



1 Learn To Play Guitar Using Free Software

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Guitar Chord Software You Can Get For Free

Free guitar chord software is a sought after item. If you feel you must own software that can spit out every chord known to man then why not get it for free? I cannot help wondering how many variations on the basic chords a guitar player needs.

If you want to put a little variety into a song or guitar solo then a new fingering for the chords you are using is the obvious answer. In the pre-internet days we had to look through books of chord shapes which were not always readily available. With guitar chord software you can have a world of chords at your fingertips as long as you have your laptop with you.

Guitar Alchemist

With [Guitar Alchemist](#) you are able to get to know the chords of the major scale in all keys. According to the program's website you will "easily find chords to play over any scale and vice-versa". You can filter your chords by inversion or degree of difficulty. You can reconfigure the program for left-handed players.

Advanced FretPro

[Advanced FretPro](#) is a free software designed to train guitar players to gain familiarity with the fretboard. A library of scales and chords comes with the program.

TabPlayer

[TabPlayer](#) is the first guitar software which is able to play, edit, convert, format and export tabs as a text file. It has a chord dictionary that contains over a thousand chords. You just pick the chord you want and insert it into your music. The program plays your tablature, plays CD's and mp3 files and searches for songs on the net.

Power Tab Editor

[Power Tab Editor](#) is a software program for writing guitar tabs. The program includes a chord dictionary that displays chords in standard form or as tabs. You open the chord dictionary which displays chord diagrams. You select and insert the chord and you can see the notes and the fingering in tab form.

Guitar Chords

[Guitar Chords v 2.2](#) is a no-frills guitar chord software. It has a library of forty thousand basic and not so basic chords which are displayed as guitar tab. Guitar Chords is the software you need if you want to never have to look for chords again and you want your chords displayed in an easy to read format.

Guitar Pro

[Guitar Pro](#) is the most popular of the software available for editing guitar tabs. As we all know guitar tab is basically a picture of the six guitar strings with fret numbers showing the guitar player where to put his fingers on the fretboard plus other symbols indicating various left hand techniques. First let us take a look at the most basic method of writing guitar tab - the text editor. Notepad or any other text editor is capable of writing guitar tab. Guitar, bass guitar and banjo tabs are written in ASCII file format. Most of the tabs you find on the internet are written in ASCII format. In ASCII tab hyphens are used to show string lines and numbers represent frets. Other elements like barlines, rhythms, bends, chord symbols can be shown in many ways. Guitar Pro and other guitar tablature programs generate files similar to ASCII but if you want to edit a hand-made ASCII tab you will have to do it manually. Guitar Pro is a tool for guitarists who want to compose, transcribe or edit their own music.

This program and others, shows the music in conventional music notation as well as tab. The guitarist can start with a new tab or import MIDI or ASCII files and use the Guitar Pro interface to write his music and hear his work played back by his computers MIDI. The finished work can be exported in ASCII or MIDI formats. The composer can then edit, play back and save his tabs. You can download a free trial version of Guitar Pro.

TablEdit

Using [TablEdit](#) guitarists can create, edit, print and play back guitar tabs. TablEdit also generates tabs and musical notation for harmonica, mountain dulcimer, diatonic button accordion, drums, violin, tin whistle, recorder, Xaphoon, autoharp, pedal steel guitar, piano, and banjo. You can download the free trial version of TablEdit and use it indefinitely but you cannot save edited tabs.

TuxGuitar

[TuxGuitar](#) is an open source software for writing and playing back a number of tablature formats. TuxGuitar has many handy features including editing tabs and scores, autoscroll while the music is being played back, effects like bends, slides, vibrato, hammer-ons and pull-offs. With TuxGuitar you can also

manage tempo and time signature. A bonus is you can import and export files from Guitar Pro versions 4 and 5.

The big disadvantage with reading, writing guitar music using tablature has always been the fact that tab does not show tempo and rhythm. This means that unless you are already familiar with the piece of music you are learning, you might be struggling to get the right note values and rhythm. With guitar tab software this problem is eliminated because even if you are working from imported ASCII tab the software tells you what the piece sounds like through the MIDI playback and the standard music notation features. Download all the programs and try them out to see which one best suits you. For the most recent version of these programs, just do an internet search by product name.

Scale And Chord Tone Fretboard Printer

[The Scale and Chord Tone Fretboard Printer](#) is a free fretboard generator for any stringed instrument. This free scale and chord generator allows you to view and print out the fretboard notes or fingerboard charts to most any scale, chord, or arpeggio on any stringed instrument in any tuning.

The default tuning displays a bass fretboard, but don't be fooled. It supports all stringed instruments — like guitar, bass guitar, violin, cello, mandolin — for

any number of strings in any standard tuning, dropped tuning or alternate tuning you can think of. It's a very powerful fretboard diagramming application.

SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO WITH THE SCALE AND CHORD TONE DIAGRAM PRINTER:

Generate guitar scales or bass scales on the fretboard.

View and print scales for drop-D tuning on a guitar or bass fretboard.

Display the notes to guitar chords on the fret board.

Find your own guitar chord voicings by assembling the arpeggio notes of chords in various ways.

Print out the notes on the guitar fretboard or bass notes on the bass fretboard.

Create printable blank fretboard diagrams for any number of strings in any shape or size. Create and print scales for violin, cello, double bass and other fretless string instruments.

Show the notes of natural harmonics on the guitar, bass guitar or any other stringed instrument. Generate diagrams for almost all scales and chords from the scale and chord dictionary.

Make left-handed guitar fretboard diagrams.

You can easily create a custom instrument by simply typing in the tuning note for each string separated by commas. For example, if you type in E,A,D,G# and click set, you will create a 4-string instrument tuned from lowest-pitched string to highest E,A,D,G#. You can use any number of valid notes (natural, single sharp, or flat) you like: A, A#, Bb, B, C, C#, Db, D, D#, Eb, E, F, F#, Gb, G, G#, and Ab. When you click the set button a new diagram is generated with the new tuning and correct number of strings. It is also saved on your computer into your own personal list of custom tunings.

To access these saved custom tunings, select custom from the instrument menu, then click to select the custom tuning saved in memory.