



How to tab in Notepad ++

Starting off

- Download notepad ++ from <http://notepad-plus-plus.org/release/5.7>
- Click on **npp.5.7.Installer.exe** to download and select save file. After it has downloaded, double click on the icon to start the installation. Follow the installation process and click finish, this will open the software.

Starting up in Notepad ++

- Once the program has opened, click file at the top left of the page and select new. This will create a new document for you to tab in.

Starting to tab

- There are 5 things that need to go at the start of every tab you create.
- {title:}
- {artist:}
- {album:}
- {tempo:}
- {comment:Chords}

Tempo

- To find the tempo of a song go to <http://www.all8.com/tools/bpm.htm> .This will allow you to tap the spacebar to the rhythm of the song.

Tap from 10 to 50 times for accurate results. Usually a high hat is heard on every 1st and 3rd beat and a bass drum on every 2nd and 4th beat when listening to a song. This will help you with your rhythm accuracy if you are not sure.

Example of starting a tab

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{title:New Born}  
{artist:Muse}  
{album:Origin of Symmetry}  
{tempo:87}  
{comment:Chords}
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- Note: If there is a Capo used please enter {comment:Capo on 3rd Fret} between the tempo and Chords.
- **Enter in the chords** of the song followed by their position on the fretboard.

E.g. {comment:Em xx0232}
 {comment:B x32010}
 {comment:C 320033}

If there are more than four chords in a song, they must be **laid out across the page in groups**. Space each group ten spaces apart for clarity.

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{comment:B x24422}      {comment:A x02220}      {comment:G 320022}  
{comment:F 133211}      {comment:E 022100}      {comment:D7 x00212}
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You are now ready to start tabbing!

- **Enter in the lyrics** of the song, these can be found at www.elyrics.net. Type in the name of the artist in the search bar and click search. Choose your song and highlight the lyrics on the page with the mouse. Press ctrl and c to copy them. Go back to your Notepad ++ file and place the curser below the Chords. Press ctrl and v to paste the lyrics in.

Putting the song into our format

Ensure that there are no spaces between the lines of tab, it should simply be one page of continuous text.

- At the start of every lyric line the symbols [:] must be entered.

E.g. [:]Link it to the world
[:]Link it to yourself

- If there is a part of the tab that plays without lyrics, then enter a new line at the appropriate place with the symbols [:] at the start.

Adding Chords

- Now you must enter the chords into the correct place in the line.
- This is done by putting the name of the chord inside two square brackets - [Em]

E.g. [:][Em]Link it to the [B]world
 [:][Em]Link it to your[B]self

Adding Timing

- After chords are entered, the timing must be entered into the brackets [:] at the start of the line.

The number of beats you enter will represent the line length value.

E.g. [:8][Em]Link it to the [B]world
 [:8][Em]Link it to your[B]self

Example of Tab with timing

[:16][Em] [B] [Em] [B]
[:16][Em] [C] [G] [B]
[:16][Em] [B] [Em] [B]
[:16][Em] [C] [G] [B]
[:8][Em]Link it to the [B]world
[:8][Em]Link it to your[B]self
[:15.5][Em]Stretch it [C]like a [G]birth squeeze [B]
[:8]The [Em]love for what you [B]hide

Adding more comments

- To separate verses choruses, intros, solos etc, comments are added in to make your tab look neater.

E.g.
{comment:Intro}
[:16][Em] [B] [Em] [B]
[:16][Em] [C] [G] [B]
[:16][Em] [B] [Em] [B]

[:16][Em] [C] [G] [B]
{verse}

[:8][Em]Link it to the [B]world

- The following comments are written as follows
- Intro - {comment:Intro}
- Verse - {comment:Verse}
- Chorus - {comment:Chorus}
- Solo - {comment:Solo}
- Anything can be written that will provide helpful information to the person playing the tab e.g.
{comment:Outro}
- The final comment entered at the end is;

{comment:Tabbed by John Smith}

This shows that you are the tab creator.

Saving the file

- Once you have completed the tab or if you are afraid of losing your work at any stage, you can save the file.

- Click File and Save As. Choose the location where you want to save your file and then name it.
E.g New Born.xcp
- The file **must have .xcp** at the end for it to work on the i-tab.

Well Done!

Congratulations on completing your tab.

Putting a tab on your unit

Connect the i-tab to your computer where the pop-up drive will show all existing files on your i-tab. You can now drag the file you just created into this folder which will then appear in your songbook when you disconnect.

Earn Tab Store Credit

- Email your tab as an attachment to tabs4cash@i-tab.com to avail of our tabs4cash program. This allows you to earn Tab Store credit for each correct tab you send us. You will receive an email within 72 hours confirming that your tab was received and checked by the tab administrator and also, if it was successfully added to our library.
- You will then receive a reward from our support team for your contribution.
 - Thank You



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