

Understanding TAB (Tablature)

Tab is a very easy to understand method of reading music for many stringed instruments. The horizontal lines represent the strings while the numbers indicate the fret positions - where you place your fingers on the frets, (wires). The 0 means you take your fingers off (open), 0 = off or open. The examples below show the first four bars of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, on the guitar and the ukulele.

1st string - thinnest

Guitar TAB

Playing the first fret on the second string.

1	1	3	3	5	5	3	1	1	0	0	3	3	1
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6th string - thickest

Ukulele TAB

1st string - thinnest

0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	0
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3rd string open - fingers off