

How to Use the Finale User Manual

The information in this section introduces you to using the Finale User Manual. This section shows you how to use the manual screen and tools, so you can easily search for, view, and print the information you need.

The Finale User Manual is organized into a series of chapters with a table of contents and an index. When you view the manual, special tools on the screen (such as the **TOC** and **Index** links that appear in the right margin of each page) let you move quickly from one location in the manual to another.

This section on how to use the manual is organized into the following topics:

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You can read the information in this chapter one page at a time by clicking the Next Page button (which appears on the toolbar at the top of the screen) to move to the next page.




Or, if you want to move directly to any of the underlined topics listed above, move your mouse to place the pointer (which is shaped like a hand) over that topic. When the pointer changes from a hand to a pointed finger, click. You'll jump to the new topic. Then, to return to this page, click the First Page button on the toolbar and you return to this view.



The parts of the Acrobat Reader window

Acrobat Reader is the name of the interface with which you view, navigate, and print the Finale manual. The Acrobat Reader window is divided into three areas: the document area, the bookmark area, and the toolbar area.

- The **document area** is the main window, where the pages of the Finale manual appear.
- When you click this button , the **bookmark area** appears in a window on the left side of the Acrobat screen. It displays the headings within a document. These headings, or bookmarks, let you go directly to a topic by clicking the bookmark text. For more information, see [BOOKMARKS](#).

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- The **toolbar area** is the horizontal bar with buttons that is near the top of the Acrobat Reader window. The buttons let you issue commands to control how to view and navigate the manual. A summary of the most important buttons is provided in the [COMMAND SUMMARY](#).

Adjusting the page size

You'll want to customize the way that manual pages appear on your screen so that they best fit the space available on your monitor. There are two basic settings from which to choose:

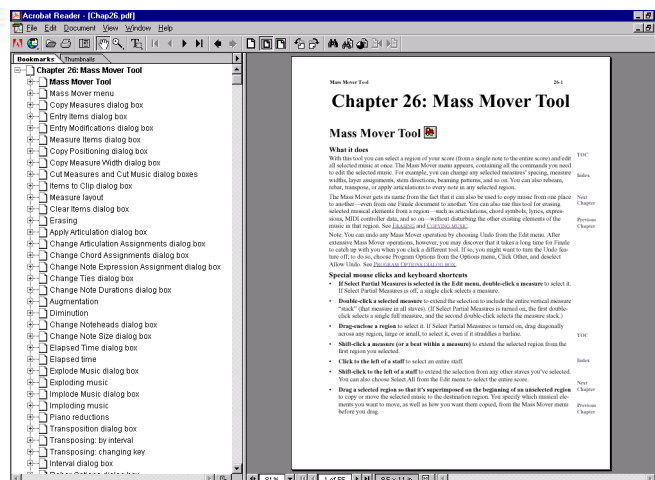
- The Fit Window view, as described below. 

- The Fit Width view, as described below. 

In addition, if necessary, you can adjust the view more precisely using the magnification box (see [ADJUST THE MAGNIFICATION LEVEL](#)).

Fit Window view

The Fit Window viewing option specifies that each page of the Finale manual is scaled to fit within the window, as shown here.



You may prefer this view because it mimics moving through a hard copy document page by page. Unfortunately, although this view lets you see an entire page at one time, the words on a page may be too small to read unless your monitor is quite large.

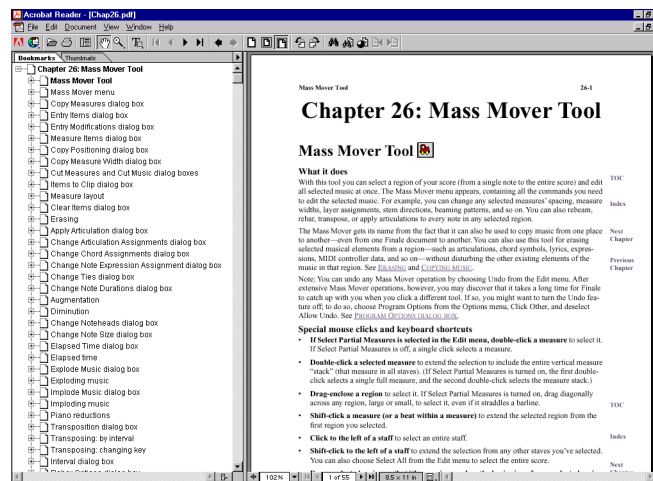
You may want to use the Fit Window view for browsing, when you're trying to locate topics of interest. Then, once you find the information you need, you can switch to another view (such as Fit Width view, explained below) to expand the view of the document, making the text larger and easier to read.

To select the Fit Window option, click the Fit Window button on the toolbar. Alternatively, choose Fit Window from the View Menu.


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Fit Width view

The Fit Width viewing option makes the visible width (the part of the page with words and picture on it) expand to fill the entire width of the document area, as shown here.



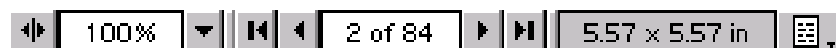
Because the text is larger in this view than in the Fit Window view, you may prefer reading the manual using the Fit Width view.

To select the Fit Width option, click the Fit Width button (shown below) on the toolbar. Alternatively, you can choose Fit Width from the View Menu.



Adjust the magnification level

When you select the Fit View or Fit Visible option, the resulting magnification level of a page appears in the status bar at the bottom of the screen. If you want more precise control over the magnification of the pages—for example, to greatly enlarge a section or graphic—use this box.



In the sample shown here, the magnification level is 100 percent. To enlarge or reduce the magnification level, click the down arrow on the magnification box in the status bar, and then choose a magnification level. You can also choose one of the basic views.

Moving forward or backward in a document

There are several methods for moving through the Finale manual chapters; this section describes the most useful ones.

- **Move through the manual page by page.** An easy way to browse the Finale document is to use the Page Up and Page Down buttons on your keyboard. This advances you through a chapter page by page. Alternatively, you can use the Next Page and Previous Page buttons to move through the manual one page at a time.



- **Jump forward (or backward) several pages using the scroll bar.** If you want to jump forward (or backward) several pages, use the scroll bar on the far right side of the document area.

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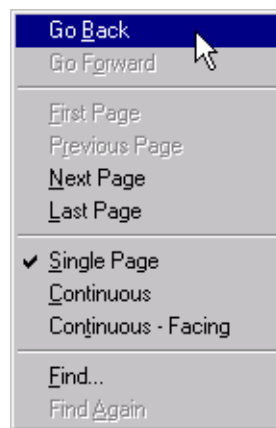
To do this, put the pointer over the box in the scroll bar, then click. Continue to depress the mouse key, and drag scroll bar down (or up, to move backward). As you drag the scroll box, the current page of the document appears in a window next to the cursor. This is a useful way to navigate, for example, when the information you need is several pages ahead.

- **Retrace your steps.** The Previous View command is useful for retracing your viewing path. This reverses the sequence of page and magnification changes and is useful if you lose your place within a chapter. To perform this command, click the Previous View button (or choose Go Back from the View Menu).



Another way to perform this same action is by performing the Go Back command. Again, this is useful if you lose your place within a document.

To issue the Go Back command, right-click (press the right or secondary mouse button) anywhere in the manual screen, then move the mouse pointer over the Go Back command that appears in the drop-down list. When the Go Back command is highlighted, release the mouse button. This returns you to the previously-displayed page, document, or magnification level.



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Using links

What they are

Links are key components of the Finale manual. Links are special areas on pages that lead you to other areas in the manual. [MOST LINKS LOOK LIKE THIS](#). By using links, you can move quickly to the information you need.

How they work

When you move the pointer over a link, the pointer changes from a full hand to a pointing finger. To follow the link, click on it.

After the new link information appears, keep in mind that you can easily return to the previous view by clicking the Previous View button (see [RETRACE YOUR STEPS](#)).

How to identify a link

You can identify a link in these ways:

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- **The finger pointer.** The most obvious indication of a link is that the pointer moving over it changes from a full hand to a pointing finger.



- **Underlined and Dark Blue text.** When links appear in text, THEY ARE UNDERLINED, AND COLORED LIKE THIS. Some links have all small capital letters, and some do not.
- **Entries in the table of contents and index.** Each topic in the table of contents is a link. Likewise, the page number for each entry in the index is a link.
- The **TOC** and **Index** areas that appear on the right side of each manual page are links. Clicking them moves you directly to the table of contents and index, respectively.

Searching for topics

There are several ways to scan for and locate information in the Finale manual.

The table of contents

You may want to begin browsing the Finale manual by looking at the table of contents. To go there, place the pointer over the **TOC** link in the right margin and click. Then move through the pages of the table of contents, noticing the organization of the material into chapters. To go to any chapter or heading within a chapter, click on it.

As you browse, remember that you can easily return to the previous view by clicking the Previous View button (see [RETRACE YOUR STEPS](#)).

The index

If you want information about a specific topic, you may want to locate it using the index. To go there, place the pointer over the Index link in the right margin of any page and click. The page number for each entry in the index is a link; click on it to go to the associated topic.

From within the index, you can go to entries beginning with a particular letter by clicking that letter either on the right side of the page or in the bookmarks on the left.

The screenshot displays the Adobe Acrobat Reader application. The top menu bar includes 'File', 'Edit', 'Document', 'View', 'Window', and 'Help'. The 'Table of Contents' panel on the left lists various document sections with corresponding page numbers. The main window shows the 'Index' page, which is a detailed alphabetical list of terms and their locations within the document. The 'Index' page is organized into two columns: 'Numerics' and 'Index'. The 'Numerics' column lists page numbers and ranges, while the 'Index' column lists the corresponding terms and page numbers.

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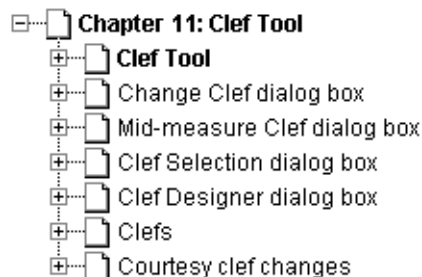
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Bookmarks

When the bookmark view is turned on (see [BOOKMARK AREA](#)), bookmarks are the text headings that appear in the window on the left side of the Acrobat Reader screen. Bookmarks let you see the topics within the document you're currently viewing. Bookmarks are links, so you can jump to a topic by clicking its bookmark text.



You can change the size of the bookmark area by dragging the vertical bar that separates the bookmark area and the document area. Select the vertical bar by clicking, then drag it right or left as needed.

If a plus sign appears to the left of a bookmark, click the plus sign to show or hide the related subordinate bookmarks underneath it.

The Find tool

To search for a particular word, use the Find tool. The Find tool lets you search within a file for a particular word.



To open the Find tool, click the Find tool or choose Find from the Edit Menu. Type the word for which you want to search in the Find What field, then click Find. To find subsequent occurrences of the word, choose Find Again from the Edit Menu.



The Search Tools

The Search Tools are only available if you installed the Acrobat Reader with Search option from your Finale CD. If the Search Tools do not appear on your Reader toolbar, you will need to install the Reader from the CD or download the Reader with Search option from the Adobe website at WWW.ADOBE.COM.

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The Search commands allow you to perform searches of a collection of PDF documents, such as the entire Finale manual. The Find command will only search the particular chapter you have open. The Search command is more powerful and flexible than the Find command. It lets you search multiple documents, and define advanced query criteria. Search is faster than Find because it reads the index rather than the entire document.

To search an index of the PDF documents, you first select the index to search, define a search, then view the occurrences of the search term within the documents you selected to review.

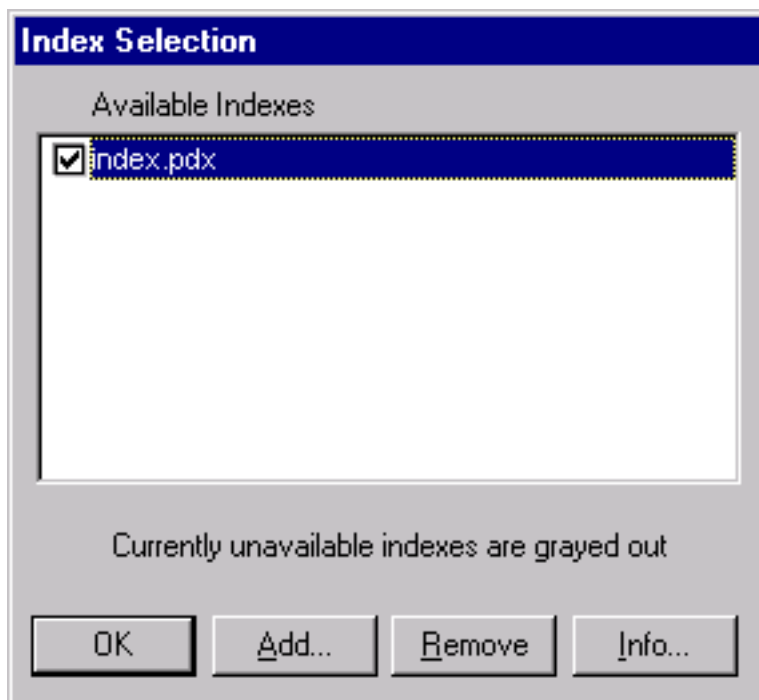
To add an index

- Click on the Search Tool.  The Adobe Acrobat Search dialog box appears.




- Click on **Indexes**. The Index Selection dialog box appears.

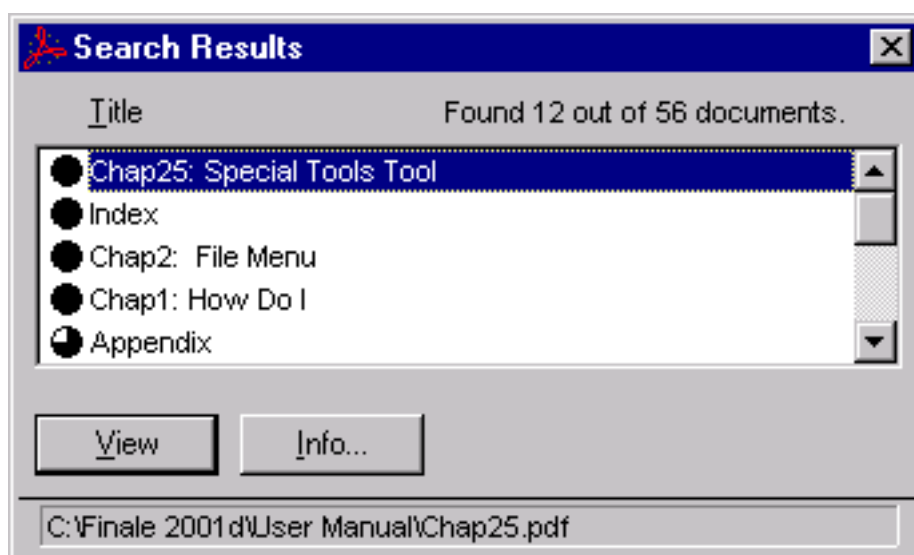
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- Click Add. Navigate to the Finale User Manual folder and double-click on the index.pdx file.

To search the entire manual

- Click on the Search Tool.  The Adobe Acrobat Search dialog box appears.
- Type the text you want to find and click Search. The Search Results appear.



- Select the chapter and click View or double-click on the chapter. The Reader will open the chapter with the searched word highlighted.

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To proceed to the next match, click the Next Highlight button. To return to a match, click the

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To return to the list of chapters with matches, click on

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Printing the Finale User Manual









To print any part of the Finale manual, navigate to the chapter or file you want to print and then choose Print from the File Menu. Enter information in the Print dialog box as needed, then click OK. **You will need to open and print each chapter individually.**

Before you print the manual, make you sure install the printer driver for your printer. For more information, see [PRINTING](#) and [FONTS](#).

Command summary

This section summarizes the actions you can perform using the Finale manual screen. Detailed information about using these commands is provided above, throughout the [HOW TO USE THE FINALE USER MANUAL](#) section. If you want more information about using the Acrobat Reader interface, select Reader Guide from the Help Menu.

This table summarizes common commands.

Button or Area	Command	For More Information, See...
	Next Page	MOVE THROUGH THE MANUAL PAGE BY PAGE
	Previous Page	MOVE THROUGH THE MANUAL PAGE BY PAGE
	Previous View or Next View	RETRACE YOUR STEPS
	Fit Window	FIT WINDOW VIEW
	Fit Width	FIT WIDTH VIEW
	Find	THE FIND TOOL
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