

LilyPond came about when two musicians wanted to go beyond the soulless look of computer-printed sheet music. Musicians prefer reading beautiful music, so why couldn't programmers write software to produce elegant printed parts? The result is a program that creates beautiful sheet music following the best traditions of classical music engraving. The best thing about LilyPond is that it handles all layout programmatically, allowing composers, transcribers and publishers to focus on the music instead of improving their software's default output.