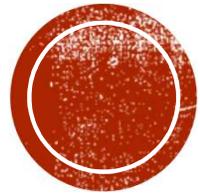


READING CHORD CHARTS

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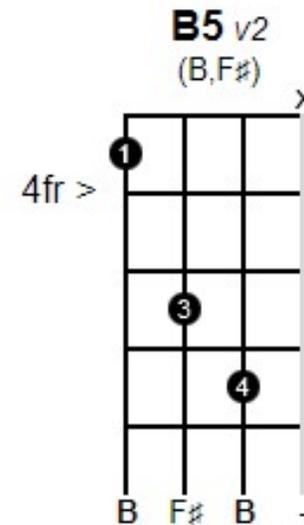
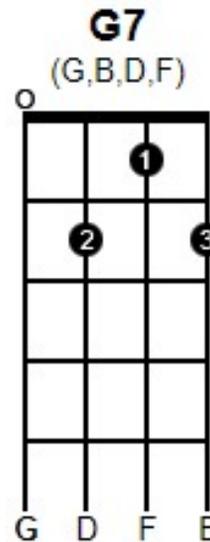


PLAYING MUSIC IS MORE THAN JUST MEMORIZING A BUNCH OF CHORDS ON YOUR INSTRUMENT.

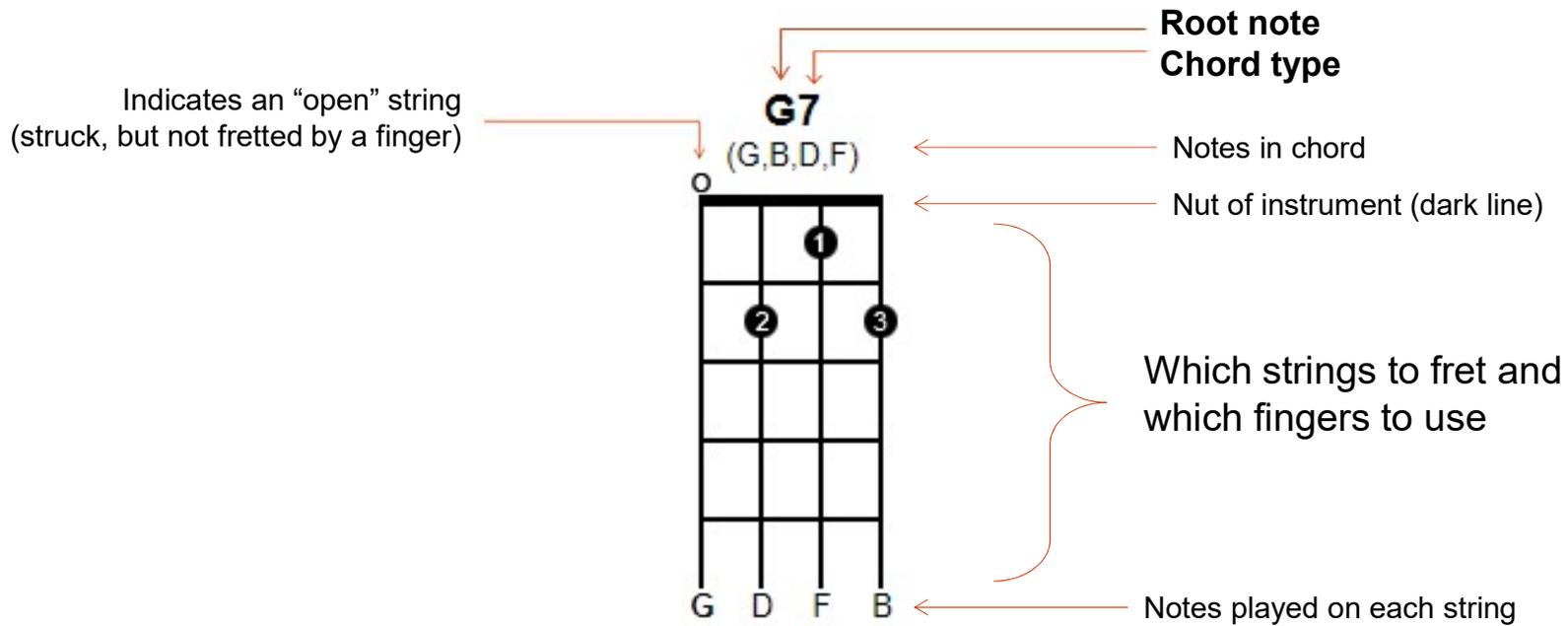
That's difficult. And takes a long time.

CHORD FINGERING DIAGRAMS

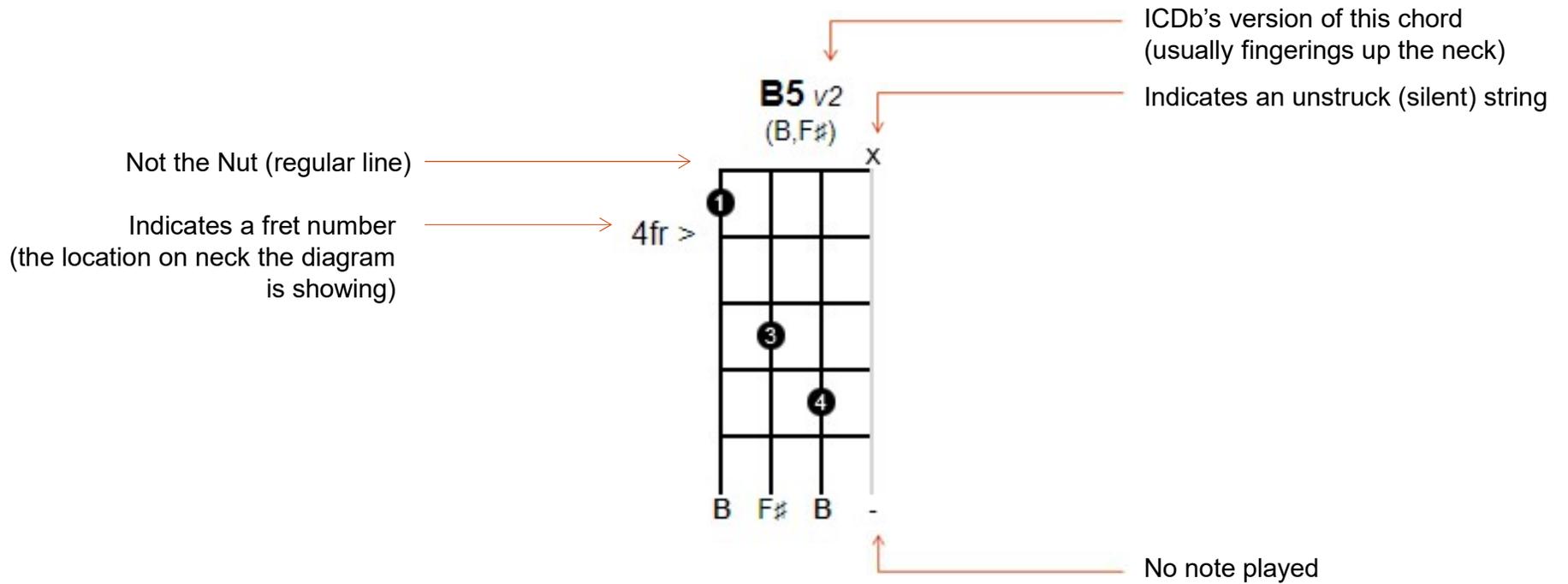
- It is a visual representation of a fret board showing:
 - Which strings should be fretted with your fingers
 - Often including which finger should go on which string
 - Which strings should not be struck
 - Sometimes which fret should be capoed



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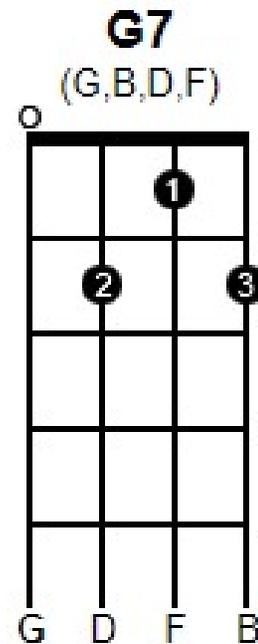
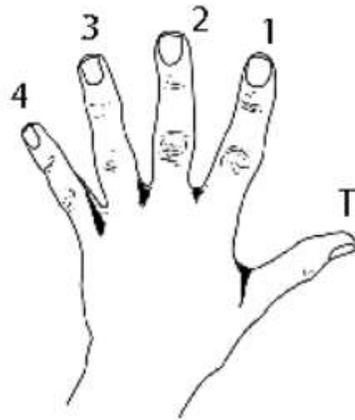


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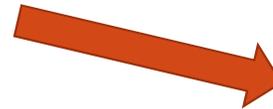
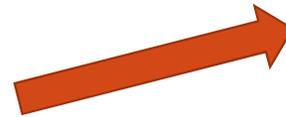
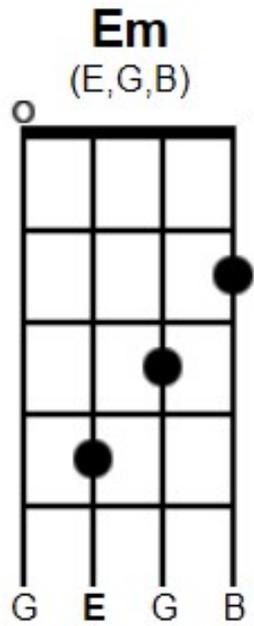


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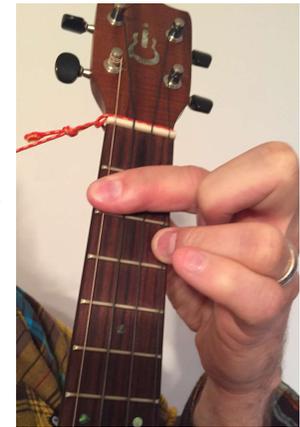
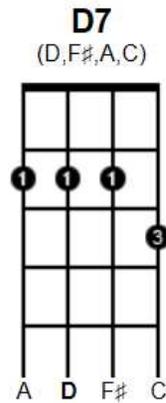
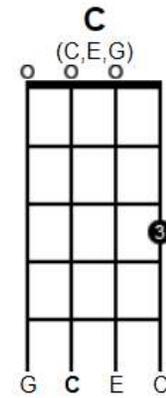
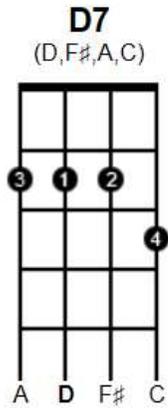
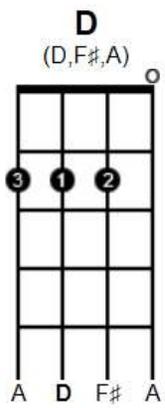
- ① → Pointer Finger
- ② → Middle Finger
- ③ → Ring Finger
- ④ → Pinky
- ① → Thumb
- → Unspecified finger



UNSPECIFIED FINGERINGS



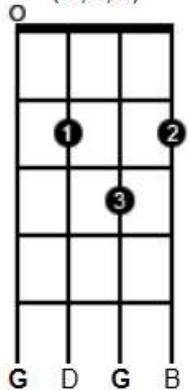
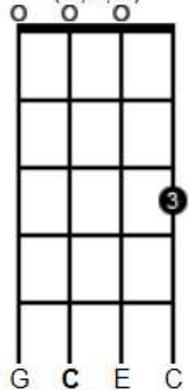
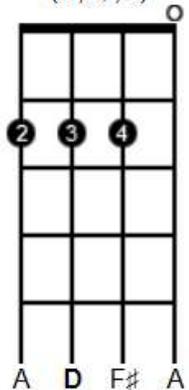
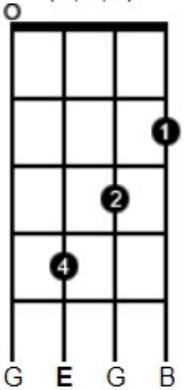
ADJUSTING FINGERINGS



FINDING THE MELODY NOTES

Chorus

G D Em C
 Country Roads, take me home, to a place, where I be- long,
C G D C G
 West Vir- ginia, mountain mama, take me home, country roads.

G (G,B,D)	C (C,E,G)	D (D,F#,A)	Em (E,G,B)
			
↑ ↑	↑ ↑	↑	↑
High or Low	Low High		



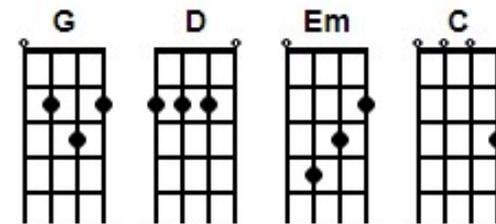
TIMING & RHYTHM

- This type of chart requires the player to have some knowledge of the song
- It doesn't not tell you when to strum
 - Though, you could simply strum once for each chord notated and that would give an idea of the song
- It only tells you what chord is being played during the given lyrics
 - It also gives you an idea of which melody notes being sung

Chorus

G **D** **Em** **C**
Country Roads, take me home, to a place, where I be- long,

C **G** **D** **C** **G**
West Vir- ginia, mountain mama, take me home, country roads.



TABLATURE

- Tablature (or tab for short) is a form of musical notation indicating instrument fingering rather than musical pitches
- Requires some sheet-music reading knowledge
- Indicates strums, single notes, and plucked strings
- Allows for playing more complicated music with your instrument

Greensleaves

Andante

The image shows a musical score for the piece 'Greensleaves' by William Byrd. It is written for guitar and includes both a standard musical staff and a guitar tablature staff. The tempo is marked 'Andante' and the dynamic is 'mf'. The time signature is 3/4. The tablature staff is labeled with 'T', 'A', and 'B' for the strings. The score includes a 'CII' instruction, which likely refers to a specific guitar technique or fingering. The tablature shows fret numbers for each string: T (Treble) has 0, 3, 5, 7, 8, 7, 5, 3, 0, 2, 3; A (Middle) has 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0; B (Bass) has 2, 2, 4, 4, 3, 2, 2, 2.



TABLATURE

Greensleves

Andante

Standard music notation

The image displays a musical score for the piece 'Greensleves' by John Dowland. It is written for ukulele and includes both standard musical notation and tablature. The tempo is marked 'Andante' and the dynamics are 'mf'. The score is in 3/4 time and consists of 12 measures. The standard notation is on a treble clef staff, and the tablature is on a four-line staff labeled T, A, B, and C. The tablature uses numbers 0-8 to indicate frets and '0' for open strings. A 'CII' marking is present above the second measure of the tablature. The piece begins with a repeat sign and a first ending bracket over the final two measures.

Ukulele fingering notation
matching the musical notes
directly above and their
corresponding duration

- The numbers on this row indicate which frets should be pressed when (or if) the string is struck with "0" indicating an open string.
- These numbers are not the finger number.





QUESTIONS?