forScore

the music reader for iPad

swipe left to begin

Tap on this side of the screen
to turn to the previous page.

Tap

Tap in the middle of the screen to
show or hide forScore's controls.

Tap on this side of the screen
to turn to the next page.

Swipe

Swipe left and right anywhere on the page to flip
backwards and forwards, just like a book.

Annotate

Touch any part of the page and hold your
finger down for a few moments to annotate.

The control bar along the top of the screen gives you access to most of forScore's functions:

(Don't see it? Tap once in the center of the screen to show and hide forScore's controls.)

① **Scores**
Browse through the scores in your library and tap on one to open it. Filter items by composer, genre, and keyword, and sort them by title, date added, rating, or difficulty.

② **Bookmarks**
Create, browse, and view subsections of pages within files.

③ **Setlists**
Create, edit, and play through custom lists of items in your library.

④ **Half-Page/2-Up**
In portrait mode, toggle between full and half-page turns. In landscape mode, toggle between single and two-page view.

⑤ **Title Display**
Shows the Composer and Title of the current item. Tap here to show the Metadata panel.

⑥ **Performance Mode**
Toggle a restricted view that only allows page-turns. Tap the x to exit.

⑦ **Search**
Quickly search for an item or function and see the five most recently viewed items.

⑧ **Metronome**
Toggle visual or audible metronome and set the tempo for the current score.

⑨ **Tools**
Includes features for editing, adding, and sharing scores, as well as extras like a pitch pipe, piano keyboard, and settings panel.

Seek Bar
Use the slider along the bottom of the screen to preview and jump to other pages of the current score (only visible if the current score is longer than one page).

Adding Files

There are several ways to add files to forScore: through the iTunes File Sharing panel, importing from email or other PDF-viewing apps, downloading them from a Dropbox account, and receiving files via Bluetooth from another forScore user.

Scanning Paper

If you're scanning music from hard copies, we recommend saving them them between 150 and 300 ppi (pixels per inch) when possible. In addition, most scanner software includes the ability to create multipage PDFs. Setting up one multipage PDF for each score will give you the best forScore experience.

Organizing Files

Use the Metadata panel to keep your files organized and easily searchable with values for Composer, Genre, Keywords, and more. Tap on the title display or on the circled arrow next to an item in a menu to show the Metadata panel. You can also Batch Edit multiple files to assign common values.

Deleting Files

If you need to delete an item, swipe across its title in the menu to display a red 'Delete' button, then tap the button to confirm. You can delete multiple items by tapping 'Edit' first, selecting multiple items, then tapping the 'Delete' button above the list to erase them.

Creating Setlists

Use the setlists menu if you need to create a custom list of items for rehearsal or performance. You can add items or placeholders, reorder and shuffle them, and even share them with your colleagues.

Using Bookmarks

If you have a PDF file with multiple movements or songs within it, bookmarks can help. Supply a title, start page, and end page to create a new virtual item in your library without modifying any of your PDF files.

Backing Up

Although forScore periodically backs up your library data to a 4SB file in the app's documents directory, these backup files do not duplicate any of your PDF files and cannot be used to restore them if your iPad is lost or stolen. As such, we strongly recommend regularly backing up your data to a computer by creating a fresh Backup file from the Tools menu, connecting your iPad to your computer, and using the iTunes File Sharing panel to copy all of forScore's files to a safe place on your hard drive. Learn more at forscoreapp.com/backup and ensure that your data is always protected.

Changing Settings

We work hard to make forScore the best it can be for everyone, but sometimes the default behaviors just don't feel quite right. Once you've had a chance to familiarize yourself with the app and its functions, be sure to visit the settings panel to explore all of the options and find the combination that's right for you.

Learning More

The 'support' section of the tools menu is how you can access our complete user guide, return to this quick start guide, or contact us with any questions or feedback.

With those basics covered, you're ready to start exploring on your own. Enjoy!