Content requirements

What we can build from your lessons depends on the assets you offer along with your video. This page describes the files that work best, and what we can't do when they are missing.

How we collect your content

We download it and set it up ourselves. Give us access to your course site, or we can use the access we already have as a student or subscriber. You don't need to prepare or send anything. **Here is a list of what we are hoping to find:**

Notation for riffs and phrases

We work from a notation file, not a picture of one.

- Guitar Pro files work best. They must be unlocked: we can't open protected files and won't try to break their protection. MusicXML exported from MuseScore, Sibelius or Dorico works too.
- Text-based or vector PDFs (such as those engraved by Guitar Pro) are useful as a check, but are tricky to read and less reliable than data as the main source.
- We can't read photos or image files such as JPGs or PNGs, or PDFs made from them. Neither can we offer transcription services.

Charts and audio for backing tracks

A track can only be synced to a chart that matches it.

- To sync a track to a lead sheet, we need a chart for it. Guitar Pro or MusicXML is still ideal, but an engraved PDF may work if marked with tempo, key, count-in, sections, repeats and ending. Hand-written lead sheets can't be interpreted reliably.
- The chart must match the recording bar for bar. If it doesn't, we may not be able to sync the track.
- We recreate the lead sheet and pin it to the track's timing. Beats, chord loops and repeats can be detected in part, but much of this work is manual.
- WAV or high-quality MP3 audio works best. A steady tempo syncs more reliably than a live performance that drifts.

Lessons that include both a phrase and a track

The notation must cover both.

- If it covers only the phrase, we may not be able to build the track's lead sheet or sync it.
- A separate Guitar Pro file for the phrase and a PDF with the lead sheet or chart for the track may work just as well.

Access to your course on xWise

Teachable and Kajabi can keep your access list for you. On other platforms, send us a list.

- **On Teachable** (the Growth plan and above), a few minutes of setup in your school lets your students sign in to xWise with their Teachable account. Teachable tells us which of your courses each student is enrolled in, and notifies us within minutes when you enroll or remove someone, so access follows your school and nobody sends a list.
- **On Kajabi** (the Growth or Pro plan), one setting in your site tells us about each purchase, so access follows your sales. A subscription's access ends by itself when its payments stop. Kajabi doesn't tell us about refunds or access you remove by hand, so please tell us about those. Kajabi only tells us about purchases made after it's set up, so send us a list of your current members once.
- We match each of your Teachable courses or Kajabi offers to its lessons on xWise. Anything we haven't matched opens nothing, and your site can only ever open your lessons, never another instructor's. Setup steps: Teachable · Kajabi.
- **On other platforms**, email us the list of students your platform already exports. No special format is needed: just each student's email address and the courses they bought. If the export doesn't show courses, export one list per course. For subscribers with access to everything, one list is enough.
- Once we are set up, an email with each new subscriber or purchaser is fine, since we want your students to have access as quickly as possible.

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- Teachable students sign in to xWise with their Teachable account. On other platforms, students create a free xWise account with the same email address they use for your course.

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