

# Diffchecker

- 30 Removals + 33 Additions

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3 ### Start Center {#start-center}
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7 [inline:Start_center_en.png=Start C
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9 To open the Start Center (if not alr
  eady visible), use any of the follo
  wing options:
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11 * Press <kbd><kbd>F4</kbd></kbd>.
12 * From the menu bar, select <samp
  class="menu">File</samp>&rarr;<samp
  class="menuitem">Start Center...</s
  amp>
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14 From the Start Center you can:
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16 *
  [Create a new score](#new-score-titl
  e) (by clicking on the icon with the
  plus sign).
17 * View thumbnails of previously-open
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  pen it.
18 * Open a score from your computer's
  file system: click on <kbd><kbd>Ope
  n a score ...</kbd></kbd>
19 *
  Open the "__Getting Started__" tutor
  ial score. Use the arrow buttons in
  the right-hand pane to access
  the link.
20 * Search sheet music on [musecore.co
  m](http://musescore.com).
21 *
  Access various other facilities (see
  right-hand pane).
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  networks
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 25 To open the `__New Score Wizard__` when the Start Center is not open, use one of the following options:  
 26  
 27 \* Click on the New Score icon in the toolbar on the top left of the window;  
 28 \* Use keyboard shortcut `<kbd><kbd>Ctrl</kbd>+<kbd>N</kbd></kbd>` (Mac: `<kbd><kbd>Cmd</kbd>+<kbd>N</kbd></kbd>`);  
 29 \* From the menu, select `<samp class="menu">File</samp>&arr;<samp class="menuitem">New...</samp>`.



31 ##### Enter score information {#enter-score-information}  
 32  
 33 `[inline:Create_new_score-Title_en.png=New Score wizard: Title, subtitle, etc.]`  
 34 `_Step 1: Enter score information._`  
 35

Enter the title, composer, or any other information as shown above, then click on `<kbd><samp class="button">Next &gt;</samp></kbd>`. This step is optional: you can also add this information after the score is created (see `[node:278605,fragment="vertical",title="Vertical frame"]`).

37  
 38 ##### Choose template file {#choose-template}  
 39  
 40 `[inline:Create_new_score-Select_template_en.png=New Score wizard: Select template file]`  
 41 `_Step 2: Choose template file._`  
 42

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 33 `__Note__`: The following subheadings may differ slightly in versions prior to MuseScore 2.2.

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48 ##### Choose instruments (or voice parts) {#instruments-and-voice-parts}

49

50 [inline:Create\_new\_score-Add-instruments\_en.png=New score wizard: Choose instruments]

51

52 The `__Choose Instruments__` window is divided into two columns:

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54 \* The `__left column__` contains a list of instruments, or voice parts to choose from. This list is categorized into instrument families, and clicking a category shows the full list of instruments in each family.

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56 The default entry is "Common instruments" but you can choose from others, including "Jazz instruments" and "Early music". There is a search box at the bottom of the instrument window: typing the name of an instrument there will search for it in "All instruments".

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58 \* The `__right column__` starts off empty, but will eventually contain a list of instruments for your new score in the order that they will appear.

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60 ##### Add instruments {#add-instruments}

61

62 To add instruments to the score, use any of the following options:

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64 \* Select one or more instruments in the left column and click `<Add>`.

65 \* Double-click an instrument in the left column.

66

The instrument names, and their associated staff lines, now appear in the list of instruments in the right column. You can add more instruments or voice parts, as needed. Each instrument added in this way is allocated its own

[node:278583,title="Mixer"] channel.

68

69 `__Note__`: If you want staves to share the same instrument, use the `[Add staff](#add-staff)` or `[Add linked staff](#add-staff)` commands instead

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    {#add-staff}
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    on the right-hand side (e.g. see "S
  taff 1" in the image below). Click <
  kbd><samp class="button">Add Staff<
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  ton">Add Linked Staff</samp></kbd>.
76 2. Adjust the __Staff type__, if app
  licable.
77
78 [inline:Create_new_score-Add_linked_
  staff_en.png=New score wizard: Add s
  taff]
79
80 Summary of commands:
81
82 Command|Staff added|Edit staves inde
  pendently?|Share mixer channel?|Exam
  ples
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  r staff/tab, Piano grand staff
85 __Add Linked Staff__|Linked|No. Edit
  in one staff updates others|Yes|Gui
  tar staff/tab
86
87 See also,
  [node:278562,fragment="multiple-stav
  es",title="Combine
  pitched staff with tablature"].
88
89 ##### Change order of instruments {#
  change-order-innstruments}
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91 To change the order of instruments
  (or staves) in the score:
92
93 * Click either an instrument name or
  a staff, in the right-hand column,
  and use the <kbd><kbd>&uarr;</kbd>
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  d> buttons to move it higher/lower.
94
95 ##### Delete an instrument {#delete-
  instrument}
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  f line, from the score
98
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102
103 [inline:Create_new_score-Key_signat
  ure_en.png=New Score wizard: Select
  key signature]
104 _Step 3: Choose key signature and t
  empo._
105
106 The wizard asks for two things: The
  initial key signature and tempo of
  the score. Select any of the former
  and click <kbd><samp class="butto
  n">Next &gt;</samp></kbd> to continu
  e. An initial tempo can be set here
  too.
107
108 ##### Choose time signature, pickup m
  easure, and number of measures {#tim
  e-signature-pickup-and-number-of-mea
  sures}
109
110 [inline:Create_new_score-Time_signat
  ure_en.png=New score wizard: Create
  time signature and set measure opti
  ons]
111 _Step 4: Choose time signature etc._
112
  You can set your initial __time sign
  ature__ here. If the score starts wi
  th a
113 [node:278598,fragment="pickup-measur
  e",title="pickup
  measure"] (also known as an _anacru
  sis_ or _upbeat_ measure), then mark
  the __Pickup measure__ checkbox and
  adjust the "Duration" accordingly.
114
115 __Measures__ is set to 32 by defaul
  t: you can change the number here, o
  r add/remove measures later from the
  score.
116
117 Click <kbd><samp class="button">Fini
  sh</samp></kbd> to create your new s
  core.
118
119 ##### Adjustments to score after creat
  ion {#create-new-score-adjustments-a
  fter-creation}
120
121 Any settings you make in the New Sco
  re Wizard can always be changed when
  you start work on the score itself:
122
123 ##### Add/delete measures {#add-delet
  e-measures}
124
125 To add/delete measures or create a
  [node:278598,fragment="pickup-measur
  e",title="pickup
  measure"], see
  [node:278611,fragment="duration",tit
  le="Measure duration"].

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  {#key-signature-and-tempo}
106
107 [inline:Create_new_score-Key_signat
  ure_en.png=New Score wizard: Select
  key signature]
108 _Step 3: Choose key signature and t
  empo._
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  e-signature-pickup-and-number-of-mea
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114 [inline:Create_new_score-Time_signat
  ure_en.png=New score wizard: Create
  time signature and set measure opti
  ons]
115 _Step4: Choose time signature etc._
116
  You can set your initial __time sign
  ature__ here. If the score starts wi
  th a
117 [node:36036,fragment="pickup-measur
  e",title="pickup
  measure"] (also known as an _anacru
  sis_ or _upbeat_ measure), then mark
  the __Pickup measure__ checkbox and
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  [node:36036,fragment="pickup-measur
  e",title="pickup
  measure"], see
  [node:36106,title="Measure operation
  s"].

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126  
 127 ##### Add/edit text {#add-edit-text}  
 128  
 129 To add text, see  
 [node:278664,fragment="add-text",title="Add  
 text"] (Text basics). To change exist-  
 ing text, see  
 [node:278590,title="Text editing"].

130  
 131 ##### Change instrument set-up {#change-Instrument-setup}

132  
 133 To  
 add, delete, or change the order of  
 instruments\_\_:

134  
 135 \* From  
 the menu, select <samp class="menu">Edit</samp>&rarr;<samp class="menuitem">Instruments...</samp>; or use  
 the keyboard shortcut, <kbd><kbd>I  
 </kbd></kbd>. This opens the \_\_Instru-  
 ments\_\_ dialog which is virtually i-  
 dentical to the  
 [node:278622,fragment="instruments-a  
 nd-voice-parts",title="Choose  
 Instruments"] dialog in the \_\_New S  
 core Wizard\_\_ (see [above](#instrume  
 nts-and-voice-parts)).

136  
 137 See also  
 [node:278564,fragment="change-instru-  
 ment",title="Change  
 instrument"] (Staff properties).

138  
 139 ##### Hide a staff {#hide-staff}

140  
 141 \* \_\_To hide a staff permanently\_\_: O-  
 pen the  
 [node:278622,fragment="instruments-a  
 nd-voice-parts",title="Instruments"]  
 dialog (<kbd><kbd>I</kbd></kbd>) an-  
 d untick the "Visible" box for that  
 staff.

142 \* \_\_To hide a staff under certain co-  
 nditions\_\_: See the "Hide" options i-  
 n the  
 [node:278570,fragment="style-score",  
 title="Score dialog"],

130  
 131 ##### Add/edit text {#add-edit-text}  
 132  
 133 To add text, see  
 [node:88266,fragment="add-text",title="Add  
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 [node:35996,title="Text editing"].

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 [node:36161,fragment="instruments-a  
 nd-voice-parts",title="Choose  
 Instruments"] dialog in the \_\_New S  
 core Wizard\_\_ (see [above](#instrume  
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 [node:9273,fragment="change-instru-  
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 [node:35896,fragment="style-edit-gen-  
 eral-style-score",title="Score men  
 u"],



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and
[node:278564,fragment="common-staff-
properties-options",title="Staff
Properties"].
143
144 ##### Adjust layout and formatting
    {#adjust-layout-formatting}
145
To adjust the distance between stave
s and systems, set page margins et
c., see
146 [node:278570,title="Layout
and formatting"].
147
148 ### Templates {#templates}
149
150 A __Template__ is simply a standard
    MuseScore file that has been stored
    in one of two "templates" folders:
    any files in these folders are auto
    matically displayed on the "[Chose t
    emplate file](#choose-template)" pag
    e of the New Score Wizard. Two templ
    ates folders are created by default:
151
152 * A [system templates folder](#system-templates-folder).
153 * A [user templates folder](#user-templates-folder).
154
155 ##### System templates folder {#system-templates-folder}
156
157 This folder contains the templates i
    nstalled with MuseScore and _should
    not_ be modified. It can be found i
    n the following locations:
158
159 __Windows__: Usually at `C:\Program
    Files\MuseScore 2\templates`; or in
    the 64-bit versions at `C:\Program
    Files (x86)\MuseScore 2\templates`.
160
161 __Linux__: Under `/usr/share/mscore-
    xxx` if you installed from the packa
    ge manager. If you compiled MuseScor
    e on Linux yourself, then look under
    `/usr/local/share/mscore-xxx` (with
    `xxx` being the version you are usi
    ng).
162
163 __MacOS__: Under `/Applications/Muse
    Score 2.app/Contents/Resources/templ
    ates`.
164
165 ##### User templates folder {#user-templates-folder}
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160
161 __Windows__: Usually at `C:\Program
    Files\MuseScore 2\templates`; or in
    the 64-bit versions at `C:\Program
    Files (x86)\MuseScore 2\templates`.
162
163 __Linux__: Under `/usr/share/mscore-
    xxx` if you installed from the packa
    ge manager. If you compiled MuseScor
    e on Linux yourself, then look under
    `/usr/local/share/mscore-xxx` (with
    `xxx` being the version you are usi
    ng).
164
165 __MacOS__: Under `/Applications/Muse
    Score 2.app/Contents/Resources/templ
    ates`.
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169 The default location of the user templates folder is as follows:
170
171 __Windows__: `~\Documents\MuseScore2\Templates`.
172
173 __MacOS__ and __Linux__: `~/Documents/MuseScore2/Templates`.
174
175 To configure the location of your private templates folder:
176
177 * From the menu, select <samp class="menu">Edit</samp>&arr;<samp class="menuitem">Preferences...</samp>&arr;<samp class="tab">[node:278648#general, title="General",fragment="general"]</samp>.
178
179 ### See also {#see-also}
180
181 * [node:278573,title="Key signature"]
182 * [node:278579,title="Time signature"]
183 * [node:278574,title="Clef"]
184 * [node:278604,title="Tempo"]
185 * [node:278564,title="Staff properties"]
186
187 ### External links {#external-links}
188
189 * [Video tutorial: MuseScore in Minutes: Lesson 1 - Score Setup](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YZ4kRzkHroU)

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Note: prior to version 2.3, you need to restart MuseScore in order to see a newly-added template.

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179 * From the menu, select <samp class="menu">Edit</samp>&arr;<samp class="menuitem">Preferences...</samp>&arr;<samp class="tab">[node:39861#general, title="General",fragment="general"]</samp>.
180
181 ### See also {#see-also}
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183 * [node:35911,title="Key signature"]
184 * [node:35941,title="Time signature"]
185 * [node:35916,title="Clef"]
186 * [node:36066,title="Tempo"]
187 * [node:9273,title="Staff properties"]
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189 ### External links {#external-links}
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191 * [Video tutorial: MuseScore in Minutes: Lesson 1 - Score Setup](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YZ4kRzkHroU)

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