

Another Way to Use StaffWriter for Writing Inversions

Sometimes you may need to use the letter names instead of Roman Numerals for inversions.

The process is the same and you have several choices.

First, type the letter name and, immediately afterwards, type the time signature that matches the inversion you want.
(See "Tips" on making Time Signatures.)

Suggestion: Make the letters a little larger than the numbers.

Shown below in a 2:1 ratio,
(36 pt. and 18 pts., respectively).
You'll want them smaller for your document
than we've pictured here.
Just remember the 2:1 ratio.

Ex. 1

C_4^6 C_3^4 C_5^6 C_4^6 C_3^4 C_2^4

It's fine as it is, but, you can also push the inversion numbers "up", if you prefer, by one of two ways.

A. You can use a text box like we did here:

Ex. 2

C_4^6 , C_5^6 , C_3^4 , etc.

Ex. 2 is the finished product. However, the text box starts out looking like Ex. 3. However, if you assign "No fill" and "No line", the inversion will seem to "float". Regarding the choice for "Wrapping", you'll need to select "in front of text", so that the number can be nestled right up against the letter.

Ex. 3



This will be the look
after selecting →
"No fill", "No line"
and "in front of text":



B. O.K. That's the hard way. The easier way to "life" those numbers is to use closer sized numbers (3:2 ratio) and then "superscript" the numbers, as stated in the other "Tips" page for figured bass. Here, we used 36 pt. for the letters and 24 pt. for the numbers. After you type the chord names and inversions, (Ex. 1) just highlight the numbers and click "superscript" under the Font options in your word-processor.

Ex. 4



SUGGESTION: For layouts you know you will need frequently, we suggest making a "Templates", or, "Set-Ups" file.

Then, when you want to work up a file quickly, most of the work is already done.

A file where you can keep adding lots of text boxes of "set-ups" can be very handy. That's just one file that you could "scroll down" and find tons of your "already-made" material ready to copy and paste into a new document!

I mean, please! If you've already done it, why do it again? I'm sure you can think of something else that could use your attention! 😊

-MMF