



Chord Creation Guide

In this chord guide, we breakdown each type of chord, the strategy on how to create the chord and an example shown on a piano.

These chords are broken down into four levels based on difficulty to play and create...

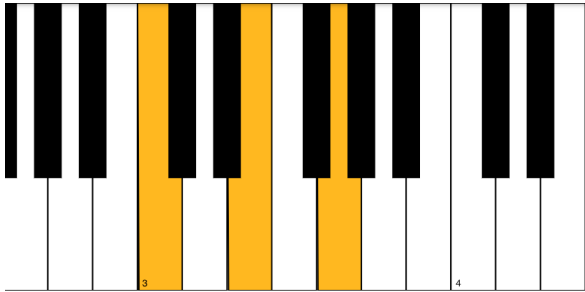
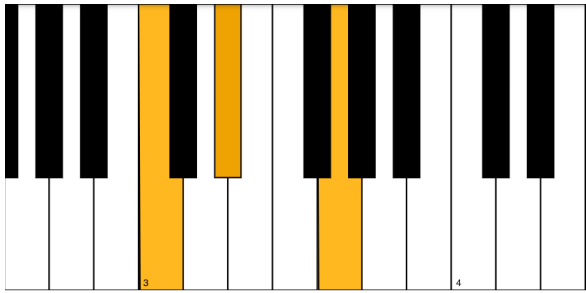
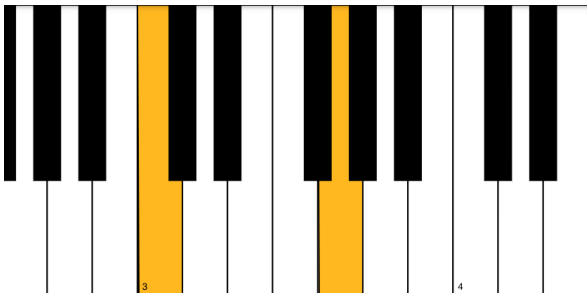
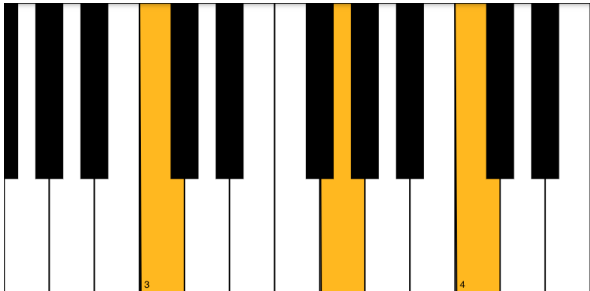
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Each example shown will be a "C" Chord...
C Major, C Diminished, C7, etc.

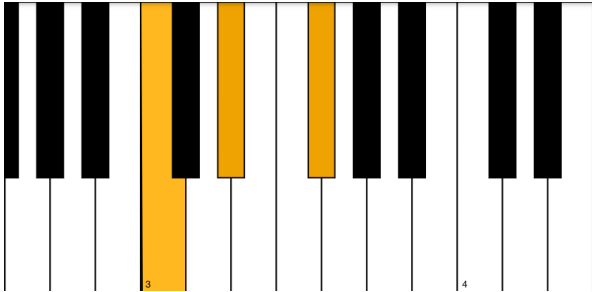
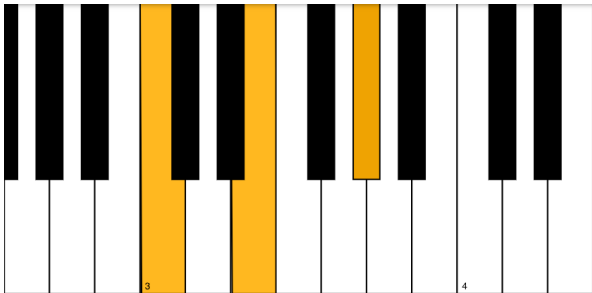
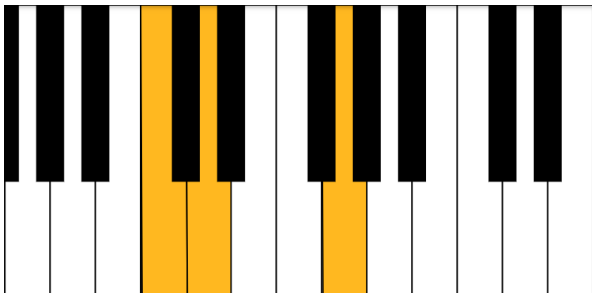
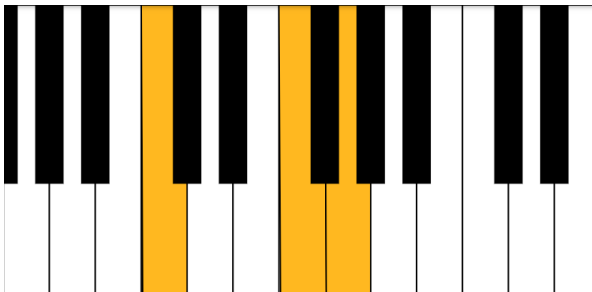


Standard Chords

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Chord Type	Abbreviation	Strategy	Notes
Major	CMaj	3-2	C-E-G
			
Minor	Cmin	2-3	C-Eb-G
			
Power	CPower	6	C-G
			
PowerOctave	CPowerO	6-4	C-G-C
			

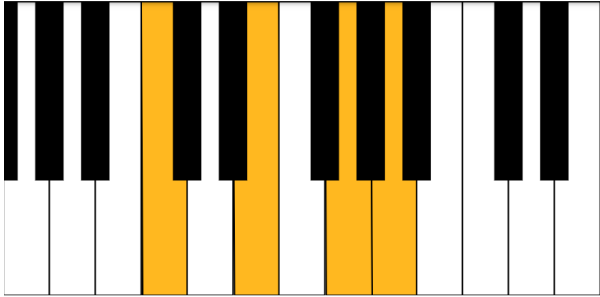
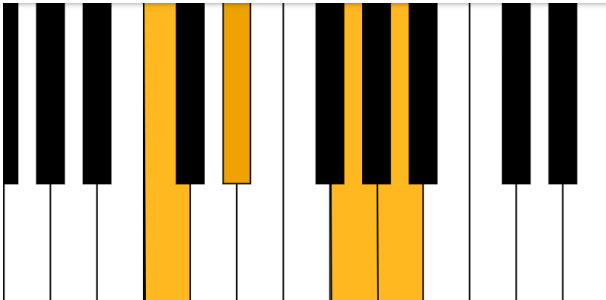
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Chord Type	Abbreviation	Strategy	Notes
Diminished	Cdim	2-2	C-Eb-Gb
			
Augmented	Caug	3-3	C-E-G#
			
Sus2	CSus2	1-4	C-D-G
			
Sus4	CSus4	4-1	C-F-G
			

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Major Cluster (add 2)	CMaj(add2)	1-1-2	C-D-E-G
Major Cluster (add 4)	CMaj(add4)	3-0-1	C-E-F-G
Minor Cluster (add 2)	CMin(add2)	1-0-3	C-D-Eb-G
Minor Cluster (add 4)	CMin(add4)	2-1-1	C-Eb-F-G

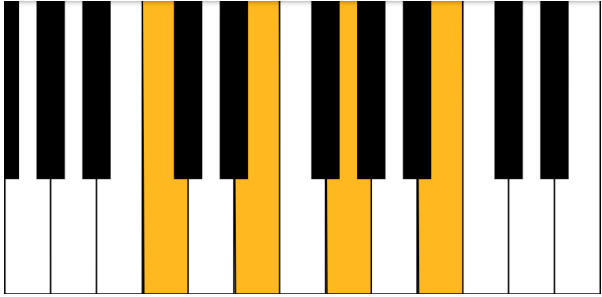
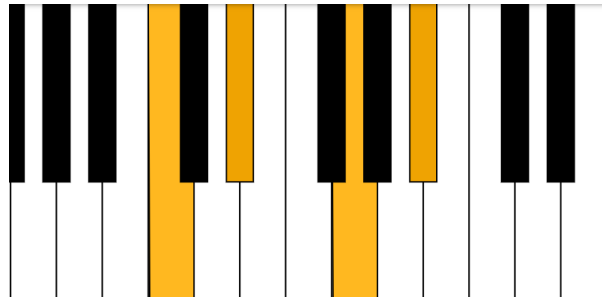
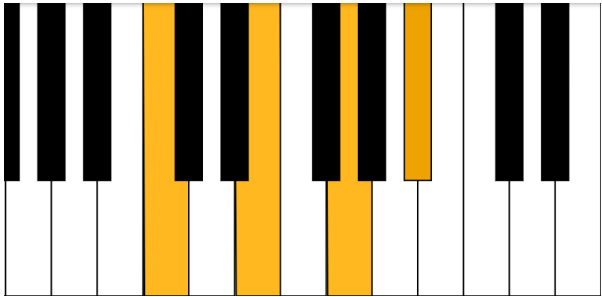
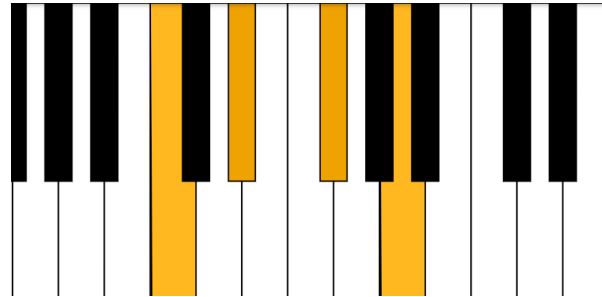
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Major 6th	CMaj6 or C6	3-2-1	C-E-G-A
			
Minor 6th	CMin6	2-3-1	C-Eb-G-A
			



7th Chords

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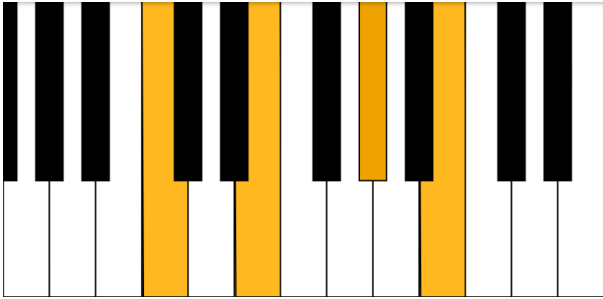
Chord Type	Abbreviation	Strategy	Notes
Major 7th	CMaj7	3-2-3	C-E-G-B
			
Minor 7th	CMin7	2-3-2	C-Eb-G-Bb
			
Dominant 7th	C7	3-2-2	C-E-G-Bb
			
Diminished 7th	Cdim7	2-2-2	C-Eb-Gb-A
			

7th Chords

Chord Type	Abbreviation	Strategy	Notes
Diminished Major 7th	CdimMaj7	2-2-4	C-Eb-Gb-B
Minor 7th (b5)	CMin7(b5)	2-2-3	C-Eb-Gb-Bb
Minor/Major 7th	CminMaj7	2-3-3	C-Eb-G-B
Lydian 7th	Clyd7	3-1-4	C-E-F#-B

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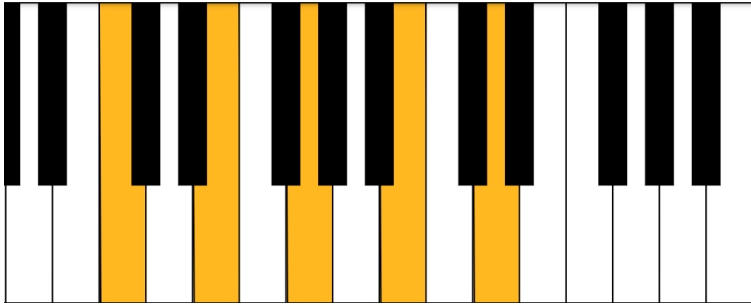
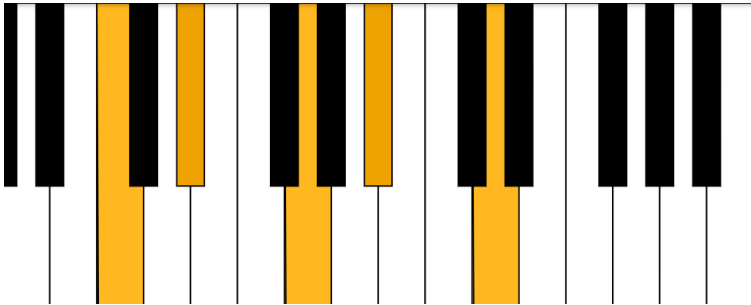
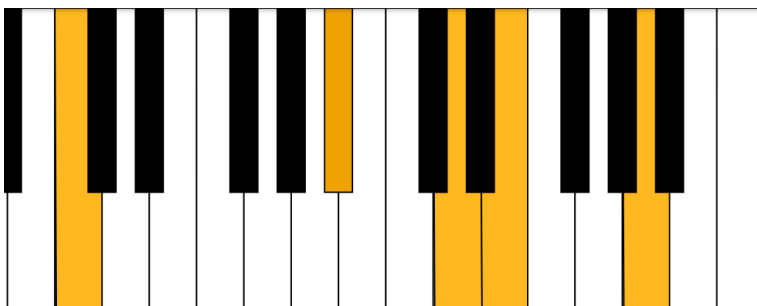
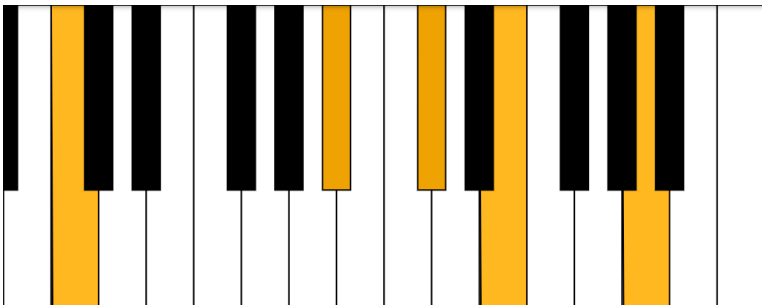
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Augmented Major 7th	CaugMaj7	3-3-2	C-E-G#-B



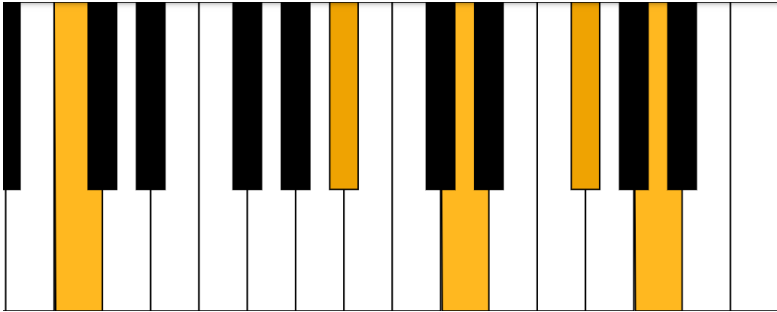
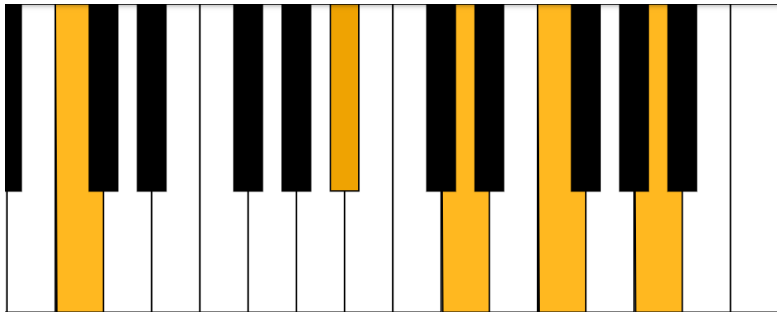
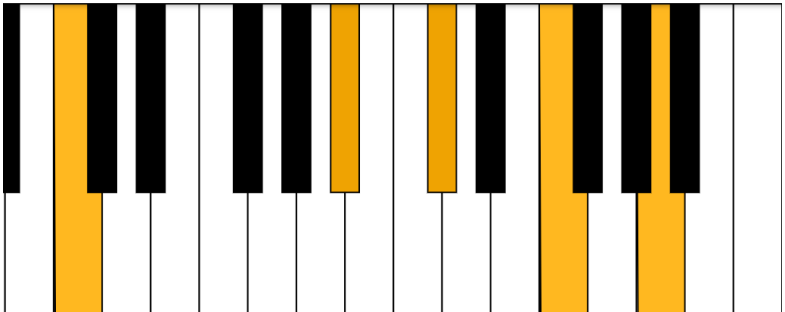
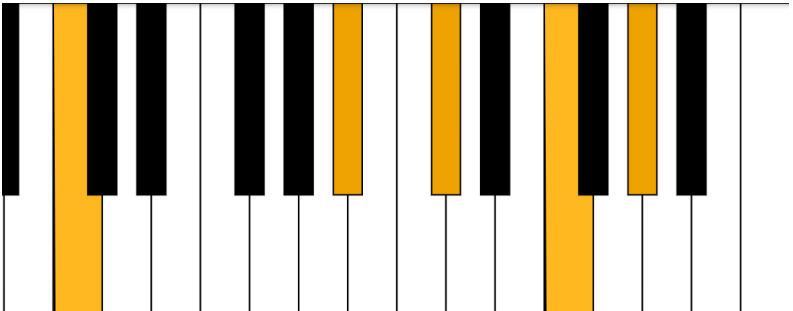


Unique Chords (9th, Dominant, Sus)

Unique Chords

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Major 9th	CMaj9	3+min7	C-E-G-B-D
			
Minor 9th	CMin9	2+Maj7	C-Eb-Gb-Bb-D
			
Dominant 13th	CDom13	-1+Lyd7	C-Bb-D-E-A
			
Dom13th(b9)	CDom13(b9)	-1+dimMaj7	C-Bb-Db-E-A
			

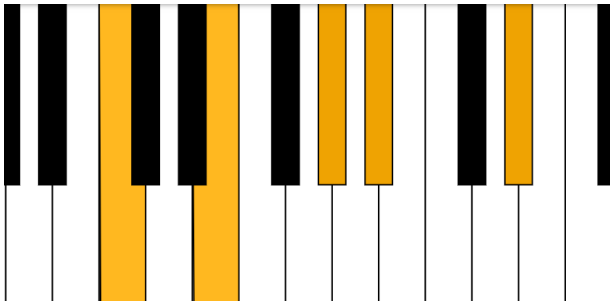
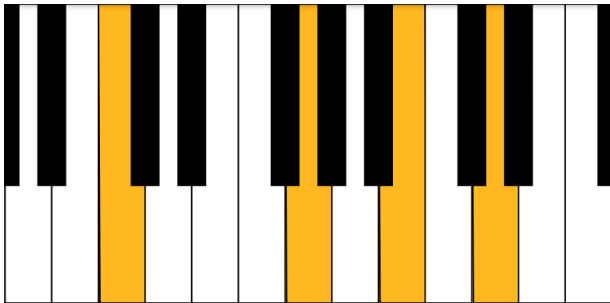
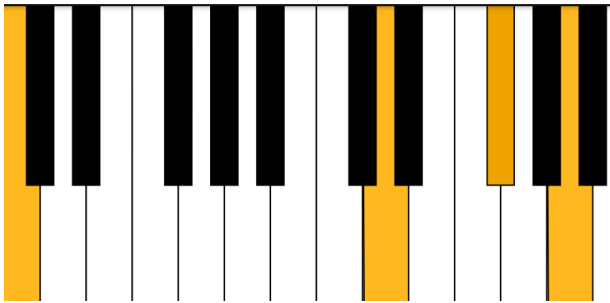
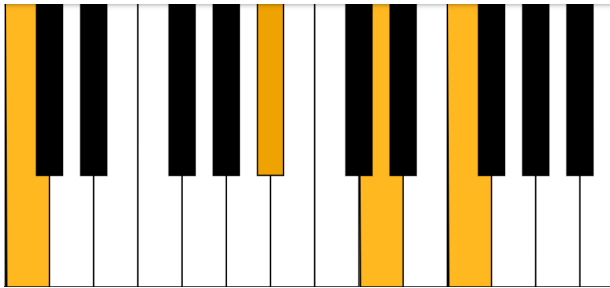
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Dom13th(#11)	CDom13(#11)	-1+augMaj7	C-Bb-D-F#-A
			
Sus13th	CSus13	-1+Maj7	C-Bb-D-F-A
			
Sus13th(b9)	CSus13(b9)	-1+minMaj7	C-Bb-Db-F-A
			
Sus13th(b9,b13)	CSus13(b9,b13)	-1+min7	C-Bb-Db-F-Ab
			

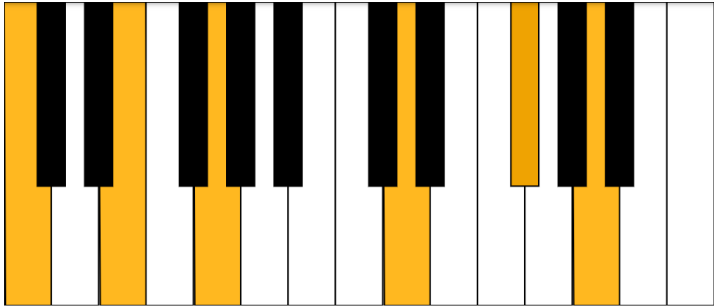
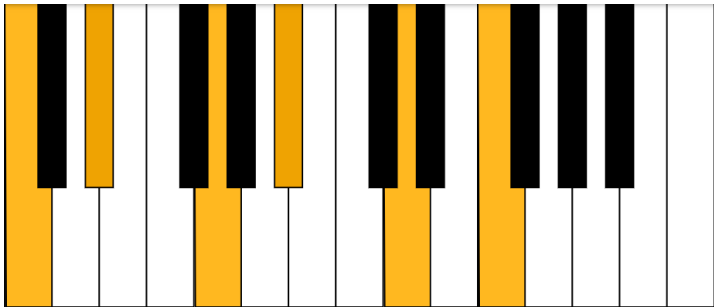
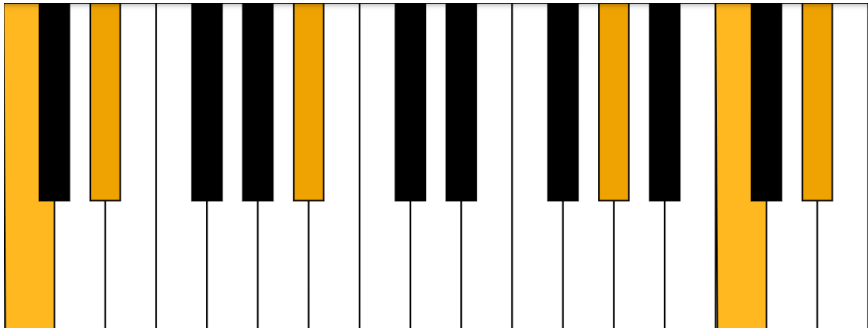


Adv. Unique Chords (9th, Dominant, Sus)

Advanced Unique Chords

Chord Type	Abbreviation	Strategy	Notes
Altered Chord	CAlt	3+lyd7	C-E-G#-A#-D#
			
Major 9 Hybrid	CMaj9(Hyb)	Maj (+6) Maj	C-G-B-D
			
Major #11 Hybrid	CMaj#11(Hyb)	Maj (+1) Maj	C-D-F#-A
			
Minor 11 Hybrid	CMin11(Hyb)	Min (-1) Maj	C-Bb-D-F
			

PolyChords

Chord Type	Abbreviation	Strategy	Notes
Major #11	CMaj#11(Poly)	Maj (+1) Maj	C-E-G-D-F#-A
			
Minor 11	CMin11(Poly)	Min (-1) Maj	C-Eb-G-Bb-D-F
			
Altered	CAlt(Poly)	Dom7 (-3/+7) Maj	C-E-Bb-Ab-C-Eb
			
Dom7(b9#11)	C7(b9,#11)	Dom7 (+5) Maj	C-E-Bb-Gb-Bb-Db
