

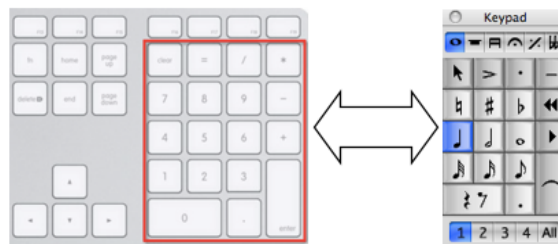
The Very Quick Guide to Note Input in Sibelius

Method 1: Mouse entry

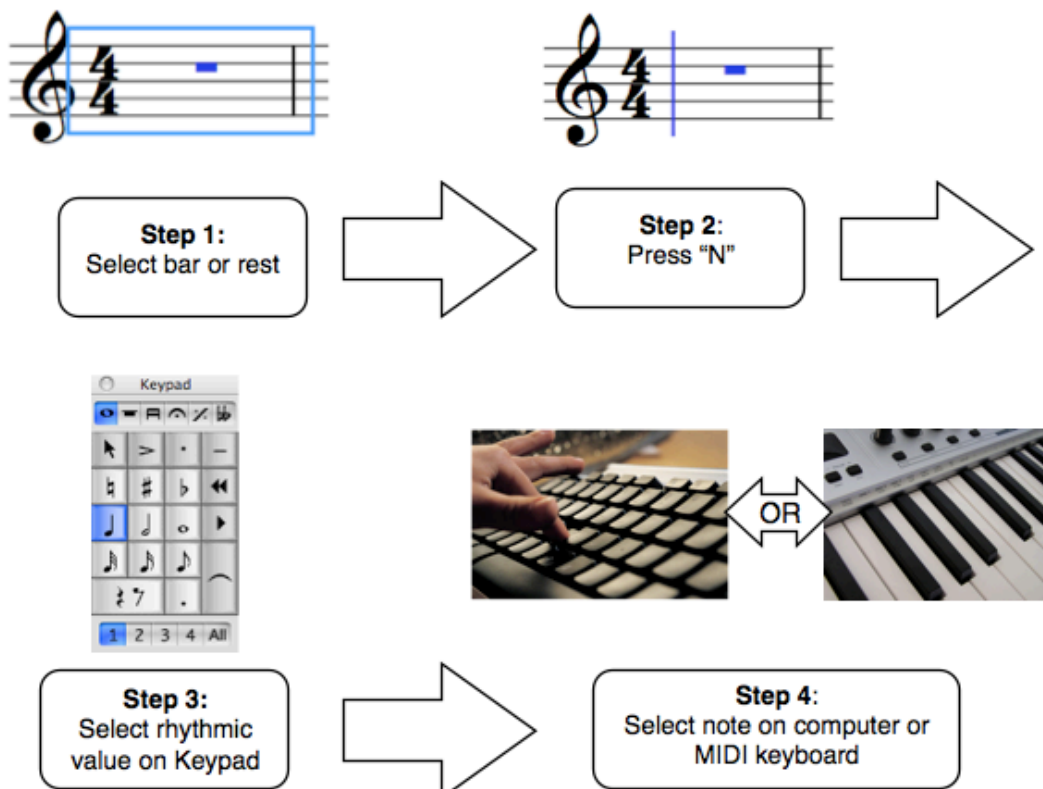
- Click on a rhythmic value on Sibelius's **Keypad** (if the Keypad isn't open, go to **Window > Keypad**). Your mouse pointer will turn blue to indicate that it's "loaded up"
- Optional: choose additional markings from the Keypad (accidentals, articulations and so on)
- Click in the score where you want the note to appear
- Press **Escape** twice when you're finished

Method 2 and 3: Alphabetic (Computer Keyboard) and Step-Time (MIDI Keyboard) Entry

Note that the numeric keypad on your computer keyboard maps exactly to Sibelius's on-screen Keypad



These two note-entry methods use a computer keyboard, or a combination of computer and MIDI keyboards.

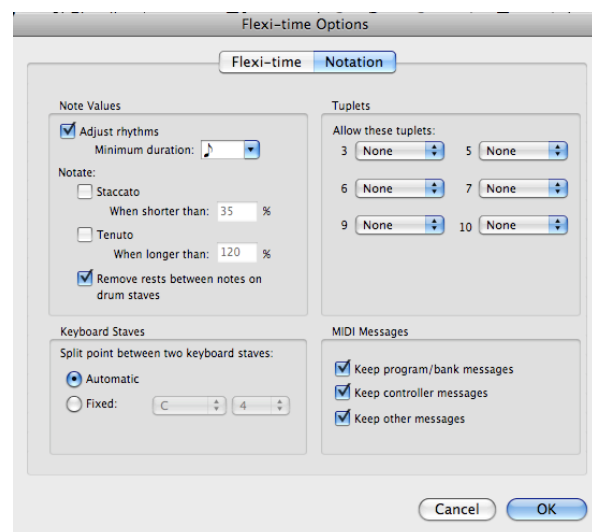
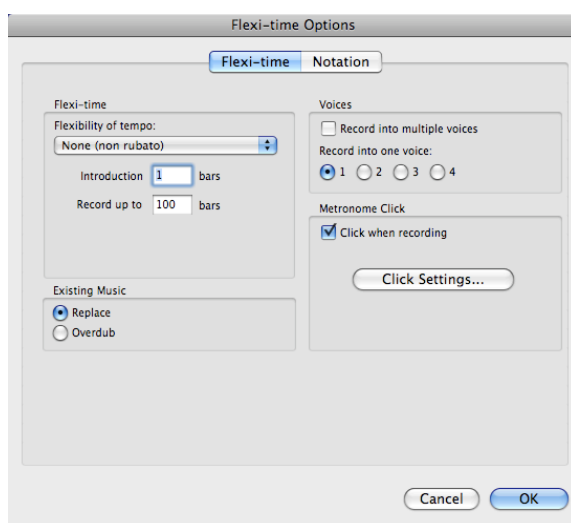


Here are the steps:

- Select the rest in the score where you'd like to start entering notes.
- Press **N** (for "note entry"). A cursor will appear telling you that Sibelius is now in note entry mode
- Select a rhythmic value by pressing a number on your numeric keypad (ie. 4 = crotchet)
- Optional: choose additional markings from the Keypad (accidentals, articulations and so on)
- Then do **one** of the following:
 - Computer Keyboard: Type the letter name of the note you want, using the letters A-G
 - MIDI Keyboard: play the note pitch
- Press **Escape** twice when you're finished

Method 4: Flexi-time Entry

Flexi-time allows you to record your playing to a metronome beat. To get the most out of Flexi-time, go to **Notes > Flexi-time Options** first and choose your settings.



When you're ready to record:

- Select the rest in the score where you'd like to start entering notes
- Click on the Record button or type the shortcut **Ctrl+Shift+F** or **⌘⇧F**
- A metronome will start straight away, giving you a 1one-bar introduction
- Start playing on your MIDI keyboard after the one-bar intro
- Hit **Escape** (or press the Spacebar) to stop recording

Method 5 & 6: Note Input with the Keyboard Window or Fretboard Window (Sibelius 6 only)

- Open either of these windows by going to **Window > Keyboard** or **Window > Fretboard**
- Select a rhythmic value on the Keypad. Your mouse pointer will turn blue to indicate that it's "loaded up"
- Select a note pitch by clicking on the Keyboard or the Fretboard
- Press **Escape** twice when you're finished

For more information about any of these note input methods, see the Reference manual located under the **Help** menu.