

Cubase 4 – Score: Entering Notes with the Computer Keyboard

A quick and easy way to enter notes, without having to decide on the pitch, position, and note value first is using the computer keyboard. To enter a note, proceed as follows:

1. On the toolbar, activate the “Keyboard Input” button.

Now the “Keyboard Input” mode is activated, and you can enter notes by using the computer keyboard.



The “Keyboard Input” button

2. Hold down [Alt]/[Option].

A note with the note value specified in the extended toolbar appears. By default, the insert position is the first position of the bar and the pitch is C3. You can however change this using the computer keyboard.

3. Still with [Alt]/[Option] pressed, you can transpose one semitone up or down using the up and down arrow keys.

To transpose the note in octave steps, use the Page Up/Page Down keys.

4. To change the position of the note, keep [Alt]/[Option] pressed and use the right and left arrow keys to move the note horizontally. Note that for position changes, the Quantize value is taken into account.

5. To change the length of the note, keep [Alt]/[Option] pressed, hold down [Shift] and use the right and left arrow keys. This changes the note value step by step, passing from one quantize value to the next.

6. When you are done, press [Return].

The note with the specified pitch and note value is inserted at the desired position and the insert position for the next note changes according to the Quantize value. When you press [Shift] + [Return] the insert position will not change, allowing you to enter chords.