

Graphics - Music Notation to GIF

Guidelines for converting music from a notation program to a graphic that can be placed in a web page or multimedia presentation.

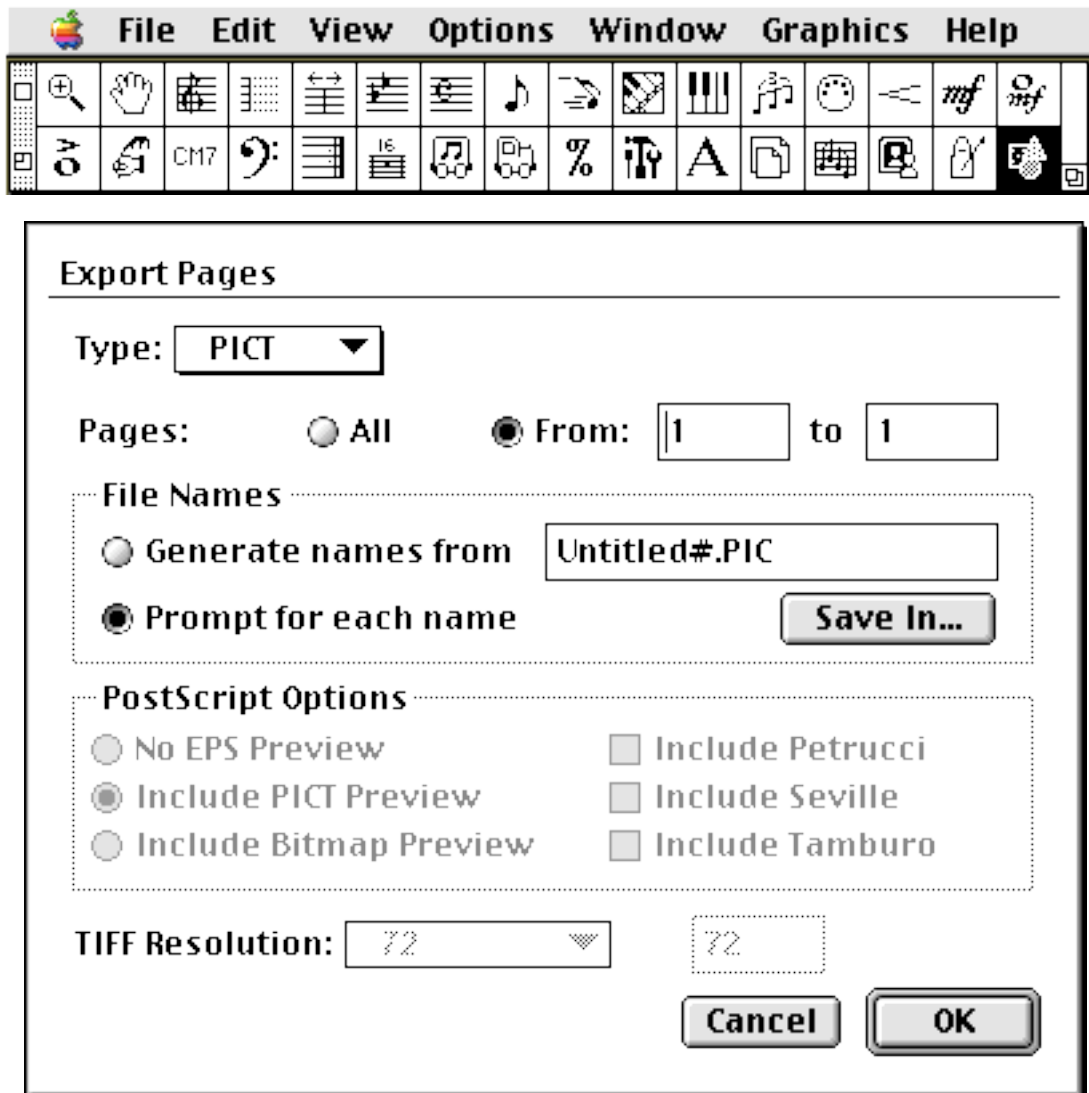
Most notation programs allow the exporting to common graphic file formats.

Or use the built in screen capture abilities of the Macintosh. Use **Command/Shift/3** to capture the entire page or **Command/Shift/4** to use a selection tool.

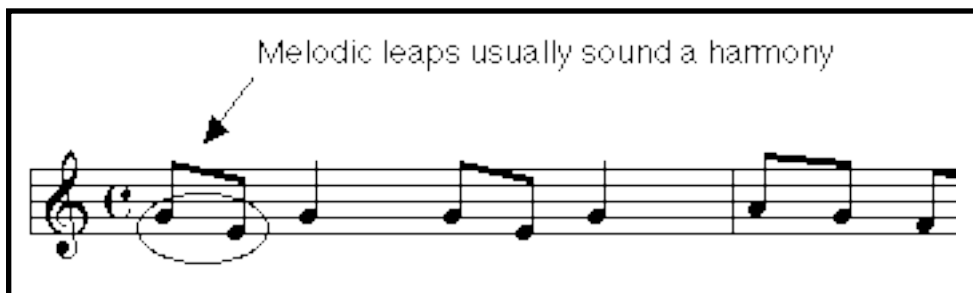
Then, using an image editing program like PhotoShop, we can edit then save the file in a GIF format for use in a web page.

1. Export the music notation file to a PICT file.

Many notation programs such as *Finale* allow you to save some or all of a file in either PICT, EPS or TIFF. You can save either an entire file, single page or by using the graphic selection tool, save a small selected area. The **Graphics** tool will also display a menu.



2. Use a graphics program to add text or graphic symbols like arrows and circles. The example below was done in ClarisWorks.



3. **Save As . .** to save this file as a PICT image. Some programs (like Appleworks 5.0) will allow you to save as a GIF file directly. Others might require converting in another application like PhotoShop.

4. **Open** the PICT file in PhotoShop. PhotoShop allows for some editing. It is particularly good for resizing and trimming images.

5. **Save As . .** as a GIF file. Use the appendage .GIF on the file name.