

MUS 716 – How to #3

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Technology I Have: Create a set of "How To" instructions for yourself and your colleagues or your students, e.g. "How to scan music with Finale 2010" (See below). When we first learn a technology or when we seldom use technology, it is easy to forget even simple procedures. Short instruction sheets can be invaluable time-savers for you and your students. Test by asking someone else to follow your directions. For worthy topics, consider the technology you have, the technology you use in your classroom, as well as your project, your presentation or any of our class assignments. Place your instructions into the D2L Dropbox. (you will eventually create 3 of these.)

Creating a SmartMusic exercise via Finale

Compose an ensemble exercise in Finale

To add a drum groove to the practice file, go to the Plug-ins menu

 Hover over Scoring and Arranging

 Click Drum Groove

Select Yes to add a groove to the entire piece

Choose a style, and be sure "New Staff at Bottom of Score" and "Notation with Percussion Map" are selected

Go to the Window menu, and select "Score Manager"

In the Score Manager, go to the bottom staff, click on ARIA Player, and change it to Garritan Instruments for Finale

In the bottom staff, click on Steinway Piano, and change it to a drum set sound

Close the Score Manager

Play your piece to confirm that the drum part plays with the exercise

Go to the File menu, hover over Export, and select SmartMusic

Choose Assessment, Ensemble, or Solo (I recommend Assessment if you want SmartMusic to listen for incorrect notes and rhythms), click Next

Select which instruments you would like the students to hear during the SmartMusic assessment, click Next

Enter the title, composer and copyright info, click Finish and click Save