

# Getting started on a Macintosh computer with MFun: Music Fundamentals (*Download*)

These step-by-step instructions will get you started on any *Macintosh OS X* computer, when you make a *Download* purchase of **MFun: Music Fundamentals** from the MacGAMUT website.

**Getting started with MFun is EASY**, but you may find it helpful to print out these instructions to follow as you proceed step by step, marking off each step as you complete it.

**Follow these steps to install MFun as a download:**

1. First, download and install the **MFun** software. Yes, you can complete the download and installation even before you make your online purchase. You just won't be able to use the installed eText until you've paid for it!
  - a. From the **Home** page at **www.macgamut.com**, follow the links from the **Installers** link on the left-hand side of the screen to go to the **MFun Web Installers** page.
  - b. Select the appropriate installer for your computer and system.
  - c. You'll find the downloaded Installer in your Macintosh's **Downloads** folder. (If you are not working on your own computer, you can copy the Installer to a flash drive so you can install it later on your computer.)
  - d. The Installer will start automatically when you open the Installer package. Just follow the instructions to complete your installation.
  - e. The program installs in a folder labeled **MFun** in your Macintosh's **Applications** folder.
  - f. You'll find the various **Text Files** inside the **MFun Work Folder** installed in your Macintosh's **Documents** folder. This **MFun Work Folder** is also the best place to save your **Transcript.mft** file (which you will download in step 3) and any custom **Settings.mfs** file your instructor may give you.
2. OK, now it's time to make your download purchase, so you can actually use the software you've just installed.
  - a. From **www.macgamut.com**, click any of the various **Order Online** links.
  - b. Select your product and quantity, and continue through the checkout process.
  - c. As you complete your purchase, the "**Thank You**" screen acknowledging your order will include your nine-digit **Registration Number**, which you

- need to use to download your personal **Transcript.mft** file (your “ticket” to use the MFun program). Write this very important number down (or print the page); you’ll need it to create your **Transcript.mft** file
3. Now, you need to register MFun, using that nine-digit **Registration Number** assigned to you as you completed your online purchase.
    - a. From **www.macgamut.com**, click the **Register** link on the left-hand side of the screen to get started, and follow the quick and easy registration procedure.
    - b. Your personal **Transcript.mft** file will be generated automatically, and you can download it directly from the “**Registration complete!**” page. Just right-click (or Ctrl+click) the link and select “save,” “save target as,” “save as,” or “download linked file as,” depending on your browser. To make it easy to find your **Transcript.mft** file whenever you want to work on MFun, save it in the **MFun Work Folder** installed in your computer’s **Documents** folder.
  4. The quickest way to start MFun is by simply double-clicking the **Transcript.mft** file you’ve saved in your **MFun Work Folder**.

**Note:** If double-clicking your **Transcript.mft** file does not start **MFun** the first time you try it, the problem is easy to fix. Just right-click (or Ctrl+click) on your **Transcript.mft** file, and select **Get Info**. Click on the **Open with** arrow to make it point downward, and then select **MFun** from the list of applications in the popup menu. Click the **Change All** button, and from then on, double-clicking any **.mft** file will always open **MFun**.
  5. MFun begins by showing you the name of the file you are opening and the date this file was last opened, giving you a convenient opportunity to confirm that you are using the correct file. (The first time you use your new **Transcript.mft** file, "none" will appear in place of the date.) Get in the habit of double-checking that “date last opened” to be sure you have accessed the same file you used last time rather than an older “back-up” version which does not include records of your more recent work on MFun’s Drills and Quizzes. If your instructor has given you a customized Settings file to use, click on the “Change settings file” link and select the new **Settings.mfs** file to make it part of your **Transcript.mft** file.
  6. From this point, you can begin working on **MFun**. If you have any operational questions as you work your way through the eText, you’ll likely find answers in **The Complete Guide to MFun**, which you can open through the **Help** menu at the very top of your MFun window. You’ll also want to take a few moments to read the Instructions provided with each drill and Quiz, just to be sure you understand what is expected of you and how you must respond.
  7. At the end of every session on **MFun**, it’s a good idea to make a back-up copy of your **Transcript.mft** file, just to be safe. Every time you end a

session on MFun, you'll be asked if you want to make a back-up copy of your file. When you click the **Yes** button in that alert, your computer will write a back-up copy to the **MFun Backup** folder inside your **MFun Work Folder**. Each back-up file is clearly labeled **BACKUP** and includes the date it was written, so you can readily identify your most recent back-up. It's also a good idea to keep a back-up copy of your **Transcript.mft** file on a different drive than your working **Transcript.mft** file. That way, if you happen to lose your working file, you've still got the back-up copy.

8. The next time you use **MFun**, getting started will be much easier. You'll already have your **Transcript.mft** file, so you won't have to register again. And you'll only have to reinstall the software from the **Web Installer** you've downloaded if you are working on a computer that doesn't have the latest MFun software installed.

If you have followed these step-by-step instructions and are having difficulties, you probably haven't followed these instructions step-by-step. Go back to the start and try again, marking off each step as you complete it. If you still can't figure out how to get started with **MFun**, go to our **Tech Support** page at [www.macgamut.com](http://www.macgamut.com) where you can e-mail us with the details of your problem or check out other possible solutions.

**Note:** If you'll be using **MFun** only on your own computer, it's best to store your **Transcript.mft** file in the **MFun Work Folder** in your **Documents** folder on your computer's hard drive. If you're switching from one computer to another, you can e-mail your file to yourself, store it on a server, or carry it back and forth on a flash drive or other removable media. But if you plan to e-mail your file, please see the **Sending your file as an e-mail attachment** section under **Troubleshooting** in the **Guide to MFun**.