

Using Notation Player to See and Hear Music

With Notation Player you will be able to follow along with the words and music score displayed on the screen. A vertical Blue line will move along the score and words as the music plays.

To use Notation Player, first you need to download it. Go to the Music Ministries page; point to the "Choir" item on the navigation bar - the bar is green and to the left. A list of links will drop down. Point to "Choir Downloads" and click. The "Choir Downloads" page will open, as in the image below. Click on the green lettered "Notation Player" link to go to it's download page.

The image shows a screenshot of a website's navigation bar and a page titled "Choir Downloads".

Navigation Bar (Left): A green vertical bar contains the following links: "Choir", "Choir Downloads" (highlighted in yellow), "Programs", "Choir", and "Photo Archive". A hand cursor is pointing to "Choir Downloads".

Main Content Area:

- At the top, there is a link: "(Go to Choir Music Archives)". A red arrow labeled "1" points to this link.
- Below that, under the heading "Men's Choir:", there is a link: "Yonder Come Day (practice parts)". A red arrow labeled "2" points to this link.
- Below that, there is a link: "Ave Maria, Mozart".
- Below that, there is a link: "Handel's Hallelujah Chorus Music Practice Downloads". A red arrow labeled "3" points to this link.

Tools Column (Right):

- Under the heading "Tools", there is a description for "Karaoke Player": "This Karaoke Player (click to download) is used to play .mid files (midi). It provides adjustments of tempo and pitch but no score or lyrics. The file name is vkaraoke.exe. [Click here for installation instruction.](#) For more information Go to The author's home page."
- Below that, there is a description for "Notation Player": "Notation Player Will play files ending in .not. When opened, the music score and lyrics can be viewed and printed. Using the VCR-like controls you can play the music and a vertical blue line keeps track of your place in the score."

You have opened the Notation website, Player Download Page, which looks like the image below. Click on the yellow download button at the bottom which opens the Dialog Box, "File Download - Security Warning." (If you get different result and don't know what to do, Please call the Music Ministries web pages developer, Bill.) Click on the "Run" button. Go to the next page of these instructions.

The image shows a screenshot of the Notation Software website and a Windows File Download Security Warning dialog box. The website header includes "Notation Software" and navigation links: Home, Products, Buy, Tour, Download, Support, Community, Company. Below the header, there are links for "Notation Trial Versions", "Free Player", "Documentation", and "MIDI Files". The main content area features the "Notation Player" logo and the heading "Download the Free Notation Player". A sub-heading reads: "The free Notation Player downloads and displays music (MIDI) files as sheet music that you can view on the screen while the notes play, and also print." Below this, it says: "See our MIDI Files Music Directory for some great music to try out on any Notation product!"

The screenshot also shows a window titled "Notation Player - [Mozart's 40th Symphony]" displaying musical notation. A "File Download - Security Warning" dialog box is open, asking "Do you want to run or save this file?". The dialog box shows the file name "NotationPlayer21Setup.exe", type "Application, 0.22MB", and source "www.notation.com". The "Run" button is highlighted with a red arrow and the number "2". Below the dialog box, there are links for "Find out more about Musician" and "Find out more about Composer". At the bottom, there is a "Download" button (5.4Mb, 10 min execution) and two links for "Download a trial version of Musician" and "Download a trial version of Composer". A red arrow and the number "1" point to the "Download" button.

Compare these features...

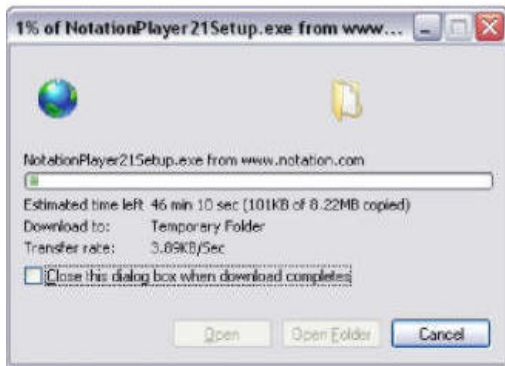
- Display MIDI, Karaoke, and .not files as sheet music
- Watch the notes as they play
- Print sheet music
- Add key signatures and clef symbols
- Add and edit lyrics
- Arrange the sheet music by moving notes or staves
- Automatically analyze and display chord names
- Adjust the tempo
- Setup practice sessions
- Prepare parts for instruments or groups
- Annotate the score
- Control the layout and format of parts and sheet music
- Add and edit note pitches
- Add staves and measures
- Change the meter and barline positions
- Create a new song from scratch
- Record using your MIDI keyboard or other MIDI instrument
- Finely edit the performance (MIDI) of your song
- Share your music with other musicians via MusicXML format

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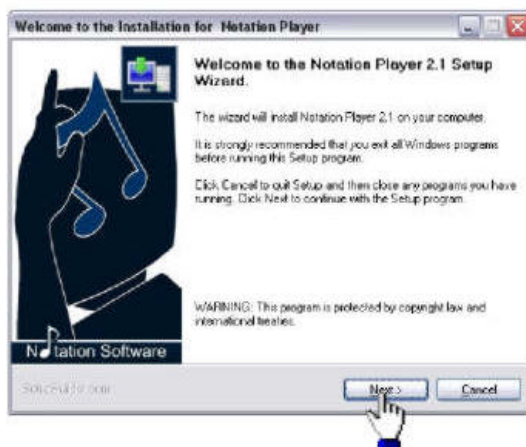
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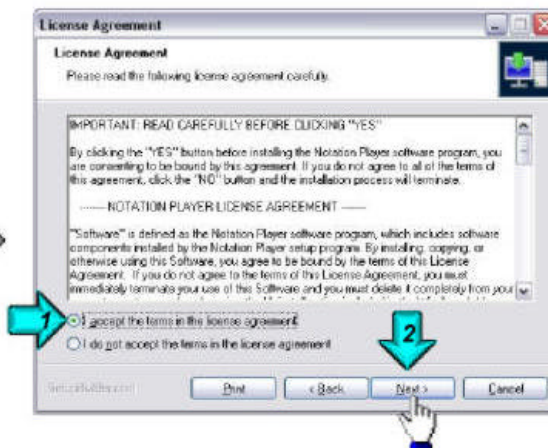
The download of Notation player starts. (Note that the number in the file name might change as updated versions are made available.) This is a good sized file so, for dial-up users, this might take a while to finish. Don't click anything here. Just wait.

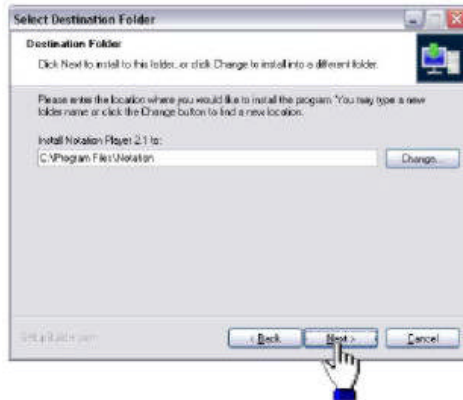
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Just click next.

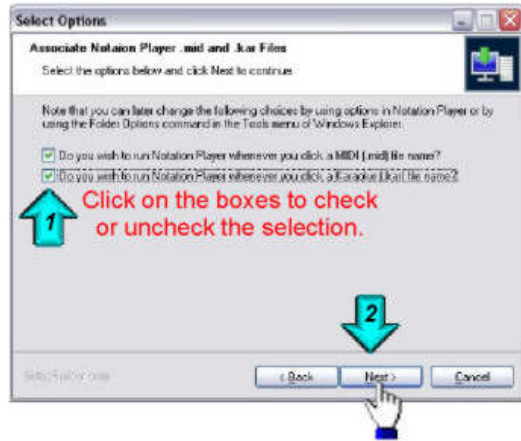
Click the small circle to the left of "I accept the terms in ..." Then click "Next."





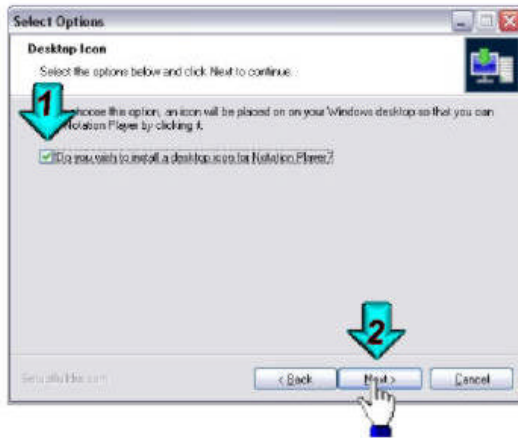
← Just click "Next" in this Box

In the next box you have some choices. There are 2 check boxes. You probably want to check the first box so that .mid files will open in Notation Player. *If you have the Karaoke Player*, you should leave the second box unchecked. Otherwise, you can check both. Files ending in ".not" will automatically open in Notation Player. After making your selection, Click "Next."

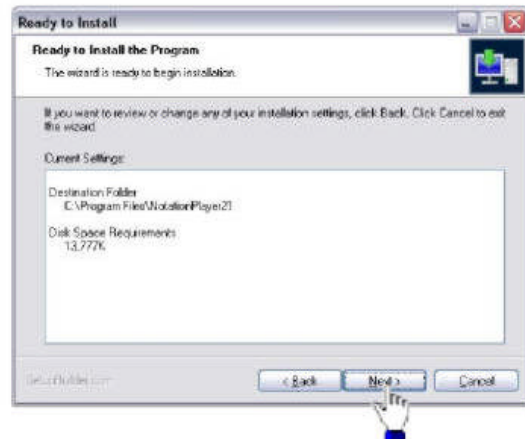


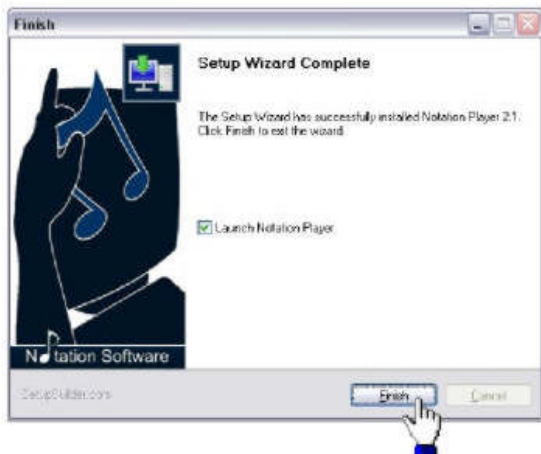
↑ Click on the boxes to check or uncheck the selection.

← Check little box then click next.



→ Just click next



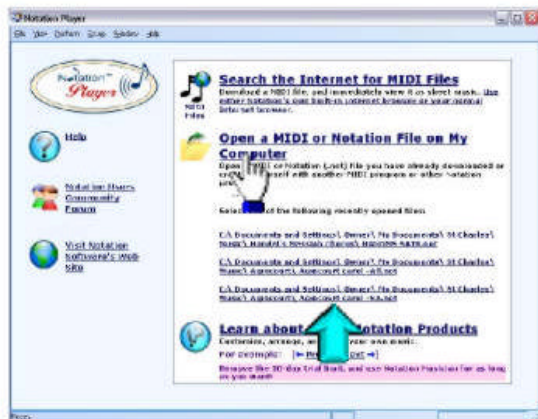


The installation of Notation Player is complete. Any time you double click a file ending in ".not" the file will automatically open in this player. If you checked the small boxes for ".mid" and/or ".kar" files, they will also automatically open in Notation Player.

Click "Finished." The player will open.

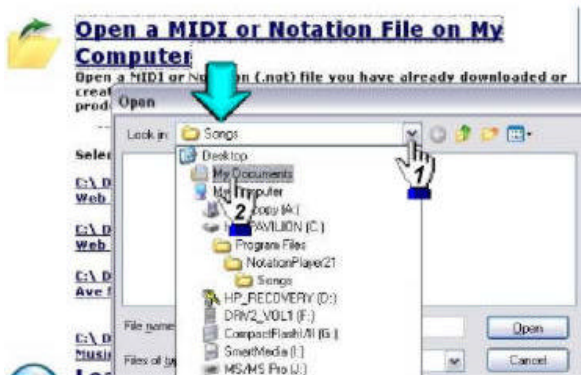


This box will appear over the screen below. In my copy the tutorial doesn't work so I'll take you through the basics. Just click the bottom choice.



The first screen of the program has opened. You will also have an icon on your desktop that will open this program.

To open a file click "Open a MIDI or Notation File on My Computer." A "MIDI" file ends in ".mid" and a Notation file ends in ".not." The next time you open the Player, your last few opened files will be listed below (blue arrow) for easy access.



If the text bar (blue arrow) Labeled "Look in" does not say "My documents," (here it says "Songs") then click the down arrow at the end of the text box and click on "My documents", then click "My Music."



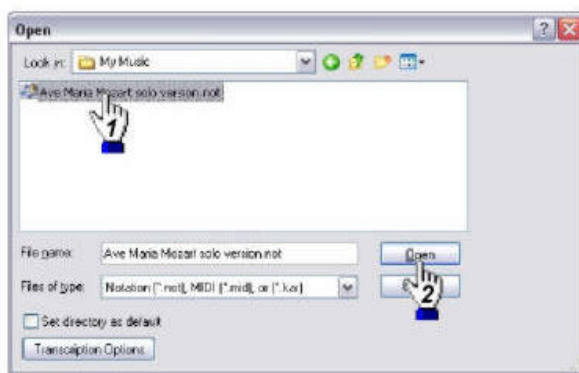
At this point if you haven't saved a .not file yet, skip ahead in these instructions to the "Downloading and Saving Your .not Files" section.

Click on "My Music" in the "Open" dialog box.

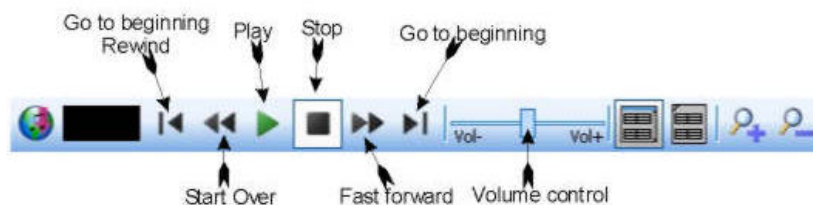


Click on the song you want to open. Then click "Open." (Or, just double click the song title and the song will open right up without clicking "Open.")

The song will appear in Notation Player



The song has opened in Notation Player. Use the VCR like controls near the top of the screen to start and stop the play. Yes, it's weird, too many "Go back to the beginning" controls.



As you play the song, the blue line keeps track of your place in the file. This works for *.mid* and *.kar* files that you open in Notation Player as well. You cannot adjust the speed (other than "fast forward" or the pitch in this program). To do that you have to open *.mid* or *.kar* files in the karaoke player available on the "Choir downloads" page. Download and use instructions for vKaraoke are on the Download Help page of the Music Ministry site.

Help on downloading a file will be addressed in the next section.