes\zql f\rlap\qp\ibuOmO\oxqb0{nn}\enotes
\Notes\oxzq d\zql f\zq j\kqbOn\tbuO\oxqbOn\enotes
\Notes\zql f\rlap\qp\ibuOmO\oxqb0{nn}\enotes
\Notes\oxzq d\zql f\zq j\kqbOn\tbu0\oxqbOn\enotes
\setrightrepeat\endpiece
\end{music}
```

Here is an example of a single-line percussion staff using diamond-shaped note heads:

which is coded as follows:

```
\parindent 19mm
\instrumentnumber{3}
\setname1{keyboard} \setname2{drum} \setname3{monks}
\setlines2{1}
\setlines3{4}
\setinterinstrument1{-2\Interligne}% less vertical space above
\setinterinstrument2{-2\Interligne}% and below the percussion
\sepbarrules
\setsign1{-1} % one flat at keyboard
\generalmeter{\meterfrac24}
\setmeter3{\empty}
\setclef3{\alto}
\setclef1{\bass}
\setstaffs1{2} % 2 staffs at keyboard
\setclefsymbol3{\gregorianCclef} % gregorian C clef at instrument 3
\setclefsymbol2{\drumclef} % cancel G clef at instrument 2
\startextract
```



\NOtes\qu J $\backslash \backslash z q$ a \qu e\& $\backslash y n q 4 \& \backslash d i a p u n c ~ f \backslash e n o t e s \backslash b a r ~$
\notes \hu G|\zh b\hu d\& $\backslash d n q 4 \& \backslash z s q u d \backslash r s q u g \backslash s q u\{h g h\} \backslash e n o t e s$
\endextract

### 2.23.19 musixpoi

Adds definitions of less common singly and doubly dotted notes. Available are \ccup, \zccup, \cclp, \zcclp, \ccupp, \zccupp, \cclpp, \zcclpp, \cccup, \zcccup, \ccclp, \zccclp, \cccupp, \zcccupp, \ccclpp, \zccclpp, \ccccup, \zccccup, \cccclp, \zcccclp, \ccccupp, \zccccupp, \cccclpp and $\backslash z c c c c l p p$.

### 2.23.20 musixps

Activates type K postscript slurs, ties, and hairpins (see 2.10.2).

### 2.23.21 musixstr

Provides bowing and other symbols for string instruments ${ }^{38}$. The symbol can be posted at the desired position using $\backslash$ zcharnote $\{p\}\{$ command\}. The available symbols and their meanings are as follows:
$\mathrm{F}: \backslash \mathrm{AB}$ or $\backslash$ downbow down-bow
$V$ : \AUF or \upbow up-bow
$\triangleleft: \$ SP at the top of bow
$\forall: \backslash F R$ at the nut of bow
$\longleftrightarrow$ or $\leftrightarrow: ~ \ G B$ or $\backslash \mathrm{Gb}$ whole bow
$\longleftarrow$ or $\leftarrow: ~ \ U H$ or $\backslash$ Uh lower half of bow
$\longrightarrow$ or $\rightarrow$ : \OH or $\backslash \mathrm{Oh}$ upper half of bow
$\longmapsto$ or $\longmapsto: ~ \ M I$ or $\backslash$ Mi middle of bow
$\longleftarrow$ or $\longleftarrow$ : \UD or \Ud lower third of bow
$\longmapsto$ or $\mapsto: ~ \ O D$ or $\backslash O d$ upper third of bow
$+: \backslash$ Pizz left hand pizzicato or trill

### 2.23.22 musixsty

Provides certain text-handling facilities for titles, footnotes, and other items not related to lyrics. It should not be used with $\mathrm{ET}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$. It includes

- definitions for commonly used fonts such as \tenrm, \eightrm, etc.;
- definitions of \hsize, \vsize, \hoffset, \voffset suitable for A4 paper; those using other sizes may wish to modify it once and for all;
- a set of text size commands:
\eightpoint which sets the usual $\backslash$ rm, $\backslash \mathrm{bf}$, \sl, \it commands to 8 point font size;
\tenpoint which sets the usual $\backslash \mathrm{rm}$, \bf, \sl, \it commands to 10 point font size;
\twlpoint to get 12 point font size;

[^38]\frtpoint to get 14.4 point font size;
\svtpoint to get 17.28 point font size;
\twtypoint to get 20.74 point font size;
\twfvpoint to get 24.88 point font size;

- commands for creating titles:
- \author or \fullauthor to be put at the right of the first page, below the title of the piece; the calling sequence is, for example
\author\{Daniel TAUPIN<br>organiste \'a Gif-sur-Yvette\} where the $\backslash \backslash$ causes the author's name to be displayed on two lines;
- \shortauthor to be put at the bottom of each page;
- \fulltitle which is the main title of the piece;
- \subtitle is displayed below the main title of the piece;
- \shorttitle or \title which is the title repeated at the bottom of each page;
- \othermention which is displayed on the left of the page, vertically aligned with author's name. It may contain $\backslash \backslash$ to display it on several lines;
- \maketitle which displays all the previous stuff;
- commands for making footnotes:
- The normal Plain-TEX \footnote command, which has two arguments-not just one as in $\mathrm{IAT}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ - namely the label of the footnote, which can be any sequence of characters, and the text of the footnote. This command does not work inside boxes, so it cannot be issued within music;
- The \Footnote command, which counts the footnotes and uses a number as the label of the footnote (equivalent to $\mathrm{IAT}_{\mathrm{E} X}$ 's $\backslash$ footnote command). The same restriction as with \footnote applies concerning its use within the music coding;
- The \vfootnote command, taken from the Plain-TEX, which places a footnote at the bottom of the current page, but does not put the footnote label at the place the command is entered in the main text. This also may not be used within music, but if a footnote is needed whose reference lies inside the music, it can be entered in two steps:

1. manually insert the reference inside the music, using e.g. zcharnote;
2. post the footnote itself with \vfootnote outside the music, either before \startpiece or between \stoppiece and \contpiece or equivalent commands.

### 2.23.23 musixtmr

Replaces the standard musixtex fonts by the Times series fonts, as default (see 2.16.2).

### 2.23.24 musixtri

Provides triply dotted note symbols. Available are: \lpppt, \whppp, \zwppp, \huppp, \hlppp, \zhppp, \zhuppp, \zhlppp, \quppp, \qlppp, \zquppp, \zqlppp, \zqppp, \cuppp, \zcuppp, \clppp, \zclppp, \qbppp and \zqbppp.

### 2.23.25 tuplet

Causes the figure in xtuplets to be printed within a small gap in the bracket (see 2.17.3).

## Chapter 3

## Acquiring, Installing, and Using MusiXTEX

This chapter will assume that $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ is installed. Most unix or Linux systems come with $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ already installed. If using MS Windows, you'll need to have manually installed some version of $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X} . \mathrm{MiKT}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ is the most common variant by far and therefore will be assumed. If you need to install $\mathrm{MiKT}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$, you can get the software from http://www.miktex.org or from CTAN.

### 3.1 Where to get MusiXTEX: the Werner Icking Archive

As already mentioned, the home base for all matters related to MusiXTEX is the Werner Icking Music Archive, at http://icking-music-archive.org. The most up-to-date versions of MusiXTEX and friends are located in the software section of the archive. The stable distribution of MusiXTEX will be contained in musixtex.zip. This will serve any operating system, but has detailed Windowsspecific installation instructions and batch scripts that simplify installing and running the software. There is a somewhat differently organized distribution on the CTAN servers at http://www.ctan.org/tex-archive/macros/musixtex/ with FTP link ftp://ftp.ctan.org/tex-archive/macros/musixtex/. This one is "TDS compliant," which means that it adheres to a recently announced standard directory structure for $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ systems. It is accompanied by installation instructions for UNIX and other OS's, but does not contain any installation scripts.

### 3.1.1 End of line characters in text files

The files in the Werner Icking Archive and in musixtex.zip have been contributed by such a wide range of authors that there is no common standard for the line endings in text files. But the key text files serve as input to programs such as $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ and METAFONT which are insensitive to this. If you use a PC and run into problems using any of these text files, you might be able to solve them with the program flip.exe which comes with the MusiXTEX distribution. Run it from a command window by typing flip -m <filename>, and it will convert line endings from the unix to MS-DOS convention.

### 3.1.2 Pre-installed MusiXTEX

Many versions of $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ include MusiXX $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ as a package. The included version is likely to be out of date and probably should not be used. When an archived version is downloaded and properly installed, it will supersede the pre-installed version.

### 3.2 Installing MusiXTEX

Installation of the $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ and MusiXTEX software is very system dependent and will not be detailed here. The distribution musixtex.zip is Windows-centric but does include all the MusiXTEX files needed for any OS. For Windows installation, the distribution includes very detailed instructions in mxinsuse.pdf and a batch file instmus.bat which greatly simplifies the installation process. Users of other OS's may refer to mxinsuse. pdf or to HOWTO file for UNIX in the archive.

Whatever your OS or installation method, there are really just a few fundamental tasks you must accomplish for a usable install:

- MusiXTEX comprises some $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ source files (.tex, .sty), font files, and the executable musixflx. The $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ sources and font files must be placed in locations where $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ can find them;
- $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}$ must be advised of the locations of those files;
- If you are installing any postscript fonts, you'll have to add a map file somewhere in the $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ file structure, and locate and modify a configuration file such as config.ps to record the addition of the map file.
- musixflx must be placed in a folder that is in your search path, so it can be executed from your working directory.


### 3.3 Running MusiXT ${ }_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$

As first stated in Section 1.3, to compile a score, you must run in sequence etex, musixflx, and etex again. This will produce a .dvi file. From this point forward, this file can be processed like the device-independent output file for any $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ document. The most common approach and the only one to be discussed here is to next generate a postscript file. This is accomplished by running dvips, which is included in every $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ system. To view the postscript, most users run GSview or ghostscript, which must be separately downloaded and installed. Finally, you may produce a PDF file also using GSview, and view that with Acrobat Reader or GSview.

You also can view the .dvi file directly using a DVI viewer such as Yap, but if you are using type K postscript slurs, DVI viewers will not display them.

Rather than executing all the foregoing programs separately, most users will find it more convenient to use either a batch file or a shell. The distribution musixtex.zip includes various batch files for compiling and viewing MusiXTEX files in Windows. Their use is discussed in detail in mxinsuse.pdf.

## Chapter 4

## MusiXTEX examples

The file musixdoc.tex, the source for this manual, contains many useful examples. In the manual, many examples are accompanied by a display of the code that produced them, while for a few only an image of the extract is included and you'll have to look in musixdoc.tex to see the coding.

Other useful examples cannot be embedded in the source, either because they are meant to be in $T_{E} \mathrm{X}$, not $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$, or because they are simply to large. For these the source files also are provided separately.

When compiling or viewing any of the examples, you should keep in mind that most DVI previewers and laser printers have their origin one inch below and one inch to the right of the upper right corner of the paper, while the musical examples have their upper left corner just one centimeter to the right and below the top left corner of the page. Therefore, special parameters may have to be given to the DVI transcription programs unless special \hoffset and \voffset $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ commands have been included within the $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ source.

### 4.1 Small examples

- ossiaexa.tex : This is a stand-alone example of the use of ossia, provided by Olivier Vogel (section 2.18.3 on page 72).
- 8bitchar.tex : Using 8bit characters. Here, the European character set is used. See section 7 on page 81 for other sets.


### 4.2 Full examples

The small examples above and the longer ones mentioned below are included in the folder MUSIXTEXdistribution\doc\musixtex\manualexa of musixtex115.zip. Many others are available in musixexa.zip or musixexa-T112.tar.gz. Some of them require the presence of musixcpt.tex which makes examples created in MusicTEX compatible with MusiXTEX. Here we only mention a few of special interest.

### 4.2.1 Examples mentioned in the manual

- avemaria.tex : the "Méditation" (alias "Ave Maria") by Charles Gounod for organ and violin or voice. To run this five-page example you'll also need avemariax.tex. It demonstrates the use of separated bar rules (section 2.11.2) and the use of staves of different sizes (section 2.19). Also, an additional instrument is created for lyrics. This was a common practice before the musixlyr package was created by Rainer Dunker.
- glorias.tex : a local melody for the French version of Gloria in excelsis Deo, a three-page piece demonstrating the use of the hardlyrics commands (section 2.21.1.2). gloriab.tex is the same piece, but with organ accompaniment.


### 4.2.2 Other examples, provided by the authors of MusiXTEX

- traeumer.tex : the famous "Träumerei" by Robert Schumann for piano, in genuine MusiXTEX but with some additions to perform ascending bitmapped crescendos. There are also S-shaped slurs between 2 staves.
- parnasum.tex : the first page of "Doctor gradus ad Parnassum" by Claude Debussy for piano. It contains a rather complex example of a new command \Special to create staffjumping doubly beamed notes.


### 4.2.3 Additional documentation

- sottieng : Notation mistakes, provided by Jean-Pierre Coulon.


### 4.3 Compiling musixdoc.tex

This manual is an excellent example of a primarily text document with embedded musical excerpts. For this reason it is a ${ }^{A} T_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ document and must be compiled with latex rather than etex. Those wishing to combine text and musical excerpts should carefully study how it is done here.

Before compiling or recompiling musixdoc.tex, you should remove all the auxilliary files musixdoc.[mx1|mx2|aux|toc|ind|idx|ilglout] if they are present. Then the following command sequence will produce musixdoc.ps:

```
latex musixdoc
musixflx musixdoc
latex musixdoc
makeindex -l musixdoc
latex musixdoc
latex musixdoc
dvips -e0 -t a4 -P pdf -G0 musixdoc
```

The initial three steps latex $\rightarrow$ musixfl $x \rightarrow$ latex build up the basic appearance of the document including many musical examples. makeindex produces the database for the index. After that, latex must be run at least twice to complete cross referencing. Finally, dvips converts the .dvi file into .ps (making PostScript type K slurs visible). To produce musixdoc.pdf, open musixdoc.ps in GSview. Go to FilelConvert, select pdfwrite at 600 dpi resolution, and click OK.

If you use an older version of $\mathrm{IAT}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ which doesn't automatically invoke $\varepsilon-\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$, you will encounter the error "! No room for new \count". This is because musixdoc.tex invokes musixtex.tex, which together with $\mathrm{EA}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ requires more storage registers than available in $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$. You may be able get around this by using the command elatex instead of latex; however, it is strongly recommended to upgrade your $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ system to a more recent version in which latex automatically invokes $\varepsilon-\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$.

## Chapter 5

## Pitches



## Notes, Accidentals, Accents, Clefs and Rests



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\qqs \hs \qs \ds \qp \hpause \hpausep $-\underset{\text { lifthpause }}{\text { \pause } \backslash \text { pausep }}$ \PAuse $\backslash$ PAUSe $\backslash$ Hpause $^{4}$


## Other Symbols



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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Thanks to Free Software Foundation for advising us. See http://www.gnu.org

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ musixps.tex by Stanislav Kneifl provides different limits.
    ${ }^{3} \varepsilon-T_{E} \mathrm{X}\left(\mathrm{e}-\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}\right)$ is a trademark of the NTS group.
    ${ }^{4}$ This should pose no problems for users, owing to the free availability of all the software, and to capacities of all modern computer hardware.

[^2]:    ${ }^{1}$ See section 3 for guidance on installing $T_{E} X$.

[^3]:    ${ }^{2}$ The abbreviation \en can be used in place of \enotes.

[^4]:    ${ }^{3}$ In many cases it will suffice to run tex, but with MusiXTEX 1.15 , it is possible to create a file requiring the enhanced capacity of etex. Since etex can handle any file tex can, it's best always to use etex.

[^5]:    ${ }^{4}$ Advisably, at the beginning or at the end of the section, for the sake of clarity.

[^6]:    ${ }^{5}$ This is the technique always used by $\mathbf{P M X}$ in constructing a MusiXT $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{E}}$ input file.

[^7]:    ${ }^{6}$ Note that $\backslash$ hardspace does not fall in this category; it is specifically designed to enter hard space in a way the MusiXTEX can properly record it

[^8]:    ${ }^{7} \mathbf{P M X}$ will automatically adjust both stem and beam directions when transposing, which is yet another reason to use it. However if a piece is to be transposed, the typesetter must still explicitly activate relative accidentals and enter accidentals according to the relative accidental convention.

[^9]:    ${ }^{8}$ Steinbach A. \& Schofer A., Automatisierter Notensatz mit $T_{E} X$, master's thesis, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms Universität, Bonn, Germany, 1987

[^10]:    ${ }^{1}$ We once saw a score in G-minor where the signature consisted of two flats (B and E) plus one sharp (F). This is not directly supported by MusiXTEX.

[^11]:    ${ }^{2} \backslash$ meterskip is not a macro but a dimension register. Whatever follows it must be a $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ dimension and it must not be enclosed in braces.

[^12]:    ${ }^{3}$ Using $m>4$ may require e-TEX.
    ${ }^{4}$ Submitted by Mthimkhulu Molekwa to the mutex list

[^13]:    ${ }^{5}$ Editor's note: It is a mystery why the authors of MusiXTEX didn't simply define \beforeruleskip and \afterruleskip as specific multiples of \elemskip

[^14]:    ${ }^{6}$ Editor's note: Evidently there is no explicit up-stemmed longa
    ${ }^{7}$ The "c" within this macro name stands for the equivalent British term "crotchet"

[^15]:    ${ }^{8}$ Some may not have realized that half and whole note heads have different shapes

[^16]:    ${ }^{9} 8$ th to 64 th beams are so basic that the maximum number of these beams are related with the maximum number of instruments by this command. Using $m>12$ may require $\mathrm{e}^{-} \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$.

[^17]:    ${ }^{10}$ Editor's note: Most music typesetting books recommend beam slopes that are less than the slope between the starting and ending note; these macros cannot provide that.

[^18]:    ${ }^{11}$ Editor's note: The reason for having defined these as non-spacing is not obvious

[^19]:    ${ }^{12}$ This may require $\mathrm{e}-\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$.

[^20]:    ${ }^{13}$ Please do not be confused by the availability of postscript versions of the font-based slur fonts (along with all other MusiXT $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ fonts). Once installed in a $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ system, their function and use are $100 \%$ transparently identical with bitmapped versions of the slur fonts. On the other hand, postscript slurs are functionally distinct from font-based slurs, and only share some of the same syntax.
    ${ }^{14}$ An alternate approach to postscript slurs, called Type $M$ after its developer Hiroaki MORimOTO, is available from the Icking Music Archive.
    ${ }^{15}$ The slur will start in the same place regardless of whether there is actually a note at pitch $p$.
    ${ }^{16}$ This may require e-TEX.

[^21]:    ${ }^{17}$ Editor's note: In fact, it appears that the default positioning of the ends of ties is exactly the same as that of short slurs.

[^22]:    ${ }^{18}$ Editor's note: It is not clear why this command uses " 1 " when all other similar ones use "d".

[^23]:    19 "K" stands for Stanislav Kneifl, the developer of the Type K postscript slur package.

[^24]:    ${ }^{20}$ If you insist on viewing files with a dvi viewer despite the fact that Type K slurs will not be visible, you may also find that figures emplaced with \slurtext will appear at the end of the slur rather than the middle.

[^25]:    ${ }^{21}$ It is possible in PMX.
    ${ }^{22}$ In this section, attribute will refer to any clef, key signature, or meter.

[^26]:    ${ }^{23}$ Details of the macro \setclefsymbol will be discussed later

[^27]:    ${ }^{24}$ by Hiroaki Morimoto

[^28]:    ${ }^{25}$ Note from the editor: the reason the names of some of these macros don't seem to be constructed to suggest the terms used in the descriptions is that whoever originally defined the macros had in mind terms that did not agree with normal English usage.

[^29]:    ${ }^{26}$ Thanks to Klaus Bechert's corrections.

[^30]:    ${ }^{27}$ This may require $\mathrm{e}-\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$.

[^31]:    ${ }^{28}$ (Italian O sia) Or else

[^32]:    ${ }^{29}$ The example is taken from the musixlyr manual.

[^33]:    ${ }^{30}$ We'll assume a user wanting to embed a musical excerpt in a $\mathrm{LA} \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ document is already familiar with the fundamentals of $I_{A} T_{E} X$. For more information about it, see for example the manual ${ }^{A} T_{E} X$ : A Document Preparation System by Leslie Lamport
    ${ }^{31}$ Please do not be confused; while $\mathrm{IT}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ is recommended for text-based documents containing musical exceprts, its use is definitely discouraged for ordinary self-contained musical scores of any sort.

[^34]:    ${ }^{32}$ The macro \extractline is defined once and for all in musixtex.tex as \centerline. You might think that the suggested coding would permanently redefine \extractline, thereby upsetting the normal function of \startextract $\ldots$.. \endextract for subsequent use. But it doesn't, because any actions within \begin\{music\}...\end\{music\} are

[^35]:    ${ }^{34}$ Do note, however, that musixdoc.tex includes musixdoc but not musixtex as an argument of \documentstyle. The former performs the functions of the latter as well as numerous tasks peculiar to this particular document.

[^36]:    ${ }^{35}$ This may require $\mathrm{e}-\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$.
    ${ }^{36}$ Remember that we now recommend using musixlyr for any except the simplest lyrics. The extension musixcho is only for those diehards who choose to ignore this advice

[^37]:    ${ }^{37}$ provided by Agusti Martín Domingo

[^38]:    ${ }^{38}$ provided by Werner Icking

