

Finale Family Detailed Product Comparison Chart

Finale® PrintMusic SongWriter NotePad

Compatibility/System Requirements

2014	2014	2012	2012	Version
XP/Vista/Windows 7 (64-bit compatible)	Vista/Windows 7 (64-bit compatible)	XP/Vista/windows 7 (64-bit compatible)	XP/Vista/Windows 7 (64-bit compatible)	Windows®
10.7 - 10.9	10.5 - 10.9	10.5 - 10.7	10.5 - 10.7	Mac OS® X
■	■	■	■	Mac® Cocoa® Support
■	■	■	■	Share files between Mac and Windows platforms
■	■	■	■	Number of Authorized installations
■	■	■	■	Backwards compatibility with Finale 2012
■	■	■	■	Backwards compatibility using MusicXML™ Import and Export
■	■	■	■	Use free Finale SongBook™ iPad app to view, play, and print Finale family notation files

Getting Started

■	■	■	■	Free technical support
■	■	■	■	Comprehensive, cross-referenced documentation
■	■	■	■	QuickStart Videos that demonstrate common tasks
■	■	■	■	Quick Reference Guide provides instant access to common keystrokes/tasks
■	■	■	■	User Manual with integrated video
■	■	■	■	On screen Message Bar identifies tools and their uses
■	■	■	■	Auto-Detect MIDI Device makes setup easy
■	■	■	■	Instrument "Set-up Wizard" provides easy score set-up with full page layout and instrument transposition
■	■	■	■	Open same or previous version Finale®, Allegro, PrintMusic, and NotePad files, retaining all data and settings
■	■	■	■	Number of Staves available
■	■	■	■	Number of Staff Lines available (all with TAB staves available)
■	■	■	■	Pre-designed templates
■	■	■	■	Included music fonts: Broadway Copyist, Engraver, Finale AlphaNotes, Finale Copyist, Finale Lyrics, Finale Mallets, Finale Numerics, Finale Percussion, Jazz, Maestro, Maestro Wide, Petrucci, and Tamburo.
■	■	■	■	Unicode font support, providing access to any font character (and in any language)

Entering Notes

■	■	■	■	Use a palette to click notes, accidentals and rests onto the staff
■	■	■	■	Enter pitches and rhythmic values using a mouse or MIDI Instrument
■	■	■	■	Enter rhythmic values with the numeric keypad
■	■	■	■	Import standard MIDI files
■	■	■	■	Input notes and rhythms in real time
■	■	■	■	Enter rhythmic values from a double-whole note to a 128th note
■	■	■	■	Enter pitches with the arrow or letter keys
■	■	■	■	Notate with a MIDI instrument using a provided beat/metronome
■	■	■	■	Re-position notes with the arrow keys
■	■	■	■	Notate an acoustic instrument as it plays a melody (monophonic, or single-line only)
■	■	■	■	Scan existing sheet music with FREE SmartScore™ Lite software by Musitek (included)
■	■	■	■	Convert SmartScore and MidiScan® scanned music files into Finale notation files
■	■	■	■	Open SharpEye scanning files via MusicXML (SharpEye is Windows only)
■	■	■	■	Enter notation in real time with the HyperScribe tool. Speed up or slow down tempo during notation.
■	■	■	■	Specify instrumentation while scanning, producing correctly transposed playback
■	■	■	■	Enter rhythmic values from a MIDI keyboard

Adding Markings, Lyrics, and more

■	■	■	■	Individual score elements display in different colors for easy distinction
■	■	■	■	Dockable palettes provide an uncluttered workspace
■	■	■	■	Use a Smart Shape palette to place hairpins, lines, and other shapes onto the score
■	■	■	■	Create and position titles, credits, copyright notices and other text
■	■	■	■	Control font, size, style and alignment
■	■	■	■	Automatically align lyrics with notes
■	■	■	■	Automatically avoid collisions of lyrics when re-spacing notes
■	■	■	■	Enter notes directly in TAB staves
■	■	■	■	Copy/paste between normal notation and TAB staves
■	■	■	■	Type lyrics directly onto the score
■	■	■	■	Automatic guitar tablature
■	■	■	■	Automatically notate percussion staves that playback without extra configuration
■	■	■	■	Enter dynamics and tempo markings
■	■	■	■	Enter chord symbols by typing in their names or by playing them with a MIDI keyboard
■	■	■	■	Add repeats that automatically playback
■	■	■	■	Automatically create separate coda systems
■	■	■	■	Center or left align chord symbols
■	■	■	■	Create and edit your own chord symbols, including alternate bass indication
■	■	■	■	Add rehearsal marks and measure numbers, then emphasize them with ovals or rectangles
■	■	■	■	Move lyrics, chords, expressions, titles, text blocks and other elements
■	■	■	■	Place large blocks of text with a built-in text editor
■	■	■	■	Instant word extensions and hyphens automatically wrap to the next staff-system
■	■	■	■	Play chords on a MIDI instrument for automatic analysis and naming
■	■	■	■	Positioning guides for accurate placement of chord symbols
■	■	■	■	Notate TAB as you play a MIDI guitar
■	■	■	■	Automatically add guitar fretboards
■	■	■	■	Automatically transpose chord symbols with changes in key
■	■	■	■	Adjust ties, slurs, crescendos and diminuendos
■	■	■	■	Mix fonts, font sizes and styles (English, Nashville, Roman, German, etc.) within chord symbols
■	■	■	■	Change or delete notes without changing your chords
■	■	■	■	Show only the tools you need or display all tools
■	■	■	■	Independently specify the alignment, position and font for any staff name
■	■	■	■	Create word extensions
■	■	■	■	Shift lyrics right or left by syllables
■	■	■	■	Hide signatures and accidentals on individual staves
■	■	■	■	Create lyrics all at once and click onto the score one syllable or verse at a time
■	■	■	■	Mix fonts, sizes and styles
■	■	■	■	Analyze chords from notation across one or two staves
■	■	■	■	Customize fretboard diagrams that transpose intelligently

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 Control the exact placement of each part of a beat
 Hide key and time signatures when desired
 Create chord-only charts
 Create and edit text blocks on any view
 Create custom TAB styles
 Create "cue measures" using the Ossia tool
 Specify tempo changes using the Tempo Tool
 Support for: mezzo-soprano, baritone C, treble 8va, bass 8va, french violin, alternative percussion, blank clef
 Define custom clefs
 Place multiple clefs within measures
 Flow text into and around irregularly-shaped graphics
 Align and justify lyrics either globally or syllable by syllable
 Create custom staves
 Create custom articulations
 Create flat beams
 Hide/show ledger lines
 Save time on repetitive tasks with the Add Again metatool

Editing Tools



Full measures
 Limited
 Limited

Full measures
 Limited
 Limited

Select any group of notes for editing, including partial measures
 View each window in any fashion desired (page or scroll view, magnification, and measure location)
 Resize view from 5% to 1000%
 Size and position tool palettes to fit the way you work
 Cut, copy and paste text
 Cut, copy and paste between windows
 Reposition any symbol, character, graphic or text anywhere on the page simply by dragging it
 Multiple Undo even past the last "Save"
 Apply "smart articulations" with automatic positioning and stem direction sensitivity
 Drag and drop dynamics and tempo markings
 Respace notes to automatically avoid collisions of lyrics
 Quickly manipulate any item using the Selection tool
 Simultaneously view and edit multiple pages
 Instrument doubling made easy

Hearing Your Music

Customization &
 regional selection also
 available



Standard style only

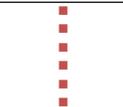
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Play your score through a MIDI instrument, sound module, sound card or internal computer speaker
 SmartMusic® SoundFont - 128 sounds included free
 Human Playback® plays feeling, phrasing and nuance in a variety of styles

Play back repeats, dynamics, tempo changes and chord symbols
 Play a note, chord, phrase, selected staves or an entire score
 Define playback sounds of each staff, layer of music and/or chord symbols
 Assign a MIDI channel or patch, and play/solo/mute setting for each staff
 Map multiple staves to the same instrument sound
 Row-Loft marching percussion sounds included
 Play back as you played it - retaining your original MIDI performance including key velocity, pitch bend, rubato, and more
 Program the percent of "swing feel" for playback
 Percussion staves automatically plays back without extra configuration
 Integrated Garritan® Aria Player™ with Ambience Reverb
 More than 425 world-class Garritan instrument sounds for realistic playback
 More than 100 concert and marching percussion sounds from Tapspace™ Virtual Drumline™
 External sound library support (VST/AU instruments and effects)
 Boomwhackers® tuned percussion tube sounds
 Define/control playback of interpretive marks, text and shapes
 Define your own scales and micro tonality
 Assign a playback effect to any graphic
 Control all aspects of playback, in one place, with the ScoreManager®

Sharing your Music



Full page or section.
 PDF, JPEG, PNG, TIFF,
 EPS, PICT (Mac only)

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 PDF and JPEG Only



Use free Finale SongBook iPad app to view, play, and print Finale family notation files
 Print professional quality sheet-music
 Open files created by same or earlier product version
 Backwards compatibility with Finale 2012
 Export MIDI and MusicXML files
 Save as Audio File to create CDs (MP3, WAV, AIF)
 Export your score or a section of your score as a graphic files

Educator Tools

Full page or section.
 PDF, JPEG, PNG, TIFF,
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Full page or section.
 JPEG Only

More than 1,500

More than 50

More than 40

Create custom worksheets or quizzes by exporting music into word processing programs

Exercise Wizard instantly creates materials for an entire ensemble
 Orff Instruments in Set-up Wizard
 Create SmartMusic accompaniments (SmartMusic use requires a subscription)
 Ready-made, customizable music education worksheets included
 Includes solfege, instant tonic sol-fa conversion plus popular band, orchestra, choral and church music templates
 Colored noteheads
 Finale AlphaNotes font puts note names inside noteheads, benefiting beginning readers
 Finale Numerics font makes it easy to type in Roman numeral or harmonic analysis

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Composing and Arranging Time Savers

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■	4 layers only	4 layers only	4 layers only	Define up to four layers of music per staff with two independent voices per layer
■	1 or 5 lines	5 lines (plus tablature)		Number of staff lines per staff from 0 to 100
■	(plus tablature)			
■	24 stave limit	8 stave limit	8 stave limit	Create any multiple of staves and measures up to 32,768
■	Standard only	Standard only	Standard only	Use standard or non-standard key signatures
■	Layers, 2nds, and unisons	Layers, 2nds, and unisons	Layers, 2nds, and unisons	Automatically avoid collisions of mid-score and mid-measure clefs, 2nds, and unisons when using layers
■	■	■	■	Play any range of measures at a specified tempo with on-screen Playback Controls
■	■	■	■	Set-up Wizard automatically assigns General MIDI patches and channels
■	■	■	■	Easily set up key and time signatures using the Set-up Wizard
■	■	■	■	Automatic final barline
■	■	■	■	View a score in either scroll view (continuous staff) or page view
■	■	■	■	Scroll music on-screen during playback in page or scroll view
■	2-3 voice harmonies	Page View only	Page View only	Band-in-a-Box Auto Harmonizing automatically adds two to six-part harmonies of selected styles
■	■	Page View only	Page View only	Drum Groove creates custom drum parts instantly
■	■	2-3 voice harmonies	■	Control the distance between a staff system and the staff system above
■	■	Limited	■	Enter an unlimited number of notes per measure
■	■	■	■	Control stem direction individually
■	■	■	■	Control the number of measures in each staff system
■	■	■	■	Transpose using chromatic, diatonic, enharmonic or modal methods
■	■	Transpose	■	Transpose, rebar, or rebeam music with single commands
■	■	■	■	Instantly switch views between the score and individually linked parts
■	■	■	■	Use on-screen rulers to position score elements
■	■	■	■	Add graphic repeat signs and text repeat markings
■	■	■	■	Reduce a score, page, staff system, note group or single note down to 5%, or enlarge it up to 999%
■	■	■	■	Extract individual parts from a score, with separate page layout control for each part
■	■	■	■	Adjust measure widths
■	■	■	■	Choose from over 30 pre-designed score templates to help you quickly prepare professional scores
■	■	■	■	"Optimize" the conductor's score by hiding empty staves
■	■	■	■	Automatic on-screen range checking
■	■	■	■	Create mid-measure clefs
■	■	■	■	Save multiple MIDI/instrument setups
■	■	■	■	Re-quantize any notes in any region entered from any note entry method
■	■	■	■	Protect scores with automatic backup
■	■	■	■	Capture music as you play, then convert to notation later Record one "track" while playing back others
■	■	■	■	Define your own noteheads; change the shape of any notehead
■	■	■	■	Specify separate time signatures for display and beaming control
■	■	■	■	Use different time and key signatures in each staff
■	■	■	■	Latin percussion rhythms included
■	■	■	■	"Explode" scores to create instant orchestrations
■	■	■	■	"Implode" scores to create instant piano reductions
■	■	■	■	Add Cue Notes - easily place cue notes on any staves in any layer at any percentage
■	■	■	■	Align/Move Dynamics - vertically align all selected dynamics, expressions and hairpins
■	■	■	■	Automatic Barlines - place double-barlines automatically before all key changes and a final barline at the end of the score
■	■	■	■	Automatic Dynamics Placement - automatically places dynamics on the score based on MIDI key velocity
■	■	■	■	Canonic Utilities - transforms the selected region using inversion, retrograde, transposition or any combination of these
■	■	■	■	Cautionary Accidentals - allows various forms of cautionary accidentals added to your score including display on all notes
■	■	■	■	Change Fonts - Change fonts globally for text blocks, staff names, group names and lyrics
■	■	■	■	Change Noteheads - allows you to change the noteheads of all the notes in the selected region
■	■	■	■	Change Stem Direction - changes the stem direction of notes on the middle staff line to follow the direction of the melodic line
■	■	■	■	Change to Default Whole Rests - allows you to change all the whole measure rests in the selected region to default rests
■	■	■	■	Change to Real Whole Rests - allows you to change all the default measure rests in the selected region to real whole rests
■	■	■	■	Check Range - verifies the selected instruments range with setting for beginner, intermediate and advanced players
■	■	■	■	Check Region for Durations - checks the selected region for any measures that have too few or too many beats
■	■	■	■	Chord Morphing - generates a variety of smooth between-chord transitions
■	■	■	■	Chord Realization - generates four-part realizations of a triad based on major key and scale degree specified
■	■	■	■	Chord Reordering - finds new placement options for chords
■	■	■	■	Chord Splitting - creates subsets of the original chord
■	■	■	■	Classic Eighth Beams - beam eighth notes together when using common time over the selected region
■	■	■	■	Clear Lyric Positioning - will reset any changes you've made to your lyric baselines in the selected region
■	■	■	■	Clear Measure # Positioning - clears all measure number positioning in the selected region and sets it to the default position
■	■	■	■	Command Line - allows for quick note entry by typing in specific text commands
■	■	■	■	Common Tone Transposition - creates a series of transpositions where one note is equal to one note of the original chord
■	■	■	■	Easy Harmonics - string harmonics fast and easy
■	■	■	■	Easy Tremolos - create tremolos for display and playback
■	■	■	■	Find Range - Run this plug-in to find the highest and lowest notes in the selected region
■	■	■	■	Frequency Modulation Chord Generator - generates a series of chords with increasing complexity and texture
■	■	■	■	Global Staff/Group Attributes - Apply the same staff or group attributes to any staves or groups
■	■	■	■	Handbells Used Chart - instantly creates a chart based on note usage
■	■	■	■	Latin Percussion - automatically adds pre-created Latin percussion grooves in a variety of styles
■	■	■	■	Melodic Morphing - creates a melodic transition from one melody to another
■	■	■	■	Menu Shortcuts - write your own script to automate common tasks
■	■	■	■	Midline Stem Direction - changes the stem direction of notes on the middle staff line to follow the direction of melodic line
■	■	■	■	Mid-Measure Repeats - automates the process of creating repeats in the middle of a measure
■	■	■	■	Move Rests - lets you move rests in the selected region to a different vertical position
■	■	■	■	Number Repeated Measures - Place numbers over measures that are repeated again and again
■	■	■	■	Piano Reduction - creates a piano reduction of the selected staves
■	■	■	■	Rhythmic Subdivisions - Change the selected region to eighth notes, or divide all your notes in half
■	■	■	■	Single Pitch - changes all the notes in your selected region to the specified pitch
■	■	■	■	Smart Playback - adds a playback effect to glissandi, hairpins and trills
■	■	■	■	Space Systems - automatically positions your staff systems evenly on each page
■	■	■	■	Split Point - lets you reset the split point between two staves in the selected region
■	■	■	■	Tie Common Notes - inserts a tie between any two successive notes if the notes have the same pitch
■	■	■	■	Update Brackets & Groups
■	■	■	■	Vertical Collision Remover
■	■	■	■	Virtual Fundamental Generator - automatically gives the appropriate "root" for any selected group of staves
■	■	■	■	Voice 2 to Layer - moves Voice 2 entries to the selected layer
■	■	■	■	Word Extensions - add or remove word extensions to and from your lyrics
■	■	■	■	Split Point - lets you reset the split point between two staves in the selected region

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■	■	Limited	Limited	Resize view from 5% to 1000%
■	■	■	■	Size and position tool palettes to fit the way you work
■	■	■	■	Cut, copy and paste text
■	■	■	■	Cut, copy and paste between windows
■	■	■	■	Reposition any symbol, character, graphic or text anywhere on the page simply by dragging it
■	■	■	■	Multiple Undo even past the last "Save"
■	■	■	■	Apply "smart articulations" with automatic positioning and stem direction sensitivity
■	■	■	■	Drag and drop dynamics and tempo markings
■	■	■	■	Respace notes to automatically avoid collisions of lyrics
■	■	■	■	Quickly manipulate any item using the Selection tool
■	■	■	■	Simultaneously view and edit multiple pages
■	■	■	■	Instrument doubling made easy

Hearing Your Music

■	■	■	■	Play your score through a MIDI instrument, sound module, sound card or internal computer speaker
■	■	■	■	SmartMusic® SoundFont - 128 sounds included free
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■	■	■	■	Define playback sounds of each staff, layer of music and/or chord symbols
■	■	■	■	Assign a MIDI channel or patch, and play/solo/mute setting for each staff
■	■	■	■	Map multiple staves to the same instrument sound
■	■	■	■	Row-Loft marching percussion sounds included
■	■	■	■	Play back as you played it - retaining your original MIDI performance including key velocity, pitch bend, rubato, and more
■	■	■	■	Program the percent of "swing feel" for playback
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■	■	■	■	Control all aspects of playback, in one place, with the ScoreManager®

Sharing your Music

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■	■	■	■	Print professional quality sheet-music
■	■	■	■	Open files created by same or earlier product version
■	■	■	■	Backwards compatibility with Finale 2012
■	■	■	■	Export MIDI and MusicXML files
■	■	■	■	Save as Audio File to create CDs (MP3, WAV, AIF)
■	■	■	■	Export your score or a section of your score as a graphic files

Educator Tools

■	■	■	■	Create custom worksheets or quizzes by exporting music into word processing programs
■	■	■	■	Exercise Wizard instantly creates materials for an entire ensemble
■	■	■	■	Orff Instruments in Set-up Wizard
■	■	■	■	Create SmartMusic accompaniments (SmartMusic use requires a subscription)
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