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Part I

Introduction

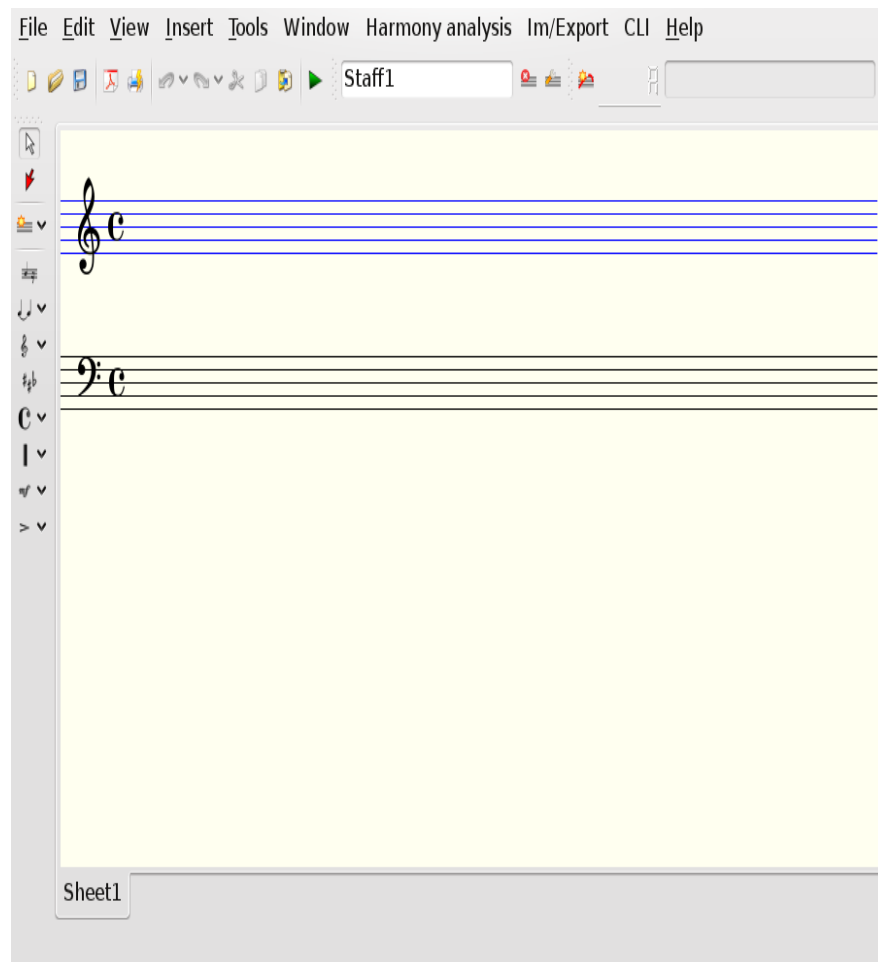
Welcome to Canorus v0.7, a free cross-platform music score editor. Visit our website at <http://www.canorus.org>.

Part II

Quickstart

1 Main window

The first thing you'll notice when starting the application is the main window. It should look something like this:



The main window consists of a menu at the top, insert toolbar on the left, general and music properties on the top and a tabbed score view.

Each document can have one or more sheets - a sheet is represented as a tab (similar to spreadsheet applications). Multiple sheets can be used for different score parts, transpositions, variations or just as a temporary place to write your ideas down.

2 Inserting notes

To add notes and rests to your score, click on the staff, select the voice at the



top and then click the “Insert playable” icon in the left toolbar. The toolbar on the top now shows you the note/rest length, visibility, tuplets etc.

To add a note to a score, click on the staff using the left mouse button. To add a rest, use the right mouse button. For raising/lowering a note for half a step, use +/- keys. To fix the just added note, use up/down keys. To toggle a dotted note, use the . key.

3 Inserting other music elements

To insert clefs, key signatures, time signatures, barlines and other music elements, use the buttons located in the left toolbar, set their properties at the top and click on the score. The left toolbar shows you the elements you can add to the currently selected context.

For slurs, first select two or more notes and add a slur.

A special keyboard shortcut b manually inserts a single barline at the current location (eg. for pickup measures).

4 Editing elements

If you want to change any music elements properties once they were already inserted, you have to enter Edit mode using a special keyboard shortcut e or

the red arrow icon in the left toolbar  . When selecting one or more elements, their properties appear in the toolbar at the top.

You can leave any mode and going to Select mode by hitting esc key.

5 New staff, voice, lyrics

To insert a new staff, click on the “Insert context” dropdown icon in the left

 toolbar  , select a context (staff, lyrics or function marks) and click on the score.

To insert a new voice, select a staff and click on the “New voice” icon



6 Playback

To play the music you inserted from the current selection hit the spacebar key



or click on the green playback icon . To stop the playback, click on the icon again.

7 Printing

Canorus uses LilyPond application for printing.

Unfortunately, LilyPond is not bundled with Canorus. The first step is to install LilyPond - visit <http://www.lilypond.org> and download it. You can also use your distribution package manager to install it on Linux.

For print preview, you should have a working PDF viewer installed on your system. Use File->Print preview .

You can print the document directly using the File->Print or you can print it indirectly from your PDF viewer application (preferred).