Finale Family Detailed Product Comparison Chart

Feature	Finale®	PrintMusic	SongWriter	NotePad
Compatibility/System Requirements				
Version	2014	2014	2012	2012
Windows®	XP/Vista/Windows 7/ Windows 8 (64-bit compatible)	Vista/Windows 7/ Windows 8 (64-bit compatible)	XP/Vista/windows 7 (64-bit compatible)	XP/Vista/Windows 7 (64-bit compatible)
Mac OS® X	10.7 - 10.9	10.7 - 10.9	10.5 - 10.7	10.5 - 10.7
Mac® Cocoa® Support	■	■		
Share files between Mac and Windows platforms	■	■	■	■
Number of Authorized installations	2	1	1	1
Backwards compatibility with Finale 2012	■	■		
Backwards compatibility using MusicXML™ Import and Export	■	■	■	■
Use free Finale SongBook™ iPad app to view, play, and print Finale family notation files	■	■	■	■
Getting Started				
Free technical support	■	■	■	■
Comprehensive, cross-referenced documentation	■	■	■	
QuickStart Videos that demonstrate common tasks	■	■	■	
Quick Reference Guide provides instant access to common keystrokes/tasks	■	■	■	
User Manual with integrated video	■	■		
On screen Message Bar identifies tools and their uses	■	■	■	■
Auto-Detect MIDI Device makes setup easy	■	■		
Instrument "Set-up Wizard" provides easy score set-up with full page layout and instrument transposition	■	■	Limited	Limited
Open same or previous version Finale®, Allegro, PrintMusic, and NotePad files, retaining all data and settings	■	■	■	■
Number of Staves available	Unlimited	24	8	8
Number of Staff Lines available (all with TAB staffs available)	0-100	1, 5	5	5
Pre-designed templates	■	■	■	■
Included music fonts: Broadway Copyist, Engraver, Finale AlphaNotes, Finale Copyist, Finale Lyrics, Finale Mallets, Finale Numerics, Finale Percussion, Jazz, Maestro, Maestro Wide, Petrucci, and Tamburo.	■	All but AlphaNotes, Copyist and Numerics	Maestro Only	Maestro Only
Unicode font support, providing access to any font character (and in any language)	■	■	■	■
Entering Notes				
Use a palette to click notes, accidentals and rests onto the staff	■	■	■	■
Enter pitches and rhythmic values using a mouse or MIDI Instrument	■	■	■	■
Enter rhythmic values with the numeric keypad	■	■	■	■
Import standard MIDI files	■	■	■	
Input notes and rhythms in real time	■	■	■	Step only
Enter rhythmic values from a double-whole note to a 128th note	■	■	Whole to 32nd	Whole to 32nd
Enter pitches with the arrow or letter keys	■	■	■	
Notate with a MIDI instrument using a provided beat/metronome	■	■		
Re-position notes with the arrow keys	■	■	■	
Notate an acoustic instrument as it plays a melody (monophonic, or single-line only)	■			
Scan existing sheet music with FREE SmartScore™ Lite software by Musitek (included)	■	■		
Convert SmartScore and MidiScan® scanned music files into Finale notation files	■	■		
Open SharpEye scanning files via MusicXML (SharpEye is Windows only)	■	■		
Enter notation in real time with the HyperScribe tool. Speed up or slow down tempo during notation.	■			
Specify instrumentation while scanning, producing correctly transposed playback	■			
Enter rhythmic values from a MIDI keyboard	■			
Adding Markings, Lyrics, and more				
Individual score elements display in different colors for easy distinction	■	■	■	■
Dockable palettes provide an uncluttered workspace	■	■	■	■
Use a Smart Shape palette to place hairpins, lines, and other shapes onto the score	■	■	■	■
Create and position titles, credits, copyright notices and other text	■	■	■	■
Control font, size, style and alignment	■	■	■	■
Automatically align lyrics with notes	■	■	■	■
Automatically avoid collisions of lyrics when re-spacing notes	■	■	■	■
Enter notes directly in TAB staves	■	■	■	
Copy/paste between normal notation and TAB staves	■	■	■	
Type lyrics directly onto the score	Unlimited verses	Unlimited verses	Unlimited verses	One verse only
Automatic guitar tablature	■	Standard guitar & bass only	Standard guitar & bass only	Standard guitar & bass only
Automatically notate percussion staves that playback without extra configuration	■			
Enter dynamics and tempo markings	■	■	■	Limited dynamics
Enter chord symbols by typing in their names or by playing them with a MIDI keyboard	■	■	■	
Add repeats that automatically playback	■	■	■	
Automatically create separate coda systems	■			
Center or left align chord symbols	■	Center	Center	
Create and edit your own chord symbols, including alternate bass indication	■	Limited	Limited	
Add rehearsal marks and measure numbers, then emphasize them with ovals or rectangles	■	Limited	Limited	
Move lyrics, chords, expressions, titles, text blocks and other elements	■		Limited	
Place large blocks of text with a built-in text editor	■	■		
Instant word extensions and hyphens automatically wrap to the next staff-system	■		■	
Play chords on a MIDI instrument for automatic analysis and naming	■			
Positioning guides for accurate placement of chord symbols	■			
Notate TAB as you play a MIDI guitar	■			
Automatically add guitar fretboards	■		■	
Automatically transpose chord symbols with changes in key	■			
Adjust ties, slurs, crescendos and diminuendos	■			
Mix fonts, font sizes and styles (English, Nashville, Roman, German, etc.) within chord symbols	■	Standard, Roman & German	Standard & German	
Change or delete notes without changing your chords	■	■	■	
Show only the tools you need or display all tools	■	■		
Independently specify the alignment, position and font for any staff name	■	Limited		
Create word extensions	■	■		
Shift lyrics right or left by syllables	■			
Hide signatures and accidentals on individual staves	■			
Create lyrics all at once and click onto the score one syllable or verse at a time	■			
Mix fonts, sizes and styles	■			
Analyze chords from notation across one or two staves	■			
Customize fretboard diagrams that transpose intelligently	■			

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Adding Markings, Lyrics, and more - Continued				
Notate bends, stair steps, double bends, pull-offs, hammer-ons and releases	■			
Control the exact placement of each part of a beat	■			
Hide key and time signatures when desired	■			
Create chord-only charts	■			
Create and edit text blocks on any view	■			
Create custom TAB styles	■			
Create "cue measures" using the Ossia tool	■			
Specify tempo changes using the Tempo Tool	■			
Support for: mezzo-soprano, baritone C, treble 8va, bass 8va, french violin, alternative percussion, blank clef	■			
Define custom clefs	■			
Place multiple clefs within measures	■			
Flow text into and around irregularly-shaped graphics	■			
Align and justify lyrics either globally or syllable by syllable	■			
Create custom staves	■			
Create custom articulations	■			
Create flat beams	■			
Hide/show ledger lines	■			
Save time on repetitive tasks with the Add Again metatool	■			
Editing Tools				
Select any group of notes for editing, including partial measures	■	■	Full measures	Full measures
View each window in any fashion desired (page or scroll view, magnification, and measure location)	■	■	Limited	Limited
Resize view from 5% to 1000%	■	■	Limited	Limited
Size and position tool palettes to fit the way you work	■	■	■	■
Cut, copy and paste text	■	■	■	■
Cut, copy and paste between windows	■	■	■	■
Reposition any symbol, character, graphic or text anywhere on the page simply by dragging it	■	■	■	■
Multiple Undo even past the last "Save"	■	■	■	■
Apply "smart articulations" with automatic positioning and stem direction sensitivity	■	■	■	
Drag and drop dynamics and tempo markings	■	■	■	
Respace notes to automatically avoid collisions of lyrics	■	■		
Quickly manipulate any item using the Selection tool	■	■		
Simultaneously view and edit multiple pages	■			
Instrument doubling made easy	■			
Hearing Your Music				
Play your score through a MIDI instrument, sound module, sound card or internal computer speaker	■	■	■	■
SmartMusic® SoundFont - 128 sounds included free				■
Human Playback® plays feeling, phrasing and nuance in a variety of styles	Customization & regional selection also available	Standard style only	Standard style only	Standard style only
Play back repeats, dynamics, tempo changes and chord symbols	■	Limited	Limited	
Play a note, chord, phrase, selected staves or an entire score	■	■	■	
Define playback sounds of each staff, layer of music and/or chord symbols	■	■	■	
Assign a MIDI channel or patch, and play/solo/mute setting for each staff	■	■	■	
Map multiple staves to the same instrument sound	■		■	
Row-Loff marching percussion sounds included	■	■		
Play back as you played it - retaining your original MIDI performance including key velocity, pitch bend, rubato, and more	■	■		
Program the percent of "swing feel" for playback	■			
Percussion staves automatically plays back without extra configuration	■	■	■	■
Integrated Garritan® Aria Player™ with Ambience Reverb	■			
More than 425 world-class Garritan instrument sounds for realistic playback	■			
More than 100 concert and marching percussion sounds from Tapspace™ Virtual Drumline™	■	■		
External sound library support (VST/AU instruments and effects)	■			
Boomwhackers® tuned percussion tube sounds	■			
Define/control playback of interpretive marks, text and shapes	■			
Define your own scales and micro tonality	■			
Assign a playback effect to any graphic	■			
Control all aspects of playback, in one place, with the ScoreManager®	■	■	■	■
Sharing your Music				
Use free Finale SongBook iPad app to view, play, and print Finale family notation files	■	■	■	■
Print professional quality sheet-music	■	■	■	■
Open files created by same or earlier product version	■	■	■	■
Backwards compatibility with Finale 2012	■	■		
Export MIDI and MusicXML files	■	■	■	■
Save as Audio File to create CDs (MP3, WAV, AIF)	■	■	■	
Export your score or a section of your score as a graphic files	Full page or section. PDF, JPEG, PNG, TIFF, EPS, PICT (Mac only)	Full page or section. PDF and JPEG Only		
Educator Tools				
Create custom worksheets or quizzes by exporting music into word processing programs	Full page or section. PDF, JPEG, PNG, TIFF, EPS, PICT (Mac only)	Full page or section. JPEG Only		
Exercise Wizard instantly creates materials for an entire ensemble	■			
Orff Instruments in Set-up Wizard	■			
Create SmartMusic accompaniments (SmartMusic use requires a subscription)	■			
Ready-made, customizable music education worksheets included	More than 1,500	More than 50	More than 40	
Includes solfege, instant tonic sol-fa conversion plus popular band, orchestra, choral and church music templates	■			
Colored noteheads	■			
Finale AlphaNotes font puts note names inside noteheads, benefiting beginning readers	■			
Finale Numerics font makes it easy to type in Roman numeral or harmonic analysis	■			

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■	4 layers only	4 layers only	4 layers only	Define up to four layers of music per staff with two independent voices per layer
■	1 or 5 lines (plus tablature)	5 lines (plus tablature)		Number of staff lines per staff from 0 to 100
24 stave limit	8 stave limit	8 stave limit		Create any multiple of staves and measures up to 32,768
■	Standard only	Standard only	Standard only	Use standard or non-standard key signatures
Layers, 2nds, and unisons	Layers, 2nds, and unisons	Layers, 2nds, and unisons	Layers, 2nds, and unisons	Automatically avoid collisions of mid-score and mid-measure clefs, 2nds, and unisons when using layers
■	■	■	■	Play any range of measures at a specified tempo with on-screen Playback Controls
■	■	■	■	Set-up Wizard automatically assigns General MIDI patches and channels
■	■	■	■	Easily set up key and time signatures using the Set-up Wizard
■	■	■	■	Automatic final barline
■	■	Page View only	Page View only	View a score in either scroll view (continuous staff) or page view
■	■	Page View only	Page View only	Scroll music on-screen during playback in page or scroll view
■	2-3 voice harmonies	2-3 voice harmonies		Band-in-a-Box Auto Harmonizing automatically adds two to six-part harmonies of selected styles
■	■	■		Drum Groove creates custom drum parts instantly
■	■	Limited		Control the distance between a staff system and the staff system above
■	■	■		Enter an unlimited number of notes per measure
■	■	■		Control stem direction individually
■	■	■		Control the number of measures in each staff system
■	■	■		Transpose using chromatic, diatonic, enharmonic or modal methods
■	■	Transpose		Transpose, rebar, or rebeam music with single commands
■				Instantly switch views between the score and individually linked parts
■	■			Use on-screen rulers to position score elements
■	■			Add graphic repeat signs and text repeat markings
■	■			Reduce a score, page, staff system, note group or single note down to 5%, or enlarge it up to 999%
■	■			Extract individual parts from a score, with separate page layout control for each part
■	■			Adjust measure widths
■	■			Choose from over 30 pre-designed score templates to help you quickly prepare professional scores
■	■			"Optimize" the conductor's score by hiding empty staves
■	■			Automatic on-screen range checking
■	■			Create mid-measure clefs
■				Save multiple MIDI/instrument setups
■				Re-quantize any notes in any region entered from any note entry method
■				Protect scores with automatic backup
■				Capture music as you play, then convert to notation later Record one "track" while playing back others
■				Define your own noteheads; change the shape of any notehead
■				Specify separate time signatures for display and beaming control
■				Use different time and key signatures in each staff
■				Latin percussion rhythms included
■				Explode" scores to create instant orchestrations
■				"Implode" scores to create instant piano reductions
■				Add Cue Notes - easily place cue notes on any staves in any layer at any percentage
■				Align/Move Dynamics - vertically align all selected dynamics, expressions and hairpins
■				Automatic Barlines - place double-barlines automatically before all key changes and a final barline at the end of the score
■				Automatic Dynamics Placement - automatically places dynamics on the score based on MIDI key velocity
■				Canonic Utilities - transforms the selected region using inversion, retrograde, transposition or any combination of these
■				Cautionary Accidentals - allows various forms of cautionary accidentals added to your score including display on all notes
■				Change Fonts - Change fonts globally for text blocks, staff names, group names and lyrics
■				Change Noteheads - allows you to change the noteheads of all the notes in the selected region
■				Change Stem Direction - changes the stem direction of notes on the middle staff line to follow the direction of the melodic line
■				Change to Default Whole Rests - allows you to change all the whole measure rests in the selected region to default rests
■				Change to Real Whole Rests - allows you to change all the default measure rests in the selected region to real whole rests
■				Check Range - verifies the selected instruments range with setting for beginner, intermediate and advanced players
■				Check Region for Durations - checks the selected region for any measures that have too few or too many beats
■				Chord Morphing - generates a variety of smooth between-chord transitions
■				Chord Realization - generates four-part realizations of a triad based on major key and scale degree specified
■				Chord Reordering - finds new placement options for chords
■				Chord Splitting - creates subsets of the original chord
■				Classic Eighth Beams - beam eighth notes together when using common time over the selected region
■				Clear Lyric Positioning - will reset any changes you've made to your lyric baselines in the selected region
■				Clear Measure # Positioning - clears all measure number positioning in the selected region and sets it to the default position
■				Command Line - allows for quick note entry by typing in specific text commands
■				Common Tone Transposition - creates a series of transpositions where one note is equal to one note of the original chord
■				Easy Harmonics - string harmonics fast and easy
■				Easy Tremolos - create tremolos for display and playback
■				Find Range - Run this plug-in to find the highest and lowest notes in the selected region
■				Frequency Modulation Chord Generator - generates a series of chords with increasing complexity and texture
■				Global Staff/Group Attributes - Apply the same staff or group attributes to any staves or groups
■				Handbells Used Chart - instantly creates a chart based on note usage
■				Latin Percussion - automatically adds pre-created Latin percussion grooves in a variety of styles
■				Melodic Morphing - creates a melodic transition from one melody to another
■				Menu Shortcuts - write your own script to automate common tasks
■				Midline Stem Direction - changes the stem direction of notes on the middle staff line to follow the direction of melodic line
■				Mid-Measure Repeats - automates the process of creating repeats in the middle of a measure
■				Move Rests - lets you move rests in the selected region to a different vertical position
■				Number Repeated Measures - Place numbers over measures that are repeated again and again
■				Piano Reduction - creates a piano reduction of the selected staves
■				Rhythmic Subdivisions - Change the selected region to eighth notes, or divide all your notes in half
■				Single Pitch - changes all the notes in your selected region to the specified pitch
■				Smart Playback - adds a playback effect to glissandi, hairpins and trills
■				Space Systems - automatically positions your staff systems evenly on each page
■				Split Point - lets you reset the split point between two staves in the selected region
■				Tie Common Notes - inserts a tie between any two successive notes if the notes have the same pitch
■				Update Brackets & Groups
■				Vertical Collision Remover
■				Virtual Fundamental Generator - automatically gives the appropriate "root" for any selected group of staves
■				Voice 2 to Layer - moves Voice 2 entries to the selected layer
■				Word Extensions - add or remove word extensions to and from your lyrics
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Features for Production/Sequencing

Finale®	PrintMusic	SongWriter	NotePad	Feature
■	Before only	Before only	Before only	Quantize before or after opening
■	■	■	■	Import MIDI data
■	■	■	■	Read and write standard MIDI files
■	■	■	■	Import and export XML files, such as SharpEye scanning files
■	■	■		Notate while playing back other staves - sequencing
■	■	■		Record and play with a resolution of 1024 pulses per quarter note
■	■	■		"Minimize Rests" give notes full value even if played too short so that unwanted rests never appear
■	Mixer only	Mixer only		Key sequencer features provided, including an integrated mixer
■				MIDI Tool offering full MIDI editing
■				Edit individual MIDI events in a graphic window
■				Define two sets of 16 MIDI channels and up to 64 instruments
■				Record an audio track or import an audio file
■				TempoTap® - lets you create tempo nuances by tapping your finger
■				Movie Window - allows you to import a video and play it in sync with your music as you compose or playback
■				Send SMPTE/MTC time code
■				Insert and display time code

Finishing Touches

Finale®	PrintMusic	SongWriter	NotePad	Feature
■	■	11x17 limit	11x17 limit	Create pages up to 118 miles by 118 miles (large pages can be "tiled")
■	■	■	■	Print on virtually all Postscript or non-Postscript printers
■	■	■		Page Layout Controls
■	■	■		Control the layout of individual staff systems and page margins
■	■	■		Indent staff systems and adjust systems horizontally or vertically
■	■			Reduce or enlarge a score
■	■			Color Printing, if desired, of Layers, Smart Shapes, Score and Staff expressions, Articulations, Text and Lyrics and Chords
■				Convert TIFF files of scanned sheet music into notation
PDF, PNG, BMP, GIF, TIFF, EPS, PICT (Mac only). Embedded or linked graphics	Embedded JPEG and PDF only			Import graphics like logos and pictures
■	Provided styles only			Choose from a variety of Document Styles as well as create your own
■				Hide staves that contain music for unseen playback effects
■				Use the Shape Designer to draw your own musical images, symbols and graphics
■				Create lines, ovals, rectangles, polygons and curves. Control line thickness, fills, object grouping and more
■				Control curve resolution and thickness on non-Postscript printers
■				On-score page layout with snap-to-grid and guidelines for easy, exact alignment of all score elements
■				Set or clear page breaks at any staff system
■				Compile Postscript listings for efficient downloading and printing on systems without Finale installed
■				Create Non-standard key signatures
■				Support for third pary music fonts
■				Cross-staff beaming and detailed deletes with the NoteMover Tool
■				Choose whether or not to slash flagged grace notes