



Welcome to Almond



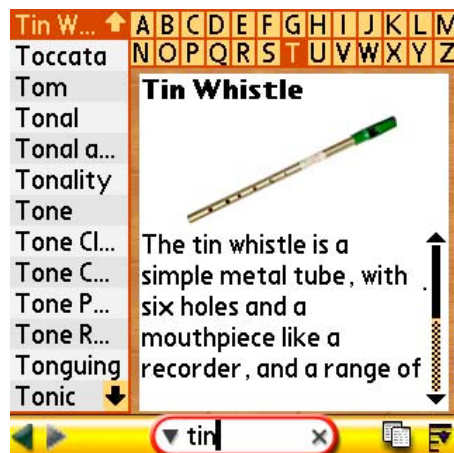
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Almond is a musical terms database and reader. In addition to most common phrases in music today also standard Italian and German terminology is included. Some entries also include examples in music notation. Definitions are easily copied to the clipboard for use in MemoPad and other applications. Almond's database can be included in the global Find application for easy access. This software will help any new or "old" music student.

The Main Screen



There are 4 main sections: The letter section at the top, the terms list to the left, the definition display in the right center, and the toolbar section at the bottom. Tapping a letter will display the top entry under that letter which is useful if you want to scroll the list to that general area.

The Toolbar



The arrows to the left allow for back and forward movements similar to what is common in a web browser.

The search field in the middle of the toolbar contains three different controls. Tapping on the triangle will pop up a menu of a history of terms (maximally 14) that have been looked at before. The text field reacts to Graffiti or button presses (i.e. on a Treo) and starts searching with every input change. The x at the right side clears the search field.

Further two the right are two more buttons, the copy button which will copy the entire definition to the clipboard and a menu button which triggers the application's menu.

Preferences



Auto Selection will continuously update the definition box when scrolling with the up/down hard keys. Select Include in Global Find if you like to give access to Almond's database to the Find application. It is now possible to export a definition directly to MemoPad and to have Almond launch the MemoPad application after doing so. Check "Go to MemoPad after Export" for this. Almond can store its database in RAM or on an external card like SD/MMC. Tap "On Card" to have Almond move its database to your card.

Fast Scrolling – a Tip

There is a very useful technique for speedily scrolling a list that works on all Palm OS devices. Tap on a term in the list and while holding down the stylus drag it vertically down until it is below the area of the list (also works the other way around). As you will see the list will scroll very fast until you lift the stylus. It may take a little practice, but this is the fastest way to look up anything in Almond.

Memory Cards

You can run Almond from a memory card and also have the MusicalTerms database reside on one. To move the MusicalTerms database to a memory card after you have installed it in RAM already, tap the Preferences menu item under File. At the bottom of the dialog tap the "On Card" button and Almond will offer to move the database for you. You can use the same mechanism to move it back to RAM.

Dynamic Input Area (DIA)

Several newer devices have a so-called dynamic input area. The Tungsten 3 for example. Almond is designed to work well with these devices and allows you to take full advantage of an expanded screen. If you haven't done so in the past, however, it is necessary that you upload the two prc files found in T3_DIA_Compatibility_prcs.zip to your device. Please read the accompanying information carefully and HotSync both applications at the same time.

Concluding

We hope you enjoy this program and find it useful. If you have suggestions for additions to the database or find anything wrong you can always email us.

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