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### 2. A criterion to use when you compare music notation programs

You will spend much time with your music notation program. This time is worth much more than what you pay for a music notation program. Be sure that the program you choose can write a [music notation exchange format](#) . This also holds for free versions.

The best export formats at the moment are [NIFF](#) , [MusicXML](#) , [abc](#) and [SCORE](#) . Others are possible, but not [MIDI](#) , that loses almost all visual information.

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