

Chord Construction

Chords are built from the notes of the scale of the root of the chord.

A **major** chord would be built on the 1st, 3rd and 5th notes of the scale as shown.

	1	3	5						
C major chord	C	D	E	F	G	A	B	C	C E G
G major chord	G	A	B	C	D	E	F#	G	G B D
D major chord	D	E	F#	G	A	B	C#	D	D F# A

A **minor** chord would be built on the 1st, flatted 3rd and 5th notes of the scale as shown.

	1	b3	5						
C minor chord	C	D	E^b	F	G	A	B	C	C E ^b G
G minor chord	G	A	B^b	C	D	E	F#	G	G B ^b D
D minor chord	D	E	F	G	A	B	C#	D	D F A

A **7th** chord would be built on the 1st, 3rd, 5th and flatted 7th notes of the scale as shown.

	1	3	5	b7					
C7 chord	C	D	E	F	G	A	B^b	C	C E G B ^b
G7 chord	G	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	G B D F
D7 chord	D	E	F#	G	A	B	C	D	D F# A C

Major chords

Minor chords

7th chords