

Welcome to Ukulele for Beginners at SBCC
Spring 2, 2022



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1-Introduction to the course

Rules and structure of this class:

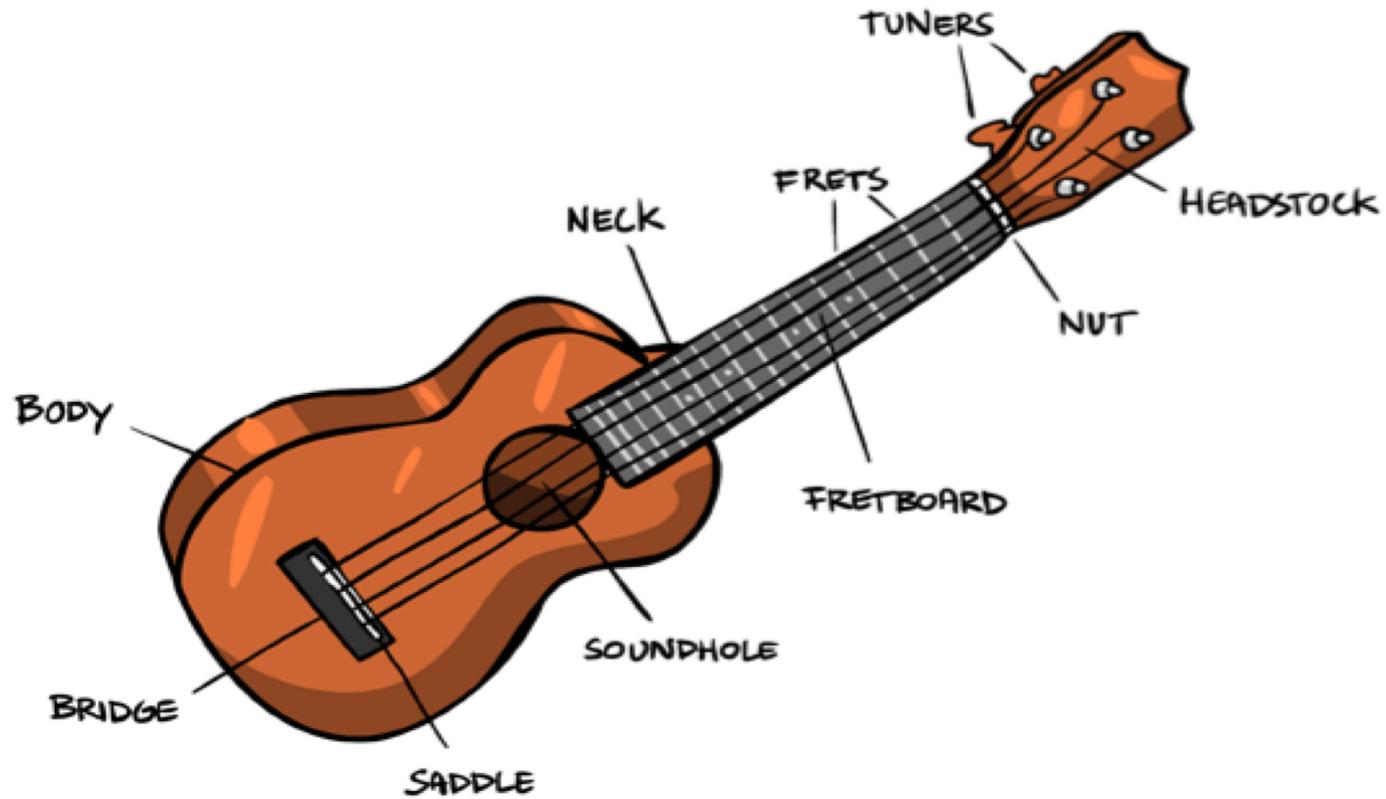
- Attendance (very important to keep the class going)
- Lecture-Lab System.

5:30 –6:25 PM Theory and practice (Beginners)

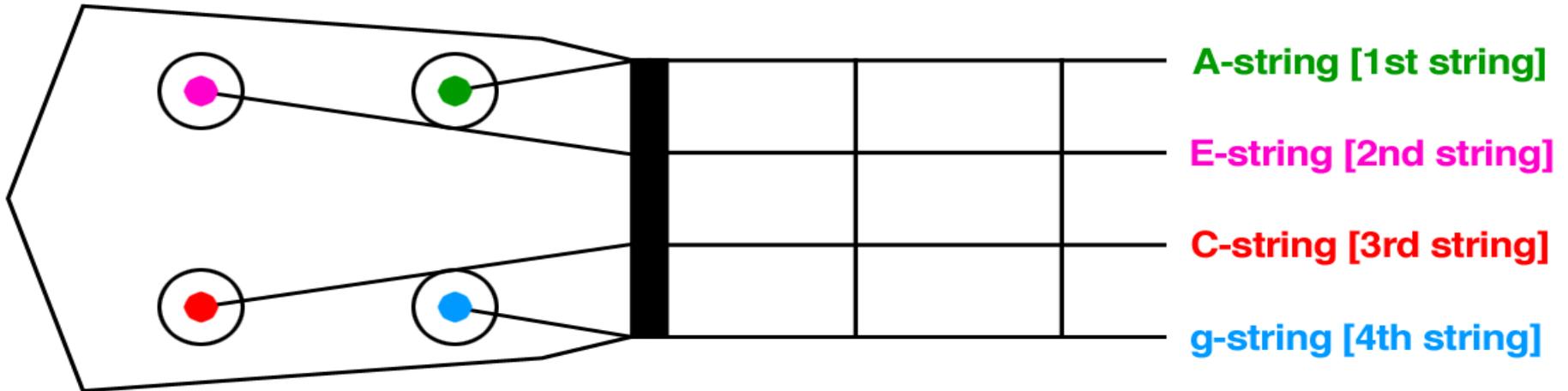
6:25 to 6:30 Break /Socialization (5 minutes))

6:30 to 7:25 Practice (Intermediate Students)

Ukulele Anatomy: Parts of the Ukulele



Names of the strings: GCEA (Good Children Eat Apples) My Dog Has Fleas

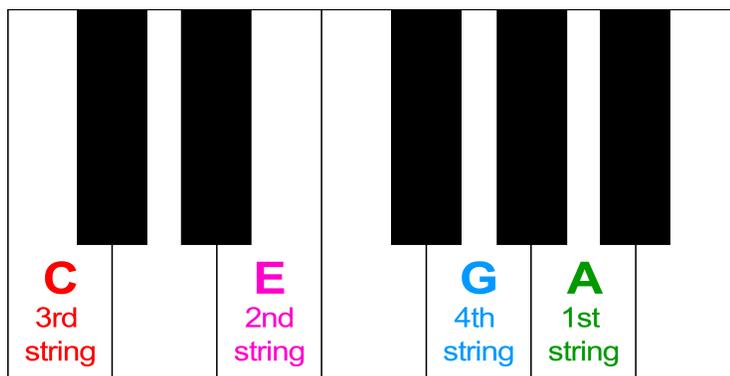
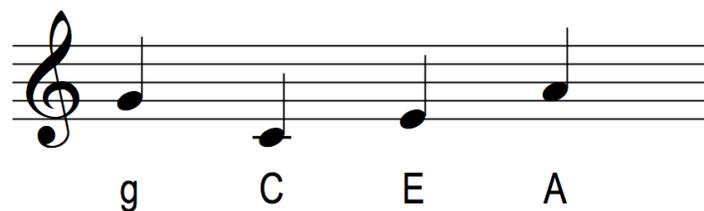


You count the strings from the one closer to the floor (1) up to the one closer to your face.

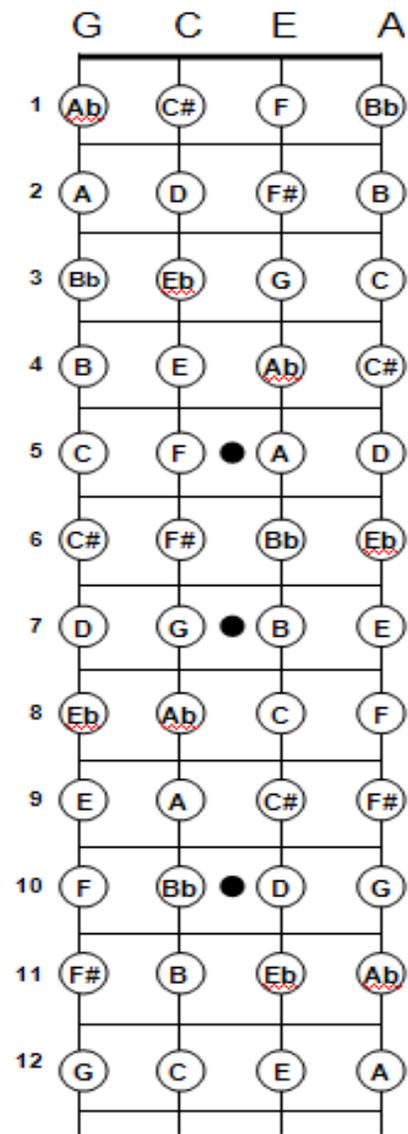
From the top to bottom string, see how a ukulele is tuned on the music staff and piano keys:

Notice that the top g-string (4th string) is tuned higher than the middle two strings – the top g-string is tuned to a G-note *above* middle C on a piano.

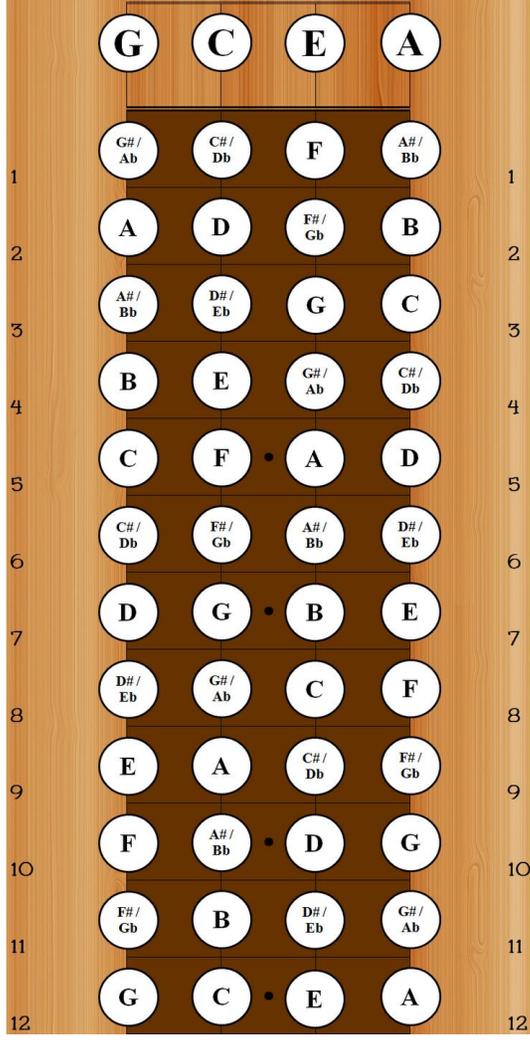
The lowercase “g” is used to indicate that the G-note is above middle C. It’s called reentrant when starts with the g (high g)



Fretboard with the notes



🎸 UKULELE FRETBOARD ★



TUNERS



When you use them make sure that the vertical line is right in the middle or in the blue part. There are also apps for the smart phones, some are free and for others you need to pay a subscription.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0uPPqVyuoA8>

Tune your ukulele by ear (Relative Tuning) **By Kalani**

After your ukulele sits for a while normally the strings will sound lower not higher
Tune the ukulele by itself

You need to have at least one string in tune or close to the note that suppose to sound, then tune the other strings to that string. In the case that you're tuning to the C string,.

Press the g string down in the 5th fret until it matches the C string (same pitch).

Now go to the C string and hold it down on the 4th fret then try to match the sound again with the E string. Now you need to go to the E string and hold it down on the 5th fret to get the A sound so you can tune you're a string.

The Four Different Ukulele Sizes

The ukulele is a four stringed plucked instrument that originated from Hawaii in the 19th century. The most popular sizes of ukuleles are: **soprano**, **concert**, **tenor**, and **baritone**.



soprano



concert

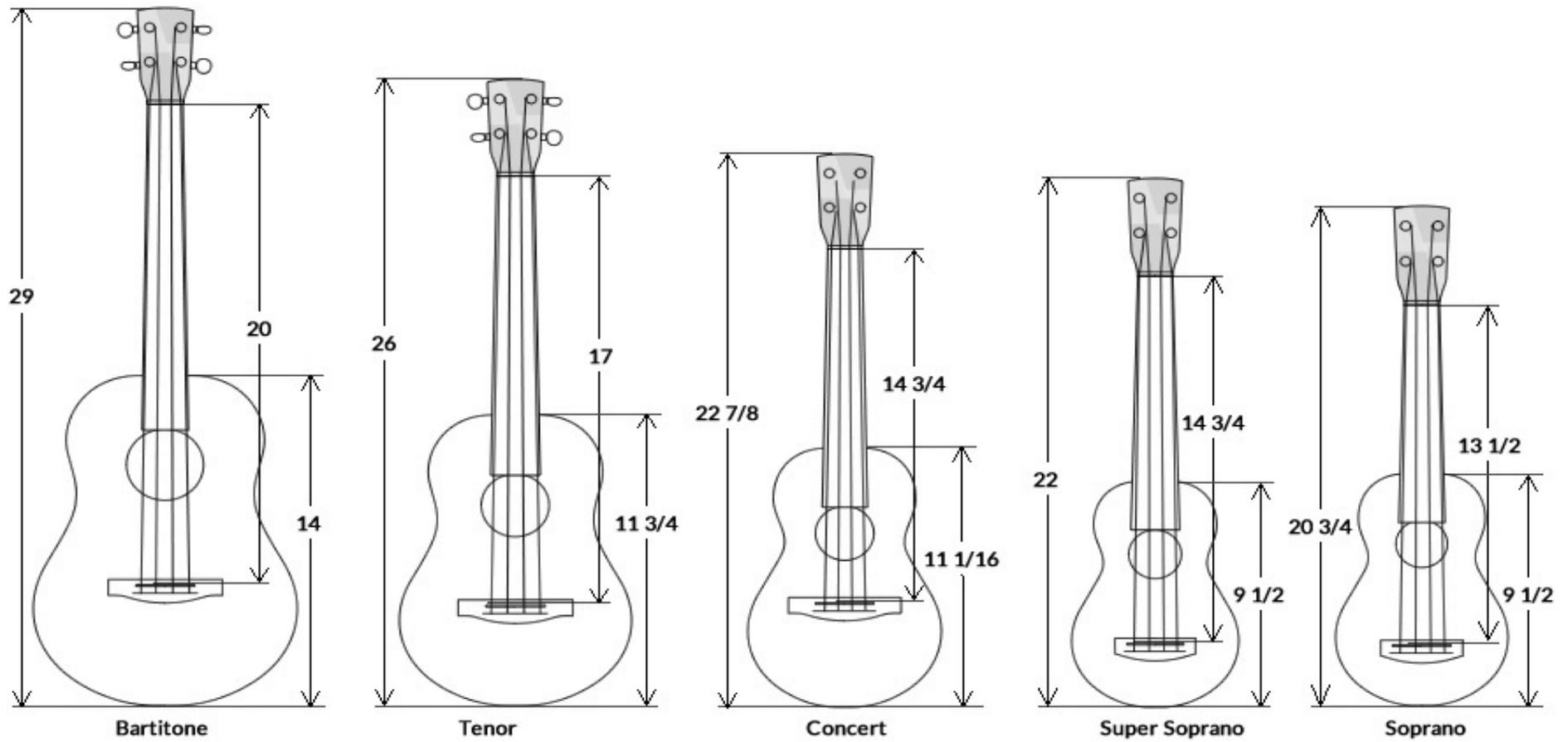


tenor



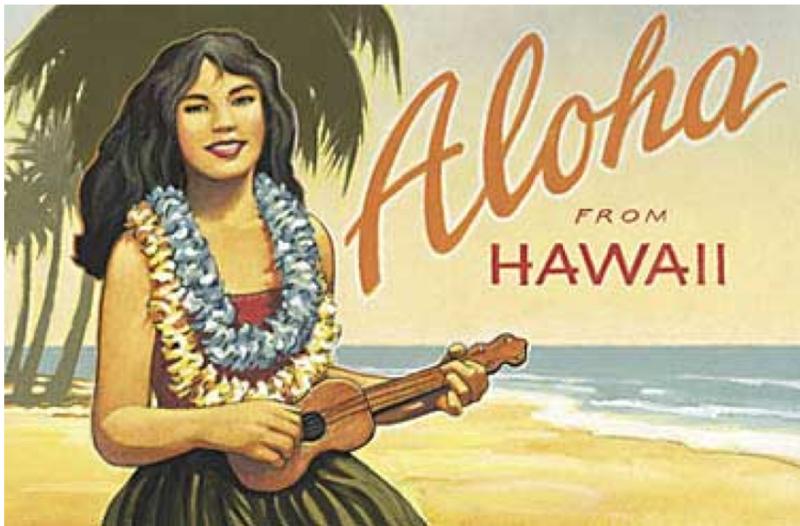
baritone

Ukulele Sizes



Ukulele History

- The First Ukulele was made in Hawaii
- It was invented in 1879 (By the Portugueses)
- Aloha is used as Hello or Goodbye in Hawaii



- The ukulele was made By Portuguese men as a gift to Queen Lili' Uokalani. She composed many songs for the ukulele, among them, the famous "Aloha 'Oe".

Musical Notation: They are equivalent

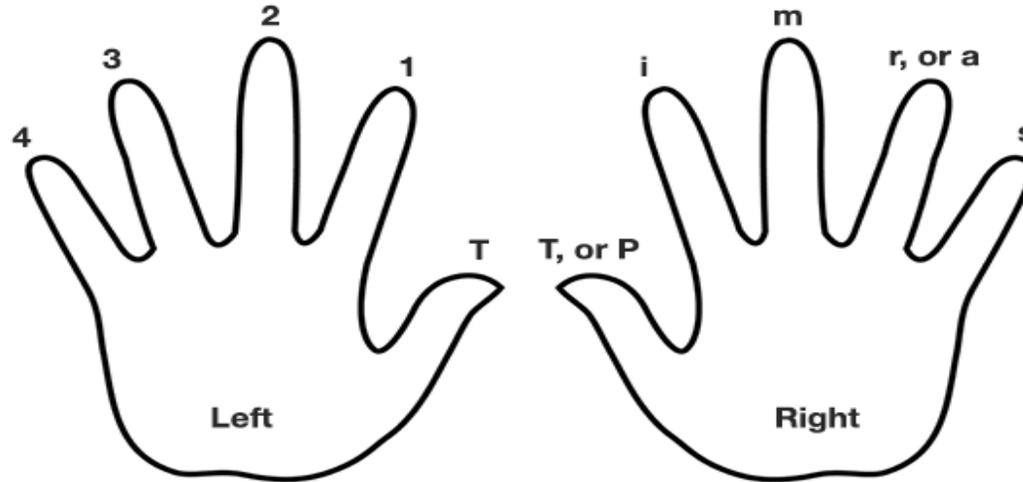
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A B C D E F G

Please learn this ASAP

Right hand and left hand

Ukulele Finger Names

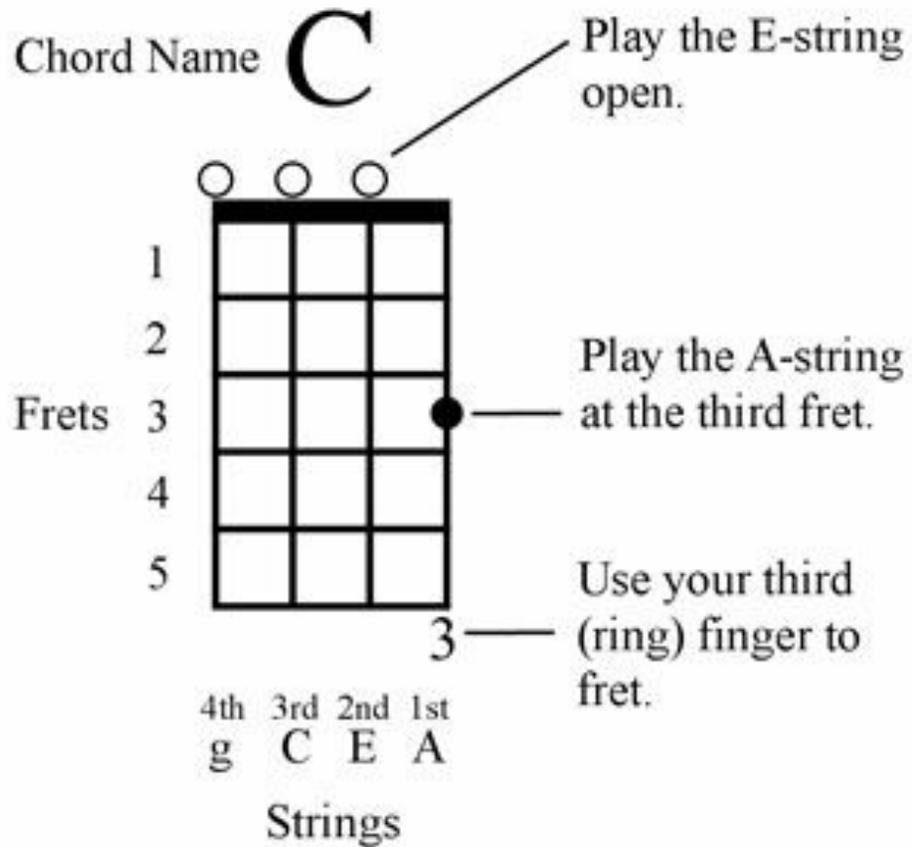


4th, 3rd, 2nd, first and thumb

Thumb or Pulgar, index,
middle, ring or annular and
small finger.

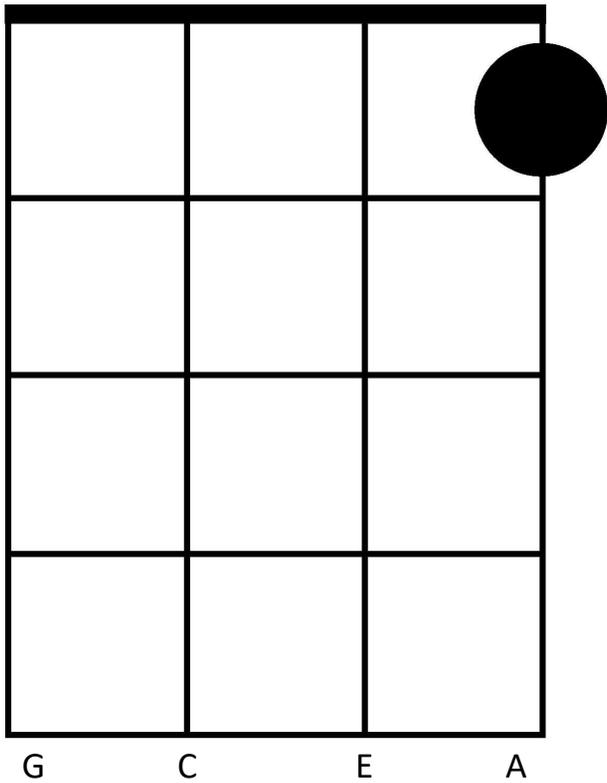
What is a CHORD?

When you play more than 2 notes (“pitches”) that are heard as if sounding simultaneously. In a triad you have 3 notes, for example: C major has C E G.

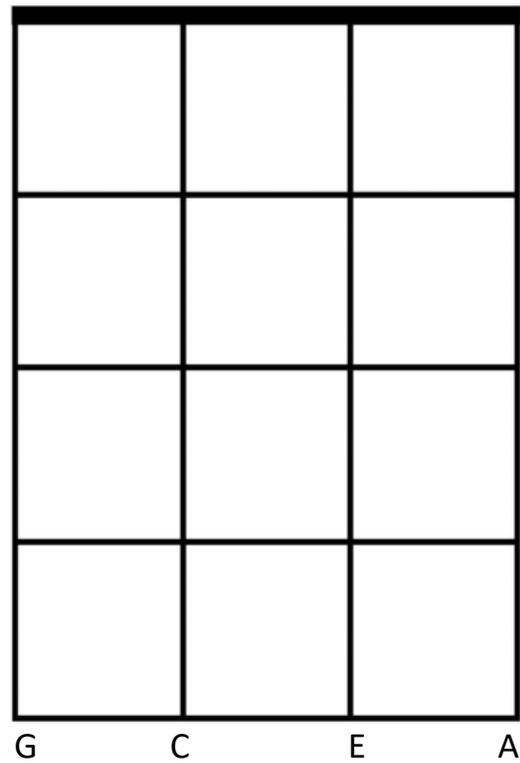


4th 3rd 2nd 1st
g C E A

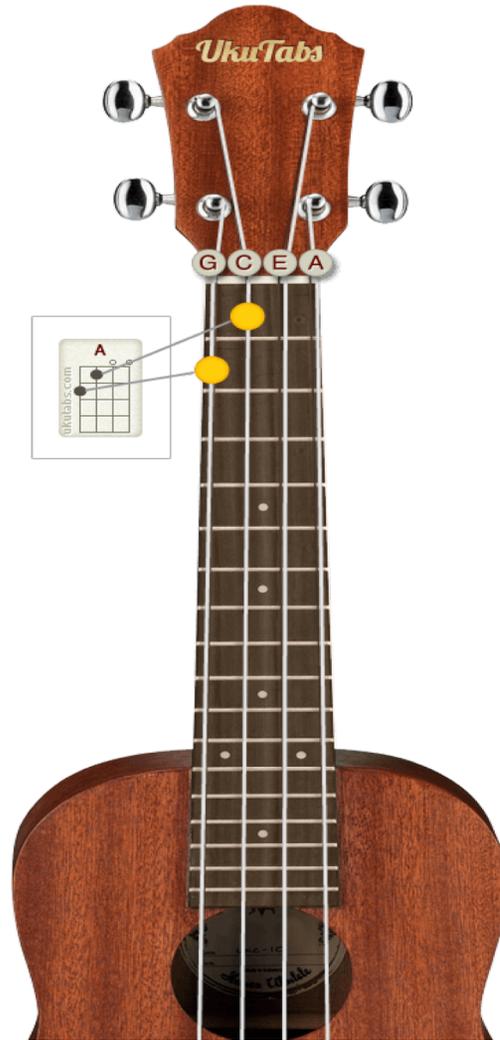
C⁷



C6/Am7



Sometimes a picture
says more
than a thousand
words.



A diagram showing nine fretboard positions for notes c through d on a C6-tuned ukulele. Each position is represented by a 4x4 grid with a circle above it indicating the string to be plucked. The notes are: c (open 1st string), d (1st fret, 1st string), e (open 2nd string), f (1st fret, 2nd string), g (2nd fret, 2nd string), a (open 3rd string), b (1st fret, 3rd string), c (2nd fret, 3rd string), and d (3rd fret, 3rd string).

A musical staff in treble clef showing the notes c, d, e, f, g, a, b, c, d. The notes are placed on the staff as follows: c (first space), d (second space), e (third space), f (first line), g (second line), a (second space), b (third space), c (third space), and d (third space).

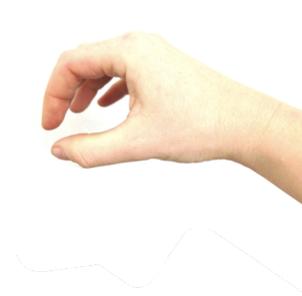
LEARN THIS ASAP

Extra notes in low-g tuning:

A diagram showing three fretboard positions for notes g, a, and b in low-g tuning. Each position is represented by a 4x4 grid with a circle above it indicating the string to be plucked. The notes are: g (open 1st string), a (1st fret, 1st string), and b (2nd fret, 1st string).

A musical staff in treble clef showing the notes g, a, and b. The notes are placed on the staff as follows: g (first space), a (second space), and b (third space).

POSTURE



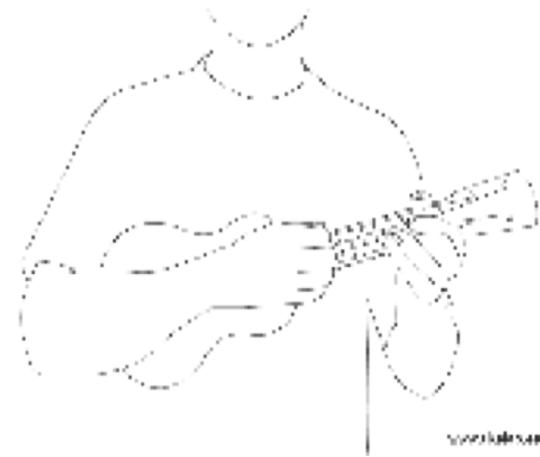
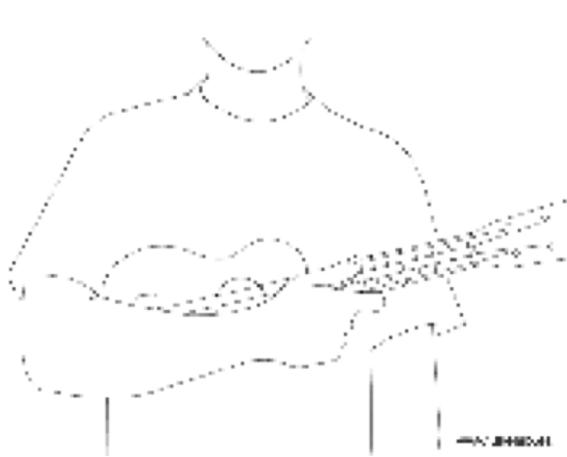
C URVE your hand - like you are holding a golf ball **L** OOSE GRIP -
Shoulders, arms, and hands

E YE TO EYE - with top of the ukulele neck

F LAT angle - between wrist and forearm

If you are slouching while you practice or play your ukulele, or anything else for that matter, **YOUR BACK WILL BE SORE**. So stretch out and sit on up.

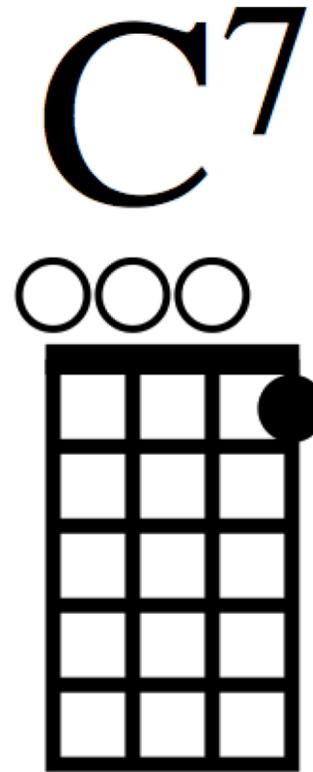
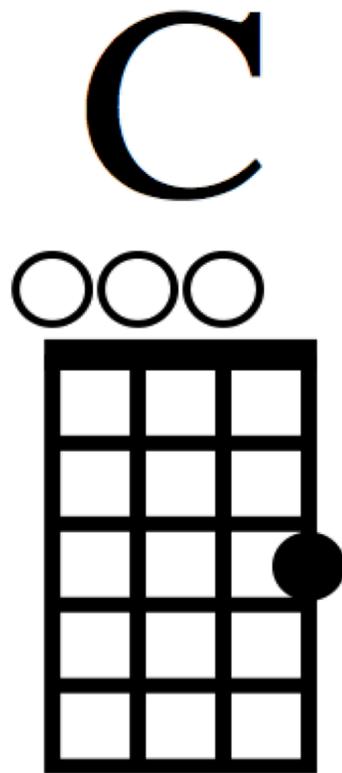
How to Hold Your Ukulele



I really recommend to get a strap

ATTENTION

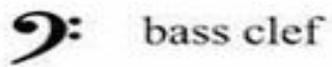
Open String is when you play a string and do not fret with any finger.



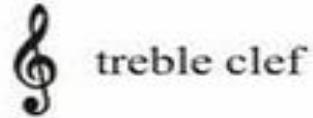
The white circles indicate that you are playing those string open.



staff

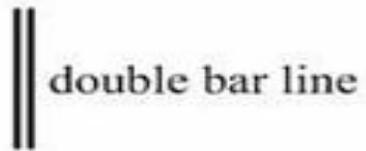


bass clef

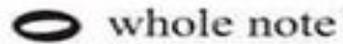


treble clef

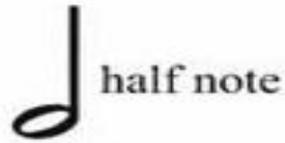
$\frac{2}{4}$ time signature



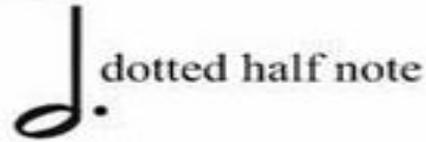
double bar line



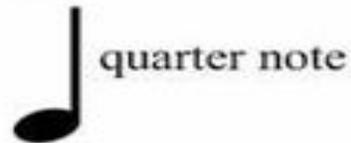
whole note



half note



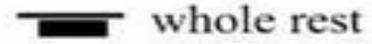
dotted half note



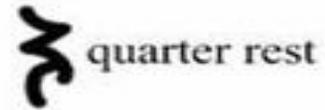
quarter note



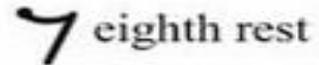
eighth note



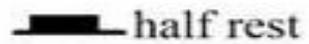
whole rest



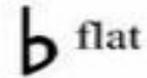
quarter rest



eighth rest



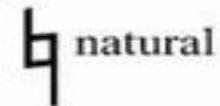
half rest



flat



sharp



natural

DO NOT FORGET ABOUT THIS PLEASE

INTRODUCING : THE NOTE FAMILY

LET'S PLAY MUSIC



WHOLE NOTE

(DADDY
SEMIBREVE)



1/2 NOTE

(MUMMY
MINIM)



1/4 NOTE

(BIG BROTHER
CROTCHET)



1/8 NOTE

(LITTLE QUAVER
TWIN)

FIRST STRUM PATTERN

The image shows a musical staff in 4/4 time with a treble clef. Above the staff is a chord diagram for a C major chord, labeled 'C', with a '3' below it indicating the third fret. The staff contains four downstrokes, each labeled with a number (1, 2, 3, 4) and the word 'down' below it. Below each 'down' label is a 'D' time signature.

Do it with your index finger for now

Musical Alphabet:

A, B, C, D, E, F, G and/or
(LA, TI, DO, RE, MI, FA, SOL)

Do, Re, Mi, Fa, Sol, La, Ti, DO (C Major Scale)

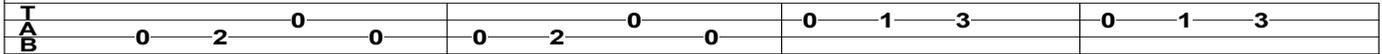
I said don't forget about this. It's esencial

Are You Sleeping Melody

C

Ukulele 

Are you sleep - ing, are you sleep - ing? Bro - ther John, Bro - ther John?

Ukulele 

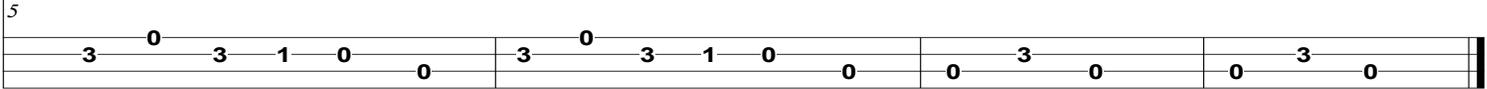
 T A B

 0 2 0 0 | 0 2 0 0 | 0 1 3 | 0 1 3

Are you sleep - ing, are you sleep - ing? Bro - ther John, Bro - ther John?

Uk. 

Mor-ning bells are ring - ing, morn-ing bells are ring - ing Ding ding dong, ding ding dong.

Uk. 

 5

 3 0 3 1 0 0 | 3 0 3 1 0 0 | 0 3 0 | 0 3 0

Mor-ning bells are ring - ing, morn-ing bells are ring - ing Ding ding dong, ding ding dong.

PUT THE LIME IN THE COCONUT PLAY_ALONG WITH NILSSON

Only one chord, the C7 chord.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQgDVtHg49s>

By YouTube Channel “Easy Ukulele Chords and Lyrics”

Put The Lime in the Coconut (Our favorite Song)

Verse 1

Brother bought a coconut, he bought it for a dime
His sister had another one, she paid it for the lime
She put the lime in the coconut, she drank em' both up [3x]
She put the lime in the coconut
She called the doctor up, and said **(Spoken)**

CHORUS

Doctor - ain't there nothin' I can take, I said
Doctor - to relieve this belly ache, I said
Doctor - ain't there nothin' I can take, I said
Doctor - to relieve this belly ache

Verse 2 (Stop)

Now let me get this straight (Spoken)
You put the lime in the coconut, you drank them both up (3x)
Put the lime in the coconut
You called your doctor up and said

REPEAT CHORUS

Put the lime in the coconut, you drink 'em both together
Put the lime in the coconut, then you feel better
Put the lime in the coconut, drink 'em both up
Put the lime in the coconut and call me in the morning (3x)

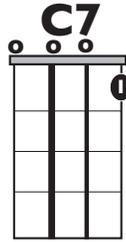
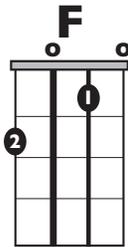
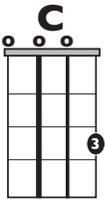
LA CUCARACHA- THE COCKROACH

Traditional Mexican Song

Starting Note: C

Strum Pattern: du du

Key: F
2/4



F

C7

La cucaracha, la cucaracha, ya no puede caminar

F

Porque no tiene porque le faltan las dos patitas de atrás (2x)

F

C7

La cucaracha, la cucaracha see him scuttle, scamper, scoot

F

La cucaracha, la cucaracha in his yellow dancing boots (2X)

REFERENCES

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- 2-Ukulele Hunt
- 3-UkeTabs
- 4-Kalani
- 5-Play Music Company

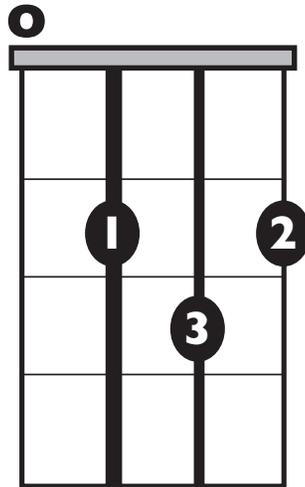
Jake Shimabukuro in Tokyo: Ukulele Virtuoso

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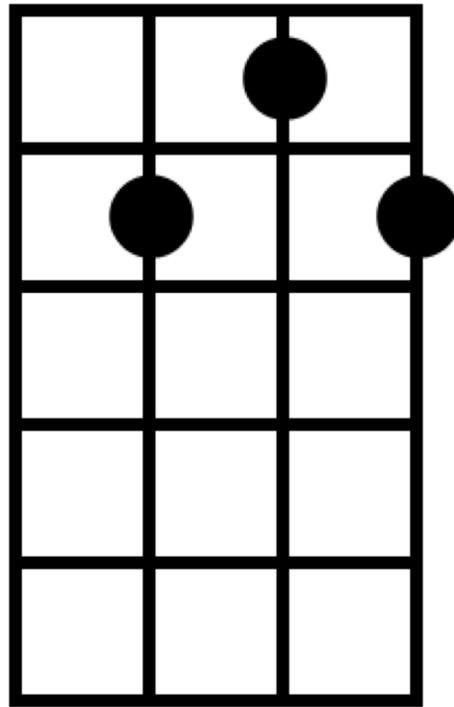
“The Ukulele is the instrument of peace”

G Major Chord

G



G7



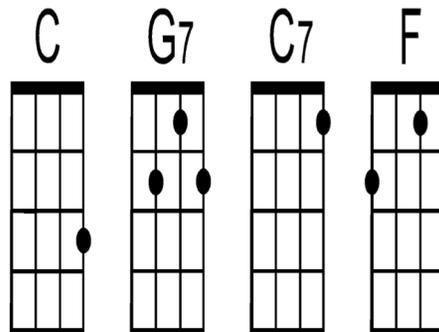
Happy Birthday

Key of C:

C G7 C
Happy Birthday to you, happy birthday to you,

C7 F C G7 C

~~~ Happy Birthday dear-----, Happy Birthday to you!



## UKULELE WEBSITES

### List of ukulele websites and YouTube Channels with great resources

**Cynthia Lin** <https://www.youtube.com/user/cynthialinmusic>

**Ukulenny** <https://www.youtube.com/user/ukulenny>

**The Ukulele Teacher** <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheUkuleleTeacher>

**Berdanette Teaches Music:** <https://youtube/FaYvM-ZDFg0>

**Rock Class 101** <https://rockclass101.com/free-lessons/>

**Ukulele Underground: Tutorials** <https://www.youtube.com/user/ukuleleunderground>

**Ukulele Cheats** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGPXLiF0oEHFEylsRJ-LWlQ>

**U Can Uke** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJw6mvMFO5YaK-rMcQRQ0Ew>

**Ukulele Zen** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqrBLqVEooQcm3DhO4Wml3g>

**Uke Like The Pros** [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCr2uVr0DT\\_2CuCvMuL2lWXg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCr2uVr0DT_2CuCvMuL2lWXg)

**One Music School**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXGiCLn-Xh9VwDT8h06rOIA>

End of Lessons 1 and 2.