

‘AAA-intro.ly’

# Introduction

This document shows examples from the [LilyPond Snippet Repository](#).

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This document is for LilyPond version 2.11.28

`'blanking-staff-lines-using-the--whiteout-command.ly'`

The `\whiteout` command underlays a white box under a markup. Since staff lines are in a lower layer than most other grobs, this white box will not overlap any other grob.



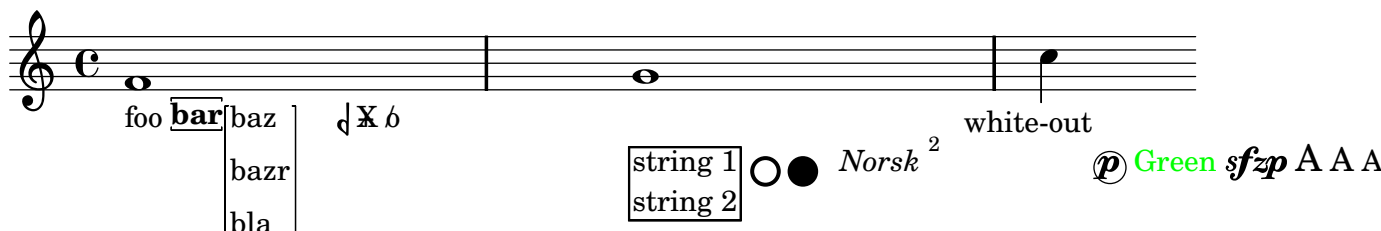
`'creating-text-spanners.ly'`

The `\startTextSpan` and `\stopTextSpan` commands give you the ability to create text spanners as easily as pedals indications or octavations. Override some properties of the TextSpanner object to modify its output.



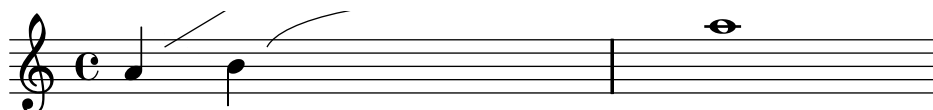
`'demonstrating-the-power-and-flexibility-of-the--markup-function.ly'`

Here are some examples of how various markup texts can be obtained with LilyPond syntax. You won't probably be needing all of them in a standard score, but hey, you never know...



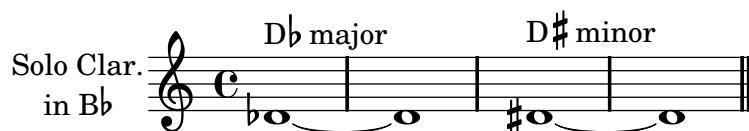
`'embedding-native-postscript-in-a--markup-bloc.ly'`

The command `\postscript` allows you to insert PostScript code directly inside a `\markup` bloc. (Beware: PostScript is a registered trademark by Adobe Systems Inc. LilyPond actually uses GNU/GhostScript to handle it.)



‘flat-and-sharp-symbols-in-text-markups.ly’

If you want to use flat or sharp symbols in text, you may want to adjust the horizontal and vertical position of the \flat or \sharp.



‘font-family-override.ly’

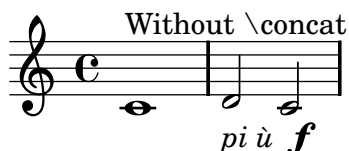
The default font families for text can be overridden with make-pango-font-tree.



‘how-to-avoid-spaces-when-using-the--char-function-in-a--markup-text.ly’

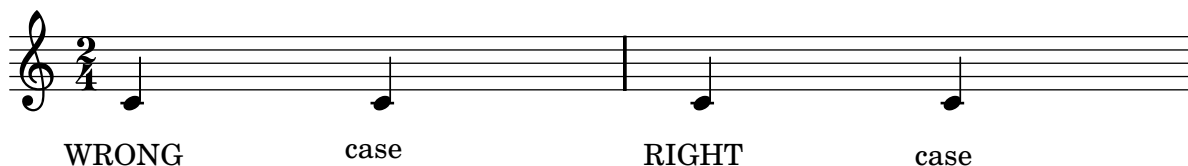
When you need to enter special characters using the \char command, an unwanted space can appear before the character. You can avoid it by adding the \concat command.

In this snippet, we want to insert <pi> below the staff, using <\char #'249> to get the correct last character in piu, but there's a space between <pi> and <u>. Thanks to the \concat command, the space disappears.



‘how-to-bottom-align-texts-with-different-vertical-extents.ly’

Some letters imply smaller vertical extents than the others; if you have, below your staff, two markups with different vertical extents (e.g. one text with letters "t,h,l and/or UPPER CASE" and one text with "a, c, e, n or m"), LilyPond will align them to the top by default, thus making it look a bit messy. Therefore, you need to add invisible ascender letters using the ransparent command to make it right.



‘markup-lines.ly’

Text that can spread over pages is entered with the \markuplines command.

Il y avait en Westphalie, dans le château de

M. le baron de Thunder-ten-tronckh, un jeune garçon à qui la nature avait donné les mœurs les plus douces. Sa physionomie annonçait son âme. Il avait le jugement assez droit, avec l'esprit le plus simple ; c'est, je crois, pour cette raison qu'on le nommait Candide. Les anciens domestiques de la maison soupçonnaient qu'il était fils de la sœur de monsieur le baron et d'un bon et honnête gentilhomme du voisinage, que cette demoiselle ne voulut jamais épouser parce qu'il n'avait pu prouver que soixante et onze quartiers, et que le reste de son arbre généalogique avait été perdu par l'injure du temps.

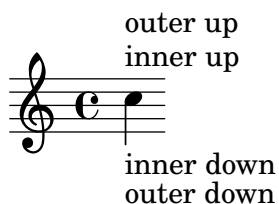
Monsieur le baron était un des plus puissants seigneurs de la Westphalie, car son château avait une porte et des fenêtres. Sa grande salle

même était ornée d'une tapisserie. Tous les  
chiens de ses basses-cours composaient une  
meute dans le besoin ; ses palefreniers étaient  
ses piqueurs; le vicaire du village était son  
grand-aumônier. Ils l'appelaient tous  
monseigneur, et ils riaient quand il faisait des  
contes.

`'ordering-scripts-stack.ly'`

Scripts can be stacked. The order is determined by a priority field, but when objects have the same priority, the input order determines the order. Objects specified first are closest to the note.

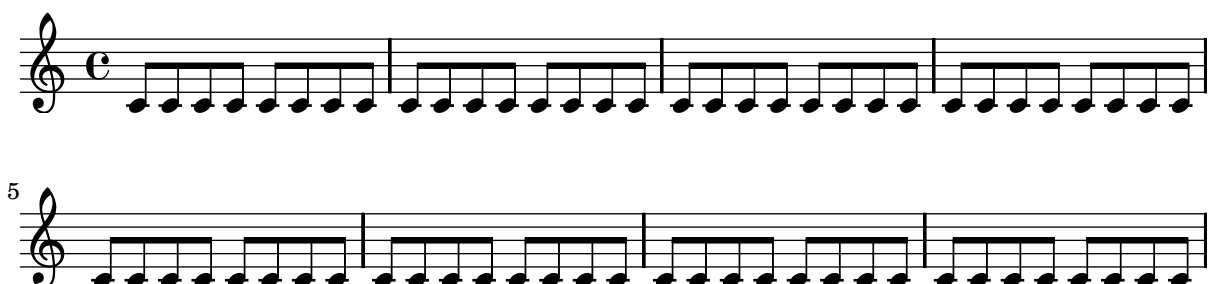
You may also want to override the `#'script-priority` to give your Script or TextScript overall priority (if you do so, remember to use `\once` if you don't want the whole score to be affected).



`'printing-the-title-on-every-page-of-your-score.ly'`

With this trick, the title of your work will be printed in small on top of every page, using `evenHeaderMarkup` and `oddHeaderMarkup`.

**This title will be repeated**  
**whereas this subtitle won't**





‘utf-8.ly’

Various scripts may be used for texts (like titles and lyrics) introduced by entering them in UTF-8 encoding, and using a Pango based backend. Depending on the fonts installed, this fragment will render Bulgarian (Cyrillic), Hebrew, Japanese and Portuguese.



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