

# Tutorial 1 – How to Utilize Your Sources

This is an introduction and assistance guide to help you best utilize the sources provided to you found in the Sources for Practicing and Learning music site. This tutorial will teach you how to use the different materials found within different categories. Examples are provided on how you can apply the knowledge gained from the sources to best assist your learning. Each category can be used in many ways, including practicing, studying, and applications. This tutorial will explain and assist you in how you can best utilize your sources.

This tutorial is for users new to this site or musicians looking to expand your knowledge library. It contains an overview of how you can best use the functions and sources provided by the site. It contains a brief introduction to each category, what sources you can expect to find from them, and how you can best use the sources found in each category. In the end of the briefing, it explains how you can expect future tutorials to be provided and explained.

## How to Utilize Your Sources – Outline

### 1. Understanding the Categories

The Sources for Practicing and Learning Music site categorizes its material into 3 main source categories. Guides, References, and Repositories. Each of the main categories provides useful material relating to their namesakes. Understanding what you can expect to find from each source and how you can best utilize the material from the categories can enhance your understanding of the source material.

### 2. Category 1: Guides

The first category of sources covers materials regarding instruction, lessons, and exercises that assist the user in learning or practicing music. Each guide can give you a targeted lesson or give you an exercise to refresh your learned knowledge.

One example of a guide: Musictheory.net - <https://www.musictheory.net/lessons>

This source is a web-based learning site focusing on learning music theory and providing useful exercises and tools. It features easy to understand lessons for users to get into music. This source would benefit beginners to professional level musicians. Though the lessons only cover material based on theory, and the user would need to find a different source to learn material not provided on the site, such as production or application.

### **3. Category 2: References**

The second category provides reliable sources you can use as support for learning and useful advice. Each reference allows you to view learning material from a trusted source. Each source provided allows you to learn from an external source and gain your own insight into the material.

One example of a reference: “How to improve your rhythm” - Adam Neely,  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qlfD7ZN5FYI>

This source is an informative YouTube video by Adam Neely, a professional musician, on improving your rhythm. It features an in-depth lesson providing information and tips on how users can learn to improve and practice their rhythm. This video is a helpful guide on understanding the importance of having a good rhythm and how you can maintain it. This source would benefit new musicians getting started, or users struggling with their own rhythm. Though this is only an informative video, a user would need to find a way to practice their learned material.

### **4. Category 3: Repositories**

The third category contains repositories, information databases that contain a vast variety of material and sources for you to browse. Repositories contain a collection of information you can use to find your own material that may assist you in your learning.

One example of a repository: Building Blocks – 12Tone,  
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMvVESrbjBWplAcg3pG0TesncGT7qvO06>

This source is a YouTube playlist containing a variety of topics containing material regarding music theory. It contains information ranging from fundamental music basics of theory to more advanced topics for musicians to learn. These lessons are designed to explain the watcher on music theory in an accessible and easy to understand format. These videos would benefit users who are familiar with music and are looking to advance their studies to improve their skills. These are only videos, and a user would need to look elsewhere to practice their learned knowledge.

### **5. Understanding the Categories' Sources**

Each of the sources provided in each categorized are labeled in how you can understand their usefulness. It covers the basics of what you can expect to find in the source provided. What it covers, in what the material the source provides. Why it's valuable, in why the source can be useful to you. Who would benefit, in what type of person would find it useful. And limitations, in how the source lacks an area. Each of these attributes to each source can provide an overview of how you can best utilize each source to its full potential.

Understanding each category will allow you to understand the sources better. Knowing why a source is in the category and what the source entails will allow you to have an easier time learning the material. Remind yourself of each categories purpose, and what each source provides can allow you to better utilize your sources.

## **6. Utilizing Tutorials**

Tutorials are a collection of sources for understanding the different aspects of learning music. It includes different sources from across the different categories, that are combined into one easy to understand tutorial on a specific topic. This tutorial on best utilizing sources is an intro to what you can expect to find from a future tutorial.

A summary of this tutorial can also be categorized as a source. In the format of the sources provided in a category could be done as:

What it covers: Tutorial 1 – How to Utilize Your Sources is an introductory tutorial on how to best use the sources provided in the Sources for Practicing and Learning Music Site. It covers the basics of each category, and what to expect when getting further into the site.

Why it's valuable: This tutorial is useful in getting a brief introduction into the basics of the site. Giving a quick understanding of each category and its uses. Being able to get an easy-to-understand way to get into the site can mimic learning music, giving a primer into the future of learning music.

Who would benefit: This site would benefit new users from the Sources for Practicing and Learning Music site. Users looking to get a quick, easy to understand introduction into the site can use this tutorial to understand the basics in an easy-to-read format.

Limitations: This is only an introductory course into the basics of the site. It requires the reader to utilize their knowledge gained from the site and apply it into learning from the other parts of the site.

Tutorials are similar to what can be found in each of the categories, but in a more specialized way. Each category provides material that you can learn from in your own way. Tutorials focus on a target and provide sources from a variety of categories and types. Understanding how you can utilize sources from both categories and tutorials can allow you to better practice and learn music.