

Notation software feature comparison

Feature	Finale	Sibelius	Score
Native PC OS	Windows XP	Windows XP	DOS /Win 9x, ltd in Win 2000+
Mac	yes	yes	no (ltd in Virtual PC)
Linux	no	no	no (ltd in DosBox)
Upgrades	annual	periodic	Windows version promised
64bit version	no*	no*	no
License/Activation	2	2 (transferrable)	no copy protection
On page input	yes	yes	yes
Scroll view input	no	yes	no
Real time input	yes (2)	yes	3rd party
Playback	yes	yes	limited
Plug-ins	3rd party	few	3rd party modules
Open file format	yes*	no	yes
NIFF translator	no	no	3rd party
M-XML translator	yes	no	3rd party
Reads Score files	yes	yes	yes
Reads Finale	yes	ETF*	separate module, plus 3rd party
Reads Siblius	no	yes	3rd party
Reads Midi	yes	yes	3rd party
Conditional editor	no	no	yes, plus 2 third party
Staves	unlimited*	unlimited*	100 (multi-file)*
Bars	unlimited*	unlimited*	unlimited
Arrange	rhythm section	limited	no
Piano Reduction	yes	yes	no, 3rd party?
Dynamic parts	yes	yes	no
Graphic creation	yes	no	yes, draw module
Auto page turns	no	yes*	yes, page module
Truetype fonts	yes	yes	no
Postscript fonts	yes	yes	yes
Windows printer	yes	yes	no
Support	online forum	online forum	users listserv
TIF export	yes	yes	no, poss with free 3rd party
EPS export	yes*	yes*	yes, raw
Graphics import	yes	no	EPS only
Scanning module	yes*	yes, + 3rd	3rd party (2)
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