



Music Binder 2
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MusicBinder

Getting started with Music Binder

Welcome to Music Binder 2. You are currently viewing the user's manual. The toolbar shows that the Help is the active binder at this time.



Tap on  to load another binder.

There are 8 other binders. Use them to manage your own PDF files. The first binder (which is the red one) is the master binder.



= Master binder

By default, PDF files added to Music Binder are inserted into the master binder. Use the embedded file manager to move or copy files to other binders.



Tap on  to use the embedded file manager.

Each binder contains 10 tabs. The first tab of each binder contains all PDF files and cannot be modified. The 9 other tabs of each binder can be used to build your own set lists.

Tap on an empty tab to create a new setlist (please note that this feature has been disabled for the Help binder).

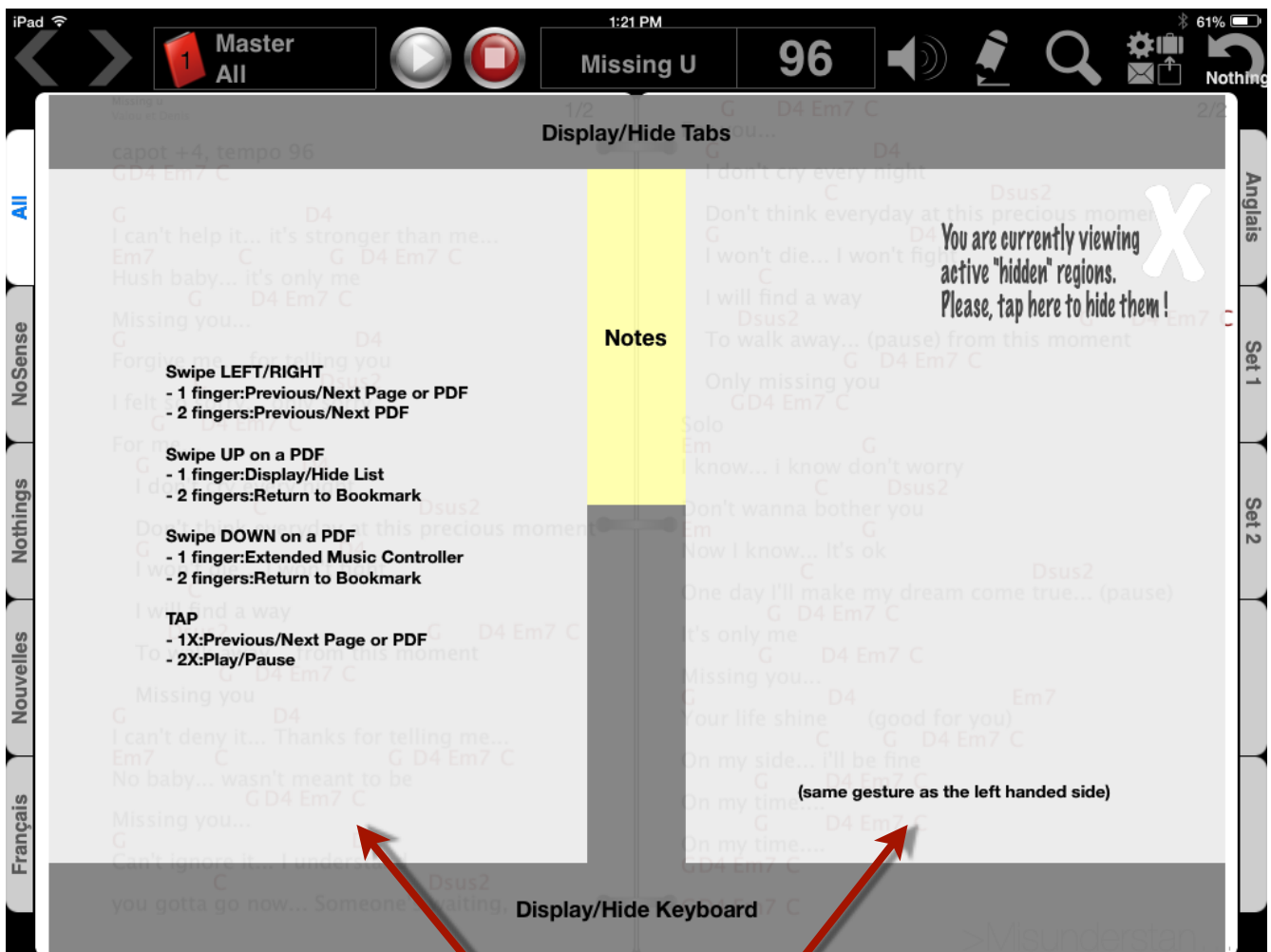
If no PDF files are copied to binders 2 to 8, PDF files of the master binder will be used. This allows you to use the master binder to store all your PDF files and use the other binders only for additional set lists.

Hidden Regions and Gestures

Hidden regions are parts of the screen that trigger actions. The biggest hidden regions can be customized to your own needs.

Tap on  +  to reveal hidden regions.

Tap on  +  to customize gestures.



Gestures of those regions can be customized

Toolbar

Here are the main features of the Toolbar. Please note that the Toolbar can only be hidden in Portrait mode.



1. History buttons (work like previous/next buttons in Web browsers). A PDF is saved into the history when it has been displayed for at least 2 seconds.
2. Current binder. Tap to open another binder.
3. Current tab. Tap to display song list of the current tab.
4. Start/Stop playback.
5. Current song. Tap to start/stop the **visual metronome**.

When the metronome is not running: Swipe to start metronome for 8 beats. When the metronome is running: Swipe to switch between different metronome modes.
6. Tempo. Tap to set tempo.
7. Volume, Notes, Zoom, and More Features buttons.
8. Master Setlist. Tap to return to the last opened PDF of the Master Setlist. Tap again to go to the previous one.

To set the Master Setlist:

1. Select a tab to display the song list

2. Tap on 

Tabs

The screenshot shows an iPad screen with a music application. At the top, there's a status bar with 'iPad', signal strength, time '9:23 AM', and battery '21%'. Below the status bar is a navigation bar with a back arrow, a red tab icon with '1', a play button, a red stop button, a title 'Missing U', a page number '96', a speaker icon, a settings icon, and a 'Set 2' button. The main area displays a list of songs with their lyrics and chords. The songs are: 'Missing u Valou et Denis', 'I can't help it..', 'Hush baby... it', 'Missing you...', 'Forgive me... for telling you', 'I can't deny it... Thanks for telling me...', 'No baby', 'Missing you...', 'Can't ignore it... I understand', and 'you gotta go now... Someone's waiting'. The interface includes a vertical tab bar on the right with tabs labeled 'All', 'NoSense', 'Nothings', 'Nouvelles', 'Français', 'Anglais', 'Set 1', and 'Set 2'. The 'All' tab is currently selected. There are three yellow callout boxes with red arrows pointing to specific parts of the interface: the first points to the 'All' tab, the second points to the 'NoSense' and 'Nothings' tabs, and the third points to the 'Set 1' and 'Set 2' tabs.

Missing u
Valou et Denis

The first tab contains all PDF files of the current binder

The 9 other tabs can be used to create set lists

Select a tab to display the song list

- If you select the current tab, the current PDF will be highlighted in the list.
- If you select a tab that is not the current one, the last opened PDF of that tab will be highlighted. Tap again to go to the first PDF. Tap again to go back to the last opened PDF.

Select an empty tab to create a setlist

Missing you

I can't deny it... Thanks for telling me...

No baby

Missing you...

Can't ignore it... I understand

you gotta go now... Someone's waiting

List

Select a tab to display its song list.

Swipe Up* to quickly display/hide the song list.

(*if desired, a different gesture can be set in Music Binder settings)

Tap on  or  to open a PDF



The screenshot shows the iPad Music Binder app interface. At the top, the status bar displays 'iPad', signal strength, time '1:56 AM', and battery level '50%'. Below the status bar, a navigation bar contains a back arrow, a red tab labeled '1', a play button, a stop button, a text field with 'Have you ever se', a large number '110', a speaker icon, a settings gear, and a 'Set 2' button. The main content area displays 'Set 2' with a list of songs. Each song entry has a blue button with a white right arrow, the song title, and the artist. A vertical sidebar on the right contains tabs: 'All', 'NoSense', 'Nothings', 'Nouvelles', 'Français', 'Anglais', and 'Set 1'. A yellow box at the bottom right contains the text 'Use standard Pinch Gestures to display more/fewer entries in the list.' Red arrows point from various UI elements to yellow callout boxes: from the blue right arrow button to 'Filter'; from the blue circular refresh button to 'Close List'; from the grey 'X' button to 'Master Setlist'; from the funnel icon to 'Modify Setlist'; from the 'Already Played' button to 'Already Played'; and from the grey button with a white right arrow to 'Already Played'.

Set 2     Page: 1 of 1

-  Good people Jack Johnson
-  Running to stand still U2
-  Missing U Valéry Blair
-  Susie Q CCR
-  Cotton field CCR
-  Suspicious Mind Elvis Presley
-  Down On the Corner CCR
-  Proud Mary CCR
-  Without expression John Mellencamp

Lookin' out my back door CCR

Filter

Close List

Master Setlist

Modify Setlist

Already Played

Use standard Pinch Gestures to display more/fewer entries in the list.

Set Lists

Up to 9 set lists can be created for each binder.

To create a new setlist, select an empty tab.

To modify an existing setlist:

1. Select the corresponding tab



2. Tap on

The setlist manager contains a big text box and a list of all available PDF files.

The use of a big text box provides a way to quickly build a setlist for a live performance and an easy way to build a collection using keywords.

Example 1 : Quickly build a setlist

I want to build a setlist containing:

- Hotel California (Eagles)
- Suspicious Mind (Elvis)
- Cross Road (Cream)
- One (U2)

All I have to do is type these keywords in the text box:

hote

susp

cros

One

Then, I tap on **Generate** to valid my keywords.

Music Binder will use all keywords to generate my setlist.
All valid keywords will be replaced by full Title and Artist.

Set Lists (cont.)

Example 2 : Build a collection

I want to build a collection of my Rock songs.

All I have to do is type these keywords in the text box:

hendrix

beatles

stones

Now, I will **NOT** tap on **Generate** to valid my keywords. I will simply tap on **Apply** to save my changes and close the view.

This way, If I add a new PDF for, as an example, a Beatles songs, Music Binder will automatically add the new PDF to my collection.

Example 3 : Build a setlist using a list of all available PDF files

Simply tap on any title in the list of all available PDF files and it will be inserted into the text box.

Tips:

To temporarily exclude a PDF that is already in a setlist, you can simply insert any character (example: "x") in front of its title in the text box. Binder will not find any match for this line so no PDF will be selected.

Like any other text field on your iPad, you can use cut and paste when you update the text box content.

Adding files from your computers (with iTunes)

The best way to add files to Music Binder from your computer, whether using a Mac or a PC, is through the iTunes File Sharing panel using the following steps:

iTunes 12 (please, see next page for previous versions)

1. Connect your iPad to your computer
2. Open iTunes on your computer
3. Click the small iPad icon in the upper left corner, as if you were going to adjust the syncing settings
4. Click the “Apps” button in the left sidebar that appears below the iPad info
5. Scroll down in the main window to where it says “File Sharing”
6. Choose Music Binder from the list of apps
7. Click “Add...” in the panel that appears to the right to open a file browser
8. Choose one or more files from the file browser
9. The file transfer will start automatically, with a progress bar displaying at the top of the iTunes window
10. When finished, you may disconnect your iPad and launch Music Binder

Adding files from Mail or other iPad Apps

Use any app that supports the “open with” feature (like Mail) to import a PDF directly into Music Binder. Touch and hold the attachment, then tap ‘Open in “Music Binder”’ to import your file. It’s copied into a folder within the app, so you can delete your email when you’re done.

Adding files from your computers (with iTunes)

iTunes 11 or earlier

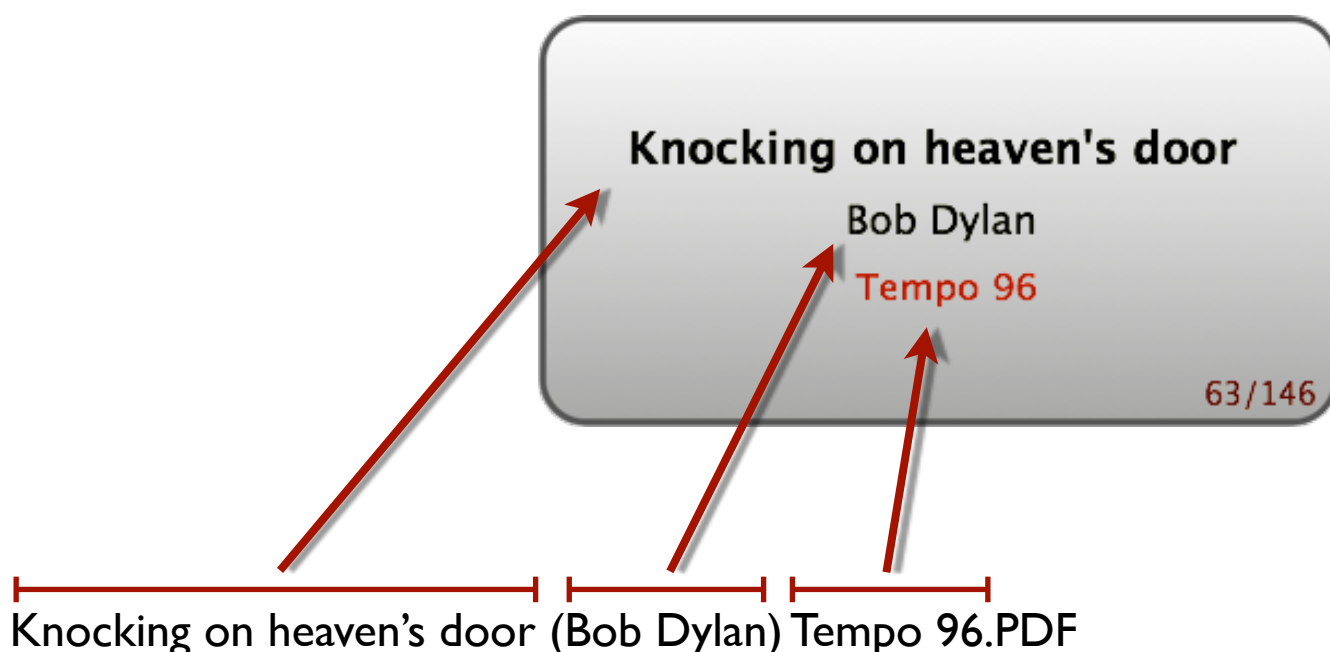
1. Connect your iPad device to your computer
2. Open iTunes on your computer
3. Select your iPad from the list of devices, as if you were going to adjust the syncing settings
4. Click the “Apps” button near the top center of the iTunes window (next to Summary and Tunes)
5. Scroll down in the main window to where it says “File Sharing”
6. Choose Music Binder from the list of apps
7. Click “Add...” in the panel that appears to the right to open a file browser
8. Choose one or more files from the file browser
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How to specify title and artist ?






The title, artist and the comment are extracted from the PDF filename.

- Characters before (are used for the title.
- Characters between (and) are used for the artist.
- Characters after) are used for the comment.

Example:



The embedded File Manager can be used to quickly rename multiple PDF files. As an example, you could select multiple PDF files and assign a given artist in a single step.

Tap on     +  to use the embedded file manager.

Searching a PDF

Music Binder is always in search mode. Type few characters on the search keyboard to go to the first PDF's title or PDF's artist that begin with a given string.

- Enter up to ten consecutive characters.
- The positioning is done according to the current sort order.
- The search keyboard can be used to quickly locate a song in the list.

Examples:

- Type **HOT** to go to *Hotel California*
- Type **THEG** to go to *The Gambler*
- Set the sort criteria to "Artist" then type **U2** to go to the first song of *U2* band

The sort criteria can be set using the **Sort** key on the search keyboard.

The search is always performed on all PDF files even if a user tab is selected. This avoids having to select the **All** tab to find a PDF that is not in the current tab.

If you want to search any string that may be found in any title, artist, comment and **even inside notes**, you can use the Filter.

To use the Filter:

1. Select a tab to display the song list

2. Tap on



Filter

Filter can be used to retrieve any songs in the current binder. Filter uses titles, artists, comments and even notes to retrieve entries.




Playing a special request


Music Binder remembers the last two PDF that have been displayed for at least 2 seconds from the Master Setlist.

While the Master Setlist is selected:

1. Search for any PDF.
2. Play the special request.

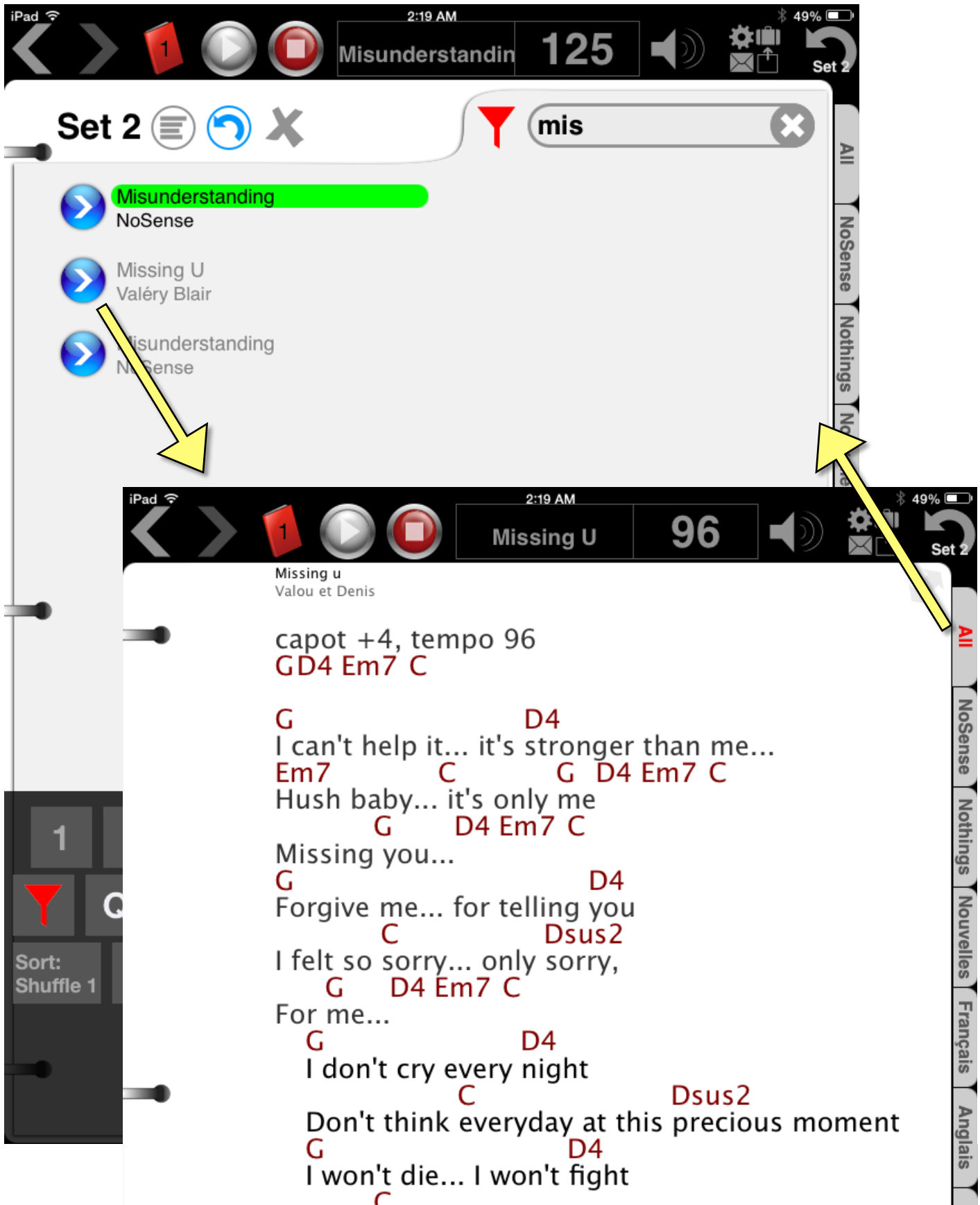
3. Tap on  to go back to the Master Setlist.

To set the Master Setlist:

1. Select a tab to display the song list
2. Tap on 

Playing a special request from Filter

When a song from **All** tab is displayed from the Filter, the **All** tab is displayed with a red label. Tap on the red label to go back to the Filter panel.



Notes

A note can be created for each PDF file.

Notes are saved in text files (.TXT) using the same filename as their corresponding PDF. This allows you to grab all your notes using iTunes.

To display notes automatically:

1. Tap on  + 
2. Select the **General** tab
3. Turn on **Automatically display notes**

A note is automatically displayed only if its first text line contains at least one character (other than the tempo).

Playing corresponding songs from Music library



Tap on to start playback.

Music Binder makes five search attempts to find the corresponding songs in your Music library.

Search attempts made by Music Binder (ordered by priority)	
1	Title + Author + Genre = «BACKING TRACK» <i>If you have double entries in your Music library (one for the original song and another one for the backing track), it is possible to force the selection of your backing tracks versions setting genre to «BACKING TRACK» in iTunes.</i>
2	Title (exact match) + «Binder» <i>It is possible to force the selection of a specific song by typing the word «Binder» in the song info (eg comment box) of iTunes.</i>
3	Title + Author
4	Title (exact match)
5	Title


The embedded File Manager can be used to rename a given PDF file according to the song that is currently playing in Music app.

To do so:



1. Tap on + to use the embedded file manager.
2. Tap on [Fill from iPod](#) button

Extended Music Controller

Tap and hold  to display the Extended Music Controller.



Number of times to loop

Countdown before beginning playback (in seconds)

Hide extended controller when play is pressed

Up to 4 loops can be set:



Start playback from...

Begin - End (tap to set)

Activate Loop

Begin and end times are automatically saved.

Continuous Play

To activate Continuous Play:

1. Tap on   +  AUTO

2. Tap on  to start playback

How it works ?

- At the end of the song, the next PDF file will be displayed and playback will be started automatically.
- If you select yourself a different PDF file before the end of the song, playback will be started according to the PDF file you've just selected.
- To force Music Binder to automatically going back to the Master Setlist at the end of the song:

Tap and hold  for about 2 seconds.

If you would like to temporarily suspend the Continuous Play, you simply have to display any song list. In that case, nothing will happen at the end of the song.

Already Played Songs

When a song has been displayed for at least 20 seconds, it is considered to be “Already Played”. In this case, a gray arrow button is displayed for that song in song list. Played states are reset when a binder is loaded.

iPad 1:56 AM 50% Set 2

Set 2 Page: 1 of 1

- Good people Jack Johnson
- Lookin' out my back door CCR
- Running to stand still U2
- Missing U Valéry Blair
- Susie Q CCR
- Cotton field CCR
- Suspicious Mind Elvis Presley
- Down On the Corner CCR
- Proud Mary CCR
- Without expression John Mellencamp
- Have you ever seen the rain CCR
- Bad moon rising

Already Played

Current Song

Embedded File Manager

To manage your PDF files in Music Binder:

1) Search the PDF you want to work with (optional)

2) Tap on  + 

The file manager contains two sections:

- Current selected PDF file
- List of all PDF files (ordered by filename)

You can use the list to select the PDF you want to work with.

To rename the selected PDF file:

1) Modify title, artist, comment and hidden comment

2) Tap on [Rename PDF](#) button

Music Binder automatically builds the PDF filename according to the specified information (title, artist, ...). Like any other fields, the hidden comment can be used as a keyword for creating set lists but it is not displayed in the information box.

You can use the [Fill from iPod](#) button to automatically fill title and artist fields according to the currently playing song in Music app.

Embedded File Manager (cont.)

To delete the selected PDF file:

- 1) Tap on **Delete PDF** button
- 2) Confirm the deletion

Move PDF and Copy PDF:

By default, all 8 colored binders contain all PDF files.

Colored binders 2 to 8, however, can have only their own PDF files.

Example

If you move a given PDF from binder #1 to binder #2:

- This PDF will no longer be displayed in binder #1
- Binder #2 will contain only one PDF file
- A **+** symbol will be displayed on binder #2:



If you move back the given PDF from binder #2 to binder #1:


- Binder #2 will display all PDF files
(because this binder no longer contains any specific PDF files)
- The **+** symbol will be removed from binder #2:

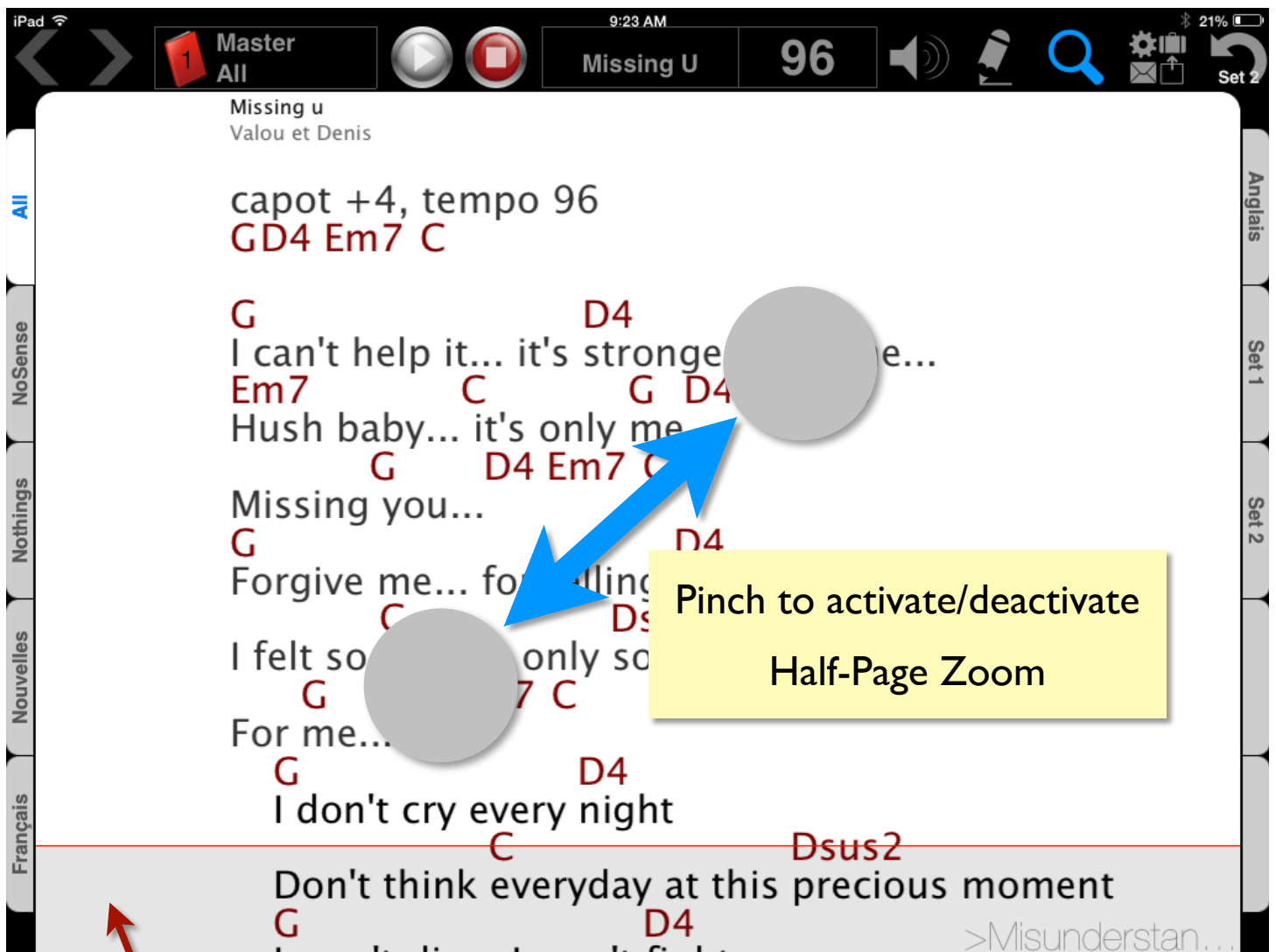


Zoom - Landscape

To activate Half-Page Zoom in Landscape orientation, you can:



- tap on the  button,
- perform a standard Pinch Gesture,
- use your favorite gesture (can be set in Music Binder settings)
- or use a bluetooth device (example: Airturn BT-I05).



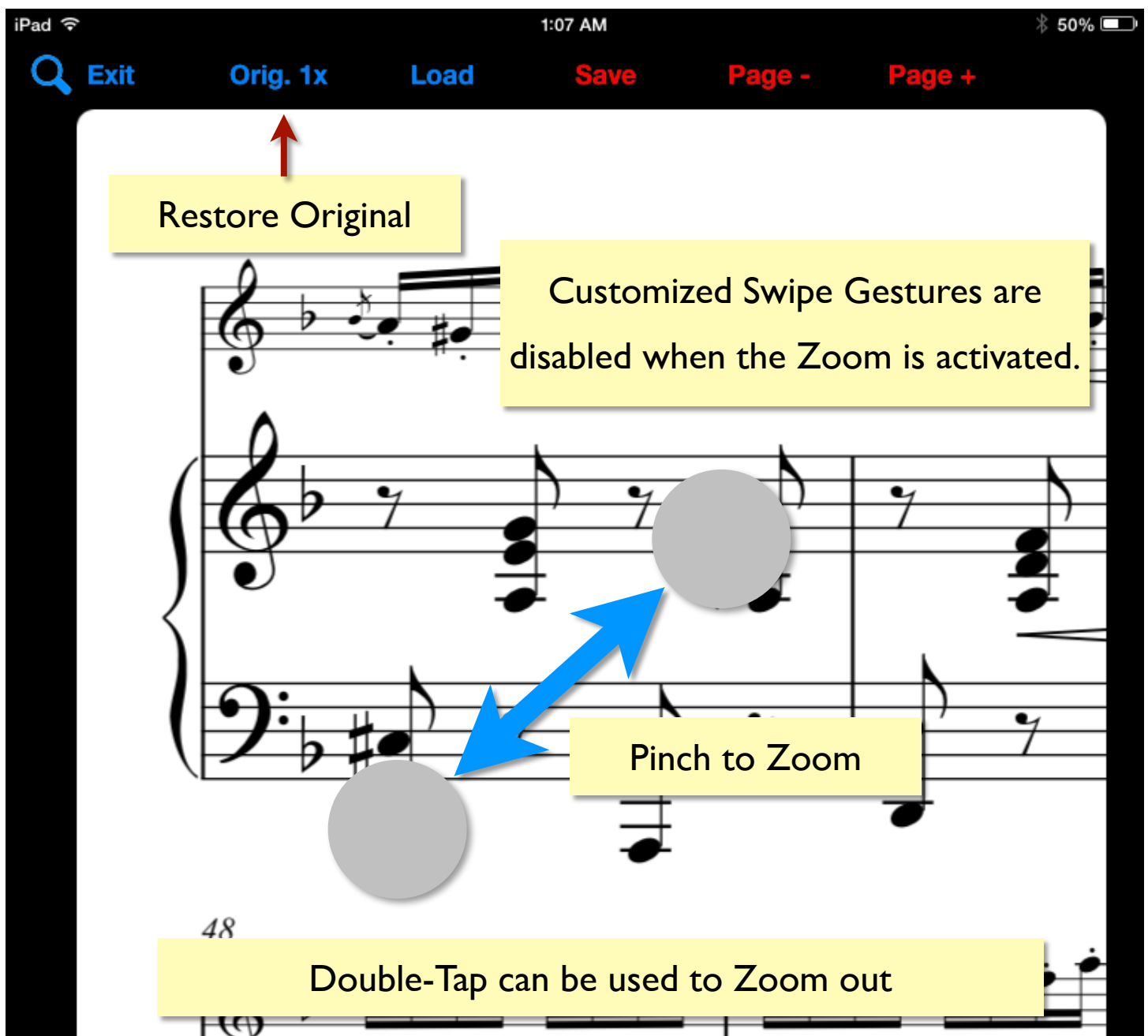
Half Page marker and gray background can be customized

Zoom - Portrait

Perform a standard Pinch Gesture to activate Zoom.

You can use Zoom to remove white margins (crop).

Zoom settings are saved for each PDF so each PDF can have its own Zoom settings. The same Zoom settings are applied on ALL pages of a given PDF so be sure to check every page after saving your settings. Zoom settings are also used in Landscape mode including the Landscape Half-Page Zoom.



Support / Feature Request

If you need help or if you want to send a feature request:



Special thanks

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Enjoy!

Denis

Testimonial

“Binder is intuitive and flexible which allows me to focus on delivering a great show. It's simply awesome.”, Dan Rutledge, www.DanRutledge.com