

A Brief Review of Ukulele Tablature

Songs are typically characterized into three main types:

- Chords (for strumming) are usually depicted with a bracketed chord in upper case letter within the words of the song. [C]
- Tablature is used to depict notes in a song and are shown in lower case within the bracket. [c#]
- Chords and notes can both be played on the tablature score.

Basics: As we know the ukulele has four strings.

4th string (top) = G string
3rd string = C string
2nd string = E string
1st string (bottom) = A string

If you flip your ukulele up and look straight at the front of it you will see that the G string is now at the bottom, and so on, with the A string now at the top.

Tablature looks something like this:

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xAl-----|  
xEI-----|  
xCl-----|  
xGl-----|
```

**These horizontal lines
represent your strings G C E A.**

And here is an example of how tablature looks with certain notes marked for playing:

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xAl---3-----|  
xEI-----0-----0---|  
xCl-----0-----0-----|  
xGl-----0-----|
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The numbers represent the Fret number to be played on the string. In this example the first note played is the 3rd fret of the A string.

Sometimes you will see a chord indicated on tablature. Chords are easily recognizable because you will see all four lines containing a zero (open) or fret represented by a number and these are all lined up vertically, meaning that all four strings are played at the same time (making a chord).

What are these chords?

xAl----0---2---3---0---3---2----|

xEl----1---3---0---0---2---1----|

xCl----0---2---0---0---2---2----|

xGl----2---0---0---2---2---0----|

Answers: F G C Am D7 G7

REMEMBER: PLAYING TABS (NOTES/
MELODY) ARE ALWAYS OPTIONAL.

YOU CAN JUST
STRUM THE CHORDS!

ALSO REMEMBER, YOU CAN FIND LOTS
OF RESOURCES ON YOUTUBE.

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU CAN NOW MOVE
TO THE FRONT OF THE CLASS!

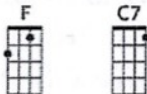
Credit: Ukutabs.com "How to read Tablature."

Here's an example of how a ukulele tablature works in conjunction with a simple music score indicating key, time, and chords.

Oh Christmas Tree

Strumming Pattern:

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Oh Christmas Tree

Oh Christ - mas tree, Oh Christ - mas tree, thy leaves are so un - chang - ing, Oh
 Oh Christ - mas tree, Oh Christ - mas tree, such plea - sure do you bring me, Oh

Christ - mas tree, Oh Christ - mas tree, thy leaves are so un - chang - ing, Not
 Christ - mas tree, Oh Christ - mas tree, such plea - sure do you bring me! For

on - ly green when sum - mer's here, but al - so when tis cold and drear, Oh
 ev' - ry year this Christ - mas tree, Brings to us such joy and glee, Oh

Chords: F, C7, F

Tablature: 0 1-1-1-3 | 0 0 0 0 | 3 0 1 0 | 3 1 0

5 1-1-1-3 | 0 0 0 0 | 3 0 1 0 | 3 1 3

9 3 0 5 3 | 3 1 1 1 | 1 3 3 1 | 1 0 0 0

Notes on the Ukulele Fretboard

Open Strings				
G	C	E	A	Nut
G# Ab	C# Db	F	A# Bb	1st Fret
A	D	F# Gb	B	2nd Fret
A# Bb	D# Eb	G	C	3rd Fret
B	E	G# Ab	C# Db	4th Fret
C	F	A	D	5th Fret
C# Db	F# Gb	A# Bb	D# Eb	6th Fret
D	G	B	E	7th Fret
D# Eb	G# Ab	C	F	8th Fret
E	A	C# Db	F# Gb	9th Fret
F	A# Bb	D	G	10th Fret
F# Gb	B	D# Eb	G# Ab	11th Fret
G	C	E	A	12th Fret

Notes Repeat at 12th Fret

(G) (C) (E) (A)

