

# Digital Sheet Music (DSM)

## Q&A: what is it and what can it do for me

1. What is Digital Sheet Music (DSM)?

Ans: DSM is nothing more than the sheet music that you get on paper that has been scanned and saved as a PDF file.

2. If I want to get DSM will I continue to get my music on paper?

Ans: All music will be digital that you can print on paper or view digitally.

3. What is scanned?

Ans: All parts for each piece of music are scanned and saved as PDF files within a folder (directory) with the title of each piece.

4. How are the PDF files named?

Ans: The PDF file name consists of 3 parts. Part 1 is a unique PART-ID. Part 2 is the MUSIC TITLE. Part 3 is the INSTRUMENT NAME and PART NUMBER.

5. How will I get my music as DSM?

Ans: Each section will have a sign-up sheet showing the primary section contact person plus other players wanting DSM. This will be put in an EMAIL distribution list for your section. An EMAIL with attachments for all parts for each piece of music for your ENTIRE section will be sent to players.

6. What can I do with DSM?

Ans: As an EMAIL you can open any PDF attachment in your browser by clicking on the part you want. You can view, print, save and send the PDF attachment.

7. What more can DSM do for me?

Ans: If you have a computer tablet (ie IPAD, etc) or laptop, you can view your digital display screen to play the music (at home, at rehearsal, at concert) as if it was on paper. You can use your keyboard (arrow and tab keys) or touch screen to turn pages forward and backward.

8. What can help with my touch screen tablet or laptop?

Ans: Apple Pencil (varies by IPAD model) – best result.

9. What software or APP do I need other than my browser?

Ans: At a minimum you can use Adobe Reader included in all systems. You can annotate (mark and highlight) your music as needed. You can turn pages forward/backward as needed.

10. What other software or APP can be used and what can it do?

Ans: Popular software (music reader) for Apple IPAD-ios (forScore) and Windows 10 (Mobile Sheets) can be down loaded. Each has good online descriptions, examples and manuals (user guides). Contact others in the band that are already using DSM for their experience and guidance. You can setup play lists for rehearsals and concerts. You can quickly flip to other pages, parts and pieces. You may want to use one of the built-in features like tuner, metronome, recorder, player, etc.

11. I hate "page turns". What can I do if I don't want to touch paper, touch a screen or touch a keyboard?

Ans: On paper you must feel for the edge of the paper and flip it over forward or backward. Hopefully you don't turn more than one page. On a digital display screen with touch, you touch the right side for the next page or touch the left side for the previous page. Keyboard arrow/tab keys do the same. Consider a foot pedal for hands-free page turning.

12. What can I do to make page turns even easier so I can keep playing?

Ans: The page-turn foot pedal (with 2 foot pad switches) was made just for this purpose and is supported by your digital sheet music software/APPs. The pedal connects wirelessly to your computer via Bluetooth. A simple foot tap on the right or left foot pad does the same as by touching the screen or keyboard. By using a foot pedal, your hand never leaves your instrument so you can turn pages while playing.

13. What are the important page-turn pedal requirements?

Ans: battery play time, low-battery reserve play time, rechargeable via USB

Ans: bluetooth range (signal strength), connectivity speed, pairing control

Ans: durability, reliability, responsiveness

Ans: **silent with tactile feedback**

Ans: **soft foot tap in natural intuitive position**

Ans: documentation, support

14. What page-turn pedal meets all of the requirements?

Ans: AirTurn (Duo 500)