

# LilyPond

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The music typesetter

## Internals Reference

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# 1 Music definitions

## 1.1 Music expressions

### 1.1.1 AbsoluteDynamicEvent

Create a dynamic mark.

Syntax: `note\x`, where `\x` is a dynamic mark like `\ppp` or `\sfz`. A complete list is in file `'ly/dynamic-scripts-init.ly'`.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.1 \[absolute-dynamic-event\]](#), page 42, [Section 1.2.20 \[dynamic-event\]](#), page 44, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.33 \[Dynamic-engraver\]](#), page 300, [Section 2.2.34 \[Dynamic-performer\]](#), page 300 and [Section 2.2.71 \[New-dynamic-engraver\]](#), page 312.

Properties:

```
name (symbol):
    'AbsoluteDynamicEvent
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music post-event event dynamic-event absolute-
    dynamic-event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.2 AlternativeEvent

Create a alternative event.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.2 \[alternative-event\]](#), page 42, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.8 \[Bar-number-engraver\]](#), page 291.

Properties:

```
name (symbol):
    'AlternativeEvent
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music event alternative-event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.3 AnnotateOutputEvent

Print an annotation of an output element.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.3 \[annotate-output-event\]](#), page 42, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.6 \[Balloon-engraver\]](#), page 290.

Properties:

```
name (symbol):
    'AnnotateOutputEvent
    Name of this music object.
```

**types** (list):  
     '(general-music event annotate-output-event)  
     The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.4 ApplyContext

Call the argument with the current context during interpreting phase.

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

**iterator-ctor** (procedure):  
     ly:apply-context-iterator::constructor  
     Function to construct a music-event-iterator object for this music.

**name** (symbol):  
     'ApplyContext  
     Name of this music object.

**types** (list):  
     '(general-music apply-context)  
     The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.5 ApplyOutputEvent

Call the argument with all current grobs during interpreting phase.

Syntax: `\applyOutput #'context func`

Arguments to *func* are 1. the grob, 2. the originating context, and 3. the context where *func* is called.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.4 \[apply-output-event\]](#), page 42, [Section 1.2.31 \[layout-instruction-event\]](#), page 45, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.79 \[Output-property-engraver\]](#), page 315.

Properties:

**name** (symbol):  
     'ApplyOutputEvent  
     Name of this music object.

**types** (list):  
     '(general-music event apply-output-event)  
     The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.6 ArpeggioEvent

Make an arpeggio on this note.

Syntax: `note-\arpeggio`

Event classes: [Section 1.2.5 \[arpeggio-event\]](#), page 42, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.3 \[Arpeggio-engraver\]](#), page 289.

Properties:



**name** (symbol):  
     `'ArpeggioEvent`  
     Name of this music object.

**types** (list):  
     `'(general-music post-event arpeggio-event event)`  
     The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.7 ArticulationEvent

Add an articulation marking to a note.

Syntax: *notexy*, where *x* is a direction (^ for up or \_ for down), or LilyPond's choice (no direction specified), and where *y* is an articulation (such as `-.`, `->`, `\tenuto`, `\downbow`). See the Notation Reference for details.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.6 \[articulation-event\]](#), page 42, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.54 \[script-event\]](#), page 48 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.99 \[Script\\_engraver\]](#), page 322.

Properties:

**name** (symbol):  
     `'ArticulationEvent`  
     Name of this music object.

**types** (list):  
     `'(general-music post-event event articulation-event script-event)`  
     The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.8 AutoChangeMusic

Used for making voices that switch between piano staves automatically.

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

**iterator-ctor** (procedure):  
     `ly:auto-change-iterator::constructor`  
     Function to construct a `music-event-iterator` object for this music.

**length-callback** (procedure):  
     `ly:music-wrapper::length-callback`  
     How to compute the duration of this music. This property can only be defined as initializer in `'scm/define-music-types.scm'`.

**name** (symbol):  
     `'AutoChangeMusic`  
     Name of this music object.

**start-callback** (procedure):  
     `ly:music-wrapper::start-callback`  
     Function to compute the negative length of starting grace notes. This property can only be defined as initializer in `'scm/define-music-types.scm'`.

**types** (list):

'(general-music music-wrapper-music auto-change-instruction)

The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.9 BarCheck

Check whether this music coincides with the start of the measure.

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

**iterator-ctor** (procedure):

ly:bar-check-iterator::constructor

Function to construct a music-event-iterator object for this music.

**name** (symbol):

'BarCheck

Name of this music object.

**types** (list):

'(general-music bar-check)

The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.10 BassFigureEvent

Print a bass-figure text.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.7 \[bass-figure-event\]](#), page 42, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.53 \[rhythmic-event\]](#), page 48 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.38 \[Figured-bass-engraver\]](#), page 301.

Properties:

**name** (symbol):

'BassFigureEvent

Name of this music object.

**types** (list):

'(general-music event rhythmic-event bass-figure-event)

The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.11 BeamEvent

Start or stop a beam.

Syntax for manual control: c8-[ c c-] c8

Event classes: [Section 1.2.8 \[beam-event\]](#), page 42, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.62 \[span-event\]](#), page 49 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.10 \[Beam-engraver\]](#), page 292, [Section 2.2.11 \[Beam-performer\]](#), page 293 and [Section 2.2.46 \[Grace-beam-engraver\]](#), page 304.

Properties:

**name** (symbol):  
     `'BeamEvent`  
     Name of this music object.

**types** (list):  
     `'(general-music post-event event beam-event span-event)`  
     The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.12 BeamForbidEvent

Specify that a note may not auto-beamed.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.9 \[beam-forbid-event\]](#), page 42, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.4 \[Auto\\_beam-engraver\]](#), page 289.

Properties:

**name** (symbol):  
     `'BeamForbidEvent`  
     Name of this music object.

**types** (list):  
     `'(general-music post-event event beam-forbid-event)`  
     The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.13 BendAfterEvent

A drop/fall/doit jazz articulation.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.10 \[bend-after-event\]](#), page 43, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.12 \[Bend\\_engraver\]](#), page 293.

Properties:

**name** (symbol):  
     `'BendAfterEvent`  
     Name of this music object.

**types** (list):  
     `'(general-music post-event bend-after-event event)`  
     The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.14 BreakDynamicSpanEvent

End an alignment spanner for dynamics here.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.11 \[break-dynamic-span-event\]](#), page 43, [Section 1.2.13 \[break-span-event\]](#), page 43, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.71 \[New\\_dynamic-engraver\]](#), page 312.

Properties:

**name** (symbol):  
     `'BreakDynamicSpanEvent`  
     Name of this music object.

**types** (list):

`'(general-music post-event break-span-event break-dynamic-span-event event)`

The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.15 BreathingEvent

Create a ‘breath mark’ or ‘comma’.

Syntax: `note\breathe`

Event classes: [Section 1.2.14 \[breathing-event\]](#), page 43, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.14 \[Breathing\\_sign\\_engraver\]](#), page 293.

Properties:

**name** (symbol):

`'BreathingEvent`

Name of this music object.

**types** (list):

`'(general-music event breathing-event)`

The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.16 ClusterNoteEvent

A note that is part of a cluster.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.15 \[cluster-note-event\]](#), page 43, [Section 1.2.36 \[melodic-event\]](#), page 45, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.53 \[rhythmic-event\]](#), page 48 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.18 \[Cluster\\_spanner\\_engraver\]](#), page 295.

Properties:

**iterator-ctor** (procedure):

`ly:rhythmic-music-iterator::constructor`

Function to construct a `music-event-iterator` object for this music.

**name** (symbol):

`'ClusterNoteEvent`

Name of this music object.

**types** (list):

`'(general-music cluster-note-event melodic-event rhythmic-event event)`

The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.17 CompletizeExtenderEvent

Used internally to signal the end of a lyrics block to ensure extenders are completed correctly when a `Lyrics` context ends before its associated `Voice` context.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.16 \[completize-extender-event\]](#), page 43, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.37 \[Extender\\_engraver\]](#), page 301.

Properties:

**name** (symbol):  
     'CompletenessExtenderEvent  
     Name of this music object.

**types** (list):  
     '(general-music completeness-extender-event event)  
     The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.18 ContextChange

Change staves in Piano staff.

Syntax: `\change Staff = new-id`

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

**iterator-ctor** (procedure):  
     `ly:change-iterator::constructor`  
     Function to construct a `music-event-iterator` object for this music.

**name** (symbol):  
     'ContextChange  
     Name of this music object.

**types** (list):  
     '(general-music translator-change-instruction)  
     The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.19 ContextSpeccedMusic

Interpret the argument music within a specific context.

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

**iterator-ctor** (procedure):  
     `ly:context-specced-music-iterator::constructor`  
     Function to construct a `music-event-iterator` object for this music.

**length-callback** (procedure):  
     `ly:music-wrapper::length-callback`  
     How to compute the duration of this music. This property can only be defined as initializer in `'scm/define-music-types.scm'`.

**name** (symbol):  
     'ContextSpeccedMusic  
     Name of this music object.

**start-callback** (procedure):  
     `ly:music-wrapper::start-callback`  
     Function to compute the negative length of starting grace notes. This property can only be defined as initializer in `'scm/define-music-types.scm'`.

**types (list):**

`'(context-specification general-music music-wrapper-music)`

The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.20 CrescendoEvent

Begin or end a crescendo.

Syntax: *note*\< ... *note*!

An alternative syntax is *note*\cr ... *note*\endcr.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.17 \[crescendo-event\]](#), page 43, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.61 \[span-dynamic-event\]](#), page 49, [Section 1.2.62 \[span-event\]](#), page 49 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.33 \[Dynamic\\_engraver\]](#), page 300, [Section 2.2.34 \[Dynamic\\_performer\]](#), page 300 and [Section 2.2.71 \[New\\_dynamic\\_engraver\]](#), page 312.

Properties:

**name (symbol):**

`'CrescendoEvent`

Name of this music object.

**types (list):**

`'(general-music post-event span-event span-dynamic-event  
crescendo-event event)`

The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.21 DecrescendoEvent

Begin or end a decrescendo.

Syntax: *note*\> ... *note*!

An alternative syntax is *note*\decr ... *note*\enddecr.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.18 \[decrescendo-event\]](#), page 43, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.61 \[span-dynamic-event\]](#), page 49, [Section 1.2.62 \[span-event\]](#), page 49 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.33 \[Dynamic\\_engraver\]](#), page 300, [Section 2.2.34 \[Dynamic\\_performer\]](#), page 300 and [Section 2.2.71 \[New\\_dynamic\\_engraver\]](#), page 312.

Properties:

**name (symbol):**

`'DecrescendoEvent`

Name of this music object.

**types (list):**

`'(general-music post-event span-event span-dynamic-event  
decrescendo-event event)`

The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.22 DoublePercentEvent

Used internally to signal double percent repeats.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.19 \[double-percent-event\]](#), page 43, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.53 \[rhythmic-event\]](#), page 48 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.29 \[Double\\_percent\\_repeat\\_engraver\]](#), page 298.

Properties:

**name** (symbol):

`'DoublePercentEvent`

Name of this music object.

**types** (list):

`'(general-music event double-percent-event rhythmic-event)`

The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.23 EpisemaEvent

Begin or end an episema.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.21 \[episema-event\]](#), page 44, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.62 \[span-event\]](#), page 49 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.36 \[Episema\\_engraver\]](#), page 300.

Properties:

**name** (symbol):

`'EpisemaEvent`

Name of this music object.

**types** (list):

`'(general-music post-event span-event event episema-event)`

The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.24 Event

Atomic music event.

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

**name** (symbol):

`'Event`

Name of this music object.

**types** (list):

`'(general-music event)`

The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.25 EventChord

Explicitly entered chords.

When iterated, `elements` are converted to events at the current timestep, followed by any `articulations`. Per-chord postevents attached by the parser just follow any rhythmic events in `elements` instead of utilizing `articulations`.

An unexpanded chord repetition ‘`q`’ is recognizable by having its duration stored in `duration`.

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

```

iterator-ctor (procedure):
    ly:event-chord-iterator::constructor
    Function to construct a music-event-iterator object for this music.

length-callback (procedure):
    ly:music-sequence::event-chord-length-callback
    How to compute the duration of this music. This property can only be
    defined as initializer in ‘scm/define-music-types.scm’.

name (symbol):
    'EventChord
    Name of this music object.

to-relative-callback (procedure):
    ly:music-sequence::event-chord-relative-callback
    How to transform a piece of music to relative pitches.

types (list):
    '(general-music event-chord simultaneous-music)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.26 ExtenderEvent

Extend lyrics.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.22 \[extender-event\]](#), page 44, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.37 \[Extender-engraver\]](#), page 301.

Properties:

```

name (symbol):
    'ExtenderEvent
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music post-event extender-event event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```



### 1.1.27 FingeringEvent

Specify what finger to use for this note.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.23 \[fingering-event\]](#), page 44, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.40 \[Fingering-engraver\]](#), page 302, [Section 2.2.44 \[Fret-board-engraver\]](#), page 303 and [Section 2.2.117 \[Tab\\_note\\_heads-engraver\]](#), page 327.

Properties:

```
name (symbol):
    'FingeringEvent
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music post-event fingering-event event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.28 FootnoteEvent

Footnote a grob.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.24 \[footnote-event\]](#), page 44, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.42 \[Footnote-engraver\]](#), page 302.

Properties:

```
name (symbol):
    'FootnoteEvent
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music event footnote-event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.29 GlissandoEvent

Start a glissando on this note.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.25 \[glissando-event\]](#), page 44, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.45 \[Glissando-engraver\]](#), page 304.

Properties:

```
name (symbol):
    'GlissandoEvent
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music post-event glissando-event event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.30 GraceMusic

Interpret the argument as grace notes.

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

```

iterator-ctor (procedure):
    ly:grace-iterator::constructor
    Function to construct a music-event-iterator object for this music.

length (moment):
    #<Mom 0>
    The duration of this music.

name (symbol):
    'GraceMusic
    Name of this music object.

start-callback (procedure):
    ly:grace-music::start-callback
    Function to compute the negative length of starting grace
    notes. This property can only be defined as initializer in 'scm/
    define-music-types.scm'.

types (list):
    '(grace-music music-wrapper-music general-music)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.31 HarmonicEvent

Mark a note as harmonic.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.26 \[harmonic-event\]](#), page 44, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

```

name (symbol):
    'HarmonicEvent
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music post-event event harmonic-event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.32 HyphenEvent

A hyphen between lyric syllables.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.27 \[hyphen-event\]](#), page 44, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.54 \[Hyphen-engraver\]](#), page 307.

Properties:

**name** (symbol):  
     'HyphenEvent  
     Name of this music object.

**types** (list):  
     '(general-music post-event hyphen-event event)  
     The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.33 KeyChangeEvent

Change the key signature.

Syntax: `\key name scale`

Event classes: [Section 1.2.28 \[key-change-event\]](#), page 44, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.58 \[Key-engraver\]](#), page 308 and [Section 2.2.59 \[Key-performer\]](#), page 309.

Properties:

**name** (symbol):  
     'KeyChangeEvent  
     Name of this music object.

**to-relative-callback** (procedure):  
     #<procedure #f (x p)>  
     How to transform a piece of music to relative pitches.

**types** (list):  
     '(general-music key-change-event event)  
     The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.34 LabelEvent

Place a bookmarking label.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.29 \[label-event\]](#), page 45, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.81 \[Paper-column-engraver\]](#), page 316.

Properties:

**name** (symbol):  
     'LabelEvent  
     Name of this music object.

**types** (list):  
     '(general-music label-event event)  
     The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.35 LaissezVibrerEvent

Don't damp this chord.

Syntax: `note\laissezVibrer`

Event classes: [Section 1.2.30 \[laissez-vibrer-event\]](#), page 45, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.60 \[Laissez\\_vibrer\\_engraver\]](#), page 309.

Properties:

```

name (symbol):
    'LaissezVibrerEvent
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music post-event event laissez-vibrer-event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.36 LigatureEvent

Start or end a ligature.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.32 \[ligature-event\]](#), page 45, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.62 \[span-event\]](#), page 49 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.62 \[Ligature\\_bracket\\_engraver\]](#), page 309, [Section 2.2.68 \[Mensural\\_ligature\\_engraver\]](#), page 311 and [Section 2.2.132 \[Vaticana\\_ligature\\_engraver\]](#), page 332.

Properties:

```

name (symbol):
    'LigatureEvent
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music span-event ligature-event event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.37 LineBreakEvent

Allow, forbid or force a line break.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.12 \[break-event\]](#), page 43, [Section 1.2.33 \[line-break-event\]](#), page 45, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.80 \[Page\\_turn\\_engraver\]](#), page 316 and [Section 2.2.81 \[Paper\\_column\\_engraver\]](#), page 316.

Properties:

```

name (symbol):
    'LineBreakEvent
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music line-break-event break-event event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.38 LyricCombineMusic

Align lyrics to the start of notes.

Syntax: `\lyricsto voicename lyrics`

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

**iterator-ctor** (procedure):  
`ly:lyric-combine-music-iterator::constructor`  
 Function to construct a `music-event-iterator` object for this music.

**length** (moment):  
`#<Mom 0>`  
 The duration of this music.

**name** (symbol):  
`'LyricCombineMusic`  
 Name of this music object.

**types** (list):  
`'(general-music lyric-combine-music)`  
 The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.39 LyricEvent

A lyric syllable. Must be entered in lyrics mode, i.e., `\lyrics { twinkle4 twinkle4 }`.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.34 \[lyric-event\]](#), page 45, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.53 \[rhythmic-event\]](#), page 48 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.63 \[Lyric-engraver\]](#), page 310 and [Section 2.2.64 \[Lyric-performer\]](#), page 310.

Properties:

**iterator-ctor** (procedure):  
`ly:rhythmic-music-iterator::constructor`  
 Function to construct a `music-event-iterator` object for this music.

**name** (symbol):  
`'LyricEvent`  
 Name of this music object.

**types** (list):  
`'(general-music rhythmic-event lyric-event event)`  
 The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.40 MarkEvent

Insert a rehearsal mark.

Syntax: `\mark marker`

Example: `\mark "A"`

Event classes: [Section 1.2.35 \[mark-event\]](#), page 45, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.65 \[Mark-engraver\]](#), page 310.

Properties:

**name** (symbol):  
`'MarkEvent`  
 Name of this music object.

**types** (list):

'(general-music mark-event event)

The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.41 MultiMeasureRestEvent

Used internally by `MultiMeasureRestMusic` to signal rests.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.37 \[multi-measure-rest-event\]](#), page 45, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.53 \[rhythmic-event\]](#), page 48 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.70 \[Multi-measure-rest-engraver\]](#), page 312.

Properties:

**name** (symbol):

'MultiMeasureRestEvent

Name of this music object.

**types** (list):

'(general-music event rhythmic-event multi-measure-rest-event)

The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.42 MultiMeasureRestMusic

Rests that may be compressed into Multi rests.

Syntax: `R2.*4` for 4 measures in 3/4 time.

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

**elements-callback** (procedure):

`mm-rest-child-list`

Return a list of children, for use by a sequential iterator. Takes a single music parameter.

**iterator-ctor** (procedure):

`ly:sequential-iterator::constructor`

Function to construct a `music-event-iterator` object for this music.

**name** (symbol):

'MultiMeasureRestMusic

Name of this music object.

**types** (list):

'(general-music multi-measure-rest)

The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.43 MultiMeasureTextEvent

Texts on multi measure rests.

Syntax: `R-\markup { \roman "bla" }`

Note the explicit font switch.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.38 \[multi-measure-text-event\]](#), page 45, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.70 \[Multi\\_measure\\_rest\\_engraver\]](#), page 312.

Properties:

```
name (symbol):
    'MultiMeasureTextEvent
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music post-event event multi-measure-text-event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.44 Music

Generic type for music expressions.

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

```
name (symbol):
    'Music
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.45 NoteEvent

A note.

Outside of chords, any events in `articulations` with a listener are broadcast like chord articulations, the others are retained.

For iteration inside of chords, See [Section 1.1.25 \[EventChord\]](#), page 11.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.36 \[melodic-event\]](#), page 45, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.40 \[note-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.53 \[rhythmic-event\]](#), page 48 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.15 \[Chord\\_name\\_engraver\]](#), page 293, [Section 2.2.20 \[Completion\\_heads\\_engraver\]](#), page 295, [Section 2.2.30 \[Drum\\_note\\_performer\]](#), page 299, [Section 2.2.31 \[Drum\\_notes\\_engraver\]](#), page 299, [Section 2.2.44 \[Fretboard\\_engraver\]](#), page 303, [Section 2.2.74 \[Note\\_heads\\_engraver\]](#), page 314, [Section 2.2.75 \[Note\\_name\\_engraver\]](#), page 314, [Section 2.2.76 \[Note\\_performer\]](#), page 315, [Section 2.2.83 \[Part\\_combine\\_engraver\]](#), page 317 and [Section 2.2.117 \[Tab\\_note\\_heads\\_engraver\]](#), page 327.

Properties:

```
iterator-ctor (procedure):
    ly:rhythmic-music-iterator::constructor
    Function to construct a music-event-iterator object for this music.

name (symbol):
    'NoteEvent
    Name of this music object.
```

```
types (list):
  '(general-music event note-event rhythmic-event melodic-
    event)
  The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
  expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.46 NoteGroupingEvent

Start or stop grouping brackets.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.41 \[note-grouping-event\]](#), page 46 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.53 \[Horizontal-bracket-engraver\]](#), page 306.

Properties:

```
name (symbol):
  'NoteGroupingEvent
  Name of this music object.

types (list):
  '(general-music post-event event note-grouping-event)
  The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
  expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.47 OttavaMusic

Start or stop an ottava bracket.

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

```
elements-callback (procedure):
  make-ottava-set
  Return a list of children, for use by a sequential iterator. Takes a single
  music parameter.

iterator-ctor (procedure):
  ly:sequential-iterator::constructor
  Function to construct a music-event-iterator object for this music.

name (symbol):
  'OttavaMusic
  Name of this music object.

types (list):
  '(general-music ottava-music)
  The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
  expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.48 OverrideProperty

Extend the definition of a graphical object.

Syntax: `\override [ context . ] object property = value`

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:



**iterator-ctor** (procedure):  
     `ly:push-property-iterator::constructor`  
     Function to construct a `music-event-iterator` object for this music.

**name** (symbol):  
     `'OverrideProperty`  
     Name of this music object.

**types** (list):  
     `'(general-music layout-instruction-event override-property-event)`  
     The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.49 PageBreakEvent

Allow, forbid or force a page break.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.12 \[break-event\]](#), page 43, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.42 \[page-break-event\]](#), page 47 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.80 \[Page\\_turn\\_engraver\]](#), page 316 and [Section 2.2.81 \[Paper\\_column\\_engraver\]](#), page 316.

Properties:

**name** (symbol):  
     `'PageBreakEvent`  
     Name of this music object.

**types** (list):  
     `'(general-music break-event page-break-event event)`  
     The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.50 PageTurnEvent

Allow, forbid or force a page turn.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.12 \[break-event\]](#), page 43, [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.43 \[page-turn-event\]](#), page 47 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.80 \[Page\\_turn\\_engraver\]](#), page 316 and [Section 2.2.81 \[Paper\\_column\\_engraver\]](#), page 316.

Properties:

**name** (symbol):  
     `'PageTurnEvent`  
     Name of this music object.

**types** (list):  
     `'(general-music break-event page-turn-event event)`  
     The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.51 PartCombineForceEvent

Override the part-combiner's strategy.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.45 \[part-combine-force-event\]](#), page 47 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

```
name (symbol):
    'PartCombineForceEvent
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music part-combine-force-event event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.52 PartCombineMusic

Combine two parts on a staff, either merged or as separate voices.

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

```
iterator-ctor (procedure):
    ly:part-combine-iterator::constructor
    Function to construct a music-event-iterator object for this music.

length-callback (procedure):
    ly:music-sequence::maximum-length-callback
    How to compute the duration of this music. This property can only be
    defined as initializer in 'scm/define-music-types.scm'.

name (symbol):
    'PartCombineMusic
    Name of this music object.

start-callback (procedure):
    ly:music-sequence::minimum-start-callback
    Function to compute the negative length of starting grace
    notes. This property can only be defined as initializer in 'scm/
    define-music-types.scm'.

types (list):
    '(general-music part-combine-music)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.53 PartialSet

Create an anacrusis or upbeat (partial measure).

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

```
iterator-ctor (procedure):
    ly:partial-iterator::constructor
    Function to construct a music-event-iterator object for this music.
```

**name** (symbol):  
     `'PartialSet`  
     Name of this music object.

**types** (list):  
     `'(general-music partial-set)`  
     The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.54 PercentEvent

Used internally to signal percent repeats.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.47 \[percent-event\]](#), page 47 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.84 \[Percent-repeat-engraver\]](#), page 317.

Properties:

**name** (symbol):  
     `'PercentEvent`  
     Name of this music object.

**types** (list):  
     `'(general-music event percent-event rhythmic-event)`  
     The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.55 PercentRepeatedMusic

Repeats encoded by percents and slashes.

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

**iterator-ctor** (procedure):  
     `ly:percent-repeat-iterator::constructor`  
     Function to construct a `music-event-iterator` object for this music.

**length-callback** (procedure):  
     `ly:repeated-music::unfolded-music-length`  
     How to compute the duration of this music. This property can only be defined as initializer in `'scm/define-music-types.scm'`.

**name** (symbol):  
     `'PercentRepeatedMusic`  
     Name of this music object.

**start-callback** (procedure):  
     `ly:repeated-music::first-start`  
     Function to compute the negative length of starting grace notes. This property can only be defined as initializer in `'scm/define-music-types.scm'`.

**types** (list):  
     `'(general-music repeated-music percent-repeated-music)`  
     The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.56 PesOrFlexaEvent

Within a ligature, mark the previous and the following note to form a pes (if melody goes up) or a flexa (if melody goes down).

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.48 \[pes-or-flexa-event\]](#), page 47 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.132 \[Vaticana\\_ligature-engraver\]](#), page 332.

Properties:

```
name (symbol):
    'PesOrFlexaEvent
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music pes-or-flexa-event event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.57 PhrasingSlurEvent

Start or end phrasing slur.

Syntax: *note\*( and *note\*)

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.49 \[phrasing-slur-event\]](#), page 47, [Section 1.2.62 \[span-event\]](#), page 49 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.85 \[Phrasing\\_slur-engraver\]](#), page 318.

Properties:

```
name (symbol):
    'PhrasingSlurEvent
    Name of this music object.

spanner-id (string):
    ""
    Identifier to distinguish concurrent spanners.

types (list):
    '(general-music post-event span-event event phrasing-slur-
    event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.58 PropertySet

Set a context property.

Syntax: *\set context.prop = scheme-val*

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

```
iterator-ctor (procedure):
    ly:property-iterator::constructor
    Function to construct a music-event-iterator object for this music.
```

**name** (symbol):  
     'PropertySet  
     Name of this music object.

**types** (list):  
     '(layout-instruction-event general-music)  
     The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.59 PropertyUnset

Restore the default setting for a context property. See [Section 1.1.58 \[PropertySet\]](#), page 23.

Syntax: `\unset context.prop`

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

**iterator-ctor** (procedure):  
     `ly:property-unset-iterator::constructor`  
     Function to construct a `music-event-iterator` object for this music.

**name** (symbol):  
     'PropertyUnset  
     Name of this music object.

**types** (list):  
     '(layout-instruction-event general-music)  
     The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.60 QuoteMusic

Quote preprocessed snippets of music.

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

**iterator-ctor** (procedure):  
     `ly:music-wrapper-iterator::constructor`  
     Function to construct a `music-event-iterator` object for this music.

**length-callback** (procedure):  
     `ly:music-wrapper::length-callback`  
     How to compute the duration of this music. This property can only be defined as initializer in `'scm/define-music-types.scm'`.

**name** (symbol):  
     'QuoteMusic  
     Name of this music object.

**start-callback** (procedure):  
     `ly:music-wrapper::start-callback`  
     Function to compute the negative length of starting grace notes. This property can only be defined as initializer in `'scm/define-music-types.scm'`.

```
types (list):
  '(general-music music-wrapper-music)
  The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
  expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.61 RelativeOctaveCheck

Check if a pitch is in the correct octave.

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

```
name (symbol):
  'RelativeOctaveCheck
  Name of this music object.

to-relative-callback (procedure):
  ly:relative-octave-check::relative-callback
  How to transform a piece of music to relative pitches.

types (list):
  '(general-music relative-octave-check)
  The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
  expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.62 RelativeOctaveMusic

Music that was entered in relative octave notation.

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

```
iterator-ctor (procedure):
  ly:music-wrapper-iterator::constructor
  Function to construct a music-event-iterator object for this music.

length-callback (procedure):
  ly:music-wrapper::length-callback
  How to compute the duration of this music. This property can only be
  defined as initializer in 'scm/define-music-types.scm'.

name (symbol):
  'RelativeOctaveMusic
  Name of this music object.

start-callback (procedure):
  ly:music-wrapper::start-callback
  Function to compute the negative length of starting grace
  notes. This property can only be defined as initializer in 'scm/
  define-music-types.scm'.

to-relative-callback (procedure):
  ly:relative-octave-music::relative-callback
  How to transform a piece of music to relative pitches.
```

**types** (list):

`'(music-wrapper-music general-music relative-octave-music)`

The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.63 RepeatSlashEvent

Used internally to signal beat repeats.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.50 \[repeat-slash-event\]](#), page 47, [Section 1.2.53 \[rhythmic-event\]](#), page 48 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.102 \[Slash-repeat-engraver\]](#), page 323.

Properties:

**name** (symbol):

`'RepeatSlashEvent`

Name of this music object.

**types** (list):

`'(general-music event repeat-slash-event rhythmic-event)`

The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.64 RepeatTieEvent

Ties for starting a second volta bracket.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.51 \[repeat-tie-event\]](#), page 47 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.93 \[Repeat\\_tie-engraver\]](#), page 320.

Properties:

**name** (symbol):

`'RepeatTieEvent`

Name of this music object.

**types** (list):

`'(general-music post-event event repeat-tie-event)`

The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.65 RepeatedMusic

Repeat music in different ways.

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

**name** (symbol):

`'RepeatedMusic`

Name of this music object.

**types** (list):

`'(general-music repeated-music)`

The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.66 RestEvent

A Rest.

Syntax: `r4` for a quarter rest.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.52 \[rest-event\]](#), page 48, [Section 1.2.53 \[rhythmic-event\]](#), page 48 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.15 \[Chord\\_name\\_engraver\]](#), page 293, [Section 2.2.21 \[Completion\\_rest\\_engraver\]](#), page 296, [Section 2.2.38 \[Figured\\_bass\\_engraver\]](#), page 301 and [Section 2.2.95 \[Rest\\_engraver\]](#), page 321.

Properties:

```

iterator-ctor (procedure):
    ly:rhythmic-music-iterator::constructor
    Function to construct a music-event-iterator object for this music.

name (symbol):
    'RestEvent
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music event rhythmic-event rest-event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.67 RevertProperty

The opposite of [Section 1.1.48 \[OverrideProperty\]](#), page 19: remove a previously added property from a graphical object definition.

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

```

iterator-ctor (procedure):
    ly:pop-property-iterator::constructor
    Function to construct a music-event-iterator object for this music.

name (symbol):
    'RevertProperty
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music layout-instruction-event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.68 ScriptEvent

Add an articulation mark to a note.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.54 \[script-event\]](#), page 48 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:



**name** (symbol):  
     '**ScriptEvent**  
     Name of this music object.

**types** (list):  
     '**(general-music event)**  
     The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.69 SequentialMusic

Music expressions concatenated.

Syntax: `\sequential { ... }` or simply `{ ... }`

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

**elements-callback** (procedure):  
     #<procedure #f (m)>  
     Return a list of children, for use by a sequential iterator. Takes a single music parameter.

**iterator-ctor** (procedure):  
     ly:sequential-iterator::constructor  
     Function to construct a music-event-iterator object for this music.

**length-callback** (procedure):  
     ly:music-sequence::cumulative-length-callback  
     How to compute the duration of this music. This property can only be defined as initializer in '`scm/define-music-types.scm`'.

**name** (symbol):  
     '**SequentialMusic**  
     Name of this music object.

**start-callback** (procedure):  
     ly:music-sequence::first-start-callback  
     Function to compute the negative length of starting grace notes. This property can only be defined as initializer in '`scm/define-music-types.scm`'.

**types** (list):  
     '**(general-music sequential-music)**  
     The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.70 SimultaneousMusic

Music playing together.

Syntax: `\simultaneous { ... }` or `<< ... >>`

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

**iterator-ctor** (procedure):  
`ly:simultaneous-music-iterator::constructor`  
 Function to construct a `music-event-iterator` object for this music.

**length-callback** (procedure):  
`ly:music-sequence::maximum-length-callback`  
 How to compute the duration of this music. This property can only be defined as initializer in `'scm/define-music-types.scm'`.

**name** (symbol):  
`'SimultaneousMusic`  
 Name of this music object.

**start-callback** (procedure):  
`ly:music-sequence::minimum-start-callback`  
 Function to compute the negative length of starting grace notes. This property can only be defined as initializer in `'scm/define-music-types.scm'`.

**to-relative-callback** (procedure):  
`ly:music-sequence::simultaneous-relative-callback`  
 How to transform a piece of music to relative pitches.

**types** (list):  
`'(general-music simultaneous-music)`  
 The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.71 SkipEvent

Filler that takes up duration, but does not print anything.

Syntax: `s4` for a skip equivalent to a quarter rest.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.53 \[rhythmic-event\]](#), page 48, [Section 1.2.55 \[skip-event\]](#), page 48 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

**iterator-ctor** (procedure):  
`ly:rhythmic-music-iterator::constructor`  
 Function to construct a `music-event-iterator` object for this music.

**name** (symbol):  
`'SkipEvent`  
 Name of this music object.

**types** (list):  
`'(general-music event rhythmic-event skip-event)`  
 The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.72 SkipMusic

Filler that takes up duration, does not print anything, and also does not create staves or voices implicitly.

Syntax: `\skip duration`

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

```

iterator-ctor (procedure):
    ly:simple-music-iterator::constructor
    Function to construct a music-event-iterator object for this music.

length-callback (procedure):
    ly:music-duration-length
    How to compute the duration of this music. This property can only be
    defined as initializer in ‘scm/define-music-types.scm’.

name (symbol):
    'SkipMusic
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music event skip-event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.

```

### 1.1.73 SlurEvent

Start or end slur.

Syntax: *note*( and *note*)

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.56 \[slur-event\]](#), page 48, [Section 1.2.62 \[span-event\]](#), page 49 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.103 \[Slur\\_engraver\]](#), page 323 and [Section 2.2.104 \[Slur\\_performer\]](#), page 323.

Properties:

```

name (symbol):
    'SlurEvent
    Name of this music object.

spanner-id (string):
    ""
    Identifier to distinguish concurrent spanners.

types (list):
    '(general-music post-event span-event event slur-event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.

```

### 1.1.74 SoloOneEvent

Print ‘Solo 1’.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.44 \[part-combine-event\]](#), page 47, [Section 1.2.57 \[solo-one-event\]](#), page 48 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.83 \[Part\\_combine\\_engraver\]](#), page 317.

Properties:

```

name (symbol):
    'SoloOneEvent
    Name of this music object.

part-combine-status (symbol):
    'solo1
    Change to what kind of state? Options are solo1, solo2 and unisono.

types (list):
    '(general-music event part-combine-event solo-one-event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.

```

### 1.1.75 SoloTwoEvent

Print ‘Solo 2’.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.44 \[part-combine-event\]](#), page 47, [Section 1.2.58 \[solo-two-event\]](#), page 48 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.83 \[Part-combine-engraver\]](#), page 317.

Properties:

```

name (symbol):
    'SoloTwoEvent
    Name of this music object.

part-combine-status (symbol):
    'solo2
    Change to what kind of state? Options are solo1, solo2 and unisono.

types (list):
    '(general-music event part-combine-event solo-two-event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.

```

### 1.1.76 SostenutoEvent

Depress or release sostenuto pedal.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.46 \[pedal-event\]](#), page 47, [Section 1.2.59 \[sostenuto-event\]](#), page 48, [Section 1.2.62 \[span-event\]](#), page 49 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.87 \[Piano-pedal-engraver\]](#), page 318 and [Section 2.2.88 \[Piano-pedal-performer\]](#), page 319.

Properties:

```

name (symbol):
    'SostenutoEvent
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music post-event event pedal-event sostenuto-
    event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.

```

### 1.1.77 SpacingSectionEvent

Start a new spacing section.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.60 \[spacing-section-event\]](#), page 48 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.105 \[Spacing-engraver\]](#), page 324.

Properties:

```
name (symbol):
    'SpacingSectionEvent
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music event spacing-section-event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.78 SpanEvent

Event for anything that is started at a different time than stopped.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.62 \[span-event\]](#), page 49 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

```
name (symbol):
    'SpanEvent
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.79 StaffSpanEvent

Start or stop a staff symbol.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.62 \[span-event\]](#), page 49, [Section 1.2.63 \[staff-span-event\]](#), page 49 and [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.112 \[Staff-symbol-engraver\]](#), page 325.

Properties:

```
name (symbol):
    'StaffSpanEvent
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music event span-event staff-span-event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.80 StringNumberEvent

Specify on which string to play this note.

Syntax: `\number`

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49 and [Section 1.2.65 \[string-number-event\]](#), page 50.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.44 \[Fretboard-engraver\]](#), page 303 and [Section 2.2.117 \[Tab\\_note\\_heads-engraver\]](#), page 327.

Properties:

`name` (symbol):

`'StringNumberEvent`  
Name of this music object.

`types` (list):

`'(general-music post-event string-number-event event)`  
The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.81 StrokeFingerEvent

Specify with which finger to pluck a string.

Syntax: `\rightHandFinger text`

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49 and [Section 1.2.66 \[stroke-finger-event\]](#), page 50.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

`name` (symbol):

`'StrokeFingerEvent`  
Name of this music object.

`types` (list):

`'(general-music post-event stroke-finger-event event)`  
The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.82 SustainEvent

Depress or release sustain pedal.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.46 \[pedal-event\]](#), page 47, [Section 1.2.62 \[span-event\]](#), page 49, [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49 and [Section 1.2.67 \[sustain-event\]](#), page 50.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.87 \[Piano-pedal-engraver\]](#), page 318 and [Section 2.2.88 \[Piano-pedal-performer\]](#), page 319.

Properties:

`name` (symbol):

`'SustainEvent`  
Name of this music object.

`types` (list):

`'(general-music post-event event pedal-event sustain-event)`  
The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.83 TempoChangeEvent

A metronome mark or tempo indication.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49 and [Section 1.2.68 \[tempo-change-event\]](#), page 50.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.69 \[Metronome\\_mark\\_engraver\]](#), page 311.

Properties:

```
name (symbol):
    'TempoChangeEvent
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music event tempo-change-event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.84 TextScriptEvent

Print text.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.54 \[script-event\]](#), page 48, [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49 and [Section 1.2.69 \[text-script-event\]](#), page 50.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.121 \[Text\\_engraver\]](#), page 328.

Properties:

```
name (symbol):
    'TextScriptEvent
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music post-event script-event text-script-event
    event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.85 TextSpanEvent

Start a text spanner, for example, an octavation.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.62 \[span-event\]](#), page 49, [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49 and [Section 1.2.70 \[text-span-event\]](#), page 50.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.122 \[Text\\_spanner\\_engraver\]](#), page 328.

Properties:

```
name (symbol):
    'TextSpanEvent
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music post-event span-event event text-span-event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.86 TieEvent

A tie.

Syntax: *note-~*

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49 and [Section 1.2.71 \[tie-event\]](#), page 50.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.123 \[Tie-engraver\]](#), page 329 and [Section 2.2.124 \[Tie-performer\]](#), page 329.

Properties:

**name** (symbol):

`'TieEvent`

Name of this music object.

**types** (list):

`'(general-music post-event tie-event event)`

The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.87 TimeScaledMusic

Multiply durations, as in tuplets.

Syntax: `\times fraction music`, e.g., `\times 2/3 { ... }` for triplets.

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

**iterator-ctor** (procedure):

`ly:tuplet-iterator::constructor`

Function to construct a `music-event-iterator` object for this music.

**length-callback** (procedure):

`ly:music-wrapper::length-callback`

How to compute the duration of this music. This property can only be defined as initializer in `'scm/define-music-types.scm'`.

**name** (symbol):

`'TimeScaledMusic`

Name of this music object.

**start-callback** (procedure):

`ly:music-wrapper::start-callback`

Function to compute the negative length of starting grace notes. This property can only be defined as initializer in `'scm/define-music-types.scm'`.

**types** (list):

`'(time-scaled-music music-wrapper-music general-music)`

The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.



### 1.1.88 TimeSignatureMusic

Set a new time signature

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

```
elements-callback (procedure):
    make-time-signature-set
    Return a list of children, for use by a sequential iterator. Takes a single
    music parameter.

iterator-ctor (procedure):
    ly:sequential-iterator::constructor
    Function to construct a music-event-iterator object for this music.

name (symbol):
    'TimeSignatureMusic
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music time-signature-music)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.89 TransposedMusic

Music that has been transposed.

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

```
iterator-ctor (procedure):
    ly:music-wrapper-iterator::constructor
    Function to construct a music-event-iterator object for this music.

length-callback (procedure):
    ly:music-wrapper::length-callback
    How to compute the duration of this music. This property can only be
    defined as initializer in 'scm/define-music-types.scm'.

name (symbol):
    'TransposedMusic
    Name of this music object.

start-callback (procedure):
    ly:music-wrapper::start-callback
    Function to compute the negative length of starting grace
    notes. This property can only be defined as initializer in 'scm/
    define-music-types.scm'.

to-relative-callback (procedure):
    ly:relative-octave-music::no-relative-callback
    How to transform a piece of music to relative pitches.
```

`types` (list):

`'(music-wrapper-music general-music transposed-music)`

The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.90 TremoloEvent

Unmeasured tremolo.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49 and [Section 1.2.72 \[tremolo-event\]](#), page 50.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.115 \[Stem-engraver\]](#), page 326.

Properties:

`name` (symbol):

`'TremoloEvent`

Name of this music object.

`types` (list):

`'(general-music post-event event tremolo-event)`

The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.91 TremoloRepeatedMusic

Repeated notes denoted by tremolo beams.

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

`iterator-ctor` (procedure):

`ly:chord-tremolo-iterator::constructor`

Function to construct a `music-event-iterator` object for this music.

`length-callback` (procedure):

`ly:repeated-music::folded-music-length`

How to compute the duration of this music. This property can only be defined as initializer in `'scm/define-music-types.scm'`.

`name` (symbol):

`'TremoloRepeatedMusic`

Name of this music object.

`start-callback` (procedure):

`ly:repeated-music::first-start`

Function to compute the negative length of starting grace notes. This property can only be defined as initializer in `'scm/define-music-types.scm'`.

`types` (list):

`'(general-music repeated-music tremolo-repeated-music)`

The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.92 TremoloSpanEvent

Tremolo over two stems.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.62 \[span-event\]](#), page 49, [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49 and [Section 1.2.73 \[tremolo-span-event\]](#), page 51.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.16 \[Chord\\_tremolo\\_engraver\]](#), page 294.

Properties:

```
name (symbol):
    'TremoloSpanEvent
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music event span-event tremolo-span-event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.93 TrillSpanEvent

Start a trill spanner.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.62 \[span-event\]](#), page 49, [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49 and [Section 1.2.74 \[trill-span-event\]](#), page 51.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.129 \[Trill\\_spanner\\_engraver\]](#), page 331.

Properties:

```
name (symbol):
    'TrillSpanEvent
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(general-music post-event span-event event trill-span-
    event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.94 TupletSpanEvent

Used internally to signal where tuplet brackets start and stop.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.62 \[span-event\]](#), page 49, [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49 and [Section 1.2.75 \[tuplet-span-event\]](#), page 51.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.115 \[Stem\\_engraver\]](#), page 326 and [Section 2.2.130 \[Tuplet\\_engraver\]](#), page 331.

Properties:

```
name (symbol):
    'TupletSpanEvent
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(tuplet-span-event span-event event general-music
    post-event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.95 UnaCordaEvent

Depress or release una-corda pedal.

Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.46 \[pedal-event\]](#), page 47, [Section 1.2.62 \[span-event\]](#), page 49, [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49 and [Section 1.2.76 \[una-corda-event\]](#), page 51.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.87 \[Piano-pedal-engraver\]](#), page 318 and [Section 2.2.88 \[Piano-pedal-performer\]](#), page 319.

Properties:

**name** (symbol):  
     `'UnaCordaEvent'`  
     Name of this music object.

**types** (list):  
     `'(general-music post-event event pedal-event una-corda-event)'`  
     The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.96 UnfoldedRepeatedMusic

Repeated music which is fully written (and played) out.

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

**iterator-ctor** (procedure):  
     `ly:unfolded-repeat-iterator::constructor`  
     Function to construct a `music-event-iterator` object for this music.

**length-callback** (procedure):  
     `ly:repeated-music::unfolded-music-length`  
     How to compute the duration of this music. This property can only be defined as initializer in `'scm/define-music-types.scm'`.

**name** (symbol):  
     `'UnfoldedRepeatedMusic'`  
     Name of this music object.

**start-callback** (procedure):  
     `ly:repeated-music::first-start`  
     Function to compute the negative length of starting grace notes. This property can only be defined as initializer in `'scm/define-music-types.scm'`.

**types** (list):  
     `'(general-music repeated-music unfolded-repeated-music)'`  
     The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.

### 1.1.97 UnisonoEvent

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Event classes: [Section 1.2.39 \[music-event\]](#), page 46, [Section 1.2.44 \[part-combine-event\]](#), page 47, [Section 1.2.64 \[StreamEvent\]](#), page 49 and [Section 1.2.77 \[unisono-event\]](#), page 51.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.83 \[Part-combine-engraver\]](#), page 317.

Properties:

```
name (symbol):
    'UnisonoEvent
    Name of this music object.

part-combine-status (symbol):
    'unisono
    Change to what kind of state? Options are solo1, solo2 and unisono.

types (list):
    '(general-music event part-combine-event unisono-event)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.98 UnrelativableMusic

Music that cannot be converted from relative to absolute notation. For example, transposed music.

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

```
iterator-ctor (procedure):
    ly:music-wrapper-iterator::constructor
    Function to construct a music-event-iterator object for this music.

length-callback (procedure):
    ly:music-wrapper::length-callback
    How to compute the duration of this music. This property can only be
    defined as initializer in ‘scm/define-music-types.scm’.

name (symbol):
    'UnrelativableMusic
    Name of this music object.

to-relative-callback (procedure):
    ly:relative-octave-music::no-relative-callback
    How to transform a piece of music to relative pitches.

types (list):
    '(music-wrapper-music general-music unrelativable-music)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.99 VoiceSeparator

Separate polyphonic voices in simultaneous music.

Syntax: `\`

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

```
name (symbol):
    'VoiceSeparator
    Name of this music object.

types (list):
    '(separator general-music)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

### 1.1.100 VoltaRepeatedMusic

Repeats with alternatives placed sequentially.

Event classes: none.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

Properties:

```
elements-callback (procedure):
    make-volta-set
    Return a list of children, for use by a sequential iterator. Takes a single
    music parameter.

iterator-ctor (procedure):
    ly:volta-repeat-iterator::constructor
    Function to construct a music-event-iterator object for this music.

length-callback (procedure):
    ly:repeated-music::volta-music-length
    How to compute the duration of this music. This property can only be
    defined as initializer in 'scm/define-music-types.scm'.

name (symbol):
    'VoltaRepeatedMusic
    Name of this music object.

start-callback (procedure):
    ly:repeated-music::first-start
    Function to compute the negative length of starting grace
    notes. This property can only be defined as initializer in 'scm/
    define-music-types.scm'.

types (list):
    '(general-music repeated-music volta-repeated-music)
    The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music
    expression is processed.
```

## 1.2 Music classes

### 1.2.1 absolute-dynamic-event

Music event type `absolute-dynamic-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.1 \[AbsoluteDynamicEvent\]](#), page 2.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.33 \[Dynamic-engraver\]](#), page 300, [Section 2.2.34 \[Dynamic-performer\]](#), page 300 and [Section 2.2.71 \[New-dynamic-engraver\]](#), page 312.

### 1.2.2 alternative-event

Music event type `alternative-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.2 \[AlternativeEvent\]](#), page 2.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.8 \[Bar-number-engraver\]](#), page 291.

### 1.2.3 annotate-output-event

Music event type `annotate-output-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.3 \[AnnotateOutputEvent\]](#), page 2.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.6 \[Balloon-engraver\]](#), page 290.

### 1.2.4 apply-output-event

Music event type `apply-output-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.5 \[ApplyOutputEvent\]](#), page 3.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.79 \[Output-property-engraver\]](#), page 315.

### 1.2.5 arpeggio-event

Music event type `arpeggio-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.6 \[ArpeggioEvent\]](#), page 3.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.3 \[Arpeggio-engraver\]](#), page 289.

### 1.2.6 articulation-event

Music event type `articulation-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.7 \[ArticulationEvent\]](#), page 4.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.99 \[Script-engraver\]](#), page 322.

### 1.2.7 bass-figure-event

Music event type `bass-figure-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.10 \[BassFigureEvent\]](#), page 5.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.38 \[Figured-bass-engraver\]](#), page 301.

### 1.2.8 beam-event

Music event type `beam-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.11 \[BeamEvent\]](#), page 5.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.10 \[Beam-engraver\]](#), page 292, [Section 2.2.11 \[Beam-performer\]](#), page 293 and [Section 2.2.46 \[Grace-beam-engraver\]](#), page 304.

### 1.2.9 beam-forbid-event

Music event type `beam-forbid-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.12 \[BeamForbidEvent\]](#), page 6.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.4 \[Auto-beam-engraver\]](#), page 289.

### 1.2.10 bend-after-event

Music event type **bend-after-event** is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.13 \[BendAfterEvent\]](#), page 6.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.12 \[Bend-engraver\]](#), page 293.

### 1.2.11 break-dynamic-span-event

Music event type **break-dynamic-span-event** is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.14 \[BreakDynamicSpanEvent\]](#), page 6.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

### 1.2.12 break-event

Music event type **break-event** is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.37 \[LineBreakEvent\]](#), page 15, [Section 1.1.49 \[PageBreakEvent\]](#), page 20 and [Section 1.1.50 \[PageTurnEvent\]](#), page 20.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.80 \[Page\\_turn-engraver\]](#), page 316 and [Section 2.2.81 \[Paper\\_column-engraver\]](#), page 316.

### 1.2.13 break-span-event

Music event type **break-span-event** is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.14 \[BreakDynamicSpanEvent\]](#), page 6.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.71 \[New\\_dynamic-engraver\]](#), page 312.

### 1.2.14 breathing-event

Music event type **breathing-event** is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.15 \[BreathingEvent\]](#), page 7.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.14 \[Breathing\\_sign-engraver\]](#), page 293.

### 1.2.15 cluster-note-event

Music event type **cluster-note-event** is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.16 \[ClusterNoteEvent\]](#), page 7.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.18 \[Cluster\\_spanner-engraver\]](#), page 295.

### 1.2.16 completize-extender-event

Music event type **completize-extender-event** is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.17 \[CompletizeExtenderEvent\]](#), page 7.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.37 \[Extender-engraver\]](#), page 301.

### 1.2.17 crescendo-event

Music event type **crescendo-event** is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.20 \[CrescendoEvent\]](#), page 9.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.34 \[Dynamic-performer\]](#), page 300.

### 1.2.18 decrescendo-event

Music event type **decrescendo-event** is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.21 \[DecrescendoEvent\]](#), page 9.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.34 \[Dynamic-performer\]](#), page 300.

### 1.2.19 double-percent-event

Music event type **double-percent-event** is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.22 \[DoublePercentEvent\]](#), page 10.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.29 \[Double\\_percent\\_repeat-engraver\]](#), page 298.



### 1.2.20 dynamic-event

Music event type `dynamic-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.1 \[AbsoluteDynamicEvent\]](#), page 2.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

### 1.2.21 episema-event

Music event type `episema-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.23 \[EpisemaEvent\]](#), page 10.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.36 \[Episema-engraver\]](#), page 300.

### 1.2.22 extender-event

Music event type `extender-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.26 \[ExtenderEvent\]](#), page 11.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.37 \[Extender-engraver\]](#), page 301.

### 1.2.23 fingering-event

Music event type `fingering-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.27 \[FingeringEvent\]](#), page 12.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.40 \[Fingering-engraver\]](#), page 302, [Section 2.2.44 \[Fretboard-engraver\]](#), page 303 and [Section 2.2.117 \[Tab\\_note\\_heads-engraver\]](#), page 327.

### 1.2.24 footnote-event

Music event type `footnote-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.28 \[FootnoteEvent\]](#), page 12.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.42 \[Footnote-engraver\]](#), page 302.

### 1.2.25 glissando-event

Music event type `glissando-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.29 \[GlissandoEvent\]](#), page 12.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.45 \[Glissando-engraver\]](#), page 304.

### 1.2.26 harmonic-event

Music event type `harmonic-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.31 \[HarmonicEvent\]](#), page 13.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

### 1.2.27 hyphen-event

Music event type `hyphen-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.32 \[HyphenEvent\]](#), page 13.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.54 \[Hyphen-engraver\]](#), page 307.

### 1.2.28 key-change-event

Music event type `key-change-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.33 \[KeyChangeEvent\]](#), page 14.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.58 \[Key-engraver\]](#), page 308 and [Section 2.2.59 \[Key-performer\]](#), page 309.

### 1.2.29 label-event

Music event type `label-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.34 \[LabelEvent\]](#), page 14.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.81 \[Paper\\_column\\_engraver\]](#), page 316.

### 1.2.30 laissez-vibrer-event

Music event type `laissez-vibrer-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.35 \[LaissezVibrerEvent\]](#), page 14.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.60 \[Laissez\\_vibrer\\_engraver\]](#), page 309.

### 1.2.31 layout-instruction-event

Music event type `layout-instruction-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.5 \[ApplyOutputEvent\]](#), page 3.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

### 1.2.32 ligature-event

Music event type `ligature-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.36 \[LigatureEvent\]](#), page 15.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.62 \[Ligature\\_bracket\\_engraver\]](#), page 309, [Section 2.2.68 \[Mensural\\_ligature\\_engraver\]](#), page 311 and [Section 2.2.132 \[Vaticana\\_ligature\\_engraver\]](#), page 332.

### 1.2.33 line-break-event

Music event type `line-break-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.37 \[LineBreakEvent\]](#), page 15.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

### 1.2.34 lyric-event

Music event type `lyric-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.39 \[LyricEvent\]](#), page 16.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.63 \[Lyric\\_engraver\]](#), page 310 and [Section 2.2.64 \[Lyric\\_performer\]](#), page 310.

### 1.2.35 mark-event

Music event type `mark-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.40 \[MarkEvent\]](#), page 16.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.65 \[Mark\\_engraver\]](#), page 310.

### 1.2.36 melodic-event

Music event type `melodic-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.16 \[ClusterNoteEvent\]](#), page 7 and [Section 1.1.45 \[NoteEvent\]](#), page 18.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

### 1.2.37 multi-measure-rest-event

Music event type `multi-measure-rest-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.41 \[MultiMeasureRestEvent\]](#), page 17.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.70 \[Multi\\_measure\\_rest\\_engraver\]](#), page 312.

### 1.2.38 multi-measure-text-event

Music event type `multi-measure-text-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.43 \[MultiMeasureTextEvent\]](#), page 17.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.70 \[Multi\\_measure\\_rest\\_engraver\]](#), page 312.

### 1.2.39 music-event

Music event type **music-event** is in music objects of type Section 1.1.1 [AbsoluteDynamicEvent], page 2, Section 1.1.2 [AlternativeEvent], page 2, Section 1.1.3 [AnnotateOutputEvent], page 2, Section 1.1.5 [ApplyOutputEvent], page 3, Section 1.1.6 [ArpeggioEvent], page 3, Section 1.1.7 [ArticulationEvent], page 4, Section 1.1.10 [BassFigureEvent], page 5, Section 1.1.11 [BeamEvent], page 5, Section 1.1.12 [BeamForbidEvent], page 6, Section 1.1.13 [BendAfterEvent], page 6, Section 1.1.14 [BreakDynamicSpanEvent], page 6, Section 1.1.15 [BreathingEvent], page 7, Section 1.1.16 [ClusterNoteEvent], page 7, Section 1.1.17 [CompleatizeExtenderEvent], page 7, Section 1.1.20 [CrescendoEvent], page 9, Section 1.1.21 [DecrescendoEvent], page 9, Section 1.1.22 [DoublePercentEvent], page 10, Section 1.1.23 [EpisemaEvent], page 10, Section 1.1.26 [ExtenderEvent], page 11, Section 1.1.27 [FingeringEvent], page 12, Section 1.1.28 [FootnoteEvent], page 12, Section 1.1.29 [GlissandoEvent], page 12, Section 1.1.31 [HarmonicEvent], page 13, Section 1.1.32 [HyphenEvent], page 13, Section 1.1.33 [KeyChangeEvent], page 14, Section 1.1.34 [LabelEvent], page 14, Section 1.1.35 [LaissezVibrerEvent], page 14, Section 1.1.36 [LigatureEvent], page 15, Section 1.1.37 [LineBreakEvent], page 15, Section 1.1.39 [LyricEvent], page 16, Section 1.1.40 [MarkEvent], page 16, Section 1.1.41 [MultiMeasureRestEvent], page 17, Section 1.1.43 [MultiMeasureTextEvent], page 17, Section 1.1.45 [NoteEvent], page 18, Section 1.1.46 [NoteGroupingEvent], page 19, Section 1.1.49 [PageBreakEvent], page 20, Section 1.1.50 [PageTurnEvent], page 20, Section 1.1.51 [PartCombineForceEvent], page 20, Section 1.1.54 [PercentEvent], page 22, Section 1.1.56 [PesOrFlexaEvent], page 23, Section 1.1.57 [PhrasingSlurEvent], page 23, Section 1.1.63 [RepeatSlashEvent], page 26, Section 1.1.64 [RepeatTieEvent], page 26, Section 1.1.66 [RestEvent], page 27, Section 1.1.68 [ScriptEvent], page 27, Section 1.1.71 [SkipEvent], page 29, Section 1.1.73 [SlurEvent], page 30, Section 1.1.74 [SoloOneEvent], page 30, Section 1.1.75 [SoloTwoEvent], page 31, Section 1.1.76 [SostenutoEvent], page 31, Section 1.1.77 [SpacingSectionEvent], page 32, Section 1.1.78 [SpanEvent], page 32, Section 1.1.79 [StaffSpanEvent], page 32, Section 1.1.80 [StringNumberEvent], page 33, Section 1.1.81 [StrokeFingerEvent], page 33, Section 1.1.82 [SustainEvent], page 33, Section 1.1.83 [TempoChangeEvent], page 34, Section 1.1.84 [TextScriptEvent], page 34, Section 1.1.85 [TextSpanEvent], page 34, Section 1.1.86 [TieEvent], page 35, Section 1.1.90 [TremoloEvent], page 37, Section 1.1.92 [TremoloSpanEvent], page 38, Section 1.1.93 [TrillSpanEvent], page 38, Section 1.1.94 [TupletSpanEvent], page 38, Section 1.1.95 [UnaCordaEvent], page 39 and Section 1.1.97 [UnisonoEvent], page 40.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

### 1.2.40 note-event

Music event type **note-event** is in music objects of type Section 1.1.45 [NoteEvent], page 18.

Accepted by: Section 2.2.15 [Chord\_name-engraver], page 293, Section 2.2.20 [Completion\_heads-engraver], page 295, Section 2.2.30 [Drum\_note-performer], page 299, Section 2.2.31 [Drum\_notes-engraver], page 299, Section 2.2.44 [Fretboard-engraver], page 303, Section 2.2.74 [Note\_heads-engraver], page 314, Section 2.2.75 [Note\_name-engraver], page 314, Section 2.2.76 [Note-performer], page 315, Section 2.2.83 [Part-combine-engraver], page 317 and Section 2.2.117 [Tab\_note\_heads-engraver], page 327.

### 1.2.41 note-grouping-event

Music event type **note-grouping-event** is in music objects of type Section 1.1.46 [NoteGroupingEvent], page 19.

Accepted by: Section 2.2.53 [Horizontal\_bracket-engraver], page 306.

### 1.2.42 page-break-event

Music event type `page-break-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.49 \[PageBreakEvent\]](#), page 20.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

### 1.2.43 page-turn-event

Music event type `page-turn-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.50 \[PageTurnEvent\]](#), page 20.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

### 1.2.44 part-combine-event

Music event type `part-combine-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.74 \[SoloOneEvent\]](#), page 30, [Section 1.1.75 \[SoloTwoEvent\]](#), page 31 and [Section 1.1.97 \[UnisonoEvent\]](#), page 40.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.83 \[Part\\_combine\\_engraver\]](#), page 317.

### 1.2.45 part-combine-force-event

Music event type `part-combine-force-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.51 \[Part-CombineForceEvent\]](#), page 20.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

### 1.2.46 pedal-event

Music event type `pedal-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.76 \[SostenutoEvent\]](#), page 31, [Section 1.1.82 \[SustainEvent\]](#), page 33 and [Section 1.1.95 \[UnaCordaEvent\]](#), page 39.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

### 1.2.47 percent-event

Music event type `percent-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.54 \[PercentEvent\]](#), page 22.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.84 \[Percent\\_repeat\\_engraver\]](#), page 317.

### 1.2.48 pes-or-flexa-event

Music event type `pes-or-flexa-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.56 \[PesOrFlexaEvent\]](#), page 23.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.132 \[Vaticana\\_ligature\\_engraver\]](#), page 332.

### 1.2.49 phrasing-slur-event

Music event type `phrasing-slur-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.57 \[PhrasingSlurEvent\]](#), page 23.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.85 \[Phrasing\\_slur\\_engraver\]](#), page 318.

### 1.2.50 repeat-slash-event

Music event type `repeat-slash-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.63 \[RepeatSlashEvent\]](#), page 26.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.102 \[Slash\\_repeat\\_engraver\]](#), page 323.

### 1.2.51 repeat-tie-event

Music event type `repeat-tie-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.64 \[RepeatTieEvent\]](#), page 26.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.93 \[Repeat\\_tie\\_engraver\]](#), page 320.

### 1.2.52 rest-event

Music event type **rest-event** is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.66 \[RestEvent\]](#), page 27.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.15 \[Chord\\_name-engraver\]](#), page 293, [Section 2.2.21 \[Completion\\_rest-engraver\]](#), page 296, [Section 2.2.38 \[Figured\\_bass-engraver\]](#), page 301 and [Section 2.2.95 \[Rest-engraver\]](#), page 321.

### 1.2.53 rhythmic-event

Music event type **rhythmic-event** is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.10 \[BassFigureEvent\]](#), page 5, [Section 1.1.16 \[ClusterNoteEvent\]](#), page 7, [Section 1.1.22 \[DoublePercentEvent\]](#), page 10, [Section 1.1.39 \[LyricEvent\]](#), page 16, [Section 1.1.41 \[MultiMeasureRestEvent\]](#), page 17, [Section 1.1.45 \[NoteEvent\]](#), page 18, [Section 1.1.63 \[RepeatSlashEvent\]](#), page 26, [Section 1.1.66 \[RestEvent\]](#), page 27 and [Section 1.1.71 \[SkipEvent\]](#), page 29.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

### 1.2.54 script-event

Music event type **script-event** is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.7 \[ArticulationEvent\]](#), page 4, [Section 1.1.68 \[ScriptEvent\]](#), page 27 and [Section 1.1.84 \[TextScriptEvent\]](#), page 34.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

### 1.2.55 skip-event

Music event type **skip-event** is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.71 \[SkipEvent\]](#), page 29.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

### 1.2.56 slur-event

Music event type **slur-event** is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.73 \[SlurEvent\]](#), page 30.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.103 \[Slur-engraver\]](#), page 323 and [Section 2.2.104 \[Slur-performer\]](#), page 323.

### 1.2.57 solo-one-event

Music event type **solo-one-event** is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.74 \[SoloOneEvent\]](#), page 30.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

### 1.2.58 solo-two-event

Music event type **solo-two-event** is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.75 \[SoloTwoEvent\]](#), page 31.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

### 1.2.59 sostenuto-event

Music event type **sostenuto-event** is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.76 \[SostenutoEvent\]](#), page 31.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.87 \[Piano\\_pedal-engraver\]](#), page 318 and [Section 2.2.88 \[Piano\\_pedal-performer\]](#), page 319.

### 1.2.60 spacing-section-event

Music event type **spacing-section-event** is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.77 \[Spacing-SectionEvent\]](#), page 32.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.105 \[Spacing-engraver\]](#), page 324.

### 1.2.61 span-dynamic-event

Music event type **span-dynamic-event** is in music objects of type Section 1.1.20 [CrescendoEvent], page 9 and Section 1.1.21 [DecrescendoEvent], page 9.

Accepted by: Section 2.2.33 [Dynamic-engraver], page 300 and Section 2.2.71 [New\_dynamic\_engraver], page 312.

### 1.2.62 span-event

Music event type **span-event** is in music objects of type Section 1.1.11 [BeamEvent], page 5, Section 1.1.20 [CrescendoEvent], page 9, Section 1.1.21 [DecrescendoEvent], page 9, Section 1.1.23 [EpisemaEvent], page 10, Section 1.1.36 [LigatureEvent], page 15, Section 1.1.57 [PhrasingSlurEvent], page 23, Section 1.1.73 [SlurEvent], page 30, Section 1.1.76 [SostenutoEvent], page 31, Section 1.1.78 [SpanEvent], page 32, Section 1.1.79 [StaffSpanEvent], page 32, Section 1.1.82 [SustainEvent], page 33, Section 1.1.85 [TextSpanEvent], page 34, Section 1.1.92 [TremoloSpanEvent], page 38, Section 1.1.93 [TrillSpanEvent], page 38, Section 1.1.94 [TupletSpanEvent], page 38 and Section 1.1.95 [UnaCordaEvent], page 39.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

### 1.2.63 staff-span-event

Music event type **staff-span-event** is in music objects of type Section 1.1.79 [StaffSpanEvent], page 32.

Accepted by: Section 2.2.112 [Staff\_symbol\_engraver], page 325.

### 1.2.64 StreamEvent

Music event type **StreamEvent** is in music objects of type Section 1.1.1 [AbsoluteDynamicEvent], page 2, Section 1.1.2 [AlternativeEvent], page 2, Section 1.1.3 [AnnotateOutputEvent], page 2, Section 1.1.5 [ApplyOutputEvent], page 3, Section 1.1.6 [ArpeggioEvent], page 3, Section 1.1.7 [ArticulationEvent], page 4, Section 1.1.10 [BassFigureEvent], page 5, Section 1.1.11 [BeamEvent], page 5, Section 1.1.12 [BeamForbidEvent], page 6, Section 1.1.13 [BendAfterEvent], page 6, Section 1.1.14 [BreakDynamicSpanEvent], page 6, Section 1.1.15 [BreathingEvent], page 7, Section 1.1.16 [ClusterNoteEvent], page 7, Section 1.1.17 [CompleatizeExtenderEvent], page 7, Section 1.1.20 [CrescendoEvent], page 9, Section 1.1.21 [DecrescendoEvent], page 9, Section 1.1.22 [DoublePercentEvent], page 10, Section 1.1.23 [EpisemaEvent], page 10, Section 1.1.26 [ExtenderEvent], page 11, Section 1.1.27 [FingeringEvent], page 12, Section 1.1.28 [FootnoteEvent], page 12, Section 1.1.29 [GlissandoEvent], page 12, Section 1.1.31 [HarmonicEvent], page 13, Section 1.1.32 [HyphenEvent], page 13, Section 1.1.33 [KeyChangeEvent], page 14, Section 1.1.34 [LabelEvent], page 14, Section 1.1.35 [LaissezVibrerEvent], page 14, Section 1.1.36 [LigatureEvent], page 15, Section 1.1.37 [LineBreakEvent], page 15, Section 1.1.39 [LyricEvent], page 16, Section 1.1.40 [MarkEvent], page 16, Section 1.1.41 [MultiMeasureRestEvent], page 17, Section 1.1.43 [MultiMeasureTextEvent], page 17, Section 1.1.45 [NoteEvent], page 18, Section 1.1.46 [NoteGroupingEvent], page 19, Section 1.1.49 [PageBreakEvent], page 20, Section 1.1.50 [PageTurnEvent], page 20, Section 1.1.51 [PartCombineForceEvent], page 20, Section 1.1.54 [PercentEvent], page 22, Section 1.1.56 [PesOrFlexaEvent], page 23, Section 1.1.57 [PhrasingSlurEvent], page 23, Section 1.1.63 [RepeatSlashEvent], page 26, Section 1.1.64 [RepeatTieEvent], page 26, Section 1.1.66 [RestEvent], page 27, Section 1.1.68 [ScriptEvent], page 27, Section 1.1.71 [SkipEvent], page 29, Section 1.1.73 [SlurEvent], page 30, Section 1.1.74 [SoloOneEvent], page 30, Section 1.1.75 [SoloTwoEvent], page 31, Section 1.1.76 [SostenutoEvent], page 31, Section 1.1.77 [SpacingSectionEvent], page 32, Section 1.1.78 [SpanEvent], page 32, Section 1.1.79 [StaffSpanEvent], page 32, Section 1.1.80 [StringNumberEvent], page 33, Section 1.1.81 [StrokeFingerEvent], page 33, Section 1.1.82 [SustainEvent], page 33,



Section 1.1.83 [TempoChangeEvent], page 34, Section 1.1.84 [TextScriptEvent], page 34, Section 1.1.85 [TextSpanEvent], page 34, Section 1.1.86 [TieEvent], page 35, Section 1.1.90 [TremoloEvent], page 37, Section 1.1.92 [TremoloSpanEvent], page 38, Section 1.1.93 [TrillSpanEvent], page 38, Section 1.1.94 [TupletSpanEvent], page 38, Section 1.1.95 [UnaCordaEvent], page 39 and Section 1.1.97 [UnisonoEvent], page 40.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

### 1.2.65 string-number-event

Music event type `string-number-event` is in music objects of type Section 1.1.80 [StringNumberEvent], page 33.

Accepted by: Section 2.2.44 [Fretboard-engraver], page 303 and Section 2.2.117 [Tab\_note\_heads-engraver], page 327.

### 1.2.66 stroke-finger-event

Music event type `stroke-finger-event` is in music objects of type Section 1.1.81 [StrokeFingerEvent], page 33.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

### 1.2.67 sustain-event

Music event type `sustain-event` is in music objects of type Section 1.1.82 [SustainEvent], page 33.

Accepted by: Section 2.2.87 [Piano-pedal-engraver], page 318 and Section 2.2.88 [Piano-pedal-performer], page 319.

### 1.2.68 tempo-change-event

Music event type `tempo-change-event` is in music objects of type Section 1.1.83 [TempoChangeEvent], page 34.

Accepted by: Section 2.2.69 [Metronome-mark-engraver], page 311.

### 1.2.69 text-script-event

Music event type `text-script-event` is in music objects of type Section 1.1.84 [TextScriptEvent], page 34.

Accepted by: Section 2.2.121 [Text-engraver], page 328.

### 1.2.70 text-span-event

Music event type `text-span-event` is in music objects of type Section 1.1.85 [TextSpanEvent], page 34.

Accepted by: Section 2.2.122 [Text-spanner-engraver], page 328.

### 1.2.71 tie-event

Music event type `tie-event` is in music objects of type Section 1.1.86 [TieEvent], page 35.

Accepted by: Section 2.2.123 [Tie-engraver], page 329 and Section 2.2.124 [Tie-performer], page 329.

### 1.2.72 tremolo-event

Music event type `tremolo-event` is in music objects of type Section 1.1.90 [TremoloEvent], page 37.

Accepted by: Section 2.2.115 [Stem-engraver], page 326.

### 1.2.73 tremolo-span-event

Music event type `tremolo-span-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.92 \[TremoloSpanEvent\]](#), page 38.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.16 \[Chord\\_tremolo\\_engraver\]](#), page 294.

### 1.2.74 trill-span-event

Music event type `trill-span-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.93 \[TrillSpanEvent\]](#), page 38.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.129 \[Trill-spanner\\_engraver\]](#), page 331.

### 1.2.75 tuplet-span-event

Music event type `tuplet-span-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.94 \[TupletSpanEvent\]](#), page 38.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.115 \[Stem-engraver\]](#), page 326 and [Section 2.2.130 \[Tuplet\\_engraver\]](#), page 331.

### 1.2.76 una-corda-event

Music event type `una-corda-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.95 \[UnaCordaEvent\]](#), page 39.

Accepted by: [Section 2.2.87 \[Piano-pedal-engraver\]](#), page 318 and [Section 2.2.88 \[Piano-pedal-performer\]](#), page 319.

### 1.2.77 unisono-event

Music event type `unisono-event` is in music objects of type [Section 1.1.97 \[UnisonoEvent\]](#), page 40.

Not accepted by any engraver or performer.

## 1.3 Music properties

`absolute-octave` (integer)

The absolute octave for a octave check note.

`alteration` (number)

Alteration for figured bass.

`alternative-dir` (direction)

Indicates if an `AlternativeMusic` is the First (-1), Middle (0), or Last (1) of group of alternate endings.

`alternative-increment` (integer)

The number of times an alternative's lettering should be incremented.

`articulation-type` (string)

Key for script definitions alist.

TODO: Consider making type into symbol.

`articulations` (list of music objects)

Articulation events specifically for this note.

`associated-context` (string)

Name of the Voice context associated with this `\lyricsto` section.

`augmented` (boolean)

This figure is for an augmented figured bass (with + sign).



- augmented-slash** (boolean)  
This figure is for an augmented figured bass (back-slashed number).
- automatically-numbered** (boolean)  
Should a footnote be automatically numbered?
- autosplit-end** (boolean)  
Duration of event was truncated by automatic splitting in `Completion_heads_engraver`.
- bass** (boolean)  
Set if this note is a bass note in a chord.
- beat-structure** (list)  
A `beatStructure` to be used in autobeaming.
- bracket-start** (boolean)  
Start a bracket here.  
TODO: Use `SpanEvents`?
- bracket-stop** (boolean)  
Stop a bracket here.
- break-penalty** (number)  
Penalty for line break hint.
- break-permission** (symbol)  
Whether to allow, forbid or force a line break.
- cautionary** (boolean)  
If set, this alteration needs a cautionary accidental.
- change-to-id** (string)  
Name of the context to change to.
- change-to-type** (symbol)  
Type of the context to change to.
- class** (symbol)  
The class name of an event class.
- compress-procedure** (procedure)  
Compress this music expression. Arg 1: the music, arg 2: factor.
- context** (context)  
The context to which an event is sent.
- context-id** (string)  
Name of context.
- context-type** (symbol)  
Type of context.
- create-new** (boolean)  
Create a fresh context.
- delta-step** (number)  
How much should a fall change pitch?
- denominator** (integer)  
Denominator in a time signature.

- descend-only** (boolean)  
If set, this `\context` only descends in the context tree.
- digit** (integer)  
Digit for fingering.
- diminished** (boolean)  
This bass figure should be slashed.
- direction** (direction)  
Print this up or down?
- drum-type** (symbol)  
Which percussion instrument to play this note on.
- duration** (duration)  
Duration of this note or lyric.
- element** (music)  
The single child of a `Music-wrapper` music object, or the body of a repeat.
- elements** (list of music objects)  
A list of elements for sequential or simultaneous music, or the alternatives of repeated music.
- elements-callback** (procedure)  
Return a list of children, for use by a sequential iterator. Takes a single music parameter.
- error-found** (boolean)  
If true, a parsing error was found in this expression.
- events** (list)  
A list of events contained in this event.
- figure** (integer)  
A bass figure.
- footnote-text** (markup)  
Text to appear in a footnote.
- force-accidental** (boolean)  
If set, a cautionary accidental should always be printed on this note.
- forced-type** (symbol)  
Override for the part-combiner.
- grob-property** (symbol)  
The symbol of the grob property to set.
- grob-property-path** (list)  
A list of symbols, locating a nested grob property, e.g., (`beamed-lengths details`).
- grob-value** (any type)  
The value of the grob property to set.
- id** (symbol)  
The ID of an event.
- input-tag** (any type)  
Arbitrary marker to relate input and output.
- inversion** (boolean)  
If set, this chord note is inverted.

`iterator-ctor` (procedure)

Function to construct a `music-event-iterator` object for this music.

`label` (markup)

Label of a mark.

`last-pitch` (pitch)

The last pitch after relativization.

`length` (moment)

The duration of this music.

`length-callback` (procedure)

How to compute the duration of this music. This property can only be defined as initializer in `'scm/define-music-types.scm'`.

`line-break-permission` (symbol)

When the music is at top-level, whether to allow, forbid or force a line break.

`metronome-count` (number or pair)

How many beats in a minute?

`moment` (moment)

The moment at which an event happens.

`music-cause` (music)

The music object that is the cause of an event.

`name` (symbol)

Name of this music object.

`no-continuation` (boolean)

If set, disallow continuation lines.

`numerator` (integer)

Numerator of a time signature.

`octavation` (integer)

This pitch was octavated by how many octaves? For chord inversions, this is negative.

`once` (boolean)

Apply this operation only during one time step?

`ops` (any type)

The operations to apply during the creation of a context.

`origin` (input location)

Where was this piece of music defined?

`original-chord` (music)

Original chord of a repeated chord. Used by repeated chords in `\relative` mode, to determine the first note octave

`ottava-number` (integer)

The octavation for `\ottava`.

`page-break-permission` (symbol)

When the music is at top-level, whether to allow, forbid or force a page break.

`page-label` (symbol)

The label of a page marker.

`page-marker` (boolean)

If true, and the music expression is found at top-level, a page marker object is instantiated instead of a score.

`page-turn-permission` (symbol)

When the music is at top-level, whether to allow, forbid or force a page turn.

`parenthesize` (boolean)

Enclose resulting objects in parentheses?

`part-combine-status` (symbol)

Change to what kind of state? Options are `solo1`, `solo2` and `unisono`.

`partial-duration` (duration)

The length of a partial measure as a duration.

`pitch` (pitch)

The pitch of this note.

`pitch-alist` (list)

A list of pitches jointly forming the scale of a key signature.

`pop-first` (boolean)

Do a revert before we try to do an override on some grob property.

`prob-property` (symbol)

The symbol of the prob property to set.

`procedure` (procedure)

The function to run with `\applycontext`. It must take a single argument, being the context.

`property-operations` (list)

Do these operations for instantiating the context.

`property-path` (symbol)

The path of a property.

`quoted-context-id` (string)

The ID of the context to direct quotes to, e.g., `cue`.

`quoted-context-type` (symbol)

The name of the context to direct quotes to, e.g., `Voice`.

`quoted-events` (vector)

A vector of with `moment` and `event-list` entries.

`quoted-music-clef` (string)

The clef of the voice to quote.

`quoted-music-name` (string)

The name of the voice to quote.

`quoted-transposition` (pitch)

The pitch used for the quote, overriding `\transposition`.

`quoted-voice-direction` (direction)

Should the quoted voice be up-stem or down-stem?

`repeat-count` (integer)

Do a `\repeat` how often?

- slash-count** (integer)  
The number of slashes in a single-beat repeat. If zero, signals a beat containing varying durations.
- span-direction** (direction)  
Does this start or stop a spanner?
- span-text** (markup)  
The displayed text for dynamic text spanners (e.g., *cresc.*)
- span-type** (symbol)  
What kind of dynamic spanner should be created? Options are `'text` and `'hairpin`.
- spanner-id** (string)  
Identifier to distinguish concurrent spanners.
- split-list** (list)  
Splitting moments for part combiner.
- start-callback** (procedure)  
Function to compute the negative length of starting grace notes. This property can only be defined as initializer in `'scm/define-music-types.scm`.
- string-number** (integer)  
The number of the string in a `StringNumberEvent`.
- symbol** (symbol)  
Grob name to perform an override or revert on.
- tags** (list)  
List of symbols that for denoting extra details, e.g., `\tag #'part ...` could tag a piece of music as only being active in a part.
- tempo-unit** (duration)  
The unit for the metronome count.
- text** (markup)  
Markup expression to be printed.
- to-relative-callback** (procedure)  
How to transform a piece of music to relative pitches.
- tonic** (pitch)  
Base of the scale.
- tremolo-type** (integer)  
Speed of tremolo, e.g., 16 for `c4:16`.
- trill-pitch** (pitch)  
Pitch of other note of the trill.
- tweaks** (list)  
An alist of properties to override in the backend for the grob made of this event.
- type** (symbol)  
The type of this music object. Determines iteration in some cases.
- types** (list)  
The types of this music object; determines by what engraver this music expression is processed.
- untransposable** (boolean)  
If set, this music is not transposed.

**value** (any type)

Assignment value for a translation property.

**void** (boolean)

If this property is **#t**, then the music expression is to be discarded by the toplevel music handler.

**volta-repeats** (list)

A list that is transformed into a volta repeat element list.

**what** (symbol)

What to change for auto-change.

FIXME: Naming.

**X-offset** (number)

Offset of resulting grob; only used for balloon texts.

**Y-offset** (number)

Offset of resulting grob; only used for balloon texts.

## 2 Translation

### 2.1 Contexts

#### 2.1.1 ChoirStaff

Identical to **StaffGroup** except that the contained staves are not connected vertically.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.52 [InstrumentName], page 391, Section 3.1.113 [SystemStartBar], page 442, Section 3.1.114 [SystemStartBrace], page 442, Section 3.1.115 [SystemStartBracket], page 443, Section 3.1.116 [SystemStartSquare], page 444 and Section 3.1.132 [VerticalAlignment], page 460.

This context sets the following properties:

- Set translator property `instrumentName` to `'()`.
- Set translator property `shortInstrumentName` to `'()`.
- Set translator property `shortVocalName` to `'()`.
- Set translator property `systemStartDelimiter` to `'SystemStartBracket`.
- Set translator property `topLevelAlignment` to `#f`.
- Set translator property `vocalName` to `'()`.

Context **ChoirStaff** can contain Section 2.1.1 [ChoirStaff], page 58, Section 2.1.2 [ChordNames], page 59, Section 2.1.5 [DrumStaff], page 74, Section 2.1.8 [FiguredBass], page 95, Section 2.1.11 [GrandStaff], page 101, Section 2.1.16 [Lyrics], page 149, Section 2.1.22 [PianoStaff], page 200, Section 2.1.23 [RhythmicStaff], page 202, Section 2.1.25 [Staff], page 219 and Section 2.1.26 [StaffGroup], page 229.

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

Section 2.2.55 [Instrument\_name\_engraver], page 307

Create a system start text for instrument or vocal names.

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`instrumentName` (markup)

The name to print left of a staff. The `instrumentName` property labels the staff in the first system, and the `shortInstrumentName` property labels following lines.

`shortInstrumentName` (markup)

See `instrumentName`.

`shortVocalName` (markup)

Name of a vocal line, short version.

`vocalName` (markup)

Name of a vocal line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.52 [InstrumentName], page 391.

**Section 2.2.116 [System\_start\_delimiter\_engraver], page 326**

Create a system start delimiter (i.e., a `SystemStartBar`, `SystemStartBrace`, `SystemStartBracket` or `SystemStartSquare` spanner).

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`systemStartDelimiter` (symbol)

Which grob to make for the start of the system/staff? Set to `SystemStartBrace`, `SystemStartBracket` or `SystemStartBar`.

`systemStartDelimiterHierarchy` (pair)

A nested list, indicating the nesting of a start delimiters.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.113 [SystemStartBar], page 442, Section 3.1.114 [SystemStartBrace], page 442, Section 3.1.115 [SystemStartBracket], page 443 and Section 3.1.116 [SystemStartSquare], page 444.

**Section 2.2.133 [Vertical\_align\_engraver], page 332**

Catch groups (staves, lyrics lines, etc.) and stack them vertically.

Properties (read)

`alignAboveContext` (string)

Where to insert newly created context in vertical alignment.

`alignBelowContext` (string)

Where to insert newly created context in vertical alignment.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.132 [VerticalAlignment], page 460.

**2.1.2 ChordNames**

Typesets chord names.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.24 [ChordName], page 364, Section 3.1.102 [StaffSpacing], page 433 and Section 3.1.133 [VerticalAxisGroup], page 461.

This context sets the following properties:

- Set grob-property `nonstaff-nonstaff-spacing` padding in Section 3.1.133 [VerticalAxisGroup], page 461 to 0.5.
- Set grob-property `nonstaff-relatedstaff-spacing` padding in Section 3.1.133 [VerticalAxisGroup], page 461 to 0.5.
- Set grob-property `remove-empty` in Section 3.1.133 [VerticalAxisGroup], page 461 to `#t`.
- Set grob-property `remove-first` in Section 3.1.133 [VerticalAxisGroup], page 461 to `#t`.
- Set grob-property `staff-affinity` in Section 3.1.133 [VerticalAxisGroup], page 461 to -1.



This context is a ‘bottom’ context; it cannot contain other contexts.

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

**Section 2.2.15 [Chord\_name\_engraver], page 293**

Catch note and rest events and generate the appropriate chordname.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.40 [note-event], page 46 and Section 1.2.52 [rest-event], page 48

Properties (read)

**chordChanges** (boolean)

Only show changes in chords scheme?

**chordNameExceptions** (list)

An alist of chord exceptions. Contains (*chord* . *markup*) entries.

**chordNameExceptions** (list)

An alist of chord exceptions. Contains (*chord* . *markup*) entries.

**chordNameFunction** (procedure)

The function that converts lists of pitches to chord names.

**chordNoteNamer** (procedure)

A function that converts from a pitch object to a text markup. Used for single pitches.

**chordRootNamer** (procedure)

A function that converts from a pitch object to a text markup. Used for chords.

**majorSevenSymbol** (markup)

How should the major 7th be formatted in a chord name?

**noChordSymbol** (markup)

Markup to be displayed for rests in a Chord-Names context.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.24 [ChordName], page 364.

**Section 2.2.52 [Hara\_kiri\_engraver], page 306**

Like **Axis\_group\_engraver**, but make a hara-kiri spanner, and add interesting items (i.e., note heads, lyric syllables, and normal rests).

Properties (read)

**keepAliveInterfaces** (list)

A list of symbols, signifying grob interfaces that are worth keeping a staff with **remove-empty** set around for.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.133 [VerticalAxisGroup], page 461.

**Section 2.2.79 [Output\_property\_engraver], page 315**

Apply a procedure to any grob acknowledged.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.4 [apply-output-event], page 42

**Section 2.2.101 [Separating\_line\_group\_engraver], page 322**

Generate objects for computing spacing parameters.

Properties (read)

**createSpacing** (boolean)

Create **StaffSpacing** objects? Should be set for staves.

Properties (write)

**hasStaffSpacing** (boolean)

True if the current **CommandColumn** contains items that will affect spacing.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.102 [StaffSpacing], page 433.

**2.1.3 CueVoice**

Corresponds to a voice on a staff. This context handles the conversion of dynamic signs, stems, beams, super- and subscripts, slurs, ties, and rests.

You have to instantiate this explicitly if you want to have multiple voices on the same staff.

This context also accepts commands for the following context(s):

Voice.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.9 [Arpeggio], page 352, Section 3.1.19 [Beam], page 360, Section 3.1.20 [BendAfter], page 361, Section 3.1.23 [BreathingSign], page 363, Section 3.1.26 [ClusterSpanner], page 366, Section 3.1.27 [ClusterSpannerBeacon], page 367, Section 3.1.28 [CombineTextScript], page 367, Section 3.1.33 [Dots], page 373, Section 3.1.34 [DoublePercentRepeat], page 373, Section 3.1.35 [DoublePercentRepeatCounter], page 374, Section 3.1.36 [DoubleRepeatSlash], page 376, Section 3.1.37 [DynamicLineSpanner], page 376, Section 3.1.38 [DynamicText], page 377, Section 3.1.39 [DynamicTextSpanner], page 379, Section 3.1.41 [Fingering], page 381, Section 3.1.46 [Glissando], page 387, Section 3.1.50 [Hairpin], page 389, Section 3.1.53 [InstrumentSwitch], page 392, Section 3.1.56 [LaissezVibrerTie], page 396, Section 3.1.57 [LaissezVibrerTieColumn], page 397, Section 3.1.60 [LigatureBracket], page 398, Section 3.1.69 [MultiMeasureRest], page 405, Section 3.1.70 [MultiMeasureRestNumber], page 406, Section 3.1.71 [MultiMeasureRestText], page 408, Section 3.1.74 [NoteColumn], page 410, Section 3.1.75 [NoteHead], page 411, Section 3.1.77 [NoteSpacing], page 412, Section 3.1.82 [PercentRepeat], page 416, Section 3.1.83 [PercentRepeatCounter], page 417, Section 3.1.84 [PhrasingSlur], page 418, Section 3.1.87 [RepeatSlash], page 422, Section 3.1.88 [RepeatTie], page 422, Section 3.1.89 [RepeatTieColumn], page 423, Section 3.1.90 [Rest], page 424, Section 3.1.92 [Script], page 424, Section 3.1.93 [ScriptColumn], page 425, Section 3.1.95 [Slur], page 426, Section 3.1.105 [Stem], page 434, Section 3.1.107 [StemTremolo], page 436, Section 3.1.108 [StringNumber], page 437, Section 3.1.109 [StrokeFinger], page 438, Section 3.1.118 [TextScript], page 446, Section 3.1.119 [TextSpanner], page 448, Section 3.1.120 [Tie], page 449, Section 3.1.121 [TieColumn], page 450, Section 3.1.123 [TrillPitchAccidental], page 452, Section 3.1.124 [TrillPitchGroup], page 453, Section 3.1.125 [TrillPitchHead], page 454, Section 3.1.126 [TrillSpanner], page 454, Section 3.1.127 [TupletBracket], page 456, Section 3.1.128 [TupletNumber], page 457 and Section 3.1.134 [VoiceFollower], page 462.

This context sets the following properties:

- Set grob-property `beam-thickness` in [Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\]](#), page 360 to 0.35.
- Set grob-property `length-fraction` in [Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\]](#), page 360 to 0.629960524947437.
- Set grob-property `length-fraction` in [Section 3.1.105 \[Stem\]](#), page 434 to 0.629960524947437.
- Set translator property `fontSize` to -4.

This context is a ‘bottom’ context; it cannot contain other contexts.

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

[Section 2.2.3 \[Arpeggio\\_engraver\]](#), page 289

Generate an Arpeggio symbol.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.5 \[arpeggio-event\]](#), page 42

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.9 \[Arpeggio\]](#), page 352.

[Section 2.2.4 \[Auto\\_beam\\_engraver\]](#), page 289

Generate beams based on measure characteristics and observed Stems. Uses `baseMoment`, `beatStructure`, `beamExceptions`, `measureLength`, and `measurePosition` to decide when to start and stop a beam. Overriding beaming is done through [Section 2.2.115 \[Stem\\_engraver\]](#), page 326 properties `stemLeftBeamCount` and `stemRightBeamCount`.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.9 \[beam-forbid-event\]](#), page 42

Properties (read)

`autoBeaming` (boolean)

If set to true then beams are generated automatically.

`baseMoment` (moment)

Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

`beamExceptions` (list)

An alist of exceptions to autobeam rules that normally end on beats.

`beamHalfMeasure` (boolean)

Whether to allow a beam to begin halfway through the measure in triple time, which could look like 6/8.

`beatStructure` (list)

List of `baseMoments` that are combined to make beats.

`subdivideBeams` (boolean)

If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at `baseMoment` positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\]](#), page 360.

**Section 2.2.10 [Beam\_engraver]**, page 292

Handle **Beam** events by engraving beams. If omitted, then notes are printed with flags instead of beams.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.8 \[beam-event\]](#), page 42

Properties (read)

**baseMoment** (moment)

Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

**beamMelismaBusy** (boolean)

Signal if a beam is present.

**beatStructure** (list)

List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.

**subdivideBeams** (boolean)

If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

Properties (write)

**forbidBreak** (boolean)

If set to **#t**, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\]](#), page 360.

**Section 2.2.12 [Bend\_engraver]**, page 293

Create fall spanners.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.10 \[bend-after-event\]](#), page 43

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.20 \[BendAfter\]](#), page 361.

**Section 2.2.14 [Breathing\_sign\_engraver]**, page 293

Create a breathing sign.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.14 \[breathing-event\]](#), page 43

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.23 \[BreathingSign\]](#), page 363.

**Section 2.2.16 [Chord\_tremolo\_engraver]**, page 294

Generate beams for tremolo repeats.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.73 \[tremolo-span-event\]](#), page 51

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\]](#), page 360.

**Section 2.2.18 [Cluster\_spanner\_engraver], page 295**

Engrave a cluster using **Spanner** notation.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.15 \[cluster-note-event\]](#), page 43

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.26 \[ClusterSpanner\]](#), page 366 and [Section 3.1.27 \[ClusterSpannerBeacon\]](#), page 367.

**Section 2.2.28 [Dots\_engraver], page 298**

Create [Section 3.1.33 \[Dots\]](#), page 373 objects for [Section 3.2.89 \[rhythmic-head-interface\]](#), page 510s.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.33 \[Dots\]](#), page 373.

**Section 2.2.29 [Double\_percent\_repeat\_engraver], page 298**

Make double measure repeats.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.19 \[double-percent-event\]](#), page 43

Properties (read)

**countPercentRepeats** (boolean)

If set, produce counters for percent repeats.

**measureLength** (moment)

Length of one measure in the current time signature.

**repeatCountVisibility** (procedure)

A procedure taking as arguments an integer and context, returning whether the corresponding percent repeat number should be printed when **countPercentRepeats** is set.

Properties (write)

**forbidBreak** (boolean)

If set to **#t**, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.34 \[DoublePercentRepeat\]](#), page 373 and [Section 3.1.35 \[DoublePercentRepeatCounter\]](#), page 374.

**Section 2.2.32 [Dynamic\_align\_engraver], page 299**

Align hairpins and dynamic texts on a horizontal line.

Properties (read)

**currentMusicalColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.37 \[DynamicLineSpanner\]](#), page 376.

**Section 2.2.40 [Fingering\_engraver], page 302**

Create fingering scripts.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.23 \[fingering-event\], page 44](#)

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.41 \[Fingering\], page 381.](#)

**Section 2.2.41 [Font\_size\_engraver], page 302**

Put `fontSize` into `font-size` grob property.

Properties (read)

`fontSize` (number)

The relative size of all grobs in a context.

**Section 2.2.43 [Forbid\_line\_break\_engraver], page 303**

Forbid line breaks when note heads are still playing at some point.

Properties (read)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

`forbidBreak` (boolean)

If set to `#t`, prevent a line break at this point.

**Section 2.2.45 [Glissando\_engraver], page 304**

Engrave glissandi.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.25 \[glissando-event\], page 44](#)

Properties (read)

`glissandoMap` (list)

A map in the form of '((source1 . target1) (source2 . target2) (sourcen . targetn))' showing the glissandi to be drawn for note columns. The value '()' will default to '((0 . 0) (1 . 1) (n . n))', where n is the minimal number of note-heads in the two note columns between which the glissandi occur.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.46 \[Glissando\], page 387.](#)

**Section 2.2.46 [Grace\_beam\_engraver], page 304**

Handle `Beam` events by engraving beams. If omitted, then notes are printed with flags instead of beams. Only engraves beams when we are at grace points in time.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.8 \[beam-event\], page 42](#)

Properties (read)

`baseMoment` (moment)

Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

**beamMelismaBusy** (boolean)

Signal if a beam is present.

**beatStructure** (list)

List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.

**subdivideBeams** (boolean)

If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\]](#), page 360.

**Section 2.2.47 [Grace\_engraver]**, page 305

Set font size and other properties for grace notes.

Properties (read)

**graceSettings** (list)

Overrides for grace notes. This property should be manipulated through the **add-grace-property** function.

**Section 2.2.51 [Grob\_pq\_engraver]**, page 306

Administrate when certain grobs (e.g., note heads) stop playing.

Properties (read)

**busyGrobs** (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

**busyGrobs** (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

**Section 2.2.56 [Instrument\_switch\_engraver]**, page 307

Create a cue text for taking instrument.

Properties (read)

**instrumentCueName** (markup)

The name to print if another instrument is to be taken.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.53 \[InstrumentSwitch\]](#), page 392.

**Section 2.2.60 [Laissez\_vibrer\_engraver]**, page 309

Create laissez vibrer items.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.30 \[laissez-vibrer-event\]](#), page 45

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.56 [LaissezVibrerTie], page 396 and Section 3.1.57 [LaissezVibrerTieColumn], page 397.

**Section 2.2.62 [Ligature\_bracket\_engraver], page 309**

Handle `Ligature_events` by engraving `Ligature` brackets.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.32 [ligature-event], page 45

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.60 [LigatureBracket], page 398.

**Section 2.2.70 [Multi\_measure\_rest\_engraver], page 312**

Engrave multi-measure rests that are produced with ‘R’. It reads `measurePosition` and `internalBarNumber` to determine what number to print over the Section 3.1.69 [MultiMeasureRest], page 405.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.37 [multi-measure-rest-event], page 45 and Section 1.2.38 [multi-measure-text-event], page 45

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`internalBarNumber` (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is used for internal timekeeping, among others by the `Accidental_engraver`.

`measurePosition` (moment)

How much of the current measure have we had. This can be set manually to create incomplete measures.

`restNumberThreshold` (number)

If a multimeasure rest has more measures than this, a number is printed.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.69 [MultiMeasureRest], page 405, Section 3.1.70 [MultiMeasureRestNumber], page 406 and Section 3.1.71 [MultiMeasureRestText], page 408.

**Section 2.2.71 [New\_dynamic\_engraver], page 312**

Create hairpins, dynamic texts and dynamic text spanners.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.1 [absolute-dynamic-event], page 42, Section 1.2.13 [break-span-event], page 43 and Section 1.2.61 [span-dynamic-event], page 49

Properties (read)

`crescendoSpanner` (symbol)

The type of spanner to be used for crescendi. Available values are ‘hairpin’ and ‘text’. If unset, a hairpin crescendo is used.



**crescendoText** (markup)

The text to print at start of non-hairpin crescendo, i.e., ‘**cresc.**’.

**currentMusicalColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

**decrescendoSpanner** (symbol)

The type of spanner to be used for decrescendi. Available values are ‘**hairpin**’ and ‘**text**’. If unset, a hairpin decrescendo is used.

**decrescendoText** (markup)

The text to print at start of non-hairpin decrescendo, i.e., ‘**dim.**’.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.38 [DynamicText], page 377, Section 3.1.39 [DynamicTextSpanner], page 379 and Section 3.1.50 [Hairpin], page 389.

#### Section 2.2.72 [New\_fingering\_engraver], page 313

Create fingering scripts for notes in a new chord. This engraver is ill-named, since it also takes care of articulations and harmonic note heads.

Properties (read)

**fingeringOrientations** (list)

A list of symbols, containing ‘**left**’, ‘**right**’, ‘**up**’ and/or ‘**down**’. This list determines where fingerings are put relative to the chord being fingered.

**harmonicDots** (boolean)

If set, harmonic notes in dotted chords get dots.

**stringNumberOrientations** (list)

See **fingeringOrientations**.

**strokeFingerOrientations** (list)

See **fingeringOrientations**.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.41 [Fingering], page 381, Section 3.1.92 [Script], page 424, Section 3.1.108 [StringNumber], page 437 and Section 3.1.109 [StrokeFinger], page 438.

#### Section 2.2.73 [Note\_head\_line\_engraver], page 314

Engrave a line between two note heads, for example a glissando. If **followVoice** is set, staff switches also generate a line.

Properties (read)

**followVoice** (boolean)

If set, note heads are tracked across staff switches by a thin line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.46 [Glissando], page 387 and Section 3.1.134 [VoiceFollower], page 462.

**Section 2.2.74 [Note\_heads\_engraver], page 314**

Generate note heads.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.40 [note-event], page 46

Properties (read)

`middleCPosition` (number)

The place of the middle C, measured in half staff-spaces. Usually determined by looking at `middleCClefPosition` and `middleCOffset`.

`staffLineLayoutFunction` (procedure)

Layout of staff lines, `traditional`, or `semitone`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.75 [NoteHead], page 411.

**Section 2.2.77 [Note\_spacing\_engraver], page 315**

Generate `NoteSpacing`, an object linking horizontal lines for use in spacing.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.77 [NoteSpacing], page 412.

**Section 2.2.79 [Output\_property\_engraver], page 315**

Apply a procedure to any grob acknowledged.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.4 [apply-output-event], page 42

**Section 2.2.83 [Part\_combine\_engraver], page 317**

Part combine engraver for orchestral scores: Print markings ‘a2’, ‘Solo’, ‘Solo II’, and ‘unisono’.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.40 [note-event], page 46 and Section 1.2.44 [part-combine-event], page 47

Properties (read)

`aDueText` (markup)

Text to print at a unisono passage.

`partCombineTextsOnNote` (boolean)

Print part-combine texts only on the next note rather than immediately on rests or skips.

`printPartCombineTexts` (boolean)

Set ‘Solo’ and ‘A due’ texts in the part combiner?

`soloIIText` (markup)

The text for the start of a solo for voice ‘two’ when part-combining.

**soloText** (markup)

The text for the start of a solo when part-combining.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.28 [CombineTextScript], page 367.

**Section 2.2.84 [Percent\_repeat\_engraver], page 317**

Make whole measure repeats.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.47 [percent-event], page 47

Properties (read)

**countPercentRepeats** (boolean)

If set, produce counters for percent repeats.

**currentCommandColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

**repeatCountVisibility** (procedure)

A procedure taking as arguments an integer and context, returning whether the corresponding percent repeat number should be printed when **countPercentRepeats** is set.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.82 [PercentRepeat], page 416 and Section 3.1.83 [PercentRepeatCounter], page 417.

**Section 2.2.85 [Phrasing\_slur\_engraver], page 318**

Print phrasing slurs. Similar to Section 2.2.103 [Slur\_engraver], page 323.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.49 [phrasing-slur-event], page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.84 [PhrasingSlur], page 418.

**Section 2.2.90 [Pitched\_trill\_engraver], page 319**

Print the bracketed note head after a note head with trill.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.123 [TrillPitchAccidental], page 452, Section 3.1.124 [TrillPitchGroup], page 453 and Section 3.1.125 [TrillPitchHead], page 454.

**Section 2.2.93 [Repeat\_tie\_engraver], page 320**

Create repeat ties.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.51 [repeat-tie-event], page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.88 [RepeatTie], page 422 and Section 3.1.89 [RepeatTieColumn], page 423.

**Section 2.2.95 [Rest\_engraver], page 321**

Engrave rests.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.52 \[rest-event\], page 48](#)

Properties (read)

`middleCPosition` (number)

The place of the middle C, measured in half staff-spaces. Usually determined by looking at `middleCClefPosition` and `middleCOffset`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.90 \[Rest\], page 424.](#)

**Section 2.2.96 [Rhythmic\_column\_engraver], page 321**

Generate `NoteColumn`, an object that groups stems, note heads, and rests.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.74 \[NoteColumn\], page 410.](#)

**Section 2.2.98 [Script\_column\_engraver], page 322**

Find potentially colliding scripts and put them into a `ScriptColumn` object; that will fix the collisions.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.93 \[ScriptColumn\], page 425.](#)

**Section 2.2.99 [Script\_engraver], page 322**

Handle note scripted articulations.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.6 \[articulation-event\], page 42](#)

Properties (read)

`scriptDefinitions` (list)

The description of scripts. This is used by the `Script_engraver` for typesetting note-superscripts and subscripts. See '`scm/script.scm`' for more information.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.92 \[Script\], page 424.](#)

**Section 2.2.102 [Slash\_repeat\_engraver], page 323**

Make beat repeats.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.50 \[repeat-slash-event\], page 47](#)

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.36 \[DoubleRepeatSlash\], page 376](#) and [Section 3.1.87 \[RepeatSlash\], page 422.](#)

**Section 2.2.103 [Slur\_engraver], page 323**

Build slur grobs from slur events.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.56 \[slur-event\], page 48](#)

Properties (read)

`doubleSlurs` (boolean)

If set, two slurs are created for every slurred note, one above and one below the chord.

`slurMelismaBusy` (boolean)

Signal if a slur is present.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.95 [Slur], page 426.

Section 2.2.109 [Spanner\_break\_forbid\_engraver], page 325

Forbid breaks in certain spanners.

Section 2.2.115 [Stem\_engraver], page 326

Create stems and single-stem tremolos. It also works together with the beam engraver for overriding beaming.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.72 [tremolo-event], page 50 and Section 1.2.75 [tuplet-span-event], page 51

Properties (read)

`stemLeftBeamCount` (integer)

Specify the number of beams to draw on the left side of the next note. Overrides automatic beaming. The value is only used once, and then it is erased.

`stemRightBeamCount` (integer)

See `stemLeftBeamCount`.

`tremoloFlags` (integer)

The number of tremolo flags to add if no number is specified.

`whichBar` (string)

This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.

Example:

```
\set Staff.whichBar = "|:"
```

This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in Section “bar-line-interface” in *Internals Reference*.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.105 [Stem], page 434 and Section 3.1.107 [StemTremolo], page 436.

Section 2.2.121 [Text\_engraver], page 328

Create text scripts.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.69 [text-script-event], page 50

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.118 [TextScript], page 446.

**Section 2.2.122 [Text\_spanner\_engraver], page 328**

Create text spanner from an event.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.70 \[text-span-event\], page 50](#)

Properties (read)

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.119 \[TextSpanner\], page 448.](#)

**Section 2.2.123 [Tie\_engraver], page 329**

Generate ties between note heads of equal pitch.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.71 \[tie-event\], page 50](#)

Properties (read)

`tieWaitForNote` (boolean)

If true, tied notes do not have to follow each other directly. This can be used for writing out arpeggios.

Properties (write)

`tieMelismaBusy` (boolean)

Signal whether a tie is present.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.120 \[Tie\], page 449](#) and [Section 3.1.121 \[TieColumn\], page 450.](#)

**Section 2.2.129 [Trill\_spanner\_engraver], page 331**

Create trill spanner from an event.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.74 \[trill-span-event\], page 51](#)

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.126 \[TrillSpanner\], page 454.](#)

**Section 2.2.130 [Tuplet\_engraver], page 331**

Catch tuplet events and generate appropriate bracket.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.75 \[tuplet-span-event\]](#), page 51

Properties (read)

`tupletFullLength` (boolean)

If set, the tuplet is printed up to the start of the next note.

`tupletFullLengthNote` (boolean)

If set, end at the next note, otherwise end on the matter (time signatures, etc.) before the note.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.127 \[TupletBracket\]](#), page 456 and [Section 3.1.128 \[Tuplet-Number\]](#), page 457.

[Section 2.2.131 \[Tweak\\_engraver\]](#), page 332

Read the `tweaks` property from the originating event, and set properties.

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Silently discards all musical information given to this context.

This context also accepts commands for the following context(s):

Staff and Voice.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

none.

This context is a ‘bottom’ context; it cannot contain other contexts.

## 2.1.5 DrumStaff

Handles typesetting for percussion.

This context also accepts commands for the following context(s):

Staff.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.11 \[BarLine\]](#), page 354, [Section 3.1.13 \[BassFigure\]](#), page 357, [Section 3.1.14 \[BassFigureAlignment\]](#), page 357, [Section 3.1.15 \[BassFigureAlignmentPositioning\]](#), page 358, [Section 3.1.16 \[BassFigureBracket\]](#), page 359, [Section 3.1.17 \[BassFigureContinuation\]](#), page 359, [Section 3.1.18 \[BassFigureLine\]](#), page 359, [Section 3.1.25 \[Clef\]](#), page 365, [Section 3.1.29 \[CueClef\]](#), page 368, [Section 3.1.30 \[CueEndClef\]](#), page 370, [Section 3.1.32 \[DotColumn\]](#), page 372, [Section 3.1.43 \[FootnoteItem\]](#), page 383, [Section 3.1.44 \[FootnoteSpanner\]](#), page 384, [Section 3.1.52 \[InstrumentName\]](#), page 391, [Section 3.1.58 \[LedgerLineSpanner\]](#), page 397, [Section 3.1.73 \[NoteCollision\]](#), page 410, [Section 3.1.78 \[OctavateEight\]](#), page 412, [Section 3.1.91 \[RestCollision\]](#), page 424, [Section 3.1.94 \[ScriptRow\]](#), page 426, [Section 3.1.97 \[SostenutoPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 428, [Section 3.1.102 \[StaffSpacing\]](#), page 433, [Section 3.1.103 \[StaffSymbol\]](#), page 433, [Section 3.1.111 \[SustainPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 440, [Section 3.1.122 \[TimeSignature\]](#), page 451, [Section 3.1.130 \[UnaCordaPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 459 and [Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\]](#), page 461.

This context sets the following properties:

- Set grob-property `staff-padding` in [Section 3.1.92 \[Script\]](#), page 424 to 0.75.
- Set translator property `clefGlyph` to `"clefs.percussion"`.
- Set translator property `clefPosition` to 0.
- Set translator property `createSpacing` to `#t`.

- Set translator property `ignoreFiguredBassRest` to `#f`.
- Set translator property `instrumentName` to `'()`.
- Set translator property `localKeySignature` to `'()`.
- Set translator property `shortInstrumentName` to `'()`.

Context `DrumStaff` can contain [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\], page 61](#) and [Section 2.1.6 \[DrumVoice\], page 80](#).

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

**[Section 2.2.5 \[Axis\\_group\\_engraver\], page 290](#)**

Group all objects created in this context in a `VerticalAxisGroup` spanner.

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\], page 461](#).

**[Section 2.2.7 \[Bar\\_engraver\], page 291](#)**

Create barlines. This engraver is controlled through the `whichBar` property. If it has no bar line to create, it will forbid a linebreak at this point. This engraver is required to trigger the creation of clefs at the start of systems.

Properties (read)

`whichBar` (string)

This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.

Example:

```
\set Staff.whichBar = "|:"
```

This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in [Section “bar-line-interface” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

Properties (write)

`forbidBreak` (boolean)

If set to `#t`, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.11 \[BarLine\], page 354](#).

**[Section 2.2.17 \[Clef\\_engraver\], page 294](#)**

Determine and set reference point for pitches.

Properties (read)

`clefGlyph` (string)

Name of the symbol within the music font.

`clefOctavation` (integer)

Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7 and -7 are common.



**clefPosition** (number)

Where should the center of the clef symbol go, measured in half staff spaces from the center of the staff.

**explicitClefVisibility** (vector)

‘break-visibility’ function for clef changes.

**forceClef** (boolean)

Show clef symbol, even if it has not changed. Only active for the first clef after the property is set, not for the full staff.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.25 [Clef], page 365 and Section 3.1.78 [OctavateEight], page 412.

**Section 2.2.19 [Collision\_engraver], page 295**

Collect **NoteColumns**, and as soon as there are two or more, put them in a **NoteCollision** object.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.73 [NoteCollision], page 410.

**Section 2.2.24 [Cue\_clef\_engraver], page 296**

Determine and set reference point for pitches in cued voices.

Properties (read)

**clefOctavation** (integer)

Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7 and -7 are common.

**cueClefGlyph** (string)

Name of the symbol within the music font.

**cueClefOctavation** (integer)

Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7 and -7 are common.

**cueClefPosition** (number)

Where should the center of the clef symbol go, measured in half staff spaces from the center of the staff.

**explicitCueClefVisibility** (vector)

‘break-visibility’ function for cue clef changes.

**middleCCuePosition** (number)

The position of the middle C, as determined only by the clef of the cue notes. This can be calculated by looking at **cueClefPosition** and **cueClefGlyph**.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.29 [CueClef], page 368, Section 3.1.30 [CueEndClef], page 370 and Section 3.1.78 [OctavateEight], page 412.

**Section 2.2.27 [Dot\_column\_engraver], page 298**

Engrave dots on dotted notes shifted to the right of the note. If omitted, then dots appear on top of the notes.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.32 \[DotColumn\]](#), page 372.

**Section 2.2.38 [Figured\_bass\_engraver], page 301**

Make figured bass numbers.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.7 \[bass-figure-event\]](#), page 42 and [Section 1.2.52 \[rest-event\]](#), page 48

Properties (read)

**figuredBassAlterationDirection**  
(direction)

Where to put alterations relative to the main figure.

**figuredBassCenterContinuations** (boolean)

Whether to vertically center pairs of extender lines. This does not work with three or more lines.

**figuredBassFormatter** (procedure)

A routine generating a markup for a bass figure.

**ignoreFiguredBassRest** (boolean)

Don't swallow rest events.

**implicitBassFigures** (list)

A list of bass figures that are not printed as numbers, but only as extender lines.

**useBassFigureExtenders** (boolean)

Whether to use extender lines for repeated bass figures.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.13 \[BassFigure\]](#), page 357, [Section 3.1.14 \[BassFigure-Alignment\]](#), page 357, [Section 3.1.16 \[BassFigureBracket\]](#), page 359, [Section 3.1.17 \[BassFigureContinuation\]](#), page 359 and [Section 3.1.18 \[BassFigureLine\]](#), page 359.

**Section 2.2.39 [Figured\_bass\_position\_engraver], page 302**

Position figured bass alignments over notes.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.15 \[BassFigureAlignmentPositioning\]](#), page 358.

**Section 2.2.41 [Font\_size\_engraver], page 302**

Put **fontSize** into **font-size** grob property.

Properties (read)

**fontSize** (number)

The relative size of all grobs in a context.

**Section 2.2.42 [Footnote\_engraver], page 302**

Create footnote texts.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.24 \[footnote-event\]](#), page 44

Properties (read)

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable  
items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.43 \[FootnoteItem\]](#), page 383 and [Section 3.1.44 \[FootnoteSpanner\]](#), page 384.

[Section 2.2.51 \[Grob\\_pq\\_engraver\]](#), page 306

Administrate when certain grobs (e.g., note heads) stop playing.

Properties (read)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells.  
This is for internal (C++) use only. This prop-  
erty contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g.  
note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells.  
This is for internal (C++) use only. This prop-  
erty contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g.  
note heads, spanners, etc.).

[Section 2.2.55 \[Instrument\\_name\\_engraver\]](#), page 307

Create a system start text for instrument or vocal names.

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable  
(clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`instrumentName` (markup)

The name to print left of a staff.  
The `instrumentName` property labels  
the staff in the first system, and the  
`shortInstrumentName` property labels  
following lines.

`shortInstrumentName` (markup)

See `instrumentName`.

`shortVocalName` (markup)

Name of a vocal line, short version.

`vocalName` (markup)

Name of a vocal line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.52 \[InstrumentName\]](#), page 391.

**Section 2.2.61 [Ledger\_line\_engraver], page 309**

Create the spanner to draw ledger lines, and notices objects that need ledger lines.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.58 \[LedgerLineSpanner\], page 397.](#)

**Section 2.2.79 [Output\_property\_engraver], page 315**

Apply a procedure to any grob acknowledged.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.4 \[apply-output-event\], page 42](#)

**Section 2.2.86 [Piano\_pedal\_align\_engraver], page 318**

Align piano pedal symbols and brackets.

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.97 \[SostenutoPedalLineSpanner\], page 428](#), [Section 3.1.111 \[SustainPedalLineSpanner\], page 440](#) and [Section 3.1.130 \[UnaCordaPedalLineSpanner\], page 459.](#)

**Section 2.2.91 [Pure\_from\_neighbor\_engraver], page 319**

Coordinates items that get their pure heights from their neighbors.

**Section 2.2.94 [Rest\_collision\_engraver], page 321**

Handle collisions of rests.

Properties (read)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.91 \[RestCollision\], page 424.](#)

**Section 2.2.100 [Script\_row\_engraver], page 322**

Determine order in horizontal side position elements.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.94 \[ScriptRow\], page 426.](#)

**Section 2.2.101 [Separating\_line\_group\_engraver], page 322**

Generate objects for computing spacing parameters.

Properties (read)

`createSpacing` (boolean)

Create `StaffSpacing` objects? Should be set for staves.

Properties (write)

**hasStaffSpacing** (boolean)

True if the current **CommandColumn** contains items that will affect spacing.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.102 \[StaffSpacing\]](#), page 433.

[Section 2.2.110 \[Staff\\_collecting\\_engraver\]](#), page 325

Maintain the **stavesFound** variable.

Properties (read)

**stavesFound** (list of grobs)

A list of all staff-symbols found.

Properties (write)

**stavesFound** (list of grobs)

A list of all staff-symbols found.

[Section 2.2.112 \[Staff\\_symbol\\_engraver\]](#), page 325

Create the constellation of five (default) staff lines.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.63 \[staff-span-event\]](#), page 49

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.103 \[StaffSymbol\]](#), page 433.

[Section 2.2.125 \[Time\\_signature\\_engraver\]](#), page 329

Create a [Section 3.1.122 \[TimeSignature\]](#), page 451 whenever **timeSignatureFraction** changes.

Properties (read)

**implicitTimeSignatureVisibility** (vector)

break visibility for the default time signature.

**timeSignatureFraction** (fraction, as pair)

A pair of numbers, signifying the time signature. For example, '(4 . 4)' is a 4/4 time signature.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.122 \[TimeSignature\]](#), page 451.

## 2.1.6 DrumVoice

A voice on a percussion staff.

This context also accepts commands for the following context(s):

Voice.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\]](#), page 360, [Section 3.1.20 \[BendAfter\]](#), page 361, [Section 3.1.23 \[BreathingSign\]](#), page 363, [Section 3.1.28 \[CombineTextScript\]](#), page 367, [Section 3.1.33 \[Dots\]](#), page 373, [Section 3.1.34 \[DoublePercentRepeat\]](#), page 373, [Section 3.1.35 \[DoublePercentRepeatCounter\]](#), page 374, [Section 3.1.36 \[DoubleRepeatSlash\]](#), page 376, [Section 3.1.37 \[DynamicLineSpanner\]](#), page 376, [Section 3.1.38 \[DynamicText\]](#), page 377, [Section 3.1.39 \[DynamicTextSpanner\]](#), page 379, [Section 3.1.50 \[Hairpin\]](#), page 389, [Section 3.1.53 \[InstrumentSwitch\]](#),

page 392, Section 3.1.56 [LaissezVibrerTie], page 396, Section 3.1.57 [LaissezVibrerTieColumn], page 397, Section 3.1.69 [MultiMeasureRest], page 405, Section 3.1.70 [MultiMeasureRestNumber], page 406, Section 3.1.71 [MultiMeasureRestText], page 408, Section 3.1.74 [NoteColumn], page 410, Section 3.1.75 [NoteHead], page 411, Section 3.1.77 [NoteSpacing], page 412, Section 3.1.82 [PercentRepeat], page 416, Section 3.1.83 [PercentRepeatCounter], page 417, Section 3.1.84 [PhrasingSlur], page 418, Section 3.1.87 [RepeatSlash], page 422, Section 3.1.88 [RepeatTie], page 422, Section 3.1.89 [RepeatTieColumn], page 423, Section 3.1.90 [Rest], page 424, Section 3.1.92 [Script], page 424, Section 3.1.93 [ScriptColumn], page 425, Section 3.1.95 [Slur], page 426, Section 3.1.105 [Stem], page 434, Section 3.1.107 [StemTremolo], page 436, Section 3.1.118 [TextScript], page 446, Section 3.1.119 [TextSpanner], page 448, Section 3.1.120 [Tie], page 449, Section 3.1.121 [TieColumn], page 450, Section 3.1.123 [TrillPitchAccidental], page 452, Section 3.1.124 [TrillPitchGroup], page 453, Section 3.1.125 [TrillPitchHead], page 454, Section 3.1.126 [TrillSpanner], page 454, Section 3.1.127 [TupletBracket], page 456 and Section 3.1.128 [TupletNumber], page 457.

This context is a ‘bottom’ context; it cannot contain other contexts.

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

**Section 2.2.4 [Auto\_beam\_engraver], page 289**

Generate beams based on measure characteristics and observed Stems. Uses `baseMoment`, `beatStructure`, `beamExceptions`, `measureLength`, and `measurePosition` to decide when to start and stop a beam. Overriding beaming is done through Section 2.2.115 [Stem\_engraver], page 326 properties `stemLeftBeamCount` and `stemRightBeamCount`.

Music types accepted:

**Section 1.2.9 [beam-forbid-event], page 42**

Properties (read)

- `autoBeaming` (boolean)  
If set to true then beams are generated automatically.
- `baseMoment` (moment)  
Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.
- `beamExceptions` (list)  
An alist of exceptions to autobeam rules that normally end on beats.
- `beamHalfMeasure` (boolean)  
Whether to allow a beam to begin halfway through the measure in triple time, which could look like 6/8.
- `beatStructure` (list)  
List of `baseMoments` that are combined to make beats.
- `subdivideBeams` (boolean)  
If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at `baseMoment` positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.19 [Beam], page 360.**

**Section 2.2.10 [Beam\_engraver], page 292**

Handle **Beam** events by engraving beams. If omitted, then notes are printed with flags instead of beams.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.8 \[beam-event\], page 42](#)

Properties (read)

**baseMoment** (moment)

Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

**beamMelismaBusy** (boolean)

Signal if a beam is present.

**beatStructure** (list)

List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.

**subdivideBeams** (boolean)

If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

Properties (write)

**forbidBreak** (boolean)

If set to **#t**, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\], page 360.](#)

**Section 2.2.12 [Bend\_engraver], page 293**

Create fall spanners.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.10 \[bend-after-event\], page 43](#)

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.20 \[BendAfter\], page 361.](#)

**Section 2.2.14 [Breathing\_sign\_engraver], page 293**

Create a breathing sign.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.14 \[breathing-event\], page 43](#)

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.23 \[BreathingSign\], page 363.](#)

**Section 2.2.16 [Chord\_tremolo\_engraver], page 294**

Generate beams for tremolo repeats.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.73 \[tremolo-span-event\], page 51](#)

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\], page 360.](#)

**Section 2.2.28 [Dots\_engraver], page 298**

Create [Section 3.1.33 \[Dots\], page 373](#) objects for [Section 3.2.89 \[rhythmic-head-interface\], page 510s.](#)

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.33 \[Dots\]](#), page 373.

**Section 2.2.29 [Double\_percent\_repeat\_engraver]**, page 298

Make double measure repeats.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.19 \[double-percent-event\]](#), page 43

Properties (read)

**countPercentRepeats** (boolean)

If set, produce counters for percent repeats.

**measureLength** (moment)

Length of one measure in the current time signature.

**repeatCountVisibility** (procedure)

A procedure taking as arguments an integer and context, returning whether the corresponding percent repeat number should be printed when **countPercentRepeats** is set.

Properties (write)

**forbidBreak** (boolean)

If set to **#t**, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.34 \[DoublePercentRepeat\]](#), page 373 and [Section 3.1.35 \[DoublePercentRepeatCounter\]](#), page 374.

**Section 2.2.31 [Drum\_notes\_engraver]**, page 299

Generate drum note heads.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.40 \[note-event\]](#), page 46

Properties (read)

**drumStyleTable** (hash table)

A hash table which maps drums to layout settings. Predefined values: **'drums-style'**, **'timbales-style'**, **'congas-style'**, **'bongos-style'**, and **'percussion-style'**.

The layout style is a hash table, containing the drum-pitches (e.g., the symbol **'hihat'**) as keys, and a list (***notehead-style script vertical-position***) as values.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.75 \[NoteHead\]](#), page 411 and [Section 3.1.92 \[Script\]](#), page 424.

**Section 2.2.32 [Dynamic\_align\_engraver]**, page 299

Align hairpins and dynamic texts on a horizontal line.

Properties (read)



**currentMusicalColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.37 \[DynamicLineSpanner\], page 376.](#)

[Section 2.2.41 \[Font\\_size\\_engraver\], page 302](#)

Put **fontSize** into **font-size** grob property.

Properties (read)

**fontSize** (number)

The relative size of all grobs in a context.

[Section 2.2.43 \[Forbid\\_line\\_break\\_engraver\], page 303](#)

Forbid line breaks when note heads are still playing at some point.

Properties (read)

**busyGrobs** (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

**forbidBreak** (boolean)

If set to **#t**, prevent a line break at this point.

[Section 2.2.46 \[Grace\\_beam\\_engraver\], page 304](#)

Handle **Beam** events by engraving beams. If omitted, then notes are printed with flags instead of beams. Only engraves beams when we are at grace points in time.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.8 \[beam-event\], page 42](#)

Properties (read)

**baseMoment** (moment)

Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

**beamMelismaBusy** (boolean)

Signal if a beam is present.

**beatStructure** (list)

List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.

**subdivideBeams** (boolean)

If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\], page 360.](#)

**Section 2.2.47 [Grace\_engraver], page 305**

Set font size and other properties for grace notes.

Properties (read)

`graceSettings` (list)

Overrides for grace notes. This property should be manipulated through the `add-grace-property` function.

**Section 2.2.51 [Grob\_pq\_engraver], page 306**

Administrate when certain grobs (e.g., note heads) stop playing.

Properties (read)

`busyGrops` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

`busyGrops` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

**Section 2.2.51 [Grob\_pq\_engraver], page 306**

Administrate when certain grobs (e.g., note heads) stop playing.

Properties (read)

`busyGrops` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

`busyGrops` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

**Section 2.2.56 [Instrument\_switch\_engraver], page 307**

Create a cue text for taking instrument.

Properties (read)

`instrumentCueName` (markup)

The name to print if another instrument is to be taken.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.53 [InstrumentSwitch], page 392.

**Section 2.2.60 [Laissez\_vibrer\_engraver], page 309**

Create laissez vibrer items.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.30 \[laissez-vibrer-event\]](#), page 45

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.56 \[LaissezVibrerTie\]](#), page 396 and [Section 3.1.57 \[LaissezVibrerTieColumn\]](#), page 397.

#### [Section 2.2.70 \[Multi\\_measure\\_rest\\_engraver\]](#), page 312

Engrave multi-measure rests that are produced with ‘R’. It reads `measurePosition` and `internalBarNumber` to determine what number to print over the [Section 3.1.69 \[MultiMeasureRest\]](#), page 405.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.37 \[multi-measure-rest-event\]](#), page 45 and [Section 1.2.38 \[multi-measure-text-event\]](#), page 45

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`internalBarNumber` (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is used for internal timekeeping, among others by the `Accidental_engraver`.

`measurePosition` (moment)

How much of the current measure have we had. This can be set manually to create incomplete measures.

`restNumberThreshold` (number)

If a multimeasure rest has more measures than this, a number is printed.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.69 \[MultiMeasureRest\]](#), page 405, [Section 3.1.70 \[MultiMeasureRestNumber\]](#), page 406 and [Section 3.1.71 \[MultiMeasureRestText\]](#), page 408.

#### [Section 2.2.71 \[New\\_dynamic\\_engraver\]](#), page 312

Create hairpins, dynamic texts and dynamic text spanners.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.1 \[absolute-dynamic-event\]](#), page 42, [Section 1.2.13 \[break-span-event\]](#), page 43 and [Section 1.2.61 \[span-dynamic-event\]](#), page 49

Properties (read)

`crescendoSpanner` (symbol)

The type of spanner to be used for crescendi. Available values are ‘hairpin’ and ‘text’. If unset, a hairpin crescendo is used.

`crescendoText` (markup)

The text to print at start of non-hairpin crescendo, i.e., ‘cresc.’.

**currentMusicalColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

**decrescendoSpanner** (symbol)

The type of spanner to be used for decrescendi. Available values are ‘hairpin’ and ‘text’. If unset, a hairpin decrescendo is used.

**decrescendoText** (markup)

The text to print at start of non-hairpin decrescendo, i.e., ‘dim.’.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.38 [DynamicText], page 377, Section 3.1.39 [DynamicTextSpanner], page 379 and Section 3.1.50 [Hairpin], page 389.

**Section 2.2.77 [Note\_spacing\_engraver], page 315**

Generate NoteSpacing, an object linking horizontal lines for use in spacing.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.77 [NoteSpacing], page 412.

**Section 2.2.79 [Output\_property\_engraver], page 315**

Apply a procedure to any grob acknowledged.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.4 [apply-output-event], page 42

**Section 2.2.83 [Part\_combine\_engraver], page 317**

Part combine engraver for orchestral scores: Print markings ‘a2’, ‘Solo’, ‘Solo II’, and ‘unisono’.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.40 [note-event], page 46 and Section 1.2.44 [part-combine-event], page 47

Properties (read)

**aDueText** (markup)

Text to print at a unisono passage.

**partCombineTextsOnNote** (boolean)

Print part-combine texts only on the next note rather than immediately on rests or skips.

**printPartCombineTexts** (boolean)

Set ‘Solo’ and ‘A due’ texts in the part combiner?

**soloIIIText** (markup)

The text for the start of a solo for voice ‘two’ when part-combining.

**soloText** (markup)

The text for the start of a solo when part-combining.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.28 \[CombineTextScript\]](#), page 367.

**Section 2.2.84 [Percent\_repeat\_engraver]**, page 317

Make whole measure repeats.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.47 \[percent-event\]](#), page 47

Properties (read)

**countPercentRepeats** (boolean)

If set, produce counters for percent repeats.

**currentCommandColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

**repeatCountVisibility** (procedure)

A procedure taking as arguments an integer and context, returning whether the corresponding percent repeat number should be printed when **countPercentRepeats** is set.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.82 \[PercentRepeat\]](#), page 416 and [Section 3.1.83 \[PercentRepeatCounter\]](#), page 417.

**Section 2.2.85 [Phrasing\_slur\_engraver]**, page 318

Print phrasing slurs. Similar to [Section 2.2.103 \[Slur\\_engraver\]](#), page 323.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.49 \[phrasing-slur-event\]](#), page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.84 \[PhrasingSlur\]](#), page 418.

**Section 2.2.90 [Pitched\_trill\_engraver]**, page 319

Print the bracketed note head after a note head with trill.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.123 \[TrillPitchAccidental\]](#), page 452, [Section 3.1.124 \[TrillPitchGroup\]](#), page 453 and [Section 3.1.125 \[TrillPitchHead\]](#), page 454.

**Section 2.2.93 [Repeat\_tie\_engraver]**, page 320

Create repeat ties.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.51 \[repeat-tie-event\]](#), page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.88 \[RepeatTie\]](#), page 422 and [Section 3.1.89 \[RepeatTieColumn\]](#), page 423.

**Section 2.2.95 [Rest\_engraver]**, page 321

Engrave rests.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.52 \[rest-event\]](#), page 48

Properties (read)

`middleCPosition` (number)

The place of the middle C, measured in half staff-spaces. Usually determined by looking at `middleCClefPosition` and `middleCOffset`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.90 \[Rest\]](#), page 424.

**Section 2.2.96 [Rhythmic\_column\_engraver], page 321**

Generate `NoteColumn`, an object that groups stems, note heads, and rests.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.74 \[NoteColumn\]](#), page 410.

**Section 2.2.98 [Script\_column\_engraver], page 322**

Find potentially colliding scripts and put them into a `ScriptColumn` object; that will fix the collisions.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.93 \[ScriptColumn\]](#), page 425.

**Section 2.2.99 [Script\_engraver], page 322**

Handle note scripted articulations.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.6 \[articulation-event\]](#), page 42

Properties (read)

`scriptDefinitions` (list)

The description of scripts. This is used by the `Script_engraver` for typesetting note-superscripts and subscripts. See ‘`scm/script.scm`’ for more information.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.92 \[Script\]](#), page 424.

**Section 2.2.102 [Slash\_repeat\_engraver], page 323**

Make beat repeats.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.50 \[repeat-slash-event\]](#), page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.36 \[DoubleRepeatSlash\]](#), page 376 and [Section 3.1.87 \[RepeatSlash\]](#), page 422.

**Section 2.2.103 [Slur\_engraver], page 323**

Build slur grobs from slur events.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.56 \[slur-event\]](#), page 48

Properties (read)

`doubleSlurs` (boolean)

If set, two slurs are created for every slurred note, one above and one below the chord.

`slurMelismaBusy` (boolean)

Signal if a slur is present.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.95 [Slur], page 426.

Section 2.2.109 [Spanner\_break\_forbid\_engraver], page 325

Forbid breaks in certain spanners.

Section 2.2.115 [Stem\_engraver], page 326

Create stems and single-stem tremolos. It also works together with the beam engraver for overriding beaming.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.72 [tremolo-event], page 50 and Section 1.2.75 [tuplet-span-event], page 51

Properties (read)

`stemLeftBeamCount` (integer)

Specify the number of beams to draw on the left side of the next note. Overrides automatic beaming. The value is only used once, and then it is erased.

`stemRightBeamCount` (integer)

See `stemLeftBeamCount`.

`tremoloFlags` (integer)

The number of tremolo flags to add if no number is specified.

`whichBar` (string)

This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.

Example:

```
\set Staff.whichBar = "|:"
```

This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in Section “bar-line-interface” in *Internals Reference*.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.105 [Stem], page 434 and Section 3.1.107 [StemTremolo], page 436.

Section 2.2.121 [Text\_engraver], page 328

Create text scripts.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.69 [text-script-event], page 50

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.118 [TextScript], page 446.

Section 2.2.122 [Text\_spanner\_engraver], page 328

Create text spanner from an event.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.70 [text-span-event], page 50

Properties (read)

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.119 \[TextSpanner\]](#), page 448.

**Section 2.2.123 [Tie\_engraver], page 329**

Generate ties between note heads of equal pitch.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.71 \[tie-event\]](#), page 50

Properties (read)

`tieWaitForNote` (boolean)

If true, tied notes do not have to follow each other directly. This can be used for writing out arpeggios.

Properties (write)

`tieMelismaBusy` (boolean)

Signal whether a tie is present.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.120 \[Tie\]](#), page 449 and [Section 3.1.121 \[TieColumn\]](#), page 450.

**Section 2.2.129 [Trill\_spanner\_engraver], page 331**

Create trill spanner from an event.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.74 \[trill-span-event\]](#), page 51

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.126 \[TrillSpanner\]](#), page 454.

**Section 2.2.130 [Tuplet\_engraver], page 331**

Catch tuplet events and generate appropriate bracket.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.75 \[tuplet-span-event\]](#), page 51

Properties (read)

`tupletFullLength` (boolean)

If set, the tuplet is printed up to the start of the next note.



`tupletFullLengthNote` (boolean)

If set, end at the next note, otherwise end on the matter (time signatures, etc.) before the note.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.127 [TupletBracket], page 456 and Section 3.1.128 [Tuplet-Number], page 457.

Section 2.2.131 [Tweak\_engraver], page 332

Read the `tweaks` property from the originating event, and set properties.

## 2.1.7 Dynamics

Holds a single line of dynamics, which will be centered between the staves surrounding this context.

This context also accepts commands for the following context(s):

Voice.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.11 [BarLine], page 354, Section 3.1.37 [DynamicLineSpanner], page 376, Section 3.1.38 [DynamicText], page 377, Section 3.1.39 [DynamicTextSpanner], page 379, Section 3.1.50 [Hairpin], page 389, Section 3.1.85 [PianoPedalBracket], page 419, Section 3.1.92 [Script], page 424, Section 3.1.96 [SostenutoPedal], page 428, Section 3.1.110 [SustainPedal], page 439, Section 3.1.118 [TextScript], page 446, Section 3.1.119 [TextSpanner], page 448, Section 3.1.129 [UnaCordaPedal], page 458 and Section 3.1.133 [VerticalAxisGroup], page 461.

This context sets the following properties:

- Set grob-property `font-shape` in Section 3.1.118 [TextScript], page 446 to `'italic`.
- Set grob-property `nonstaff-relatedstaff-spacing` in Section 3.1.133 [VerticalAxisGroup], page 461 to `'((basic-distance . 5) (padding . 0.5))`.
- Set grob-property `staff-affinity` in Section 3.1.133 [VerticalAxisGroup], page 461 to 0.
- Set grob-property `X-offset` in Section 3.1.38 [DynamicText], page 377 to `#<simple-closure (#<primitive-generic +> #<simple-closure (#<primitive-procedure ly:self-alignment-interface::centered-on-note-columns>) > #<simple-closure (#<primitive-procedure ly:self-alignment-interface::x-aligned-on-self>) >) >`.
- Set grob-property `Y-offset` in Section 3.1.37 [DynamicLineSpanner], page 376 to 0.
- Set translator property `pedalSustainStrings` to `'(Ped. *Ped. *)`.
- Set translator property `pedalUnaCordaStrings` to `'(una corda tre corde)`.

This context is a ‘bottom’ context; it cannot contain other contexts.

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

Section 2.2.5 [Axis\_group\_engraver], page 290

Group all objects created in this context in a `VerticalAxisGroup` spanner.

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.133 [VerticalAxisGroup], page 461.

#### Section 2.2.7 [Bar\_engraver], page 291

Create barlines. This engraver is controlled through the `whichBar` property. If it has no bar line to create, it will forbid a linebreak at this point. This engraver is required to trigger the creation of clefs at the start of systems.

Properties (read)

`whichBar` (string)

This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.

Example:

```
\set Staff.whichBar = "|:"
```

This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in Section “bar-line-interface” in *Internals Reference*.

Properties (write)

`forbidBreak` (boolean)

If set to `#t`, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.11 [BarLine], page 354.

#### Section 2.2.32 [Dynamic\_align\_engraver], page 299

Align hairpins and dynamic texts on a horizontal line.

Properties (read)

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.37 [DynamicLineSpanner], page 376.

#### Section 2.2.71 [New\_dynamic\_engraver], page 312

Create hairpins, dynamic texts and dynamic text spanners.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.1 [absolute-dynamic-event], page 42, Section 1.2.13 [break-span-event], page 43 and Section 1.2.61 [span-dynamic-event], page 49

Properties (read)

`crescendoSpanner` (symbol)

The type of spanner to be used for crescendi. Available values are ‘hairpin’ and ‘text’. If unset, a hairpin crescendo is used.

`crescendoText` (markup)

The text to print at start of non-hairpin crescendo, i.e., ‘cresc.’.

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

`decrescendoSpanner` (symbol)

The type of spanner to be used for decrescendi. Available values are ‘`hairpin`’ and ‘`text`’. If unset, a hairpin decrescendo is used.

`decrescendoText` (markup)

The text to print at start of non-hairpin decrescendo, i.e., ‘`dim.`’.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.38 [DynamicText], page 377, Section 3.1.39 [DynamicTextSpanner], page 379 and Section 3.1.50 [Hairpin], page 389.

Section 2.2.79 [Output\_property\_engraver], page 315

Apply a procedure to any grob acknowledged.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.4 [apply-output-event], page 42

Section 2.2.87 [Piano\_pedal\_engraver], page 318

Engrave piano pedal symbols and brackets.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.59 [sostenuto-event], page 48, Section 1.2.67 [sustain-event], page 50 and Section 1.2.76 [una-corda-event], page 51

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`pedalSostenutoStrings` (list)

See `pedalSustainStrings`.

`pedalSostenutoStyle` (symbol)

See `pedalSustainStyle`.

`pedalSustainStrings` (list)

A list of strings to print for sustain-pedal. Format is (*up updown down*), where each of the three is the string to print when this is done with the pedal.

`pedalSustainStyle` (symbol)

A symbol that indicates how to print sustain pedals: `text`, `bracket` or `mixed` (both).

`pedalUnaCordaStrings` (list)

See `pedalSustainStrings`.

`pedalUnaCordaStyle` (symbol)

See `pedalSustainStyle`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.85 [PianoPedalBracket], page 419, Section 3.1.96 [SostenutoPedal], page 428, Section 3.1.110 [SustainPedal], page 439 and Section 3.1.129 [UnaCordaPedal], page 458.

#### Section 2.2.99 [Script\_engraver], page 322

Handle note scripted articulations.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.6 [articulation-event], page 42

Properties (read)

`scriptDefinitions` (list)

The description of scripts. This is used by the `Script_engraver` for typesetting note-superscripts and subscripts. See ‘`scm/script.scm`’ for more information.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.92 [Script], page 424.

#### Section 2.2.121 [Text\_engraver], page 328

Create text scripts.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.69 [text-script-event], page 50

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.118 [TextScript], page 446.

#### Section 2.2.122 [Text\_spanner\_engraver], page 328

Create text spanner from an event.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.70 [text-span-event], page 50

Properties (read)

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.119 [TextSpanner], page 448.

#### Section 2.2.131 [Tweak\_engraver], page 332

Read the `tweaks` property from the originating event, and set properties.

## 2.1.8 FiguredBass

A context for printing a figured bass line.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.13 [BassFigure], page 357, Section 3.1.14 [BassFigureAlignment], page 357, Section 3.1.16 [BassFigureBracket], page 359, Section 3.1.17 [BassFigureContinuation], page 359, Section 3.1.18 [BassFigureLine], page 359, Section 3.1.102 [StaffSpacing], page 433 and Section 3.1.133 [VerticalAxisGroup], page 461.

This context sets the following properties:

- Set grob-property `nonstaff-nonstaff-spacing` padding in [Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\]](#), page 461 to 0.5.
- Set grob-property `nonstaff-relatedstaff-spacing` padding in [Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\]](#), page 461 to 0.5.
- Set grob-property `remove-empty` in [Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\]](#), page 461 to `#t`.
- Set grob-property `remove-first` in [Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\]](#), page 461 to `#t`.
- Set grob-property `staff-affinity` in [Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\]](#), page 461 to 1.

This context is a ‘bottom’ context; it cannot contain other contexts.

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

**Section 2.2.38 [Figured\_bass\_engraver], page 301**

Make figured bass numbers.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.7 \[bass-figure-event\]](#), page 42 and [Section 1.2.52 \[rest-event\]](#), page 48

Properties (read)

`figuredBassAlterationDirection`  
(direction)

Where to put alterations relative to the main figure.

`figuredBassCenterContinuations` (boolean)

Whether to vertically center pairs of extender lines. This does not work with three or more lines.

`figuredBassFormatter` (procedure)

A routine generating a markup for a bass figure.

`ignoreFiguredBassRest` (boolean)

Don’t swallow rest events.

`implicitBassFigures` (list)

A list of bass figures that are not printed as numbers, but only as extender lines.

`useBassFigureExtenders` (boolean)

Whether to use extender lines for repeated bass figures.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.13 \[BassFigure\]](#), page 357, [Section 3.1.14 \[BassFigure-Alignment\]](#), page 357, [Section 3.1.16 \[BassFigureBracket\]](#), page 359, [Section 3.1.17 \[BassFigureContinuation\]](#), page 359 and [Section 3.1.18 \[BassFigureLine\]](#), page 359.

**Section 2.2.52 [Hara\_kiri\_engraver], page 306**

Like `Axis_group_engraver`, but make a hara-kiri spanner, and add interesting items (i.e., note heads, lyric syllables, and normal rests).

Properties (read)

`keepAliveInterfaces` (list)

A list of symbols, signifying grob interfaces that are worth keeping a staff with `remove-empty` set around for.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\], page 461.](#)

[Section 2.2.101 \[Separating\\_line\\_group\\_engraver\], page 322](#)

Generate objects for computing spacing parameters.

Properties (read)

**createSpacing** (boolean)

Create **StaffSpacing** objects? Should be set for staves.

Properties (write)

**hasStaffSpacing** (boolean)

True if the current **CommandColumn** contains items that will affect spacing.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.102 \[StaffSpacing\], page 433.](#)

## 2.1.9 FretBoards

A context for displaying fret diagrams.

This context also accepts commands for the following context(s):

Staff.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.45 \[FretBoard\], page 385](#), [Section 3.1.52 \[InstrumentName\], page 391](#), [Section 3.1.102 \[StaffSpacing\], page 433](#) and [Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\], page 461](#).

This context sets the following properties:

- Set translator property **handleNegativeFrets** to 'recalculate'.
- Set translator property **instrumentName** to '()'.
- Set translator property **predefinedDiagramTable** to #<hash-table 0/113>.
- Set translator property **restrainOpenStrings** to #f.
- Set translator property **shortInstrumentName** to '()'.

This context is a 'bottom' context; it cannot contain other contexts.

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

[Section 2.2.41 \[Font\\_size\\_engraver\], page 302](#)

Put **fontSize** into **font-size** grob property.

Properties (read)

**fontSize** (number)

The relative size of all grobs in a context.

[Section 2.2.44 \[Fretboard\\_engraver\], page 303](#)

Generate fret diagram from one or more events of type **NoteEvent**.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.23 \[fingering-event\], page 44](#), [Section 1.2.40 \[note-event\], page 46](#) and [Section 1.2.65 \[string-number-event\], page 50](#)

Properties (read)

**chordChanges** (boolean)

Only show changes in chords scheme?

**defaultStrings** (list)

A list of strings to use in calculating frets for tablatures and fretboards if no strings are provided in the notes for the current moment.

**highStringOne** (boolean)

Whether the first string is the string with highest pitch on the instrument. This used by the automatic string selector for tablature notation.

**maximumFretStretch** (number)

Don't allocate frets further than this from specified frets.

**minimumFret** (number)

The tablature auto string-selecting mechanism selects the highest string with a fret at least **minimumFret**.

**noteToFretFunction** (procedure)

Convert list of notes and list of defined strings to full list of strings and fret numbers. Parameters: The context, a list of note events, a list of tabstring events, and the fretboard grob if a fretboard is desired.

**predefinedDiagramTable** (hash table)

The hash table of predefined fret diagrams to use in FretBoards.

**stringTunings** (list)

The tablature strings tuning. It is a list of the pitches of each string (starting with the lowest numbered one).

**tablatureFormat** (procedure)

A function formatting a tablature note head. Called with three arguments: context, string number and, fret number. It returns the text as a markup.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.45 \[FretBoard\]](#), page 385.

[Section 2.2.52 \[Hara\\_kiri\\_engraver\]](#), page 306

Like **Axis\_group\_engraver**, but make a hara-kiri spanner, and add interesting items (i.e., note heads, lyric syllables, and normal rests).

Properties (read)

**keepAliveInterfaces** (list)

A list of symbols, signifying grob interfaces that are worth keeping a staff with **remove-empty** set around for.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\]](#), page 461.

**Section 2.2.55 [Instrument\_name\_engraver], page 307**

Create a system start text for instrument or vocal names.

Properties (read)

**currentCommandColumn** (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable  
(clef, key signature, etc.) items.

**instrumentName** (markup)

The name to print left of a staff.  
The **instrumentName** property labels  
the staff in the first system, and the  
**shortInstrumentName** property labels  
following lines.

**shortInstrumentName** (markup)

See **instrumentName**.

**shortVocalName** (markup)

Name of a vocal line, short version.

**vocalName** (markup)

Name of a vocal line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.52 [InstrumentName], page 391.**

**Section 2.2.79 [Output\_property\_engraver], page 315**

Apply a procedure to any grob acknowledged.

Music types accepted:

**Section 1.2.4 [apply-output-event], page 42**

**Section 2.2.101 [Separating\_line\_group\_engraver], page 322**

Generate objects for computing spacing parameters.

Properties (read)

**createSpacing** (boolean)

Create **StaffSpacing** objects? Should be set  
for staves.

Properties (write)

**hasStaffSpacing** (boolean)

True if the current **CommandColumn** contains  
items that will affect spacing.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.102 [StaffSpacing], page 433.**

**2.1.10 Global**

Hard coded entry point for LilyPond. Cannot be tuned.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

none.

This context sets the following properties:



- Set translator property `EventClasses` to `'((AnnounceNewContext Announcement) (Announcement) (note-event melodic-event rhythmic-event music-event StreamEvent) (cluster-note-event melodic-event rhythmic-event music-event StreamEvent) (bass-figure-event rhythmic-event music-event StreamEvent) (skip-event rhythmic-event music-event StreamEvent) (rest-event rhythmic-event music-event StreamEvent) (repeat-slash-event rhythmic-event music-event StreamEvent) (percent-event rhythmic-event music-event StreamEvent) (double-percent-event rhythmic-event music-event StreamEvent) (multi-measure-rest-event rhythmic-event music-event StreamEvent) (melodic-event rhythmic-event music-event StreamEvent) (lyric-event rhythmic-event music-event StreamEvent) (una-corda-event pedal-event span-event music-event StreamEvent) (sustain-event pedal-event span-event music-event StreamEvent) (sostenuto-event pedal-event span-event music-event StreamEvent) (break-dynamic-span-event break-span-event music-event StreamEvent) (crescendo-event span-dynamic-event span-event music-event StreamEvent) (decrescendo-event span-dynamic-event span-event music-event StreamEvent) (tuplet-span-event span-event music-event StreamEvent) (tremolo-span-event span-event music-event StreamEvent) (trill-span-event span-event music-event StreamEvent) (text-span-event span-event music-event StreamEvent) (staff-span-event span-event music-event StreamEvent) (slur-event span-event music-event StreamEvent) (phrasing-slur-event span-event music-event StreamEvent) (pedal-event span-event music-event StreamEvent) (ligature-event span-event music-event StreamEvent) (episema-event span-event music-event StreamEvent) (beam-event span-event music-event StreamEvent) (span-dynamic-event span-event music-event StreamEvent) (absolute-dynamic-event dynamic-event music-event StreamEvent) (page-turn-event break-event music-event StreamEvent) (page-break-event break-event music-event StreamEvent) (line-break-event break-event music-event StreamEvent) (unisono-event part-combine-event music-event StreamEvent) (solo-two-event part-combine-event music-event StreamEvent) (solo-one-event part-combine-event music-event StreamEvent) (text-script-event script-event music-event StreamEvent) (articulation-event script-event music-event StreamEvent) (apply-output-event layout-instruction-event music-event StreamEvent) (alternative-event music-event StreamEvent) (break-span-event music-event StreamEvent) (completize-extender-event music-event StreamEvent) (layout-instruction-event music-event StreamEvent) (spacing-section-event music-event StreamEvent) (repeat-tie-event music-event StreamEvent) (pes-or-flexa-event music-event StreamEvent) (note-grouping-event music-event StreamEvent) (multi-measure-text-event music-event StreamEvent) (mark-event music-event StreamEvent) (laissez-vibrer-event music-event StreamEvent) (hyphen-event music-event StreamEvent) (harmonic-event music-event StreamEvent) (glissando-event music-event StreamEvent) (fingering-event music-event StreamEvent) (bend-after-event music-event StreamEvent) (tremolo-event music-event StreamEvent) (tempo-change-event music-event StreamEvent) (script-event music-event StreamEvent) (beam-forbid-event music-event StreamEvent) (part-combine-force-event music-event StreamEvent) (part-combine-event music-event StreamEvent) (tie-event music-event StreamEvent) (stroke-finger-event music-event StreamEvent) (string-number-event music-event StreamEvent) (key-change-event music-event StreamEvent) (percent-event music-event StreamEvent) (label-event music-event StreamEvent) (break-event music-event StreamEvent) (dynamic-event music-event StreamEvent) (rhythmic-event music-event StreamEvent) (span-event music-event StreamEvent) (extender-event music-event StreamEvent) (breathing-event music-event`

```
StreamEvent) (arpeggio-event music-event StreamEvent) (footnote-event
music-event StreamEvent) (annotate-output-event music-event StreamEvent)
(Finish StreamEvent) (OneTimeStep StreamEvent) (Prepare StreamEvent)
(CreateContext StreamEvent) (OldMusicEvent StreamEvent) (music-event
StreamEvent) (SetProperty StreamEvent) (UnsetProperty StreamEvent) (Revert
StreamEvent) (Override StreamEvent) (ChangeParent StreamEvent) (RemoveContext
StreamEvent) (StreamEvent)).
```

Context Global can contain [Section 2.1.24 \[Score\]](#), page 205.

### 2.1.11 GrandStaff

A group of staves, with a brace on the left side, grouping the staves together. The bar lines of the contained staves are connected vertically.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.9 \[Arpeggio\]](#), page 352, [Section 3.1.52 \[InstrumentName\]](#), page 391, [Section 3.1.99 \[SpanBar\]](#), page 430, [Section 3.1.100 \[SpanBarStub\]](#), page 431, [Section 3.1.113 \[SystemStartBar\]](#), page 442, [Section 3.1.114 \[SystemStartBrace\]](#), page 442, [Section 3.1.115 \[SystemStartBracket\]](#), page 443, [Section 3.1.116 \[SystemStartSquare\]](#), page 444 and [Section 3.1.132 \[VerticalAlignment\]](#), page 460.

This context sets the following properties:

- Set translator property `instrumentName` to `'()`.
- Set translator property `localKeySignature` to `'()`.
- Set translator property `shortInstrumentName` to `'()`.
- Set translator property `systemStartDelimiter` to `'SystemStartBrace`.
- Set translator property `topLevelAlignment` to `#f`.

Context GrandStaff can contain [Section 2.1.2 \[ChordNames\]](#), page 59, [Section 2.1.5 \[Drum-Staff\]](#), page 74, [Section 2.1.7 \[Dynamics\]](#), page 92, [Section 2.1.8 \[FiguredBass\]](#), page 95, [Section 2.1.16 \[Lyrics\]](#), page 149, [Section 2.1.23 \[RhythmicStaff\]](#), page 202, [Section 2.1.25 \[Staff\]](#), page 219 and [Section 2.1.27 \[TabStaff\]](#), page 231.

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

#### [Section 2.2.55 \[Instrument\\_name\\_engraver\]](#), page 307

Create a system start text for instrument or vocal names.

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`instrumentName` (markup)

The name to print left of a staff. The `instrumentName` property labels the staff in the first system, and the `shortInstrumentName` property labels following lines.

`shortInstrumentName` (markup)

See `instrumentName`.

`shortVocalName` (markup)

Name of a vocal line, short version.

`vocalName` (markup)  
Name of a vocal line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.52 [InstrumentName], page 391.

Section 2.2.106 [Span\_arpeggio\_engraver], page 324

Make arpeggios that span multiple staves.

Properties (read)

`connectArpeggios` (boolean)  
If set, connect arpeggios across piano staff.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.9 [Arpeggio], page 352.

Section 2.2.107 [Span\_bar\_engraver], page 324

Make cross-staff bar lines: It catches all normal bar lines and draws a single span bar across them.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.99 [SpanBar], page 430.

Section 2.2.108 [Span\_bar\_stub\_engraver], page 324

Make stubs for span bars in all contexts that the span bars cross.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.100 [SpanBarStub], page 431.

Section 2.2.116 [System\_start\_delimiter\_engraver], page 326

Create a system start delimiter (i.e., a `SystemStartBar`, `SystemStartBrace`, `SystemStartBracket` or `SystemStartSquare` spanner).

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)  
Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`systemStartDelimiter` (symbol)  
Which grob to make for the start of the system/staff? Set to `SystemStartBrace`, `SystemStartBracket` or `SystemStartBar`.

`systemStartDelimiterHierarchy` (pair)  
A nested list, indicating the nesting of a start delimiters.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.113 [SystemStartBar], page 442, Section 3.1.114 [SystemStartBrace], page 442, Section 3.1.115 [SystemStartBracket], page 443 and Section 3.1.116 [SystemStartSquare], page 444.

Section 2.2.133 [Vertical\_align\_engraver], page 332

Catch groups (staves, lyrics lines, etc.) and stack them vertically.

Properties (read)

`alignAboveContext` (string)

Where to insert newly created context in vertical alignment.

`alignBelowContext` (string)

Where to insert newly created context in vertical alignment.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.132 \[VerticalAlignment\]](#), page 460.

## 2.1.12 GregorianTranscriptionStaff

Handles clefs, bar lines, keys, accidentals. It can contain `Voice` contexts.

This context also accepts commands for the following context(s):

`Staff`.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.1 \[Accidental\]](#), page 346, [Section 3.1.2 \[AccidentalCautionary\]](#), page 346, [Section 3.1.3 \[AccidentalPlacement\]](#), page 347, [Section 3.1.4 \[AccidentalSuggestion\]](#), page 348, [Section 3.1.11 \[BarLine\]](#), page 354, [Section 3.1.13 \[BassFigure\]](#), page 357, [Section 3.1.14 \[BassFigureAlignment\]](#), page 357, [Section 3.1.15 \[BassFigureAlignmentPositioning\]](#), page 358, [Section 3.1.16 \[BassFigureBracket\]](#), page 359, [Section 3.1.17 \[BassFigureContinuation\]](#), page 359, [Section 3.1.18 \[BassFigureLine\]](#), page 359, [Section 3.1.25 \[Clef\]](#), page 365, [Section 3.1.29 \[CueClef\]](#), page 368, [Section 3.1.30 \[CueEndClef\]](#), page 370, [Section 3.1.32 \[DotColumn\]](#), page 372, [Section 3.1.43 \[FootnoteItem\]](#), page 383, [Section 3.1.44 \[FootnoteSpanner\]](#), page 384, [Section 3.1.52 \[InstrumentName\]](#), page 391, [Section 3.1.54 \[KeyCancellation\]](#), page 393, [Section 3.1.55 \[KeySignature\]](#), page 394, [Section 3.1.58 \[LedgerLineSpanner\]](#), page 397, [Section 3.1.73 \[NoteCollision\]](#), page 410, [Section 3.1.78 \[OctavateEight\]](#), page 412, [Section 3.1.79 \[OttavaBracket\]](#), page 413, [Section 3.1.85 \[PianoPedalBracket\]](#), page 419, [Section 3.1.91 \[RestCollision\]](#), page 424, [Section 3.1.94 \[ScriptRow\]](#), page 426, [Section 3.1.96 \[SostenutoPedal\]](#), page 428, [Section 3.1.97 \[SostenutoPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 428, [Section 3.1.102 \[StaffSpacing\]](#), page 433, [Section 3.1.103 \[StaffSymbol\]](#), page 433, [Section 3.1.110 \[SustainPedal\]](#), page 439, [Section 3.1.111 \[SustainPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 440, [Section 3.1.122 \[TimeSignature\]](#), page 451, [Section 3.1.129 \[UnaCordaPedal\]](#), page 458, [Section 3.1.130 \[UnaCordaPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 459 and [Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\]](#), page 461.

This context sets the following properties:

- Set grob-property `transparent` in [Section 3.1.11 \[BarLine\]](#), page 354 to `#t`.
- Set translator property `createSpacing` to `#t`.
- Set translator property `ignoreFiguredBassRest` to `#f`.
- Set translator property `instrumentName` to `'()`.
- Set translator property `localKeySignature` to `'()`.
- Set translator property `shortInstrumentName` to `'()`.

Context `GregorianTranscriptionStaff` can contain [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61 and [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), page 113.

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

[Section 2.2.1 \[Accidental\\_engraver\]](#), page 287

Make accidentals. Catch note heads, ties and notices key-change events. This engraver usually lives at `Staff` level, but reads the settings for `Accidental` at `Voice` level, so you can `\override` them at `Voice`.

Properties (read)

**autoAccidentals** (list)

List of different ways to typeset an accidental.

For determining when to print an accidental, several different rules are tried. The rule that gives the highest number of accidentals is used.

Each entry in the list is either a symbol or a procedure.

*symbol*      The symbol is the name of the context in which the following rules are to be applied. For example, if *context* is **Section “Score” in *Internals Reference*** then all staves share accidentals, and if *context* is **Section “Staff” in *Internals Reference*** then all voices in the same staff share accidentals, but staves do not.

*procedure*    The procedure represents an accidental rule to be applied to the previously specified context.

The procedure takes the following arguments:

**context**      The current context to which the rule should be applied.

**pitch**        The pitch of the note to be evaluated.

**barnum**       The current bar number.

**measurepos**    The current measure position.

The procedure returns a pair of booleans. The first states whether an extra natural should be added. The second states whether an accidental should be printed. (**#t** . **#f**) does not make sense.

**autoCautionaries** (list)

List similar to **autoAccidentals**, but it controls cautionary accidentals rather than normal ones. Both lists are tried, and the one giving the most accidentals wins. In case of draw, a normal accidental is typeset.

**extraNatural** (boolean)

Whether to typeset an extra natural sign before accidentals that reduce the effect of a previous alteration.

**harmonicAccidentals** (boolean)

If set, harmonic notes in chords get accidentals.

**internalBarNumber** (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is used for internal timekeeping, among others by the `Accidental_engraver`.

**keySignature** (list)

The current key signature. This is an alist containing `(step . alter)` or `((octave . step) . alter)`, where *step* is a number in the range 0 to 6 and *alter* a fraction, denoting alteration. For alterations, use symbols, e.g. `keySignature = #'((6 . ,FLAT))`.

**localKeySignature** (list)

The key signature at this point in the measure. The format is the same as for `keySignature`, but can also contain `((octave . name) . (alter barnumber . measureposition))` pairs.

Properties (write)

**localKeySignature** (list)

The key signature at this point in the measure. The format is the same as for `keySignature`, but can also contain `((octave . name) . (alter barnumber . measureposition))` pairs.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.1 [Accidental], page 346, Section 3.1.2 [AccidentalCautionary], page 346, Section 3.1.3 [AccidentalPlacement], page 347 and Section 3.1.4 [AccidentalSuggestion], page 348.

#### Section 2.2.5 [Axis\_group\_engraver], page 290

Group all objects created in this context in a `VerticalAxisGroup` spanner.

Properties (read)

**currentCommandColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.133 [VerticalAxisGroup], page 461.

#### Section 2.2.7 [Bar\_engraver], page 291

Create barlines. This engraver is controlled through the `whichBar` property. If it has no bar line to create, it will forbid a linebreak at this point. This engraver is required to trigger the creation of clefs at the start of systems.

Properties (read)

**whichBar** (string)

This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.

Example:

```
\set Staff.whichBar = "|:"
```

This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in [Section “bar-line-interface”](#) in *Internals Reference*.

Properties (write)

**forbidBreak** (boolean)

If set to **#t**, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.11 \[BarLine\]](#), page 354.

**Section 2.2.17 [Clef\_engraver]**, page 294

Determine and set reference point for pitches.

Properties (read)

**clefGlyph** (string)

Name of the symbol within the music font.

**clefOctavation** (integer)

Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7 and -7 are common.

**clefPosition** (number)

Where should the center of the clef symbol go, measured in half staff spaces from the center of the staff.

**explicitClefVisibility** (vector)

‘break-visibility’ function for clef changes.

**forceClef** (boolean)

Show clef symbol, even if it has not changed. Only active for the first clef after the property is set, not for the full staff.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.25 \[Clef\]](#), page 365 and [Section 3.1.78 \[OctavateEight\]](#), page 412.

**Section 2.2.19 [Collision\_engraver]**, page 295

Collect **NoteColumns**, and as soon as there are two or more, put them in a **NoteCollision** object.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.73 \[NoteCollision\]](#), page 410.

**Section 2.2.24 [Cue\_clef\_engraver]**, page 296

Determine and set reference point for pitches in cued voices.

Properties (read)

**clefOctavation** (integer)

Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7 and -7 are common.

**cueClefGlyph** (string)

Name of the symbol within the music font.

- cueClefOctavation** (integer)  
Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7 and -7 are common.
- cueClefPosition** (number)  
Where should the center of the clef symbol go, measured in half staff spaces from the center of the staff.
- explicitCueClefVisibility** (vector)  
'break-visibility' function for cue clef changes.
- middleCCuePosition** (number)  
The position of the middle C, as determined only by the clef of the cue notes. This can be calculated by looking at **cueClefPosition** and **cueClefGlyph**.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.29 [CueClef], page 368, Section 3.1.30 [CueEndClef], page 370 and Section 3.1.78 [OctavateEight], page 412.

#### Section 2.2.27 [Dot\_column\_engraver], page 298

Engrave dots on dotted notes shifted to the right of the note. If omitted, then dots appear on top of the notes.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.32 [DotColumn], page 372.

#### Section 2.2.38 [Figured\_bass\_engraver], page 301

Make figured bass numbers.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.7 [bass-figure-event], page 42 and Section 1.2.52 [rest-event], page 48

Properties (read)

- figuredBassAlterationDirection** (direction)  
Where to put alterations relative to the main figure.
- figuredBassCenterContinuations** (boolean)  
Whether to vertically center pairs of extender lines. This does not work with three or more lines.
- figuredBassFormatter** (procedure)  
A routine generating a markup for a bass figure.
- ignoreFiguredBassRest** (boolean)  
Don't swallow rest events.
- implicitBassFigures** (list)  
A list of bass figures that are not printed as numbers, but only as extender lines.



**useBassFigureExtenders** (boolean)

Whether to use extender lines for repeated bass figures.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.13 [BassFigure], page 357, Section 3.1.14 [BassFigure-Alignment], page 357, Section 3.1.16 [BassFigureBracket], page 359, Section 3.1.17 [BassFigureContinuation], page 359 and Section 3.1.18 [BassFigureLine], page 359.

**Section 2.2.39 [Figured\_bass\_position\_engraver], page 302**

Position figured bass alignments over notes.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.15 [BassFigureAlignmentPositioning], page 358.

**Section 2.2.41 [Font\_size\_engraver], page 302**

Put **fontSize** into **font-size** grob property.

Properties (read)

**fontSize** (number)

The relative size of all grobs in a context.

**Section 2.2.42 [Footnote\_engraver], page 302**

Create footnote texts.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.24 [footnote-event], page 44

Properties (read)

**currentMusicalColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.43 [FootnoteItem], page 383 and Section 3.1.44 [FootnoteSpanner], page 384.

**Section 2.2.51 [Grob\_pq\_engraver], page 306**

Administrate when certain grobs (e.g., note heads) stop playing.

Properties (read)

**busyGrobs** (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

**busyGrobs** (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

**Section 2.2.55 [Instrument\_name\_engraver], page 307**

Create a system start text for instrument or vocal names.

Properties (read)

**currentCommandColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

**instrumentName** (markup)

The name to print left of a staff. The **instrumentName** property labels the staff in the first system, and the **shortInstrumentName** property labels following lines.

**shortInstrumentName** (markup)

See **instrumentName**.

**shortVocalName** (markup)

Name of a vocal line, short version.

**vocalName** (markup)

Name of a vocal line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.52 \[InstrumentName\], page 391.](#)

#### [Section 2.2.58 \[Key\\_engraver\], page 308](#)

Engrave a key signature.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.28 \[key-change-event\], page 44](#)

Properties (read)

**createKeyOnClefChange** (boolean)

Print a key signature whenever the clef is changed.

**explicitKeySignatureVisibility** (vector)

'break-visibility' function for explicit key changes. 'override' of the **break-visibility** property will set the visibility for normal (i.e., at the start of the line) key signatures.

**extraNatural** (boolean)

Whether to typeset an extra natural sign before accidentals that reduce the effect of a previous alteration.

**keyAlterationOrder** (list)

An alist that defines in what order alterations should be printed. The format is (*step* . *alter*), where *step* is a number from 0 to 6 and *alter* from -2 (sharp) to 2 (flat).

**keySignature** (list)

The current key signature. This is an alist containing (*step* . *alter*) or ((*octave* . *step*) . *alter*), where *step* is a number in the range 0 to 6 and *alter* a fraction, denoting

alteration. For alterations, use symbols, e.g.  
`keySignature = #`((6 . ,FLAT))`.

`lastKeySignature` (list)  
 Last key signature before a key signature change.

`middleCClefPosition` (number)  
 The position of the middle C, as determined only by the clef. This can be calculated by looking at `clefPosition` and `clefGlyph`.

`printKeyCancellation` (boolean)  
 Print restoration alterations before a key signature change.

Properties (write)

`keySignature` (list)  
 The current key signature. This is an alist containing `(step . alter)` or `((octave . step) . alter)`, where *step* is a number in the range 0 to 6 and *alter* a fraction, denoting alteration. For alterations, use symbols, e.g.  
`keySignature = #`((6 . ,FLAT))`.

`lastKeySignature` (list)  
 Last key signature before a key signature change.

`tonic` (pitch)  
 The tonic of the current scale.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.54 \[KeyCancellation\]](#), page 393 and [Section 3.1.55 \[KeySignature\]](#), page 394.

[Section 2.2.61 \[Ledger\\_line\\_engraver\]](#), page 309

Create the spanner to draw ledger lines, and notices objects that need ledger lines.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.58 \[LedgerLineSpanner\]](#), page 397.

[Section 2.2.78 \[Ottava\\_spanner\\_engraver\]](#), page 315

Create a text spanner when the ottavation property changes.

Properties (read)

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)  
 Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

`middleCOffset` (number)  
 The offset of middle C from the position given by `middleCClefPosition`. This is used for ottava brackets.

`ottavation` (markup)

If set, the text for an ottava spanner. Changing this creates a new text spanner.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.79 \[OttavaBracket\]](#), page 413.

[Section 2.2.79 \[Output\\_property\\_engraver\]](#), page 315

Apply a procedure to any grob acknowledged.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.4 \[apply-output-event\]](#), page 42

[Section 2.2.86 \[Piano\\_pedal\\_align\\_engraver\]](#), page 318

Align piano pedal symbols and brackets.

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.97 \[SostenutoPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 428, [Section 3.1.111 \[SustainPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 440 and [Section 3.1.130 \[UnaCordaPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 459.

[Section 2.2.87 \[Piano\\_pedal\\_engraver\]](#), page 318

Engrave piano pedal symbols and brackets.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.59 \[sostenuto-event\]](#), page 48, [Section 1.2.67 \[sustain-event\]](#), page 50 and [Section 1.2.76 \[una-corda-event\]](#), page 51

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`pedalSostenutoStrings` (list)

See `pedalSustainStrings`.

`pedalSostenutoStyle` (symbol)

See `pedalSustainStyle`.

`pedalSustainStrings` (list)

A list of strings to print for sustain-pedal. Format is (*up updown down*), where each of the three is the string to print when this is done with the pedal.

`pedalSustainStyle` (symbol)

A symbol that indicates how to print sustain pedals: `text`, `bracket` or `mixed` (both).

`pedalUnaCordaStrings` (list)

See `pedalSustainStrings`.

`pedalUnaCordaStyle` (symbol)

See `pedalSustainStyle`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.85 [`PianoPedalBracket`], page 419, Section 3.1.96 [`SostenutoPedal`], page 428, Section 3.1.110 [`SustainPedal`], page 439 and Section 3.1.129 [`UnaCordaPedal`], page 458.

Section 2.2.91 [`Pure_from_neighbor_engraver`], page 319

Coordinates items that get their pure heights from their neighbors.

Section 2.2.94 [`Rest_collision_engraver`], page 321

Handle collisions of rests.

Properties (read)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.91 [`RestCollision`], page 424.

Section 2.2.100 [`Script_row_engraver`], page 322

Determine order in horizontal side position elements.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.94 [`ScriptRow`], page 426.

Section 2.2.101 [`Separating_line_group_engraver`], page 322

Generate objects for computing spacing parameters.

Properties (read)

`createSpacing` (boolean)

Create `StaffSpacing` objects? Should be set for staves.

Properties (write)

`hasStaffSpacing` (boolean)

True if the current `CommandColumn` contains items that will affect spacing.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.102 [`StaffSpacing`], page 433.

Section 2.2.110 [`Staff_collecting_engraver`], page 325

Maintain the `stavesFound` variable.

Properties (read)

`stavesFound` (list of grobs)

A list of all staff-symbols found.

Properties (write)

`stavesFound` (list of grobs)

A list of all staff-symbols found.

**Section 2.2.112 [Staff\_symbol\_engraver], page 325**

Create the constellation of five (default) staff lines.

Music types accepted:

**Section 1.2.63 [staff-span-event], page 49**

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.103 [StaffSymbol], page 433.**

**Section 2.2.125 [Time\_signature\_engraver], page 329**

Create a **Section 3.1.122 [TimeSignature], page 451** whenever `timeSignatureFraction` changes.

Properties (read)

`implicitTimeSignatureVisibility` (vector)  
break visibility for the default time signature.

`timeSignatureFraction` (fraction, as pair)  
A pair of numbers, signifying the time signature. For example, '(4 . 4) is a 4/4 time signature.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.122 [TimeSignature], page 451.**

**2.1.13 GregorianTranscriptionVoice**

Corresponds to a voice on a staff. This context handles the conversion of dynamic signs, stems, beams, super- and subscripts, slurs, ties, and rests.

You have to instantiate this explicitly if you want to have multiple voices on the same staff.

This context also accepts commands for the following context(s):

Voice.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.9 [Arpeggio], page 352, Section 3.1.19 [Beam], page 360, Section 3.1.20 [BendAfter], page 361, Section 3.1.23 [BreathingSign], page 363, Section 3.1.26 [ClusterSpanner], page 366, Section 3.1.27 [ClusterSpannerBeacon], page 367, Section 3.1.28 [CombineTextScript], page 367, Section 3.1.33 [Dots], page 373, Section 3.1.34 [DoublePercentRepeat], page 373, Section 3.1.35 [DoublePercentRepeatCounter], page 374, Section 3.1.36 [DoubleRepeatSlash], page 376, Section 3.1.37 [DynamicLineSpanner], page 376, Section 3.1.38 [DynamicText], page 377, Section 3.1.39 [DynamicTextSpanner], page 379, Section 3.1.40 [Episema], page 380, Section 3.1.41 [Fingering], page 381, Section 3.1.46 [Glissando], page 387, Section 3.1.50 [Hairpin], page 389, Section 3.1.53 [InstrumentSwitch], page 392, Section 3.1.56 [LaissezVibrerTie], page 396, Section 3.1.57 [LaissezVibrerTieColumn], page 397, Section 3.1.60 [LigatureBracket], page 398, Section 3.1.69 [MultiMeasureRest], page 405, Section 3.1.70 [MultiMeasureRestNumber], page 406, Section 3.1.71 [MultiMeasureRestText], page 408, Section 3.1.74 [NoteColumn], page 410, Section 3.1.75 [NoteHead], page 411, Section 3.1.77 [NoteSpacing], page 412, Section 3.1.82 [PercentRepeat], page 416, Section 3.1.83 [PercentRepeatCounter], page 417, Section 3.1.84 [PhrasingSlur], page 418, Section 3.1.87 [RepeatSlash], page 422, Section 3.1.88 [RepeatTie], page 422, Section 3.1.89 [RepeatTieColumn], page 423, Section 3.1.90 [Rest], page 424, Section 3.1.92 [Script], page 424, Section 3.1.93 [ScriptColumn], page 425, Section 3.1.95 [Slur], page 426, Section 3.1.105 [Stem], page 434, Section 3.1.107 [StemTremolo], page 436, Section 3.1.108 [StringNumber], page 437, Section 3.1.109 [StrokeFinger], page 438, Section 3.1.118 [TextScript], page 446, Section 3.1.119 [TextSpanner], page 448, Section 3.1.120 [Tie], page 449, Section 3.1.121 [TieColumn],**

page 450, Section 3.1.123 [TrillPitchAccidental], page 452, Section 3.1.124 [TrillPitchGroup], page 453, Section 3.1.125 [TrillPitchHead], page 454, Section 3.1.126 [TrillSpanner], page 454, Section 3.1.127 [TupletBracket], page 456, Section 3.1.128 [TupletNumber], page 457 and Section 3.1.134 [VoiceFollower], page 462.

This context sets the following properties:

- Set grob-property **padding** in Section 3.1.92 [Script], page 424 to 0.5.
- Set grob-property **transparent** in Section 3.1.60 [LigatureBracket], page 398 to #t.
- Set translator property **autoBeaming** to #f.

This context is a ‘bottom’ context; it cannot contain other contexts.

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

**Section 2.2.3 [Arpeggio\_engraver], page 289**

Generate an Arpeggio symbol.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.5 [arpeggio-event], page 42

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.9 [Arpeggio], page 352.

**Section 2.2.4 [Auto\_beam\_engraver], page 289**

Generate beams based on measure characteristics and observed Stems. Uses **baseMoment**, **beatStructure**, **beamExceptions**, **measureLength**, and **measurePosition** to decide when to start and stop a beam. Overriding beaming is done through Section 2.2.115 [Stem\_engraver], page 326 properties **stemLeftBeamCount** and **stemRightBeamCount**.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.9 [beam-forbid-event], page 42

Properties (read)

**autoBeaming** (boolean)

If set to true then beams are generated automatically.

**baseMoment** (moment)

Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

**beamExceptions** (list)

An alist of exceptions to autobeam rules that normally end on beats.

**beamHalfMeasure** (boolean)

Whether to allow a beam to begin halfway through the measure in triple time, which could look like 6/8.

**beatStructure** (list)

List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.

**subdivideBeams** (boolean)

If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\]](#), page 360.

**Section 2.2.10 [Beam\_engraver]**, page 292

Handle **Beam** events by engraving beams. If omitted, then notes are printed with flags instead of beams.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.8 \[beam-event\]](#), page 42

Properties (read)

**baseMoment** (moment)

Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

**beamMelismaBusy** (boolean)

Signal if a beam is present.

**beatStructure** (list)

List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.

**subdivideBeams** (boolean)

If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

Properties (write)

**forbidBreak** (boolean)

If set to **#t**, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\]](#), page 360.

**Section 2.2.12 [Bend\_engraver]**, page 293

Create fall spanners.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.10 \[bend-after-event\]](#), page 43

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.20 \[BendAfter\]](#), page 361.

**Section 2.2.14 [Breathing\_sign\_engraver]**, page 293

Create a breathing sign.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.14 \[breathing-event\]](#), page 43

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.23 \[BreathingSign\]](#), page 363.

**Section 2.2.16 [Chord\_tremolo\_engraver]**, page 294

Generate beams for tremolo repeats.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.73 \[tremolo-span-event\]](#), page 51

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\]](#), page 360.



**Section 2.2.18 [Cluster\_spanner\_engraver], page 295**

Engrave a cluster using **Spanner** notation.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.15 [cluster-note-event], page 43

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.26 [ClusterSpanner], page 366 and Section 3.1.27 [ClusterSpannerBeacon], page 367.

**Section 2.2.28 [Dots\_engraver], page 298**

Create Section 3.1.33 [Dots], page 373 objects for Section 3.2.89 [rhythmic-head-interface], page 510s.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.33 [Dots], page 373.

**Section 2.2.29 [Double\_percent\_repeat\_engraver], page 298**

Make double measure repeats.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.19 [double-percent-event], page 43

Properties (read)

**countPercentRepeats** (boolean)

If set, produce counters for percent repeats.

**measureLength** (moment)

Length of one measure in the current time signature.

**repeatCountVisibility** (procedure)

A procedure taking as arguments an integer and context, returning whether the corresponding percent repeat number should be printed when **countPercentRepeats** is set.

Properties (write)

**forbidBreak** (boolean)

If set to **#t**, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.34 [DoublePercentRepeat], page 373 and Section 3.1.35 [DoublePercentRepeatCounter], page 374.

**Section 2.2.32 [Dynamic\_align\_engraver], page 299**

Align hairpins and dynamic texts on a horizontal line.

Properties (read)

**currentMusicalColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.37 [DynamicLineSpanner], page 376.

**Section 2.2.36 [Episema\_engraver], page 300**

Create an *Editio Vaticana*-style episema line.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.21 \[episema-event\], page 44](#)

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.40 \[Episema\], page 380.](#)

**Section 2.2.40 [Fingering\_engraver], page 302**

Create fingering scripts.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.23 \[fingering-event\], page 44](#)

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.41 \[Fingering\], page 381.](#)

**Section 2.2.41 [Font\_size\_engraver], page 302**

Put `fontSize` into `font-size` grob property.

Properties (read)

`fontSize` (number)

The relative size of all grobs in a context.

**Section 2.2.43 [Forbid\_line\_break\_engraver], page 303**

Forbid line breaks when note heads are still playing at some point.

Properties (read)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

`forbidBreak` (boolean)

If set to `#t`, prevent a line break at this point.

**Section 2.2.45 [Glissando\_engraver], page 304**

Engrave glissandi.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.25 \[glissando-event\], page 44](#)

Properties (read)

`glissandoMap` (list)

A map in the form of '((source1 . target1) (source2 . target2) (sourcen . targetn))' showing the glissandi to be drawn for note columns. The value '()' will default to '((0 . 0) (1 . 1) (n . n))', where n is the minimal number of note-heads in the two note columns between which the glissandi occur.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.46 \[Glissando\], page 387.](#)

**Section 2.2.46 [Grace\_beam\_engraver], page 304**

Handle `Beam` events by engraving beams. If omitted, then notes are printed with flags instead of beams. Only engraves beams when we are at grace points in time.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.8 \[beam-event\], page 42](#)

Properties (read)

- baseMoment** (moment)  
Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.
- beamMelismaBusy** (boolean)  
Signal if a beam is present.
- beatStructure** (list)  
List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.
- subdivideBeams** (boolean)  
If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\], page 360.](#)

[Section 2.2.47 \[Grace\\_engraver\], page 305](#)

Set font size and other properties for grace notes.

Properties (read)

- graceSettings** (list)  
Overrides for grace notes. This property should be manipulated through the **add-grace-property** function.

[Section 2.2.51 \[Grob\\_pq\\_engraver\], page 306](#)

Administrate when certain grobs (e.g., note heads) stop playing.

Properties (read)

- busyGrobs** (list)  
A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

- busyGrobs** (list)  
A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

[Section 2.2.56 \[Instrument\\_switch\\_engraver\], page 307](#)

Create a cue text for taking instrument.

Properties (read)

- instrumentCueName** (markup)  
The name to print if another instrument is to be taken.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.53 \[InstrumentSwitch\]](#), page 392.

**Section 2.2.60 [Laissez\_vibrer\_engraver]**, page 309

Create laissez vibrer items.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.30 \[laissez-vibrer-event\]](#), page 45

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.56 \[LaissezVibrerTie\]](#), page 396 and [Section 3.1.57 \[LaissezVibrerTieColumn\]](#), page 397.

**Section 2.2.62 [Ligature\_bracket\_engraver]**, page 309

Handle `Ligature_events` by engraving `Ligature` brackets.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.32 \[ligature-event\]](#), page 45

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.60 \[LigatureBracket\]](#), page 398.

**Section 2.2.70 [Multi\_measure\_rest\_engraver]**, page 312

Engrave multi-measure rests that are produced with ‘R’. It reads `measurePosition` and `internalBarNumber` to determine what number to print over the [Section 3.1.69 \[MultiMeasureRest\]](#), page 405.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.37 \[multi-measure-rest-event\]](#), page 45 and [Section 1.2.38 \[multi-measure-text-event\]](#), page 45

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`internalBarNumber` (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is used for internal timekeeping, among others by the `Accidental_engraver`.

`measurePosition` (moment)

How much of the current measure have we had. This can be set manually to create incomplete measures.

`restNumberThreshold` (number)

If a multimeasure rest has more measures than this, a number is printed.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.69 \[MultiMeasureRest\]](#), page 405, [Section 3.1.70 \[MultiMeasureRestNumber\]](#), page 406 and [Section 3.1.71 \[MultiMeasureRestText\]](#), page 408.

**Section 2.2.71 [New\_dynamic\_engraver]**, page 312

Create hairpins, dynamic texts and dynamic text spanners.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.1 \[absolute-dynamic-event\]](#), page 42, [Section 1.2.13 \[break-span-event\]](#), page 43 and [Section 1.2.61 \[span-dynamic-event\]](#), page 49

Properties (read)

**crescendoSpanner** (symbol)

The type of spanner to be used for crescendi. Available values are ‘hairpin’ and ‘text’. If unset, a hairpin crescendo is used.

**crescendoText** (markup)

The text to print at start of non-hairpin crescendo, i.e., ‘cresc.’.

**currentMusicalColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

**decrescendoSpanner** (symbol)

The type of spanner to be used for decrescendi. Available values are ‘hairpin’ and ‘text’. If unset, a hairpin decrescendo is used.

**decrescendoText** (markup)

The text to print at start of non-hairpin decrescendo, i.e., ‘dim.’.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.38 \[DynamicText\]](#), page 377, [Section 3.1.39 \[DynamicTextSpanner\]](#), page 379 and [Section 3.1.50 \[Hairpin\]](#), page 389.

[Section 2.2.72 \[New\\_fingering\\_engraver\]](#), page 313

Create fingering scripts for notes in a new chord. This engraver is ill-named, since it also takes care of articulations and harmonic note heads.

Properties (read)

**fingeringOrientations** (list)

A list of symbols, containing ‘left’, ‘right’, ‘up’ and/or ‘down’. This list determines where fingerings are put relative to the chord being fingered.

**harmonicDots** (boolean)

If set, harmonic notes in dotted chords get dots.

**stringNumberOrientations** (list)

See **fingeringOrientations**.

**strokeFingerOrientations** (list)

See **fingeringOrientations**.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.41 \[Fingering\]](#), page 381, [Section 3.1.92 \[Script\]](#), page 424, [Section 3.1.108 \[StringNumber\]](#), page 437 and [Section 3.1.109 \[StrokeFinger\]](#), page 438.

**Section 2.2.73 [Note\_head\_line\_engraver], page 314**

Engrave a line between two note heads, for example a glissando. If `followVoice` is set, staff switches also generate a line.

Properties (read)

`followVoice` (boolean)

If set, note heads are tracked across staff switches by a thin line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.46 [Glissando], page 387 and Section 3.1.134 [VoiceFollower], page 462.

**Section 2.2.74 [Note\_heads\_engraver], page 314**

Generate note heads.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.40 [note-event], page 46

Properties (read)

`middleCPosition` (number)

The place of the middle C, measured in half staff-spaces. Usually determined by looking at `middleCClefPosition` and `middleCOffset`.

`staffLineLayoutFunction` (procedure)

Layout of staff lines, `traditional`, or `semitone`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.75 [NoteHead], page 411.

**Section 2.2.77 [Note\_spacing\_engraver], page 315**

Generate `NoteSpacing`, an object linking horizontal lines for use in spacing.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.77 [NoteSpacing], page 412.

**Section 2.2.79 [Output\_property\_engraver], page 315**

Apply a procedure to any grob acknowledged.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.4 [apply-output-event], page 42

**Section 2.2.83 [Part\_combine\_engraver], page 317**

Part combine engraver for orchestral scores: Print markings ‘a2’, ‘Solo’, ‘Solo II’, and ‘unisono’.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.40 [note-event], page 46 and Section 1.2.44 [part-combine-event], page 47

Properties (read)

`aDueText` (markup)

Text to print at a unisono passage.

`partCombineTextsOnNote` (boolean)

Print part-combine texts only on the next note rather than immediately on rests or skips.

**printPartCombineTexts** (boolean)  
Set ‘Solo’ and ‘A due’ texts in the part combiner?

**soloIIIText** (markup)  
The text for the start of a solo for voice ‘two’ when part-combining.

**soloText** (markup)  
The text for the start of a solo when part-combining.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.28 \[CombineTextScript\]](#), page 367.

**Section 2.2.84 [Percent\_repeat\_engraver]**, page 317

Make whole measure repeats.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.47 \[percent-event\]](#), page 47

Properties (read)

**countPercentRepeats** (boolean)  
If set, produce counters for percent repeats.

**currentCommandColumn** (graphical (layout) object)  
Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

**repeatCountVisibility** (procedure)  
A procedure taking as arguments an integer and context, returning whether the corresponding percent repeat number should be printed when **countPercentRepeats** is set.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.82 \[PercentRepeat\]](#), page 416 and [Section 3.1.83 \[PercentRepeatCounter\]](#), page 417.

**Section 2.2.85 [Phrasing\_slur\_engraver]**, page 318

Print phrasing slurs. Similar to [Section 2.2.103 \[Slur\\_engraver\]](#), page 323.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.49 \[phrasing-slur-event\]](#), page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.84 \[PhrasingSlur\]](#), page 418.

**Section 2.2.90 [Pitched\_trill\_engraver]**, page 319

Print the bracketed note head after a note head with trill.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.123 \[TrillPitchAccidental\]](#), page 452, [Section 3.1.124 \[TrillPitchGroup\]](#), page 453 and [Section 3.1.125 \[TrillPitchHead\]](#), page 454.

**Section 2.2.93 [Repeat\_tie\_engraver]**, page 320

Create repeat ties.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.51 [repeat-tie-event], page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.88 [RepeatTie], page 422 and Section 3.1.89 [RepeatTieColumn], page 423.

#### Section 2.2.95 [Rest\_engraver], page 321

Engrave rests.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.52 [rest-event], page 48

Properties (read)

`middleCPosition` (number)

The place of the middle C, measured in half staff-spaces. Usually determined by looking at `middleCClefPosition` and `middleCOffset`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.90 [Rest], page 424.

#### Section 2.2.96 [Rhythmic\_column\_engraver], page 321

Generate `NoteColumn`, an object that groups stems, note heads, and rests.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.74 [NoteColumn], page 410.

#### Section 2.2.98 [Script\_column\_engraver], page 322

Find potentially colliding scripts and put them into a `ScriptColumn` object; that will fix the collisions.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.93 [ScriptColumn], page 425.

#### Section 2.2.99 [Script\_engraver], page 322

Handle note scripted articulations.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.6 [articulation-event], page 42

Properties (read)

`scriptDefinitions` (list)

The description of scripts. This is used by the `Script_engraver` for typesetting note-superscripts and subscripts. See '`scm/script.scm`' for more information.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.92 [Script], page 424.

#### Section 2.2.102 [Slash\_repeat\_engraver], page 323

Make beat repeats.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.50 [repeat-slash-event], page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.36 [DoubleRepeatSlash], page 376 and Section 3.1.87 [RepeatSlash], page 422.



**Section 2.2.103 [Slur\_engraver], page 323**

Build slur grobs from slur events.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.56 \[slur-event\], page 48](#)

Properties (read)

`doubleSlurs` (boolean)

If set, two slurs are created for every slurred note, one above and one below the chord.

`slurMelismaBusy` (boolean)

Signal if a slur is present.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.95 \[Slur\], page 426.](#)

**Section 2.2.109 [Spanner\_break\_forbid\_engraver], page 325**

Forbid breaks in certain spanners.

**Section 2.2.115 [Stem\_engraver], page 326**

Create stems and single-stem tremolos. It also works together with the beam engraver for overriding beaming.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.72 \[tremolo-event\], page 50](#) and [Section 1.2.75 \[tuplet-span-event\], page 51](#)

Properties (read)

`stemLeftBeamCount` (integer)

Specify the number of beams to draw on the left side of the next note. Overrides automatic beaming. The value is only used once, and then it is erased.

`stemRightBeamCount` (integer)

See `stemLeftBeamCount`.

`tremoloFlags` (integer)

The number of tremolo flags to add if no number is specified.

`whichBar` (string)

This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.

Example:

```
\set Staff.whichBar = "|: "
```

This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in [Section “bar-line-interface” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.105 \[Stem\], page 434](#) and [Section 3.1.107 \[StemTremolo\], page 436.](#)

**Section 2.2.121 [Text\_engraver], page 328**

Create text scripts.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.69 \[text-script-event\]](#), page 50

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.118 \[TextScript\]](#), page 446.

#### [Section 2.2.122 \[Text\\_spanner\\_engraver\]](#), page 328

Create text spanner from an event.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.70 \[text-span-event\]](#), page 50

Properties (read)

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.119 \[TextSpanner\]](#), page 448.

#### [Section 2.2.123 \[Tie\\_engraver\]](#), page 329

Generate ties between note heads of equal pitch.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.71 \[tie-event\]](#), page 50

Properties (read)

`tieWaitForNote` (boolean)

If true, tied notes do not have to follow each other directly. This can be used for writing out arpeggios.

Properties (write)

`tieMelismaBusy` (boolean)

Signal whether a tie is present.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.120 \[Tie\]](#), page 449 and [Section 3.1.121 \[TieColumn\]](#), page 450.

#### [Section 2.2.129 \[Trill\\_spanner\\_engraver\]](#), page 331

Create trill spanner from an event.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.74 \[trill-span-event\]](#), page 51

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.126 \[TrillSpanner\]](#), page 454.

[Section 2.2.130 \[Tuplet\\_engraver\]](#), page 331

Catch tuplet events and generate appropriate bracket.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.75 \[tuplet-span-event\]](#), page 51

Properties (read)

`tupletFullLength` (boolean)

If set, the tuplet is printed up to the start of the next note.

`tupletFullLengthNote` (boolean)

If set, end at the next note, otherwise end on the matter (time signatures, etc.) before the note.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.127 \[TupletBracket\]](#), page 456 and [Section 3.1.128 \[Tuplet-Number\]](#), page 457.

[Section 2.2.131 \[Tweak\\_engraver\]](#), page 332

Read the `tweaks` property from the originating event, and set properties.

## 2.1.14 KievanStaff

Same as `Staff` context, except that it is accommodated for typesetting a piece in Kievan style.

This context also accepts commands for the following context(s):

`Staff`.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.1 \[Accidental\]](#), page 346, [Section 3.1.2 \[AccidentalCautionary\]](#), page 346, [Section 3.1.3 \[AccidentalPlacement\]](#), page 347, [Section 3.1.4 \[AccidentalSuggestion\]](#), page 348, [Section 3.1.11 \[BarLine\]](#), page 354, [Section 3.1.13 \[BassFigure\]](#), page 357, [Section 3.1.14 \[BassFigureAlignment\]](#), page 357, [Section 3.1.15 \[BassFigureAlignmentPositioning\]](#), page 358, [Section 3.1.16 \[BassFigureBracket\]](#), page 359, [Section 3.1.17 \[BassFigureContinuation\]](#), page 359, [Section 3.1.18 \[BassFigureLine\]](#), page 359, [Section 3.1.25 \[Clef\]](#), page 365, [Section 3.1.29 \[CueClef\]](#), page 368, [Section 3.1.30 \[CueEndClef\]](#), page 370, [Section 3.1.32 \[DotColumn\]](#), page 372, [Section 3.1.43 \[FootnoteItem\]](#), page 383, [Section 3.1.44 \[FootnoteSpanner\]](#), page 384, [Section 3.1.52 \[InstrumentName\]](#), page 391, [Section 3.1.54 \[KeyCancellation\]](#), page 393, [Section 3.1.55 \[KeySignature\]](#), page 394, [Section 3.1.58 \[LedgerLineSpanner\]](#), page 397, [Section 3.1.73 \[NoteCollision\]](#), page 410, [Section 3.1.78 \[OctavateEight\]](#), page 412, [Section 3.1.79 \[OttavaBracket\]](#), page 413, [Section 3.1.85 \[PianoPedalBracket\]](#), page 419, [Section 3.1.91 \[RestCollision\]](#), page 424, [Section 3.1.94 \[ScriptRow\]](#), page 426, [Section 3.1.96 \[SostenutoPedal\]](#), page 428, [Section 3.1.97 \[SostenutoPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 428, [Section 3.1.102 \[StaffSpacing\]](#), page 433, [Section 3.1.103 \[StaffSymbol\]](#), page 433, [Section 3.1.110 \[SustainPedal\]](#), page 439, [Section 3.1.111 \[SustainPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 440, [Section 3.1.129 \[UnaCordaPedal\]](#), page 458, [Section 3.1.130 \[UnaCordaPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 459 and [Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\]](#), page 461.

This context sets the following properties:

- Set translator property `autoAccidentals` to `'(Staff #<procedure #f (context pitch barnum measurepos)> #<procedure neo-modern-accidental-rule (context pitch barnum measurepos)>)>'`.

- Set translator property `autoCautionaries` to `'()`.
- Set translator property `clefGlyph` to `"clefs.kievan.do"`.
- Set translator property `clefOctavation` to 0.
- Set translator property `clefPosition` to 0.
- Set translator property `createSpacing` to `#t`.
- Set translator property `extraNatural` to `#f`.
- Set translator property `ignoreFiguredBassRest` to `#f`.
- Set translator property `instrumentName` to `'()`.
- Set translator property `localKeySignature` to `'()`.
- Set translator property `middleCClefPosition` to 0.
- Set translator property `middleCPosition` to 0.
- Set translator property `printKeyCancellation` to `#f`.
- Set translator property `shortInstrumentName` to `'()`.

Context `KievanStaff` can contain [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\], page 61](#) and [Section 2.1.15 \[Kievan-Voice\], page 136](#).

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

**Section 2.2.1 [Accidental\_engraver], page 287**

Make accidentals. Catch note heads, ties and notices key-change events. This engraver usually lives at `Staff` level, but reads the settings for `Accidental` at `Voice` level, so you can `\override` them at `Voice`.

Properties (read)

`autoAccidentals` (list)

List of different ways to typeset an accidental.

For determining when to print an accidental, several different rules are tried. The rule that gives the highest number of accidentals is used. Each entry in the list is either a symbol or a procedure.

*symbol*      The symbol is the name of the context in which the following rules are to be applied. For example, if *context* is [Section “Score” in Internals Reference](#) then all staves share accidentals, and if *context* is [Section “Staff” in Internals Reference](#) then all voices in the same staff share accidentals, but staves do not.

*procedure*    The procedure represents an accidental rule to be applied to the previously specified context.

The procedure takes the following arguments:

**context**      The current context to which the rule should be applied.

**pitch**      The pitch of the note to be evaluated.

**barnum**      The current bar number.

**measurepos**      The current measure position.

The procedure returns a pair of booleans. The first states whether an extra natural should be added. The second states whether an accidental should be printed. (**#t** . **#f**) does not make sense.

**autoCautionaries** (list)

List similar to **autoAccidentals**, but it controls cautionary accidentals rather than normal ones. Both lists are tried, and the one giving the most accidentals wins. In case of draw, a normal accidental is typeset.

**extraNatural** (boolean)

Whether to typeset an extra natural sign before accidentals that reduce the effect of a previous alteration.

**harmonicAccidentals** (boolean)

If set, harmonic notes in chords get accidentals.

**internalBarNumber** (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is used for internal timekeeping, among others by the **Accidental\_engraver**.

**keySignature** (list)

The current key signature. This is an alist containing (*step* . *alter*) or ((*octave* . *step*) . *alter*), where *step* is a number in the range 0 to 6 and *alter* a fraction, denoting alteration. For alterations, use symbols, e.g. **keySignature** = **#`((6 . ,FLAT))**.

**localKeySignature** (list)

The key signature at this point in the measure. The format is the same as for **keySignature**, but can also contain ((*octave* . *name*) . (*alter* *barnumber* . *measureposition*)) pairs.

Properties (write)

**localKeySignature** (list)

The key signature at this point in the measure. The format is the same as for **keySignature**, but can also contain ((*octave* . *name*) . (*alter* *barnumber* . *measureposition*)) pairs.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.1 [Accidental], page 346, Section 3.1.2 [AccidentalCautionary], page 346, Section 3.1.3 [AccidentalPlacement], page 347 and Section 3.1.4 [AccidentalSuggestion], page 348.

#### Section 2.2.5 [Axis\_group\_engraver], page 290

Group all objects created in this context in a `VerticalAxisGroup` spanner.

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.133 [VerticalAxisGroup], page 461.

#### Section 2.2.7 [Bar\_engraver], page 291

Create barlines. This engraver is controlled through the `whichBar` property. If it has no bar line to create, it will forbid a linebreak at this point. This engraver is required to trigger the creation of clefs at the start of systems.

Properties (read)

`whichBar` (string)

This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.

Example:

```
\set Staff.whichBar = "|:"
```

This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in Section “bar-line-interface” in *Internals Reference*.

Properties (write)

`forbidBreak` (boolean)

If set to `#t`, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.11 [BarLine], page 354.

#### Section 2.2.17 [Clef\_engraver], page 294

Determine and set reference point for pitches.

Properties (read)

`clefGlyph` (string)

Name of the symbol within the music font.

`clefOctavation` (integer)

Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7 and -7 are common.

`clefPosition` (number)

Where should the center of the clef symbol go, measured in half staff spaces from the center of the staff.

**explicitClefVisibility** (vector)  
 ‘break-visibility’ function for clef changes.

**forceClef** (boolean)  
 Show clef symbol, even if it has not changed.  
 Only active for the first clef after the property  
 is set, not for the full staff.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.25 [Clef], page 365 and Section 3.1.78 [OctavateEight],  
 page 412.

**Section 2.2.19 [Collision\_engraver], page 295**

Collect NoteColumns, and as soon as there are two or more, put them  
 in a NoteCollision object.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.73 [NoteCollision], page 410.

**Section 2.2.24 [Cue\_clef\_engraver], page 296**

Determine and set reference point for pitches in cued voices.

Properties (read)

**clefOctavation** (integer)  
 Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7  
 and -7 are common.

**cueClefGlyph** (string)  
 Name of the symbol within the music font.

**cueClefOctavation** (integer)  
 Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7  
 and -7 are common.

**cueClefPosition** (number)  
 Where should the center of the clef symbol go,  
 measured in half staff spaces from the center of  
 the staff.

**explicitCueClefVisibility** (vector)  
 ‘break-visibility’ function for cue clef  
 changes.

**middleCCuePosition** (number)  
 The position of the middle C, as determined  
 only by the clef of the cue notes. This can be  
 calculated by looking at **cueClefPosition** and  
**cueClefGlyph**.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.29 [CueClef], page 368, Section 3.1.30 [CueEndClef],  
 page 370 and Section 3.1.78 [OctavateEight], page 412.

**Section 2.2.27 [Dot\_column\_engraver], page 298**

Engrave dots on dotted notes shifted to the right of the note. If omitted,  
 then dots appear on top of the notes.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.32 [DotColumn], page 372.

**Section 2.2.38 [Figured\_bass\_engraver], page 301**

Make figured bass numbers.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.7 [bass-figure-event], page 42 and Section 1.2.52 [rest-event], page 48

Properties (read)

**figuredBassAlterationDirection**  
(direction)

Where to put alterations relative to the main figure.

**figuredBassCenterContinuations** (boolean)

Whether to vertically center pairs of extender lines. This does not work with three or more lines.

**figuredBassFormatter** (procedure)

A routine generating a markup for a bass figure.

**ignoreFiguredBassRest** (boolean)

Don't swallow rest events.

**implicitBassFigures** (list)

A list of bass figures that are not printed as numbers, but only as extender lines.

**useBassFigureExtenders** (boolean)

Whether to use extender lines for repeated bass figures.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.13 [BassFigure], page 357, Section 3.1.14 [BassFigure-Alignment], page 357, Section 3.1.16 [BassFigureBracket], page 359, Section 3.1.17 [BassFigureContinuation], page 359 and Section 3.1.18 [BassFigureLine], page 359.

**Section 2.2.39 [Figured\_bass\_position\_engraver], page 302**

Position figured bass alignments over notes.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.15 [BassFigureAlignmentPositioning], page 358.

**Section 2.2.41 [Font\_size\_engraver], page 302**

Put **fontSize** into **font-size** grob property.

Properties (read)

**fontSize** (number)

The relative size of all grobs in a context.

**Section 2.2.42 [Footnote\_engraver], page 302**

Create footnote texts.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.24 [footnote-event], page 44

Properties (read)



`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.43 [FootnoteItem], page 383 and Section 3.1.44 [FootnoteSpanner], page 384.

Section 2.2.51 [Grob\_pq\_engraver], page 306

Administrate when certain grobs (e.g., note heads) stop playing.

Properties (read)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Section 2.2.55 [Instrument\_name\_engraver], page 307

Create a system start text for instrument or vocal names.

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`instrumentName` (markup)

The name to print left of a staff. The `instrumentName` property labels the staff in the first system, and the `shortInstrumentName` property labels following lines.

`shortInstrumentName` (markup)

See `instrumentName`.

`shortVocalName` (markup)

Name of a vocal line, short version.

`vocalName` (markup)

Name of a vocal line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.52 [InstrumentName], page 391.

Section 2.2.58 [Key\_engraver], page 308

Engrave a key signature.

Music types accepted:

## Section 1.2.28 [key-change-event], page 44

Properties (read)

- createKeyOnClefChange** (boolean)  
Print a key signature whenever the clef is changed.
- explicitKeySignatureVisibility** (vector)  
'break-visibility' function for explicit key changes. '\override' of the **break-visibility** property will set the visibility for normal (i.e., at the start of the line) key signatures.
- extraNatural** (boolean)  
Whether to typeset an extra natural sign before accidentals that reduce the effect of a previous alteration.
- keyAlterationOrder** (list)  
An alist that defines in what order alterations should be printed. The format is (*step* . *alter*), where *step* is a number from 0 to 6 and *alter* from -2 (sharp) to 2 (flat).
- keySignature** (list)  
The current key signature. This is an alist containing (*step* . *alter*) or ((*octave* . *step*) . *alter*), where *step* is a number in the range 0 to 6 and *alter* a fraction, denoting alteration. For alterations, use symbols, e.g. **keySignature** = #`((6 . ,FLAT)).
- lastKeySignature** (list)  
Last key signature before a key signature change.
- middleCClefPosition** (number)  
The position of the middle C, as determined only by the clef. This can be calculated by looking at **clefPosition** and **clefGlyph**.
- printKeyCancellation** (boolean)  
Print restoration alterations before a key signature change.

Properties (write)

- keySignature** (list)  
The current key signature. This is an alist containing (*step* . *alter*) or ((*octave* . *step*) . *alter*), where *step* is a number in the range 0 to 6 and *alter* a fraction, denoting alteration. For alterations, use symbols, e.g. **keySignature** = #`((6 . ,FLAT)).
- lastKeySignature** (list)  
Last key signature before a key signature change.

`tonic` (pitch)

The tonic of the current scale.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.54 [KeyCancellation], page 393 and Section 3.1.55 [KeySignature], page 394.

**Section 2.2.61 [Ledger\_line\_engraver], page 309**

Create the spanner to draw ledger lines, and notices objects that need ledger lines.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.58 [LedgerLineSpanner], page 397.

**Section 2.2.78 [Ottava\_spanner\_engraver], page 315**

Create a text spanner when the ottavation property changes.

Properties (read)

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

`middleCOffset` (number)

The offset of middle C from the position given by `middleCClefPosition` This is used for ottava brackets.

`ottavation` (markup)

If set, the text for an ottava spanner. Changing this creates a new text spanner.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.79 [OttavaBracket], page 413.

**Section 2.2.79 [Output\_property\_engraver], page 315**

Apply a procedure to any grob acknowledged.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.4 [apply-output-event], page 42

**Section 2.2.86 [Piano\_pedal\_align\_engraver], page 318**

Align piano pedal symbols and brackets.

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.97 [SostenutoPedalLineSpanner], page 428, Section 3.1.111 [SustainPedalLineSpanner], page 440 and Section 3.1.130 [UnaCordaPedalLineSpanner], page 459.

**Section 2.2.87 [Piano\_pedal\_engraver], page 318**

Engrave piano pedal symbols and brackets.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.59 \[sostenuto-event\]](#), page 48, [Section 1.2.67 \[sustain-event\]](#), page 50 and [Section 1.2.76 \[una-corda-event\]](#), page 51

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`pedalSostenutoStrings` (list)

See `pedalSustainStrings`.

`pedalSostenutoStyle` (symbol)

See `pedalSustainStyle`.

`pedalSustainStrings` (list)

A list of strings to print for sustain-pedal. Format is (*up updown down*), where each of the three is the string to print when this is done with the pedal.

`pedalSustainStyle` (symbol)

A symbol that indicates how to print sustain pedals: `text`, `bracket` or `mixed` (both).

`pedalUnaCordaStrings` (list)

See `pedalSustainStrings`.

`pedalUnaCordaStyle` (symbol)

See `pedalSustainStyle`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.85 \[PianoPedalBracket\]](#), page 419, [Section 3.1.96 \[SostenutoPedal\]](#), page 428, [Section 3.1.110 \[SustainPedal\]](#), page 439 and [Section 3.1.129 \[UnaCordaPedal\]](#), page 458.

[Section 2.2.91 \[Pure\\_from\\_neighbor\\_engraver\]](#), page 319

Coordinates items that get their pure heights from their neighbors.

[Section 2.2.94 \[Rest\\_collision\\_engraver\]](#), page 321

Handle collisions of rests.

Properties (read)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.91 \[RestCollision\]](#), page 424.

[Section 2.2.100 \[Script\\_row\\_engraver\]](#), page 322

Determine order in horizontal side position elements.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.94 \[ScriptRow\]](#), page 426.

**Section 2.2.101 [Separating\_line\_group\_engraver], page 322**

Generate objects for computing spacing parameters.

Properties (read)

**createSpacing** (boolean)

Create **StaffSpacing** objects? Should be set for staves.

Properties (write)

**hasStaffSpacing** (boolean)

True if the current **CommandColumn** contains items that will affect spacing.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.102 [StaffSpacing], page 433.**

**Section 2.2.110 [Staff\_collecting\_engraver], page 325**

Maintain the **stavesFound** variable.

Properties (read)

**stavesFound** (list of grobs)

A list of all staff-symbols found.

Properties (write)

**stavesFound** (list of grobs)

A list of all staff-symbols found.

**Section 2.2.112 [Staff\_symbol\_engraver], page 325**

Create the constellation of five (default) staff lines.

Music types accepted:

**Section 1.2.63 [staff-span-event], page 49**

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.103 [StaffSymbol], page 433.**

**2.1.15 KievanVoice**

Same as **Voice** context, except that it is accommodated for typesetting a piece in Kievan style.

This context also accepts commands for the following context(s):

**Voice.**

This context creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.9 [Arpeggio], page 352, Section 3.1.19 [Beam], page 360, Section 3.1.20 [BendAfter], page 361, Section 3.1.23 [BreathingSign], page 363, Section 3.1.26 [ClusterSpanner], page 366, Section 3.1.27 [ClusterSpannerBeacon], page 367, Section 3.1.28 [CombineTextScript], page 367, Section 3.1.33 [Dots], page 373, Section 3.1.34 [DoublePercentRepeat], page 373, Section 3.1.35 [DoublePercentRepeatCounter], page 374, Section 3.1.36 [DoubleRepeatSlash], page 376, Section 3.1.37 [DynamicLineSpanner], page 376, Section 3.1.38 [DynamicText], page 377, Section 3.1.39 [DynamicTextSpanner], page 379, Section 3.1.41 [Fingering], page 381, Section 3.1.46 [Glissando], page 387, Section 3.1.50 [Hairpin], page 389, Section 3.1.53 [InstrumentSwitch], page 392, Section 3.1.56 [LaissezVibrerTie], page 396, Section 3.1.57 [LaissezVibrerTieColumn], page 397, Section 3.1.60 [LigatureBracket], page 398, Section 3.1.69 [MultiMeasureRest], page 405, Section 3.1.70 [MultiMeasureRestNumber], page 406, Section 3.1.71 [MultiMeasureRestText], page 408, Section 3.1.74 [NoteColumn], page 410, Section 3.1.75 [NoteHead], page 411, Section 3.1.77 [NoteSpacing], page 412,**

Section 3.1.82 [PercentRepeat], page 416, Section 3.1.83 [PercentRepeatCounter], page 417, Section 3.1.84 [PhrasingSlur], page 418, Section 3.1.87 [RepeatSlash], page 422, Section 3.1.88 [RepeatTie], page 422, Section 3.1.89 [RepeatTieColumn], page 423, Section 3.1.90 [Rest], page 424, Section 3.1.92 [Script], page 424, Section 3.1.93 [ScriptColumn], page 425, Section 3.1.95 [Slur], page 426, Section 3.1.105 [Stem], page 434, Section 3.1.107 [StemTremolo], page 436, Section 3.1.108 [StringNumber], page 437, Section 3.1.109 [StrokeFinger], page 438, Section 3.1.118 [TextScript], page 446, Section 3.1.119 [TextSpanner], page 448, Section 3.1.120 [Tie], page 449, Section 3.1.121 [TieColumn], page 450, Section 3.1.123 [TrillPitchAccidental], page 452, Section 3.1.124 [TrillPitchGroup], page 453, Section 3.1.125 [TrillPitchHead], page 454, Section 3.1.126 [TrillSpanner], page 454, Section 3.1.127 [TupletBracket], page 456, Section 3.1.128 [TupletNumber], page 457 and Section 3.1.134 [VoiceFollower], page 462.

This context sets the following properties:

- Set grob-property `glyph-name-alist` in Section 3.1.1 [Accidental], page 346 to `'((-1/2 . accidentals.kievanM1) (1/2 . accidentals.kievan1))`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in Section 3.1.95 [Slur], page 426 to `#f`.
- Set grob-property `style` in Section 3.1.33 [Dots], page 373 to `'kievan`.
- Set grob-property `style` in Section 3.1.75 [NoteHead], page 411 to `'kievan`.
- Set grob-property `style` in Section 3.1.90 [Rest], page 424 to `'mensural`.
- Set translator property `autoBeaming` to `#f`.

This context is a ‘bottom’ context; it cannot contain other contexts.

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

#### Section 2.2.3 [Arpeggio\_engraver], page 289

Generate an Arpeggio symbol.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.5 [arpeggio-event], page 42

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.9 [Arpeggio], page 352.

#### Section 2.2.4 [Auto\_beam\_engraver], page 289

Generate beams based on measure characteristics and observed Stems. Uses `baseMoment`, `beatStructure`, `beamExceptions`, `measureLength`, and `measurePosition` to decide when to start and stop a beam. Overriding beaming is done through Section 2.2.115 [Stem\_engraver], page 326 properties `stemLeftBeamCount` and `stemRightBeamCount`.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.9 [beam-forbid-event], page 42

Properties (read)

`autoBeaming` (boolean)

If set to true then beams are generated automatically.

`baseMoment` (moment)

Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

`beamExceptions` (list)

An alist of exceptions to autobeam rules that normally end on beats.

**beamHalfMeasure** (boolean)

Whether to allow a beam to begin halfway through the measure in triple time, which could look like 6/8.

**beatStructure** (list)

List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.

**subdivideBeams** (boolean)

If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\], page 360.](#)

#### [Section 2.2.10 \[Beam\\_engraver\], page 292](#)

Handle **Beam** events by engraving beams. If omitted, then notes are printed with flags instead of beams.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.8 \[beam-event\], page 42](#)

Properties (read)

**baseMoment** (moment)

Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

**beamMelismaBusy** (boolean)

Signal if a beam is present.

**beatStructure** (list)

List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.

**subdivideBeams** (boolean)

If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

Properties (write)

**forbidBreak** (boolean)

If set to **#t**, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\], page 360.](#)

#### [Section 2.2.12 \[Bend\\_engraver\], page 293](#)

Create fall spanners.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.10 \[bend-after-event\], page 43](#)

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.20 \[BendAfter\], page 361.](#)

#### [Section 2.2.14 \[Breathing\\_sign\\_engraver\], page 293](#)

Create a breathing sign.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.14 \[breathing-event\]](#), page 43

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.23 \[BreathingSign\]](#), page 363.

**Section 2.2.16 [Chord\_tremolo\_engraver]**, page 294

Generate beams for tremolo repeats.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.73 \[tremolo-span-event\]](#), page 51

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\]](#), page 360.

**Section 2.2.18 [Cluster\_spanner\_engraver]**, page 295

Engrave a cluster using **Spanner** notation.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.15 \[cluster-note-event\]](#), page 43

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.26 \[ClusterSpanner\]](#), page 366 and [Section 3.1.27 \[ClusterSpannerBeacon\]](#), page 367.

**Section 2.2.28 [Dots\_engraver]**, page 298

Create [Section 3.1.33 \[Dots\]](#), page 373 objects for [Section 3.2.89 \[rhythmic-head-interface\]](#), page 510s.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.33 \[Dots\]](#), page 373.

**Section 2.2.29 [Double\_percent\_repeat\_engraver]**, page 298

Make double measure repeats.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.19 \[double-percent-event\]](#), page 43

Properties (read)

**countPercentRepeats** (boolean)

If set, produce counters for percent repeats.

**measureLength** (moment)

Length of one measure in the current time signature.

**repeatCountVisibility** (procedure)

A procedure taking as arguments an integer and context, returning whether the corresponding percent repeat number should be printed when **countPercentRepeats** is set.

Properties (write)

**forbidBreak** (boolean)

If set to **#t**, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.34 \[DoublePercentRepeat\]](#), page 373 and [Section 3.1.35 \[DoublePercentRepeatCounter\]](#), page 374.



**Section 2.2.32 [Dynamic\_align\_engraver], page 299**

Align hairpins and dynamic texts on a horizontal line.

Properties (read)

**currentMusicalColumn** (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.37 [DynamicLineSpanner], page 376.**

**Section 2.2.40 [Fingering\_engraver], page 302**

Create fingering scripts.

Music types accepted:

**Section 1.2.23 [fingering-event], page 44**

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.41 [Fingering], page 381.**

**Section 2.2.41 [Font\_size\_engraver], page 302**

Put **fontSize** into **font-size** grob property.

Properties (read)

**fontSize** (number)

The relative size of all grobs in a context.

**Section 2.2.43 [Forbid\_line\_break\_engraver], page 303**

Forbid line breaks when note heads are still playing at some point.

Properties (read)

**busyGrobs** (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

**forbidBreak** (boolean)

If set to **#t**, prevent a line break at this point.

**Section 2.2.45 [Glissando\_engraver], page 304**

Engrave glissandi.

Music types accepted:

**Section 1.2.25 [glissando-event], page 44**

Properties (read)

**glissandoMap** (list)

A map in the form of '((source1 . target1) (source2 . target2) (sourcen . targetn))' showing the glissandi to be drawn for note columns. The value '()' will default to '((0 . 0) (1 . 1) (n . n))', where n is the minimal number of note-heads in the two note columns between which the glissandi occur.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.46 \[Glissando\]](#), page 387.

[Section 2.2.46 \[Grace\\_beam\\_engraver\]](#), page 304

Handle **Beam** events by engraving beams. If omitted, then notes are printed with flags instead of beams. Only engraves beams when we are at grace points in time.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.8 \[beam-event\]](#), page 42

Properties (read)

- baseMoment** (moment)  
Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.
- beamMelismaBusy** (boolean)  
Signal if a beam is present.
- beatStructure** (list)  
List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.
- subdivideBeams** (boolean)  
If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\]](#), page 360.

[Section 2.2.47 \[Grace\\_engraver\]](#), page 305

Set font size and other properties for grace notes.

Properties (read)

- graceSettings** (list)  
Overrides for grace notes. This property should be manipulated through the **add-grace-property** function.

[Section 2.2.51 \[Grob\\_pq\\_engraver\]](#), page 306

Administrate when certain grobs (e.g., note heads) stop playing.

Properties (read)

- busyGrobs** (list)  
A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

- busyGrobs** (list)  
A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

**Section 2.2.56 [Instrument\_switch\_engraver], page 307**

Create a cue text for taking instrument.

Properties (read)

`instrumentCueName` (markup)

The name to print if another instrument is to be taken.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.53 [InstrumentSwitch], page 392.

**Section 2.2.60 [Laissez\_vibrer\_engraver], page 309**

Create laissez vibrer items.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.30 [laissez-vibrer-event], page 45

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.56 [LaissezVibrerTie], page 396 and Section 3.1.57 [LaissezVibrerTieColumn], page 397.

**Section 2.2.62 [Ligature\_bracket\_engraver], page 309**

Handle `Ligature_events` by engraving `Ligature` brackets.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.32 [ligature-event], page 45

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.60 [LigatureBracket], page 398.

**Section 2.2.70 [Multi\_measure\_rest\_engraver], page 312**

Engrave multi-measure rests that are produced with ‘R’. It reads `measurePosition` and `internalBarNumber` to determine what number to print over the Section 3.1.69 [MultiMeasureRest], page 405.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.37 [multi-measure-rest-event], page 45 and Section 1.2.38 [multi-measure-text-event], page 45

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`internalBarNumber` (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is used for internal timekeeping, among others by the `Accidental_engraver`.

`measurePosition` (moment)

How much of the current measure have we had. This can be set manually to create incomplete measures.

`restNumberThreshold` (number)

If a multimeasure rest has more measures than this, a number is printed.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.69 [MultiMeasureRest], page 405, Section 3.1.70 [MultiMeasureRestNumber], page 406 and Section 3.1.71 [MultiMeasureRestText], page 408.

#### Section 2.2.71 [New\_dynamic\_engraver], page 312

Create hairpins, dynamic texts and dynamic text spanners.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.1 [absolute-dynamic-event], page 42, Section 1.2.13 [break-span-event], page 43 and Section 1.2.61 [span-dynamic-event], page 49

Properties (read)

**crescendoSpanner** (symbol)

The type of spanner to be used for crescendi. Available values are ‘hairpin’ and ‘text’. If unset, a hairpin crescendo is used.

**crescendoText** (markup)

The text to print at start of non-hairpin crescendo, i.e., ‘cresc.’.

**currentMusicalColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

**decrescendoSpanner** (symbol)

The type of spanner to be used for decrescendi. Available values are ‘hairpin’ and ‘text’. If unset, a hairpin decrescendo is used.

**decrescendoText** (markup)

The text to print at start of non-hairpin decrescendo, i.e., ‘dim.’.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.38 [DynamicText], page 377, Section 3.1.39 [DynamicTextSpanner], page 379 and Section 3.1.50 [Hairpin], page 389.

#### Section 2.2.72 [New\_fingering\_engraver], page 313

Create fingering scripts for notes in a new chord. This engraver is ill-named, since it also takes care of articulations and harmonic note heads.

Properties (read)

**fingeringOrientations** (list)

A list of symbols, containing ‘left’, ‘right’, ‘up’ and/or ‘down’. This list determines where fingerings are put relative to the chord being fingered.

**harmonicDots** (boolean)

If set, harmonic notes in dotted chords get dots.

**stringNumberOrientations** (list)

See **fingeringOrientations**.

`strokeFingerOrientations` (list)

See `fingeringOrientations`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.41 [Fingering], page 381, Section 3.1.92 [Script], page 424,  
Section 3.1.108 [StringNumber], page 437 and Section 3.1.109  
[StrokeFinger], page 438.

**Section 2.2.73 [Note\_head\_line\_engraver], page 314**

Engrave a line between two note heads, for example a glissando. If `followVoice` is set, staff switches also generate a line.

Properties (read)

`followVoice` (boolean)

If set, note heads are tracked across staff switches by a thin line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.46 [Glissando], page 387 and Section 3.1.134 [VoiceFollower],  
page 462.

**Section 2.2.74 [Note\_heads\_engraver], page 314**

Generate note heads.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.40 [note-event], page 46

Properties (read)

`middleCPosition` (number)

The place of the middle C, measured in half staff-spaces. Usually determined by looking at `middleCClefPosition` and `middleCOffset`.

`staffLineLayoutFunction` (procedure)

Layout of staff lines, `traditional`, or `semitone`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.75 [NoteHead], page 411.

**Section 2.2.77 [Note\_spacing\_engraver], page 315**

Generate `NoteSpacing`, an object linking horizontal lines for use in spacing.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.77 [NoteSpacing], page 412.

**Section 2.2.79 [Output\_property\_engraver], page 315**

Apply a procedure to any grob acknowledged.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.4 [apply-output-event], page 42

**Section 2.2.83 [Part\_combine\_engraver], page 317**

Part combine engraver for orchestral scores: Print markings ‘a2’, ‘Solo’, ‘Solo II’, and ‘unisono’.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.40 [note-event], page 46 and Section 1.2.44 [part-combine-event], page 47

Properties (read)

**aDueText** (markup)  
Text to print at a unisono passage.

**partCombineTextsOnNote** (boolean)  
Print part-combine texts only on the next note rather than immediately on rests or skips.

**printPartCombineTexts** (boolean)  
Set ‘Solo’ and ‘A due’ texts in the part combiner?

**soloIIIText** (markup)  
The text for the start of a solo for voice ‘two’ when part-combining.

**soloText** (markup)  
The text for the start of a solo when part-combining.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.28 \[CombineTextScript\]](#), page 367.

**Section 2.2.84 [Percent\_repeat\_engraver]**, page 317

Make whole measure repeats.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.47 \[percent-event\]](#), page 47

Properties (read)

**countPercentRepeats** (boolean)  
If set, produce counters for percent repeats.

**currentCommandColumn** (graphical (layout) object)  
Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

**repeatCountVisibility** (procedure)  
A procedure taking as arguments an integer and context, returning whether the corresponding percent repeat number should be printed when **countPercentRepeats** is set.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.82 \[PercentRepeat\]](#), page 416 and [Section 3.1.83 \[PercentRepeatCounter\]](#), page 417.

**Section 2.2.85 [Phrasing\_slur\_engraver]**, page 318

Print phrasing slurs. Similar to [Section 2.2.103 \[Slur\\_engraver\]](#), page 323.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.49 \[phrasing-slur-event\]](#), page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.84 \[PhrasingSlur\]](#), page 418.

**Section 2.2.90 [Pitched\_trill\_engraver]**, page 319

Print the bracketed note head after a note head with trill.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.123 [TrillPitchAccidental], page 452, Section 3.1.124 [TrillPitchGroup], page 453 and Section 3.1.125 [TrillPitchHead], page 454.

#### Section 2.2.93 [Repeat\_tie\_engraver], page 320

Create repeat ties.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.51 [repeat-tie-event], page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.88 [RepeatTie], page 422 and Section 3.1.89 [RepeatTieColumn], page 423.

#### Section 2.2.95 [Rest\_engraver], page 321

Engrave rests.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.52 [rest-event], page 48

Properties (read)

`middleCPosition` (number)

The place of the middle C, measured in half staff-spaces. Usually determined by looking at `middleCClefPosition` and `middleCOffset`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.90 [Rest], page 424.

#### Section 2.2.96 [Rhythmic\_column\_engraver], page 321

Generate `NoteColumn`, an object that groups stems, note heads, and rests.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.74 [NoteColumn], page 410.

#### Section 2.2.98 [Script\_column\_engraver], page 322

Find potentially colliding scripts and put them into a `ScriptColumn` object; that will fix the collisions.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.93 [ScriptColumn], page 425.

#### Section 2.2.99 [Script\_engraver], page 322

Handle note scripted articulations.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.6 [articulation-event], page 42

Properties (read)

`scriptDefinitions` (list)

The description of scripts. This is used by the `Script_engraver` for typesetting note-superscripts and subscripts. See '`scm/script.scm`' for more information.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.92 [Script], page 424.

**Section 2.2.102 [Slash\_repeat\_engraver], page 323**

Make beat repeats.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.50 \[repeat-slash-event\], page 47](#)

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.36 \[DoubleRepeatSlash\], page 376](#) and [Section 3.1.87 \[RepeatSlash\], page 422](#).

**Section 2.2.103 [Slur\_engraver], page 323**

Build slur grobs from slur events.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.56 \[slur-event\], page 48](#)

Properties (read)

**doubleSlurs** (boolean)

If set, two slurs are created for every slurred note, one above and one below the chord.

**slurMelismaBusy** (boolean)

Signal if a slur is present.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.95 \[Slur\], page 426](#).

**Section 2.2.109 [Spanner\_break\_forbid\_engraver], page 325**

Forbid breaks in certain spanners.

**Section 2.2.115 [Stem\_engraver], page 326**

Create stems and single-stem tremolos. It also works together with the beam engraver for overriding beaming.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.72 \[tremolo-event\], page 50](#) and [Section 1.2.75 \[tuplet-span-event\], page 51](#)

Properties (read)

**stemLeftBeamCount** (integer)

Specify the number of beams to draw on the left side of the next note. Overrides automatic beaming. The value is only used once, and then it is erased.

**stemRightBeamCount** (integer)

See **stemLeftBeamCount**.

**tremoloFlags** (integer)

The number of tremolo flags to add if no number is specified.

**whichBar** (string)

This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.

Example:

```
\set Staff.whichBar = "|:"
```

This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in [Section “bar-line-interface”](#) in *Internals Reference*.



This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.105 [Stem], page 434 and Section 3.1.107 [StemTremolo], page 436.

**Section 2.2.121 [Text\_engraver], page 328**

Create text scripts.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.69 [text-script-event], page 50

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.118 [TextScript], page 446.

**Section 2.2.122 [Text\_spanner\_engraver], page 328**

Create text spanner from an event.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.70 [text-span-event], page 50

Properties (read)

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.119 [TextSpanner], page 448.

**Section 2.2.123 [Tie\_engraver], page 329**

Generate ties between note heads of equal pitch.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.71 [tie-event], page 50

Properties (read)

`tieWaitForNote` (boolean)

If true, tied notes do not have to follow each other directly. This can be used for writing out arpeggios.

Properties (write)

`tieMelismaBusy` (boolean)

Signal whether a tie is present.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.120 [Tie], page 449 and Section 3.1.121 [TieColumn], page 450.

**Section 2.2.129 [Trill\_spanner\_engraver], page 331**

Create trill spanner from an event.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.74 [trill-span-event], page 51

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.126 \[TrillSpanner\]](#), page 454.

[Section 2.2.130 \[Tuplet\\_engraver\]](#), page 331

Catch tuplet events and generate appropriate bracket.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.75 \[tuplet-span-event\]](#), page 51

Properties (read)

`tupletFullLength` (boolean)

If set, the tuplet is printed up to the start of the next note.

`tupletFullLengthNote` (boolean)

If set, end at the next note, otherwise end on the matter (time signatures, etc.) before the note.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.127 \[TupletBracket\]](#), page 456 and [Section 3.1.128 \[Tuplet-Number\]](#), page 457.

[Section 2.2.131 \[Tweak\\_engraver\]](#), page 332

Read the `tweaks` property from the originating event, and set properties.

## 2.1.16 Lyrics

Corresponds to a voice with lyrics. Handles the printing of a single line of lyrics.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.52 \[InstrumentName\]](#), page 391, [Section 3.1.61 \[LyricExtender\]](#), page 400, [Section 3.1.62 \[LyricHyphen\]](#), page 400, [Section 3.1.63 \[LyricSpace\]](#), page 401, [Section 3.1.64 \[LyricText\]](#), page 402, [Section 3.1.104 \[StanzaNumber\]](#), page 434 and [Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\]](#), page 461.

This context sets the following properties:

- Set grob-property `bar-extent` in [Section 3.1.11 \[BarLine\]](#), page 354 to `'(-0.05 . 0.05)`.
- Set grob-property `font-size` in [Section 3.1.52 \[InstrumentName\]](#), page 391 to 1.0.
- Set grob-property `nonstaff-nonstaff-spacing` in [Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\]](#), page 461 to `'((basic-distance . 0) (minimum-distance . 2.8) (padding . 0.2) (stretchability . 0))`.
- Set grob-property `nonstaff-relatedstaff-spacing` in [Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\]](#), page 461 to `'((basic-distance . 5.5) (padding . 0.5) (stretchability . 1))`.
- Set grob-property `nonstaff-unrelatedstaff-spacing padding` in [Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\]](#), page 461 to 1.5.
- Set grob-property `remove-empty` in [Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\]](#), page 461 to `#t`.
- Set grob-property `remove-first` in [Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\]](#), page 461 to `#t`.
- Set grob-property `self-alignment-Y` in [Section 3.1.52 \[InstrumentName\]](#), page 391 to `#f`.

- Section 3.1.62 [LyricHyphen], page 400 and Section 3.1.63 [LyricSpace], page 401.

**Section 2.2.55 [Instrument\_name\_engraver], page 307**

Create a system start text for instrument or vocal names.

Properties (read)

**currentCommandColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

**instrumentName** (markup)

The name to print left of a staff. The **instrumentName** property labels the staff in the first system, and the **shortInstrumentName** property labels following lines.

**shortInstrumentName** (markup)

See **instrumentName**.

**shortVocalName** (markup)

Name of a vocal line, short version.

**vocalName** (markup)

Name of a vocal line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.52 [InstrumentName], page 391.**

**Section 2.2.63 [Lyric\_engraver], page 310**

Engrave text for lyrics.

Music types accepted:

**Section 1.2.34 [lyric-event], page 45**

Properties (read)

**ignoreMelismata** (boolean)

Ignore melismata for this **Section “Lyrics” in *Internals Reference*** line.

**includeGraceNotes** (boolean)

Do not ignore grace notes for **Section “Lyrics” in *Internals Reference***.

**lyricMelismaAlignment** (number)

Alignment to use for a melisma syllable.

**searchForVoice** (boolean)

Signal whether a search should be made of all contexts in the context hierarchy for a voice to provide rhythms for the lyrics.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.64 [LyricText], page 402.**

**Section 2.2.91 [Pure\_from\_neighbor\_engraver], page 319**

Coordinates items that get their pure heights from their neighbors.

**Section 2.2.114 [Stanza\_number\_engraver], page 325**

Engrave stanza numbers.

Properties (read)

**stanza** (markup)

Stanza ‘number’ to print before the start of a verse. Use in **Lyrics** context.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.104 [StanzaNumber], page 434.

Section 2.2.131 [Tweak\_engraver], page 332

Read the **tweaks** property from the originating event, and set properties.

## 2.1.17 MensuralStaff

Same as **Staff** context, except that it is accommodated for typesetting a piece in mensural style.

This context also accepts commands for the following context(s):

**Staff**.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.1 [Accidental], page 346, Section 3.1.2 [AccidentalCautionary], page 346, Section 3.1.3 [AccidentalPlacement], page 347, Section 3.1.4 [AccidentalSuggestion], page 348, Section 3.1.11 [BarLine], page 354, Section 3.1.13 [BassFigure], page 357, Section 3.1.14 [BassFigureAlignment], page 357, Section 3.1.15 [BassFigureAlignmentPositioning], page 358, Section 3.1.16 [BassFigureBracket], page 359, Section 3.1.17 [BassFigureContinuation], page 359, Section 3.1.18 [BassFigureLine], page 359, Section 3.1.25 [Clef], page 365, Section 3.1.29 [CueClef], page 368, Section 3.1.30 [CueEndClef], page 370, Section 3.1.31 [Custos], page 371, Section 3.1.32 [DotColumn], page 372, Section 3.1.43 [FootnoteItem], page 383, Section 3.1.44 [FootnoteSpanner], page 384, Section 3.1.52 [InstrumentName], page 391, Section 3.1.54 [KeyCancellation], page 393, Section 3.1.55 [KeySignature], page 394, Section 3.1.58 [LedgerLineSpanner], page 397, Section 3.1.73 [NoteCollision], page 410, Section 3.1.78 [OctavateEight], page 412, Section 3.1.79 [OttavaBracket], page 413, Section 3.1.85 [PianoPedalBracket], page 419, Section 3.1.91 [RestCollision], page 424, Section 3.1.94 [ScriptRow], page 426, Section 3.1.96 [SostenutoPedal], page 428, Section 3.1.97 [SostenutoPedalLineSpanner], page 428, Section 3.1.102 [StaffSpacing], page 433, Section 3.1.103 [StaffSymbol], page 433, Section 3.1.110 [SustainPedal], page 439, Section 3.1.111 [SustainPedalLineSpanner], page 440, Section 3.1.122 [TimeSignature], page 451, Section 3.1.129 [UnaCordaPedal], page 458, Section 3.1.130 [UnaCordaPedalLineSpanner], page 459 and Section 3.1.133 [VerticalAxisGroup], page 461.

This context sets the following properties:

- Set grob-property **glyph-name-alist** in Section 3.1.1 [Accidental], page 346 to `'((-1/2 . accidentals.mensuralM1) (0 . accidentals.vaticana0) (1/2 . accidentals.mensural1))`.
- Set grob-property **glyph-name-alist** in Section 3.1.55 [KeySignature], page 394 to `'((-1/2 . accidentals.mensuralM1) (0 . accidentals.vaticana0) (1/2 . accidentals.mensural1))`.
- Set grob-property **neutral-direction** in Section 3.1.31 [Custos], page 371 to `-1`.
- Set grob-property **neutral-position** in Section 3.1.31 [Custos], page 371 to `3`.
- Set grob-property **style** in Section 3.1.31 [Custos], page 371 to `'mensural`.
- Set grob-property **style** in Section 3.1.122 [TimeSignature], page 451 to `'mensural`.
- Set grob-property **thickness** in Section 3.1.103 [StaffSymbol], page 433 to `0.6`.
- Set grob-property **transparent** in Section 3.1.11 [BarLine], page 354 to `#t`.
- Set translator property **autoAccidentals** to `'(Staff #<procedure #f (context pitch barnum measurepos)>)`.

- Set translator property `autoCautionaries` to `'()`.
- Set translator property `clefGlyph` to `"clefs.mensural.g"`.
- Set translator property `clefOctavation` to 0.
- Set translator property `clefPosition` to -2.
- Set translator property `createSpacing` to `#t`.
- Set translator property `extraNatural` to `#f`.
- Set translator property `ignoreFiguredBassRest` to `#f`.
- Set translator property `instrumentName` to `'()`.
- Set translator property `localKeySignature` to `'()`.
- Set translator property `middleCClefPosition` to -6.
- Set translator property `middleCPosition` to -6.
- Set translator property `printKeyCancellation` to `#f`.
- Set translator property `shortInstrumentName` to `'()`.

Context `MensuralStaff` can contain [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\], page 61](#) and [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\], page 162](#).

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

**Section 2.2.1 [Accidental\_engraver], page 287**

Make accidentals. Catch note heads, ties and notices key-change events. This engraver usually lives at `Staff` level, but reads the settings for `Accidental` at `Voice` level, so you can `\override` them at `Voice`.

Properties (read)

`autoAccidentals` (list)

List of different ways to typeset an accidental. For determining when to print an accidental, several different rules are tried. The rule that gives the highest number of accidentals is used. Each entry in the list is either a symbol or a procedure.

*symbol*      The symbol is the name of the context in which the following rules are to be applied. For example, if *context* is [Section “Score” in Internals Reference](#) then all staves share accidentals, and if *context* is [Section “Staff” in Internals Reference](#) then all voices in the same staff share accidentals, but staves do not.

*procedure*    The procedure represents an accidental rule to be applied to the previously specified context.

The procedure takes the following arguments:

**context**      The current context to which the rule should be applied.

**pitch**      The pitch of the note to be evaluated.

**barnum**      The current bar number.

**measurepos**      The current measure position.

The procedure returns a pair of booleans. The first states whether an extra natural should be added. The second states whether an accidental should be printed. (**#t** . **#f**) does not make sense.

**autoCautionaries** (list)

List similar to **autoAccidentals**, but it controls cautionary accidentals rather than normal ones. Both lists are tried, and the one giving the most accidentals wins. In case of draw, a normal accidental is typeset.

**extraNatural** (boolean)

Whether to typeset an extra natural sign before accidentals that reduce the effect of a previous alteration.

**harmonicAccidentals** (boolean)

If set, harmonic notes in chords get accidentals.

**internalBarNumber** (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is used for internal timekeeping, among others by the **Accidental\_engraver**.

**keySignature** (list)

The current key signature. This is an alist containing (*step* . *alter*) or ((*octave* . *step*) . *alter*), where *step* is a number in the range 0 to 6 and *alter* a fraction, denoting alteration. For alterations, use symbols, e.g. **keySignature** = **#`((6 . ,FLAT))**.

**localKeySignature** (list)

The key signature at this point in the measure. The format is the same as for **keySignature**, but can also contain ((*octave* . *name*) . (*alter* *barnumber* . *measureposition*)) pairs.

Properties (write)

**localKeySignature** (list)

The key signature at this point in the measure. The format is the same as for **keySignature**, but can also contain ((*octave* . *name*) . (*alter* *barnumber* . *measureposition*)) pairs.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.1 [Accidental], page 346, Section 3.1.2 [AccidentalCautionary], page 346, Section 3.1.3 [AccidentalPlacement], page 347 and Section 3.1.4 [AccidentalSuggestion], page 348.

#### Section 2.2.5 [Axis\_group\_engraver], page 290

Group all objects created in this context in a `VerticalAxisGroup` spanner.

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.133 [VerticalAxisGroup], page 461.

#### Section 2.2.7 [Bar\_engraver], page 291

Create barlines. This engraver is controlled through the `whichBar` property. If it has no bar line to create, it will forbid a linebreak at this point. This engraver is required to trigger the creation of clefs at the start of systems.

Properties (read)

`whichBar` (string)

This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.

Example:

```
\set Staff.whichBar = "|:"
```

This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in Section “bar-line-interface” in *Internals Reference*.

Properties (write)

`forbidBreak` (boolean)

If set to `#t`, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.11 [BarLine], page 354.

#### Section 2.2.17 [Clef\_engraver], page 294

Determine and set reference point for pitches.

Properties (read)

`clefGlyph` (string)

Name of the symbol within the music font.

`clefOctavation` (integer)

Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7 and -7 are common.

`clefPosition` (number)

Where should the center of the clef symbol go, measured in half staff spaces from the center of the staff.



`explicitClefVisibility` (vector)  
     ‘break-visibility’ function for clef changes.

`forceClef` (boolean)  
     Show clef symbol, even if it has not changed.  
     Only active for the first clef after the property  
     is set, not for the full staff.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.25 [Clef], page 365 and Section 3.1.78 [OctavateEight],  
 page 412.

**Section 2.2.19 [Collision\_engraver], page 295**

Collect `NoteColumns`, and as soon as there are two or more, put them  
 in a `NoteCollision` object.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.73 [NoteCollision], page 410.

**Section 2.2.24 [Cue\_clef\_engraver], page 296**

Determine and set reference point for pitches in cued voices.

Properties (read)

`clefOctavation` (integer)  
     Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7  
     and -7 are common.

`cueClefGlyph` (string)  
     Name of the symbol within the music font.

`cueClefOctavation` (integer)  
     Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7  
     and -7 are common.

`cueClefPosition` (number)  
     Where should the center of the clef symbol go,  
     measured in half staff spaces from the center of  
     the staff.

`explicitCueClefVisibility` (vector)  
     ‘break-visibility’ function for cue clef  
     changes.

`middleCCuePosition` (number)  
     The position of the middle C, as determined  
     only by the clef of the cue notes. This can be  
     calculated by looking at `cueClefPosition` and  
     `cueClefGlyph`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.29 [CueClef], page 368, Section 3.1.30 [CueEndClef],  
 page 370 and Section 3.1.78 [OctavateEight], page 412.

**Section 2.2.25 [Custos\_engraver], page 297**

Engrave custodes.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.31 [Custos], page 371.

**Section 2.2.27 [Dot\_column\_engraver], page 298**

Engrave dots on dotted notes shifted to the right of the note. If omitted, then dots appear on top of the notes.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.32 \[DotColumn\]](#), page 372.

**Section 2.2.38 [Figured\_bass\_engraver], page 301**

Make figured bass numbers.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.7 \[bass-figure-event\]](#), page 42 and [Section 1.2.52 \[rest-event\]](#), page 48

Properties (read)

**figuredBassAlterationDirection**  
(direction)

Where to put alterations relative to the main figure.

**figuredBassCenterContinuations** (boolean)

Whether to vertically center pairs of extender lines. This does not work with three or more lines.

**figuredBassFormatter** (procedure)

A routine generating a markup for a bass figure.

**ignoreFiguredBassRest** (boolean)

Don't swallow rest events.

**implicitBassFigures** (list)

A list of bass figures that are not printed as numbers, but only as extender lines.

**useBassFigureExtenders** (boolean)

Whether to use extender lines for repeated bass figures.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.13 \[BassFigure\]](#), page 357, [Section 3.1.14 \[BassFigure-Alignment\]](#), page 357, [Section 3.1.16 \[BassFigureBracket\]](#), page 359, [Section 3.1.17 \[BassFigureContinuation\]](#), page 359 and [Section 3.1.18 \[BassFigureLine\]](#), page 359.

**Section 2.2.39 [Figured\_bass\_position\_engraver], page 302**

Position figured bass alignments over notes.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.15 \[BassFigureAlignmentPositioning\]](#), page 358.

**Section 2.2.41 [Font\_size\_engraver], page 302**

Put **fontSize** into **font-size** grob property.

Properties (read)

**fontSize** (number)

The relative size of all grobs in a context.

**Section 2.2.42 [Footnote\_engraver], page 302**

Create footnote texts.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.24 \[footnote-event\]](#), page 44

Properties (read)

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.43 \[FootnoteItem\]](#), page 383 and [Section 3.1.44 \[FootnoteSpanner\]](#), page 384.

[Section 2.2.51 \[Grob\\_pq\\_engraver\]](#), page 306

Administrative when certain grobs (e.g., note heads) stop playing.

Properties (read)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

[Section 2.2.55 \[Instrument\\_name\\_engraver\]](#), page 307

Create a system start text for instrument or vocal names.

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`instrumentName` (markup)

The name to print left of a staff. The `instrumentName` property labels the staff in the first system, and the `shortInstrumentName` property labels following lines.

`shortInstrumentName` (markup)

See `instrumentName`.

`shortVocalName` (markup)

Name of a vocal line, short version.

`vocalName` (markup)

Name of a vocal line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.52 \[InstrumentName\]](#), page 391.

## Section 2.2.58 [Key\_engraver], page 308

Engrave a key signature.

Music types accepted:

## Section 1.2.28 [key-change-event], page 44

Properties (read)

**createKeyOnClefChange** (boolean)  
Print a key signature whenever the clef is changed.

**explicitKeySignatureVisibility** (vector)  
‘break-visibility’ function for explicit key changes. ‘\override’ of the **break-visibility** property will set the visibility for normal (i.e., at the start of the line) key signatures.

**extraNatural** (boolean)  
Whether to typeset an extra natural sign before accidentals that reduce the effect of a previous alteration.

**keyAlterationOrder** (list)  
An alist that defines in what order alterations should be printed. The format is (*step* . *alter*), where *step* is a number from 0 to 6 and *alter* from -2 (sharp) to 2 (flat).

**keySignature** (list)  
The current key signature. This is an alist containing (*step* . *alter*) or ((*octave* . *step*) . *alter*), where *step* is a number in the range 0 to 6 and *alter* a fraction, denoting alteration. For alterations, use symbols, e.g. **keySignature** = #`((6 . ,FLAT)).

**lastKeySignature** (list)  
Last key signature before a key signature change.

**middleCClefPosition** (number)  
The position of the middle C, as determined only by the clef. This can be calculated by looking at **clefPosition** and **clefGlyph**.

**printKeyCancellation** (boolean)  
Print restoration alterations before a key signature change.

Properties (write)

**keySignature** (list)  
The current key signature. This is an alist containing (*step* . *alter*) or ((*octave* . *step*) . *alter*), where *step* is a number in the range 0 to 6 and *alter* a fraction, denoting alteration. For alterations, use symbols, e.g. **keySignature** = #`((6 . ,FLAT)).

**lastKeySignature** (list)  
Last key signature before a key signature change.

**tonic** (pitch)  
The tonic of the current scale.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.54 [KeyCancellation], page 393 and Section 3.1.55 [KeySignature], page 394.

**Section 2.2.61 [Ledger\_line\_engraver], page 309**

Create the spanner to draw ledger lines, and notices objects that need ledger lines.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.58 [LedgerLineSpanner], page 397.

**Section 2.2.78 [Ottava\_spanner\_engraver], page 315**

Create a text spanner when the ottavation property changes.

Properties (read)

**currentMusicalColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

**middleCOffset** (number)

The offset of middle C from the position given by **middleCClefPosition** This is used for ottava brackets.

**ottavation** (markup)

If set, the text for an ottava spanner. Changing this creates a new text spanner.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.79 [OttavaBracket], page 413.

**Section 2.2.79 [Output\_property\_engraver], page 315**

Apply a procedure to any grob acknowledged.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.4 [apply-output-event], page 42

**Section 2.2.86 [Piano\_pedal\_align\_engraver], page 318**

Align piano pedal symbols and brackets.

Properties (read)

**currentCommandColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.97 [SostenutoPedalLineSpanner], page 428, Section 3.1.111 [SustainPedalLineSpanner], page 440 and Section 3.1.130 [UnaCordaPedalLineSpanner], page 459.

**Section 2.2.87 [Piano\_pedal\_engraver], page 318**

Engrave piano pedal symbols and brackets.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.59 [sostenuto-event], page 48, Section 1.2.67 [sustain-event], page 50 and Section 1.2.76 [una-corda-event], page 51

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`pedalSostenutoStrings` (list)

See `pedalSustainStrings`.

`pedalSostenutoStyle` (symbol)

See `pedalSustainStyle`.

`pedalSustainStrings` (list)

A list of strings to print for sustain-pedal. Format is (*up updown down*), where each of the three is the string to print when this is done with the pedal.

`pedalSustainStyle` (symbol)

A symbol that indicates how to print sustain pedals: `text`, `bracket` or `mixed` (both).

`pedalUnaCordaStrings` (list)

See `pedalSustainStrings`.

`pedalUnaCordaStyle` (symbol)

See `pedalSustainStyle`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.85 [PianoPedalBracket], page 419, Section 3.1.96 [SostenutoPedal], page 428, Section 3.1.110 [SustainPedal], page 439 and Section 3.1.129 [UnaCordaPedal], page 458.

**Section 2.2.91 [Pure\_from\_neighbor\_engraver], page 319**

Coordinates items that get their pure heights from their neighbors.

**Section 2.2.94 [Rest\_collision\_engraver], page 321**

Handle collisions of rests.

Properties (read)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.91 [RestCollision], page 424.

**Section 2.2.100 [Script\_row\_engraver], page 322**

Determine order in horizontal side position elements.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.94 [ScriptRow], page 426.

**Section 2.2.101 [Separating\_line\_group\_engraver], page 322**

Generate objects for computing spacing parameters.

Properties (read)

`createSpacing` (boolean)

Create `StaffSpacing` objects? Should be set for staves.

Properties (write)

`hasStaffSpacing` (boolean)

True if the current `CommandColumn` contains items that will affect spacing.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.102 [StaffSpacing], page 433.**

**Section 2.2.110 [Staff\_collecting\_engraver], page 325**

Maintain the `stavesFound` variable.

Properties (read)

`stavesFound` (list of grobs)

A list of all staff-symbols found.

Properties (write)

`stavesFound` (list of grobs)

A list of all staff-symbols found.

**Section 2.2.112 [Staff\_symbol\_engraver], page 325**

Create the constellation of five (default) staff lines.

Music types accepted:

**Section 1.2.63 [staff-span-event], page 49**

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.103 [StaffSymbol], page 433.**

**Section 2.2.125 [Time\_signature\_engraver], page 329**

Create a **Section 3.1.122 [TimeSignature], page 451** whenever `timeSignatureFraction` changes.

Properties (read)

`implicitTimeSignatureVisibility` (vector)

break visibility for the default time signature.

`timeSignatureFraction` (fraction, as pair)

A pair of numbers, signifying the time signature. For example, '(4 . 4) is a 4/4 time signature.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.122 [TimeSignature], page 451.**

**2.1.18 MensuralVoice**

Same as `Voice` context, except that it is accommodated for typesetting a piece in mensural style.

This context also accepts commands for the following context(s):

`Voice`.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.9 [Arpeggio], page 352, Section 3.1.19 [Beam], page 360, Section 3.1.20 [BendAfter], page 361, Section 3.1.23 [BreathingSign], page 363, Section 3.1.26 [ClusterSpanner], page 366, Section 3.1.27 [ClusterSpannerBeacon], page 367, Section 3.1.28 [CombineTextScript], page 367, Section 3.1.33 [Dots], page 373, Section 3.1.34 [DoublePercentRepeat], page 373, Section 3.1.35 [DoublePercentRepeatCounter], page 374, Section 3.1.36 [DoubleRepeatSlash], page 376, Section 3.1.37 [DynamicLineSpanner], page 376, Section 3.1.38 [DynamicText], page 377, Section 3.1.39 [DynamicTextSpanner], page 379, Section 3.1.41 [Fingering], page 381, Section 3.1.46 [Glissando], page 387, Section 3.1.50 [Hairpin], page 389, Section 3.1.53 [InstrumentSwitch], page 392, Section 3.1.56 [LaissezVibrerTie], page 396, Section 3.1.57 [LaissezVibrerTieColumn], page 397, Section 3.1.67 [MensuralLigature], page 404, Section 3.1.69 [MultiMeasureRest], page 405, Section 3.1.70 [MultiMeasureRestNumber], page 406, Section 3.1.71 [MultiMeasureRestText], page 408, Section 3.1.74 [NoteColumn], page 410, Section 3.1.75 [NoteHead], page 411, Section 3.1.77 [NoteSpacing], page 412, Section 3.1.82 [PercentRepeat], page 416, Section 3.1.83 [PercentRepeatCounter], page 417, Section 3.1.84 [PhrasingSlur], page 418, Section 3.1.87 [RepeatSlash], page 422, Section 3.1.88 [RepeatTie], page 422, Section 3.1.89 [RepeatTieColumn], page 423, Section 3.1.90 [Rest], page 424, Section 3.1.92 [Script], page 424, Section 3.1.93 [ScriptColumn], page 425, Section 3.1.105 [Stem], page 434, Section 3.1.107 [StemTremolo], page 436, Section 3.1.108 [StringNumber], page 437, Section 3.1.109 [StrokeFinger], page 438, Section 3.1.118 [TextScript], page 446, Section 3.1.119 [TextSpanner], page 448, Section 3.1.120 [Tie], page 449, Section 3.1.121 [TieColumn], page 450, Section 3.1.123 [TrillPitchAccidental], page 452, Section 3.1.124 [TrillPitchGroup], page 453, Section 3.1.125 [TrillPitchHead], page 454, Section 3.1.126 [TrillSpanner], page 454, Section 3.1.127 [TupletBracket], page 456, Section 3.1.128 [TupletNumber], page 457 and Section 3.1.134 [VoiceFollower], page 462.

This context sets the following properties:

- Set grob-property **style** in Section 3.1.42 [Flag], page 383 to 'mensural'.
- Set grob-property **style** in Section 3.1.75 [NoteHead], page 411 to 'mensural'.
- Set grob-property **style** in Section 3.1.90 [Rest], page 424 to 'mensural'.
- Set translator property **autoBeaming** to #f.

This context is a 'bottom' context; it cannot contain other contexts.

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

#### Section 2.2.3 [Arpeggio\_engraver], page 289

Generate an Arpeggio symbol.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.5 [arpeggio-event], page 42

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.9 [Arpeggio], page 352.

#### Section 2.2.4 [Auto\_beam\_engraver], page 289

Generate beams based on measure characteristics and observed Stems.

Uses **baseMoment**, **beatStructure**, **beamExceptions**, **measureLength**, and **measurePosition** to decide when to start and stop a beam. Overriding beaming is done through Section 2.2.115 [Stem\_engraver], page 326 properties **stemLeftBeamCount** and **stemRightBeamCount**.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.9 [beam-forbid-event], page 42

Properties (read)



**autoBeaming** (boolean)  
If set to true then beams are generated automatically.

**baseMoment** (moment)  
Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

**beamExceptions** (list)  
An alist of exceptions to autobeam rules that normally end on beats.

**beamHalfMeasure** (boolean)  
Whether to allow a beam to begin halfway through the measure in triple time, which could look like 6/8.

**beatStructure** (list)  
List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.

**subdivideBeams** (boolean)  
If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\], page 360.](#)

**Section 2.2.10 [Beam\_engraver], page 292**

Handle **Beam** events by engraving beams. If omitted, then notes are printed with flags instead of beams.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.8 \[beam-event\], page 42](#)

Properties (read)

**baseMoment** (moment)  
Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

**beamMelismaBusy** (boolean)  
Signal if a beam is present.

**beatStructure** (list)  
List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.

**subdivideBeams** (boolean)  
If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

Properties (write)

**forbidBreak** (boolean)  
If set to **#t**, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\], page 360.](#)

**Section 2.2.12 [Bend\_engraver], page 293**

Create fall spanners.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.10 [bend-after-event], page 43

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.20 [BendAfter], page 361.

**Section 2.2.14 [Breathing\_sign\_engraver], page 293**

Create a breathing sign.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.14 [breathing-event], page 43

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.23 [BreathingSign], page 363.

**Section 2.2.16 [Chord\_tremolo\_engraver], page 294**

Generate beams for tremolo repeats.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.73 [tremolo-span-event], page 51

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.19 [Beam], page 360.

**Section 2.2.18 [Cluster\_spanner\_engraver], page 295**

Engrave a cluster using **Spanner** notation.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.15 [cluster-note-event], page 43

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.26 [ClusterSpanner], page 366 and Section 3.1.27 [ClusterSpannerBeacon], page 367.

**Section 2.2.28 [Dots\_engraver], page 298**

Create Section 3.1.33 [Dots], page 373 objects for Section 3.2.89 [rhythmic-head-interface], page 510s.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.33 [Dots], page 373.

**Section 2.2.29 [Double\_percent\_repeat\_engraver], page 298**

Make double measure repeats.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.19 [double-percent-event], page 43

Properties (read)

**countPercentRepeats** (boolean)

If set, produce counters for percent repeats.

**measureLength** (moment)

Length of one measure in the current time signature.

**repeatCountVisibility** (procedure)

A procedure taking as arguments an integer and context, returning whether the corresponding percent repeat number should be printed when **countPercentRepeats** is set.

Properties (write)

`forbidBreak` (boolean)

If set to `#t`, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.34 [`DoublePercentRepeat`], page 373 and Section 3.1.35 [`DoublePercentRepeatCounter`], page 374.

Section 2.2.32 [`Dynamic_align_engraver`], page 299

Align hairpins and dynamic texts on a horizontal line.

Properties (read)

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.37 [`DynamicLineSpanner`], page 376.

Section 2.2.40 [`Fingering_engraver`], page 302

Create fingering scripts.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.23 [`fingering-event`], page 44

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.41 [`Fingering`], page 381.

Section 2.2.41 [`Font_size_engraver`], page 302

Put `fontSize` into `font-size` grob property.

Properties (read)

`fontSize` (number)

The relative size of all grobs in a context.

Section 2.2.43 [`Forbid_line_break_engraver`], page 303

Forbid line breaks when note heads are still playing at some point.

Properties (read)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

`forbidBreak` (boolean)

If set to `#t`, prevent a line break at this point.

Section 2.2.45 [`Glissando_engraver`], page 304

Engrave glissandi.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.25 [`glissando-event`], page 44

Properties (read)

**glissandoMap** (list)

A map in the form of '((source1 . target1) (source2 . target2) (sourcen . targetn))' showing the glissandi to be drawn for note columns. The value '()' will default to '((0 . 0) (1 . 1) (n . n))', where n is the minimal number of note heads in the two note columns between which the glissandi occur.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.46 \[Glissando\], page 387.](#)

**Section 2.2.46 [Grace\_beam\_engraver], page 304**

Handle **Beam** events by engraving beams. If omitted, then notes are printed with flags instead of beams. Only engraves beams when we are at grace points in time.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.8 \[beam-event\], page 42](#)

Properties (read)

**baseMoment** (moment)

Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

**beamMelismaBusy** (boolean)

Signal if a beam is present.

**beatStructure** (list)

List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.

**subdivideBeams** (boolean)

If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\], page 360.](#)

**Section 2.2.47 [Grace\_engraver], page 305**

Set font size and other properties for grace notes.

Properties (read)

**graceSettings** (list)

Overrides for grace notes. This property should be manipulated through the **add-grace-property** function.

**Section 2.2.51 [Grob\_pq\_engraver], page 306**

Administrate when certain grobs (e.g., note heads) stop playing.

Properties (read)

**busyGrobs** (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

**Section 2.2.56 [Instrument\_switch\_engraver], page 307**

Create a cue text for taking instrument.

Properties (read)

`instrumentCueName` (markup)

The name to print if another instrument is to be taken.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.53 [InstrumentSwitch], page 392.

**Section 2.2.60 [Laissez\_vibrer\_engraver], page 309**

Create laissez vibrer items.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.30 [laissez-vibrer-event], page 45

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.56 [LaissezVibrerTie], page 396 and Section 3.1.57 [LaissezVibrerTieColumn], page 397.

**Section 2.2.68 [Mensural\_ligature\_engraver], page 311**

Handle `Mensural_ligature_events` by glueing special ligature heads together.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.32 [ligature-event], page 45

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.67 [MensuralLigature], page 404.

**Section 2.2.70 [Multi\_measure\_rest\_engraver], page 312**

Engrave multi-measure rests that are produced with ‘R’. It reads `measurePosition` and `internalBarNumber` to determine what number to print over the Section 3.1.69 [MultiMeasureRest], page 405.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.37 [multi-measure-rest-event], page 45 and Section 1.2.38 [multi-measure-text-event], page 45

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`internalBarNumber` (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is used for internal timekeeping, among others by the `Accidental_engraver`.

**measurePosition** (moment)

How much of the current measure have we had.  
This can be set manually to create incomplete measures.

**restNumberThreshold** (number)

If a multimeasure rest has more measures than this, a number is printed.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.69 [MultiMeasureRest], page 405, Section 3.1.70 [MultiMeasureRestNumber], page 406 and Section 3.1.71 [MultiMeasureRestText], page 408.

#### Section 2.2.71 [New\_dynamic\_engraver], page 312

Create hairpins, dynamic texts and dynamic text spanners.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.1 [absolute-dynamic-event], page 42, Section 1.2.13 [break-span-event], page 43 and Section 1.2.61 [span-dynamic-event], page 49

Properties (read)

**crescendoSpanner** (symbol)

The type of spanner to be used for crescendi.  
Available values are ‘hairpin’ and ‘text’. If unset, a hairpin crescendo is used.

**crescendoText** (markup)

The text to print at start of non-hairpin crescendo, i.e., ‘cresc.’.

**currentMusicalColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

**decrescendoSpanner** (symbol)

The type of spanner to be used for decrescendi.  
Available values are ‘hairpin’ and ‘text’. If unset, a hairpin decrescendo is used.

**decrescendoText** (markup)

The text to print at start of non-hairpin decrescendo, i.e., ‘dim.’.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.38 [DynamicText], page 377, Section 3.1.39 [DynamicTextSpanner], page 379 and Section 3.1.50 [Hairpin], page 389.

#### Section 2.2.72 [New\_fingering\_engraver], page 313

Create fingering scripts for notes in a new chord. This engraver is ill-named, since it also takes care of articulations and harmonic note heads.

Properties (read)

**fingeringOrientations** (list)

A list of symbols, containing ‘left’, ‘right’, ‘up’ and/or ‘down’. This list determines where

fingerings are put relative to the chord being fingered.

**harmonicDots** (boolean)

If set, harmonic notes in dotted chords get dots.

**stringNumberOrientations** (list)

See **fingeringOrientations**.

**strokeFingerOrientations** (list)

See **fingeringOrientations**.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.41 \[Fingering\]](#), page 381, [Section 3.1.92 \[Script\]](#), page 424,  
[Section 3.1.108 \[StringNumber\]](#), page 437 and [Section 3.1.109 \[StrokeFinger\]](#), page 438.

#### **Section 2.2.73 [Note\_head\_line\_engraver], page 314**

Engrave a line between two note heads, for example a glissando. If **followVoice** is set, staff switches also generate a line.

Properties (read)

**followVoice** (boolean)

If set, note heads are tracked across staff switches by a thin line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.46 \[Glissando\]](#), page 387 and [Section 3.1.134 \[VoiceFollower\]](#), page 462.

#### **Section 2.2.74 [Note\_heads\_engraver], page 314**

Generate note heads.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.40 \[note-event\]](#), page 46

Properties (read)

**middleCPosition** (number)

The place of the middle C, measured in half staff-spaces. Usually determined by looking at **middleCClefPosition** and **middleCOffset**.

**staffLineLayoutFunction** (procedure)

Layout of staff lines, **traditional**, or **semitone**.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.75 \[NoteHead\]](#), page 411.

#### **Section 2.2.77 [Note\_spacing\_engraver], page 315**

Generate **NoteSpacing**, an object linking horizontal lines for use in spacing.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.77 \[NoteSpacing\]](#), page 412.

#### **Section 2.2.79 [Output\_property\_engraver], page 315**

Apply a procedure to any grob acknowledged.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.4 \[apply-output-event\]](#), page 42

**Section 2.2.83 [Part\_combine\_engraver], page 317**

Part combine engraver for orchestral scores: Print markings ‘a2’, ‘Solo’, ‘Solo II’, and ‘unisono’.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.40 [note-event], page 46 and Section 1.2.44 [part-combine-event], page 47

Properties (read)

**aDueText** (markup)

Text to print at a unisono passage.

**partCombineTextsOnNote** (boolean)

Print part-combine texts only on the next note rather than immediately on rests or skips.

**printPartCombineTexts** (boolean)

Set ‘Solo’ and ‘A due’ texts in the part combiner?

**soloIIText** (markup)

The text for the start of a solo for voice ‘two’ when part-combining.

**soloText** (markup)

The text for the start of a solo when part-combining.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.28 [CombineTextScript], page 367.

**Section 2.2.84 [Percent\_repeat\_engraver], page 317**

Make whole measure repeats.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.47 [percent-event], page 47

Properties (read)

**countPercentRepeats** (boolean)

If set, produce counters for percent repeats.

**currentCommandColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

**repeatCountVisibility** (procedure)

A procedure taking as arguments an integer and context, returning whether the corresponding percent repeat number should be printed when **countPercentRepeats** is set.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.82 [PercentRepeat], page 416 and Section 3.1.83 [PercentRepeatCounter], page 417.

**Section 2.2.85 [Phrasing\_slur\_engraver], page 318**

Print phrasing slurs. Similar to Section 2.2.103 [Slur\_engraver], page 323.



Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.49 \[phrasing-slur-event\]](#), page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.84 \[PhrasingSlur\]](#), page 418.

**Section 2.2.90 [Pitched\_trill\_engraver], page 319**

Print the bracketed note head after a note head with trill.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.123 \[TrillPitchAccidental\]](#), page 452, [Section 3.1.124 \[TrillPitchGroup\]](#), page 453 and [Section 3.1.125 \[TrillPitchHead\]](#), page 454.

**Section 2.2.93 [Repeat\_tie\_engraver], page 320**

Create repeat ties.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.51 \[repeat-tie-event\]](#), page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.88 \[RepeatTie\]](#), page 422 and [Section 3.1.89 \[RepeatTieColumn\]](#), page 423.

**Section 2.2.95 [Rest\_engraver], page 321**

Engrave rests.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.52 \[rest-event\]](#), page 48

Properties (read)

`middleCPosition` (number)

The place of the middle C, measured in half staff-spaces. Usually determined by looking at `middleCClefPosition` and `middleCOffset`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.90 \[Rest\]](#), page 424.

**Section 2.2.96 [Rhythmic\_column\_engraver], page 321**

Generate `NoteColumn`, an object that groups stems, note heads, and rests.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.74 \[NoteColumn\]](#), page 410.

**Section 2.2.98 [Script\_column\_engraver], page 322**

Find potentially colliding scripts and put them into a `ScriptColumn` object; that will fix the collisions.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.93 \[ScriptColumn\]](#), page 425.

**Section 2.2.99 [Script\_engraver], page 322**

Handle note scripted articulations.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.6 \[articulation-event\]](#), page 42

Properties (read)

`scriptDefinitions` (list)

The description of scripts. This is used by the `Script_engraver` for typesetting note-superscripts and subscripts. See ‘`scm/script.scm`’ for more information.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.92 [`Script`], page 424.

Section 2.2.102 [`Slash_repeat_engraver`], page 323

Make beat repeats.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.50 [`repeat-slash-event`], page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.36 [`DoubleRepeatSlash`], page 376 and Section 3.1.87 [`RepeatSlash`], page 422.

Section 2.2.109 [`Spanner_break_forbid_engraver`], page 325

Forbid breaks in certain spanners.

Section 2.2.115 [`Stem_engraver`], page 326

Create stems and single-stem tremolos. It also works together with the beam engraver for overriding beaming.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.72 [`tremolo-event`], page 50 and Section 1.2.75 [`tuplet-span-event`], page 51

Properties (read)

`stemLeftBeamCount` (integer)

Specify the number of beams to draw on the left side of the next note. Overrides automatic beaming. The value is only used once, and then it is erased.

`stemRightBeamCount` (integer)

See `stemLeftBeamCount`.

`tremoloFlags` (integer)

The number of tremolo flags to add if no number is specified.

`whichBar` (string)

This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.

Example:

```
\set Staff.whichBar = "|:"
```

This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in Section “bar-line-interface” in *Internals Reference*.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.105 [`Stem`], page 434 and Section 3.1.107 [`StemTremolo`], page 436.

**Section 2.2.121 [Text\_engraver], page 328**

Create text scripts.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.69 \[text-script-event\], page 50](#)

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.118 \[TextScript\], page 446.](#)

**Section 2.2.122 [Text\_spanner\_engraver], page 328**

Create text spanner from an event.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.70 \[text-span-event\], page 50](#)

Properties (read)

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable  
items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.119 \[TextSpanner\], page 448.](#)

**Section 2.2.123 [Tie\_engraver], page 329**

Generate ties between note heads of equal pitch.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.71 \[tie-event\], page 50](#)

Properties (read)

`tieWaitForNote` (boolean)

If true, tied notes do not have to follow each  
other directly. This can be used for writing out  
arpeggios.

Properties (write)

`tieMelismaBusy` (boolean)

Signal whether a tie is present.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.120 \[Tie\], page 449](#) and [Section 3.1.121 \[TieColumn\],  
page 450.](#)

**Section 2.2.129 [Trill\_spanner\_engraver], page 331**

Create trill spanner from an event.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.74 \[trill-span-event\], page 51](#)

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable  
(clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable  
items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.126 \[TrillSpanner\]](#), page 454.

[Section 2.2.130 \[Tuplet\\_engraver\]](#), page 331

Catch tuplet events and generate appropriate bracket.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.75 \[tuplet-span-event\]](#), page 51

Properties (read)

`tupletFullLength` (boolean)

If set, the tuplet is printed up to the start of the next note.

`tupletFullLengthNote` (boolean)

If set, end at the next note, otherwise end on the matter (time signatures, etc.) before the note.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.127 \[TupletBracket\]](#), page 456 and [Section 3.1.128 \[Tuplet-Number\]](#), page 457.

[Section 2.2.131 \[Tweak\\_engraver\]](#), page 332

Read the `tweaks` property from the originating event, and set properties.

## 2.1.19 NoteNames

A context for printing the names of notes.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.76 \[NoteName\]](#), page 412, [Section 3.1.102 \[StaffSpacing\]](#), page 433, [Section 3.1.120 \[Tie\]](#), page 449, [Section 3.1.121 \[TieColumn\]](#), page 450 and [Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\]](#), page 461.

This context sets the following properties:

- Set grob-property `nonstaff-nonstaff-spacing` in [Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\]](#), page 461 to `'((basic-distance . 0) (minimum-distance . 2.8) (padding . 0.2) (stretchability . 0))`.
- Set grob-property `nonstaff-relatedstaff-spacing` in [Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\]](#), page 461 to `'((basic-distance . 5.5) (padding . 0.5) (stretchability . 1))`.
- Set grob-property `nonstaff-unrelatedstaff-spacing padding` in [Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\]](#), page 461 to 1.5.
- Set grob-property `staff-affinity` in [Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\]](#), page 461 to 1.

This context is a ‘bottom’ context; it cannot contain other contexts.

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

[Section 2.2.5 \[Axis\\_group\\_engraver\]](#), page 290

Group all objects created in this context in a `VerticalAxisGroup` spanner.

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\]](#), page 461.

[Section 2.2.75 \[Note\\_name\\_engraver\]](#), page 314

Print pitches as words.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.40 \[note-event\]](#), page 46

Properties (read)

`printOctaveNames` (boolean)

Print octave marks for the `NoteNames` context.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.76 \[NoteName\]](#), page 412.

[Section 2.2.101 \[Separating\\_line\\_group\\_engraver\]](#), page 322

Generate objects for computing spacing parameters.

Properties (read)

`createSpacing` (boolean)

Create `StaffSpacing` objects? Should be set for staves.

Properties (write)

`hasStaffSpacing` (boolean)

True if the current `CommandColumn` contains items that will affect spacing.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.102 \[StaffSpacing\]](#), page 433.

[Section 2.2.123 \[Tie\\_engraver\]](#), page 329

Generate ties between note heads of equal pitch.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.71 \[tie-event\]](#), page 50

Properties (read)

`tieWaitForNote` (boolean)

If true, tied notes do not have to follow each other directly. This can be used for writing out arpeggios.

Properties (write)

`tieMelismaBusy` (boolean)

Signal whether a tie is present.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.120 \[Tie\]](#), page 449 and [Section 3.1.121 \[TieColumn\]](#), page 450.

## 2.1.20 PetrucciStaff

Same as `Staff` context, except that it is accommodated for typesetting a piece in Petrucci style.

This context also accepts commands for the following context(s):

`Staff`.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.1 [Accidental], page 346, Section 3.1.2 [AccidentalCautionary], page 346, Section 3.1.3 [AccidentalPlacement], page 347, Section 3.1.4 [AccidentalSuggestion], page 348, Section 3.1.11 [BarLine], page 354, Section 3.1.13 [BassFigure], page 357, Section 3.1.14 [BassFigureAlignment], page 357, Section 3.1.15 [BassFigureAlignmentPositioning], page 358, Section 3.1.16 [BassFigureBracket], page 359, Section 3.1.17 [BassFigureContinuation], page 359, Section 3.1.18 [BassFigureLine], page 359, Section 3.1.25 [Clef], page 365, Section 3.1.29 [CueClef], page 368, Section 3.1.30 [CueEndClef], page 370, Section 3.1.31 [Custos], page 371, Section 3.1.32 [DotColumn], page 372, Section 3.1.43 [FootnoteItem], page 383, Section 3.1.44 [FootnoteSpanner], page 384, Section 3.1.52 [InstrumentName], page 391, Section 3.1.54 [KeyCancellation], page 393, Section 3.1.55 [KeySignature], page 394, Section 3.1.58 [LedgerLineSpanner], page 397, Section 3.1.73 [NoteCollision], page 410, Section 3.1.78 [OctavateEight], page 412, Section 3.1.79 [OttavaBracket], page 413, Section 3.1.85 [PianoPedalBracket], page 419, Section 3.1.91 [RestCollision], page 424, Section 3.1.94 [ScriptRow], page 426, Section 3.1.96 [SostenutoPedal], page 428, Section 3.1.97 [SostenutoPedalLineSpanner], page 428, Section 3.1.102 [StaffSpacing], page 433, Section 3.1.103 [StaffSymbol], page 433, Section 3.1.110 [SustainPedal], page 439, Section 3.1.111 [SustainPedalLineSpanner], page 440, Section 3.1.122 [TimeSignature], page 451, Section 3.1.129 [UnaCordaPedal], page 458, Section 3.1.130 [UnaCordaPedalLineSpanner], page 459 and Section 3.1.133 [VerticalAxisGroup], page 461.

This context sets the following properties:

- Set grob-property **neutral-direction** in Section 3.1.31 [Custos], page 371 to `-1`.
- Set grob-property **neutral-position** in Section 3.1.31 [Custos], page 371 to `3`.
- Set grob-property **style** in Section 3.1.31 [Custos], page 371 to `'mensural`.
- Set grob-property **thickness** in Section 3.1.103 [StaffSymbol], page 433 to `1.3`.
- Set translator property **autoAccidentals** to `'(Staff #<procedure #f (context pitch barnum measurepos)> #<procedure neo-modern-accidental-rule (context pitch barnum measurepos)>)`.
- Set translator property **autoCautionaries** to `'()`.
- Set translator property **clefGlyph** to `"clefs.petrucchi.g"`.
- Set translator property **clefOctavation** to `0`.
- Set translator property **clefPosition** to `-2`.
- Set translator property **createSpacing** to `#t`.
- Set translator property **extraNatural** to `#f`.
- Set translator property **ignoreFiguredBassRest** to `#f`.
- Set translator property **instrumentName** to `'()`.
- Set translator property **localKeySignature** to `'()`.
- Set translator property **middleCClefPosition** to `-6`.
- Set translator property **middleCPosition** to `-6`.
- Set translator property **printKeyCancellation** to `#f`.
- Set translator property **shortInstrumentName** to `'()`.

Context `PetrucchiStaff` can contain Section 2.1.3 [CueVoice], page 61 and Section 2.1.21 [PetrucchiVoice], page 187.

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

#### Section 2.2.1 [Accidental\_engraver], page 287

Make accidentals. Catch note heads, ties and notices key-change events. This engraver usually lives at Staff level, but reads the settings for Accidental at Voice level, so you can `\override` them at Voice.

## Properties (read)

**autoAccidentals** (list)

List of different ways to typeset an accidental.

For determining when to print an accidental, several different rules are tried. The rule that gives the highest number of accidentals is used.

Each entry in the list is either a symbol or a procedure.

*symbol*      The symbol is the name of the context in which the following rules are to be applied. For example, if *context* is **Section “Score” in *Internals Reference*** then all staves share accidentals, and if *context* is **Section “Staff” in *Internals Reference*** then all voices in the same staff share accidentals, but staves do not.

*procedure*   The procedure represents an accidental rule to be applied to the previously specified context.

The procedure takes the following arguments:

**context**      The current context to which the rule should be applied.

**pitch**        The pitch of the note to be evaluated.

**barnum**       The current bar number.

**measurepos**   The current measure position.

The procedure returns a pair of booleans. The first states whether an extra natural should be added. The second states whether an accidental should be printed. (**#t** . **#f**) does not make sense.

**autoCautionaries** (list)

List similar to **autoAccidentals**, but it controls cautionary accidentals rather than normal ones. Both lists are tried, and the one giving the most accidentals wins. In case of draw, a normal accidental is typeset.

**extraNatural** (boolean)

Whether to typeset an extra natural sign before accidentals that reduce the effect of a previous alteration.

**harmonicAccidentals** (boolean)

If set, harmonic notes in chords get accidentals.

**internalBarNumber** (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is used for internal timekeeping, among others by the `Accidental_engraver`.

**keySignature** (list)

The current key signature. This is an alist containing `(step . alter)` or `((octave . step) . alter)`, where *step* is a number in the range 0 to 6 and *alter* a fraction, denoting alteration. For alterations, use symbols, e.g. `keySignature = #'((6 . ,FLAT))`.

**localKeySignature** (list)

The key signature at this point in the measure. The format is the same as for `keySignature`, but can also contain `((octave . name) . (alter barnumber . measureposition))` pairs.

Properties (write)

**localKeySignature** (list)

The key signature at this point in the measure. The format is the same as for `keySignature`, but can also contain `((octave . name) . (alter barnumber . measureposition))` pairs.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.1 [Accidental], page 346, Section 3.1.2 [AccidentalCautionary], page 346, Section 3.1.3 [AccidentalPlacement], page 347 and Section 3.1.4 [AccidentalSuggestion], page 348.

#### Section 2.2.5 [Axis\_group\_engraver], page 290

Group all objects created in this context in a `VerticalAxisGroup` spanner.

Properties (read)

**currentCommandColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.133 [VerticalAxisGroup], page 461.

#### Section 2.2.7 [Bar\_engraver], page 291

Create barlines. This engraver is controlled through the `whichBar` property. If it has no bar line to create, it will forbid a linebreak at this point. This engraver is required to trigger the creation of clefs at the start of systems.

Properties (read)

**whichBar** (string)

This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.



Example:

```
\set Staff.whichBar = "|:"
```

This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in [Section “bar-line-interface”](#) in *Internals Reference*.

Properties (write)

**forbidBreak** (boolean)

If set to **#t**, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.11 \[BarLine\]](#), page 354.

**Section 2.2.17 [Clef\_engraver]**, page 294

Determine and set reference point for pitches.

Properties (read)

**clefGlyph** (string)

Name of the symbol within the music font.

**clefOctavation** (integer)

Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7 and -7 are common.

**clefPosition** (number)

Where should the center of the clef symbol go, measured in half staff spaces from the center of the staff.

**explicitClefVisibility** (vector)

‘break-visibility’ function for clef changes.

**forceClef** (boolean)

Show clef symbol, even if it has not changed. Only active for the first clef after the property is set, not for the full staff.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.25 \[Clef\]](#), page 365 and [Section 3.1.78 \[OctavateEight\]](#), page 412.

**Section 2.2.19 [Collision\_engraver]**, page 295

Collect **NoteColumns**, and as soon as there are two or more, put them in a **NoteCollision** object.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.73 \[NoteCollision\]](#), page 410.

**Section 2.2.24 [Cue\_clef\_engraver]**, page 296

Determine and set reference point for pitches in cued voices.

Properties (read)

**clefOctavation** (integer)

Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7 and -7 are common.

**cueClefGlyph** (string)

Name of the symbol within the music font.

**cueClefOctavation** (integer)  
 Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7 and -7 are common.

**cueClefPosition** (number)  
 Where should the center of the clef symbol go, measured in half staff spaces from the center of the staff.

**explicitCueClefVisibility** (vector)  
 ‘break-visibility’ function for cue clef changes.

**middleCCuePosition** (number)  
 The position of the middle C, as determined only by the clef of the cue notes. This can be calculated by looking at **cueClefPosition** and **cueClefGlyph**.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.29 [CueClef], page 368, Section 3.1.30 [CueEndClef], page 370 and Section 3.1.78 [OctavateEight], page 412.

**Section 2.2.25 [Custos\_engraver], page 297**

Engrave custodes.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.31 [Custos], page 371.

**Section 2.2.27 [Dot\_column\_engraver], page 298**

Engrave dots on dotted notes shifted to the right of the note. If omitted, then dots appear on top of the notes.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.32 [DotColumn], page 372.

**Section 2.2.38 [Figured\_bass\_engraver], page 301**

Make figured bass numbers.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.7 [bass-figure-event], page 42 and Section 1.2.52 [rest-event], page 48

Properties (read)

**figuredBassAlterationDirection**  
 (direction)  
 Where to put alterations relative to the main figure.

**figuredBassCenterContinuations** (boolean)  
 Whether to vertically center pairs of extender lines. This does not work with three or more lines.

**figuredBassFormatter** (procedure)  
 A routine generating a markup for a bass figure.

**ignoreFiguredBassRest** (boolean)  
 Don’t swallow rest events.

**implicitBassFigures** (list)

A list of bass figures that are not printed as numbers, but only as extender lines.

**useBassFigureExtenders** (boolean)

Whether to use extender lines for repeated bass figures.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.13 [BassFigure], page 357, Section 3.1.14 [BassFigure-Alignment], page 357, Section 3.1.16 [BassFigureBracket], page 359, Section 3.1.17 [BassFigureContinuation], page 359 and Section 3.1.18 [BassFigureLine], page 359.

Section 2.2.39 [Figured\_bass\_position\_engraver], page 302

Position figured bass alignments over notes.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.15 [BassFigureAlignmentPositioning], page 358.

Section 2.2.41 [Font\_size\_engraver], page 302

Put **fontSize** into **font-size** grob property.

Properties (read)

**fontSize** (number)

The relative size of all grobs in a context.

Section 2.2.42 [Footnote\_engraver], page 302

Create footnote texts.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.24 [footnote-event], page 44

Properties (read)

**currentMusicalColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.43 [FootnoteItem], page 383 and Section 3.1.44 [FootnoteSpanner], page 384.

Section 2.2.51 [Grob\_pq\_engraver], page 306

Administrate when certain grobs (e.g., note heads) stop playing.

Properties (read)

**busyGrobs** (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

**busyGrobs** (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

**Section 2.2.55 [Instrument\_name\_engraver], page 307**

Create a system start text for instrument or vocal names.

Properties (read)

**currentCommandColumn** (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable  
(clef, key signature, etc.) items.

**instrumentName** (markup)

The name to print left of a staff.  
The **instrumentName** property labels  
the staff in the first system, and the  
**shortInstrumentName** property labels  
following lines.

**shortInstrumentName** (markup)

See **instrumentName**.

**shortVocalName** (markup)

Name of a vocal line, short version.

**vocalName** (markup)

Name of a vocal line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.52 [InstrumentName], page 391.**

**Section 2.2.58 [Key\_engraver], page 308**

Engrave a key signature.

Music types accepted:

**Section 1.2.28 [key-change-event], page 44**

Properties (read)

**createKeyOnClefChange** (boolean)

Print a key signature whenever the clef is  
changed.

**explicitKeySignatureVisibility** (vector)

'break-visibility' function for explicit  
key changes. 'override' of the **break-  
visibility** property will set the visibility  
for normal (i.e., at the start of the line) key  
signatures.

**extraNatural** (boolean)

Whether to typeset an extra natural sign before  
accidentals that reduce the effect of a previous  
alteration.

**keyAlterationOrder** (list)

An alist that defines in what order alterations  
should be printed. The format is (**step .  
alter**), where *step* is a number from 0 to 6  
and *alter* from -2 (sharp) to 2 (flat).

**keySignature** (list)

The current key signature. This is an alist containing (*step* . *alter*) or ((*octave* . *step*) . *alter*), where *step* is a number in the range 0 to 6 and *alter* a fraction, denoting alteration. For alterations, use symbols, e.g. `keySignature = #'((6 . ,FLAT))`.

**lastKeySignature** (list)

Last key signature before a key signature change.

**middleCClefPosition** (number)

The position of the middle C, as determined only by the clef. This can be calculated by looking at `clefPosition` and `clefGlyph`.

**printKeyCancellation** (boolean)

Print restoration alterations before a key signature change.

Properties (write)

**keySignature** (list)

The current key signature. This is an alist containing (*step* . *alter*) or ((*octave* . *step*) . *alter*), where *step* is a number in the range 0 to 6 and *alter* a fraction, denoting alteration. For alterations, use symbols, e.g. `keySignature = #'((6 . ,FLAT))`.

**lastKeySignature** (list)

Last key signature before a key signature change.

**tonic** (pitch)

The tonic of the current scale.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.54 \[KeyCancellation\]](#), page 393 and [Section 3.1.55 \[KeySignature\]](#), page 394.

[Section 2.2.61 \[Ledger\\_line\\_engraver\]](#), page 309

Create the spanner to draw ledger lines, and notices objects that need ledger lines.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.58 \[LedgerLineSpanner\]](#), page 397.

[Section 2.2.78 \[Ottava\\_spanner\\_engraver\]](#), page 315

Create a text spanner when the ottavation property changes.

Properties (read)

**currentMusicalColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

`middleCOffset` (number)

The offset of middle C from the position given by `middleCClefPosition`. This is used for ottava brackets.

`ottavation` (markup)

If set, the text for an ottava spanner. Changing this creates a new text spanner.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.79 \[OttavaBracket\]](#), page 413.

[Section 2.2.79 \[Output\\_property\\_engraver\]](#), page 315

Apply a procedure to any grob acknowledged.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.4 \[apply-output-event\]](#), page 42

[Section 2.2.86 \[Piano\\_pedal\\_align\\_engraver\]](#), page 318

Align piano pedal symbols and brackets.

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.97 \[SostenutoPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 428, [Section 3.1.111 \[SustainPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 440 and [Section 3.1.130 \[UnaCordaPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 459.

[Section 2.2.87 \[Piano\\_pedal\\_engraver\]](#), page 318

Engrave piano pedal symbols and brackets.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.59 \[sostenuto-event\]](#), page 48, [Section 1.2.67 \[sustain-event\]](#), page 50 and [Section 1.2.76 \[una-corda-event\]](#), page 51

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`pedalSostenutoStrings` (list)

See `pedalSustainStrings`.

`pedalSostenutoStyle` (symbol)

See `pedalSustainStyle`.

`pedalSustainStrings` (list)

A list of strings to print for sustain-pedal. Format is (*up updown down*), where each of the three is the string to print when this is done with the pedal.

`pedalSustainStyle` (symbol)

A symbol that indicates how to print sustain pedals: `text`, `bracket` or `mixed` (both).

`pedalUnaCordaStrings` (list)

See `pedalSustainStrings`.

`pedalUnaCordaStyle` (symbol)

See `pedalSustainStyle`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.85 [`PianoPedalBracket`], page 419, Section 3.1.96 [`SostenutoPedal`], page 428, Section 3.1.110 [`SustainPedal`], page 439 and Section 3.1.129 [`UnaCordaPedal`], page 458.

Section 2.2.91 [`Pure_from_neighbor_engraver`], page 319

Coordinates items that get their pure heights from their neighbors.

Section 2.2.94 [`Rest_collision_engraver`], page 321

Handle collisions of rests.

Properties (read)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.91 [`RestCollision`], page 424.

Section 2.2.100 [`Script_row_engraver`], page 322

Determine order in horizontal side position elements.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.94 [`ScriptRow`], page 426.

Section 2.2.101 [`Separating_line_group_engraver`], page 322

Generate objects for computing spacing parameters.

Properties (read)

`createSpacing` (boolean)

Create `StaffSpacing` objects? Should be set for staves.

Properties (write)

`hasStaffSpacing` (boolean)

True if the current `CommandColumn` contains items that will affect spacing.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.102 [`StaffSpacing`], page 433.

Section 2.2.110 [`Staff_collecting_engraver`], page 325

Maintain the `stavesFound` variable.

Properties (read)

`stavesFound` (list of grobs)

A list of all staff-symbols found.

Properties (write)

`stavesFound` (list of grobs)

A list of all staff-symbols found.

**Section 2.2.112 [Staff\_symbol\_engraver], page 325**

Create the constellation of five (default) staff lines.

Music types accepted:

**Section 1.2.63 [staff-span-event], page 49**

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.103 [StaffSymbol], page 433.**

**Section 2.2.125 [Time\_signature\_engraver], page 329**

Create a **Section 3.1.122 [TimeSignature], page 451** whenever `timeSignatureFraction` changes.

Properties (read)

`implicitTimeSignatureVisibility` (vector)  
break visibility for the default time signature.

`timeSignatureFraction` (fraction, as pair)  
A pair of numbers, signifying the time signature. For example, '(4 . 4)' is a 4/4 time signature.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.122 [TimeSignature], page 451.**

**2.1.21 PetrucciVoice**

Same as `Voice` context, except that it is accommodated for typesetting a piece in Petrucci style.

This context also accepts commands for the following context(s):

`Voice`.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.9 [Arpeggio], page 352**, **Section 3.1.19 [Beam], page 360**, **Section 3.1.20 [BendAfter], page 361**, **Section 3.1.23 [BreathingSign], page 363**, **Section 3.1.26 [ClusterSpanner], page 366**, **Section 3.1.27 [ClusterSpannerBeacon], page 367**, **Section 3.1.28 [CombineTextScript], page 367**, **Section 3.1.33 [Dots], page 373**, **Section 3.1.34 [DoublePercentRepeat], page 373**, **Section 3.1.35 [DoublePercentRepeatCounter], page 374**, **Section 3.1.36 [DoubleRepeatSlash], page 376**, **Section 3.1.37 [DynamicLineSpanner], page 376**, **Section 3.1.38 [DynamicText], page 377**, **Section 3.1.39 [DynamicTextSpanner], page 379**, **Section 3.1.41 [Fingering], page 381**, **Section 3.1.46 [Glissando], page 387**, **Section 3.1.50 [Hairpin], page 389**, **Section 3.1.53 [InstrumentSwitch], page 392**, **Section 3.1.56 [LaissezVibrerTie], page 396**, **Section 3.1.57 [LaissezVibrerTieColumn], page 397**, **Section 3.1.67 [MensuralLigature], page 404**, **Section 3.1.69 [MultiMeasureRest], page 405**, **Section 3.1.70 [MultiMeasureRestNumber], page 406**, **Section 3.1.71 [MultiMeasureRestText], page 408**, **Section 3.1.74 [NoteColumn], page 410**, **Section 3.1.75 [NoteHead], page 411**, **Section 3.1.77 [NoteSpacing], page 412**, **Section 3.1.82 [PercentRepeat], page 416**, **Section 3.1.83 [PercentRepeatCounter], page 417**, **Section 3.1.84 [PhrasingSlur], page 418**, **Section 3.1.87 [RepeatSlash], page 422**, **Section 3.1.88 [RepeatTie], page 422**, **Section 3.1.89 [RepeatTieColumn], page 423**, **Section 3.1.90 [Rest], page 424**, **Section 3.1.92 [Script], page 424**, **Section 3.1.93 [ScriptColumn], page 425**, **Section 3.1.95 [Slur], page 426**, **Section 3.1.105 [Stem], page 434**, **Section 3.1.107 [StemTremolo], page 436**, **Section 3.1.108 [StringNumber], page 437**, **Section 3.1.109 [StrokeFinger], page 438**, **Section 3.1.118 [TextScript], page 446**, **Section 3.1.119 [TextSpanner], page 448**, **Section 3.1.120 [Tie], page 449**, **Section 3.1.121 [TieColumn], page 450**, **Section 3.1.123 [TrillPitchAccidental], page 452**, **Section 3.1.124 [TrillPitchGroup], page 453**, **Section 3.1.125 [TrillPitchHead], page 454**, **Section 3.1.126 [TrillSpanner], page 454**, **Section 3.1.127 [TupletBracket], page 456**, **Section 3.1.128 [TupletNumber], page 457** and **Section 3.1.134 [VoiceFollower], page 462**.



This context sets the following properties:

- Set grob-property **length** in [Section 3.1.105 \[Stem\]](#), page 434 to 5.
- Set grob-property **style** in [Section 3.1.75 \[NoteHead\]](#), page 411 to 'petrucci.
- Set grob-property **style** in [Section 3.1.90 \[Rest\]](#), page 424 to 'mensural.
- Set grob-property **thickness** in [Section 3.1.105 \[Stem\]](#), page 434 to 1.7.
- Set translator property **autoBeaming** to #f.

This context is a 'bottom' context; it cannot contain other contexts.

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

[Section 2.2.3 \[Arpeggio\\_engraver\]](#), page 289

Generate an Arpeggio symbol.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.5 \[arpeggio-event\]](#), page 42

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.9 \[Arpeggio\]](#), page 352.

[Section 2.2.4 \[Auto\\_beam\\_engraver\]](#), page 289

Generate beams based on measure characteristics and observed Stems.

Uses **baseMoment**, **beatStructure**, **beamExceptions**, **measureLength**, and **measurePosition** to decide when to start and stop a beam.

Overriding beaming is done through [Section 2.2.115 \[Stem\\_engraver\]](#), page 326 properties **stemLeftBeamCount** and **stemRightBeamCount**.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.9 \[beam-forbid-event\]](#), page 42

Properties (read)

**autoBeaming** (boolean)

If set to true then beams are generated automatically.

**baseMoment** (moment)

Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

**beamExceptions** (list)

An alist of exceptions to autobeam rules that normally end on beats.

**beamHalfMeasure** (boolean)

Whether to allow a beam to begin halfway through the measure in triple time, which could look like 6/8.

**beatStructure** (list)

List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.

**subdivideBeams** (boolean)

If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\]](#), page 360.

**Section 2.2.10 [Beam\_engraver], page 292**

Handle **Beam** events by engraving beams. If omitted, then notes are printed with flags instead of beams.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.8 \[beam-event\], page 42](#)

Properties (read)

**baseMoment** (moment)

Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

**beamMelismaBusy** (boolean)

Signal if a beam is present.

**beatStructure** (list)

List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.

**subdivideBeams** (boolean)

If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

Properties (write)

**forbidBreak** (boolean)

If set to **#t**, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\], page 360.](#)

**Section 2.2.12 [Bend\_engraver], page 293**

Create fall spanners.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.10 \[bend-after-event\], page 43](#)

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.20 \[BendAfter\], page 361.](#)

**Section 2.2.14 [Breathing\_sign\_engraver], page 293**

Create a breathing sign.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.14 \[breathing-event\], page 43](#)

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.23 \[BreathingSign\], page 363.](#)

**Section 2.2.16 [Chord\_tremolo\_engraver], page 294**

Generate beams for tremolo repeats.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.73 \[tremolo-span-event\], page 51](#)

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\], page 360.](#)

**Section 2.2.18 [Cluster\_spanner\_engraver], page 295**

Engrave a cluster using **Spanner** notation.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.15 \[cluster-note-event\]](#), page 43

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.26 \[ClusterSpanner\]](#), page 366 and [Section 3.1.27 \[ClusterSpannerBeacon\]](#), page 367.

**Section 2.2.28 [Dots\_engraver]**, page 298

Create [Section 3.1.33 \[Dots\]](#), page 373 objects for [Section 3.2.89 \[rhythmic-head-interface\]](#), page 510s.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.33 \[Dots\]](#), page 373.

**Section 2.2.29 [Double\_percent\_repeat\_engraver]**, page 298

Make double measure repeats.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.19 \[double-percent-event\]](#), page 43

Properties (read)

**countPercentRepeats** (boolean)

If set, produce counters for percent repeats.

**measureLength** (moment)

Length of one measure in the current time signature.

**repeatCountVisibility** (procedure)

A procedure taking as arguments an integer and context, returning whether the corresponding percent repeat number should be printed when **countPercentRepeats** is set.

Properties (write)

**forbidBreak** (boolean)

If set to **#t**, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.34 \[DoublePercentRepeat\]](#), page 373 and [Section 3.1.35 \[DoublePercentRepeatCounter\]](#), page 374.

**Section 2.2.32 [Dynamic\_align\_engraver]**, page 299

Align hairpins and dynamic texts on a horizontal line.

Properties (read)

**currentMusicalColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.37 \[DynamicLineSpanner\]](#), page 376.

**Section 2.2.40 [Fingering\_engraver]**, page 302

Create fingering scripts.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.23 \[fingering-event\]](#), page 44

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.41 \[Fingering\]](#), page 381.

**Section 2.2.41 [Font\_size\_engraver]**, page 302

Put `fontSize` into `font-size` grob property.

Properties (read)

`fontSize` (number)

The relative size of all grobs in a context.

**Section 2.2.43 [Forbid\_line\_break\_engraver]**, page 303

Forbid line breaks when note heads are still playing at some point.

Properties (read)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

`forbidBreak` (boolean)

If set to `#t`, prevent a line break at this point.

**Section 2.2.45 [Glissando\_engraver]**, page 304

Engrave glissandi.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.25 \[glissando-event\]](#), page 44

Properties (read)

`glissandoMap` (list)

A map in the form of '((source1 . target1) (source2 . target2) (sourcen . targetn))' showing the glissandi to be drawn for note columns. The value '()' will default to '((0 . 0) (1 . 1) (n . n))', where n is the minimal number of note-heads in the two note columns between which the glissandi occur.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.46 \[Glissando\]](#), page 387.

**Section 2.2.46 [Grace\_beam\_engraver]**, page 304

Handle `Beam` events by engraving beams. If omitted, then notes are printed with flags instead of beams. Only engraves beams when we are at grace points in time.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.8 \[beam-event\]](#), page 42

Properties (read)

`baseMoment` (moment)

Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

`beamMelismaBusy` (boolean)

Signal if a beam is present.

**beatStructure** (list)

List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.

**subdivideBeams** (boolean)

If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\]](#), page 360.

**Section 2.2.47 [Grace\_engraver]**, page 305

Set font size and other properties for grace notes.

Properties (read)

**graceSettings** (list)

Overrides for grace notes. This property should be manipulated through the **add-grace-property** function.

**Section 2.2.51 [Grob\_pq\_engraver]**, page 306

Administrate when certain grobs (e.g., note heads) stop playing.

Properties (read)

**busyGrobs** (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

**busyGrobs** (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

**Section 2.2.56 [Instrument\_switch\_engraver]**, page 307

Create a cue text for taking instrument.

Properties (read)

**instrumentCueName** (markup)

The name to print if another instrument is to be taken.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.53 \[InstrumentSwitch\]](#), page 392.

**Section 2.2.60 [Laissez\_vibrer\_engraver]**, page 309

Create laissez vibrer items.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.30 \[laissez-vibrer-event\]](#), page 45

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.56 \[LaissezVibrerTie\]](#), page 396 and [Section 3.1.57 \[LaissezVibrerTieColumn\]](#), page 397.

**Section 2.2.68 [Mensural\_ligature\_engraver], page 311**

Handle `Mensural_ligature_events` by glueing special ligature heads together.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.32 \[ligature-event\], page 45](#)

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.67 \[MensuralLigature\], page 404.](#)

**Section 2.2.70 [Multi\_measure\_rest\_engraver], page 312**

Engrave multi-measure rests that are produced with ‘R’. It reads `measurePosition` and `internalBarNumber` to determine what number to print over the [Section 3.1.69 \[MultiMeasureRest\], page 405.](#)

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.37 \[multi-measure-rest-event\], page 45](#) and [Section 1.2.38 \[multi-measure-text-event\], page 45](#)

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`internalBarNumber` (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is used for internal timekeeping, among others by the `Accidental_engraver`.

`measurePosition` (moment)

How much of the current measure have we had. This can be set manually to create incomplete measures.

`restNumberThreshold` (number)

If a multimeasure rest has more measures than this, a number is printed.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.69 \[MultiMeasureRest\], page 405](#), [Section 3.1.70 \[MultiMeasureRestNumber\], page 406](#) and [Section 3.1.71 \[MultiMeasureRestText\], page 408.](#)

**Section 2.2.71 [New\_dynamic\_engraver], page 312**

Create hairpins, dynamic texts and dynamic text spanners.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.1 \[absolute-dynamic-event\], page 42](#), [Section 1.2.13 \[break-span-event\], page 43](#) and [Section 1.2.61 \[span-dynamic-event\], page 49](#)

Properties (read)

`crescendoSpanner` (symbol)

The type of spanner to be used for crescendi. Available values are ‘hairpin’ and ‘text’. If unset, a hairpin crescendo is used.

`crescendoText` (markup)

The text to print at start of non-hairpin crescendo, i.e., ‘cresc.’.

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

`decrescendoSpanner` (symbol)

The type of spanner to be used for decrescendi. Available values are ‘hairpin’ and ‘text’. If unset, a hairpin decrescendo is used.

`decrescendoText` (markup)

The text to print at start of non-hairpin decrescendo, i.e., ‘dim.’.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.38 [DynamicText], page 377, Section 3.1.39 [DynamicTextSpanner], page 379 and Section 3.1.50 [Hairpin], page 389.

#### Section 2.2.72 [New\_fingering\_engraver], page 313

Create fingering scripts for notes in a new chord. This engraver is ill-named, since it also takes care of articulations and harmonic note heads.

Properties (read)

`fingeringOrientations` (list)

A list of symbols, containing ‘left’, ‘right’, ‘up’ and/or ‘down’. This list determines where fingerings are put relative to the chord being fingered.

`harmonicDots` (boolean)

If set, harmonic notes in dotted chords get dots.

`stringNumberOrientations` (list)

See `fingeringOrientations`.

`strokeFingerOrientations` (list)

See `fingeringOrientations`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.41 [Fingering], page 381, Section 3.1.92 [Script], page 424, Section 3.1.108 [StringNumber], page 437 and Section 3.1.109 [StrokeFinger], page 438.

#### Section 2.2.73 [Note\_head\_line\_engraver], page 314

Engrave a line between two note heads, for example a glissando. If `followVoice` is set, staff switches also generate a line.

Properties (read)

`followVoice` (boolean)

If set, note heads are tracked across staff switches by a thin line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.46 [Glissando], page 387 and Section 3.1.134 [VoiceFollower], page 462.

**Section 2.2.74 [Note\_heads\_engraver], page 314**

Generate note heads.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.40 \[note-event\], page 46](#)

Properties (read)

`middleCPosition` (number)

The place of the middle C, measured in half staff-spaces. Usually determined by looking at `middleCClefPosition` and `middleCOffset`.

`staffLineLayoutFunction` (procedure)

Layout of staff lines, `traditional`, or `semitone`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.75 \[NoteHead\], page 411.](#)

**Section 2.2.77 [Note\_spacing\_engraver], page 315**

Generate `NoteSpacing`, an object linking horizontal lines for use in spacing.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.77 \[NoteSpacing\], page 412.](#)

**Section 2.2.79 [Output\_property\_engraver], page 315**

Apply a procedure to any grob acknowledged.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.4 \[apply-output-event\], page 42](#)

**Section 2.2.83 [Part\_combine\_engraver], page 317**

Part combine engraver for orchestral scores: Print markings ‘a2’, ‘Solo’, ‘Solo II’, and ‘unisono’.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.40 \[note-event\], page 46](#) and [Section 1.2.44 \[part-combine-event\], page 47](#)

Properties (read)

`aDueText` (markup)

Text to print at a unisono passage.

`partCombineTextsOnNote` (boolean)

Print part-combine texts only on the next note rather than immediately on rests or skips.

`printPartCombineTexts` (boolean)

Set ‘Solo’ and ‘A due’ texts in the part combiner?

`soloIIIText` (markup)

The text for the start of a solo for voice ‘two’ when part-combining.

`soloText` (markup)

The text for the start of a solo when part-combining.



This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.28 \[CombineTextScript\]](#), page 367.

**Section 2.2.84 [Percent\_repeat\_engraver]**, page 317

Make whole measure repeats.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.47 \[percent-event\]](#), page 47

Properties (read)

**countPercentRepeats** (boolean)

If set, produce counters for percent repeats.

**currentCommandColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

**repeatCountVisibility** (procedure)

A procedure taking as arguments an integer and context, returning whether the corresponding percent repeat number should be printed when **countPercentRepeats** is set.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.82 \[PercentRepeat\]](#), page 416 and [Section 3.1.83 \[PercentRepeatCounter\]](#), page 417.

**Section 2.2.85 [Phrasing\_slur\_engraver]**, page 318

Print phrasing slurs. Similar to [Section 2.2.103 \[Slur\\_engraver\]](#), page 323.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.49 \[phrasing-slur-event\]](#), page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.84 \[PhrasingSlur\]](#), page 418.

**Section 2.2.90 [Pitched\_trill\_engraver]**, page 319

Print the bracketed note head after a note head with trill.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.123 \[TrillPitchAccidental\]](#), page 452, [Section 3.1.124 \[TrillPitchGroup\]](#), page 453 and [Section 3.1.125 \[TrillPitchHead\]](#), page 454.

**Section 2.2.93 [Repeat\_tie\_engraver]**, page 320

Create repeat ties.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.51 \[repeat-tie-event\]](#), page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.88 \[RepeatTie\]](#), page 422 and [Section 3.1.89 \[RepeatTieColumn\]](#), page 423.

**Section 2.2.95 [Rest\_engraver]**, page 321

Engrave rests.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.52 \[rest-event\]](#), page 48

Properties (read)

`middleCPosition` (number)

The place of the middle C, measured in half staff-spaces. Usually determined by looking at `middleCClefPosition` and `middleCOffset`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.90 [Rest], page 424.

Section 2.2.96 [Rhythmic\_column\_engraver], page 321

Generate `NoteColumn`, an object that groups stems, note heads, and rests.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.74 [NoteColumn], page 410.

Section 2.2.98 [Script\_column\_engraver], page 322

Find potentially colliding scripts and put them into a `ScriptColumn` object; that will fix the collisions.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.93 [ScriptColumn], page 425.

Section 2.2.99 [Script\_engraver], page 322

Handle note scripted articulations.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.6 [articulation-event], page 42

Properties (read)

`scriptDefinitions` (list)

The description of scripts. This is used by the `Script_engraver` for typesetting note-superscripts and subscripts. See ‘`scm/script.scm`’ for more information.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.92 [Script], page 424.

Section 2.2.102 [Slash\_repeat\_engraver], page 323

Make beat repeats.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.50 [repeat-slash-event], page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.36 [DoubleRepeatSlash], page 376 and Section 3.1.87 [RepeatSlash], page 422.

Section 2.2.103 [Slur\_engraver], page 323

Build slur grobs from slur events.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.56 [slur-event], page 48

Properties (read)

`doubleSlurs` (boolean)

If set, two slurs are created for every slurred note, one above and one below the chord.

`slurMelismaBusy` (boolean)

Signal if a slur is present.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.95 [Slur], page 426.

Section 2.2.109 [Spanner\_break\_forbid\_engraver], page 325

Forbid breaks in certain spanners.

Section 2.2.115 [Stem\_engraver], page 326

Create stems and single-stem tremolos. It also works together with the beam engraver for overriding beaming.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.72 [tremolo-event], page 50 and Section 1.2.75 [tuplet-span-event], page 51

Properties (read)

`stemLeftBeamCount` (integer)

Specify the number of beams to draw on the left side of the next note. Overrides automatic beaming. The value is only used once, and then it is erased.

`stemRightBeamCount` (integer)

See `stemLeftBeamCount`.

`tremoloFlags` (integer)

The number of tremolo flags to add if no number is specified.

`whichBar` (string)

This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.

Example:

```
\set Staff.whichBar = "|:"
```

This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in Section “bar-line-interface” in *Internals Reference*.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.105 [Stem], page 434 and Section 3.1.107 [StemTremolo], page 436.

Section 2.2.121 [Text\_engraver], page 328

Create text scripts.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.69 [text-script-event], page 50

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.118 [TextScript], page 446.

Section 2.2.122 [Text\_spanner\_engraver], page 328

Create text spanner from an event.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.70 [text-span-event], page 50

Properties (read)

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.119 \[TextSpanner\]](#), page 448.

**Section 2.2.123 [Tie\_engraver], page 329**

Generate ties between note heads of equal pitch.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.71 \[tie-event\]](#), page 50

Properties (read)

`tieWaitForNote` (boolean)

If true, tied notes do not have to follow each other directly. This can be used for writing out arpeggios.

Properties (write)

`tieMelismaBusy` (boolean)

Signal whether a tie is present.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.120 \[Tie\]](#), page 449 and [Section 3.1.121 \[TieColumn\]](#), page 450.

**Section 2.2.129 [Trill\_spanner\_engraver], page 331**

Create trill spanner from an event.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.74 \[trill-span-event\]](#), page 51

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.126 \[TrillSpanner\]](#), page 454.

**Section 2.2.130 [Tuplet\_engraver], page 331**

Catch tuplet events and generate appropriate bracket.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.75 \[tuplet-span-event\]](#), page 51

Properties (read)

`tupletFullLength` (boolean)

If set, the tuplet is printed up to the start of the next note.

`tupletFullLengthNote` (boolean)

If set, end at the next note, otherwise end on the matter (time signatures, etc.) before the note.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.127 [TupletBracket], page 456 and Section 3.1.128 [Tuplet-Number], page 457.

Section 2.2.131 [Tweak\_engraver], page 332

Read the `tweaks` property from the originating event, and set properties.

## 2.1.22 PianoStaff

Just like `GrandStaff`, but the staves are only removed together, never separately.

This context also accepts commands for the following context(s):

`GrandStaff`.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.9 [Arpeggio], page 352, Section 3.1.52 [InstrumentName], page 391, Section 3.1.99 [SpanBar], page 430, Section 3.1.100 [SpanBarStub], page 431, Section 3.1.113 [SystemStartBar], page 442, Section 3.1.114 [SystemStartBrace], page 442, Section 3.1.115 [SystemStartBracket], page 443, Section 3.1.116 [SystemStartSquare], page 444 and Section 3.1.132 [VerticalAlignment], page 460.

This context sets the following properties:

- Set translator property `instrumentName` to '()'.
- Set translator property `instrumentName` to '()'.
- Set translator property `localKeySignature` to '()'.
- Set translator property `shortInstrumentName` to '()'.
- Set translator property `shortInstrumentName` to '()'.
- Set translator property `systemStartDelimiter` to 'SystemStartBrace'.
- Set translator property `topLevelAlignment` to #f.
- Set translator property `topLevelAlignment` to #f.

Context `PianoStaff` can contain Section 2.1.2 [ChordNames], page 59, Section 2.1.5 [Drum-Staff], page 74, Section 2.1.7 [Dynamics], page 92, Section 2.1.8 [FiguredBass], page 95, Section 2.1.16 [Lyrics], page 149, Section 2.1.23 [RhythmicStaff], page 202, Section 2.1.25 [Staff], page 219 and Section 2.1.27 [TabStaff], page 231.

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

Section 2.2.55 [Instrument\_name\_engraver], page 307

Create a system start text for instrument or vocal names.

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`instrumentName` (markup)

The name to print left of a staff. The `instrumentName` property labels the staff in the first system, and the `shortInstrumentName` property labels following lines.

`shortInstrumentName` (markup)  
See `instrumentName`.

`shortVocalName` (markup)  
Name of a vocal line, short version.

`vocalName` (markup)  
Name of a vocal line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.52 \[InstrumentName\], page 391.](#)

**[Section 2.2.57 \[Keep\\_alive\\_together\\_engraver\], page 308](#)**

This engraver collects all `Hara_kiri_group_spanners` that are created in contexts at or below its own. These spanners are then tied together so that one will be removed only if all are removed. For example, if a `StaffGroup` uses this engraver, then the staves in the group will all be visible as long as there is a note in at least one of them.

**[Section 2.2.106 \[Span\\_arpeggio\\_engraver\], page 324](#)**

Make arpeggios that span multiple staves.

Properties (read)

`connectArpeggios` (boolean)  
If set, connect arpeggios across piano staff.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.9 \[Arpeggio\], page 352.](#)

**[Section 2.2.107 \[Span\\_bar\\_engraver\], page 324](#)**

Make cross-staff bar lines: It catches all normal bar lines and draws a single span bar across them.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.99 \[SpanBar\], page 430.](#)

**[Section 2.2.108 \[Span\\_bar\\_stub\\_engraver\], page 324](#)**

Make stubs for span bars in all contexts that the span bars cross.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.100 \[SpanBarStub\], page 431.](#)

**[Section 2.2.116 \[System\\_start\\_delimiter\\_engraver\], page 326](#)**

Create a system start delimiter (i.e., a `SystemStartBar`, `SystemStartBrace`, `SystemStartBracket` or `SystemStartSquare` spanner).

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)  
Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`systemStartDelimiter` (symbol)  
Which grob to make for the start of the system/staff? Set to `SystemStartBrace`, `SystemStartBracket` or `SystemStartBar`.

`systemStartDelimiterHierarchy` (pair)  
A nested list, indicating the nesting of a start delimiters.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.113 [SystemStartBar], page 442, Section 3.1.114 [SystemStartBrace], page 442, Section 3.1.115 [SystemStartBracket], page 443 and Section 3.1.116 [SystemStartSquare], page 444.

**Section 2.2.133 [Vertical\_align\_engraver], page 332**

Catch groups (staves, lyrics lines, etc.) and stack them vertically.

Properties (read)

`alignAboveContext` (string)

Where to insert newly created context in vertical alignment.

`alignBelowContext` (string)

Where to insert newly created context in vertical alignment.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.132 [VerticalAlignment], page 460.

**Section 2.2.133 [Vertical\_align\_engraver], page 332**

Catch groups (staves, lyrics lines, etc.) and stack them vertically.

Properties (read)

`alignAboveContext` (string)

Where to insert newly created context in vertical alignment.

`alignBelowContext` (string)

Where to insert newly created context in vertical alignment.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.132 [VerticalAlignment], page 460.

## 2.1.23 RhythmicStaff

A context like `Staff` but for printing rhythms. Pitches are ignored; the notes are printed on one line.

This context also accepts commands for the following context(s):

`Staff`.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.11 [BarLine], page 354, Section 3.1.32 [DotColumn], page 372, Section 3.1.52 [InstrumentName], page 391, Section 3.1.58 [LedgerLineSpanner], page 397, Section 3.1.102 [StaffSpacing], page 433, Section 3.1.103 [StaffSymbol], page 433, Section 3.1.122 [TimeSignature], page 451 and Section 3.1.133 [VerticalAxisGroup], page 461.

This context sets the following properties:

- Set grob-property `bar-extent` in Section 3.1.11 [BarLine], page 354 to '(-2 . 2).
- Set grob-property `line-count` in Section 3.1.103 [StaffSymbol], page 433 to 1.
- Set grob-property `neutral-direction` in Section 3.1.19 [Beam], page 360 to 1.
- Set grob-property `neutral-direction` in Section 3.1.105 [Stem], page 434 to 1.
- Set grob-property `staff-padding` in Section 3.1.135 [VoltaBracket], page 463 to 3.
- Set translator property `createSpacing` to `#t`.
- Set translator property `instrumentName` to '()'.

- Set translator property `localKeySignature` to `'()`.
- Set translator property `shortInstrumentName` to `'()`.
- Set translator property `squashedPosition` to 0.

Context `RhythmicStaff` can contain [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61 and [Section 2.1.31 \[Voice\]](#), page 275.

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

**Section 2.2.5 [Axis\_group\_engraver], page 290**

Group all objects created in this context in a `VerticalAxisGroup` spanner.

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\]](#), page 461.

**Section 2.2.7 [Bar\_engraver], page 291**

Create barlines. This engraver is controlled through the `whichBar` property. If it has no bar line to create, it will forbid a linebreak at this point. This engraver is required to trigger the creation of clefs at the start of systems.

Properties (read)

`whichBar` (string)

This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.

Example:

```
\set Staff.whichBar = "|:"
```

This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in [Section “bar-line-interface” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

Properties (write)

`forbidBreak` (boolean)

If set to `#t`, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.11 \[BarLine\]](#), page 354.

**Section 2.2.27 [Dot\_column\_engraver], page 298**

Engrave dots on dotted notes shifted to the right of the note. If omitted, then dots appear on top of the notes.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.32 \[DotColumn\]](#), page 372.

**Section 2.2.41 [Font\_size\_engraver], page 302**

Put `fontSize` into `font-size` grob property.

Properties (read)



`fontSize` (number)

The relative size of all grobs in a context.

**Section 2.2.55 [Instrument\_name\_engraver], page 307**

Create a system start text for instrument or vocal names.

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable  
(clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`instrumentName` (markup)

The name to print left of a staff.  
The `instrumentName` property labels  
the staff in the first system, and the  
`shortInstrumentName` property labels  
following lines.

`shortInstrumentName` (markup)

See `instrumentName`.

`shortVocalName` (markup)

Name of a vocal line, short version.

`vocalName` (markup)

Name of a vocal line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.52 [InstrumentName], page 391.**

**Section 2.2.61 [Ledger\_line\_engraver], page 309**

Create the spanner to draw ledger lines, and notices objects that need  
ledger lines.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.58 [LedgerLineSpanner], page 397.**

**Section 2.2.79 [Output\_property\_engraver], page 315**

Apply a procedure to any grob acknowledged.

Music types accepted:

**Section 1.2.4 [apply-output-event], page 42**

**Section 2.2.89 [Pitch\_squash\_engraver], page 319**

Set the vertical position of note heads to `squashedPosition`, if that  
property is set. This can be used to make a single-line staff demonstrat-  
ing the rhythm of a melody.

Properties (read)

`squashedPosition` (integer)

Vertical position of squashing for **Section**  
“Pitch-squash-engraver” in *Internals*  
*Reference*.

**Section 2.2.101 [Separating\_line\_group\_engraver], page 322**

Generate objects for computing spacing parameters.

Properties (read)

`createSpacing` (boolean)

Create `StaffSpacing` objects? Should be set for staves.

Properties (write)

`hasStaffSpacing` (boolean)

True if the current `CommandColumn` contains items that will affect spacing.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.102 \[StaffSpacing\]](#), page 433.

[Section 2.2.112 \[Staff\\_symbol\\_engraver\]](#), page 325

Create the constellation of five (default) staff lines.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.63 \[staff-span-event\]](#), page 49

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.103 \[StaffSymbol\]](#), page 433.

[Section 2.2.125 \[Time\\_signature\\_engraver\]](#), page 329

Create a [Section 3.1.122 \[TimeSignature\]](#), page 451 whenever `timeSignatureFraction` changes.

Properties (read)

`implicitTimeSignatureVisibility` (vector)

break visibility for the default time signature.

`timeSignatureFraction` (fraction, as pair)

A pair of numbers, signifying the time signature. For example, '(4 . 4)' is a 4/4 time signature.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.122 \[TimeSignature\]](#), page 451.

## 2.1.24 Score

This is the top level notation context. No other context can contain a `Score` context. This context handles the administration of time signatures. It also makes sure that items such as clefs, time signatures, and key-signatures are aligned across staves.

You cannot explicitly instantiate a `Score` context (since it is not contained in any other context). It is instantiated automatically when an output definition (a `\score` or `\layout` block) is processed.

This context also accepts commands for the following context(s):

Timing.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.12 \[BarNumber\]](#), page 355, [Section 3.1.21 \[BreakAlignGroup\]](#), page 362, [Section 3.1.22 \[BreakAlignment\]](#), page 362, [Section 3.1.43 \[FootnoteItem\]](#), page 383, [Section 3.1.44 \[FootnoteSpanner\]](#), page 384, [Section 3.1.47 \[GraceSpacing\]](#), page 388, [Section 3.1.59 \[LeftEdge\]](#), page 398, [Section 3.1.68 \[MetronomeMark\]](#), page 404, [Section 3.1.72 \[NonMusicalPaperColumn\]](#), page 409, [Section 3.1.80 \[PaperColumn\]](#), page 415, [Section 3.1.81 \[ParenthesesItem\]](#), page 415, [Section 3.1.86 \[RehearsalMark\]](#), page 420, [Section 3.1.98 \[SpacingSpanner\]](#), page 429, [Section 3.1.113 \[SystemStartBar\]](#), page 442, [Section 3.1.114 \[SystemStartBrace\]](#), page 442, [Section 3.1.115 \[SystemStartBracket\]](#), page 443, [Section 3.1.116](#)

[SystemStartSquare], page 444, Section 3.1.132 [VerticalAlignment], page 460, Section 3.1.135 [VoltaBracket], page 463 and Section 3.1.136 [VoltaBracketSpanner], page 464.

This context sets the following properties:

- Set translator property `additionalPitchPrefix` to "".
- Set translator property `aDueText` to "a2".
- Set translator property `autoAccidentals` to '(Staff #<procedure #f (context pitch barnum measurepos)>)).
- Set translator property `autoBeamCheck` to `default-auto-beam-check`.
- Set translator property `autoBeaming` to `#t`.
- Set translator property `autoCautionaries` to '().
- Set translator property `automaticBars` to `#t`.
- Set translator property `barCheckSynchronize` to `#f`.
- Set translator property `barNumberFormatter` to `robust-bar-number-function`.
- Set translator property `barNumberVisibility` to `first-bar-number-invisible-and-no-parenthesized-bar-numbers`.
- Set translator property `baseMoment` to `#<Mom 1/4>`.
- Set translator property `bassStaffProperties` to '((assign clefGlyph clefs.F) (assign clefPosition 2) (assign middleCPosition 6) (assign middleCClefPosition 6)).
- Set translator property `beamExceptions` to '((end ((1 . 8) 4 4) ((1 . 12) 3 3 3 3))).
- Set translator property `beamHalfMeasure` to `#t`.
- Set translator property `beatStructure` to '(1 1 1 1).
- Set translator property `chordNameExceptionsFull` to '(((#<Pitch c' > #<Pitch e' > #<Pitch gis' >) (#<procedure line-markup (layout props args)> (+))) ((#<Pitch c' > #<Pitch ees' > #<Pitch ges' >) (#<procedure line-markup (layout props args)> ((#<procedure super-markup (layout props arg)> o)))) ((#<Pitch c' > #<Pitch ees' > #<Pitch ges' > #<Pitch bes' >) (#<procedure line-markup (layout props args)> ((#<procedure normal-size-super-markup (layout props arg)> )))) ((#<Pitch c' > #<Pitch ees' > #<Pitch ges' > #<Pitch beses' >) (#<procedure line-markup (layout props args)> ((#<procedure super-markup (layout props arg)> o7)))) ((#<Pitch c' > #<Pitch e' > #<Pitch g' > #<Pitch b' > #<Pitch fis' >) (#<procedure line-markup (layout props args)> ((#<procedure super-markup (layout props arg)> lyd)))) ((#<Pitch c' > #<Pitch e' > #<Pitch g' > #<Pitch bes' > #<Pitch des' > #<Pitch ees' > #<Pitch fis' > #<Pitch aes' >) (#<procedure line-markup (layout props args)> ((#<procedure super-markup (layout props arg)> alt)))))).
- Set translator property `chordNameExceptionsPartial` to '(((#<Pitch c' > #<Pitch d' >) (#<procedure line-markup (layout props args)> ((#<procedure normal-size-super-markup (layout props arg)> 2)))) ((#<Pitch c' > #<Pitch ees' >) (#<procedure line-markup (layout props args)> (m))) ((#<Pitch c' > #<Pitch f' >) (#<procedure line-markup (layout props args)> ((#<procedure normal-size-super-markup (layout props arg)> sus4)))) ((#<Pitch c' > #<Pitch g' >) (#<procedure line-markup (layout props args)> ((#<procedure normal-size-super-markup (layout props arg)> 5)))) ((#<Pitch c' > #<Pitch ees' > #<Pitch f' >) (#<procedure line-markup (layout props args)> (m)) (#<procedure line-markup (layout props args)> ((#<procedure normal-size-super-markup (layout props arg)> sus4)))) ((#<Pitch c' > #<Pitch d' > #<Pitch ees' >) (#<procedure line-markup (layout props args)> (m)) (#<procedure line-markup (layout props args)> ((#<procedure normal-size-super-markup (layout props arg)> sus2))))).

- Set translator property `chordNameExceptions` to `'(((#<Pitch e' > #<Pitch gis' >) #<procedure line-markup (layout props args)> (+)) ((#<Pitch ees' > #<Pitch ges' >) #<procedure line-markup (layout props args)> ((#<procedure super-markup (layout props arg)> o))) ((#<Pitch ees' > #<Pitch ges' > #<Pitch bes' >) #<procedure line-markup (layout props args)> ((#<procedure normal-size-super-markup (layout props arg)> ))) ((#<Pitch ees' > #<Pitch ges' > #<Pitch beses' >) #<procedure line-markup (layout props args)> ((#<procedure super-markup (layout props arg)> o7))) ((#<Pitch e' > #<Pitch g' > #<Pitch b' > #<Pitch fis' >) #<procedure line-markup (layout props args)> ((#<procedure super-markup (layout props arg)> lyd))) ((#<Pitch e' > #<Pitch g' > #<Pitch bes' > #<Pitch des' > #<Pitch ees' > #<Pitch fis' > #<Pitch aes' >) #<procedure line-markup (layout props args)> ((#<procedure super-markup (layout props arg)> alt))))).`
- Set translator property `chordNameFunction` to `ignatzek-chord-names`.
- Set translator property `chordNameLowercaseMinor` to `#f`.
- Set translator property `chordNameSeparator` to `'(#<procedure hspace-markup (layout props amount)> 0.5)`.
- Set translator property `chordNoteNamer` to `'()`.
- Set translator property `chordPrefixSpacer` to `0`.
- Set translator property `chordRootNamer` to `note-name->markup`.
- Set translator property `clefGlyph` to `"clefs.G"`.
- Set translator property `clefPosition` to `-2`.
- Set translator property `crescendoSpanner` to `'hairpin`.
- Set translator property `decrescendoSpanner` to `'hairpin`.
- Set translator property `defaultBarType` to `"|"`.
- Set translator property `doubleRepeatType` to `":|:"`.
- Set translator property `drumStyleTable` to `#<hash-table 29/61>`.
- Set translator property `endRepeatType` to `":|"`.
- Set translator property `explicitClefVisibility` to `##(t t t)`.
- Set translator property `explicitCueClefVisibility` to `##(f t t)`.
- Set translator property `explicitKeySignatureVisibility` to `##(t t t)`.
- Set translator property `extraNatural` to `#t`.
- Set translator property `figuredBassFormatter` to `format-bass-figure`.
- Set translator property `fingeringOrientations` to `'(up down)`.
- Set translator property `firstClef` to `#t`.
- Set translator property `graceSettings` to `'((Voice Stem direction 1) (Voice Stem font-size -3) (Voice Flag font-size -3) (Voice NoteHead font-size -3) (Voice TabNoteHead font-size -4) (Voice Dots font-size -3) (Voice Stem length-fraction 0.8) (Voice Stem no-stem-extend t) (Voice Beam beam-thickness 0.384) (Voice Beam length-fraction 0.8) (Voice Accidental font-size -4) (Voice AccidentalCautionary font-size -4) (Voice Slur direction -1) (Voice Script font-size -3) (Voice Fingering font-size -8) (Voice StringNumber font-size -8))`.
- Set translator property `harmonicAccidentals` to `#t`.
- Set translator property `highStringOne` to `#t`.
- Set translator property `implicitTimeSignatureVisibility` to `##(f t t)`.

- Set translator property `instrumentTransposition` to `#<Pitch c' >`.
- Set translator property `keepAliveInterfaces` to `'(bass-figure-interface chord-name-interface cluster-beacon-interface fret-diagram-interface lyric-syllable-interface note-head-interface tab-note-head-interface lyric-interface percent-repeat-item-interface percent-repeat-interface stanza-number-interface)`.
- Set translator property `keyAlterationOrder` to `'((6 . -1/2) (2 . -1/2) (5 . -1/2) (1 . -1/2) (4 . -1/2) (0 . -1/2) (3 . -1/2) (3 . 1/2) (0 . 1/2) (4 . 1/2) (1 . 1/2) (5 . 1/2) (2 . 1/2) (6 . 1/2) (6 . -1) (2 . -1) (5 . -1) (1 . -1) (4 . -1) (0 . -1) (3 . -1) (3 . 1) (0 . 1) (4 . 1) (1 . 1) (5 . 1) (2 . 1) (6 . 1))`.
- Set translator property `lyricMelismaAlignment` to `-1`.
- Set translator property `majorSevenSymbol` to `'(#<procedure line-markup (layout props args)> ((#<procedure triangle-markup (layout props filled)> #f)))`.
- Set translator property `markFormatter` to `format-mark-letters`.
- Set translator property `measureLength` to `#<Mom 1>`.
- Set translator property `melismaBusyProperties` to `'(melismaBusy slurMelismaBusy tieMelismaBusy beamMelismaBusy completionBusy)`.
- Set translator property `metronomeMarkFormatter` to `format-metronome-markup`.
- Set translator property `middleCClefPosition` to `-6`.
- Set translator property `middleCPosition` to `-6`.
- Set translator property `minorChordModifier` to `'(#<procedure simple-markup (layout props str)> m)`.
- Set translator property `noChordSymbol` to `'(#<procedure simple-markup (layout props str)> N.C.)`.
- Set translator property `noteToFretFunction` to `determine-frets`.
- Set translator property `partCombineTextsOnNote` to `#t`.
- Set translator property `pedalSostenutoStrings` to `'(Sost. Ped. *Sost. Ped. *)`.
- Set translator property `pedalSostenutoStyle` to `'mixed`.
- Set translator property `pedalSustainStrings` to `'(Ped. *Ped. *)`.
- Set translator property `pedalSustainStyle` to `'text`.
- Set translator property `pedalUnaCordaStrings` to `'(una corda tre corde)`.
- Set translator property `pedalUnaCordaStyle` to `'text`.
- Set translator property `predefinedDiagramTable` to `#f`.
- Set translator property `printKeyCancellation` to `#t`.
- Set translator property `printPartCombineTexts` to `#t`.
- Set translator property `quotedCueEventTypes` to `'(note-event rest-event tie-event beam-event tuplet-span-event)`.
- Set translator property `quotedEventTypes` to `'(StreamEvent)`.
- Set translator property `rehearsalMark` to `1`.
- Set translator property `repeatCountVisibility` to `all-repeat-counts-visible`.
- Set translator property `scriptDefinitions` to `'((accent (avoid-slur . around) (padding . 0.2) (script-stencil feta sforzato . sforzato) (side-relative-direction . -1)) (accentus (script-stencil feta uaccentus . uaccentus) (side-relative-direction . -1) (avoid-slur . ignore) (padding . 0.2) (quantize-position . #t) (script-priority . -100) (direction . 1)) (circulus (script-stencil feta circulus . circulus) (side-relative-direction . -1)`

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(avoid-slur . ignore) (padding . 0.2) (quantize-position . #t) (script-
priority . -100) (direction . 1)) (coda (script-stencil feta coda . coda)
(padding . 0.2) (avoid-slur . outside) (direction . 1)) (comma (script-stencil
feta lcomma . rcomma) (quantize-position . #t) (padding . 0.2) (avoid-slur
. ignore) (direction . 1)) (downbow (script-stencil feta downbow . downbow)
(padding . 0.2) (avoid-slur . around) (direction . 1) (script-priority . 150))
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4000) (direction . 1)) (flageolet (script-stencil feta flageolet . flageolet)
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outside) (padding . 0.2) (script-stencil feta halfopen . halfopen) (direction
. 1)) (ictus (script-stencil feta ictus . ictus) (side-relative-direction .
-1) (quantize-position . #t) (avoid-slur . ignore) (padding . 0.2) (script-
priority . -100) (direction . -1)) (lheel (script-stencil feta upedalheel .
upedalheel) (padding . 0.2) (avoid-slur . around) (direction . -1)) (lineprall
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around) (direction . 1)) (longfermata (script-stencil feta dlongfermata .
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around) (direction . -1)) (marcato (script-stencil feta dmarcato . umarcato)
(padding . 0.2) (avoid-slur . inside) (quantize-position . #t) (side-relative-
direction . -1)) (mordent (script-stencil feta mordent . mordent) (padding
. 0.2) (avoid-slur . around) (direction . 1)) (open (avoid-slur . outside)
(padding . 0.2) (script-stencil feta open . open) (direction . 1)) (portato
(script-stencil feta uportato . dportato) (avoid-slur . around) (padding
. 0.45) (side-relative-direction . -1)) (prall (script-stencil feta prall
. prall) (padding . 0.2) (avoid-slur . around) (direction . 1)) (pralldown
(script-stencil feta pralldown . pralldown) (padding . 0.2) (avoid-slur .
around) (direction . 1)) (prallmordent (script-stencil feta prallmordent
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(padding . 0.2) (avoid-slur . around) (direction . 1))).
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- Set translator property slashChordSeparator to '`#<procedure simple-markup (layout props str)> /`').
- Set translator property soloIIText to "Solo II".
- Set translator property soloText to "Solo".
- Set translator property startRepeatType to "`|:`".
- Set translator property stringNumberOrientations to '`(up down)`'.
- Set translator property stringOneTopmost to `#t`.
- Set translator property stringTunings to '`(#<Pitch e' > #<Pitch b > #<Pitch g > #<Pitch d > #<Pitch a, > #<Pitch e, >)`'.
- Set translator property strokeFingerOrientations to '`(right)`'.
- Set translator property subdivideBeams to `#f`.
- Set translator property systemStartDelimiter to '`SystemStartBar`'.
- Set translator property tablatureFormat to `fret-number-tablature-format`.
- Set translator property tabStaffLineLayoutFunction to `tablature-position-on-lines`.
- Set translator property tieWaitForNote to `#f`.
- Set translator property timeSignatureFraction to '`(4 . 4)`'.
- Set translator property timeSignatureSettings to '`((2 . 2) (beamExceptions (end ((1 . 32) 8 8 8 8)))) ((3 . 2) (beamExceptions (end ((1 . 32) 8 8 8 8 8 8)))) ((3 . 4) (beamExceptions (end ((1 . 8) 6) ((1 . 12) 3 3 3)))) ((3 . 8) (beamExceptions (end ((1 . 8) 3)))) ((4 . 2) (beamExceptions (end ((1 . 16) 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4)))) ((4 . 4) (beamExceptions (end ((1 . 8) 4 4) ((1 . 12) 3 3 3 3)))) ((4 . 8) (beatStructure 2 2)) ((6 . 4) (beamExceptions (end ((1 . 16) 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4)))) ((9 . 4) (beamExceptions (end ((1 . 32) 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8)))) ((12 . 4) (beamExceptions (end ((1 . 32) 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8)))) ((5 . 8) (beatStructure 3 2)) ((8 . 8) (beatStructure 3 3 2)))`'.
- Set translator property timing to `#t`.
- Set translator property topLevelAlignment to `#t`.

Context Score can contain [Section 2.1.1 \[ChoirStaff\]](#), page 58, [Section 2.1.2 \[ChordNames\]](#), page 59, [Section 2.1.4 \[Devnull\]](#), page 74, [Section 2.1.5 \[DrumStaff\]](#), page 74, [Section 2.1.8 \[FiguredBass\]](#), page 95, [Section 2.1.9 \[FretBoards\]](#), page 97, [Section 2.1.11 \[GrandStaff\]](#), page 101, [Section 2.1.12 \[GregorianTranscriptionStaff\]](#), page 103, [Section 2.1.14 \[KievanStaff\]](#), page 126, [Section 2.1.16 \[Lyrics\]](#), page 149, [Section 2.1.17 \[MensuralStaff\]](#), page 152, [Section 2.1.19 \[NoteNames\]](#), page 175, [Section 2.1.20 \[PetrucchiStaff\]](#), page 176, [Section 2.1.22 \[PianoStaff\]](#), page 200, [Section 2.1.23 \[RhythmicStaff\]](#), page 202, [Section 2.1.25 \[Staff\]](#), page 219, [Section 2.1.26 \[StaffGroup\]](#), page 229, [Section 2.1.27 \[TabStaff\]](#), page 231 and [Section 2.1.29 \[VaticanaStaff\]](#), page 252.

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

**[Section 2.2.8 \[Bar\\_number\\_engraver\]](#), page 291**

A bar number is created whenever `measurePosition` is zero and when there is a bar line (i.e., when `whichBar` is set). It is put on top of all staves, and appears only at the left side of the staff. The staves are taken from `stavesFound`, which is maintained by [Section 2.2.110 \[Staff\\_collecting\\_engraver\]](#), page 325.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.2 \[alternative-event\]](#), page 42

Properties (read)

`alternativeNumberingStyle` (symbol)

The style of an alternative's bar numbers. Can be `numbers` for going back to the same number or `numbers-with-letters` for going back to the same number with letter suffixes. No setting will not go back in measure-number time.

`barNumberFormatter` (procedure)

A procedure that takes a bar number, measure position, and alternative number and returns a markup of the bar number to print.

`barNumberVisibility` (procedure)

A procedure that takes a bar number and a measure position and returns whether the corresponding bar number should be printed.

`currentBarNumber` (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is incremented at every bar line.

`stavesFound` (list of grobs)

A list of all staff-symbols found.

`whichBar` (string)

This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.

Example:

```
\set Staff.whichBar = "|:"
```

This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in [Section “bar-line-interface”](#) in *Internals Reference*.

Properties (write)



**currentBarNumber** (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is incremented at every bar line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.12 [BarNumber], page 355.

Section 2.2.9 [Beam\_collision\_engraver], page 292

Help beams avoid colliding with notes and clefs in other voices.

Section 2.2.13 [Break\_align\_engraver], page 293

Align grobs with corresponding **break-align-symbols** into groups, and order the groups according to **breakAlignOrder**. The left edge of the alignment gets a separate group, with a symbol **left-edge**.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.21 [BreakAlignGroup], page 362, Section 3.1.22 [BreakAlignment], page 362 and Section 3.1.59 [LeftEdge], page 398.

Section 2.2.22 [Concurrent\_hairpin\_engraver], page 296

Collect concurrent hairpins.

Section 2.2.26 [Default\_bar\_line\_engraver], page 297

This engraver determines what kind of automatic bar lines should be produced, and sets **whichBar** accordingly. It should be at the same level as Section 2.2.127 [Timing\_translator], page 330.

Properties (read)

**automaticBars** (boolean)

If set to false then bar lines will not be printed automatically; they must be explicitly created with a **\bar** command. Unlike the **\cadenzaOn** keyword, measures are still counted. Bar line generation will resume according to that count if this property is unset.

**barAlways** (boolean)

If set to true a bar line is drawn after each note.

**defaultBarType** (string)

Set the default type of bar line. See **whichBar** for information on available bar types.

This variable is read by Section “Timing\_translator” in *Internals Reference* at Section “Score” in *Internals Reference* level.

**measureLength** (moment)

Length of one measure in the current time signature.

**measurePosition** (moment)

How much of the current measure have we had. This can be set manually to create incomplete measures.

**whichBar** (string)

This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.

Example:

```
\set Staff.whichBar = "|:"
```

This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in [Section “bar-line-interface”](#) in *Internals Reference*.

Properties (write)

**automaticBars** (boolean)

If set to false then bar lines will not be printed automatically; they must be explicitly created with a `\bar` command. Unlike the `\cadenzaOn` keyword, measures are still counted. Bar line generation will resume according to that count if this property is unset.

[Section 2.2.42 \[Footnote\\_engraver\]](#), page 302

Create footnote texts.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.24 \[footnote-event\]](#), page 44

Properties (read)

**currentMusicalColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.43 \[FootnoteItem\]](#), page 383 and [Section 3.1.44 \[FootnoteSpanner\]](#), page 384.

[Section 2.2.48 \[Grace\\_spacing\\_engraver\]](#), page 305

Bookkeeping of shortest starting and playing notes in grace note runs.

Properties (read)

**currentMusicalColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.47 \[GraceSpacing\]](#), page 388.

[Section 2.2.65 \[Mark\\_engraver\]](#), page 310

Create **RehearsalMark** objects. It puts them on top of all staves (which is taken from the property `stavesFound`). If moving this engraver to a different context, [Section 2.2.110 \[Staff\\_collecting\\_engraver\]](#), page 325 must move along, otherwise all marks end up on the same Y location.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.35 \[mark-event\]](#), page 45

Properties (read)

**markFormatter** (procedure)

A procedure taking as arguments the context and the rehearsal mark. It should return the formatted mark as a markup object.

**rehearsalMark** (integer)

The last rehearsal mark printed.

**stavesFound** (list of grobs)

A list of all staff-symbols found.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.86 \[RehearsalMark\], page 420.](#)

**Section 2.2.69 [Metronome\_mark\_engraver], page 311**

Engrave metronome marking. This delegates the formatting work to the function in the **metronomeMarkFormatter** property. The mark is put over all staves. The staves are taken from the **stavesFound** property, which is maintained by [Section 2.2.110 \[Staff\\_collecting\\_engraver\], page 325.](#)

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.68 \[tempo-change-event\], page 50](#)

Properties (read)

**currentCommandColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

**currentMusicalColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

**metronomeMarkFormatter** (procedure)

How to produce a metronome markup. Called with two arguments: a **TempoChangeEvent** and context.

**stavesFound** (list of grobs)

A list of all staff-symbols found.

**tempoHideNote** (boolean)

Hide the note = count in tempo marks.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.68 \[MetronomeMark\], page 404.](#)

**Section 2.2.79 [Output\_property\_engraver], page 315**

Apply a procedure to any grob acknowledged.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.4 \[apply-output-event\], page 42](#)

**Section 2.2.81 [Paper\_column\_engraver], page 316**

Take care of generating columns.

This engraver decides whether a column is breakable. The default is that a column is always breakable. However, every **Bar\_engraver** that does not have a barline at a certain point will set **forbidBreaks** in the score context to stop line breaks. In practice, this means that you can make a break point by creating a bar line (assuming that there are no beams or notes that prevent a break point).

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.12 \[break-event\]](#), page 43 and [Section 1.2.29 \[label-event\]](#), page 45

Properties (read)

`forbidBreak` (boolean)

If set to `#t`, prevent a line break at this point.

Properties (write)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

`forbidBreak` (boolean)

If set to `#t`, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.72 \[NonMusicalPaperColumn\]](#), page 409 and [Section 3.1.80 \[PaperColumn\]](#), page 415.

#### [Section 2.2.82 \[Parenthesis\\_engraver\]](#), page 316

Parenthesize objects whose music cause has the `parenthesize` property.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.81 \[ParenthesesItem\]](#), page 415.

#### [Section 2.2.92 \[Repeat\\_acknowledge\\_engraver\]](#), page 320

Acknowledge repeated music, and convert the contents of `repeatCommands` into an appropriate setting for `whichBar`.

Properties (read)

`doubleRepeatSegnoType` (string)

Set the default bar line for the combinations double repeat with segno. Default is `':|S|:'`.

`doubleRepeatType` (string)

Set the default bar line for double repeats.

`endRepeatSegnoType` (string)

Set the default bar line for the combinations ending of repeat with segno. Default is `':|S'`.

`endRepeatType` (string)

Set the default bar line for the ending of repeats.

`repeatCommands` (list)

This property is a list of commands of the form (list 'volta x), where x is a string or `#f`. 'end-repeat is also accepted as a command.

`segnoType` (string)

Set the default bar line for a requested segno. Default is `'S'`.

**startRepeatSegnoType** (string)  
Set the default bar line for the combinations beginning of repeat with segno. Default is ‘.S|:’.

**startRepeatType** (string)  
Set the default bar line for the beginning of repeats.

**whichBar** (string)  
This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.  
Example:  
`\set Staff.whichBar = "|:"`  
This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in [Section “bar-line-interface” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

#### [Section 2.2.105 \[Spacing\\_engraver\], page 324](#)

Make a **SpacingSpanner** and do bookkeeping of shortest starting and playing notes.

Music types accepted:

#### [Section 1.2.60 \[spacing-section-event\], page 48](#)

Properties (read)

**currentCommandColumn** (graphical (layout) object)  
Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

**currentMusicalColumn** (graphical (layout) object)  
Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

**proportionalNotationDuration** (moment)  
Global override for shortest-playing duration. This is used for switching on proportional notation.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

#### [Section 3.1.98 \[SpacingSpanner\], page 429.](#)

#### [Section 2.2.110 \[Staff\\_collecting\\_engraver\], page 325](#)

Maintain the **stavesFound** variable.

Properties (read)

**stavesFound** (list of grobs)  
A list of all staff-symbols found.

Properties (write)

**stavesFound** (list of grobs)  
A list of all staff-symbols found.

#### [Section 2.2.113 \[Stanza\\_number\\_align\\_engraver\], page 325](#)

This engraver ensures that stanza numbers are neatly aligned.

**Section 2.2.116 [System\_start\_delimiter\_engraver], page 326**

Create a system start delimiter (i.e., a `SystemStartBar`, `SystemStartBrace`, `SystemStartBracket` or `SystemStartSquare` spanner).

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`systemStartDelimiter` (symbol)

Which grob to make for the start of the system/staff? Set to `SystemStartBrace`, `SystemStartBracket` or `SystemStartBar`.

`systemStartDelimiterHierarchy` (pair)

A nested list, indicating the nesting of a start delimiters.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.113 \[SystemStartBar\], page 442](#), [Section 3.1.114 \[SystemStartBrace\], page 442](#), [Section 3.1.115 \[SystemStartBracket\], page 443](#) and [Section 3.1.116 \[SystemStartSquare\], page 444](#).

**Section 2.2.127 [Timing\_translator], page 330**

This engraver adds the alias `Timing` to its containing context. Responsible for synchronizing timing information from staves. Normally in `Score`. In order to create polyrhythmic music, this engraver should be removed from `Score` and placed in `Staff`.

Properties (read)

`baseMoment` (moment)

Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

`currentBarNumber` (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is incremented at every bar line.

`internalBarNumber` (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is used for internal timekeeping, among others by the `Accidental_engraver`.

`measureLength` (moment)

Length of one measure in the current time signature.

`measurePosition` (moment)

How much of the current measure have we had. This can be set manually to create incomplete measures.

`timeSignatureFraction` (fraction, as pair)

A pair of numbers, signifying the time signature. For example, '(4 . 4)' is a 4/4 time signature.

Properties (write)

- baseMoment** (moment)  
Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.
- currentBarNumber** (integer)  
Contains the current barnumber. This property is incremented at every bar line.
- internalBarNumber** (integer)  
Contains the current barnumber. This property is used for internal timekeeping, among others by the `Accidental_engraver`.
- measureLength** (moment)  
Length of one measure in the current time signature.
- measurePosition** (moment)  
How much of the current measure have we had. This can be set manually to create incomplete measures.
- timeSignatureFraction** (fraction, as pair)  
A pair of numbers, signifying the time signature. For example, '(4 . 4)' is a 4/4 time signature.

**Section 2.2.133 [`Vertical_align_engraver`], page 332**

Catch groups (staves, lyrics lines, etc.) and stack them vertically.

Properties (read)

- alignAboveContext** (string)  
Where to insert newly created context in vertical alignment.
- alignBelowContext** (string)  
Where to insert newly created context in vertical alignment.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.132 [`VerticalAlignment`], page 460.**

**Section 2.2.134 [`Volta_engraver`], page 332**

Make volta brackets.

Properties (read)

- repeatCommands** (list)  
This property is a list of commands of the form (list 'volta x), where x is a string or #f. 'end-repeat is also accepted as a command.
- stavesFound** (list of grobs)  
A list of all staff-symbols found.
- voltaSpannerDuration** (moment)  
This specifies the maximum duration to use for the brackets printed for `\alternative`. This

can be used to shrink the length of brackets in the situation where one alternative is very large.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.135 [VoltaBracket], page 463 and Section 3.1.136 [VoltaBracketSpanner], page 464.

## 2.1.25 Staff

Handles clefs, bar lines, keys, accidentals. It can contain **Voice** contexts.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.1 [Accidental], page 346, Section 3.1.2 [AccidentalCautionary], page 346, Section 3.1.3 [AccidentalPlacement], page 347, Section 3.1.4 [AccidentalSuggestion], page 348, Section 3.1.11 [BarLine], page 354, Section 3.1.13 [BassFigure], page 357, Section 3.1.14 [BassFigureAlignment], page 357, Section 3.1.15 [BassFigureAlignmentPositioning], page 358, Section 3.1.16 [BassFigureBracket], page 359, Section 3.1.17 [BassFigureContinuation], page 359, Section 3.1.18 [BassFigureLine], page 359, Section 3.1.25 [Clef], page 365, Section 3.1.29 [CueClef], page 368, Section 3.1.30 [CueEndClef], page 370, Section 3.1.32 [DotColumn], page 372, Section 3.1.43 [FootnoteItem], page 383, Section 3.1.44 [FootnoteSpanner], page 384, Section 3.1.52 [InstrumentName], page 391, Section 3.1.54 [KeyCancellation], page 393, Section 3.1.55 [KeySignature], page 394, Section 3.1.58 [LedgerLineSpanner], page 397, Section 3.1.73 [NoteCollision], page 410, Section 3.1.78 [OctavateEight], page 412, Section 3.1.79 [OttavaBracket], page 413, Section 3.1.85 [PianoPedalBracket], page 419, Section 3.1.91 [RestCollision], page 424, Section 3.1.94 [ScriptRow], page 426, Section 3.1.96 [SostenutoPedal], page 428, Section 3.1.97 [SostenutoPedalLineSpanner], page 428, Section 3.1.102 [StaffSpacing], page 433, Section 3.1.103 [StaffSymbol], page 433, Section 3.1.110 [SustainPedal], page 439, Section 3.1.111 [SustainPedalLineSpanner], page 440, Section 3.1.122 [TimeSignature], page 451, Section 3.1.129 [UnaCordaPedal], page 458, Section 3.1.130 [UnaCordaPedalLineSpanner], page 459 and Section 3.1.133 [VerticalAxisGroup], page 461.

This context sets the following properties:

- Set translator property `createSpacing` to `#t`.
- Set translator property `ignoreFiguredBassRest` to `#f`.
- Set translator property `instrumentName` to `'()`.
- Set translator property `localKeySignature` to `'()`.
- Set translator property `shortInstrumentName` to `'()`.

Context **Staff** can contain Section 2.1.3 [CueVoice], page 61 and Section 2.1.31 [Voice], page 275.

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

Section 2.2.1 [Accidental\_engraver], page 287

Make accidentals. Catch note heads, ties and notices key-change events. This engraver usually lives at **Staff** level, but reads the settings for **Accidental** at **Voice** level, so you can `\override` them at **Voice**.

Properties (read)

`autoAccidentals` (list)

List of different ways to typeset an accidental.

For determining when to print an accidental, several different rules are tried. The rule that gives the highest number of accidentals is used.



Each entry in the list is either a symbol or a procedure.

*symbol*      The symbol is the name of the context in which the following rules are to be applied. For example, if *context* is **Section “Score” in *Internals Reference*** then all staves share accidentals, and if *context* is **Section “Staff” in *Internals Reference*** then all voices in the same staff share accidentals, but staves do not.

*procedure*    The procedure represents an accidental rule to be applied to the previously specified context.

The procedure takes the following arguments:

**context**      The current context to which the rule should be applied.

**pitch**        The pitch of the note to be evaluated.

**barnum**       The current bar number.

**measurepos**    The current measure position.

The procedure returns a pair of booleans. The first states whether an extra natural should be added. The second states whether an accidental should be printed. (**#t** . **#f**) does not make sense.

**autoCautionaries** (list)

List similar to **autoAccidentals**, but it controls cautionary accidentals rather than normal ones. Both lists are tried, and the one giving the most accidentals wins. In case of draw, a normal accidental is typeset.

**extraNatural** (boolean)

Whether to typeset an extra natural sign before accidentals that reduce the effect of a previous alteration.

**harmonicAccidentals** (boolean)

If set, harmonic notes in chords get accidentals.

**internalBarNumber** (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is used for internal timekeeping, among others by the **Accidental\_engraver**.

**keySignature** (list)

The current key signature. This is an alist containing (*step* . *alter*) or ((*octave* . *step*) . *alter*), where *step* is a number in the range 0 to 6 and *alter* a fraction, denoting alteration. For alterations, use symbols, e.g. `keySignature = #`((6 . ,FLAT))`.

**localKeySignature** (list)

The key signature at this point in the measure. The format is the same as for **keySignature**, but can also contain ((*octave* . *name*) . (*alter* *bar* *number* . *measureposition*)) pairs.

Properties (write)

**localKeySignature** (list)

The key signature at this point in the measure. The format is the same as for **keySignature**, but can also contain ((*octave* . *name*) . (*alter* *bar* *number* . *measureposition*)) pairs.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.1 [Accidental], page 346, Section 3.1.2 [AccidentalCautionary], page 346, Section 3.1.3 [AccidentalPlacement], page 347 and Section 3.1.4 [AccidentalSuggestion], page 348.

#### Section 2.2.5 [Axis\_group\_engraver], page 290

Group all objects created in this context in a **VerticalAxisGroup** spanner.

Properties (read)

**currentCommandColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.133 [VerticalAxisGroup], page 461.

#### Section 2.2.7 [Bar\_engraver], page 291

Create barlines. This engraver is controlled through the **whichBar** property. If it has no bar line to create, it will forbid a linebreak at this point. This engraver is required to trigger the creation of clefs at the start of systems.

Properties (read)

**whichBar** (string)

This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.

Example:

```
\set Staff.whichBar = "|:"
```

This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in Section “bar-line-interface” in *Internals Reference*.

Properties (write)

`forbidBreak` (boolean)

If set to `#t`, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.11 [`BarLine`], page 354.

Section 2.2.17 [`Clef_engraver`], page 294

Determine and set reference point for pitches.

Properties (read)

`clefGlyph` (string)

Name of the symbol within the music font.

`clefOctavation` (integer)

Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7 and -7 are common.

`clefPosition` (number)

Where should the center of the clef symbol go, measured in half staff spaces from the center of the staff.

`explicitClefVisibility` (vector)

'break-visibility' function for clef changes.

`forceClef` (boolean)

Show clef symbol, even if it has not changed. Only active for the first clef after the property is set, not for the full staff.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.25 [`Clef`], page 365 and Section 3.1.78 [`OctavateEight`], page 412.

Section 2.2.19 [`Collision_engraver`], page 295

Collect `NoteColumns`, and as soon as there are two or more, put them in a `NoteCollision` object.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.73 [`NoteCollision`], page 410.

Section 2.2.24 [`Cue_clef_engraver`], page 296

Determine and set reference point for pitches in cued voices.

Properties (read)

`clefOctavation` (integer)

Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7 and -7 are common.

`cueClefGlyph` (string)

Name of the symbol within the music font.

`cueClefOctavation` (integer)

Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7 and -7 are common.

`cueClefPosition` (number)

Where should the center of the clef symbol go, measured in half staff spaces from the center of the staff.

**explicitCueClefVisibility** (vector)  
 ‘break-visibility’ function for cue clef changes.

**middleCCuePosition** (number)  
 The position of the middle C, as determined only by the clef of the cue notes. This can be calculated by looking at **cueClefPosition** and **cueClefGlyph**.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.29 [CueClef], page 368, Section 3.1.30 [CueEndClef], page 370 and Section 3.1.78 [OctavateEight], page 412.

**Section 2.2.27 [Dot\_column\_engraver], page 298**

Engrave dots on dotted notes shifted to the right of the note. If omitted, then dots appear on top of the notes.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.32 [DotColumn], page 372.

**Section 2.2.38 [Figured\_bass\_engraver], page 301**

Make figured bass numbers.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.7 [bass-figure-event], page 42 and Section 1.2.52 [rest-event], page 48

Properties (read)

**figuredBassAlterationDirection** (direction)  
 Where to put alterations relative to the main figure.

**figuredBassCenterContinuations** (boolean)  
 Whether to vertically center pairs of extender lines. This does not work with three or more lines.

**figuredBassFormatter** (procedure)  
 A routine generating a markup for a bass figure.

**ignoreFiguredBassRest** (boolean)  
 Don’t swallow rest events.

**implicitBassFigures** (list)  
 A list of bass figures that are not printed as numbers, but only as extender lines.

**useBassFigureExtenders** (boolean)  
 Whether to use extender lines for repeated bass figures.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.13 [BassFigure], page 357, Section 3.1.14 [BassFigure-Alignment], page 357, Section 3.1.16 [BassFigureBracket], page 359, Section 3.1.17 [BassFigureContinuation], page 359 and Section 3.1.18 [BassFigureLine], page 359.

**Section 2.2.39 [Figured\_bass\_position\_engraver], page 302**

Position figured bass alignments over notes.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.15 \[BassFigureAlignmentPositioning\]](#), page 358.

**Section 2.2.41 [Font\_size\_engraver], page 302**

Put `fontSize` into `font-size` grob property.

Properties (read)

`fontSize` (number)

The relative size of all grobs in a context.

**Section 2.2.42 [Footnote\_engraver], page 302**

Create footnote texts.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.24 \[footnote-event\]](#), page 44

Properties (read)

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.43 \[FootnoteItem\]](#), page 383 and [Section 3.1.44 \[FootnoteSpanner\]](#), page 384.

**Section 2.2.51 [Grob\_pq\_engraver], page 306**

Administrate when certain grobs (e.g., note heads) stop playing.

Properties (read)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

**Section 2.2.55 [Instrument\_name\_engraver], page 307**

Create a system start text for instrument or vocal names.

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`instrumentName` (markup)

The name to print left of a staff.  
The `instrumentName` property labels

the staff in the first system, and the `shortInstrumentName` property labels following lines.

`shortInstrumentName` (markup)  
See `instrumentName`.

`shortVocalName` (markup)  
Name of a vocal line, short version.

`vocalName` (markup)  
Name of a vocal line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.52 \[InstrumentName\]](#), page 391.

### [Section 2.2.58 \[Key\\_engraver\]](#), page 308

Engrave a key signature.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.28 \[key-change-event\]](#), page 44

Properties (read)

`createKeyOnClefChange` (boolean)  
Print a key signature whenever the clef is changed.

`explicitKeySignatureVisibility` (vector)  
'break-visibility' function for explicit key changes. 'override' of the `break-visibility` property will set the visibility for normal (i.e., at the start of the line) key signatures.

`extraNatural` (boolean)  
Whether to typeset an extra natural sign before accidentals that reduce the effect of a previous alteration.

`keyAlterationOrder` (list)  
An alist that defines in what order alterations should be printed. The format is (*step* . *alter*), where *step* is a number from 0 to 6 and *alter* from -2 (sharp) to 2 (flat).

`keySignature` (list)  
The current key signature. This is an alist containing (*step* . *alter*) or ((*octave* . *step*) . *alter*), where *step* is a number in the range 0 to 6 and *alter* a fraction, denoting alteration. For alterations, use symbols, e.g. `keySignature = #`((6 . ,FLAT))`.

`lastKeySignature` (list)  
Last key signature before a key signature change.

`middleCClefPosition` (number)

The position of the middle C, as determined only by the clef. This can be calculated by looking at `clefPosition` and `clefGlyph`.

`printKeyCancellation` (boolean)

Print restoration alterations before a key signature change.

Properties (write)

`keySignature` (list)

The current key signature. This is an alist containing (`step . alter`) or (`(octave . step) . alter`), where `step` is a number in the range 0 to 6 and `alter` a fraction, denoting alteration. For alterations, use symbols, e.g. `keySignature = #'((6 . ,FLAT))`.

`lastKeySignature` (list)

Last key signature before a key signature change.

`tonic` (pitch)

The tonic of the current scale.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.54 \[KeyCancellation\]](#), page 393 and [Section 3.1.55 \[KeySignature\]](#), page 394.

#### [Section 2.2.61 \[Ledger\\_line\\_engraver\]](#), page 309

Create the spanner to draw ledger lines, and notices objects that need ledger lines.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.58 \[LedgerLineSpanner\]](#), page 397.

#### [Section 2.2.78 \[Ottava\\_spanner\\_engraver\]](#), page 315

Create a text spanner when the ottavation property changes.

Properties (read)

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

`middleCOffset` (number)

The offset of middle C from the position given by `middleCClefPosition`. This is used for ottava brackets.

`ottavation` (markup)

If set, the text for an ottava spanner. Changing this creates a new text spanner.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.79 \[OttavaBracket\]](#), page 413.

**Section 2.2.79 [Output\_property\_engraver], page 315**

Apply a procedure to any grob acknowledged.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.4 [apply-output-event], page 42

**Section 2.2.86 [Piano\_pedal\_align\_engraver], page 318**

Align piano pedal symbols and brackets.

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable  
(clef, key signature, etc.) items.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.97 [SostenutoPedalLineSpanner], page 428, Section 3.1.111  
[SustainPedalLineSpanner], page 440 and Section 3.1.130 [UnaCor-  
daPedalLineSpanner], page 459.

**Section 2.2.87 [Piano\_pedal\_engraver], page 318**

Engrave piano pedal symbols and brackets.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.59 [sostenuto-event], page 48, Section 1.2.67 [sustain-event],  
page 50 and Section 1.2.76 [una-corda-event], page 51

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable  
(clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`pedalSostenutoStrings` (list)  
See `pedalSustainStrings`.

`pedalSostenutoStyle` (symbol)  
See `pedalSustainStyle`.

`pedalSustainStrings` (list)  
A list of strings to print for sustain-pedal. For-  
mat is (*up updown down*), where each of the  
three is the string to print when this is done  
with the pedal.

`pedalSustainStyle` (symbol)  
A symbol that indicates how to print sustain  
pedals: `text`, `bracket` or `mixed` (both).

`pedalUnaCordaStrings` (list)  
See `pedalSustainStrings`.

`pedalUnaCordaStyle` (symbol)  
See `pedalSustainStyle`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.85 [PianoPedalBracket], page 419, Section 3.1.96  
[SostenutoPedal], page 428, Section 3.1.110 [SustainPedal], page 439  
and Section 3.1.129 [UnaCordaPedal], page 458.



**Section 2.2.91 [Pure\_from\_neighbor\_engraver], page 319**

Coordinates items that get their pure heights from their neighbors.

**Section 2.2.94 [Rest\_collision\_engraver], page 321**

Handle collisions of rests.

Properties (read)

**busyGrobs** (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.91 [RestCollision], page 424.**

**Section 2.2.100 [Script\_row\_engraver], page 322**

Determine order in horizontal side position elements.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.94 [ScriptRow], page 426.**

**Section 2.2.101 [Separating\_line\_group\_engraver], page 322**

Generate objects for computing spacing parameters.

Properties (read)

**createSpacing** (boolean)

Create **StaffSpacing** objects? Should be set for staves.

Properties (write)

**hasStaffSpacing** (boolean)

True if the current **CommandColumn** contains items that will affect spacing.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.102 [StaffSpacing], page 433.**

**Section 2.2.110 [Staff\_collecting\_engraver], page 325**

Maintain the **stavesFound** variable.

Properties (read)

**stavesFound** (list of grobs)

A list of all staff-symbols found.

Properties (write)

**stavesFound** (list of grobs)

A list of all staff-symbols found.

**Section 2.2.112 [Staff\_symbol\_engraver], page 325**

Create the constellation of five (default) staff lines.

Music types accepted:

**Section 1.2.63 [staff-span-event], page 49**

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.103 [StaffSymbol], page 433.**

**Section 2.2.125 [Time\_signature\_engraver], page 329**

Create a **Section 3.1.122 [TimeSignature], page 451** whenever `timeSignatureFraction` changes.

Properties (read)

`implicitTimeSignatureVisibility` (vector)  
break visibility for the default time signature.

`timeSignatureFraction` (fraction, as pair)  
A pair of numbers, signifying the time signature. For example, '(4 . 4)' is a 4/4 time signature.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.122 [TimeSignature], page 451.**

**2.1.26 StaffGroup**

Groups staves while adding a bracket on the left side, grouping the staves together. The bar lines of the contained staves are connected vertically. **StaffGroup** only consists of a collection of staves, with a bracket in front and spanning bar lines.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.9 [Arpeggio], page 352, Section 3.1.52 [InstrumentName], page 391, Section 3.1.99 [SpanBar], page 430, Section 3.1.100 [SpanBarStub], page 431, Section 3.1.113 [SystemStartBar], page 442, Section 3.1.114 [SystemStartBrace], page 442, Section 3.1.115 [SystemStartBracket], page 443, Section 3.1.116 [SystemStartSquare], page 444 and Section 3.1.132 [VerticalAlignment], page 460.**

This context sets the following properties:

- Set translator property `instrumentName` to '()'.  
• Set translator property `shortInstrumentName` to '()'.  
• Set translator property `systemStartDelimiter` to 'SystemStartBracket'.  
• Set translator property `topLevelAlignment` to #f.

Context **StaffGroup** can contain **Section 2.1.1 [ChoirStaff], page 58, Section 2.1.2 [ChordNames], page 59, Section 2.1.5 [DrumStaff], page 74, Section 2.1.8 [FiguredBass], page 95, Section 2.1.11 [GrandStaff], page 101, Section 2.1.16 [Lyrics], page 149, Section 2.1.22 [PianoStaff], page 200, Section 2.1.23 [RhythmicStaff], page 202, Section 2.1.25 [Staff], page 219, Section 2.1.26 [StaffGroup], page 229 and Section 2.1.27 [TabStaff], page 231.**

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

**Section 2.2.55 [Instrument\_name\_engraver], page 307**

Create a system start text for instrument or vocal names.

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)  
Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`instrumentName` (markup)  
The name to print left of a staff. The `instrumentName` property labels the staff in the first system, and the `shortInstrumentName` property labels following lines.

`shortInstrumentName` (markup)  
See `instrumentName`.

`shortVocalName` (markup)  
Name of a vocal line, short version.

`vocalName` (markup)  
Name of a vocal line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.52 [`InstrumentName`], page 391.

Section 2.2.79 [`Output_property_engraver`], page 315

Apply a procedure to any grob acknowledged.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.4 [`apply-output-event`], page 42

Section 2.2.106 [`Span_arpeggio_engraver`], page 324

Make arpeggios that span multiple staves.

Properties (read)

`connectArpeggios` (boolean)  
If set, connect arpeggios across piano staff.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.9 [`Arpeggio`], page 352.

Section 2.2.107 [`Span_bar_engraver`], page 324

Make cross-staff bar lines: It catches all normal bar lines and draws a single span bar across them.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.99 [`SpanBar`], page 430.

Section 2.2.108 [`Span_bar_stub_engraver`], page 324

Make stubs for span bars in all contexts that the span bars cross.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.100 [`SpanBarStub`], page 431.

Section 2.2.116 [`System_start_delimiter_engraver`], page 326

Create a system start delimiter (i.e., a `SystemStartBar`, `SystemStartBrace`, `SystemStartBracket` or `SystemStartSquare` spanner).

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)  
Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`systemStartDelimiter` (symbol)  
Which grob to make for the start of the system/staff? Set to `SystemStartBrace`, `SystemStartBracket` or `SystemStartBar`.

`systemStartDelimiterHierarchy` (pair)  
A nested list, indicating the nesting of a start delimiters.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.113 [SystemStartBar], page 442, Section 3.1.114 [SystemStartBrace], page 442, Section 3.1.115 [SystemStartBracket], page 443 and Section 3.1.116 [SystemStartSquare], page 444.

### Section 2.2.133 [Vertical\_align\_engraver], page 332

Catch groups (staves, lyrics lines, etc.) and stack them vertically.

Properties (read)

`alignAboveContext` (string)

Where to insert newly created context in vertical alignment.

`alignBelowContext` (string)

Where to insert newly created context in vertical alignment.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.132 [VerticalAlignment], page 460.

## 2.1.27 TabStaff

Context for generating tablature. It accepts only **TabVoice** contexts and handles the line spacing, the tablature clef etc. properly.

This context also accepts commands for the following context(s):

Staff.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.11 [BarLine], page 354, Section 3.1.13 [BassFigure], page 357, Section 3.1.14 [BassFigureAlignment], page 357, Section 3.1.15 [BassFigureAlignmentPositioning], page 358, Section 3.1.16 [BassFigureBracket], page 359, Section 3.1.17 [BassFigureContinuation], page 359, Section 3.1.18 [BassFigureLine], page 359, Section 3.1.25 [Clef], page 365, Section 3.1.29 [CueClef], page 368, Section 3.1.30 [CueEndClef], page 370, Section 3.1.32 [DotColumn], page 372, Section 3.1.43 [FootnoteItem], page 383, Section 3.1.44 [FootnoteSpanner], page 384, Section 3.1.52 [InstrumentName], page 391, Section 3.1.58 [LedgerLineSpanner], page 397, Section 3.1.73 [NoteCollision], page 410, Section 3.1.78 [OctavateEight], page 412, Section 3.1.85 [PianoPedalBracket], page 419, Section 3.1.91 [RestCollision], page 424, Section 3.1.94 [ScriptRow], page 426, Section 3.1.96 [SostenutoPedal], page 428, Section 3.1.97 [SostenutoPedalLineSpanner], page 428, Section 3.1.102 [StaffSpacing], page 433, Section 3.1.103 [StaffSymbol], page 433, Section 3.1.110 [SustainPedal], page 439, Section 3.1.111 [SustainPedalLineSpanner], page 440, Section 3.1.122 [TimeSignature], page 451, Section 3.1.129 [UnaCordaPedal], page 458, Section 3.1.130 [UnaCordaPedalLineSpanner], page 459 and Section 3.1.133 [VerticalAxisGroup], page 461.

This context sets the following properties:

- Set grob-property `avoid-note-head` in Section 3.1.105 [Stem], page 434 to `#t`.
- Set grob-property `ignore-collision` in Section 3.1.74 [NoteColumn], page 410 to `#t`.
- Set grob-property `staff-space` in Section 3.1.103 [StaffSymbol], page 433 to `1.5`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in Section 3.1.9 [Arpeggio], page 352 to `#f`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in Section 3.1.25 [Clef], page 365 to `clef::print-modern-tab-if-set`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in Section 3.1.122 [TimeSignature], page 451 to `#f`.
- Set translator property `clefGlyph` to `"clefs.tab"`.

- Set translator property `clefPosition` to 0.
- Set translator property `createSpacing` to `#t`.
- Set translator property `handleNegativeFrets` to `'recalculate`.
- Set translator property `ignoreFiguredBassRest` to `#f`.
- Set translator property `instrumentName` to `'()`.
- Set translator property `localKeySignature` to `'()`.
- Set translator property `restrainOpenStrings` to `#f`.
- Set translator property `shortInstrumentName` to `'()`.

Context `TabStaff` can contain [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61 and [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\]](#), page 238.

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

[Section 2.2.5 \[Axis\\_group\\_engraver\]](#), page 290

Group all objects created in this context in a `VerticalAxisGroup` spanner.

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\]](#), page 461.

[Section 2.2.7 \[Bar\\_engraver\]](#), page 291

Create barlines. This engraver is controlled through the `whichBar` property. If it has no bar line to create, it will forbid a linebreak at this point. This engraver is required to trigger the creation of clefs at the start of systems.

Properties (read)

`whichBar` (string)

This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.

Example:

```
\set Staff.whichBar = "|:"
```

This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in [Section “bar-line-interface” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

Properties (write)

`forbidBreak` (boolean)

If set to `#t`, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.11 \[BarLine\]](#), page 354.

[Section 2.2.17 \[Clef\\_engraver\]](#), page 294

Determine and set reference point for pitches.

Properties (read)

**clefGlyph** (string)  
Name of the symbol within the music font.

**clefOctavation** (integer)  
Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7 and -7 are common.

**clefPosition** (number)  
Where should the center of the clef symbol go, measured in half staff spaces from the center of the staff.

**explicitClefVisibility** (vector)  
'break-visibility' function for clef changes.

**forceClef** (boolean)  
Show clef symbol, even if it has not changed. Only active for the first clef after the property is set, not for the full staff.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.25 \[Clef\]](#), page 365 and [Section 3.1.78 \[OctavateEight\]](#), page 412.

**Section 2.2.19 [Collision\_engraver], page 295**

Collect **NoteColumns**, and as soon as there are two or more, put them in a **NoteCollision** object.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.73 \[NoteCollision\]](#), page 410.

**Section 2.2.24 [Cue\_clef\_engraver], page 296**

Determine and set reference point for pitches in cued voices.

Properties (read)

**clefOctavation** (integer)  
Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7 and -7 are common.

**cueClefGlyph** (string)  
Name of the symbol within the music font.

**cueClefOctavation** (integer)  
Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7 and -7 are common.

**cueClefPosition** (number)  
Where should the center of the clef symbol go, measured in half staff spaces from the center of the staff.

**explicitCueClefVisibility** (vector)  
'break-visibility' function for cue clef changes.

**middleCCuePosition** (number)  
The position of the middle C, as determined only by the clef of the cue notes. This can be calculated by looking at **cueClefPosition** and **cueClefGlyph**.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.29 [CueClef], page 368, Section 3.1.30 [CueEndClef], page 370 and Section 3.1.78 [OctavateEight], page 412.

**Section 2.2.27 [Dot\_column\_engraver], page 298**

Engrave dots on dotted notes shifted to the right of the note. If omitted, then dots appear on top of the notes.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.32 [DotColumn], page 372.

**Section 2.2.38 [Figured\_bass\_engraver], page 301**

Make figured bass numbers.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.7 [bass-figure-event], page 42 and Section 1.2.52 [rest-event], page 48

Properties (read)

```

figuredBassAlterationDirection
(direction)
    Where to put alterations relative to the main
    figure.

figuredBassCenterContinuations (boolean)
    Whether to vertically center pairs of extender
    lines. This does not work with three or more
    lines.

figuredBassFormatter (procedure)
    A routine generating a markup for a bass figure.

ignoreFiguredBassRest (boolean)
    Don't swallow rest events.

implicitBassFigures (list)
    A list of bass figures that are not printed as
    numbers, but only as extender lines.

useBassFigureExtenders (boolean)
    Whether to use extender lines for repeated bass
    figures.
```

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.13 [BassFigure], page 357, Section 3.1.14 [BassFigure-Alignment], page 357, Section 3.1.16 [BassFigureBracket], page 359, Section 3.1.17 [BassFigureContinuation], page 359 and Section 3.1.18 [BassFigureLine], page 359.

**Section 2.2.39 [Figured\_bass\_position\_engraver], page 302**

Position figured bass alignments over notes.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.15 [BassFigureAlignmentPositioning], page 358.

**Section 2.2.41 [Font\_size\_engraver], page 302**

Put `fontSize` into `font-size` grob property.

Properties (read)

`fontSize` (number)

The relative size of all grobs in a context.

**Section 2.2.42 [Footnote\_engraver], page 302**

Create footnote texts.

Music types accepted:

**Section 1.2.24 [footnote-event], page 44**

Properties (read)

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.43 [FootnoteItem], page 383 and Section 3.1.44 [FootnoteSpanner], page 384.**

**Section 2.2.51 [Grob\_pq\_engraver], page 306**

Administrate when certain grobs (e.g., note heads) stop playing.

Properties (read)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

**Section 2.2.55 [Instrument\_name\_engraver], page 307**

Create a system start text for instrument or vocal names.

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`instrumentName` (markup)

The name to print left of a staff. The `instrumentName` property labels the staff in the first system, and the `shortInstrumentName` property labels following lines.

`shortInstrumentName` (markup)

See `instrumentName`.

`shortVocalName` (markup)

Name of a vocal line, short version.



`vocalName` (markup)  
Name of a vocal line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.52 [`InstrumentName`], page 391.

Section 2.2.61 [`Ledger_line_engraver`], page 309

Create the spanner to draw ledger lines, and notices objects that need ledger lines.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.58 [`LedgerLineSpanner`], page 397.

Section 2.2.79 [`Output_property_engraver`], page 315

Apply a procedure to any grob acknowledged.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.4 [`apply-output-event`], page 42

Section 2.2.86 [`Piano_pedal_align_engraver`], page 318

Align piano pedal symbols and brackets.

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable  
(clef, key signature, etc.) items.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.97 [`SostenutoPedalLineSpanner`], page 428, Section 3.1.111  
[`SustainPedalLineSpanner`], page 440 and Section 3.1.130 [`UnaCor-  
daPedalLineSpanner`], page 459.

Section 2.2.87 [`Piano_pedal_engraver`], page 318

Engrave piano pedal symbols and brackets.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.59 [`sostenuto-event`], page 48, Section 1.2.67 [`sustain-event`],  
page 50 and Section 1.2.76 [`una-corda-event`], page 51

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable  
(clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`pedalSostenutoStrings` (list)  
See `pedalSustainStrings`.

`pedalSostenutoStyle` (symbol)  
See `pedalSustainStyle`.

`pedalSustainStrings` (list)  
A list of strings to print for sustain-pedal. For-  
mat is (*up updown down*), where each of the  
three is the string to print when this is done  
with the pedal.

`pedalSustainStyle` (symbol)  
A symbol that indicates how to print sustain  
pedals: `text`, `bracket` or `mixed` (both).

`pedalUnaCordaStrings` (list)

See `pedalSustainStrings`.

`pedalUnaCordaStyle` (symbol)

See `pedalSustainStyle`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.85 [`PianoPedalBracket`], page 419, Section 3.1.96 [`SostenutoPedal`], page 428, Section 3.1.110 [`SustainPedal`], page 439 and Section 3.1.129 [`UnaCordaPedal`], page 458.

Section 2.2.91 [`Pure_from_neighbor_engraver`], page 319

Coordinates items that get their pure heights from their neighbors.

Section 2.2.94 [`Rest_collision_engraver`], page 321

Handle collisions of rests.

Properties (read)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.91 [`RestCollision`], page 424.

Section 2.2.100 [`Script_row_engraver`], page 322

Determine order in horizontal side position elements.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.94 [`ScriptRow`], page 426.

Section 2.2.101 [`Separating_line_group_engraver`], page 322

Generate objects for computing spacing parameters.

Properties (read)

`createSpacing` (boolean)

Create `StaffSpacing` objects? Should be set for staves.

Properties (write)

`hasStaffSpacing` (boolean)

True if the current `CommandColumn` contains items that will affect spacing.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.102 [`StaffSpacing`], page 433.

Section 2.2.110 [`Staff_collecting_engraver`], page 325

Maintain the `stavesFound` variable.

Properties (read)

`stavesFound` (list of grobs)

A list of all staff-symbols found.

Properties (write)

`stavesFound` (list of grobs)

A list of all staff-symbols found.

**Section 2.2.112 [Staff\_symbol\_engraver], page 325**

Create the constellation of five (default) staff lines.

Music types accepted:

**Section 1.2.63 [staff-span-event], page 49**

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.103 [StaffSymbol], page 433.****Section 2.2.118 [Tab\_staff\_symbol\_engraver], page 328**

Create a tablature staff symbol, but look at `stringTunings` for the number of lines.

Properties (read)

`stringTunings` (list)

The tablature strings tuning. It is a list of the pitches of each string (starting with the lowest numbered one).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.103 [StaffSymbol], page 433.****Section 2.2.125 [Time\_signature\_engraver], page 329**

Create a **Section 3.1.122 [TimeSignature], page 451** whenever `timeSignatureFraction` changes.

Properties (read)

`implicitTimeSignatureVisibility` (vector)

break visibility for the default time signature.

`timeSignatureFraction` (fraction, as pair)

A pair of numbers, signifying the time signature. For example, '(4 . 4)' is a 4/4 time signature.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.122 [TimeSignature], page 451.****2.1.28 TabVoice**

Context for drawing notes in a Tab staff.

This context also accepts commands for the following context(s):

Voice.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.9 [Arpeggio], page 352**, **Section 3.1.19 [Beam], page 360**, **Section 3.1.20 [BendAfter], page 361**, **Section 3.1.23 [BreathingSign], page 363**, **Section 3.1.26 [ClusterSpanner], page 366**, **Section 3.1.27 [ClusterSpannerBeacon], page 367**, **Section 3.1.28 [CombineTextScript], page 367**, **Section 3.1.33 [Dots], page 373**, **Section 3.1.34 [DoublePercentRepeat], page 373**, **Section 3.1.35 [DoublePercentRepeatCounter], page 374**, **Section 3.1.36 [DoubleRepeatSlash], page 376**, **Section 3.1.37 [DynamicLineSpanner], page 376**, **Section 3.1.38 [DynamicText], page 377**, **Section 3.1.39 [DynamicTextSpanner], page 379**, **Section 3.1.46 [Glissando], page 387**, **Section 3.1.50 [Hairpin], page 389**, **Section 3.1.53 [InstrumentSwitch], page 392**, **Section 3.1.56 [LaissezVibrerTie], page 396**, **Section 3.1.57 [LaissezVibrerTieColumn], page 397**, **Section 3.1.60 [LigatureBracket], page 398**, **Section 3.1.69 [MultiMeasureRest], page 405**, **Section 3.1.70 [MultiMeasureRestNumber], page 406**, **Section 3.1.71 [MultiMeasureRestText], page 408**, **Section 3.1.74 [NoteColumn],**

page 410, Section 3.1.77 [NoteSpacing], page 412, Section 3.1.82 [PercentRepeat], page 416, Section 3.1.83 [PercentRepeatCounter], page 417, Section 3.1.84 [PhrasingSlur], page 418, Section 3.1.87 [RepeatSlash], page 422, Section 3.1.88 [RepeatTie], page 422, Section 3.1.89 [RepeatTieColumn], page 423, Section 3.1.90 [Rest], page 424, Section 3.1.92 [Script], page 424, Section 3.1.93 [ScriptColumn], page 425, Section 3.1.95 [Slur], page 426, Section 3.1.105 [Stem], page 434, Section 3.1.107 [StemTremolo], page 436, Section 3.1.117 [TabNoteHead], page 445, Section 3.1.118 [TextScript], page 446, Section 3.1.119 [TextSpanner], page 448, Section 3.1.120 [Tie], page 449, Section 3.1.121 [TieColumn], page 450, Section 3.1.126 [TrillSpanner], page 454, Section 3.1.127 [TupletBracket], page 456, Section 3.1.128 [TupletNumber], page 457 and Section 3.1.134 [VoiceFollower], page 462.

This context sets the following properties:

- Set grob-property `after-line-breaking` in Section 3.1.88 [RepeatTie], page 422 to `repeat-tie::handle-tab-note-head`.
- Set grob-property `after-line-breaking` in Section 3.1.120 [Tie], page 449 to `tie::handle-tab-note-head`.
- Set grob-property `beam-thickness` in Section 3.1.19 [Beam], page 360 to 0.32.
- Set grob-property `beam-thickness` in Section 3.1.107 [StemTremolo], page 436 to 0.32.
- Set grob-property `beam-width` in Section 3.1.107 [StemTremolo], page 436 to `stem-tremolo::calc-tab-width`.
- Set grob-property `bound-details left` in Section 3.1.46 [Glissando], page 387 to `'((attach-dir . 1) (padding . 0.3))`.
- Set grob-property `bound-details right` in Section 3.1.46 [Glissando], page 387 to `'((attach-dir . -1) (padding . 0.3))`.
- Set grob-property `details` in Section 3.1.105 [Stem], page 434 to `'((lengths 0 0 0 0 0 0) (beamed-lengths 0 0 0) (beamed-minimum-free-lengths 0 0 0) (beamed-extreme-minimum-free-lengths 0 0) (stem-shorten 0 0))`.
- Set grob-property `extra-dy` in Section 3.1.46 [Glissando], page 387 to `glissando::calc-tab-extra-dy`.
- Set grob-property `glyph-name` in Section 3.1.117 [TabNoteHead], page 445 to `tab-note-head::calc-glyph-name`.
- Set grob-property `length-fraction` in Section 3.1.19 [Beam], page 360 to 0.62.
- Set grob-property `length-fraction` in Section 3.1.107 [StemTremolo], page 436 to `#<procedure #f (grob)>`.
- Set grob-property `no-stem-extend` in Section 3.1.105 [Stem], page 434 to `#t`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in Section 3.1.19 [Beam], page 360 to `#f`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in Section 3.1.33 [Dots], page 373 to `#f`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in Section 3.1.39 [DynamicTextSpanner], page 379 to `#f`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in Section 3.1.38 [DynamicText], page 377 to `#f`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in Section 3.1.42 [Flag], page 383 to `#f`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in Section 3.1.46 [Glissando], page 387 to `glissando::draw-tab-glissando`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in Section 3.1.50 [Hairpin], page 389 to `#f`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in Section 3.1.56 [LaissezVibrerTie], page 396 to `#f`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in Section 3.1.70 [MultiMeasureRestNumber], page 406 to `#f`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in Section 3.1.71 [MultiMeasureRestText], page 408 to `#f`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in Section 3.1.69 [MultiMeasureRest], page 405 to `#f`.

- Set grob-property `stencil` in [Section 3.1.84 \[PhrasingSlur\]](#), page 418 to `#f`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in [Section 3.1.88 \[RepeatTie\]](#), page 422 to `#f`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in [Section 3.1.90 \[Rest\]](#), page 424 to `#f`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in [Section 3.1.92 \[Script\]](#), page 424 to `#f`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in [Section 3.1.95 \[Slur\]](#), page 426 to `slur::draw-tab-slur`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in [Section 3.1.107 \[StemTremolo\]](#), page 436 to `#f`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in [Section 3.1.105 \[Stem\]](#), page 434 to `#f`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in [Section 3.1.117 \[TabNoteHead\]](#), page 445 to `tab-note-head::whiteout-if-style-set`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in [Section 3.1.118 \[TextScript\]](#), page 446 to `#f`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in [Section 3.1.119 \[TextSpanner\]](#), page 448 to `#f`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in [Section 3.1.120 \[Tie\]](#), page 449 to `#f`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in [Section 3.1.127 \[TupletBracket\]](#), page 456 to `#f`.
- Set grob-property `stencil` in [Section 3.1.128 \[TupletNumber\]](#), page 457 to `#f`.
- Set grob-property `style` in [Section 3.1.42 \[Flag\]](#), page 383 to `'no-flag`.
- Set translator property `autoBeaming` to `#f`.

This context is a ‘bottom’ context; it cannot contain other contexts.

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

[Section 2.2.3 \[Arpeggio\\_engraver\]](#), page 289

Generate an Arpeggio symbol.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.5 \[arpeggio-event\]](#), page 42

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.9 \[Arpeggio\]](#), page 352.

[Section 2.2.4 \[Auto\\_beam\\_engraver\]](#), page 289

Generate beams based on measure characteristics and observed Stems. Uses `baseMoment`, `beatStructure`, `beamExceptions`, `measureLength`, and `measurePosition` to decide when to start and stop a beam. Overriding beaming is done through [Section 2.2.115 \[Stem\\_engraver\]](#), page 326 properties `stemLeftBeamCount` and `stemRightBeamCount`.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.9 \[beam-forbid-event\]](#), page 42

Properties (read)

`autoBeaming` (boolean)

If set to true then beams are generated automatically.

`baseMoment` (moment)

Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

`beamExceptions` (list)

An alist of exceptions to autobeam rules that normally end on beats.

`beamHalfMeasure` (boolean)

Whether to allow a beam to begin halfway through the measure in triple time, which could look like 6/8.

**beatStructure** (list)  
List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.

**subdivideBeams** (boolean)  
If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\], page 360.](#)

#### [Section 2.2.10 \[Beam\\_engraver\], page 292](#)

Handle **Beam** events by engraving beams. If omitted, then notes are printed with flags instead of beams.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.8 \[beam-event\], page 42](#)

Properties (read)

**baseMoment** (moment)  
Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

**beamMelismaBusy** (boolean)  
Signal if a beam is present.

**beatStructure** (list)  
List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.

**subdivideBeams** (boolean)  
If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

Properties (write)

**forbidBreak** (boolean)  
If set to **#t**, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\], page 360.](#)

#### [Section 2.2.12 \[Bend\\_engraver\], page 293](#)

Create fall spanners.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.10 \[bend-after-event\], page 43](#)

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.20 \[BendAfter\], page 361.](#)

#### [Section 2.2.14 \[Breathing\\_sign\\_engraver\], page 293](#)

Create a breathing sign.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.14 \[breathing-event\], page 43](#)

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.23 \[BreathingSign\], page 363.](#)

**Section 2.2.16 [Chord\_tremolo\_engraver], page 294**

Generate beams for tremolo repeats.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.73 [tremolo-span-event], page 51

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.19 [Beam], page 360.

**Section 2.2.18 [Cluster\_spanner\_engraver], page 295**

Engrave a cluster using **Spanner** notation.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.15 [cluster-note-event], page 43

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.26 [ClusterSpanner], page 366 and Section 3.1.27 [ClusterSpannerBeacon], page 367.

**Section 2.2.28 [Dots\_engraver], page 298**

Create Section 3.1.33 [Dots], page 373 objects for Section 3.2.89 [rhythmic-head-interface], page 510s.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.33 [Dots], page 373.

**Section 2.2.29 [Double\_percent\_repeat\_engraver], page 298**

Make double measure repeats.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.19 [double-percent-event], page 43

Properties (read)

**countPercentRepeats** (boolean)

If set, produce counters for percent repeats.

**measureLength** (moment)

Length of one measure in the current time signature.

**repeatCountVisibility** (procedure)

A procedure taking as arguments an integer and context, returning whether the corresponding percent repeat number should be printed when **countPercentRepeats** is set.

Properties (write)

**forbidBreak** (boolean)

If set to **#t**, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.34 [DoublePercentRepeat], page 373 and Section 3.1.35 [DoublePercentRepeatCounter], page 374.

**Section 2.2.32 [Dynamic\_align\_engraver], page 299**

Align hairpins and dynamic texts on a horizontal line.

Properties (read)



`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.37 \[DynamicLineSpanner\], page 376.](#)

[Section 2.2.41 \[Font\\_size\\_engraver\], page 302](#)

Put `fontSize` into `font-size` grob property.

Properties (read)

`fontSize` (number)

The relative size of all grobs in a context.

[Section 2.2.43 \[Forbid\\_line\\_break\\_engraver\], page 303](#)

Forbid line breaks when note heads are still playing at some point.

Properties (read)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

`forbidBreak` (boolean)

If set to `#t`, prevent a line break at this point.

[Section 2.2.45 \[Glissando\\_engraver\], page 304](#)

Engrave glissandi.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.25 \[glissando-event\], page 44](#)

Properties (read)

`glissandoMap` (list)

A map in the form of '((source1 . target1) (source2 . target2) (sourcen . targetn))' showing the glissandi to be drawn for note columns. The value '()' will default to '((0 . 0) (1 . 1) (n . n))', where n is the minimal number of note-heads in the two note columns between which the glissandi occur.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.46 \[Glissando\], page 387.](#)

[Section 2.2.46 \[Grace\\_beam\\_engraver\], page 304](#)

Handle `Beam` events by engraving beams. If omitted, then notes are printed with flags instead of beams. Only engraves beams when we are at grace points in time.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.8 \[beam-event\], page 42](#)

Properties (read)



**baseMoment** (moment)  
 Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

**beamMelismaBusy** (boolean)  
 Signal if a beam is present.

**beatStructure** (list)  
 List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.

**subdivideBeams** (boolean)  
 If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\]](#), page 360.

[Section 2.2.47 \[Grace\\_engraver\]](#), page 305

Set font size and other properties for grace notes.

Properties (read)

**graceSettings** (list)  
 Overrides for grace notes. This property should be manipulated through the **add-grace-property** function.

[Section 2.2.51 \[Grob\\_pq\\_engraver\]](#), page 306

Administrate when certain grobs (e.g., note heads) stop playing.

Properties (read)

**busyGrobs** (list)  
 A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

**busyGrobs** (list)  
 A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

[Section 2.2.56 \[Instrument\\_switch\\_engraver\]](#), page 307

Create a cue text for taking instrument.

Properties (read)

**instrumentCueName** (markup)  
 The name to print if another instrument is to be taken.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.53 \[InstrumentSwitch\]](#), page 392.

[Section 2.2.60 \[Laissez\\_vibrer\\_engraver\]](#), page 309

Create laissez vibrer items.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.30 [laissez-vibrer-event], page 45

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.56 [LaissezVibrerTie], page 396 and Section 3.1.57 [LaissezVibrerTieColumn], page 397.

#### Section 2.2.62 [Ligature\_bracket\_engraver], page 309

Handle `Ligature_events` by engraving `Ligature` brackets.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.32 [ligature-event], page 45

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.60 [LigatureBracket], page 398.

#### Section 2.2.70 [Multi\_measure\_rest\_engraver], page 312

Engrave multi-measure rests that are produced with ‘R’. It reads `measurePosition` and `internalBarNumber` to determine what number to print over the Section 3.1.69 [MultiMeasureRest], page 405.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.37 [multi-measure-rest-event], page 45 and Section 1.2.38 [multi-measure-text-event], page 45

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`internalBarNumber` (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is used for internal timekeeping, among others by the `Accidental_engraver`.

`measurePosition` (moment)

How much of the current measure have we had. This can be set manually to create incomplete measures.

`restNumberThreshold` (number)

If a multimeasure rest has more measures than this, a number is printed.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.69 [MultiMeasureRest], page 405, Section 3.1.70 [MultiMeasureRestNumber], page 406 and Section 3.1.71 [MultiMeasureRestText], page 408.

#### Section 2.2.71 [New\_dynamic\_engraver], page 312

Create hairpins, dynamic texts and dynamic text spanners.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.1 [absolute-dynamic-event], page 42, Section 1.2.13 [break-span-event], page 43 and Section 1.2.61 [span-dynamic-event], page 49

Properties (read)

**crescendoSpanner** (symbol)

The type of spanner to be used for crescendo.  
Available values are ‘hairpin’ and ‘text’. If unset, a hairpin crescendo is used.

**crescendoText** (markup)

The text to print at start of non-hairpin crescendo, i.e., ‘cresc.’.

**currentMusicalColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

**decrescendoSpanner** (symbol)

The type of spanner to be used for decrescendi.  
Available values are ‘hairpin’ and ‘text’. If unset, a hairpin decrescendo is used.

**decrescendoText** (markup)

The text to print at start of non-hairpin decrescendo, i.e., ‘dim.’.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.38 [DynamicText], page 377, Section 3.1.39 [DynamicTextSpanner], page 379 and Section 3.1.50 [Hairpin], page 389.

#### Section 2.2.73 [Note\_head\_line\_engraver], page 314

Engrave a line between two note heads, for example a glissando. If followVoice is set, staff switches also generate a line.

Properties (read)

**followVoice** (boolean)

If set, note heads are tracked across staff switches by a thin line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.46 [Glissando], page 387 and Section 3.1.134 [VoiceFollower], page 462.

#### Section 2.2.77 [Note\_spacing\_engraver], page 315

Generate NoteSpacing, an object linking horizontal lines for use in spacing.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.77 [NoteSpacing], page 412.

#### Section 2.2.79 [Output\_property\_engraver], page 315

Apply a procedure to any grob acknowledged.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.4 [apply-output-event], page 42

#### Section 2.2.83 [Part\_combine\_engraver], page 317

Part combine engraver for orchestral scores: Print markings ‘a2’, ‘Solo’, ‘Solo II’, and ‘unisono’.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.40 [note-event], page 46 and Section 1.2.44 [part-combine-event], page 47

Properties (read)

**aDueText** (markup)

Text to print at a unisono passage.

**partCombineTextsOnNote** (boolean)

Print part-combine texts only on the next note rather than immediately on rests or skips.

**printPartCombineTexts** (boolean)

Set ‘Solo’ and ‘A due’ texts in the part combiner?

**soloIIIText** (markup)

The text for the start of a solo for voice ‘two’ when part-combining.

**soloText** (markup)

The text for the start of a solo when part-combining.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.28 [CombineTextScript], page 367.

Section 2.2.84 [Percent\_repeat\_engraver], page 317

Make whole measure repeats.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.47 [percent-event], page 47

Properties (read)

**countPercentRepeats** (boolean)

If set, produce counters for percent repeats.

**currentCommandColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

**repeatCountVisibility** (procedure)

A procedure taking as arguments an integer and context, returning whether the corresponding percent repeat number should be printed when **countPercentRepeats** is set.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.82 [PercentRepeat], page 416 and Section 3.1.83 [PercentRepeatCounter], page 417.

Section 2.2.85 [Phrasing\_slur\_engraver], page 318

Print phrasing slurs. Similar to Section 2.2.103 [Slur\_engraver], page 323.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.49 [phrasing-slur-event], page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.84 [PhrasingSlur], page 418.

**Section 2.2.93 [Repeat\_tie\_engraver], page 320**

Create repeat ties.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.51 [repeat-tie-event], page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.88 [RepeatTie], page 422 and Section 3.1.89 [RepeatTieColumn], page 423.

**Section 2.2.95 [Rest\_engraver], page 321**

Engrave rests.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.52 [rest-event], page 48

Properties (read)

`middleCPosition` (number)

The place of the middle C, measured in half staff-spaces. Usually determined by looking at `middleCClefPosition` and `middleCOffset`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.90 [Rest], page 424.

**Section 2.2.96 [Rhythmic\_column\_engraver], page 321**

Generate `NoteColumn`, an object that groups stems, note heads, and rests.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.74 [NoteColumn], page 410.

**Section 2.2.98 [Script\_column\_engraver], page 322**

Find potentially colliding scripts and put them into a `ScriptColumn` object; that will fix the collisions.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.93 [ScriptColumn], page 425.

**Section 2.2.99 [Script\_engraver], page 322**

Handle note scripted articulations.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.6 [articulation-event], page 42

Properties (read)

`scriptDefinitions` (list)

The description of scripts. This is used by the `Script_engraver` for typesetting note-superscripts and subscripts. See ‘`scm/script.scm`’ for more information.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.92 [Script], page 424.

**Section 2.2.102 [Slash\_repeat\_engraver], page 323**

Make beat repeats.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.50 [repeat-slash-event], page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.36 [DoubleRepeatSlash], page 376 and Section 3.1.87 [RepeatSlash], page 422.

**Section 2.2.103 [Slur\_engraver], page 323**

Build slur grobs from slur events.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.56 [slur-event], page 48

Properties (read)

**doubleSlurs** (boolean)

If set, two slurs are created for every slurred note, one above and one below the chord.

**slurMelismaBusy** (boolean)

Signal if a slur is present.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.95 [Slur], page 426.

**Section 2.2.109 [Spanner\_break\_forbid\_engraver], page 325**

Forbid breaks in certain spanners.

**Section 2.2.115 [Stem\_engraver], page 326**

Create stems and single-stem tremolos. It also works together with the beam engraver for overriding beaming.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.72 [tremolo-event], page 50 and Section 1.2.75 [tuplet-span-event], page 51

Properties (read)

**stemLeftBeamCount** (integer)

Specify the number of beams to draw on the left side of the next note. Overrides automatic beaming. The value is only used once, and then it is erased.

**stemRightBeamCount** (integer)

See **stemLeftBeamCount**.

**tremoloFlags** (integer)

The number of tremolo flags to add if no number is specified.

**whichBar** (string)

This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.

Example:

```
\set Staff.whichBar = "|:"
```

This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in Section “bar-line-interface” in *Internals Reference*.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.105 [Stem], page 434 and Section 3.1.107 [StemTremolo], page 436.

**Section 2.2.117 [Tab\_note\_heads\_engraver], page 327**

Generate one or more tablature note heads from event of type `NoteEvent`.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.23 [fingering-event], page 44, Section 1.2.40 [note-event], page 46 and Section 1.2.65 [string-number-event], page 50

Properties (read)

`defaultStrings` (list)

A list of strings to use in calculating frets for tablatures and fretboards if no strings are provided in the notes for the current moment.

`fretLabels` (list)

A list of strings or Scheme-formatted markups containing, in the correct order, the labels to be used for lettered frets in tablature.

`highStringOne` (boolean)

Whether the first string is the string with highest pitch on the instrument. This used by the automatic string selector for tablature notation.

`middleCPosition` (number)

The place of the middle C, measured in half staff-spaces. Usually determined by looking at `middleCClefPosition` and `middleCOffset`.

`minimumFret` (number)

The tablature auto string-selecting mechanism selects the highest string with a fret at least `minimumFret`.

`noteToFretFunction` (procedure)

Convert list of notes and list of defined strings to full list of strings and fret numbers. Parameters: The context, a list of note events, a list of tabstring events, and the fretboard grob if a fretboard is desired.

`stringOneTopmost` (boolean)

Whether the first string is printed on the top line of the tablature.

`stringTunings` (list)

The tablature strings tuning. It is a list of the pitches of each string (starting with the lowest numbered one).

`tablatureFormat` (procedure)

A function formatting a tablature note head. Called with three arguments: context, string number and, fret number. It returns the text as a markup.

`tabStaffLineLayoutFunction` (procedure)

A function determining the staff position of a tablature note head. Called with two arguments: the context and the string.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.117 [TabNoteHead], page 445.

Section 2.2.119 [Tab\_tie\_follow\_engraver], page 328

Adjust TabNoteHead properties when a tie is followed by a slur or glissando.

Section 2.2.121 [Text\_engraver], page 328

Create text scripts.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.69 [text-script-event], page 50

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.118 [TextScript], page 446.

Section 2.2.122 [Text\_spanner\_engraver], page 328

Create text spanner from an event.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.70 [text-span-event], page 50

Properties (read)

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.119 [TextSpanner], page 448.

Section 2.2.123 [Tie\_engraver], page 329

Generate ties between note heads of equal pitch.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.71 [tie-event], page 50

Properties (read)

`tieWaitForNote` (boolean)

If true, tied notes do not have to follow each other directly. This can be used for writing out arpeggios.

Properties (write)

`tieMelismaBusy` (boolean)

Signal whether a tie is present.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.120 [Tie], page 449 and Section 3.1.121 [TieColumn], page 450.

Section 2.2.129 [Trill\_spanner\_engraver], page 331

Create trill spanner from an event.

Music types accepted:



Section 1.2.74 [trill-span-event], page 51

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable  
(clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout)  
object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable  
items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.126 [TrillSpanner], page 454.

Section 2.2.130 [Tuplet\_engraver], page 331

Catch tuplet events and generate appropriate bracket.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.75 [tuplet-span-event], page 51

Properties (read)

`tupletFullLength` (boolean)

If set, the tuplet is printed up to the start of  
the next note.

`tupletFullLengthNote` (boolean)

If set, end at the next note, otherwise end on  
the matter (time signatures, etc.) before the  
note.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.127 [TupletBracket], page 456 and Section 3.1.128 [Tuplet-  
Number], page 457.

Section 2.2.131 [Tweak\_engraver], page 332

Read the `tweaks` property from the originating event, and set properties.

## 2.1.29 VaticanaStaff

Same as `Staff` context, except that it is accommodated for typesetting Gregorian Chant in the notational style of Editio Vaticana.

This context also accepts commands for the following context(s):

`Staff`.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.1 [Accidental], page 346, Section 3.1.2 [AccidentalCautionary], page 346,  
Section 3.1.3 [AccidentalPlacement], page 347, Section 3.1.4 [AccidentalSuggestion], page 348,  
Section 3.1.11 [BarLine], page 354, Section 3.1.13 [BassFigure], page 357, Section 3.1.14  
[BassFigureAlignment], page 357, Section 3.1.15 [BassFigureAlignmentPositioning], page 358,  
Section 3.1.16 [BassFigureBracket], page 359, Section 3.1.17 [BassFigureContinuation],  
page 359, Section 3.1.18 [BassFigureLine], page 359, Section 3.1.25 [Clef], page 365,  
Section 3.1.29 [CueClef], page 368, Section 3.1.30 [CueEndClef], page 370, Section 3.1.31  
[Custos], page 371, Section 3.1.32 [DotColumn], page 372, Section 3.1.43 [FootnoteItem],  
page 383, Section 3.1.44 [FootnoteSpanner], page 384, Section 3.1.52 [InstrumentName],  
page 391, Section 3.1.54 [KeyCancellation], page 393, Section 3.1.55 [KeySignature],

page 394, Section 3.1.58 [LedgerLineSpanner], page 397, Section 3.1.73 [NoteCollision], page 410, Section 3.1.78 [OctavateEight], page 412, Section 3.1.79 [OttavaBracket], page 413, Section 3.1.85 [PianoPedalBracket], page 419, Section 3.1.91 [RestCollision], page 424, Section 3.1.94 [ScriptRow], page 426, Section 3.1.96 [SostenutoPedal], page 428, Section 3.1.97 [SostenutoPedalLineSpanner], page 428, Section 3.1.102 [StaffSpacing], page 433, Section 3.1.103 [StaffSymbol], page 433, Section 3.1.110 [SustainPedal], page 439, Section 3.1.111 [SustainPedalLineSpanner], page 440, Section 3.1.129 [UnaCordaPedal], page 458, Section 3.1.130 [UnaCordaPedalLineSpanner], page 459 and Section 3.1.133 [VerticalAxisGroup], page 461.

This context sets the following properties:

- Set grob-property `glyph-name-alist` in Section 3.1.1 [Accidental], page 346 to `'((-1/2 . accidentals.vaticanaM1) (0 . accidentals.vaticana0) (1/2 . accidentals.mensural1))`.
- Set grob-property `glyph-name-alist` in Section 3.1.55 [KeySignature], page 394 to `'((-1/2 . accidentals.vaticanaM1) (0 . accidentals.vaticana0) (1/2 . accidentals.mensural1))`.
- Set grob-property `line-count` in Section 3.1.103 [StaffSymbol], page 433 to 4.
- Set grob-property `neutral-direction` in Section 3.1.31 [Custos], page 371 to -1.
- Set grob-property `neutral-position` in Section 3.1.31 [Custos], page 371 to 3.
- Set grob-property `style` in Section 3.1.31 [Custos], page 371 to 'vaticana.
- Set grob-property `style` in Section 3.1.33 [Dots], page 373 to 'vaticana.
- Set grob-property `thickness` in Section 3.1.103 [StaffSymbol], page 433 to 0.6.
- Set grob-property `transparent` in Section 3.1.11 [BarLine], page 354 to #t.
- Set translator property `clefGlyph` to "clefs.vaticana.do".
- Set translator property `clefOctavation` to 0.
- Set translator property `clefPosition` to 1.
- Set translator property `createSpacing` to #t.
- Set translator property `ignoreFiguredBassRest` to #f.
- Set translator property `instrumentName` to '().
- Set translator property `localKeySignature` to '().
- Set translator property `middleCClefPosition` to 1.
- Set translator property `middleCPosition` to 1.
- Set translator property `shortInstrumentName` to '().

Context `VaticanaStaff` can contain Section 2.1.3 [CueVoice], page 61 and Section 2.1.30 [VaticanaVoice], page 263.

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

#### Section 2.2.1 [Accidental\_engraver], page 287

Make accidentals. Catch note heads, ties and notices key-change events. This engraver usually lives at Staff level, but reads the settings for Accidental at Voice level, so you can \override them at Voice.

Properties (read)

`autoAccidentals` (list)

List of different ways to typeset an accidental.

For determining when to print an accidental, several different rules are tried. The rule that gives the highest number of accidentals is used.

Each entry in the list is either a symbol or a procedure.

*symbol*      The symbol is the name of the context in which the following rules are to be applied. For example, if *context* is **Section “Score” in *Internals Reference*** then all staves share accidentals, and if *context* is **Section “Staff” in *Internals Reference*** then all voices in the same staff share accidentals, but staves do not.

*procedure*    The procedure represents an accidental rule to be applied to the previously specified context.

The procedure takes the following arguments:

**context**      The current context to which the rule should be applied.

**pitch**        The pitch of the note to be evaluated.

**barnum**       The current bar number.

**measurepos**    The current measure position.

The procedure returns a pair of booleans. The first states whether an extra natural should be added. The second states whether an accidental should be printed. (**#t** . **#f**) does not make sense.

**autoCautionaries** (list)

List similar to **autoAccidentals**, but it controls cautionary accidentals rather than normal ones. Both lists are tried, and the one giving the most accidentals wins. In case of draw, a normal accidental is typeset.

**extraNatural** (boolean)

Whether to typeset an extra natural sign before accidentals that reduce the effect of a previous alteration.

**harmonicAccidentals** (boolean)

If set, harmonic notes in chords get accidentals.

**internalBarNumber** (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is used for internal timekeeping, among others by the **Accidental\_engraver**.

**keySignature** (list)

The current key signature. This is an alist containing (*step* . *alter*) or ((*octave* . *step*) . *alter*), where *step* is a number in the range 0 to 6 and *alter* a fraction, denoting alteration. For alterations, use symbols, e.g. `keySignature = #`((6 . ,FLAT))`.

**localKeySignature** (list)

The key signature at this point in the measure. The format is the same as for **keySignature**, but can also contain ((*octave* . *name*) . (*alter* *bar* *number* . *measureposition*)) pairs.

Properties (write)

**localKeySignature** (list)

The key signature at this point in the measure. The format is the same as for **keySignature**, but can also contain ((*octave* . *name*) . (*alter* *bar* *number* . *measureposition*)) pairs.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.1 [Accidental], page 346, Section 3.1.2 [AccidentalCautionary], page 346, Section 3.1.3 [AccidentalPlacement], page 347 and Section 3.1.4 [AccidentalSuggestion], page 348.

#### Section 2.2.5 [Axis\_group\_engraver], page 290

Group all objects created in this context in a **VerticalAxisGroup** spanner.

Properties (read)

**currentCommandColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.133 [VerticalAxisGroup], page 461.

#### Section 2.2.7 [Bar\_engraver], page 291

Create barlines. This engraver is controlled through the **whichBar** property. If it has no bar line to create, it will forbid a linebreak at this point. This engraver is required to trigger the creation of clefs at the start of systems.

Properties (read)

**whichBar** (string)

This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.

Example:

```
\set Staff.whichBar = "|:"
```

This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in Section “bar-line-interface” in *Internals Reference*.

Properties (write)

`forbidBreak` (boolean)

If set to `#t`, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.11 [`BarLine`], page 354.

Section 2.2.17 [`Clef_engraver`], page 294

Determine and set reference point for pitches.

Properties (read)

`clefGlyph` (string)

Name of the symbol within the music font.

`clefOctavation` (integer)

Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7 and -7 are common.

`clefPosition` (number)

Where should the center of the clef symbol go, measured in half staff spaces from the center of the staff.

`explicitClefVisibility` (vector)

'break-visibility' function for clef changes.

`forceClef` (boolean)

Show clef symbol, even if it has not changed. Only active for the first clef after the property is set, not for the full staff.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.25 [`Clef`], page 365 and Section 3.1.78 [`OctavateEight`], page 412.

Section 2.2.19 [`Collision_engraver`], page 295

Collect `NoteColumns`, and as soon as there are two or more, put them in a `NoteCollision` object.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.73 [`NoteCollision`], page 410.

Section 2.2.24 [`Cue_clef_engraver`], page 296

Determine and set reference point for pitches in cued voices.

Properties (read)

`clefOctavation` (integer)

Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7 and -7 are common.

`cueClefGlyph` (string)

Name of the symbol within the music font.

`cueClefOctavation` (integer)

Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7 and -7 are common.

`cueClefPosition` (number)

Where should the center of the clef symbol go, measured in half staff spaces from the center of the staff.

**explicitCueClefVisibility** (vector)  
 ‘break-visibility’ function for cue clef changes.

**middleCCuePosition** (number)  
 The position of the middle C, as determined only by the clef of the cue notes. This can be calculated by looking at **cueClefPosition** and **cueClefGlyph**.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.29 [**CueClef**], page 368, Section 3.1.30 [**CueEndClef**], page 370 and Section 3.1.78 [**OctavateEight**], page 412.

Section 2.2.25 [**Custos\_engraver**], page 297

Engrave custodes.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.31 [**Custos**], page 371.

Section 2.2.27 [**Dot\_column\_engraver**], page 298

Engrave dots on dotted notes shifted to the right of the note. If omitted, then dots appear on top of the notes.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.32 [**DotColumn**], page 372.

Section 2.2.38 [**Figured\_bass\_engraver**], page 301

Make figured bass numbers.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.7 [**bass-figure-event**], page 42 and Section 1.2.52 [**rest-event**], page 48

Properties (read)

**figuredBassAlterationDirection** (direction)  
 Where to put alterations relative to the main figure.

**figuredBassCenterContinuations** (boolean)  
 Whether to vertically center pairs of extender lines. This does not work with three or more lines.

**figuredBassFormatter** (procedure)  
 A routine generating a markup for a bass figure.

**ignoreFiguredBassRest** (boolean)  
 Don’t swallow rest events.

**implicitBassFigures** (list)  
 A list of bass figures that are not printed as numbers, but only as extender lines.

**useBassFigureExtenders** (boolean)  
 Whether to use extender lines for repeated bass figures.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.13 [BassFigure], page 357, Section 3.1.14 [BassFigureAlignment], page 357, Section 3.1.16 [BassFigureBracket], page 359, Section 3.1.17 [BassFigureContinuation], page 359 and Section 3.1.18 [BassFigureLine], page 359.

**Section 2.2.39 [Figured\_bass\_position\_engraver], page 302**

Position figured bass alignments over notes.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.15 [BassFigureAlignmentPositioning], page 358.

**Section 2.2.41 [Font\_size\_engraver], page 302**

Put `fontSize` into `font-size` grob property.

Properties (read)

`fontSize` (number)

The relative size of all grobs in a context.

**Section 2.2.42 [Footnote\_engraver], page 302**

Create footnote texts.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.24 [footnote-event], page 44

Properties (read)

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.43 [FootnoteItem], page 383 and Section 3.1.44 [FootnoteSpanner], page 384.

**Section 2.2.51 [Grob\_pq\_engraver], page 306**

Administrate when certain grobs (e.g., note heads) stop playing.

Properties (read)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment* . *grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment* . *grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

**Section 2.2.55 [Instrument\_name\_engraver], page 307**

Create a system start text for instrument or vocal names.

Properties (read)

**currentCommandColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

**instrumentName** (markup)

The name to print left of a staff. The **instrumentName** property labels the staff in the first system, and the **shortInstrumentName** property labels following lines.

**shortInstrumentName** (markup)

See **instrumentName**.

**shortVocalName** (markup)

Name of a vocal line, short version.

**vocalName** (markup)

Name of a vocal line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.52 \[InstrumentName\], page 391.](#)

#### [Section 2.2.58 \[Key\\_engraver\], page 308](#)

Engrave a key signature.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.28 \[key-change-event\], page 44](#)

Properties (read)

**createKeyOnClefChange** (boolean)

Print a key signature whenever the clef is changed.

**explicitKeySignatureVisibility** (vector)

'break-visibility' function for explicit key changes. 'override' of the **break-visibility** property will set the visibility for normal (i.e., at the start of the line) key signatures.

**extraNatural** (boolean)

Whether to typeset an extra natural sign before accidentals that reduce the effect of a previous alteration.

**keyAlterationOrder** (list)

An alist that defines in what order alterations should be printed. The format is (*step* . *alter*), where *step* is a number from 0 to 6 and *alter* from -2 (sharp) to 2 (flat).

**keySignature** (list)

The current key signature. This is an alist containing (*step* . *alter*) or ((*octave* . *step*) . *alter*), where *step* is a number in the range 0 to 6 and *alter* a fraction, denoting



alteration. For alterations, use symbols, e.g.  
`keySignature = #`((6 . ,FLAT))`.

`lastKeySignature` (list)  
 Last key signature before a key signature change.

`middleCClefPosition` (number)  
 The position of the middle C, as determined only by the clef. This can be calculated by looking at `clefPosition` and `clefGlyph`.

`printKeyCancellation` (boolean)  
 Print restoration alterations before a key signature change.

Properties (write)

`keySignature` (list)  
 The current key signature. This is an alist containing (`step . alter`) or (`(octave . step) . alter`), where *step* is a number in the range 0 to 6 and *alter* a fraction, denoting alteration. For alterations, use symbols, e.g. `keySignature = #`((6 . ,FLAT))`.

`lastKeySignature` (list)  
 Last key signature before a key signature change.

`tonic` (pitch)  
 The tonic of the current scale.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.54 \[KeyCancellation\]](#), page 393 and [Section 3.1.55 \[KeySignature\]](#), page 394.

[Section 2.2.61 \[Ledger\\_line\\_engraver\]](#), page 309

Create the spanner to draw ledger lines, and notices objects that need ledger lines.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.58 \[LedgerLineSpanner\]](#), page 397.

[Section 2.2.78 \[Ottava\\_spanner\\_engraver\]](#), page 315

Create a text spanner when the ottavation property changes.

Properties (read)

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)  
 Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

`middleCOffset` (number)  
 The offset of middle C from the position given by `middleCClefPosition`. This is used for ottava brackets.

`ottavation` (markup)

If set, the text for an ottava spanner. Changing this creates a new text spanner.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.79 \[OttavaBracket\]](#), page 413.

[Section 2.2.79 \[Output\\_property\\_engraver\]](#), page 315

Apply a procedure to any grob acknowledged.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.4 \[apply-output-event\]](#), page 42

[Section 2.2.86 \[Piano\\_pedal\\_align\\_engraver\]](#), page 318

Align piano pedal symbols and brackets.

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.97 \[SostenutoPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 428, [Section 3.1.111 \[SustainPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 440 and [Section 3.1.130 \[UnaCordaPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 459.

[Section 2.2.87 \[Piano\\_pedal\\_engraver\]](#), page 318

Engrave piano pedal symbols and brackets.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.59 \[sostenuto-event\]](#), page 48, [Section 1.2.67 \[sustain-event\]](#), page 50 and [Section 1.2.76 \[una-corda-event\]](#), page 51

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`pedalSostenutoStrings` (list)

See `pedalSustainStrings`.

`pedalSostenutoStyle` (symbol)

See `pedalSustainStyle`.

`pedalSustainStrings` (list)

A list of strings to print for sustain-pedal. Format is (*up updown down*), where each of the three is the string to print when this is done with the pedal.

`pedalSustainStyle` (symbol)

A symbol that indicates how to print sustain pedals: `text`, `bracket` or `mixed` (both).

`pedalUnaCordaStrings` (list)

See `pedalSustainStrings`.

`pedalUnaCordaStyle` (symbol)

See `pedalSustainStyle`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.85 [`PianoPedalBracket`], page 419, Section 3.1.96 [`SostenutoPedal`], page 428, Section 3.1.110 [`SustainPedal`], page 439 and Section 3.1.129 [`UnaCordaPedal`], page 458.

Section 2.2.91 [`Pure_from_neighbor_engraver`], page 319

Coordinates items that get their pure heights from their neighbors.

Section 2.2.94 [`Rest_collision_engraver`], page 321

Handle collisions of rests.

Properties (read)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.91 [`RestCollision`], page 424.

Section 2.2.100 [`Script_row_engraver`], page 322

Determine order in horizontal side position elements.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.94 [`ScriptRow`], page 426.

Section 2.2.101 [`Separating_line_group_engraver`], page 322

Generate objects for computing spacing parameters.

Properties (read)

`createSpacing` (boolean)

Create `StaffSpacing` objects? Should be set for staves.

Properties (write)

`hasStaffSpacing` (boolean)

True if the current `CommandColumn` contains items that will affect spacing.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.102 [`StaffSpacing`], page 433.

Section 2.2.110 [`Staff_collecting_engraver`], page 325

Maintain the `stavesFound` variable.

Properties (read)

`stavesFound` (list of grobs)

A list of all staff-symbols found.

Properties (write)

`stavesFound` (list of grobs)

A list of all staff-symbols found.

[Section 2.2.112 \[Staff\\_symbol\\_engraver\]](#), page 325

Create the constellation of five (default) staff lines.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.63 \[staff-span-event\]](#), page 49

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.103 \[StaffSymbol\]](#), page 433.

## 2.1.30 VaticanaVoice

Same as **Voice** context, except that it is accommodated for typesetting Gregorian Chant in the notational style of Editio Vaticana.

This context also accepts commands for the following context(s):

Voice.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.9 \[Arpeggio\]](#), page 352, [Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\]](#), page 360, [Section 3.1.20 \[BendAfter\]](#), page 361, [Section 3.1.23 \[BreathingSign\]](#), page 363, [Section 3.1.26 \[ClusterSpanner\]](#), page 366, [Section 3.1.27 \[ClusterSpannerBeacon\]](#), page 367, [Section 3.1.28 \[CombineTextScript\]](#), page 367, [Section 3.1.32 \[DotColumn\]](#), page 372, [Section 3.1.33 \[Dots\]](#), page 373, [Section 3.1.34 \[DoublePercentRepeat\]](#), page 373, [Section 3.1.35 \[DoublePercentRepeatCounter\]](#), page 374, [Section 3.1.36 \[DoubleRepeatSlash\]](#), page 376, [Section 3.1.37 \[DynamicLineSpanner\]](#), page 376, [Section 3.1.38 \[DynamicText\]](#), page 377, [Section 3.1.39 \[DynamicTextSpanner\]](#), page 379, [Section 3.1.40 \[Episema\]](#), page 380, [Section 3.1.41 \[Fingering\]](#), page 381, [Section 3.1.46 \[Glissando\]](#), page 387, [Section 3.1.50 \[Hairpin\]](#), page 389, [Section 3.1.53 \[InstrumentSwitch\]](#), page 392, [Section 3.1.56 \[LaissezVibrerTie\]](#), page 396, [Section 3.1.57 \[LaissezVibrerTieColumn\]](#), page 397, [Section 3.1.69 \[MultiMeasureRest\]](#), page 405, [Section 3.1.70 \[MultiMeasureRestNumber\]](#), page 406, [Section 3.1.71 \[MultiMeasureRestText\]](#), page 408, [Section 3.1.74 \[NoteColumn\]](#), page 410, [Section 3.1.75 \[NoteHead\]](#), page 411, [Section 3.1.77 \[NoteSpacing\]](#), page 412, [Section 3.1.82 \[PercentRepeat\]](#), page 416, [Section 3.1.83 \[PercentRepeatCounter\]](#), page 417, [Section 3.1.84 \[PhrasingSlur\]](#), page 418, [Section 3.1.87 \[RepeatSlash\]](#), page 422, [Section 3.1.88 \[RepeatTie\]](#), page 422, [Section 3.1.89 \[RepeatTieColumn\]](#), page 423, [Section 3.1.90 \[Rest\]](#), page 424, [Section 3.1.92 \[Script\]](#), page 424, [Section 3.1.93 \[ScriptColumn\]](#), page 425, [Section 3.1.108 \[StringNumber\]](#), page 437, [Section 3.1.109 \[StrokeFinger\]](#), page 438, [Section 3.1.118 \[TextScript\]](#), page 446, [Section 3.1.120 \[Tie\]](#), page 449, [Section 3.1.121 \[TieColumn\]](#), page 450, [Section 3.1.123 \[TrillPitchAccidental\]](#), page 452, [Section 3.1.124 \[TrillPitchGroup\]](#), page 453, [Section 3.1.125 \[TrillPitchHead\]](#), page 454, [Section 3.1.126 \[TrillSpanner\]](#), page 454, [Section 3.1.127 \[TupletBracket\]](#), page 456, [Section 3.1.128 \[TupletNumber\]](#), page 457, [Section 3.1.131 \[VaticanaLigature\]](#), page 460 and [Section 3.1.134 \[VoiceFollower\]](#), page 462.

This context sets the following properties:

- Set grob-property **padding** in [Section 3.1.92 \[Script\]](#), page 424 to 0.5.
- Set grob-property **style** in [Section 3.1.75 \[NoteHead\]](#), page 411 to 'vaticana.punctum'.
- Set translator property **autoBeaming** to #f.

This context is a 'bottom' context; it cannot contain other contexts.

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

[Section 2.2.3 \[Arpeggio\\_engraver\]](#), page 289

Generate an Arpeggio symbol.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.5 \[arpeggio-event\]](#), page 42

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.9 \[Arpeggio\]](#), page 352.

**Section 2.2.4 [Auto\_beam\_engraver]**, page 289

Generate beams based on measure characteristics and observed Stems. Uses `baseMoment`, `beatStructure`, `beamExceptions`, `measureLength`, and `measurePosition` to decide when to start and stop a beam. Overriding beaming is done through [Section 2.2.115 \[Stem\\_engraver\]](#), page 326 properties `stemLeftBeamCount` and `stemRightBeamCount`.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.9 \[beam-forbid-event\]](#), page 42

Properties (read)

- `autoBeaming` (boolean)  
If set to true then beams are generated automatically.
- `baseMoment` (moment)  
Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.
- `beamExceptions` (list)  
An alist of exceptions to autobeam rules that normally end on beats.
- `beamHalfMeasure` (boolean)  
Whether to allow a beam to begin halfway through the measure in triple time, which could look like 6/8.
- `beatStructure` (list)  
List of `baseMoments` that are combined to make beats.
- `subdivideBeams` (boolean)  
If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at `baseMoment` positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\]](#), page 360.

**Section 2.2.10 [Beam\_engraver]**, page 292

Handle `Beam` events by engraving beams. If omitted, then notes are printed with flags instead of beams.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.8 \[beam-event\]](#), page 42

Properties (read)

- `baseMoment` (moment)  
Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.
- `beamMelismaBusy` (boolean)  
Signal if a beam is present.

**beatStructure** (list)

List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.

**subdivideBeams** (boolean)

If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

Properties (write)

**forbidBreak** (boolean)

If set to **#t**, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.19 [Beam], page 360.

#### Section 2.2.12 [Bend\_engraver], page 293

Create fall spanners.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.10 [bend-after-event], page 43

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.20 [BendAfter], page 361.

#### Section 2.2.14 [Breathing\_sign\_engraver], page 293

Create a breathing sign.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.14 [breathing-event], page 43

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.23 [BreathingSign], page 363.

#### Section 2.2.16 [Chord\_tremolo\_engraver], page 294

Generate beams for tremolo repeats.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.73 [tremolo-span-event], page 51

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.19 [Beam], page 360.

#### Section 2.2.18 [Cluster\_spanner\_engraver], page 295

Engrave a cluster using **Spanner** notation.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.15 [cluster-note-event], page 43

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.26 [ClusterSpanner], page 366 and Section 3.1.27 [ClusterSpannerBeacon], page 367.

#### Section 2.2.28 [Dots\_engraver], page 298

Create Section 3.1.33 [Dots], page 373 objects for Section 3.2.89 [rhythmic-head-interface], page 510s.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.33 [Dots], page 373.

**Section 2.2.29 [Double\_percent\_repeat\_engraver], page 298**

Make double measure repeats.

Music types accepted:

**Section 1.2.19 [double-percent-event], page 43**

Properties (read)

**countPercentRepeats** (boolean)

If set, produce counters for percent repeats.

**measureLength** (moment)

Length of one measure in the current time signature.

**repeatCountVisibility** (procedure)

A procedure taking as arguments an integer and context, returning whether the corresponding percent repeat number should be printed when **countPercentRepeats** is set.

Properties (write)

**forbidBreak** (boolean)

If set to **#t**, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.34 [DoublePercentRepeat], page 373** and **Section 3.1.35 [DoublePercentRepeatCounter], page 374.**

**Section 2.2.32 [Dynamic\_align\_engraver], page 299**

Align hairpins and dynamic texts on a horizontal line.

Properties (read)

**currentMusicalColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.37 [DynamicLineSpanner], page 376.**

**Section 2.2.36 [Episema\_engraver], page 300**

Create an *Editio Vaticana*-style episema line.

Music types accepted:

**Section 1.2.21 [episema-event], page 44**

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.40 [Episema], page 380.**

**Section 2.2.40 [Fingering\_engraver], page 302**

Create fingering scripts.

Music types accepted:

**Section 1.2.23 [fingering-event], page 44**

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.41 [Fingering], page 381.**

**Section 2.2.41 [Font\_size\_engraver], page 302**

Put **fontSize** into **font-size** grob property.

Properties (read)

**fontSize** (number)

The relative size of all grobs in a context.

**Section 2.2.43 [Forbid\_line\_break\_engraver], page 303**

Forbid line breaks when note heads are still playing at some point.

Properties (read)

**busyGrobs** (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

**forbidBreak** (boolean)

If set to **#t**, prevent a line break at this point.

**Section 2.2.45 [Glissando\_engraver], page 304**

Engrave glissandi.

Music types accepted:

**Section 1.2.25 [glissando-event], page 44**

Properties (read)

**glissandoMap** (list)

A map in the form of '((source1 . target1) (source2 . target2) (sourcen . targetn))' showing the glissandi to be drawn for note columns. The value '()' will default to '((0 . 0) (1 . 1) (n . n))', where n is the minimal number of note-heads in the two note columns between which the glissandi occur.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

**Section 3.1.46 [Glissando], page 387.**

**Section 2.2.46 [Grace\_beam\_engraver], page 304**

Handle Beam events by engraving beams. If omitted, then notes are printed with flags instead of beams. Only engraves beams when we are at grace points in time.

Music types accepted:

**Section 1.2.8 [beam-event], page 42**

Properties (read)

**baseMoment** (moment)

Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

**beamMelismaBusy** (boolean)

Signal if a beam is present.

**beatStructure** (list)

List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.

**subdivideBeams** (boolean)

If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.



This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\]](#), page 360.

[Section 2.2.47 \[Grace\\_engraver\]](#), page 305

Set font size and other properties for grace notes.

Properties (read)

`graceSettings` (list)

Overrides for grace notes. This property should be manipulated through the `add-grace-property` function.

[Section 2.2.51 \[Grob\\_pq\\_engraver\]](#), page 306

Administrate when certain grobs (e.g., note heads) stop playing.

Properties (read)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment* . *grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment* . *grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

[Section 2.2.56 \[Instrument\\_switch\\_engraver\]](#), page 307

Create a cue text for taking instrument.

Properties (read)

`instrumentCueName` (markup)

The name to print if another instrument is to be taken.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.53 \[InstrumentSwitch\]](#), page 392.

[Section 2.2.60 \[Laissez\\_vibrer\\_engraver\]](#), page 309

Create laissez vibrer items.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.30 \[laissez-vibrer-event\]](#), page 45

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.56 \[LaissezVibrerTie\]](#), page 396 and [Section 3.1.57 \[LaissezVibrerTieColumn\]](#), page 397.

[Section 2.2.70 \[Multi\\_measure\\_rest\\_engraver\]](#), page 312

Engrave multi-measure rests that are produced with ‘R’. It reads `measurePosition` and `internalBarNumber` to determine what number to print over the [Section 3.1.69 \[MultiMeasureRest\]](#), page 405.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.37 \[multi-measure-rest-event\]](#), page 45 and [Section 1.2.38 \[multi-measure-text-event\]](#), page 45

Properties (read)

**currentCommandColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

**internalBarNumber** (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is used for internal timekeeping, among others by the **Accidental\_engraver**.

**measurePosition** (moment)

How much of the current measure have we had. This can be set manually to create incomplete measures.

**restNumberThreshold** (number)

If a multimeasure rest has more measures than this, a number is printed.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.69 \[MultiMeasureRest\]](#), page 405, [Section 3.1.70 \[MultiMeasureRestNumber\]](#), page 406 and [Section 3.1.71 \[MultiMeasureRestText\]](#), page 408.

#### [Section 2.2.71 \[New\\_dynamic\\_engraver\]](#), page 312

Create hairpins, dynamic texts and dynamic text spanners.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.1 \[absolute-dynamic-event\]](#), page 42, [Section 1.2.13 \[break-span-event\]](#), page 43 and [Section 1.2.61 \[span-dynamic-event\]](#), page 49

Properties (read)

**crescendoSpanner** (symbol)

The type of spanner to be used for crescendo. Available values are ‘**hairpin**’ and ‘**text**’. If unset, a hairpin crescendo is used.

**crescendoText** (markup)

The text to print at start of non-hairpin crescendo, i.e., ‘**cresc.**’.

**currentMusicalColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

**decrescendoSpanner** (symbol)

The type of spanner to be used for decrescendi. Available values are ‘**hairpin**’ and ‘**text**’. If unset, a hairpin decrescendo is used.

**decrescendoText** (markup)

The text to print at start of non-hairpin decrescendo, i.e., ‘**dim.**’.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.38 \[DynamicText\]](#), page 377, [Section 3.1.39 \[DynamicTextSpanner\]](#), page 379 and [Section 3.1.50 \[Hairpin\]](#), page 389.

**Section 2.2.72 [New\_fingering\_engraver], page 313**

Create fingering scripts for notes in a new chord. This engraver is ill-named, since it also takes care of articulations and harmonic note heads.

Properties (read)

**fingeringOrientations** (list)

A list of symbols, containing ‘left’, ‘right’, ‘up’ and/or ‘down’. This list determines where fingerings are put relative to the chord being fingered.

**harmonicDots** (boolean)

If set, harmonic notes in dotted chords get dots.

**stringNumberOrientations** (list)

See **fingeringOrientations**.

**strokeFingerOrientations** (list)

See **fingeringOrientations**.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.41 [Fingering], page 381, Section 3.1.92 [Script], page 424, Section 3.1.108 [StringNumber], page 437 and Section 3.1.109 [StrokeFinger], page 438.

**Section 2.2.73 [Note\_head\_line\_engraver], page 314**

Engrave a line between two note heads, for example a glissando. If **followVoice** is set, staff switches also generate a line.

Properties (read)

**followVoice** (boolean)

If set, note heads are tracked across staff switches by a thin line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.46 [Glissando], page 387 and Section 3.1.134 [VoiceFollower], page 462.

**Section 2.2.74 [Note\_heads\_engraver], page 314**

Generate note heads.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.40 [note-event], page 46

Properties (read)

**middleCPosition** (number)

The place of the middle C, measured in half staff-spaces. Usually determined by looking at **middleCClefPosition** and **middleCOffset**.

**staffLineLayoutFunction** (procedure)

Layout of staff lines, **traditional**, or **semitone**.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.75 [NoteHead], page 411.

**Section 2.2.77 [Note\_spacing\_engraver], page 315**

Generate `NoteSpacing`, an object linking horizontal lines for use in spacing.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.77 [`NoteSpacing`], page 412.

**Section 2.2.79 [Output\_property\_engraver], page 315**

Apply a procedure to any grob acknowledged.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.4 [`apply-output-event`], page 42

**Section 2.2.83 [Part\_combine\_engraver], page 317**

Part combine engraver for orchestral scores: Print markings ‘a2’, ‘Solo’, ‘Solo II’, and ‘unisono’.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.40 [`note-event`], page 46 and Section 1.2.44 [`part-combine-event`], page 47

Properties (read)

`aDueText` (markup)

Text to print at a unisono passage.

`partCombineTextsOnNote` (boolean)

Print part-combine texts only on the next note rather than immediately on rests or skips.

`printPartCombineTexts` (boolean)

Set ‘Solo’ and ‘A due’ texts in the part combiner?

`soloIIIText` (markup)

The text for the start of a solo for voice ‘two’ when part-combining.

`soloText` (markup)

The text for the start of a solo when part-combining.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.28 [`CombineTextScript`], page 367.

**Section 2.2.84 [Percent\_repeat\_engraver], page 317**

Make whole measure repeats.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.47 [`percent-event`], page 47

Properties (read)

`countPercentRepeats` (boolean)

If set, produce counters for percent repeats.

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

**repeatCountVisibility** (procedure)

A procedure taking as arguments an integer and context, returning whether the corresponding percent repeat number should be printed when **countPercentRepeats** is set.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.82 [PercentRepeat], page 416 and Section 3.1.83 [PercentRepeatCounter], page 417.

**Section 2.2.85 [Phrasing\_slur\_engraver], page 318**

Print phrasing slurs. Similar to Section 2.2.103 [Slur\_engraver], page 323.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.49 [phrasing-slur-event], page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.84 [PhrasingSlur], page 418.

**Section 2.2.90 [Pitched\_trill\_engraver], page 319**

Print the bracketed note head after a note head with trill.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.123 [TrillPitchAccidental], page 452, Section 3.1.124 [TrillPitchGroup], page 453 and Section 3.1.125 [TrillPitchHead], page 454.

**Section 2.2.93 [Repeat\_tie\_engraver], page 320**

Create repeat ties.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.51 [repeat-tie-event], page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.88 [RepeatTie], page 422 and Section 3.1.89 [RepeatTieColumn], page 423.

**Section 2.2.95 [Rest\_engraver], page 321**

Engrave rests.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.52 [rest-event], page 48

Properties (read)

**middleCPosition** (number)

The place of the middle C, measured in half staff-spaces. Usually determined by looking at **middleCClefPosition** and **middleCOffset**.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.90 [Rest], page 424.

**Section 2.2.96 [Rhythmic\_column\_engraver], page 321**

Generate **NoteColumn**, an object that groups stems, note heads, and rests.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.74 [NoteColumn], page 410.

**Section 2.2.98 [Script\_column\_engraver], page 322**

Find potentially colliding scripts and put them into a `ScriptColumn` object; that will fix the collisions.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.93 [`ScriptColumn`], page 425.

**Section 2.2.99 [Script\_engraver], page 322**

Handle note scripted articulations.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.6 [artication-event], page 42

Properties (read)

`scriptDefinitions` (list)

The description of scripts. This is used by the `Script_engraver` for typesetting note-superscripts and subscripts. See ‘`scm/script.scm`’ for more information.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.92 [`Script`], page 424.

**Section 2.2.102 [Slash\_repeat\_engraver], page 323**

Make beat repeats.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.50 [repeat-slash-event], page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.36 [`DoubleRepeatSlash`], page 376 and Section 3.1.87 [`RepeatSlash`], page 422.

**Section 2.2.109 [Spanner\_break\_forbid\_engraver], page 325**

Forbid breaks in certain spanners.

**Section 2.2.121 [Text\_engraver], page 328**

Create text scripts.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.69 [text-script-event], page 50

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.118 [`TextScript`], page 446.

**Section 2.2.123 [Tie\_engraver], page 329**

Generate ties between note heads of equal pitch.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.71 [tie-event], page 50

Properties (read)

`tieWaitForNote` (boolean)

If true, tied notes do not have to follow each other directly. This can be used for writing out arpeggios.

Properties (write)

`tieMelismaBusy` (boolean)

Signal whether a tie is present.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.120 [Tie], page 449 and Section 3.1.121 [TieColumn], page 450.

**Section 2.2.129 [Trill\_spanner\_engraver], page 331**

Create trill spanner from an event.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.74 [trill-span-event], page 51

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.126 [TrillSpanner], page 454.

**Section 2.2.130 [Tuplet\_engraver], page 331**

Catch tuplet events and generate appropriate bracket.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.75 [tuplet-span-event], page 51

Properties (read)

`tupletFullLength` (boolean)

If set, the tuplet is printed up to the start of the next note.

`tupletFullLengthNote` (boolean)

If set, end at the next note, otherwise end on the matter (time signatures, etc.) before the note.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.127 [TupletBracket], page 456 and Section 3.1.128 [Tuplet-Number], page 457.

**Section 2.2.131 [Tweak\_engraver], page 332**

Read the `tweaks` property from the originating event, and set properties.

**Section 2.2.132 [Vaticana\_ligature\_engraver], page 332**

Handle ligatures by glueing special ligature heads together.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.32 [ligature-event], page 45 and Section 1.2.48 [pes-or-flexa-event], page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.32 [DotColumn], page 372 and Section 3.1.131 [VaticanaLigature], page 460.

### 2.1.31 Voice

Corresponds to a voice on a staff. This context handles the conversion of dynamic signs, stems, beams, super- and subscripts, slurs, ties, and rests.

You have to instantiate this explicitly if you want to have multiple voices on the same staff.

This context creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.9 [Arpeggio], page 352, Section 3.1.19 [Beam], page 360, Section 3.1.20 [BendAfter], page 361, Section 3.1.23 [BreathingSign], page 363, Section 3.1.26 [ClusterSpanner], page 366, Section 3.1.27 [ClusterSpannerBeacon], page 367, Section 3.1.28 [CombineTextScript], page 367, Section 3.1.33 [Dots], page 373, Section 3.1.34 [DoublePercentRepeat], page 373, Section 3.1.35 [DoublePercentRepeatCounter], page 374, Section 3.1.36 [DoubleRepeatSlash], page 376, Section 3.1.37 [DynamicLineSpanner], page 376, Section 3.1.38 [DynamicText], page 377, Section 3.1.39 [DynamicTextSpanner], page 379, Section 3.1.41 [Fingering], page 381, Section 3.1.46 [Glissando], page 387, Section 3.1.50 [Hairpin], page 389, Section 3.1.53 [InstrumentSwitch], page 392, Section 3.1.56 [LaissezVibrerTie], page 396, Section 3.1.57 [LaissezVibrerTieColumn], page 397, Section 3.1.60 [LigatureBracket], page 398, Section 3.1.69 [MultiMeasureRest], page 405, Section 3.1.70 [MultiMeasureRestNumber], page 406, Section 3.1.71 [MultiMeasureRestText], page 408, Section 3.1.74 [NoteColumn], page 410, Section 3.1.75 [NoteHead], page 411, Section 3.1.77 [NoteSpacing], page 412, Section 3.1.82 [PercentRepeat], page 416, Section 3.1.83 [PercentRepeatCounter], page 417, Section 3.1.84 [PhrasingSlur], page 418, Section 3.1.87 [RepeatSlash], page 422, Section 3.1.88 [RepeatTie], page 422, Section 3.1.89 [RepeatTieColumn], page 423, Section 3.1.90 [Rest], page 424, Section 3.1.92 [Script], page 424, Section 3.1.93 [ScriptColumn], page 425, Section 3.1.95 [Slur], page 426, Section 3.1.105 [Stem], page 434, Section 3.1.107 [StemTremolo], page 436, Section 3.1.108 [StringNumber], page 437, Section 3.1.109 [StrokeFinger], page 438, Section 3.1.118 [TextScript], page 446, Section 3.1.119 [TextSpanner], page 448, Section 3.1.120 [Tie], page 449, Section 3.1.121 [TieColumn], page 450, Section 3.1.123 [TrillPitchAccidental], page 452, Section 3.1.124 [TrillPitchGroup], page 453, Section 3.1.125 [TrillPitchHead], page 454, Section 3.1.126 [TrillSpanner], page 454, Section 3.1.127 [TupletBracket], page 456, Section 3.1.128 [TupletNumber], page 457 and Section 3.1.134 [VoiceFollower], page 462.

This context is a ‘bottom’ context; it cannot contain other contexts.

This context is built from the following engraver(s):

Section 2.2.3 [Arpeggio\_engraver], page 289

Generate an Arpeggio symbol.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.5 [arpeggio-event], page 42

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.9 [Arpeggio], page 352.

Section 2.2.4 [Auto\_beam\_engraver], page 289

Generate beams based on measure characteristics and observed Stems.

Uses `baseMoment`, `beatStructure`, `beamExceptions`, `measureLength`, and `measurePosition` to decide when to start and stop a beam. Overriding beaming is done through Section 2.2.115 [Stem\_engraver], page 326 properties `stemLeftBeamCount` and `stemRightBeamCount`.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.9 [beam-forbid-event], page 42

Properties (read)



- autoBeaming** (boolean)  
If set to true then beams are generated automatically.
- baseMoment** (moment)  
Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.
- beamExceptions** (list)  
An alist of exceptions to autobeam rules that normally end on beats.
- beamHalfMeasure** (boolean)  
Whether to allow a beam to begin halfway through the measure in triple time, which could look like 6/8.
- beatStructure** (list)  
List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.
- subdivideBeams** (boolean)  
If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\], page 360.](#)

**Section 2.2.10 [Beam\_engraver], page 292**

Handle **Beam** events by engraving beams. If omitted, then notes are printed with flags instead of beams.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.8 \[beam-event\], page 42](#)

Properties (read)

- baseMoment** (moment)  
Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.
- beamMelismaBusy** (boolean)  
Signal if a beam is present.
- beatStructure** (list)  
List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.
- subdivideBeams** (boolean)  
If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

Properties (write)

- forbidBreak** (boolean)  
If set to **#t**, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\], page 360.](#)

**Section 2.2.12 [Bend\_engraver], page 293**

Create fall spanners.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.10 [bend-after-event], page 43

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.20 [BendAfter], page 361.

**Section 2.2.14 [Breathing\_sign\_engraver], page 293**

Create a breathing sign.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.14 [breathing-event], page 43

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.23 [BreathingSign], page 363.

**Section 2.2.16 [Chord\_tremolo\_engraver], page 294**

Generate beams for tremolo repeats.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.73 [tremolo-span-event], page 51

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.19 [Beam], page 360.

**Section 2.2.18 [Cluster\_spanner\_engraver], page 295**

Engrave a cluster using **Spanner** notation.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.15 [cluster-note-event], page 43

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.26 [ClusterSpanner], page 366 and Section 3.1.27 [ClusterSpannerBeacon], page 367.

**Section 2.2.28 [Dots\_engraver], page 298**

Create Section 3.1.33 [Dots], page 373 objects for Section 3.2.89 [rhythmic-head-interface], page 510s.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.33 [Dots], page 373.

**Section 2.2.29 [Double\_percent\_repeat\_engraver], page 298**

Make double measure repeats.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.19 [double-percent-event], page 43

Properties (read)

**countPercentRepeats** (boolean)

If set, produce counters for percent repeats.

**measureLength** (moment)

Length of one measure in the current time signature.

**repeatCountVisibility** (procedure)

A procedure taking as arguments an integer and context, returning whether the corresponding percent repeat number should be printed when **countPercentRepeats** is set.

Properties (write)

`forbidBreak` (boolean)

If set to `#t`, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.34 [DoublePercentRepeat], page 373 and Section 3.1.35 [DoublePercentRepeatCounter], page 374.

Section 2.2.32 [Dynamic\_align\_engraver], page 299

Align hairpins and dynamic texts on a horizontal line.

Properties (read)

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.37 [DynamicLineSpanner], page 376.

Section 2.2.40 [Fingering\_engraver], page 302

Create fingering scripts.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.23 [fingering-event], page 44

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.41 [Fingering], page 381.

Section 2.2.41 [Font\_size\_engraver], page 302

Put `fontSize` into `font-size` grob property.

Properties (read)

`fontSize` (number)

The relative size of all grobs in a context.

Section 2.2.43 [Forbid\_line\_break\_engraver], page 303

Forbid line breaks when note heads are still playing at some point.

Properties (read)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

`forbidBreak` (boolean)

If set to `#t`, prevent a line break at this point.

Section 2.2.45 [Glissando\_engraver], page 304

Engrave glissandi.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.25 [glissando-event], page 44

Properties (read)

**glissandoMap** (list)

A map in the form of '((source1 . target1) (source2 . target2) (sourcen . targetn))' showing the glissandi to be drawn for note columns. The value '()' will default to '((0 . 0) (1 . 1) (n . n))', where n is the minimal number of note heads in the two note columns between which the glissandi occur.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.46 \[Glissando\], page 387.](#)

**Section 2.2.46 [Grace\_beam\_engraver], page 304**

Handle **Beam** events by engraving beams. If omitted, then notes are printed with flags instead of beams. Only engraves beams when we are at grace points in time.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.8 \[beam-event\], page 42](#)

Properties (read)

**baseMoment** (moment)

Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

**beamMelismaBusy** (boolean)

Signal if a beam is present.

**beatStructure** (list)

List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.

**subdivideBeams** (boolean)

If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\], page 360.](#)

**Section 2.2.47 [Grace\_engraver], page 305**

Set font size and other properties for grace notes.

Properties (read)

**graceSettings** (list)

Overrides for grace notes. This property should be manipulated through the **add-grace-property** function.

**Section 2.2.51 [Grob\_pq\_engraver], page 306**

Administrate when certain grobs (e.g., note heads) stop playing.

Properties (read)

**busyGrobs** (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment . grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

**Section 2.2.56 [Instrument\_switch\_engraver], page 307**

Create a cue text for taking instrument.

Properties (read)

`instrumentCueName` (markup)

The name to print if another instrument is to be taken.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.53 [InstrumentSwitch], page 392.

**Section 2.2.60 [Laissez\_vibrer\_engraver], page 309**

Create laissez vibrer items.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.30 [laissez-vibrer-event], page 45

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.56 [LaissezVibrerTie], page 396 and Section 3.1.57 [LaissezVibrerTieColumn], page 397.

**Section 2.2.62 [Ligature\_bracket\_engraver], page 309**

Handle `Ligature_events` by engraving `Ligature` brackets.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.32 [ligature-event], page 45

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.60 [LigatureBracket], page 398.

**Section 2.2.70 [Multi\_measure\_rest\_engraver], page 312**

Engrave multi-measure rests that are produced with ‘R’. It reads `measurePosition` and `internalBarNumber` to determine what number to print over the Section 3.1.69 [MultiMeasureRest], page 405.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.37 [multi-measure-rest-event], page 45 and Section 1.2.38 [multi-measure-text-event], page 45

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`internalBarNumber` (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is used for internal timekeeping, among others by the `Accidental_engraver`.

**measurePosition** (moment)

How much of the current measure have we had.  
This can be set manually to create incomplete measures.

**restNumberThreshold** (number)

If a multimeasure rest has more measures than this, a number is printed.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.69 [MultiMeasureRest], page 405, Section 3.1.70 [MultiMeasureRestNumber], page 406 and Section 3.1.71 [MultiMeasureRestText], page 408.

#### Section 2.2.71 [New\_dynamic\_engraver], page 312

Create hairpins, dynamic texts and dynamic text spanners.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.1 [absolute-dynamic-event], page 42, Section 1.2.13 [break-span-event], page 43 and Section 1.2.61 [span-dynamic-event], page 49

Properties (read)

**crescendoSpanner** (symbol)

The type of spanner to be used for crescendi.  
Available values are ‘hairpin’ and ‘text’. If unset, a hairpin crescendo is used.

**crescendoText** (markup)

The text to print at start of non-hairpin crescendo, i.e., ‘cresc.’.

**currentMusicalColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

**decrescendoSpanner** (symbol)

The type of spanner to be used for decrescendi.  
Available values are ‘hairpin’ and ‘text’. If unset, a hairpin decrescendo is used.

**decrescendoText** (markup)

The text to print at start of non-hairpin decrescendo, i.e., ‘dim.’.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.38 [DynamicText], page 377, Section 3.1.39 [DynamicTextSpanner], page 379 and Section 3.1.50 [Hairpin], page 389.

#### Section 2.2.72 [New\_fingering\_engraver], page 313

Create fingering scripts for notes in a new chord. This engraver is ill-named, since it also takes care of articulations and harmonic note heads.

Properties (read)

**fingeringOrientations** (list)

A list of symbols, containing ‘left’, ‘right’, ‘up’ and/or ‘down’. This list determines where

fingerings are put relative to the chord being fingered.

**harmonicDots** (boolean)

If set, harmonic notes in dotted chords get dots.

**stringNumberOrientations** (list)

See **fingeringOrientations**.

**strokeFingerOrientations** (list)

See **fingeringOrientations**.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.41 [Fingering], page 381, Section 3.1.92 [Script], page 424,  
Section 3.1.108 [StringNumber], page 437 and Section 3.1.109  
[StrokeFinger], page 438.

#### Section 2.2.73 [Note\_head\_line\_engraver], page 314

Engrave a line between two note heads, for example a glissando. If **followVoice** is set, staff switches also generate a line.

Properties (read)

**followVoice** (boolean)

If set, note heads are tracked across staff switches by a thin line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.46 [Glissando], page 387 and Section 3.1.134 [VoiceFollower],  
page 462.

#### Section 2.2.74 [Note\_heads\_engraver], page 314

Generate note heads.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.40 [note-event], page 46

Properties (read)

**middleCPosition** (number)

The place of the middle C, measured in half staff-spaces. Usually determined by looking at **middleCClefPosition** and **middleCOffset**.

**staffLineLayoutFunction** (procedure)

Layout of staff lines, **traditional**, or **semitone**.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.75 [NoteHead], page 411.

#### Section 2.2.77 [Note\_spacing\_engraver], page 315

Generate **NoteSpacing**, an object linking horizontal lines for use in spacing.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.77 [NoteSpacing], page 412.

#### Section 2.2.79 [Output\_property\_engraver], page 315

Apply a procedure to any grob acknowledged.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.4 [apply-output-event], page 42

**Section 2.2.83 [Part\_combine\_engraver], page 317**

Part combine engraver for orchestral scores: Print markings ‘a2’, ‘Solo’, ‘Solo II’, and ‘unisono’.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.40 [note-event], page 46 and Section 1.2.44 [part-combine-event], page 47

Properties (read)

**aDueText** (markup)

Text to print at a unisono passage.

**partCombineTextsOnNote** (boolean)

Print part-combine texts only on the next note rather than immediately on rests or skips.

**printPartCombineTexts** (boolean)

Set ‘Solo’ and ‘A due’ texts in the part combiner?

**soloIIText** (markup)

The text for the start of a solo for voice ‘two’ when part-combining.

**soloText** (markup)

The text for the start of a solo when part-combining.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.28 [CombineTextScript], page 367.

**Section 2.2.84 [Percent\_repeat\_engraver], page 317**

Make whole measure repeats.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.47 [percent-event], page 47

Properties (read)

**countPercentRepeats** (boolean)

If set, produce counters for percent repeats.

**currentCommandColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

**repeatCountVisibility** (procedure)

A procedure taking as arguments an integer and context, returning whether the corresponding percent repeat number should be printed when **countPercentRepeats** is set.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.82 [PercentRepeat], page 416 and Section 3.1.83 [PercentRepeatCounter], page 417.

**Section 2.2.85 [Phrasing\_slur\_engraver], page 318**

Print phrasing slurs. Similar to Section 2.2.103 [Slur\_engraver], page 323.



Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.49 \[phrasing-slur-event\]](#), page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.84 \[PhrasingSlur\]](#), page 418.

**Section 2.2.90 [Pitched\_trill\_engraver], page 319**

Print the bracketed note head after a note head with trill.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.123 \[TrillPitchAccidental\]](#), page 452, [Section 3.1.124 \[TrillPitchGroup\]](#), page 453 and [Section 3.1.125 \[TrillPitchHead\]](#), page 454.

**Section 2.2.93 [Repeat\_tie\_engraver], page 320**

Create repeat ties.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.51 \[repeat-tie-event\]](#), page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.88 \[RepeatTie\]](#), page 422 and [Section 3.1.89 \[RepeatTieColumn\]](#), page 423.

**Section 2.2.95 [Rest\_engraver], page 321**

Engrave rests.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.52 \[rest-event\]](#), page 48

Properties (read)

`middleCPosition` (number)

The place of the middle C, measured in half staff-spaces. Usually determined by looking at `middleCClefPosition` and `middleCOffset`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.90 \[Rest\]](#), page 424.

**Section 2.2.96 [Rhythmic\_column\_engraver], page 321**

Generate `NoteColumn`, an object that groups stems, note heads, and rests.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.74 \[NoteColumn\]](#), page 410.

**Section 2.2.98 [Script\_column\_engraver], page 322**

Find potentially colliding scripts and put them into a `ScriptColumn` object; that will fix the collisions.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.93 \[ScriptColumn\]](#), page 425.

**Section 2.2.99 [Script\_engraver], page 322**

Handle note scripted articulations.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.6 \[articulation-event\]](#), page 42

Properties (read)

**scriptDefinitions** (list)

The description of scripts. This is used by the **Script\_engraver** for typesetting note-superscripts and subscripts. See ‘**scm/script.scm**’ for more information.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.92 [Script], page 424.

Section 2.2.102 [Slash\_repeat\_engraver], page 323

Make beat repeats.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.50 [repeat-slash-event], page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.36 [DoubleRepeatSlash], page 376 and Section 3.1.87 [RepeatSlash], page 422.

Section 2.2.103 [Slur\_engraver], page 323

Build slur grobs from slur events.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.56 [slur-event], page 48

Properties (read)

**doubleSlurs** (boolean)

If set, two slurs are created for every slurred note, one above and one below the chord.

**slurMelismaBusy** (boolean)

Signal if a slur is present.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.95 [Slur], page 426.

Section 2.2.109 [Spanner\_break\_forbid\_engraver], page 325

Forbid breaks in certain spanners.

Section 2.2.115 [Stem\_engraver], page 326

Create stems and single-stem tremolos. It also works together with the beam engraver for overriding beaming.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.72 [tremolo-event], page 50 and Section 1.2.75 [tuplet-span-event], page 51

Properties (read)

**stemLeftBeamCount** (integer)

Specify the number of beams to draw on the left side of the next note. Overrides automatic beaming. The value is only used once, and then it is erased.

**stemRightBeamCount** (integer)

See **stemLeftBeamCount**.

**tremoloFlags** (integer)

The number of tremolo flags to add if no number is specified.

`whichBar` (string)

This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.

Example:

```
\set Staff.whichBar = "|:"
```

This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in [Section “bar-line-interface”](#) in *Internals Reference*.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.105 \[Stem\]](#), page 434 and [Section 3.1.107 \[StemTremolo\]](#), page 436.

#### [Section 2.2.121 \[Text\\_engraver\]](#), page 328

Create text scripts.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.69 \[text-script-event\]](#), page 50

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.118 \[TextScript\]](#), page 446.

#### [Section 2.2.122 \[Text\\_spanner\\_engraver\]](#), page 328

Create text spanner from an event.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.70 \[text-span-event\]](#), page 50

Properties (read)

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.119 \[TextSpanner\]](#), page 448.

#### [Section 2.2.123 \[Tie\\_engraver\]](#), page 329

Generate ties between note heads of equal pitch.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.71 \[tie-event\]](#), page 50

Properties (read)

`tieWaitForNote` (boolean)

If true, tied notes do not have to follow each other directly. This can be used for writing out arpeggios.

Properties (write)

`tieMelismaBusy` (boolean)

Signal whether a tie is present.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.120 \[Tie\]](#), page 449 and [Section 3.1.121 \[TieColumn\]](#), page 450.

**Section 2.2.129 [Trill\_spanner\_engraver], page 331**

Create trill spanner from an event.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.74 \[trill-span-event\], page 51](#)

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.126 \[TrillSpanner\], page 454.](#)

**Section 2.2.130 [Tuplet\_engraver], page 331**

Catch tuplet events and generate appropriate bracket.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.75 \[tuplet-span-event\], page 51](#)

Properties (read)

`tupletFullLength` (boolean)

If set, the tuplet is printed up to the start of the next note.

`tupletFullLengthNote` (boolean)

If set, end at the next note, otherwise end on the matter (time signatures, etc.) before the note.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.127 \[TupletBracket\], page 456](#) and [Section 3.1.128 \[Tuplet-Number\], page 457.](#)

**Section 2.2.131 [Tweak\_engraver], page 332**

Read the `tweaks` property from the originating event, and set properties.

## 2.2 Engravers and Performers

See [Section “Modifying context plug-ins” in \*Notation Reference\*.](#)

### 2.2.1 Accidental\_engraver

Make accidentals. Catch note heads, ties and notices key-change events. This engraver usually lives at Staff level, but reads the settings for Accidental at Voice level, so you can `\override` them at Voice.

Properties (read)

`autoAccidentals` (list)

List of different ways to typeset an accidental.

For determining when to print an accidental, several different rules are tried. The rule that gives the highest number of accidentals is used.

Each entry in the list is either a symbol or a procedure.

*symbol* The symbol is the name of the context in which the following rules are to be applied. For example, if *context* is [Section “Score” in \*Internals Reference\*](#) then all staves share accidentals, and if *context* is [Section “Staff” in \*Internals Reference\*](#) then all voices in the same staff share accidentals, but staves do not.

*procedure* The procedure represents an accidental rule to be applied to the previously specified context.

The procedure takes the following arguments:

*context* The current context to which the rule should be applied.

*pitch* The pitch of the note to be evaluated.

*barnum* The current bar number.

*measurepos*

The current measure position.

The procedure returns a pair of booleans. The first states whether an extra natural should be added. The second states whether an accidental should be printed. (*#t . #f*) does not make sense.

*autoCautionaries* (list)

List similar to *autoAccidentals*, but it controls cautionary accidentals rather than normal ones. Both lists are tried, and the one giving the most accidentals wins. In case of draw, a normal accidental is typeset.

*extraNatural* (boolean)

Whether to typeset an extra natural sign before accidentals that reduce the effect of a previous alteration.

*harmonicAccidentals* (boolean)

If set, harmonic notes in chords get accidentals.

*internalBarNumber* (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is used for internal timekeeping, among others by the *Accidental\_engraver*.

*keySignature* (list)

The current key signature. This is an alist containing (*step . alter*) or ((*octave . step*) . *alter*), where *step* is a number in the range 0 to 6 and *alter* a fraction, denoting alteration. For alterations, use symbols, e.g. *keySignature* = *#`((6 . ,FLAT))*.

*localKeySignature* (list)

The key signature at this point in the measure. The format is the same as for *keySignature*, but can also contain ((*octave . name*) . (*alter barnumber . measureposition*)) pairs.

Properties (write)

*localKeySignature* (list)

The key signature at this point in the measure. The format is the same as for *keySignature*, but can also contain ((*octave . name*) . (*alter barnumber . measureposition*)) pairs.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.1 [Accidental], page 346, Section 3.1.2 [AccidentalCautionary], page 346, Section 3.1.3 [AccidentalPlacement], page 347 and Section 3.1.4 [AccidentalSuggestion], page 348.

`Accidental_engraver` is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.12 [GregorianTranscriptionStaff], page 103, Section 2.1.14 [KievanStaff], page 126, Section 2.1.17 [MensuralStaff], page 152, Section 2.1.20 [PetrucciStaff], page 176, Section 2.1.25 [Staff], page 219 and Section 2.1.29 [VaticanaStaff], page 252.

## 2.2.2 Ambitus\_engraver

Create an ambitus.

Properties (read)

`keySignature` (list)

The current key signature. This is an alist containing (*step* . *alter*) or ((*octave* . *step*) . *alter*), where *step* is a number in the range 0 to 6 and *alter* a fraction, denoting alteration. For alterations, use symbols, e.g. `keySignature = #'((6 . ,FLAT))`.

`middleCClefPosition` (number)

The position of the middle C, as determined only by the clef. This can be calculated by looking at `clefPosition` and `clefGlyph`.

`middleCOffset` (number)

The offset of middle C from the position given by `middleCClefPosition`. This is used for ottava brackets.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.3 [AccidentalPlacement], page 347, Section 3.1.5 [Ambitus], page 349, Section 3.1.6 [AmbitusAccidental], page 350, Section 3.1.7 [AmbitusLine], page 351 and Section 3.1.8 [AmbitusNoteHead], page 352.

`Ambitus_engraver` is not part of any context.

## 2.2.3 Arpeggio\_engraver

Generate an Arpeggio symbol.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.5 [arpeggio-event], page 42

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.9 [Arpeggio], page 352.

`Arpeggio_engraver` is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.3 [CueVoice], page 61, Section 2.1.13 [GregorianTranscriptionVoice], page 113, Section 2.1.15 [KievanVoice], page 136, Section 2.1.18 [MensuralVoice], page 162, Section 2.1.21 [PetrucciVoice], page 187, Section 2.1.28 [TabVoice], page 238, Section 2.1.30 [VaticanaVoice], page 263 and Section 2.1.31 [Voice], page 275.

## 2.2.4 Auto\_beam\_engraver

Generate beams based on measure characteristics and observed Stems. Uses `baseMoment`, `beatStructure`, `beamExceptions`, `measureLength`, and `measurePosition` to decide when to start and stop a beam. Overriding beaming is done through Section 2.2.115 [Stem\_engraver], page 326 properties `stemLeftBeamCount` and `stemRightBeamCount`.

Music types accepted:

### Section 1.2.9 [beam-forbid-event], page 42

Properties (read)

**autoBeaming** (boolean)

If set to true then beams are generated automatically.

**baseMoment** (moment)

Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

**beamExceptions** (list)

An alist of exceptions to autobeam rules that normally end on beats.

**beamHalfMeasure** (boolean)

Whether to allow a beam to begin halfway through the measure in triple time, which could look like 6/8.

**beatStructure** (list)

List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.

**subdivideBeams** (boolean)

If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.19 [Beam], page 360.

**Auto\_beam\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.3 [CueVoice], page 61, Section 2.1.6 [DrumVoice], page 80, Section 2.1.13 [GregorianTranscriptionVoice], page 113, Section 2.1.15 [KievanVoice], page 136, Section 2.1.18 [MensuralVoice], page 162, Section 2.1.21 [PetrucciVoice], page 187, Section 2.1.28 [TabVoice], page 238, Section 2.1.30 [VaticanaVoice], page 263 and Section 2.1.31 [Voice], page 275.

## 2.2.5 Axis\_group\_engraver

Group all objects created in this context in a **VerticalAxisGroup** spanner.

Properties (read)

**currentCommandColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.133 [VerticalAxisGroup], page 461.

**Axis\_group\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.5 [DrumStaff], page 74, Section 2.1.7 [Dynamics], page 92, Section 2.1.12 [GregorianTranscriptionStaff], page 103, Section 2.1.14 [KievanStaff], page 126, Section 2.1.17 [MensuralStaff], page 152, Section 2.1.19 [NoteNames], page 175, Section 2.1.20 [PetrucciStaff], page 176, Section 2.1.23 [RhythmicStaff], page 202, Section 2.1.25 [Staff], page 219, Section 2.1.27 [TabStaff], page 231 and Section 2.1.29 [VaticanaStaff], page 252.

## 2.2.6 Balloon\_engraver

Create balloon texts.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.3 [annotate-output-event], page 42

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.10 [BalloonTextItem], page 353.

**Balloon\_engraver** is not part of any context.

## 2.2.7 Bar\_engraver

Create barlines. This engraver is controlled through the `whichBar` property. If it has no bar line to create, it will forbid a linebreak at this point. This engraver is required to trigger the creation of clefs at the start of systems.

Properties (read)

`whichBar` (string)

This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.

Example:

```
\set Staff.whichBar = "|:"
```

This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in [Section “bar-line-interface” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

Properties (write)

`forbidBreak` (boolean)

If set to `#t`, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.11 \[BarLine\], page 354](#).

`Bar_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.5 \[DrumStaff\], page 74](#), [Section 2.1.7 \[Dynamics\], page 92](#), [Section 2.1.12 \[GregorianTranscriptionStaff\], page 103](#), [Section 2.1.14 \[KievanStaff\], page 126](#), [Section 2.1.17 \[MensuralStaff\], page 152](#), [Section 2.1.20 \[PetrucciStaff\], page 176](#), [Section 2.1.23 \[RhythmicStaff\], page 202](#), [Section 2.1.25 \[Staff\], page 219](#), [Section 2.1.27 \[TabStaff\], page 231](#) and [Section 2.1.29 \[VaticanaStaff\], page 252](#).

## 2.2.8 Bar\_number\_engraver

A bar number is created whenever `measurePosition` is zero and when there is a bar line (i.e., when `whichBar` is set). It is put on top of all staves, and appears only at the left side of the staff. The staves are taken from `stavesFound`, which is maintained by [Section 2.2.110 \[Staff\\_collecting\\_engraver\], page 325](#).

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.2 \[alternative-event\], page 42](#)

Properties (read)

`alternativeNumberingStyle` (symbol)

The style of an alternative’s bar numbers. Can be `numbers` for going back to the same number or `numbers-with-letters` for going back to the same number with letter suffixes. No setting will not go back in measure-number time.

`barNumberFormatter` (procedure)

A procedure that takes a bar number, measure position, and alternative number and returns a markup of the bar number to print.

`barNumberVisibility` (procedure)

A procedure that takes a bar number and a measure position and returns whether the corresponding bar number should be printed.

`currentBarNumber` (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is incremented at every bar line.

`stavesFound` (list of grobs)

A list of all staff-symbols found.



`whichBar` (string)

This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.

Example:

```
\set Staff.whichBar = "|:"
```

This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in [Section “bar-line-interface” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

Properties (write)

`currentBarNumber` (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is incremented at every bar line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.12 \[BarNumber\], page 355](#).

`Bar_number_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.24 \[Score\], page 205](#).

## 2.2.9 Beam\_collision\_engraver

Help beams avoid colliding with notes and clefs in other voices.

`Beam_collision_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.24 \[Score\], page 205](#).

## 2.2.10 Beam\_engraver

Handle `Beam` events by engraving beams. If omitted, then notes are printed with flags instead of beams.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.8 \[beam-event\], page 42](#)

Properties (read)

`baseMoment` (moment)

Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

`beamMelismaBusy` (boolean)

Signal if a beam is present.

`beatStructure` (list)

List of `baseMoments` that are combined to make beats.

`subdivideBeams` (boolean)

If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at `baseMoment` positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

Properties (write)

`forbidBreak` (boolean)

If set to `#t`, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\], page 360](#).

`Beam_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\], page 61](#), [Section 2.1.6 \[DrumVoice\], page 80](#), [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\], page 113](#), [Section 2.1.15 \[KievanVoice\], page 136](#), [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\], page 162](#), [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucchiVoice\], page 187](#), [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\], page 238](#), [Section 2.1.30 \[VaticanaVoice\], page 263](#) and [Section 2.1.31 \[Voice\], page 275](#).

### 2.2.11 Beam\_performer

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.8 \[beam-event\]](#), page 42

`Beam_performer` is not part of any context.

### 2.2.12 Bend\_engraver

Create fall spanners.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.10 \[bend-after-event\]](#), page 43

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.20 \[BendAfter\]](#), page 361.

`Bend_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61, [Section 2.1.6 \[DrumVoice\]](#), page 80, [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), page 113, [Section 2.1.15 \[KievanVoice\]](#), page 136, [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\]](#), page 162, [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucciVoice\]](#), page 187, [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\]](#), page 238, [Section 2.1.30 \[VaticanaVoice\]](#), page 263 and [Section 2.1.31 \[Voice\]](#), page 275.

### 2.2.13 Break\_align\_engraver

Align grobs with corresponding `break-align-symbols` into groups, and order the groups according to `breakAlignOrder`. The left edge of the alignment gets a separate group, with a symbol `left-edge`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.21 \[BreakAlignGroup\]](#), page 362, [Section 3.1.22 \[BreakAlignment\]](#), page 362 and [Section 3.1.59 \[LeftEdge\]](#), page 398.

`Break_align_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.24 \[Score\]](#), page 205.

### 2.2.14 Breathing\_sign\_engraver

Create a breathing sign.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.14 \[breathing-event\]](#), page 43

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.23 \[BreathingSign\]](#), page 363.

`Breathing_sign_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61, [Section 2.1.6 \[DrumVoice\]](#), page 80, [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), page 113, [Section 2.1.15 \[KievanVoice\]](#), page 136, [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\]](#), page 162, [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucciVoice\]](#), page 187, [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\]](#), page 238, [Section 2.1.30 \[VaticanaVoice\]](#), page 263 and [Section 2.1.31 \[Voice\]](#), page 275.

### 2.2.15 Chord\_name\_engraver

Catch note and rest events and generate the appropriate chordname.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.40 \[note-event\]](#), page 46 and [Section 1.2.52 \[rest-event\]](#), page 48

Properties (read)

`chordChanges` (boolean)

Only show changes in chords scheme?

`chordNameExceptions` (list)

An alist of chord exceptions. Contains (*chord . markup*) entries.

`chordNameExceptions` (list)

An alist of chord exceptions. Contains (*chord . markup*) entries.

`chordNameFunction` (procedure)

The function that converts lists of pitches to chord names.

`chordNoteNamer` (procedure)

A function that converts from a pitch object to a text markup. Used for single pitches.

`chordRootNamer` (procedure)

A function that converts from a pitch object to a text markup. Used for chords.

`majorSevenSymbol` (markup)

How should the major 7th be formatted in a chord name?

`noChordSymbol` (markup)

Markup to be displayed for rests in a ChordNames context.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.24 \[ChordName\]](#), page 364.

`Chord_name_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.2 \[ChordNames\]](#), page 59.

### 2.2.16 Chord\_tremolo\_engraver

Generate beams for tremolo repeats.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.73 \[tremolo-span-event\]](#), page 51

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\]](#), page 360.

`Chord_tremolo_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61, [Section 2.1.6 \[DrumVoice\]](#), page 80, [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), page 113, [Section 2.1.15 \[KievanVoice\]](#), page 136, [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\]](#), page 162, [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucciVoice\]](#), page 187, [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\]](#), page 238, [Section 2.1.30 \[VaticanaVoice\]](#), page 263 and [Section 2.1.31 \[Voice\]](#), page 275.

### 2.2.17 Clef\_engraver

Determine and set reference point for pitches.

Properties (read)

`clefGlyph` (string)

Name of the symbol within the music font.

`clefOctavation` (integer)

Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7 and -7 are common.

`clefPosition` (number)

Where should the center of the clef symbol go, measured in half staff spaces from the center of the staff.

`explicitClefVisibility` (vector)

'break-visibility' function for clef changes.

**forceClef** (boolean)

Show clef symbol, even if it has not changed. Only active for the first clef after the property is set, not for the full staff.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.25 \[Clef\]](#), page 365 and [Section 3.1.78 \[OctavateEight\]](#), page 412.

**Clef\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.5 \[DrumStaff\]](#), page 74, [Section 2.1.12 \[GregorianTranscriptionStaff\]](#), page 103, [Section 2.1.14 \[KievanStaff\]](#), page 126, [Section 2.1.17 \[MensuralStaff\]](#), page 152, [Section 2.1.20 \[PetrucciStaff\]](#), page 176, [Section 2.1.25 \[Staff\]](#), page 219, [Section 2.1.27 \[TabStaff\]](#), page 231 and [Section 2.1.29 \[VaticanaStaff\]](#), page 252.

## 2.2.18 Cluster\_spanner\_engraver

Engrave a cluster using **Spanner** notation.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.15 \[cluster-note-event\]](#), page 43

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.26 \[ClusterSpanner\]](#), page 366 and [Section 3.1.27 \[ClusterSpannerBeacon\]](#), page 367.

**Cluster\_spanner\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61, [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), page 113, [Section 2.1.15 \[KievanVoice\]](#), page 136, [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\]](#), page 162, [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucciVoice\]](#), page 187, [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\]](#), page 238, [Section 2.1.30 \[VaticanaVoice\]](#), page 263 and [Section 2.1.31 \[Voice\]](#), page 275.

## 2.2.19 Collision\_engraver

Collect **NoteColumns**, and as soon as there are two or more, put them in a **NoteCollision** object.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.73 \[NoteCollision\]](#), page 410.

**Collision\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.5 \[DrumStaff\]](#), page 74, [Section 2.1.12 \[GregorianTranscriptionStaff\]](#), page 103, [Section 2.1.14 \[KievanStaff\]](#), page 126, [Section 2.1.17 \[MensuralStaff\]](#), page 152, [Section 2.1.20 \[PetrucciStaff\]](#), page 176, [Section 2.1.25 \[Staff\]](#), page 219, [Section 2.1.27 \[TabStaff\]](#), page 231 and [Section 2.1.29 \[VaticanaStaff\]](#), page 252.

## 2.2.20 Completion\_heads\_engraver

This engraver replaces **Note\_heads\_engraver**. It plays some trickery to break long notes and automatically tie them into the next measure.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.40 \[note-event\]](#), page 46

Properties (read)

**measureLength** (moment)

Length of one measure in the current time signature.

**measurePosition** (moment)

How much of the current measure have we had. This can be set manually to create incomplete measures.

**middleCPosition** (number)

The place of the middle C, measured in half staff-spaces. Usually determined by looking at **middleCClefPosition** and **middleCOffset**.

`timing` (boolean)

Keep administration of measure length, position, bar number, etc.?  
Switch off for cadenzas.

Properties (write)

`completionBusy` (boolean)

Whether a completion-note head is playing.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.75 \[NoteHead\]](#), page 411, [Section 3.1.120 \[Tie\]](#), page 449 and [Section 3.1.121 \[TieColumn\]](#), page 450.

`Completion_heads_engraver` is not part of any context.

### 2.2.21 `Completion_rest_engraver`

This engraver replaces `Rest_engraver`. It plays some trickery to break long rests into the next measure.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.52 \[rest-event\]](#), page 48

Properties (read)

`measureLength` (moment)

Length of one measure in the current time signature.

`measurePosition` (moment)

How much of the current measure have we had. This can be set manually to create incomplete measures.

`middleCPosition` (number)

The place of the middle C, measured in half staff-spaces. Usually determined by looking at `middleCClefPosition` and `middleCOffset`.

Properties (write)

`restCompletionBusy` (boolean)

Signal whether a completion-rest is active.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.90 \[Rest\]](#), page 424.

`Completion_rest_engraver` is not part of any context.

### 2.2.22 `Concurrent_hairpin_engraver`

Collect concurrent hairpins.

`Concurrent_hairpin_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.24 \[Score\]](#), page 205.

### 2.2.23 `Control_track_performer`

`Control_track_performer` is not part of any context.

### 2.2.24 `Cue_clef_engraver`

Determine and set reference point for pitches in cued voices.

Properties (read)

`clefOctavation` (integer)

Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7 and -7 are common.

**cueClefGlyph** (string)  
Name of the symbol within the music font.

**cueClefOctavation** (integer)  
Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7 and -7 are common.

**cueClefPosition** (number)  
Where should the center of the clef symbol go, measured in half staff spaces from the center of the staff.

**explicitCueClefVisibility** (vector)  
‘break-visibility’ function for cue clef changes.

**middleCCuePosition** (number)  
The position of the middle C, as determined only by the clef of the cue notes. This can be calculated by looking at **cueClefPosition** and **cueClefGlyph**.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.29 [CueClef], page 368, Section 3.1.30 [CueEndClef], page 370 and Section 3.1.78 [OctavateEight], page 412.

**Cue\_clef\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.5 [DrumStaff], page 74, Section 2.1.12 [GregorianTranscriptionStaff], page 103, Section 2.1.14 [KievanStaff], page 126, Section 2.1.17 [MensuralStaff], page 152, Section 2.1.20 [PetrucciStaff], page 176, Section 2.1.25 [Staff], page 219, Section 2.1.27 [TabStaff], page 231 and Section 2.1.29 [VaticanaStaff], page 252.

## 2.2.25 Custos\_engraver

Engrave custodes.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.31 [Custos], page 371.

**Custos\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.17 [MensuralStaff], page 152, Section 2.1.20 [PetrucciStaff], page 176 and Section 2.1.29 [VaticanaStaff], page 252.

## 2.2.26 Default\_bar\_line\_engraver

This engraver determines what kind of automatic bar lines should be produced, and sets **whichBar** accordingly. It should be at the same level as Section 2.2.127 [Timing\_translator], page 330.

Properties (read)

**automaticBars** (boolean)  
If set to false then bar lines will not be printed automatically; they must be explicitly created with a `\bar` command. Unlike the `\cadenzaOn` keyword, measures are still counted. Bar line generation will resume according to that count if this property is unset.

**barAlways** (boolean)  
If set to true a bar line is drawn after each note.

**defaultBarType** (string)  
Set the default type of bar line. See **whichBar** for information on available bar types.  
This variable is read by Section “Timing\_translator” in *Internals Reference* at Section “Score” in *Internals Reference* level.

**measureLength** (moment)  
Length of one measure in the current time signature.

`measurePosition` (moment)

How much of the current measure have we had. This can be set manually to create incomplete measures.

`whichBar` (string)

This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.

Example:

```
\set Staff.whichBar = "|:"
```

This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in [Section “bar-line-interface” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

Properties (write)

`automaticBars` (boolean)

If set to false then bar lines will not be printed automatically; they must be explicitly created with a `\bar` command. Unlike the `\cadenzaOn` keyword, measures are still counted. Bar line generation will resume according to that count if this property is unset.

`Default_bar_line_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.24 \[Score\]](#), [page 205](#).

## 2.2.27 Dot\_column\_engraver

Engrave dots on dotted notes shifted to the right of the note. If omitted, then dots appear on top of the notes.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.32 \[DotColumn\]](#), [page 372](#).

`Dot_column_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.5 \[DrumStaff\]](#), [page 74](#), [Section 2.1.12 \[GregorianTranscriptionStaff\]](#), [page 103](#), [Section 2.1.14 \[KievanStaff\]](#), [page 126](#), [Section 2.1.17 \[MensuralStaff\]](#), [page 152](#), [Section 2.1.20 \[PetrucciStaff\]](#), [page 176](#), [Section 2.1.23 \[RhythmicStaff\]](#), [page 202](#), [Section 2.1.25 \[Staff\]](#), [page 219](#), [Section 2.1.27 \[TabStaff\]](#), [page 231](#) and [Section 2.1.29 \[VaticanaStaff\]](#), [page 252](#).

## 2.2.28 Dots\_engraver

Create [Section 3.1.33 \[Dots\]](#), [page 373](#) objects for [Section 3.2.89 \[rhythmic-head-interface\]](#), [page 510s](#).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.33 \[Dots\]](#), [page 373](#).

`Dots_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), [page 61](#), [Section 2.1.6 \[DrumVoice\]](#), [page 80](#), [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), [page 113](#), [Section 2.1.15 \[KievanVoice\]](#), [page 136](#), [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\]](#), [page 162](#), [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucciVoice\]](#), [page 187](#), [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\]](#), [page 238](#), [Section 2.1.30 \[VaticanaVoice\]](#), [page 263](#) and [Section 2.1.31 \[Voice\]](#), [page 275](#).

## 2.2.29 Double\_percent\_repeat\_engraver

Make double measure repeats.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.19 \[double-percent-event\]](#), [page 43](#)

Properties (read)

`countPercentRepeats` (boolean)

If set, produce counters for percent repeats.

**measureLength** (moment)

Length of one measure in the current time signature.

**repeatCountVisibility** (procedure)

A procedure taking as arguments an integer and context, returning whether the corresponding percent repeat number should be printed when **countPercentRepeats** is set.

Properties (write)

**forbidBreak** (boolean)

If set to **#t**, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.34 [DoublePercentRepeat], page 373 and Section 3.1.35 [DoublePercentRepeat-Counter], page 374.

**Double\_percent\_repeat\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.3 [CueVoice], page 61, Section 2.1.6 [DrumVoice], page 80, Section 2.1.13 [GregorianTranscriptionVoice], page 113, Section 2.1.15 [KievanVoice], page 136, Section 2.1.18 [MensuralVoice], page 162, Section 2.1.21 [PetrucciVoice], page 187, Section 2.1.28 [TabVoice], page 238, Section 2.1.30 [VaticanaVoice], page 263 and Section 2.1.31 [Voice], page 275.

## 2.2.30 Drum\_note\_performer

Play drum notes.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.40 [note-event], page 46

**Drum\_note\_performer** is not part of any context.

## 2.2.31 Drum\_notes\_engraver

Generate drum note heads.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.40 [note-event], page 46

Properties (read)

**drumStyleTable** (hash table)

A hash table which maps drums to layout settings. Predefined values: ‘drums-style’, ‘timbales-style’, ‘congas-style’, ‘bongos-style’, and ‘percussion-style’.

The layout style is a hash table, containing the drum-pitches (e.g., the symbol ‘hihat’) as keys, and a list (*notehead-style script vertical-position*) as values.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.75 [NoteHead], page 411 and Section 3.1.92 [Script], page 424.

**Drum\_notes\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.6 [DrumVoice], page 80.

## 2.2.32 Dynamic\_align\_engraver

Align hairpins and dynamic texts on a horizontal line.

Properties (read)

**currentMusicalColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).



This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.37 [DynamicLineSpanner], page 376.

`Dynamic_align_engraver` is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.3 [CueVoice], page 61, Section 2.1.6 [DrumVoice], page 80, Section 2.1.7 [Dynamics], page 92, Section 2.1.13 [GregorianTranscriptionVoice], page 113, Section 2.1.15 [KievanVoice], page 136, Section 2.1.18 [MensuralVoice], page 162, Section 2.1.21 [PetrucciVoice], page 187, Section 2.1.28 [TabVoice], page 238, Section 2.1.30 [VaticanaVoice], page 263 and Section 2.1.31 [Voice], page 275.

### 2.2.33 `Dynamic_engraver`

Create hairpins, dynamic texts, and their vertical alignments. The symbols are collected onto a `DynamicLineSpanner` grob which takes care of vertical positioning.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.1 [absolute-dynamic-event], page 42 and Section 1.2.61 [span-dynamic-event], page 49

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.37 [DynamicLineSpanner], page 376, Section 3.1.38 [DynamicText], page 377, Section 3.1.39 [DynamicTextSpanner], page 379 and Section 3.1.50 [Hairpin], page 389.

`Dynamic_engraver` is not part of any context.

### 2.2.34 `Dynamic_performer`

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.1 [absolute-dynamic-event], page 42, Section 1.2.17 [crescendo-event], page 43 and Section 1.2.18 [decrescendo-event], page 43

Properties (read)

`dynamicAbsoluteVolumeFunction` (procedure)

A procedure that takes one argument, the text value of a dynamic event, and returns the absolute volume of that dynamic event.

`instrumentEqualizer` (procedure)

A function taking a string (instrument name), and returning a (*min* . *max*) pair of numbers for the loudness range of the instrument.

`midiInstrument` (string)

Name of the MIDI instrument to use.

`midiMaximumVolume` (number)

Analogous to `midiMinimumVolume`.

`midiMinimumVolume` (number)

Set the minimum loudness for MIDI. Ranges from 0 to 1.

`Dynamic_performer` is not part of any context.

### 2.2.35 `Engraver`

Base class for engravers. Does nothing, so it is not used.

`Engraver` is not part of any context.

### 2.2.36 `Episema_engraver`

Create an *Editio Vaticana*-style episema line.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.21 [episema-event], page 44

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.40 \[Episema\]](#), page 380.

`Episema_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), page 113 and [Section 2.1.30 \[VaticanaVoice\]](#), page 263.

### 2.2.37 `Extender_engraver`

Create lyric extenders.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.16 \[completize-extender-event\]](#), page 43 and [Section 1.2.22 \[extender-event\]](#), page 44

Properties (read)

`extendersOverRests` (boolean)

Whether to continue extenders as they cross a rest.

`includeGraceNotes` (boolean)

Do not ignore grace notes for [Section “Lyrics” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.61 \[LyricExtender\]](#), page 400.

`Extender_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.16 \[Lyrics\]](#), page 149.

### 2.2.38 `Figured_bass_engraver`

Make figured bass numbers.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.7 \[bass-figure-event\]](#), page 42 and [Section 1.2.52 \[rest-event\]](#), page 48

Properties (read)

`figuredBassAlterationDirection` (direction)

Where to put alterations relative to the main figure.

`figuredBassCenterContinuations` (boolean)

Whether to vertically center pairs of extender lines. This does not work with three or more lines.

`figuredBassFormatter` (procedure)

A routine generating a markup for a bass figure.

`ignoreFiguredBassRest` (boolean)

Don’t swallow rest events.

`implicitBassFigures` (list)

A list of bass figures that are not printed as numbers, but only as extender lines.

`useBassFigureExtenders` (boolean)

Whether to use extender lines for repeated bass figures.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.13 \[BassFigure\]](#), page 357, [Section 3.1.14 \[BassFigureAlignment\]](#), page 357, [Section 3.1.16 \[BassFigureBracket\]](#), page 359, [Section 3.1.17 \[BassFigureContinuation\]](#), page 359 and [Section 3.1.18 \[BassFigureLine\]](#), page 359.

`Figured_bass_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.5 \[DrumStaff\]](#), page 74, [Section 2.1.8 \[FiguredBass\]](#), page 95, [Section 2.1.12 \[GregorianTranscriptionStaff\]](#), page 103, [Section 2.1.14 \[KievanStaff\]](#), page 126, [Section 2.1.17 \[MensuralStaff\]](#), page 152, [Section 2.1.20 \[PetrucchiStaff\]](#), page 176, [Section 2.1.25 \[Staff\]](#), page 219, [Section 2.1.27 \[TabStaff\]](#), page 231 and [Section 2.1.29 \[VaticanaStaff\]](#), page 252.

### 2.2.39 Figured\_bass\_position\_engraver

Position figured bass alignments over notes.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.15 [BassFigureAlignmentPositioning], page 358.

**Figured\_bass\_position\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.5 [DrumStaff], page 74, Section 2.1.12 [GregorianTranscriptionStaff], page 103, Section 2.1.14 [KievanStaff], page 126, Section 2.1.17 [MensuralStaff], page 152, Section 2.1.20 [PetrucchiStaff], page 176, Section 2.1.25 [Staff], page 219, Section 2.1.27 [TabStaff], page 231 and Section 2.1.29 [VaticanaStaff], page 252.

### 2.2.40 Fingering\_engraver

Create fingering scripts.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.23 [fingering-event], page 44

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.41 [Fingering], page 381.

**Fingering\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.3 [CueVoice], page 61, Section 2.1.13 [GregorianTranscriptionVoice], page 113, Section 2.1.15 [KievanVoice], page 136, Section 2.1.18 [MensuralVoice], page 162, Section 2.1.21 [PetrucchiVoice], page 187, Section 2.1.30 [VaticanaVoice], page 263 and Section 2.1.31 [Voice], page 275.

### 2.2.41 Font\_size\_engraver

Put `fontSize` into `font-size` grob property.

Properties (read)

`fontSize` (number)

The relative size of all grobs in a context.

**Font\_size\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.3 [CueVoice], page 61, Section 2.1.5 [DrumStaff], page 74, Section 2.1.6 [DrumVoice], page 80, Section 2.1.9 [Fret-Boards], page 97, Section 2.1.12 [GregorianTranscriptionStaff], page 103, Section 2.1.13 [GregorianTranscriptionVoice], page 113, Section 2.1.14 [KievanStaff], page 126, Section 2.1.15 [KievanVoice], page 136, Section 2.1.16 [Lyrics], page 149, Section 2.1.17 [MensuralStaff], page 152, Section 2.1.18 [MensuralVoice], page 162, Section 2.1.20 [PetrucchiStaff], page 176, Section 2.1.21 [PetrucchiVoice], page 187, Section 2.1.23 [RhythmicStaff], page 202, Section 2.1.25 [Staff], page 219, Section 2.1.27 [TabStaff], page 231, Section 2.1.28 [TabVoice], page 238, Section 2.1.29 [VaticanaStaff], page 252, Section 2.1.30 [VaticanaVoice], page 263 and Section 2.1.31 [Voice], page 275.

### 2.2.42 Footnote\_engraver

Create footnote texts.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.24 [footnote-event], page 44

Properties (read)

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.43 [FootnoteItem], page 383 and Section 3.1.44 [FootnoteSpanner], page 384.

**Footnote\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.5 [DrumStaff], page 74, Section 2.1.12 [GregorianTranscriptionStaff], page 103, Section 2.1.14 [KievanStaff], page 126, Section 2.1.17 [MensuralStaff], page 152, Section 2.1.20 [PetrucchiStaff], page 176, Section 2.1.24 [Score], page 205, Section 2.1.25 [Staff], page 219, Section 2.1.27 [TabStaff], page 231 and Section 2.1.29 [VaticanaStaff], page 252.

### 2.2.43 Forbid\_line\_break\_engraver

Forbid line breaks when note heads are still playing at some point.

Properties (read)

**busyGrobs** (list)

A queue of (*end-moment* . *grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

**forbidBreak** (boolean)

If set to **#t**, prevent a line break at this point.

**Forbid\_line\_break\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.3 [CueVoice], page 61, Section 2.1.6 [DrumVoice], page 80, Section 2.1.13 [GregorianTranscriptionVoice], page 113, Section 2.1.15 [KievanVoice], page 136, Section 2.1.18 [MensuralVoice], page 162, Section 2.1.21 [PetrucchiVoice], page 187, Section 2.1.28 [TabVoice], page 238, Section 2.1.30 [VaticanaVoice], page 263 and Section 2.1.31 [Voice], page 275.

### 2.2.44 Fretboard\_engraver

Generate fret diagram from one or more events of type **NoteEvent**.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.23 [fingering-event], page 44, Section 1.2.40 [note-event], page 46 and Section 1.2.65 [string-number-event], page 50

Properties (read)

**chordChanges** (boolean)

Only show changes in chords scheme?

**defaultStrings** (list)

A list of strings to use in calculating frets for tablatures and fretboards if no strings are provided in the notes for the current moment.

**highStringOne** (boolean)

Whether the first string is the string with highest pitch on the instrument. This used by the automatic string selector for tablature notation.

**maximumFretStretch** (number)

Don't allocate frets further than this from specified frets.

**minimumFret** (number)

The tablature auto string-selecting mechanism selects the highest string with a fret at least **minimumFret**.

**noteToFretFunction** (procedure)

Convert list of notes and list of defined strings to full list of strings and fret numbers. Parameters: The context, a list of note events, a list of tabstring events, and the fretboard grob if a fretboard is desired.

**predefinedDiagramTable** (hash table)

The hash table of predefined fret diagrams to use in FretBoards.

**stringTunings** (list)

The tablature strings tuning. It is a list of the pitches of each string (starting with the lowest numbered one).

**tablatureFormat** (procedure)

A function formatting a tablature note head. Called with three arguments: context, string number and, fret number. It returns the text as a markup.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.45 \[FretBoard\]](#), page 385.

**Fretboard\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.9 \[FretBoards\]](#), page 97.

## 2.2.45 Glissando\_engraver

Engrave glissandi.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.25 \[glissando-event\]](#), page 44

Properties (read)

**glissandoMap** (list)

A map in the form of '((source1 . target1) (source2 . target2) (sourcen . targetn)) showing the glissandi to be drawn for note columns. The value '() will default to '((0 . 0) (1 . 1) (n . n)), where n is the minimal number of note-heads in the two note columns between which the glissandi occur.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.46 \[Glissando\]](#), page 387.

**Glissando\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61, [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), page 113, [Section 2.1.15 \[KievanVoice\]](#), page 136, [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\]](#), page 162, [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucchiVoice\]](#), page 187, [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\]](#), page 238, [Section 2.1.30 \[VaticanaVoice\]](#), page 263 and [Section 2.1.31 \[Voice\]](#), page 275.

## 2.2.46 Grace\_beam\_engraver

Handle **Beam** events by engraving beams. If omitted, then notes are printed with flags instead of beams. Only engraves beams when we are at grace points in time.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.8 \[beam-event\]](#), page 42

Properties (read)

**baseMoment** (moment)

Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

**beamMelismaBusy** (boolean)

Signal if a beam is present.

**beatStructure** (list)

List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.

**subdivideBeams** (boolean)

If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\]](#), page 360.

**Grace\_beam\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61, [Section 2.1.6 \[DrumVoice\]](#), page 80, [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), page 113, [Section 2.1.15 \[KievanVoice\]](#), page 136, [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\]](#), page 162, [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucciVoice\]](#), page 187, [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\]](#), page 238, [Section 2.1.30 \[VaticanaVoice\]](#), page 263 and [Section 2.1.31 \[Voice\]](#), page 275.

## 2.2.47 Grace\_engraver

Set font size and other properties for grace notes.

Properties (read)

**graceSettings** (list)

Overrides for grace notes. This property should be manipulated through the **add-grace-property** function.

**Grace\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61, [Section 2.1.6 \[DrumVoice\]](#), page 80, [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), page 113, [Section 2.1.15 \[KievanVoice\]](#), page 136, [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\]](#), page 162, [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucciVoice\]](#), page 187, [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\]](#), page 238, [Section 2.1.30 \[VaticanaVoice\]](#), page 263 and [Section 2.1.31 \[Voice\]](#), page 275.

## 2.2.48 Grace\_spacing\_engraver

Bookkeeping of shortest starting and playing notes in grace note runs.

Properties (read)

**currentMusicalColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.47 \[GraceSpacing\]](#), page 388.

**Grace\_spacing\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.24 \[Score\]](#), page 205.

## 2.2.49 Grid\_line\_span\_engraver

This engraver makes cross-staff lines: It catches all normal lines and draws a single span line across them.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.48 \[GridLine\]](#), page 388.

**Grid\_line\_span\_engraver** is not part of any context.

## 2.2.50 Grid\_point\_engraver

Generate grid points.

Properties (read)

**gridInterval** (moment)

Interval for which to generate **GridPoints**.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.49 \[GridPoint\]](#), page 389.

**Grid\_point\_engraver** is not part of any context.

### 2.2.51 Grob\_pq\_engraver

Administrate when certain grobs (e.g., note heads) stop playing.

Properties (read)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment* . *grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

Properties (write)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment* . *grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

`Grob_pq_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61, [Section 2.1.5 \[DrumStaff\]](#), page 74, [Section 2.1.6 \[DrumVoice\]](#), page 80, [Section 2.1.12 \[GregorianTranscriptionStaff\]](#), page 103, [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), page 113, [Section 2.1.14 \[KievanStaff\]](#), page 126, [Section 2.1.15 \[KievanVoice\]](#), page 136, [Section 2.1.17 \[MensuralStaff\]](#), page 152, [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\]](#), page 162, [Section 2.1.20 \[PetrucciStaff\]](#), page 176, [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucciVoice\]](#), page 187, [Section 2.1.25 \[Staff\]](#), page 219, [Section 2.1.27 \[TabStaff\]](#), page 231, [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\]](#), page 238, [Section 2.1.29 \[VaticanaStaff\]](#), page 252, [Section 2.1.30 \[VaticanaVoice\]](#), page 263 and [Section 2.1.31 \[Voice\]](#), page 275.

### 2.2.52 Hara\_kiri\_engraver

Like `Axis_group_engraver`, but make a hara-kiri spanner, and add interesting items (i.e., note heads, lyric syllables, and normal rests).

Properties (read)

`keepAliveInterfaces` (list)

A list of symbols, signifying grob interfaces that are worth keeping a staff with `remove-empty` set around for.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\]](#), page 461.

`Hara_kiri_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.2 \[ChordNames\]](#), page 59, [Section 2.1.8 \[FiguredBass\]](#), page 95, [Section 2.1.9 \[FretBoards\]](#), page 97 and [Section 2.1.16 \[Lyrics\]](#), page 149.

### 2.2.53 Horizontal\_bracket\_engraver

Create horizontal brackets over notes for musical analysis purposes.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.41 \[note-grouping-event\]](#), page 46

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.51 \[HorizontalBracket\]](#), page 390.

`Horizontal_bracket_engraver` is not part of any context.



### 2.2.54 Hyphen\_engraver

Create lyric hyphens and distance constraints between words.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.27 \[hyphen-event\]](#), page 44

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.62 \[LyricHyphen\]](#), page 400 and [Section 3.1.63 \[LyricSpace\]](#), page 401.

**Hyphen\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.16 \[Lyrics\]](#), page 149.

### 2.2.55 Instrument\_name\_engraver

Create a system start text for instrument or vocal names.

Properties (read)

**currentCommandColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

**instrumentName** (markup)

The name to print left of a staff. The **instrumentName** property labels the staff in the first system, and the **shortInstrumentName** property labels following lines.

**shortInstrumentName** (markup)

See **instrumentName**.

**shortVocalName** (markup)

Name of a vocal line, short version.

**vocalName** (markup)

Name of a vocal line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.52 \[InstrumentName\]](#), page 391.

**Instrument\_name\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.1 \[ChoirStaff\]](#), page 58, [Section 2.1.5 \[DrumStaff\]](#), page 74, [Section 2.1.9 \[FretBoards\]](#), page 97, [Section 2.1.11 \[GrandStaff\]](#), page 101, [Section 2.1.12 \[GregorianTranscriptionStaff\]](#), page 103, [Section 2.1.14 \[KievanStaff\]](#), page 126, [Section 2.1.16 \[Lyrics\]](#), page 149, [Section 2.1.17 \[MensuralStaff\]](#), page 152, [Section 2.1.20 \[PetrucciStaff\]](#), page 176, [Section 2.1.22 \[PianoStaff\]](#), page 200, [Section 2.1.23 \[RhythmicStaff\]](#), page 202, [Section 2.1.25 \[Staff\]](#), page 219, [Section 2.1.26 \[StaffGroup\]](#), page 229, [Section 2.1.27 \[TabStaff\]](#), page 231 and [Section 2.1.29 \[VaticanaStaff\]](#), page 252.

### 2.2.56 Instrument\_switch\_engraver

Create a cue text for taking instrument.

Properties (read)

**instrumentCueName** (markup)

The name to print if another instrument is to be taken.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.53 \[InstrumentSwitch\]](#), page 392.

**Instrument\_switch\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61, [Section 2.1.6 \[DrumVoice\]](#), page 80, [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), page 113, [Section 2.1.15 \[KievanVoice\]](#), page 136, [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\]](#), page 162, [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucciVoice\]](#), page 187, [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\]](#), page 238, [Section 2.1.30 \[VaticanaVoice\]](#), page 263 and [Section 2.1.31 \[Voice\]](#), page 275.



### 2.2.57 Keep\_alive\_together\_engraver

This engraver collects all `Hara_kiri_group_spanners` that are created in contexts at or below its own. These spanners are then tied together so that one will be removed only if all are removed. For example, if a `StaffGroup` uses this engraver, then the staves in the group will all be visible as long as there is a note in at least one of them.

`Keep_alive_together_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.22 \[PianoStaff\]](#), page 200.

### 2.2.58 Key\_engraver

Engrave a key signature.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.28 \[key-change-event\]](#), page 44

Properties (read)

`createKeyOnClefChange` (boolean)

Print a key signature whenever the clef is changed.

`explicitKeySignatureVisibility` (vector)

‘break-visibility’ function for explicit key changes. ‘\override’ of the `break-visibility` property will set the visibility for normal (i.e., at the start of the line) key signatures.

`extraNatural` (boolean)

Whether to typeset an extra natural sign before accidentals that reduce the effect of a previous alteration.

`keyAlterationOrder` (list)

An alist that defines in what order alterations should be printed. The format is `(step . alter)`, where `step` is a number from 0 to 6 and `alter` from -2 (sharp) to 2 (flat).

`keySignature` (list)

The current key signature. This is an alist containing `(step . alter)` or `((octave . step) . alter)`, where `step` is a number in the range 0 to 6 and `alter` a fraction, denoting alteration. For alterations, use symbols, e.g. `keySignature = #'((6 . ,FLAT))`.

`lastKeySignature` (list)

Last key signature before a key signature change.

`middleCClefPosition` (number)

The position of the middle C, as determined only by the clef. This can be calculated by looking at `clefPosition` and `clefGlyph`.

`printKeyCancellation` (boolean)

Print restoration alterations before a key signature change.

Properties (write)

`keySignature` (list)

The current key signature. This is an alist containing `(step . alter)` or `((octave . step) . alter)`, where `step` is a number in the range 0 to 6 and `alter` a fraction, denoting alteration. For alterations, use symbols, e.g. `keySignature = #'((6 . ,FLAT))`.

`lastKeySignature` (list)

Last key signature before a key signature change.

**tonic** (pitch)

The tonic of the current scale.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.54 [KeyCancellation], page 393 and Section 3.1.55 [KeySignature], page 394.

**Key\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.12 [GregorianTranscriptionStaff], page 103, Section 2.1.14 [KievanStaff], page 126, Section 2.1.17 [MensuralStaff], page 152, Section 2.1.20 [PetrucciStaff], page 176, Section 2.1.25 [Staff], page 219 and Section 2.1.29 [VaticanaStaff], page 252.

## 2.2.59 Key\_performer

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.28 [key-change-event], page 44

**Key\_performer** is not part of any context.

## 2.2.60 Laissez\_vibrer\_engraver

Create laissez vibrer items.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.30 [laissez-vibrer-event], page 45

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.56 [LaissezVibrerTie], page 396 and Section 3.1.57 [LaissezVibrerTieColumn], page 397.

**Laissez\_vibrer\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.3 [CueVoice], page 61, Section 2.1.6 [DrumVoice], page 80, Section 2.1.13 [GregorianTranscriptionVoice], page 113, Section 2.1.15 [KievanVoice], page 136, Section 2.1.18 [MensuralVoice], page 162, Section 2.1.21 [PetrucciVoice], page 187, Section 2.1.28 [TabVoice], page 238, Section 2.1.30 [VaticanaVoice], page 263 and Section 2.1.31 [Voice], page 275.

## 2.2.61 Ledger\_line\_engraver

Create the spanner to draw ledger lines, and notices objects that need ledger lines.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.58 [LedgerLineSpanner], page 397.

**Ledger\_line\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.5 [DrumStaff], page 74, Section 2.1.12 [GregorianTranscriptionStaff], page 103, Section 2.1.14 [KievanStaff], page 126, Section 2.1.17 [MensuralStaff], page 152, Section 2.1.20 [PetrucciStaff], page 176, Section 2.1.23 [RhythmicStaff], page 202, Section 2.1.25 [Staff], page 219, Section 2.1.27 [TabStaff], page 231 and Section 2.1.29 [VaticanaStaff], page 252.

## 2.2.62 Ligature\_bracket\_engraver

Handle **Ligature\_events** by engraving **Ligature** brackets.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.32 [ligature-event], page 45

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.60 [LigatureBracket], page 398.

**Ligature\_bracket\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.3 [CueVoice], page 61, Section 2.1.13 [GregorianTranscriptionVoice], page 113, Section 2.1.15 [KievanVoice], page 136, Section 2.1.28 [TabVoice], page 238 and Section 2.1.31 [Voice], page 275.

### 2.2.63 Lyric\_engraver

Engrave text for lyrics.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.34 \[lyric-event\]](#), page 45

Properties (read)

`ignoreMelismata` (boolean)

Ignore melismata for this [Section “Lyrics” in \*Internals Reference\*](#) line.

`includeGraceNotes` (boolean)

Do not ignore grace notes for [Section “Lyrics” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

`lyricMelismaAlignment` (number)

Alignment to use for a melisma syllable.

`searchForVoice` (boolean)

Signal whether a search should be made of all contexts in the context hierarchy for a voice to provide rhythms for the lyrics.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.64 \[LyricText\]](#), page 402.

`Lyric_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.16 \[Lyrics\]](#), page 149.

### 2.2.64 Lyric\_performer

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.34 \[lyric-event\]](#), page 45

`Lyric_performer` is not part of any context.

### 2.2.65 Mark\_engraver

Create `RehearsalMark` objects. It puts them on top of all staves (which is taken from the property `stavesFound`). If moving this engraver to a different context, [Section 2.2.110 \[Staff\\_collecting\\_engraver\]](#), page 325 must move along, otherwise all marks end up on the same Y location.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.35 \[mark-event\]](#), page 45

Properties (read)

`markFormatter` (procedure)

A procedure taking as arguments the context and the rehearsal mark. It should return the formatted mark as a markup object.

`rehearsalMark` (integer)

The last rehearsal mark printed.

`stavesFound` (list of grobs)

A list of all staff-symbols found.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.86 \[RehearsalMark\]](#), page 420.

`Mark_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.24 \[Score\]](#), page 205.

### 2.2.66 Measure\_grouping\_engraver

Create `MeasureGrouping` to indicate beat subdivision.

Properties (read)

`baseMoment` (moment)

Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

`beatStructure` (list)

List of `baseMoments` that are combined to make beats.

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

`measurePosition` (moment)

How much of the current measure have we had. This can be set manually to create incomplete measures.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.65 \[MeasureGrouping\]](#), page 403.

`Measure_grouping_engraver` is not part of any context.

### 2.2.67 Melody\_engraver

Create information for context dependent typesetting decisions.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.66 \[MelodyItem\]](#), page 403.

`Melody_engraver` is not part of any context.

### 2.2.68 Mensural\_ligature\_engraver

Handle `Mensural_ligature_events` by glueing special ligature heads together.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.32 \[ligature-event\]](#), page 45

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.67 \[MensuralLigature\]](#), page 404.

`Mensural_ligature_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\]](#), page 162 and [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucciVoice\]](#), page 187.

### 2.2.69 Metronome\_mark\_engraver

Engrave metronome marking. This delegates the formatting work to the function in the `metronomeMarkFormatter` property. The mark is put over all staves. The staves are taken from the `stavesFound` property, which is maintained by [Section 2.2.110 \[Staff\\_collecting\\_engraver\]](#), page 325.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.68 \[tempo-change-event\]](#), page 50

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

**metronomeMarkFormatter** (procedure)

How to produce a metronome markup. Called with two arguments: a **TempoChangeEvent** and context.

**stavesFound** (list of grobs)

A list of all staff-symbols found.

**tempoHideNote** (boolean)

Hide the note = count in tempo marks.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.68 \[MetronomeMark\]](#), page 404.

**Metronome\_mark\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.24 \[Score\]](#), page 205.

## 2.2.70 Multi\_measure\_rest\_engraver

Engrave multi-measure rests that are produced with ‘R’. It reads **measurePosition** and **internalBarNumber** to determine what number to print over the [Section 3.1.69 \[MultiMeasureRest\]](#), page 405.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.37 \[multi-measure-rest-event\]](#), page 45 and [Section 1.2.38 \[multi-measure-text-event\]](#), page 45

Properties (read)

**currentCommandColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

**internalBarNumber** (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is used for internal timekeeping, among others by the **Accidental\_engraver**.

**measurePosition** (moment)

How much of the current measure have we had. This can be set manually to create incomplete measures.

**restNumberThreshold** (number)

If a multimeasure rest has more measures than this, a number is printed.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.69 \[MultiMeasureRest\]](#), page 405, [Section 3.1.70 \[MultiMeasureRestNumber\]](#), page 406 and [Section 3.1.71 \[MultiMeasureRestText\]](#), page 408.

**Multi\_measure\_rest\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61, [Section 2.1.6 \[DrumVoice\]](#), page 80, [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), page 113, [Section 2.1.15 \[KievanVoice\]](#), page 136, [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\]](#), page 162, [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucciVoice\]](#), page 187, [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\]](#), page 238, [Section 2.1.30 \[VaticanaVoice\]](#), page 263 and [Section 2.1.31 \[Voice\]](#), page 275.

## 2.2.71 New\_dynamic\_engraver

Create hairpins, dynamic texts and dynamic text spanners.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.1 \[absolute-dynamic-event\]](#), page 42, [Section 1.2.13 \[break-span-event\]](#), page 43 and [Section 1.2.61 \[span-dynamic-event\]](#), page 49

Properties (read)

**crescendoSpanner** (symbol)

The type of spanner to be used for crescendi. Available values are ‘hairpin’ and ‘text’. If unset, a hairpin crescendo is used.

**crescendoText** (markup)

The text to print at start of non-hairpin crescendo, i.e., ‘cresc.’.

**currentMusicalColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

**decrescendoSpanner** (symbol)

The type of spanner to be used for decrescendi. Available values are ‘hairpin’ and ‘text’. If unset, a hairpin decrescendo is used.

**decrescendoText** (markup)

The text to print at start of non-hairpin decrescendo, i.e., ‘dim.’.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.38 [DynamicText], page 377, Section 3.1.39 [DynamicTextSpanner], page 379 and Section 3.1.50 [Hairpin], page 389.

**New\_dynamic\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.3 [CueVoice], page 61, Section 2.1.6 [DrumVoice], page 80, Section 2.1.7 [Dynamics], page 92, Section 2.1.13 [GregorianTranscriptionVoice], page 113, Section 2.1.15 [KievanVoice], page 136, Section 2.1.18 [MensuralVoice], page 162, Section 2.1.21 [PetrucciVoice], page 187, Section 2.1.28 [TabVoice], page 238, Section 2.1.30 [VaticanaVoice], page 263 and Section 2.1.31 [Voice], page 275.

## 2.2.72 New\_fingering\_engraver

Create fingering scripts for notes in a new chord. This engraver is ill-named, since it also takes care of articulations and harmonic note heads.

Properties (read)

**fingeringOrientations** (list)

A list of symbols, containing ‘left’, ‘right’, ‘up’ and/or ‘down’. This list determines where fingerings are put relative to the chord being fingered.

**harmonicDots** (boolean)

If set, harmonic notes in dotted chords get dots.

**stringNumberOrientations** (list)

See **fingeringOrientations**.

**strokeFingerOrientations** (list)

See **fingeringOrientations**.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.41 [Fingering], page 381, Section 3.1.92 [Script], page 424, Section 3.1.108 [StringNumber], page 437 and Section 3.1.109 [StrokeFinger], page 438.

**New\_fingering\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.3 [CueVoice], page 61, Section 2.1.13 [GregorianTranscriptionVoice], page 113, Section 2.1.15 [KievanVoice], page 136, Section 2.1.18 [MensuralVoice], page 162, Section 2.1.21 [PetrucciVoice], page 187, Section 2.1.30 [VaticanaVoice], page 263 and Section 2.1.31 [Voice], page 275.

### 2.2.73 `Note_head_line_engraver`

Engrave a line between two note heads, for example a glissando. If `followVoice` is set, staff switches also generate a line.

Properties (read)

`followVoice` (boolean)

If set, note heads are tracked across staff switches by a thin line.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.46 \[Glissando\]](#), page 387 and [Section 3.1.134 \[VoiceFollower\]](#), page 462.

`Note_head_line_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61, [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), page 113, [Section 2.1.15 \[KievanVoice\]](#), page 136, [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\]](#), page 162, [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucchiVoice\]](#), page 187, [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\]](#), page 238, [Section 2.1.30 \[VaticanaVoice\]](#), page 263 and [Section 2.1.31 \[Voice\]](#), page 275.

### 2.2.74 `Note_heads_engraver`

Generate note heads.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.40 \[note-event\]](#), page 46

Properties (read)

`middleCPosition` (number)

The place of the middle C, measured in half staff-spaces. Usually determined by looking at `middleCClefPosition` and `middleCOffset`.

`staffLineLayoutFunction` (procedure)

Layout of staff lines, `traditional`, or `semitone`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.75 \[NoteHead\]](#), page 411.

`Note_heads_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61, [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), page 113, [Section 2.1.15 \[KievanVoice\]](#), page 136, [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\]](#), page 162, [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucchiVoice\]](#), page 187, [Section 2.1.30 \[VaticanaVoice\]](#), page 263 and [Section 2.1.31 \[Voice\]](#), page 275.

### 2.2.75 `Note_name_engraver`

Print pitches as words.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.40 \[note-event\]](#), page 46

Properties (read)

`printOctaveNames` (boolean)

Print octave marks for the `NoteNames` context.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.76 \[NoteName\]](#), page 412.

`Note_name_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.19 \[NoteNames\]](#), page 175.



## 2.2.76 Note\_performer

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.40 \[note-event\]](#), page 46

`Note_performer` is not part of any context.

## 2.2.77 Note\_spacing\_engraver

Generate `NoteSpacing`, an object linking horizontal lines for use in spacing.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.77 \[NoteSpacing\]](#), page 412.

`Note_spacing_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61, [Section 2.1.6 \[DrumVoice\]](#), page 80, [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), page 113, [Section 2.1.15 \[KievanVoice\]](#), page 136, [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\]](#), page 162, [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucciVoice\]](#), page 187, [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\]](#), page 238, [Section 2.1.30 \[VaticanaVoice\]](#), page 263 and [Section 2.1.31 \[Voice\]](#), page 275.

## 2.2.78 Ottava\_spanner\_engraver

Create a text spanner when the ottavation property changes.

Properties (read)

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

`middleCOffset` (number)

The offset of middle C from the position given by `middleCClefPosition`. This is used for ottava brackets.

`ottavation` (markup)

If set, the text for an ottava spanner. Changing this creates a new text spanner.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.79 \[OttavaBracket\]](#), page 413.

`Ottava_spanner_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.12 \[GregorianTranscriptionStaff\]](#), page 103, [Section 2.1.14 \[KievanStaff\]](#), page 126, [Section 2.1.17 \[MensuralStaff\]](#), page 152, [Section 2.1.20 \[PetrucciStaff\]](#), page 176, [Section 2.1.25 \[Staff\]](#), page 219 and [Section 2.1.29 \[VaticanaStaff\]](#), page 252.

## 2.2.79 Output\_property\_engraver

Apply a procedure to any grob acknowledged.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.4 \[apply-output-event\]](#), page 42

`Output_property_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.2 \[ChordNames\]](#), page 59, [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61, [Section 2.1.5 \[DrumStaff\]](#), page 74, [Section 2.1.6 \[DrumVoice\]](#), page 80, [Section 2.1.7 \[Dynamics\]](#), page 92, [Section 2.1.9 \[FretBoards\]](#), page 97, [Section 2.1.12 \[GregorianTranscriptionStaff\]](#), page 103, [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), page 113, [Section 2.1.14 \[KievanStaff\]](#), page 126, [Section 2.1.15 \[KievanVoice\]](#), page 136, [Section 2.1.17 \[MensuralStaff\]](#), page 152, [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\]](#), page 162, [Section 2.1.20 \[PetrucciStaff\]](#), page 176, [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucciVoice\]](#), page 187, [Section 2.1.23 \[RhythmicStaff\]](#), page 202, [Section 2.1.24 \[Score\]](#), page 205, [Section 2.1.25 \[Staff\]](#), page 219,



Section 2.1.26 [StaffGroup], page 229, Section 2.1.27 [TabStaff], page 231, Section 2.1.28 [Tab-Voice], page 238, Section 2.1.29 [VaticanaStaff], page 252, Section 2.1.30 [VaticanaVoice], page 263 and Section 2.1.31 [Voice], page 275.

## 2.2.80 Page\_turn\_engraver

Decide where page turns are allowed to go.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.12 [break-event], page 43

Properties (read)

`minimumPageTurnLength` (moment)

Minimum length of a rest for a page turn to be allowed.

`minimumRepeatLengthForPageTurn` (moment)

Minimum length of a repeated section for a page turn to be allowed within that section.

`Page_turn_engraver` is not part of any context.

## 2.2.81 Paper\_column\_engraver

Take care of generating columns.

This engraver decides whether a column is breakable. The default is that a column is always breakable. However, every `Bar_engraver` that does not have a barline at a certain point will set `forbidBreaks` in the score context to stop line breaks. In practice, this means that you can make a break point by creating a bar line (assuming that there are no beams or notes that prevent a break point).

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.12 [break-event], page 43 and Section 1.2.29 [label-event], page 45

Properties (read)

`forbidBreak` (boolean)

If set to `#t`, prevent a line break at this point.

Properties (write)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

`forbidBreak` (boolean)

If set to `#t`, prevent a line break at this point.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.72 [NonMusicalPaperColumn], page 409 and Section 3.1.80 [PaperColumn], page 415.

`Paper_column_engraver` is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.24 [Score], page 205.

## 2.2.82 Parenthesis\_engraver

Parenthesize objects whose music cause has the `parenthesize` property.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.81 [ParenthesesItem], page 415.

`Parenthesis_engraver` is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.24 [Score], page 205.

### 2.2.83 Part\_combine\_engraver

Part combine engraver for orchestral scores: Print markings ‘a2’, ‘Solo’, ‘Solo II’, and ‘unisono’.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.40 \[note-event\]](#), page 46 and [Section 1.2.44 \[part-combine-event\]](#), page 47

Properties (read)

`aDueText` (markup)

Text to print at a unisono passage.

`partCombineTextsOnNote` (boolean)

Print part-combine texts only on the next note rather than immediately on rests or skips.

`printPartCombineTexts` (boolean)

Set ‘Solo’ and ‘A due’ texts in the part combiner?

`soloIIText` (markup)

The text for the start of a solo for voice ‘two’ when part-combining.

`soloText` (markup)

The text for the start of a solo when part-combining.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.28 \[CombineTextScript\]](#), page 367.

`Part_combine_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61, [Section 2.1.6 \[DrumVoice\]](#), page 80, [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), page 113, [Section 2.1.15 \[KievanVoice\]](#), page 136, [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\]](#), page 162, [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucciVoice\]](#), page 187, [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\]](#), page 238, [Section 2.1.30 \[VaticanaVoice\]](#), page 263 and [Section 2.1.31 \[Voice\]](#), page 275.

### 2.2.84 Percent\_repeat\_engraver

Make whole measure repeats.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.47 \[percent-event\]](#), page 47

Properties (read)

`countPercentRepeats` (boolean)

If set, produce counters for percent repeats.

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`repeatCountVisibility` (procedure)

A procedure taking as arguments an integer and context, returning whether the corresponding percent repeat number should be printed when `countPercentRepeats` is set.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.82 \[PercentRepeat\]](#), page 416 and [Section 3.1.83 \[PercentRepeatCounter\]](#), page 417.

`Percent_repeat_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61, [Section 2.1.6 \[DrumVoice\]](#), page 80, [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), page 113, [Section 2.1.15 \[KievanVoice\]](#), page 136, [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\]](#), page 162, [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucciVoice\]](#), page 187, [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\]](#), page 238, [Section 2.1.30 \[VaticanaVoice\]](#), page 263 and [Section 2.1.31 \[Voice\]](#), page 275.

### 2.2.85 Phrasing\_slur\_engraver

Print phrasing slurs. Similar to [Section 2.2.103 \[Slur\\_engraver\]](#), page 323.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.49 \[phrasing-slur-event\]](#), page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.84 \[PhrasingSlur\]](#), page 418.

**Phrasing\_slur\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61, [Section 2.1.6 \[DrumVoice\]](#), page 80, [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), page 113, [Section 2.1.15 \[KievanVoice\]](#), page 136, [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\]](#), page 162, [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucciVoice\]](#), page 187, [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\]](#), page 238, [Section 2.1.30 \[VaticanaVoice\]](#), page 263 and [Section 2.1.31 \[Voice\]](#), page 275.

### 2.2.86 Piano\_pedal\_align\_engraver

Align piano pedal symbols and brackets.

Properties (read)

**currentCommandColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.97 \[SostenutoPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 428, [Section 3.1.111 \[SustainPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 440 and [Section 3.1.130 \[UnaCordaPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 459.

**Piano\_pedal\_align\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.5 \[DrumStaff\]](#), page 74, [Section 2.1.12 \[GregorianTranscriptionStaff\]](#), page 103, [Section 2.1.14 \[KievanStaff\]](#), page 126, [Section 2.1.17 \[MensuralStaff\]](#), page 152, [Section 2.1.20 \[PetrucciStaff\]](#), page 176, [Section 2.1.25 \[Staff\]](#), page 219, [Section 2.1.27 \[TabStaff\]](#), page 231 and [Section 2.1.29 \[VaticanaStaff\]](#), page 252.

### 2.2.87 Piano\_pedal\_engraver

Engrave piano pedal symbols and brackets.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.59 \[sostenuto-event\]](#), page 48, [Section 1.2.67 \[sustain-event\]](#), page 50 and [Section 1.2.76 \[una-corda-event\]](#), page 51

Properties (read)

**currentCommandColumn** (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

**pedalSostenutoStrings** (list)

See **pedalSustainStrings**.

**pedalSostenutoStyle** (symbol)

See **pedalSustainStyle**.

**pedalSustainStrings** (list)

A list of strings to print for sustain-pedal. Format is (*up updown down*), where each of the three is the string to print when this is done with the pedal.

**pedalSustainStyle** (symbol)

A symbol that indicates how to print sustain pedals: **text**, **bracket** or **mixed** (both).

`pedalUnaCordaStrings` (list)  
See `pedalSustainStrings`.

`pedalUnaCordaStyle` (symbol)  
See `pedalSustainStyle`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.85 [`PianoPedalBracket`], page 419, Section 3.1.96 [`SostenutoPedal`], page 428, Section 3.1.110 [`SustainPedal`], page 439 and Section 3.1.129 [`UnaCordaPedal`], page 458.

`Piano_pedal_engraver` is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.7 [`Dynamics`], page 92, Section 2.1.12 [`GregorianTranscriptionStaff`], page 103, Section 2.1.14 [`KievanStaff`], page 126, Section 2.1.17 [`MensuralStaff`], page 152, Section 2.1.20 [`PetrucchiStaff`], page 176, Section 2.1.25 [`Staff`], page 219, Section 2.1.27 [`TabStaff`], page 231 and Section 2.1.29 [`VaticanaStaff`], page 252.

## 2.2.88 `Piano_pedal_performer`

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.59 [`sostenuto-event`], page 48, Section 1.2.67 [`sustain-event`], page 50 and Section 1.2.76 [`una-corda-event`], page 51

`Piano_pedal_performer` is not part of any context.

## 2.2.89 `Pitch_squash_engraver`

Set the vertical position of note heads to `squashedPosition`, if that property is set. This can be used to make a single-line staff demonstrating the rhythm of a melody.

Properties (read)

`squashedPosition` (integer)  
Vertical position of squashing for Section “`Pitch_squash_engraver`” in *Internals Reference*.

`Pitch_squash_engraver` is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.23 [`RhythmicStaff`], page 202.

## 2.2.90 `Pitched_trill_engraver`

Print the bracketed note head after a note head with trill.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.123 [`TrillPitchAccidental`], page 452, Section 3.1.124 [`TrillPitchGroup`], page 453 and Section 3.1.125 [`TrillPitchHead`], page 454.

`Pitched_trill_engraver` is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.3 [`CueVoice`], page 61, Section 2.1.6 [`DrumVoice`], page 80, Section 2.1.13 [`GregorianTranscriptionVoice`], page 113, Section 2.1.15 [`KievanVoice`], page 136, Section 2.1.18 [`MensuralVoice`], page 162, Section 2.1.21 [`PetrucchiVoice`], page 187, Section 2.1.30 [`VaticanaVoice`], page 263 and Section 2.1.31 [`Voice`], page 275.

## 2.2.91 `Pure_from_neighbor_engraver`

Coordinates items that get their pure heights from their neighbors.

`Pure_from_neighbor_engraver` is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.5 [`DrumStaff`], page 74, Section 2.1.12 [`GregorianTranscriptionStaff`], page 103, Section 2.1.14 [`KievanStaff`], page 126, Section 2.1.16 [`Lyrics`], page 149, Section 2.1.17 [`MensuralStaff`], page 152, Section 2.1.20 [`PetrucchiStaff`], page 176, Section 2.1.25 [`Staff`], page 219, Section 2.1.27 [`TabStaff`], page 231 and Section 2.1.29 [`VaticanaStaff`], page 252.

### 2.2.92 Repeat\_acknowledge\_engraver

Acknowledge repeated music, and convert the contents of `repeatCommands` into an appropriate setting for `whichBar`.

Properties (read)

- `doubleRepeatSegnoType` (string)  
Set the default bar line for the combinations double repeat with segno.  
Default is `':|S|:'`.
- `doubleRepeatType` (string)  
Set the default bar line for double repeats.
- `endRepeatSegnoType` (string)  
Set the default bar line for the combinations ending of repeat with segno.  
Default is `':|S'`.
- `endRepeatType` (string)  
Set the default bar line for the ending of repeats.
- `repeatCommands` (list)  
This property is a list of commands of the form (list 'volta x), where x is a string or #f. 'end-repeat is also accepted as a command.
- `segnoType` (string)  
Set the default bar line for a requested segno. Default is `'S'`.
- `startRepeatSegnoType` (string)  
Set the default bar line for the combinations beginning of repeat with segno. Default is `'.S|:'`.
- `startRepeatType` (string)  
Set the default bar line for the beginning of repeats.
- `whichBar` (string)  
This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.  
Example:  

```
\set Staff.whichBar = "|:|"
```

  
This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in [Section “bar-line-interface” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

`Repeat_acknowledge_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.24 \[Score\]](#), [page 205](#).

### 2.2.93 Repeat\_tie\_engraver

Create repeat ties.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.51 \[repeat-tie-event\]](#), [page 47](#)

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.88 \[RepeatTie\]](#), [page 422](#) and [Section 3.1.89 \[RepeatTieColumn\]](#), [page 423](#).

`Repeat_tie_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), [page 61](#), [Section 2.1.6 \[DrumVoice\]](#), [page 80](#), [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), [page 113](#), [Section 2.1.15 \[KievanVoice\]](#), [page 136](#), [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\]](#), [page 162](#), [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucciVoice\]](#), [page 187](#), [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\]](#), [page 238](#), [Section 2.1.30 \[VaticanaVoice\]](#), [page 263](#) and [Section 2.1.31 \[Voice\]](#), [page 275](#).

## 2.2.94 Rest\_collision\_engraver

Handle collisions of rests.

Properties (read)

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of (*end-moment* . *grob*) cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.91 [RestCollision], page 424.

`Rest_collision_engraver` is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.5 [DrumStaff], page 74, Section 2.1.12 [GregorianTranscriptionStaff], page 103, Section 2.1.14 [KievanStaff], page 126, Section 2.1.17 [MensuralStaff], page 152, Section 2.1.20 [PetrucciStaff], page 176, Section 2.1.25 [Staff], page 219, Section 2.1.27 [TabStaff], page 231 and Section 2.1.29 [VaticanaStaff], page 252.

## 2.2.95 Rest\_engraver

Engrave rests.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.52 [rest-event], page 48

Properties (read)

`middleCPosition` (number)

The place of the middle C, measured in half staff-spaces. Usually determined by looking at `middleCClefPosition` and `middleCOffset`.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.90 [Rest], page 424.

`Rest_engraver` is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.3 [CueVoice], page 61, Section 2.1.6 [DrumVoice], page 80, Section 2.1.13 [GregorianTranscriptionVoice], page 113, Section 2.1.15 [KievanVoice], page 136, Section 2.1.18 [MensuralVoice], page 162, Section 2.1.21 [PetrucciVoice], page 187, Section 2.1.28 [TabVoice], page 238, Section 2.1.30 [VaticanaVoice], page 263 and Section 2.1.31 [Voice], page 275.

## 2.2.96 Rhythmic\_column\_engraver

Generate `NoteColumn`, an object that groups stems, note heads, and rests.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.74 [NoteColumn], page 410.

`Rhythmic_column_engraver` is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.3 [CueVoice], page 61, Section 2.1.6 [DrumVoice], page 80, Section 2.1.13 [GregorianTranscriptionVoice], page 113, Section 2.1.15 [KievanVoice], page 136, Section 2.1.18 [MensuralVoice], page 162, Section 2.1.21 [PetrucciVoice], page 187, Section 2.1.28 [TabVoice], page 238, Section 2.1.30 [VaticanaVoice], page 263 and Section 2.1.31 [Voice], page 275.

## 2.2.97 Scheme\_engraver

Implement engravers in Scheme. Interprets arguments to `\consists` as callbacks.

`Scheme_engraver` is not part of any context.

## 2.2.98 Script\_column\_engraver

Find potentially colliding scripts and put them into a `ScriptColumn` object; that will fix the collisions.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.93 [`ScriptColumn`], page 425.

`Script_column_engraver` is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.3 [`CueVoice`], page 61, Section 2.1.6 [`DrumVoice`], page 80, Section 2.1.13 [`GregorianTranscriptionVoice`], page 113, Section 2.1.15 [`KievanVoice`], page 136, Section 2.1.18 [`MensuralVoice`], page 162, Section 2.1.21 [`PetrucchiVoice`], page 187, Section 2.1.28 [`TabVoice`], page 238, Section 2.1.30 [`VaticanaVoice`], page 263 and Section 2.1.31 [`Voice`], page 275.

## 2.2.99 Script\_engraver

Handle note scripted articulations.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.6 [`articulation-event`], page 42

Properties (read)

`scriptDefinitions` (list)

The description of scripts. This is used by the `Script_engraver` for typesetting note-superscripts and subscripts. See ‘`scm/script.scm`’ for more information.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.92 [`Script`], page 424.

`Script_engraver` is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.3 [`CueVoice`], page 61, Section 2.1.6 [`DrumVoice`], page 80, Section 2.1.7 [`Dynamics`], page 92, Section 2.1.13 [`GregorianTranscriptionVoice`], page 113, Section 2.1.15 [`KievanVoice`], page 136, Section 2.1.18 [`MensuralVoice`], page 162, Section 2.1.21 [`PetrucchiVoice`], page 187, Section 2.1.28 [`TabVoice`], page 238, Section 2.1.30 [`VaticanaVoice`], page 263 and Section 2.1.31 [`Voice`], page 275.

## 2.2.100 Script\_row\_engraver

Determine order in horizontal side position elements.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.94 [`ScriptRow`], page 426.

`Script_row_engraver` is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.5 [`DrumStaff`], page 74, Section 2.1.12 [`GregorianTranscriptionStaff`], page 103, Section 2.1.14 [`KievanStaff`], page 126, Section 2.1.17 [`MensuralStaff`], page 152, Section 2.1.20 [`PetrucchiStaff`], page 176, Section 2.1.25 [`Staff`], page 219, Section 2.1.27 [`TabStaff`], page 231 and Section 2.1.29 [`VaticanaStaff`], page 252.

## 2.2.101 Separating\_line\_group\_engraver

Generate objects for computing spacing parameters.

Properties (read)

`createSpacing` (boolean)

Create `StaffSpacing` objects? Should be set for staves.

Properties (write)

`hasStaffSpacing` (boolean)

True if the current `CommandColumn` contains items that will affect spacing.



This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.102 [StaffSpacing], page 433.

**Separating\_line\_group\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.2 [ChordNames], page 59, Section 2.1.5 [DrumStaff], page 74, Section 2.1.8 [FiguredBass], page 95, Section 2.1.9 [FretBoards], page 97, Section 2.1.12 [GregorianTranscriptionStaff], page 103, Section 2.1.14 [KievanStaff], page 126, Section 2.1.17 [MensuralStaff], page 152, Section 2.1.19 [NoteNames], page 175, Section 2.1.20 [PetrucciStaff], page 176, Section 2.1.23 [RhythmicStaff], page 202, Section 2.1.25 [Staff], page 219, Section 2.1.27 [TabStaff], page 231 and Section 2.1.29 [VaticanaStaff], page 252.

### 2.2.102 Slash\_repeat\_engraver

Make beat repeats.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.50 [repeat-slash-event], page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.36 [DoubleRepeatSlash], page 376 and Section 3.1.87 [RepeatSlash], page 422.

**Slash\_repeat\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.3 [CueVoice], page 61, Section 2.1.6 [DrumVoice], page 80, Section 2.1.13 [GregorianTranscriptionVoice], page 113, Section 2.1.15 [KievanVoice], page 136, Section 2.1.18 [MensuralVoice], page 162, Section 2.1.21 [PetrucciVoice], page 187, Section 2.1.28 [TabVoice], page 238, Section 2.1.30 [VaticanaVoice], page 263 and Section 2.1.31 [Voice], page 275.

### 2.2.103 Slur\_engraver

Build slur grobs from slur events.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.56 [slur-event], page 48

Properties (read)

**doubleSlurs** (boolean)

If set, two slurs are created for every slurred note, one above and one below the chord.

**slurMelismaBusy** (boolean)

Signal if a slur is present.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.95 [Slur], page 426.

**Slur\_engraver** is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.3 [CueVoice], page 61, Section 2.1.6 [DrumVoice], page 80, Section 2.1.13 [GregorianTranscriptionVoice], page 113, Section 2.1.15 [KievanVoice], page 136, Section 2.1.21 [PetrucciVoice], page 187, Section 2.1.28 [TabVoice], page 238 and Section 2.1.31 [Voice], page 275.

### 2.2.104 Slur\_performer

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.56 [slur-event], page 48

**Slur\_performer** is not part of any context.



### 2.2.105 Spacing\_engraver

Make a `SpacingSpanner` and do bookkeeping of shortest starting and playing notes.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.60 \[spacing-section-event\]](#), page 48

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)  
Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)  
Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

`proportionalNotationDuration` (moment)  
Global override for shortest-playing duration. This is used for switching on proportional notation.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.98 \[SpacingSpanner\]](#), page 429.

`Spacing_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.24 \[Score\]](#), page 205.

### 2.2.106 Span\_arpeggio\_engraver

Make arpeggios that span multiple staves.

Properties (read)

`connectArpeggios` (boolean)  
If set, connect arpeggios across piano staff.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.9 \[Arpeggio\]](#), page 352.

`Span_arpeggio_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.11 \[GrandStaff\]](#), page 101, [Section 2.1.22 \[PianoStaff\]](#), page 200 and [Section 2.1.26 \[StaffGroup\]](#), page 229.

### 2.2.107 Span\_bar\_engraver

Make cross-staff bar lines: It catches all normal bar lines and draws a single span bar across them.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.99 \[SpanBar\]](#), page 430.

`Span_bar_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.11 \[GrandStaff\]](#), page 101, [Section 2.1.22 \[PianoStaff\]](#), page 200 and [Section 2.1.26 \[StaffGroup\]](#), page 229.

### 2.2.108 Span\_bar\_stub\_engraver

Make stubs for span bars in all contexts that the span bars cross.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.100 \[SpanBarStub\]](#), page 431.

`Span_bar_stub_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.11 \[GrandStaff\]](#), page 101, [Section 2.1.22 \[PianoStaff\]](#), page 200 and [Section 2.1.26 \[StaffGroup\]](#), page 229.

### 2.2.109 `Spanner_break_forbid_engraver`

Forbid breaks in certain spanners.

`Spanner_break_forbid_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61, [Section 2.1.6 \[DrumVoice\]](#), page 80, [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), page 113, [Section 2.1.15 \[KievanVoice\]](#), page 136, [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\]](#), page 162, [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucciVoice\]](#), page 187, [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\]](#), page 238, [Section 2.1.30 \[VaticanaVoice\]](#), page 263 and [Section 2.1.31 \[Voice\]](#), page 275.

### 2.2.110 `Staff_collecting_engraver`

Maintain the `stavesFound` variable.

Properties (read)

`stavesFound` (list of grobs)  
A list of all staff-symbols found.

Properties (write)

`stavesFound` (list of grobs)  
A list of all staff-symbols found.

`Staff_collecting_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.5 \[DrumStaff\]](#), page 74, [Section 2.1.12 \[GregorianTranscriptionStaff\]](#), page 103, [Section 2.1.14 \[KievanStaff\]](#), page 126, [Section 2.1.17 \[MensuralStaff\]](#), page 152, [Section 2.1.20 \[PetrucciStaff\]](#), page 176, [Section 2.1.24 \[Score\]](#), page 205, [Section 2.1.25 \[Staff\]](#), page 219, [Section 2.1.27 \[TabStaff\]](#), page 231 and [Section 2.1.29 \[VaticanaStaff\]](#), page 252.

### 2.2.111 `Staff_performer`

`Staff_performer` is not part of any context.

### 2.2.112 `Staff_symbol_engraver`

Create the constellation of five (default) staff lines.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.63 \[staff-span-event\]](#), page 49

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.103 \[StaffSymbol\]](#), page 433.

`Staff_symbol_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.5 \[DrumStaff\]](#), page 74, [Section 2.1.12 \[GregorianTranscriptionStaff\]](#), page 103, [Section 2.1.14 \[KievanStaff\]](#), page 126, [Section 2.1.17 \[MensuralStaff\]](#), page 152, [Section 2.1.20 \[PetrucciStaff\]](#), page 176, [Section 2.1.23 \[RhythmicStaff\]](#), page 202, [Section 2.1.25 \[Staff\]](#), page 219, [Section 2.1.27 \[TabStaff\]](#), page 231 and [Section 2.1.29 \[VaticanaStaff\]](#), page 252.

### 2.2.113 `Stanza_number_align_engraver`

This engraver ensures that stanza numbers are neatly aligned.

`Stanza_number_align_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.24 \[Score\]](#), page 205.

### 2.2.114 `Stanza_number_engraver`

Engrave stanza numbers.

Properties (read)

`stanza` (markup)  
Stanza ‘number’ to print before the start of a verse. Use in `Lyrics` context.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.104 \[StanzaNumber\]](#), page 434.

`Stanza_number_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.16 \[Lyrics\]](#), page 149.

### 2.2.115 Stem\_engraver

Create stems and single-stem tremolos. It also works together with the beam engraver for overriding beaming.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.72 \[tremolo-event\]](#), page 50 and [Section 1.2.75 \[tuplet-span-event\]](#), page 51

Properties (read)

`stemLeftBeamCount` (integer)

Specify the number of beams to draw on the left side of the next note. Overrides automatic beaming. The value is only used once, and then it is erased.

`stemRightBeamCount` (integer)

See `stemLeftBeamCount`.

`tremoloFlags` (integer)

The number of tremolo flags to add if no number is specified.

`whichBar` (string)

This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.

Example:

```
\set Staff.whichBar = "|:|"
```

This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in [Section “bar-line-interface” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.105 \[Stem\]](#), page 434 and [Section 3.1.107 \[StemTremolo\]](#), page 436.

`Stem_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61, [Section 2.1.6 \[DrumVoice\]](#), page 80, [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), page 113, [Section 2.1.15 \[KievanVoice\]](#), page 136, [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\]](#), page 162, [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucciVoice\]](#), page 187, [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\]](#), page 238 and [Section 2.1.31 \[Voice\]](#), page 275.

### 2.2.116 System\_start\_delimiter\_engraver

Create a system start delimiter (i.e., a `SystemStartBar`, `SystemStartBrace`, `SystemStartBracket` or `SystemStartSquare` spanner).

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`systemStartDelimiter` (symbol)

Which grob to make for the start of the system/staff? Set to `SystemStartBrace`, `SystemStartBracket` or `SystemStartBar`.

`systemStartDelimiterHierarchy` (pair)

A nested list, indicating the nesting of a start delimiters.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.113 [SystemStartBar], page 442, Section 3.1.114 [SystemStartBrace], page 442, Section 3.1.115 [SystemStartBracket], page 443 and Section 3.1.116 [SystemStartSquare], page 444.

`System_start_delimiter_engraver` is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.1 [ChoirStaff], page 58, Section 2.1.11 [GrandStaff], page 101, Section 2.1.22 [PianoStaff], page 200, Section 2.1.24 [Score], page 205 and Section 2.1.26 [StaffGroup], page 229.

## 2.2.117 `Tab_note_heads_engraver`

Generate one or more tablature note heads from event of type `NoteEvent`.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.23 [fingering-event], page 44, Section 1.2.40 [note-event], page 46 and Section 1.2.65 [string-number-event], page 50

Properties (read)

`defaultStrings` (list)

A list of strings to use in calculating frets for tablatures and fretboards if no strings are provided in the notes for the current moment.

`fretLabels` (list)

A list of strings or Scheme-formatted markups containing, in the correct order, the labels to be used for lettered frets in tablature.

`highStringOne` (boolean)

Whether the first string is the string with highest pitch on the instrument. This used by the automatic string selector for tablature notation.

`middleCPosition` (number)

The place of the middle C, measured in half staff-spaces. Usually determined by looking at `middleCClefPosition` and `middleCOffset`.

`minimumFret` (number)

The tablature auto string-selecting mechanism selects the highest string with a fret at least `minimumFret`.

`noteToFretFunction` (procedure)

Convert list of notes and list of defined strings to full list of strings and fret numbers. Parameters: The context, a list of note events, a list of tabstring events, and the fretboard grob if a fretboard is desired.

`stringOneTopmost` (boolean)

Whether the first string is printed on the top line of the tablature.

`stringTunings` (list)

The tablature strings tuning. It is a list of the pitches of each string (starting with the lowest numbered one).

`tablatureFormat` (procedure)

A function formatting a tablature note head. Called with three arguments: context, string number and, fret number. It returns the text as a markup.

`tabStaffLineLayoutFunction` (procedure)

A function determining the staff position of a tablature note head. Called with two arguments: the context and the string.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.117 \[TabNoteHead\]](#), page 445.

`Tab_note_heads_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\]](#), page 238.

### 2.2.118 `Tab_staff_symbol_engraver`

Create a tablature staff symbol, but look at `stringTunings` for the number of lines.

Properties (read)

`stringTunings` (list)

The tablature strings tuning. It is a list of the pitches of each string (starting with the lowest numbered one).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.103 \[StaffSymbol\]](#), page 433.

`Tab_staff_symbol_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.27 \[TabStaff\]](#), page 231.

### 2.2.119 `Tab_tie_follow_engraver`

Adjust `TabNoteHead` properties when a tie is followed by a slur or glissando.

`Tab_tie_follow_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\]](#), page 238.

### 2.2.120 `Tempo_performer`

Properties (read)

`tempoWholesPerMinute` (moment)

The tempo in whole notes per minute.

`Tempo_performer` is not part of any context.

### 2.2.121 `Text_engraver`

Create text scripts.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.69 \[text-script-event\]](#), page 50

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.118 \[TextScript\]](#), page 446.

`Text_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61, [Section 2.1.6 \[DrumVoice\]](#), page 80, [Section 2.1.7 \[Dynamics\]](#), page 92, [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), page 113, [Section 2.1.15 \[KievanVoice\]](#), page 136, [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\]](#), page 162, [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucciVoice\]](#), page 187, [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\]](#), page 238, [Section 2.1.30 \[VaticanaVoice\]](#), page 263 and [Section 2.1.31 \[Voice\]](#), page 275.

### 2.2.122 `Text_spanner_engraver`

Create text spanner from an event.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.70 \[text-span-event\]](#), page 50

Properties (read)

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.119 \[TextSpanner\]](#), page 448.

`Text_spanner_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61, [Section 2.1.6 \[DrumVoice\]](#), page 80, [Section 2.1.7 \[Dynamics\]](#), page 92, [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), page 113, [Section 2.1.15 \[KievanVoice\]](#), page 136, [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\]](#), page 162, [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucchiVoice\]](#), page 187, [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\]](#), page 238 and [Section 2.1.31 \[Voice\]](#), page 275.

### 2.2.123 Tie\_engraver

Generate ties between note heads of equal pitch.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.71 \[tie-event\]](#), page 50

Properties (read)

`tieWaitForNote` (boolean)

If true, tied notes do not have to follow each other directly. This can be used for writing out arpeggios.

Properties (write)

`tieMelismaBusy` (boolean)

Signal whether a tie is present.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.120 \[Tie\]](#), page 449 and [Section 3.1.121 \[TieColumn\]](#), page 450.

`Tie_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61, [Section 2.1.6 \[DrumVoice\]](#), page 80, [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), page 113, [Section 2.1.15 \[KievanVoice\]](#), page 136, [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\]](#), page 162, [Section 2.1.19 \[NoteNames\]](#), page 175, [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucchiVoice\]](#), page 187, [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\]](#), page 238, [Section 2.1.30 \[VaticanaVoice\]](#), page 263 and [Section 2.1.31 \[Voice\]](#), page 275.

### 2.2.124 Tie\_performer

Generate ties between note heads of equal pitch.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.71 \[tie-event\]](#), page 50

Properties (read)

`tieWaitForNote` (boolean)

If true, tied notes do not have to follow each other directly. This can be used for writing out arpeggios.

Properties (write)

`tieMelismaBusy` (boolean)

Signal whether a tie is present.

`Tie_performer` is not part of any context.

### 2.2.125 Time\_signature\_engraver

Create a [Section 3.1.122 \[TimeSignature\]](#), page 451 whenever `timeSignatureFraction` changes.

Properties (read)

`implicitTimeSignatureVisibility` (vector)

break visibility for the default time signature.

`timeSignatureFraction` (fraction, as pair)

A pair of numbers, signifying the time signature. For example, '(4 . 4)' is a 4/4 time signature.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.122 [`TimeSignature`], page 451.

`Time_signature_engraver` is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.5 [`DrumStaff`], page 74, Section 2.1.12 [`GregorianTranscriptionStaff`], page 103, Section 2.1.17 [`MensuralStaff`], page 152, Section 2.1.20 [`PetrucchiStaff`], page 176, Section 2.1.23 [`RhythmicStaff`], page 202, Section 2.1.25 [`Staff`], page 219 and Section 2.1.27 [`TabStaff`], page 231.

## 2.2.126 `Time_signature_performer`

`Time_signature_performer` is not part of any context.

## 2.2.127 `Timing_translator`

This engraver adds the alias `Timing` to its containing context. Responsible for synchronizing timing information from staves. Normally in `Score`. In order to create polyrhythmic music, this engraver should be removed from `Score` and placed in `Staff`.

Properties (read)

`baseMoment` (moment)

Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

`currentBarNumber` (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is incremented at every bar line.

`internalBarNumber` (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is used for internal timekeeping, among others by the `Accidental_engraver`.

`measureLength` (moment)

Length of one measure in the current time signature.

`measurePosition` (moment)

How much of the current measure have we had. This can be set manually to create incomplete measures.

`timeSignatureFraction` (fraction, as pair)

A pair of numbers, signifying the time signature. For example, '(4 . 4)' is a 4/4 time signature.

Properties (write)

`baseMoment` (moment)

Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

`currentBarNumber` (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is incremented at every bar line.

`internalBarNumber` (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is used for internal timekeeping, among others by the `Accidental_engraver`.

`measureLength` (moment)

Length of one measure in the current time signature.

`measurePosition` (moment)

How much of the current measure have we had. This can be set manually to create incomplete measures.

`timeSignatureFraction` (fraction, as pair)

A pair of numbers, signifying the time signature. For example, '(4 . 4)' is a 4/4 time signature.

`Timing_translator` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.24 \[Score\]](#), page 205.

### 2.2.128 Translator

Base class. Not instantiated.

`Translator` is not part of any context.

### 2.2.129 Trill\_spanner\_engraver

Create trill spanner from an event.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.74 \[trill-span-event\]](#), page 51

Properties (read)

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.126 \[TrillSpanner\]](#), page 454.

`Trill_spanner_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61, [Section 2.1.6 \[DrumVoice\]](#), page 80, [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), page 113, [Section 2.1.15 \[KievanVoice\]](#), page 136, [Section 2.1.18 \[MensuralVoice\]](#), page 162, [Section 2.1.21 \[PetrucciVoice\]](#), page 187, [Section 2.1.28 \[TabVoice\]](#), page 238, [Section 2.1.30 \[VaticanaVoice\]](#), page 263 and [Section 2.1.31 \[Voice\]](#), page 275.

### 2.2.130 Tuplet\_engraver

Catch tuplet events and generate appropriate bracket.

Music types accepted:

[Section 1.2.75 \[tuplet-span-event\]](#), page 51

Properties (read)

`tupletFullLength` (boolean)

If set, the tuplet is printed up to the start of the next note.

`tupletFullLengthNote` (boolean)

If set, end at the next note, otherwise end on the matter (time signatures, etc.) before the note.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.127 \[TupletBracket\]](#), page 456 and [Section 3.1.128 \[TupletNumber\]](#), page 457.

`Tuplet_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.3 \[CueVoice\]](#), page 61, [Section 2.1.6 \[DrumVoice\]](#), page 80, [Section 2.1.13 \[GregorianTranscriptionVoice\]](#), page 113,



Section 2.1.15 [KievanVoice], page 136, Section 2.1.18 [MensuralVoice], page 162, Section 2.1.21 [PetrucciVoice], page 187, Section 2.1.28 [TabVoice], page 238, Section 2.1.30 [VaticanaVoice], page 263 and Section 2.1.31 [Voice], page 275.

### 2.2.131 Tweak\_engraver

Read the `tweaks` property from the originating event, and set properties.

`Tweak_engraver` is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.3 [CueVoice], page 61, Section 2.1.6 [DrumVoice], page 80, Section 2.1.7 [Dynamics], page 92, Section 2.1.13 [GregorianTranscriptionVoice], page 113, Section 2.1.15 [KievanVoice], page 136, Section 2.1.16 [Lyrics], page 149, Section 2.1.18 [MensuralVoice], page 162, Section 2.1.21 [PetrucciVoice], page 187, Section 2.1.28 [TabVoice], page 238, Section 2.1.30 [VaticanaVoice], page 263 and Section 2.1.31 [Voice], page 275.

### 2.2.132 Vaticana\_ligature\_engraver

Handle ligatures by glueing special ligature heads together.

Music types accepted:

Section 1.2.32 [ligature-event], page 45 and Section 1.2.48 [pes-or-flexa-event], page 47

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.32 [DotColumn], page 372 and Section 3.1.131 [VaticanaLigature], page 460.

`Vaticana_ligature_engraver` is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.30 [VaticanaVoice], page 263.

### 2.2.133 Vertical\_align\_engraver

Catch groups (staves, lyrics lines, etc.) and stack them vertically.

Properties (read)

`alignAboveContext` (string)

Where to insert newly created context in vertical alignment.

`alignBelowContext` (string)

Where to insert newly created context in vertical alignment.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

Section 3.1.132 [VerticalAlignment], page 460.

`Vertical_align_engraver` is part of the following context(s): Section 2.1.1 [ChoirStaff], page 58, Section 2.1.11 [GrandStaff], page 101, Section 2.1.22 [PianoStaff], page 200, Section 2.1.24 [Score], page 205 and Section 2.1.26 [StaffGroup], page 229.

### 2.2.134 Volta\_engraver

Make volta brackets.

Properties (read)

`repeatCommands` (list)

This property is a list of commands of the form (list 'volta x), where x is a string or #f. 'end-repeat is also accepted as a command.

`stavesFound` (list of grobs)

A list of all staff-symbols found.

`voltaSpannerDuration` (moment)

This specifies the maximum duration to use for the brackets printed for \alternative. This can be used to shrink the length of brackets in the situation where one alternative is very large.

This engraver creates the following layout object(s):

[Section 3.1.135 \[VoltaBracket\]](#), page 463 and [Section 3.1.136 \[VoltaBracketSpanner\]](#), page 464.

`Volta_engraver` is part of the following context(s): [Section 2.1.24 \[Score\]](#), page 205.

## 2.3 Tunable context properties

`additionalPitchPrefix` (string)

Text with which to prefix additional pitches within a chord name.

`aDueText` (markup)

Text to print at a unisono passage.

`alignAboveContext` (string)

Where to insert newly created context in vertical alignment.

`alignBassFigureAccidentals` (boolean)

If true, then the accidentals are aligned in bass figure context.

`alignBelowContext` (string)

Where to insert newly created context in vertical alignment.

`alternativeNumberingStyle` (symbol)

The style of an alternative's bar numbers. Can be `numbers` for going back to the same number or `numbers-with-letters` for going back to the same number with letter suffixes. No setting will not go back in measure-number time.

`associatedVoice` (string)

Name of the `Voice` that has the melody for this `Lyrics` line.

`autoAccidentals` (list)

List of different ways to typeset an accidental.

For determining when to print an accidental, several different rules are tried. The rule that gives the highest number of accidentals is used.

Each entry in the list is either a symbol or a procedure.

*symbol*      The symbol is the name of the context in which the following rules are to be applied. For example, if *context* is [Section “Score” in \*Internals Reference\*](#) then all staves share accidentals, and if *context* is [Section “Staff” in \*Internals Reference\*](#) then all voices in the same staff share accidentals, but staves do not.

*procedure*   The procedure represents an accidental rule to be applied to the previously specified context.

The procedure takes the following arguments:

`context`      The current context to which the rule should be applied.

`pitch`        The pitch of the note to be evaluated.

`barnum`       The current bar number.

`measurepos`

The current measure position.

The procedure returns a pair of booleans. The first states whether an extra natural should be added. The second states whether an accidental should be printed. (`#t` . `#f`) does not make sense.

**autoBeamCheck** (procedure)

A procedure taking three arguments, *context*, *dir* [start/stop (-1 or 1)], and *test* [shortest note in the beam]. A non-**#f** return value starts or stops the auto beam.

**autoBeaming** (boolean)

If set to true then beams are generated automatically.

**autoCautionaries** (list)

List similar to **autoAccidentals**, but it controls cautionary accidentals rather than normal ones. Both lists are tried, and the one giving the most accidentals wins. In case of draw, a normal accidental is typeset.

**automaticBars** (boolean)

If set to false then bar lines will not be printed automatically; they must be explicitly created with a **\bar** command. Unlike the **\cadenzaOn** keyword, measures are still counted. Bar line generation will resume according to that count if this property is unset.

**barAlways** (boolean)

If set to true a bar line is drawn after each note.

**barCheckSynchronize** (boolean)

If true then reset **measurePosition** when finding a bar check.

**barNumberFormatter** (procedure)

A procedure that takes a bar number, measure position, and alternative number and returns a markup of the bar number to print.

**barNumberVisibility** (procedure)

A procedure that takes a bar number and a measure position and returns whether the corresponding bar number should be printed.

**baseMoment** (moment)

Smallest unit of time that will stand on its own as a subdivided section.

**bassFigureFormatFunction** (procedure)

A procedure that is called to produce the formatting for a **BassFigure** grob. It takes a list of **BassFigureEvents**, a context, and the grob to format.

**bassStaffProperties** (list)

An alist of property settings to apply for the down staff of **PianoStaff**. Used by **\autochange**.

**beamExceptions** (list)

An alist of exceptions to autobeam rules that normally end on beats.

**beamHalfMeasure** (boolean)

Whether to allow a beam to begin halfway through the measure in triple time, which could look like 6/8.

**beatStructure** (list)

List of **baseMoments** that are combined to make beats.

**chordChanges** (boolean)

Only show changes in chords scheme?

**chordNameExceptions** (list)

An alist of chord exceptions. Contains (*chord . markup*) entries.

**chordNameExceptionsFull** (list)

An alist of full chord exceptions. Contains (*chord . markup*) entries.

- chordNameExceptionsPartial** (list)  
An alist of partial chord exceptions. Contains (*chord . (prefix-markup suffix-markup)*) entries.
- chordNameFunction** (procedure)  
The function that converts lists of pitches to chord names.
- chordNameLowercaseMinor** (boolean)  
Downcase roots of minor chords?
- chordNameSeparator** (markup)  
The markup object used to separate parts of a chord name.
- chordNoteNamer** (procedure)  
A function that converts from a pitch object to a text markup. Used for single pitches.
- chordPrefixSpacer** (number)  
The space added between the root symbol and the prefix of a chord name.
- chordRootNamer** (procedure)  
A function that converts from a pitch object to a text markup. Used for chords.
- clefGlyph** (string)  
Name of the symbol within the music font.
- clefOctavation** (integer)  
Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7 and -7 are common.
- clefPosition** (number)  
Where should the center of the clef symbol go, measured in half staff spaces from the center of the staff.
- completionBusy** (boolean)  
Whether a completion-note head is playing.
- completionUnit** (moment)  
Sub-bar unit of completion.
- connectArpeggios** (boolean)  
If set, connect arpeggios across piano staff.
- countPercentRepeats** (boolean)  
If set, produce counters for percent repeats.
- createKeyOnClefChange** (boolean)  
Print a key signature whenever the clef is changed.
- createSpacing** (boolean)  
Create **StaffSpacing** objects? Should be set for staves.
- crescendoSpanner** (symbol)  
The type of spanner to be used for crescendi. Available values are 'hairpin' and 'text'. If unset, a hairpin crescendo is used.
- crescendoText** (markup)  
The text to print at start of non-hairpin crescendo, i.e., 'cresc.'.
- cueClefGlyph** (string)  
Name of the symbol within the music font.
- cueClefOctavation** (integer)  
Add this much extra octavation. Values of 7 and -7 are common.

`cueClefPosition` (number)

Where should the center of the clef symbol go, measured in half staff spaces from the center of the staff.

`currentBarNumber` (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is incremented at every bar line.

`decrescendoSpanner` (symbol)

The type of spanner to be used for decrescendi. Available values are ‘`hairpin`’ and ‘`text`’. If unset, a hairpin decrescendo is used.

`decrescendoText` (markup)

The text to print at start of non-hairpin decrescendo, i.e., ‘`dim.`’.

`defaultBarType` (string)

Set the default type of bar line. See `whichBar` for information on available bar types. This variable is read by [Section “Timing\\_translator” in \*Internals Reference\*](#) at [Section “Score” in \*Internals Reference\*](#) level.

`defaultStrings` (list)

A list of strings to use in calculating frets for tablatures and fretboards if no strings are provided in the notes for the current moment.

`doubleRepeatSegnoType` (string)

Set the default bar line for the combinations double repeat with segno. Default is ‘`:|S|:`’.

`doubleRepeatType` (string)

Set the default bar line for double repeats.

`doubleSlurs` (boolean)

If set, two slurs are created for every slurred note, one above and one below the chord.

`drumPitchTable` (hash table)

A table mapping percussion instruments (symbols) to pitches.

`drumStyleTable` (hash table)

A hash table which maps drums to layout settings. Predefined values: ‘`drums-style`’, ‘`timbales-style`’, ‘`congas-style`’, ‘`bongos-style`’, and ‘`percussion-style`’.

The layout style is a hash table, containing the drum-pitches (e.g., the symbol ‘`hihat`’) as keys, and a list (*notehead-style script vertical-position*) as values.

`endRepeatSegnoType` (string)

Set the default bar line for the combinations ending of repeat with segno. Default is ‘`:|S`’.

`endRepeatType` (string)

Set the default bar line for the ending of repeats.

`explicitClefVisibility` (vector)

‘`break-visibility`’ function for clef changes.

`explicitCueClefVisibility` (vector)

‘`break-visibility`’ function for cue clef changes.

`explicitKeySignatureVisibility` (vector)

‘`break-visibility`’ function for explicit key changes. ‘`\override`’ of the `break-visibility` property will set the visibility for normal (i.e., at the start of the line) key signatures.

**extendersOverRests** (boolean)

Whether to continue extenders as they cross a rest.

**extraNatural** (boolean)

Whether to typeset an extra natural sign before accidentals that reduce the effect of a previous alteration.

**figuredBassAlterationDirection** (direction)

Where to put alterations relative to the main figure.

**figuredBassCenterContinuations** (boolean)

Whether to vertically center pairs of extender lines. This does not work with three or more lines.

**figuredBassFormatter** (procedure)

A routine generating a markup for a bass figure.

**figuredBassPlusDirection** (direction)

Where to put plus signs relative to the main figure.

**fingeringOrientations** (list)

A list of symbols, containing 'left', 'right', 'up' and/or 'down'. This list determines where fingerings are put relative to the chord being fingered.

**firstClef** (boolean)

If true, create a new clef when starting a staff.

**followVoice** (boolean)

If set, note heads are tracked across staff switches by a thin line.

**fontSize** (number)

The relative size of all grobs in a context.

**forbidBreak** (boolean)

If set to #t, prevent a line break at this point.

**forceClef** (boolean)

Show clef symbol, even if it has not changed. Only active for the first clef after the property is set, not for the full staff.

**fretLabels** (list)

A list of strings or Scheme-formatted markups containing, in the correct order, the labels to be used for lettered frets in tablature.

**glissandoMap** (list)

A map in the form of '((source1 . target1) (source2 . target2) (sourcen . targetn)) showing the glissandi to be drawn for note columns. The value '() will default to '((0 . 0) (1 . 1) (n . n)), where n is the minimal number of note-heads in the two note columns between which the glissandi occur.

**gridInterval** (moment)

Interval for which to generate **GridPoints**.

**handleNegativeFrets** (symbol)

How the automatic fret calculator should handle calculated negative frets. Values include 'ignore, to leave them out of the diagram completely, 'include, to include them as calculated, and 'recalculate, to ignore the specified string and find a string where they will fit with a positive fret number.

**harmonicAccidentals** (boolean)

If set, harmonic notes in chords get accidentals.

**harmonicDots** (boolean)

If set, harmonic notes in dotted chords get dots.

**highStringOne** (boolean)

Whether the first string is the string with highest pitch on the instrument. This used by the automatic string selector for tablature notation.

**ignoreBarChecks** (boolean)

Ignore bar checks.

**ignoreFiguredBassRest** (boolean)

Don't swallow rest events.

**ignoreMelismata** (boolean)

Ignore melismata for this [Section “Lyrics” in \*Internals Reference\*](#) line.

**implicitBassFigures** (list)

A list of bass figures that are not printed as numbers, but only as extender lines.

**implicitTimeSignatureVisibility** (vector)

break visibility for the default time signature.

**includeGraceNotes** (boolean)

Do not ignore grace notes for [Section “Lyrics” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

**instrumentCueName** (markup)

The name to print if another instrument is to be taken.

**instrumentEqualizer** (procedure)

A function taking a string (instrument name), and returning a (*min* . *max*) pair of numbers for the loudness range of the instrument.

**instrumentName** (markup)

The name to print left of a staff. The **instrumentName** property labels the staff in the first system, and the **shortInstrumentName** property labels following lines.

**instrumentTransposition** (pitch)

Define the transposition of the instrument. Its value is the pitch that sounds like middle C. This is used to transpose the MIDI output, and \quotes.

**internalBarNumber** (integer)

Contains the current barnumber. This property is used for internal timekeeping, among others by the **Accidental\_engraver**.

**keepAliveInterfaces** (list)

A list of symbols, signifying grob interfaces that are worth keeping a staff with **remove-empty** set around for.

**keyAlterationOrder** (list)

An alist that defines in what order alterations should be printed. The format is (*step* . *alter*), where *step* is a number from 0 to 6 and *alter* from -2 (sharp) to 2 (flat).

**keySignature** (list)

The current key signature. This is an alist containing (*step* . *alter*) or ((*octave* . *step*) . *alter*), where *step* is a number in the range 0 to 6 and *alter* a fraction, denoting alteration. For alterations, use symbols, e.g. **keySignature** = #`((6 . ,FLAT)).

**lyricMelismaAlignment** (number)

Alignment to use for a melisma syllable.

**majorSevenSymbol** (markup)

How should the major 7th be formatted in a chord name?

**markFormatter** (procedure)

A procedure taking as arguments the context and the rehearsal mark. It should return the formatted mark as a markup object.

**maximumFretStretch** (number)

Don't allocate frets further than this from specified frets.

**measureLength** (moment)

Length of one measure in the current time signature.

**measurePosition** (moment)

How much of the current measure have we had. This can be set manually to create incomplete measures.

**melismaBusyProperties** (list)

A list of properties (symbols) to determine whether a melisma is playing. Setting this property will influence how lyrics are aligned to notes. For example, if set to '(melismaBusy beamMelismaBusy), only manual melismata and manual beams are considered. Possible values include `melismaBusy`, `slurMelismaBusy`, `tieMelismaBusy`, and `beamMelismaBusy`.

**metronomeMarkFormatter** (procedure)

How to produce a metronome markup. Called with two arguments: a `TempoChangeEvent` and context.

**middleCClefPosition** (number)

The position of the middle C, as determined only by the clef. This can be calculated by looking at `clefPosition` and `clefGlyph`.

**middleCCuePosition** (number)

The position of the middle C, as determined only by the clef of the cue notes. This can be calculated by looking at `cueClefPosition` and `cueClefGlyph`.

**middleCOffset** (number)

The offset of middle C from the position given by `middleCClefPosition`. This is used for ottava brackets.

**middleCPosition** (number)

The place of the middle C, measured in half staff-spaces. Usually determined by looking at `middleCClefPosition` and `middleCOffset`.

**midiChannelMapping** (symbol)

How to map MIDI channels: per `instrument` (default), `staff` or `voice`.

**midiInstrument** (string)

Name of the MIDI instrument to use.

**midiMaximumVolume** (number)

Analogous to `midiMinimumVolume`.

**midiMergeUnisons** (boolean)

If true, output only one MIDI note-on event when notes with the same pitch, in the same MIDI-file track, overlap.

**midiMinimumVolume** (number)

Set the minimum loudness for MIDI. Ranges from 0 to 1.



- minimumFret** (number)  
The tablature auto string-selecting mechanism selects the highest string with a fret at least **minimumFret**.
- minimumPageTurnLength** (moment)  
Minimum length of a rest for a page turn to be allowed.
- minimumRepeatLengthForPageTurn** (moment)  
Minimum length of a repeated section for a page turn to be allowed within that section.
- minorChordModifier** (markup)  
Markup displayed following the root for a minor chord
- noChordSymbol** (markup)  
Markup to be displayed for rests in a **ChordNames** context.
- noteToFretFunction** (procedure)  
Convert list of notes and list of defined strings to full list of strings and fret numbers.  
Parameters: The context, a list of note events, a list of tabstring events, and the fretboard grob if a fretboard is desired.
- ottavation** (markup)  
If set, the text for an ottava spanner. Changing this creates a new text spanner.
- output** (music output)  
The output produced by a score-level translator during music interpretation.
- partCombineTextsOnNote** (boolean)  
Print part-combine texts only on the next note rather than immediately on rests or skips.
- pedalSostenutoStrings** (list)  
See **pedalSustainStrings**.
- pedalSostenutoStyle** (symbol)  
See **pedalSustainStyle**.
- pedalSustainStrings** (list)  
A list of strings to print for sustain-pedal. Format is (*up updown down*), where each of the three is the string to print when this is done with the pedal.
- pedalSustainStyle** (symbol)  
A symbol that indicates how to print sustain pedals: **text**, **bracket** or **mixed** (both).
- pedalUnaCordaStrings** (list)  
See **pedalSustainStrings**.
- pedalUnaCordaStyle** (symbol)  
See **pedalSustainStyle**.
- predefinedDiagramTable** (hash table)  
The hash table of predefined fret diagrams to use in **FretBoards**.
- printKeyCancellation** (boolean)  
Print restoration alterations before a key signature change.
- printOctaveNames** (boolean)  
Print octave marks for the **NoteNames** context.
- printPartCombineTexts** (boolean)  
Set 'Solo' and 'A due' texts in the part combiner?

`proportionalNotationDuration` (moment)

Global override for shortest-playing duration. This is used for switching on proportional notation.

`rehearsalMark` (integer)

The last rehearsal mark printed.

`repeatCommands` (list)

This property is a list of commands of the form (`list 'volta x`), where `x` is a string or `#f`. `'end-repeat` is also accepted as a command.

`repeatCountVisibility` (procedure)

A procedure taking as arguments an integer and context, returning whether the corresponding percent repeat number should be printed when `countPercentRepeats` is set.

`restCompletionBusy` (boolean)

Signal whether a completion-rest is active.

`restNumberThreshold` (number)

If a multimeasure rest has more measures than this, a number is printed.

`restrainOpenStrings` (boolean)

Exclude open strings from the automatic fret calculator.

`searchForVoice` (boolean)

Signal whether a search should be made of all contexts in the context hierarchy for a voice to provide rhythms for the lyrics.

`segnoType` (string)

Set the default bar line for a requested segno. Default is 'S'.

`shapeNoteStyles` (vector)

Vector of symbols, listing style for each note head relative to the tonic (qv.) of the scale.

`shortInstrumentName` (markup)

See `instrumentName`.

`shortVocalName` (markup)

Name of a vocal line, short version.

`skipBars` (boolean)

If set to true, then skip the empty bars that are produced by multimeasure notes and rests. These bars will not appear on the printed output. If not set (the default), multimeasure notes and rests expand into their full length, printing the appropriate number of empty bars so that synchronization with other voices is preserved.

```
{
  r1 r1*3 R1*3
  \set Score.skipBars= ##t
  r1*3 R1*3
}
```

`skipTypesetting` (boolean)

If true, no typesetting is done, speeding up the interpretation phase. Useful for debugging large scores.

`slashChordSeparator` (markup)

The markup object used to separate a chord name from its root note in case of inversions or slash chords.

- soloIIText** (markup)  
The text for the start of a solo for voice ‘two’ when part-combining.
- soloText** (markup)  
The text for the start of a solo when part-combining.
- squashedPosition** (integer)  
Vertical position of squashing for [Section “Pitch-squash-engraver”](#) in *Internals Reference*.
- staffLineLayoutFunction** (procedure)  
Layout of staff lines, **traditional**, or **semitone**.
- stanza** (markup)  
Stanza ‘number’ to print before the start of a verse. Use in **Lyrics** context.
- startRepeatSegnoType** (string)  
Set the default bar line for the combinations beginning of repeat with segno. Default is ‘.S|:’.
- startRepeatType** (string)  
Set the default bar line for the beginning of repeats.
- stemLeftBeamCount** (integer)  
Specify the number of beams to draw on the left side of the next note. Overrides automatic beaming. The value is only used once, and then it is erased.
- stemRightBeamCount** (integer)  
See **stemLeftBeamCount**.
- strictBeatBeaming** (boolean)  
Should partial beams reflect the beat structure even if it causes flags to hang out?
- stringNumberOrientations** (list)  
See **fingeringOrientations**.
- stringOneTopmost** (boolean)  
Whether the first string is printed on the top line of the tablature.
- stringTunings** (list)  
The tablature strings tuning. It is a list of the pitches of each string (starting with the lowest numbered one).
- strokeFingerOrientations** (list)  
See **fingeringOrientations**.
- subdivideBeams** (boolean)  
If set, multiple beams will be subdivided at **baseMoment** positions by only drawing one beam over the beat.
- suggestAccidentals** (boolean)  
If set, accidentals are typeset as cautionary suggestions over the note.
- systemStartDelimiter** (symbol)  
Which grob to make for the start of the system/staff? Set to **SystemStartBrace**, **SystemStartBracket** or **SystemStartBar**.
- systemStartDelimiterHierarchy** (pair)  
A nested list, indicating the nesting of a start delimiters.
- tablatureFormat** (procedure)  
A function formatting a tablature note head. Called with three arguments: context, string number and, fret number. It returns the text as a markup.

**tabStaffLineLayoutFunction** (procedure)

A function determining the staff position of a tablature note head. Called with two arguments: the context and the string.

**tempoHideNote** (boolean)

Hide the note = count in tempo marks.

**tempoWholesPerMinute** (moment)

The tempo in whole notes per minute.

**tieWaitForNote** (boolean)

If true, tied notes do not have to follow each other directly. This can be used for writing out arpeggios.

**timeSignatureFraction** (fraction, as pair)

A pair of numbers, signifying the time signature. For example, '(4 . 4) is a 4/4 time signature.

**timeSignatureSettings** (list)

A nested alist of settings for time signatures. Contains elements for various time signatures. The element for each time signature contains entries for **baseMoment**, **beatStructure**, and **beamExceptions**.

**timing** (boolean)

Keep administration of measure length, position, bar number, etc.? Switch off for cadenzas.

**tonic** (pitch)

The tonic of the current scale.

**topLevelAlignment** (boolean)

If true, the *Vertical-align-engraver* will create a *VerticalAlignment*; otherwise, it will create a *StaffGrouper*

**trebleStaffProperties** (list)

An alist of property settings to apply for the up staff of *PianoStaff*. Used by *\autochange*.

**tremoloFlags** (integer)

The number of tremolo flags to add if no number is specified.

**tupletFullLength** (boolean)

If set, the tuplet is printed up to the start of the next note.

**tupletFullLengthNote** (boolean)

If set, end at the next note, otherwise end on the matter (time signatures, etc.) before the note.

**tupletSpannerDuration** (moment)

Normally, a tuplet bracket is as wide as the *\times* expression that gave rise to it. By setting this property, you can make brackets last shorter.

```
{
  \set tupletSpannerDuration = #(ly:make-moment 1 4)
  \times 2/3 { c8 c c c c c }
}
```

**useBassFigureExtenders** (boolean)

Whether to use extender lines for repeated bass figures.

**vocalName** (markup)

Name of a vocal line.

`voltaSpannerDuration` (moment)

This specifies the maximum duration to use for the brackets printed for `\alternative`. This can be used to shrink the length of brackets in the situation where one alternative is very large.

`whichBar` (string)

This property is read to determine what type of bar line to create.

Example:

```
\set Staff.whichBar = "|:"
```

This will create a start-repeat bar in this staff only. Valid values are described in [Section “bar-line-interface” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

## 2.4 Internal context properties

`associatedVoiceContext` (context)

The context object of the `Voice` that has the melody for this `Lyrics`.

`barCheckLastFail` (moment)

Where in the measure did the last barcheck fail?

`beamMelismaBusy` (boolean)

Signal if a beam is present.

`busyGrobs` (list)

A queue of `(end-moment . grob)` cons cells. This is for internal (C++) use only. This property contains the grobs which are still busy (e.g. note heads, spanners, etc.).

`currentCommandColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all current breakable (clef, key signature, etc.) items.

`currentMusicalColumn` (graphical (layout) object)

Grob that is X-parent to all non-breakable items (note heads, lyrics, etc.).

`dynamicAbsoluteVolumeFunction` (procedure)

A procedure that takes one argument, the text value of a dynamic event, and returns the absolute volume of that dynamic event.

`EventClasses` (list)

The initial list of event classes.

`finalizations` (list)

A list of expressions to evaluate before proceeding to next time step. This is an internal variable.

`graceSettings` (list)

Overrides for grace notes. This property should be manipulated through the `add-grace-property` function.

`hasStaffSpacing` (boolean)

True if the current `CommandColumn` contains items that will affect spacing.

`lastKeySignature` (list)

Last key signature before a key signature change.

`localKeySignature` (list)

The key signature at this point in the measure. The format is the same as for `keySignature`, but can also contain `((octave . name) . (alter barnumber . measureposition))` pairs.

**melismaBusy** (boolean)

Signifies whether a melisma is active. This can be used to signal melismas on top of those automatically detected.

**quotedCueEventTypes** (list)

A list of symbols, representing the event types that should be duplicated for `\cueDuring` commands.

**quotedEventTypes** (list)

A list of symbols, representing the event types that should be duplicated for `\quoteDuring` commands. This is also a fallback for `\cueDuring` if **quotedCueEventTypes** is not set

**rootSystem** (graphical (layout) object)

The System object.

**scriptDefinitions** (list)

The description of scripts. This is used by the `Script_engraver` for typesetting note-superscripts and subscripts. See ‘`scm/script.scm`’ for more information.

**slurMelismaBusy** (boolean)

Signal if a slur is present.

**stavesFound** (list of grobs)

A list of all staff-symbols found.

**tieMelismaBusy** (boolean)

Signal whether a tie is present.

## 3 Backend

### 3.1 All layout objects

#### 3.1.1 Accidental

Accidental objects are created by: [Section 2.2.1 \[Accidental-engraver\]](#), page 287.

Standard settings:

```
alteration (number):
    accidental-interface::calc-alteration
    Alteration numbers for accidental.
```

**avoid-slur** (symbol):

```
'inside
```

Method of handling slur collisions. Choices are **inside**, **outside**, **around**, and **ignore**. **inside** adjusts the slur if needed to keep the grob inside the slur. **outside** moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur. **around** moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur only if there is a collision. **ignore** does not move either. In grobs whose notational significance depends on vertical position (such as accidentals, clefs, etc.), **outside** and **around** behave like **ignore**.

**glyph-name-alist** (list):

```
'((0 . accidentals.natural) (-1/2 . accidentals.flat) (1/2
 . accidentals.sharp) (1 . accidentals.doublesharp) (-1 .
 accidentals.flatflat) (3/4 . accidentals.sharp.slashslash.stemstemstem)
 (1/4 . accidentals.sharp.slashslash.stem)
 (-1/4 . accidentals.mirroredflat) (-3/4 .
 accidentals.mirroredflat.flat))
```

An alist of key-string pairs.

**stencil** (stencil):

```
ly:accidental-interface::print
```

The symbol to print.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers):

```
ly:accidental-interface::width
```

Hard coded extent in X direction.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers):

```
ly:accidental-interface::height
```

Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.1 \[accidental-interface\]](#), page 465, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.47 \[inline-accidental-interface\]](#), page 492 and [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494.

#### 3.1.2 AccidentalCautionary

AccidentalCautionary objects are created by: [Section 2.2.1 \[Accidental-engraver\]](#), page 287.

Standard settings:

```
alteration (number):
    accidental-interface::calc-alteration
    Alteration numbers for accidental.
```

**avoid-slur** (symbol):

**'inside**

Method of handling slur collisions. Choices are **inside**, **outside**, **around**, and **ignore**. **inside** adjusts the slur if needed to keep the grob inside the slur. **outside** moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur. **around** moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur only if there is a collision. **ignore** does not move either. In grobs whose notational significance depends on vertical position (such as accidentals, clefs, etc.), **outside** and **around** behave like **ignore**.

**glyph-name-alist** (list):

**'((0 . accidentals.natural) (-1/2 . accidentals.flat) (1/2 . accidentals.sharp) (1 . accidentals.doublesharp) (-1 . accidentals.flatflat) (3/4 . accidentals.sharp.slashslash.stemstemstem) (1/4 . accidentals.sharp.slashslash.stem) (-1/4 . accidentals.mirroredflat) (-3/4 . accidentals.mirroredflat.flat))**

An alist of key-string pairs.

**parenthesized** (boolean):

**#t**

Parenthesize this grob.

**stencil** (stencil):

**ly:accidental-interface::print**

The symbol to print.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers):

**ly:accidental-interface::height**

Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.1 \[accidental-interface\]](#), page 465, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.47 \[inline-accidental-interface\]](#), page 492 and [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494.

### 3.1.3 AccidentalPlacement

AccidentalPlacement objects are created by: [Section 2.2.1 \[Accidental-engraver\]](#), page 287 and [Section 2.2.2 \[Ambitus-engraver\]](#), page 289.

Standard settings:

**direction** (direction):

**-1**

If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**right-padding** (dimension, in staff space):

**0.15**

Space to insert on the right side of an object (e.g., between note and its accidentals).

**script-priority** (number):

**-100**



A sorting key that determines in what order a script is within a stack of scripts.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers):  
`ly:axis-group-interface::width`  
 Hard coded extent in X direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.2 \[accidental-placement-interface\]](#), page 466, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487 and [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494.

### 3.1.4 AccidentalSuggestion

AccidentalSuggestion objects are created by: [Section 2.2.1 \[Accidental-engraver\]](#), page 287.

Standard settings:

**alteration** (number):  
`accidental-interface::calc-alteration`  
 Alteration numbers for accidental.

**direction** (direction):  
 1  
 If `side-axis` is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**font-size** (number):  
 -2  
 The font size, compared to the ‘normal’ size. 0 is style-sheet’s normal size, -1 is smaller, +1 is bigger. Each step of 1 is approximately 12% larger; 6 steps are exactly a factor 2 larger. Fractional values are allowed.

**glyph-name-alist** (list):  

```
'((0 . accidentals.natural) (-1/2 . accidentals.flat) (1/2
. accidentals.sharp) (1 . accidentals.doubleslash) (-1 .
accidentals.flatflat) (3/4 . accidentals.sharp.slashslash.stemstemstem)
(1/4 . accidentals.sharp.slashslash.stem)
(-1/4 . accidentals.mirroredflat) (-3/4 .
accidentals.mirroredflat.flat))
```

 An alist of key-string pairs.

**outside-staff-priority** (number):  
 0  
 If set, the grob is positioned outside the staff in such a way as to avoid all collisions. In case of a potential collision, the grob with the smaller `outside-staff-priority` is closer to the staff.

**script-priority** (number):  
 0  
 A sorting key that determines in what order a script is within a stack of scripts.

**self-alignment-X** (number):  
 0

Specify alignment of an object. The value -1 means left aligned, 0 centered, and 1 right-aligned in X direction. Other numerical values may also be specified.

**side-axis** (number):

1

If the value is X (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is Y or 1, it is placed vertically.

**staff-padding** (dimension, in staff space):

0.25

Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.

**stencil** (stencil):

ly:accidental-interface::print

The symbol to print.

**use-skylines** (boolean):

#t

Should skylines be used for side positioning?

**X-extent** (pair of numbers):

ly:accidental-interface::width

Hard coded extent in X direction.

**X-offset** (number):

```
#<simple-closure (#<primitive-generic +> #<simple-closure
  (#<primitive-procedure ly:self-alignment-interface::centered-on-x-parent>) > #<simple-closure
  (#<primitive-procedure ly:self-alignment-interface::x-aligned-on-self>) >) >
```

The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers):

ly:accidental-interface::height

Hard coded extent in Y direction.

**Y-offset** (number):

ly:side-position-interface::y-aligned-side

The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.1 \[accidental-interface\]](#), page 465, [Section 3.2.3 \[accidental-suggestion-interface\]](#), page 466, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.91 \[script-interface\]](#), page 511, [Section 3.2.92 \[self-alignment-interface\]](#), page 512 and [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514.

### 3.1.5 Ambitus

Ambitus objects are created by: [Section 2.2.2 \[Ambitus-engraver\]](#), page 289.

Standard settings:

**axes** (list):

'(0 1)

List of axis numbers. In the case of alignment grobs, this should contain only one number.

**break-align-symbol** (symbol):

`'ambitus`

This key is used for aligning and spacing breakable items.

**break-visibility** (vector):

`##f ##f #t`

A vector of 3 booleans, `##(end-of-line unbroken begin-of-line)`. `#t` means visible, `##f` means killed.

**non-musical** (boolean):

`#t`

True if the grob belongs to a `NonMusicalPaperColumn`.

**space-alist** (list):

`'((cue-end-clef extra-space . 0.5) (clef extra-space . 0.5) (cue-clef extra-space . 0.5) (key-signature extra-space . 0.0) (staff-bar extra-space . 0.0) (time-signature extra-space . 0.0) (first-note fixed-space . 0.0))`

A table that specifies distances between prefatory items, like clef and time-signature. The format is an alist of spacing tuples: `(break-align-symbol type . distance)`, where *type* can be the symbols `minimum-space` or `extra-space`.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers):

`ly:axis-group-interface::width`

Hard coded extent in X direction.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers):

`ly:axis-group-interface::height`

Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.5 \[ambitus-interface\]](#), page 467, [Section 3.2.7 \[axis-group-interface\]](#), page 468, [Section 3.2.15 \[break-aligned-interface\]](#), page 475, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487 and [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494.

### 3.1.6 AmbitusAccidental

`AmbitusAccidental` objects are created by: [Section 2.2.2 \[Ambitus-engraver\]](#), page 289.

Standard settings:

**direction** (direction):

`-1`

If `side-axis` is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**glyph-name-alist** (list):

`'((0 . accidentals.natural) (-1/2 . accidentals.flat) (1/2 . accidentals.sharp) (1 . accidentals.doublesharp) (-1 . accidentals.flatflat) (3/4 . accidentals.sharp.slashslash.stemstemstem) (1/4 . accidentals.sharp.slashslash.stem))`

```
(-1/4 . accidentals.mirroredflat) (-3/4 .
accidentals.mirroredflat.flat))
```

An alist of key-string pairs.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):

```
0.5
```

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**side-axis** (number):

```
0
```

If the value is X (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is Y or 1, it is placed vertically.

**stencil** (stencil):

```
ly:accidental-interface::print
```

The symbol to print.

**X-offset** (number):

```
ly:side-position-interface::x-aligned-side
```

The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers):

```
ly:accidental-interface::height
```

Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.1 \[accidental-interface\]](#), page 465, [Section 3.2.15 \[break-aligned-interface\]](#), page 475, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494 and [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514.

### 3.1.7 AmbitusLine

AmbitusLine objects are created by: [Section 2.2.2 \[Ambitus\\_engraver\]](#), page 289.

Standard settings:

**gap** (dimension, in staff space):

```
0.35
```

Size of a gap in a variable symbol.

**stencil** (stencil):

```
ambitus::print
```

The symbol to print.

**thickness** (number):

```
2
```

Line thickness, generally measured in `line-thickness`.

**X-offset** (number):

```
ly:self-alignment-interface::centered-on-x-parent
```

The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.5 \[ambitus-interface\]](#), page 467, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487 and [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494.

### 3.1.8 AmbitusNoteHead

AmbitusNoteHead objects are created by: [Section 2.2.2 \[Ambitus-engraver\]](#), page 289.

Standard settings:

```
duration-log (integer):
    2
    The 2-log of the note head duration, i.e., 0 = whole note, 1 = half note,
    etc.

glyph-name (string):
    note-head::calc-glyph-name
    The glyph name within the font.

stencil (stencil):
    ly:note-head::print
    The symbol to print.

Y-offset (number):
    ly:staff-symbol-referencer::callback
    The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.
```

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.5 \[ambitus-interface\]](#), page 467, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.53 \[ledgered-interface\]](#), page 497, [Section 3.2.72 \[note-head-interface\]](#), page 504, [Section 3.2.89 \[rhythmic-head-interface\]](#), page 510 and [Section 3.2.107 \[staff-symbol-referencer-interface\]](#), page 523.

### 3.1.9 Arpeggio

Arpeggio objects are created by: [Section 2.2.3 \[Arpeggio-engraver\]](#), page 289 and [Section 2.2.106 \[Span-arpeggio-engraver\]](#), page 324.

Standard settings:

```
direction (direction):
    -1
    If side-axis is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the
    object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object.
    Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or
    DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1,
    RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

padding (dimension, in staff space):
    0.5
    Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

positions (pair of numbers):
    ly:arpeggio::calc-positions
    Pair of staff coordinates (left . right), where both left and right are
    in staff-space units of the current staff. For slurs, this value selects
    which slur candidate to use; if extreme positions are requested, the
    closest one is taken.

script-priority (number):
    0
    A sorting key that determines in what order a script is within a stack
    of scripts.
```

**side-axis** (number):  
 0  
 If the value is **X** (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is **Y** or 1, it is placed vertically.

**staff-position** (number):  
 0.0  
 Vertical position, measured in half staff spaces, counted from the middle line.

**stencil** (stencil):  
 ly:arpeggio::print  
 The symbol to print.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers):  
 ly:arpeggio::width  
 Hard coded extent in X direction.

**X-offset** (number):  
 ly:side-position-interface::x-aligned-side  
 The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**Y-offset** (number):  
 ly:staff-symbol-referencer::callback  
 The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.6 \[arpeggio-interface\]](#), page 467, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514 and [Section 3.2.107 \[staff-symbol-referencer-interface\]](#), page 523.

### 3.1.10 BalloonTextItem

BalloonTextItem objects are created by: [Section 2.2.6 \[Balloon-engraver\]](#), page 290.

Standard settings:

**annotation-balloon** (boolean):  
 #t  
 Print the balloon around an annotation.

**annotation-line** (boolean):  
 #t  
 Print the line from an annotation to the grob that it annotates.

**stencil** (stencil):  
 ly:balloon-interface::print  
 The symbol to print.

**text** (markup):  
 #<procedure #f (grob)>  
 Text markup. See [Section “Formatting text” in Notation Reference](#).

**X-offset** (number):  
 #<procedure #f (grob)>  
 The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**Y-offset** (number):

`#<procedure #f (grob)>`

The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.8 \[balloon-interface\]](#), page 470, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494 and [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.11 BarLine

BarLine objects are created by: [Section 2.2.7 \[Bar-engraver\]](#), page 291.

Standard settings:

**allow-span-bar** (boolean):

`#t`

If false, no inter-staff bar line will be created below this bar line.

**bar-extent** (pair of numbers):

`ly:bar-line::calc-bar-extent`

The Y-extent of the actual bar line. This may differ from **Y-extent** because it does not include the dots in a repeat bar line.

**break-align-anchor** (number):

`ly:bar-line::calc-anchor`

Grobs aligned to this break-align grob will have their X-offsets shifted by this number. In bar lines, for example, this is used to position grobs relative to the (visual) center of the bar line.

**break-align-symbol** (symbol):

`'staff-bar`

This key is used for aligning and spacing breakable items.

**break-visibility** (vector):

`bar-line::calc-break-visibility`

A vector of 3 booleans, `#(end-of-line unbroken begin-of-line)`. `#t` means visible, `#f` means killed.

**extra-spacing-height** (pair of numbers):

`pure-from-neighbor-interface::account-for-span-bar`

In the horizontal spacing problem, we increase the height of each item by this amount (by adding the ‘car’ to the bottom of the item and adding the ‘cdr’ to the top of the item). In order to make a grob infinitely high (to prevent the horizontal spacing problem from placing any other grobs above or below this grob), set this to `(-inf.0 . +inf.0)`.

**gap** (dimension, in staff space):

`0.4`

Size of a gap in a variable symbol.

**glyph** (string):

`"|"`

A string determining what ‘style’ of glyph is typeset. Valid choices depend on the function that is reading this property.

**glyph-name** (string):

`bar-line::calc-glyph-name`

The glyph name within the font.

**hair-thickness** (number):  
 1.9  
 Thickness of the thin line in a bar line.

**kern** (dimension, in staff space):  
 3.0  
 Amount of extra white space to add. For bar lines, this is the amount of space after a thick line.

**layer** (integer):  
 0  
 An integer which determines the order of printing objects. Objects with the lowest value of layer are drawn first, then objects with progressively higher values are drawn, so objects with higher values overwrite objects with lower values. By default most objects are assigned a layer value of 1.

**non-musical** (boolean):  
 #t  
 True if the grob belongs to a `NonMusicalPaperColumn`.

**space-alist** (list):  
 '((time-signature extra-space . 0.75) (custos minimum-space . 2.0) (clef minimum-space . 1.0) (key-signature extra-space . 1.0) (key-cancellation extra-space . 1.0) (first-note fixed-space . 1.3) (next-note semi-fixed-space . 0.9) (right-edge extra-space . 0.0))  
 A table that specifies distances between prefatory items, like clef and time-signature. The format is an alist of spacing tuples: (*break-align-symbol type . distance*), where *type* can be the symbols *minimum-space* or *extra-space*.

**stencil** (stencil):  
 ly:bar-line::print  
 The symbol to print.

**thick-thickness** (number):  
 6.0  
 Bar line thickness, measured in `line-thickness`.

**thin-kern** (number):  
 3.0  
 The space after a hair-line in a bar line.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.9 \[bar-line-interface\]](#), page 471, [Section 3.2.15 \[break-aligned-interface\]](#), page 475, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494 and [Section 3.2.85 \[pure-from-neighbor-interface\]](#), page 509.

### 3.1.12 BarNumber

BarNumber objects are created by: [Section 2.2.8 \[Bar\\_number-engraver\]](#), page 291.

Standard settings:

**after-line-breaking** (boolean):  
 ly:side-position-interface::move-to-extremal-staff  
 Dummy property, used to trigger callback for `after-line-breaking`.



**break-align-symbols** (list):

'(left-edge staff-bar)

A list of symbols that determine which break-aligned grobs to align this to. If the grob selected by the first symbol in the list is invisible due to break-visibility, we will align to the next grob (and so on). Choices are `left-edge`, `ambitus`, `breathing-sign`, `clef`, `staff-bar`, `key-cancellation`, `key-signature`, `time-signature`, and `custos`.

**break-visibility** (vector):

##(## #f #t)

A vector of 3 booleans, ##(*end-of-line unbroken begin-of-line*). #t means visible, #f means killed.

**direction** (direction):

1

If `side-axis` is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**extra-spacing-width** (pair of numbers):

'(+inf.0 . -inf.0)

In the horizontal spacing problem, we pad each item by this amount (by adding the 'car' on the left side of the item and adding the 'cdr' on the right side of the item). In order to make a grob take up no horizontal space at all, set this to (+inf.0 . -inf.0).

**font-family** (symbol):

'roman

The font family is the broadest category for selecting text fonts. Options include: `sans`, `roman`.

**font-size** (number):

-2

The font size, compared to the 'normal' size. 0 is style-sheet's normal size, -1 is smaller, +1 is bigger. Each step of 1 is approximately 12% larger; 6 steps are exactly a factor 2 larger. Fractional values are allowed.

**non-musical** (boolean):

#t

True if the grob belongs to a `NonMusicalPaperColumn`.

**outside-staff-priority** (number):

100

If set, the grob is positioned outside the staff in such a way as to avoid all collisions. In case of a potential collision, the grob with the smaller `outside-staff-priority` is closer to the staff.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):

1.0

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**self-alignment-X** (number):

1

Specify alignment of an object. The value -1 means left aligned, 0 centered, and 1 right-aligned in X direction. Other numerical values may also be specified.

**side-axis** (number):

1

If the value is X (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is Y or 1, it is placed vertically.

**stencil** (stencil):

`ly:text-interface::print`

The symbol to print.

**X-offset** (number):

```
#<simple-closure (#<primitive-generic +> #<simple-closure
  (#<primitive-procedure ly:break-alignable-interface::self-
    align-callback>) > #<simple-closure (#<primitive-procedure
    ly:self-alignment-interface::x-aligned-on-self>) >) >
```

The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**Y-offset** (number):

`ly:side-position-interface::y-aligned-side`

The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.14 \[break-alignable-interface\]](#), page 475, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.92 \[self-alignment-interface\]](#), page 512, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514 and [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.13 BassFigure

BassFigure objects are created by: [Section 2.2.38 \[Figured\\_bass\\_engraver\]](#), page 301.

Standard settings:

**stencil** (stencil):

`ly:text-interface::print`

The symbol to print.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.11 \[bass-figure-interface\]](#), page 472, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.88 \[rhythmic-grob-interface\]](#), page 510 and [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.14 BassFigureAlignment

BassFigureAlignment objects are created by: [Section 2.2.38 \[Figured\\_bass\\_engraver\]](#), page 301.

Standard settings:

**axes** (list):

'(1)

List of axis numbers. In the case of alignment grobs, this should contain only one number.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):

0.2

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**stacking-dir** (direction):  
 -1  
 Stack objects in which direction?

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers):  
 ly:axis-group-interface::height  
 Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.4 \[align-interface\]](#), page 466, [Section 3.2.7 \[axis-group-interface\]](#), page 468, [Section 3.2.10 \[bass-figure-alignment-interface\]](#), page 472, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.15 BassFigureAlignmentPositioning

BassFigureAlignmentPositioning objects are created by: [Section 2.2.39 \[Figured\\_bass\\_position\\_engraver\]](#), page 302.

Standard settings:

**axes** (list):  
 '(1)  
 List of axis numbers. In the case of alignment grobs, this should contain only one number.

**direction** (direction):  
 1  
 If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
 0.5  
 Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**side-axis** (number):  
 1  
 If the value is X (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is Y or 1, it is placed vertically.

**staff-padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
 1.0  
 Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers):  
 ly:axis-group-interface::height  
 Hard coded extent in Y direction.

**Y-offset** (number):  
 ly:side-position-interface::y-aligned-side  
 The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.7 \[axis-group-interface\]](#), page 468, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.16 BassFigureBracket

BassFigureBracket objects are created by: [Section 2.2.38 \[Figured\\_bass\\_engraver\]](#), page 301.

Standard settings:

```
edge-height (pair):
  '(0.2 . 0.2)
  A pair of numbers specifying the heights of the vertical edges: (left-
  height . right-height).
```

```
stencil (stencil):
  ly:enclosing-bracket::print
  The symbol to print.
```

```
X-extent (pair of numbers):
  ly:enclosing-bracket::width
  Hard coded extent in X direction.
```

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.29 \[enclosing-bracket-interface\]](#), page 480, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487 and [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494.

### 3.1.17 BassFigureContinuation

BassFigureContinuation objects are created by: [Section 2.2.38 \[Figured\\_bass\\_engraver\]](#), page 301.

Standard settings:

```
stencil (stencil):
  ly:figured-bass-continuation::print
  The symbol to print.
```

```
Y-offset (number):
  ly:figured-bass-continuation::center-on-figures
  The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.
```

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.31 \[figured-bass-continuation-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.18 BassFigureLine

BassFigureLine objects are created by: [Section 2.2.38 \[Figured\\_bass\\_engraver\]](#), page 301.

Standard settings:

```
axes (list):
  '(1)
  List of axis numbers. In the case of alignment grobs, this should contain
  only one number.
```

```
vertical-skylines (pair of skylines):
  ly:axis-group-interface::calc-skylines
  Two skylines, one above and one below this grob.
```

```
Y-extent (pair of numbers):
  ly:axis-group-interface::height
  Hard coded extent in Y direction.
```

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.7 \[axis-group-interface\]](#), page 468, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.19 Beam

Beam objects are created by: [Section 2.2.4 \[Auto\\_beam\\_engraver\]](#), page 289, [Section 2.2.10 \[Beam\\_engraver\]](#), page 292, [Section 2.2.16 \[Chord\\_tremolo\\_engraver\]](#), page 294 and [Section 2.2.46 \[Grace\\_beam\\_engraver\]](#), page 304.

Standard settings:

**auto-knee-gap** (dimension, in staff space):

5.5

If a gap is found between note heads where a horizontal beam fits that is larger than this number, make a kneed beam.

**beam-thickness** (dimension, in staff space):

0.48

Beam thickness, measured in **staff-space** units.

**beamed-stem-shorten** (list):

'(1.0 0.5 0.25)

How much to shorten beamed stems, when their direction is forced. It is a list, since the value is different depending on the number of flags and beams.

**beaming** (pair):

ly:beam::calc-beaming

Pair of number lists. Each number list specifies which beams to make. 0 is the central beam, 1 is the next beam toward the note, etc. This information is used to determine how to connect the beaming patterns from stem to stem inside a beam.

**clip-edges** (boolean):

#t

Allow outward pointing beamlets at the edges of beams?

**collision-interfaces** (list):

'(beam-interface clef-interface flag-interface inline-accidental-interface key-signature-interface note-head-interface stem-interface time-signature-interface)

A list of interfaces for which automatic beam-collision resolution is run.

**damping** (number):

1

Amount of beam slope damping.

**details** (list):

'((secondary-beam-demerit . 10) (stem-length-demerit-factor . 5) (region-size . 2) (beam-eps . 0.001) (stem-length-limit-penalty . 5000) (damping-direction-penalty . 800) (hint-direction-penalty . 20) (musical-direction-factor . 400) (ideal-slope-factor . 10) (collision-penalty . 500) (collision-padding . 0.35) (round-to-zero-slope . 0.02))

Alist of parameters for detailed grob behavior. More information on the allowed parameters for a grob can be found by looking at the top of the Internals Reference page for each interface having a **details** property.

**direction** (direction):

ly:beam::calc-direction

If `side-axis` is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed `LEFT`, `CENTER` or `RIGHT` with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed `UP`, `CENTER` or `DOWN`. Numerical values may also be used: `UP=1`, `DOWN=-1`, `LEFT=-1`, `RIGHT=1`, `CENTER=0`.

`font-family` (symbol):

`'roman`

The font family is the broadest category for selecting text fonts. Options include: `sans`, `roman`.

`gap` (dimension, in staff space):

0.8

Size of a gap in a variable symbol.

`neutral-direction` (direction):

-1

Which direction to take in the center of the staff.

`normalized-endpoints` (pair):

`ly:spanner::calc-normalized-endpoints`

Represents left and right placement over the total spanner, where the width of the spanner is normalized between 0 and 1.

`positions` (pair of numbers):

`beam::place-broken-parts-individually`

Pair of staff coordinates (*left* . *right*), where both *left* and *right* are in `staff-space` units of the current staff. For slurs, this value selects which slur candidate to use; if extreme positions are requested, the closest one is taken.

`stencil` (stencil):

`ly:beam::print`

The symbol to print.

`X-positions` (pair of numbers):

`ly:beam::calc-x-positions`

Pair of X staff coordinates of a spanner in the form (*left* . *right*), where both *left* and *right* are in `staff-space` units of the current staff.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.12 \[beam-interface\]](#), page 472, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520, [Section 3.2.107 \[staff-symbol-referencer-interface\]](#), page 523 and [Section 3.2.126 \[unbreakable-spanner-interface\]](#), page 534.

### 3.1.20 BendAfter

BendAfter objects are created by: [Section 2.2.12 \[Bend-engraver\]](#), page 293.

Standard settings:

`minimum-length` (dimension, in staff space):

0.5

Try to make a spanner at least this long, normally in the horizontal direction. This requires an appropriate callback for the `springs-and-rods` property. If added to a `Tie`, this sets the minimum distance between noteheads.

```

stencil (stencil):
    bend::print
    The symbol to print.

thickness (number):
    2.0
    Line thickness, generally measured in line-thickness.

```

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.13 \[bend-after-interface\]](#), page 475, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.21 BreakAlignGroup

BreakAlignGroup objects are created by: [Section 2.2.13 \[Break\\_align\\_engraver\]](#), page 293.

Standard settings:

```

axes (list):
    '(0)
    List of axis numbers. In the case of alignment grobs, this should contain
    only one number.

break-align-anchor (number):
    ly:break-aligned-interface::calc-average-anchor
    Grobs aligned to this break-align grob will have their X-offsets shifted
    by this number. In bar lines, for example, this is used to position grobs
    relative to the (visual) center of the bar line.

break-visibility (vector):
    ly:break-aligned-interface::calc-break-visibility
    A vector of 3 booleans, #(end-of-line unbroken begin-of-line). #t
    means visible, #f means killed.

X-extent (pair of numbers):
    ly:axis-group-interface::width
    Hard coded extent in X direction.

```

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.7 \[axis-group-interface\]](#), page 468, [Section 3.2.15 \[break-aligned-interface\]](#), page 475, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487 and [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494.

### 3.1.22 BreakAlignment

BreakAlignment objects are created by: [Section 2.2.13 \[Break\\_align\\_engraver\]](#), page 293.

Standard settings:

```

axes (list):
    '(0)
    List of axis numbers. In the case of alignment grobs, this should contain
    only one number.

break-align-orders (vector):
    #((left-edge cue-end-clef ambitus breathing-sign clef cue-
clef staff-bar key-cancellation key-signature time-signature
custos) (left-edge cue-end-clef ambitus breathing-sign
clef cue-clef staff-bar key-cancellation key-signature
time-signature custos) (left-edge ambitus breathing-sign

```

```
clef key-cancellation key-signature staff-bar time-signature
cue-clef custos))
```

Defines the order in which prefatory matter (clefs, key signatures) appears. The format is a vector of length 3, where each element is one order for end-of-line, middle of line, and start-of-line, respectively. An order is a list of symbols.

For example, clefs are put after key signatures by setting

```
\override Score.BreakAlignment #'break-align-orders =
  #(make-vector 3 '(span-bar
                    breathing-sign
                    staff-bar
                    key
                    clef
                    time-signature))
```

**non-musical** (boolean):

```
#t
```

True if the grob belongs to a `NonMusicalPaperColumn`.

**stacking-dir** (direction):

```
1
```

Stack objects in which direction?

**X-extent** (pair of numbers):

```
ly:axis-group-interface::width
```

Hard coded extent in X direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.7 \[axis-group-interface\]](#), page 468, [Section 3.2.16 \[break-alignment-interface\]](#), page 476, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487 and [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494.

### 3.1.23 BreathingSign

BreathingSign objects are created by: [Section 2.2.14 \[Breathing-sign-engraver\]](#), page 293.

Standard settings:

**break-align-symbol** (symbol):

```
'breathing-sign
```

This key is used for aligning and spacing breakable items.

**break-visibility** (vector):

```
##(#t #t #f)
```

A vector of 3 booleans, `##(end-of-line unbroken begin-of-line)`. `#t` means visible, `#f` means killed.

**non-musical** (boolean):

```
#t
```

True if the grob belongs to a `NonMusicalPaperColumn`.

**space-alist** (list):

```
'((ambitus extra-space . 2.0) (custos minimum-space .
1.0) (key-signature minimum-space . 1.5) (time-signature
minimum-space . 1.5) (staff-bar minimum-space . 1.5) (clef
minimum-space . 2.0) (cue-clef minimum-space . 2.0) (cue-
end-clef minimum-space . 2.0) (first-note fixed-space . 1.0)
(right-edge extra-space . 0.1))
```



A table that specifies distances between prefatory items, like clef and time-signature. The format is an alist of spacing tuples: (*break-align-symbol type . distance*), where *type* can be the symbols *minimum-space* or *extra-space*.

**stencil** (stencil):

ly:text-interface::print

The symbol to print.

**text** (markup):

'(#<procedure musicglyph-markup (layout props glyph-name)>  
scripts.rcomma)

Text markup. See [Section “Formatting text” in \*Notation Reference\*](#).

**Y-offset** (number):

ly:breathing-sign::offset-callback

The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.15 \[break-aligned-interface\]](#), page 475, [Section 3.2.17 \[breathing-sign-interface\]](#), page 477, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494 and [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.24 ChordName

ChordName objects are created by: [Section 2.2.15 \[Chord\\_name\\_engraver\]](#), page 293.

Standard settings:

**after-line-breaking** (boolean):

ly:chord-name::after-line-breaking

Dummy property, used to trigger callback for **after-line-breaking**.

**extra-spacing-height** (pair of numbers):

'(0.2 . -0.2)

In the horizontal spacing problem, we increase the height of each item by this amount (by adding the ‘car’ to the bottom of the item and adding the ‘cdr’ to the top of the item). In order to make a grob infinitely high (to prevent the horizontal spacing problem from placing any other grobs above or below this grob), set this to  $(-\infty . +\infty)$ .

**extra-spacing-width** (pair of numbers):

'(-0.5 . 0.5)

In the horizontal spacing problem, we pad each item by this amount (by adding the ‘car’ on the left side of the item and adding the ‘cdr’ on the right side of the item). In order to make a grob take up no horizontal space at all, set this to  $(+\infty . -\infty)$ .

**font-family** (symbol):

'sans

The font family is the broadest category for selecting text fonts. Options include: **sans**, **roman**.

**font-size** (number):

1.5

The font size, compared to the ‘normal’ size. 0 is style-sheet’s normal size, -1 is smaller, +1 is bigger. Each step of 1 is approximately 12% larger; 6 steps are exactly a factor 2 larger. Fractional values are allowed.

```

stencil (stencil):
  ly:text-interface::print
  The symbol to print.

word-space (dimension, in staff space):
  0.0
  Space to insert between words in texts.

```

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.18 \[chord-name-interface\]](#), page 477, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.88 \[rhythmic-grob-interface\]](#), page 510 and [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.25 Clef

Clef objects are created by: [Section 2.2.17 \[Clef\\_engraver\]](#), page 294.

Standard settings:

```

avoid-slur (symbol):
  'inside
  Method of handling slur collisions. Choices are inside, outside,
  around, and ignore. inside adjusts the slur if needed to keep the
  grob inside the slur. outside moves the grob vertically to the outside
  of the slur. around moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur
  only if there is a collision. ignore does not move either. In grobs whose
  notational significance depends on vertical position (such as accidentals,
  clefs, etc.), outside and around behave like ignore.

break-align-anchor (number):
  ly:break-aligned-interface::calc-extent-aligned-anchor
  Grobs aligned to this break-align grob will have their X-offsets shifted
  by this number. In bar lines, for example, this is used to position grobs
  relative to the (visual) center of the bar line.

break-align-symbol (symbol):
  'clef
  This key is used for aligning and spacing breakable items.

break-visibility (vector):
  ##(## ## #t)
  A vector of 3 booleans, ##(end-of-line unbroken begin-of-line). #t
  means visible, #f means killed.

extra-spacing-height (pair of numbers):
  pure-from-neighbor-interface::extra-spacing-height-at-
  beginning-of-line
  In the horizontal spacing problem, we increase the height of each item by
  this amount (by adding the 'car' to the bottom of the item and adding
  the 'cdr' to the top of the item). In order to make a grob infinitely
  high (to prevent the horizontal spacing problem from placing any other
  grobs above or below this grob), set this to (-inf.0 . +inf.0).

glyph-name (string):
  ly:clef::calc-glyph-name
  The glyph name within the font.

```

**non-musical** (boolean):  
     #t  
     True if the grob belongs to a `NonMusicalPaperColumn`.

**space-alist** (list):  
     '((cue-clef extra-space . 2.0) (staff-bar extra-space . 0.7) (key-cancellation minimum-space . 3.5) (key-signature minimum-space . 3.5) (time-signature minimum-space . 4.2) (first-note minimum-fixed-space . 5.0) (next-note extra-space . 1.0) (right-edge extra-space . 0.5))  
     A table that specifies distances between prefatory items, like clef and time-signature. The format is an alist of spacing tuples: (*break-align-symbol type . distance*), where *type* can be the symbols `minimum-space` or `extra-space`.

**stencil** (stencil):  
     ly:clef::print  
     The symbol to print.

**Y-offset** (number):  
     ly:staff-symbol-referencer::callback  
     The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.15 \[break-aligned-interface\]](#), page 475, [Section 3.2.19 \[clef-interface\]](#), page 477, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.85 \[pure-from-neighbor-interface\]](#), page 509 and [Section 3.2.107 \[staff-symbol-referencer-interface\]](#), page 523.

### 3.1.26 ClusterSpanner

ClusterSpanner objects are created by: [Section 2.2.18 \[Cluster-spanner-engraver\]](#), page 295.

Standard settings:

**minimum-length** (dimension, in staff space):  
     0.0  
     Try to make a spanner at least this long, normally in the horizontal direction. This requires an appropriate callback for the `springs-and-rods` property. If added to a `Tie`, this sets the minimum distance between noteheads.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
     0.25  
     Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**springs-and-rods** (boolean):  
     ly:spanner::set-spacing-rods  
     Dummy variable for triggering spacing routines.

**stencil** (stencil):  
     ly:cluster::print  
     The symbol to print.

**style** (symbol):  
     'ramp  
     This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the `stencil` callback reading this property.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.21 \[cluster-interface\]](#), page 478, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.27 ClusterSpannerBeacon

ClusterSpannerBeacon objects are created by: [Section 2.2.18 \[Cluster\\_spanner\\_engraver\]](#), page 295.

Standard settings:

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers):  
`ly:cluster-beacon::height`  
 Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.20 \[cluster-beacon-interface\]](#), page 477, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494 and [Section 3.2.88 \[rhythmic-grob-interface\]](#), page 510.

### 3.1.28 CombineTextScript

CombineTextScript objects are created by: [Section 2.2.83 \[Part\\_combine\\_engraver\]](#), page 317.

Standard settings:

**avoid-slur** (symbol):  
`'outside`  
 Method of handling slur collisions. Choices are `inside`, `outside`, `around`, and `ignore`. `inside` adjusts the slur if needed to keep the grob inside the slur. `outside` moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur. `around` moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur only if there is a collision. `ignore` does not move either. In grobs whose notational significance depends on vertical position (such as accidentals, clefs, etc.), `outside` and `around` behave like `ignore`.

**baseline-skip** (dimension, in staff space):  
`2`  
 Distance between base lines of multiple lines of text.

**direction** (direction):  
`1`  
 If `side-axis` is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**extra-spacing-width** (pair of numbers):  
`'(+inf.0 . -inf.0)`  
 In the horizontal spacing problem, we pad each item by this amount (by adding the 'car' on the left side of the item and adding the 'cdr' on the right side of the item). In order to make a grob take up no horizontal space at all, set this to `(+inf.0 . -inf.0)`.

**font-series** (symbol):  
`'bold`  
 Select the series of a font. Choices include `medium`, `bold`, `bold-narrow`, etc.

**outside-staff-priority** (number):

450

If set, the grob is positioned outside the staff in such a way as to avoid all collisions. In case of a potential collision, the grob with the smaller **outside-staff-priority** is closer to the staff.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):

0.5

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**script-priority** (number):

200

A sorting key that determines in what order a script is within a stack of scripts.

**side-axis** (number):

1

If the value is **X** (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is **Y** or 1, it is placed vertically.

**staff-padding** (dimension, in staff space):

0.5

Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.

**stencil** (stencil):

`ly:text-interface::print`

The symbol to print.

**X-offset** (number):

`ly:self-alignment-interface::x-aligned-on-self`

The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**Y-offset** (number):

`ly:side-position-interface::y-aligned-side`

The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514, [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529 and [Section 3.2.118 \[text-script-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.29 CueClef

CueClef objects are created by: [Section 2.2.24 \[Cue\\_clef\\_engraver\]](#), page 296.

Standard settings:

**avoid-slur** (symbol):

`'inside`

Method of handling slur collisions. Choices are **inside**, **outside**, **around**, and **ignore**. **inside** adjusts the slur if needed to keep the grob inside the slur. **outside** moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur. **around** moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur only if there is a collision. **ignore** does not move either. In grobs whose notational significance depends on vertical position (such as accidentals, clefs, etc.), **outside** and **around** behave like **ignore**.

**break-align-anchor** (number):  
`ly:break-aligned-interface::calc-extent-aligned-anchor`  
 Grobs aligned to this break-align grob will have their X-offsets shifted by this number. In bar lines, for example, this is used to position grobs relative to the (visual) center of the bar line.

**break-align-symbol** (symbol):  
`'cue-clef`  
 This key is used for aligning and spacing breakable items.

**break-visibility** (vector):  
`##(#f #f #t)`  
 A vector of 3 booleans, `##(end-of-line unbroken begin-of-line)`. `#t` means visible, `#f` means killed.

**extra-spacing-height** (pair of numbers):  
`pure-from-neighbor-interface::extra-spacing-height-at-beginning-of-line`  
 In the horizontal spacing problem, we increase the height of each item by this amount (by adding the 'car' to the bottom of the item and adding the 'cdr' to the top of the item). In order to make a grob infinitely high (to prevent the horizontal spacing problem from placing any other grobs above or below this grob), set this to `(-inf.0 . +inf.0)`.

**font-size** (number):  
`-4`  
 The font size, compared to the 'normal' size. 0 is style-sheet's normal size, -1 is smaller, +1 is bigger. Each step of 1 is approximately 12% larger; 6 steps are exactly a factor 2 larger. Fractional values are allowed.

**full-size-change** (boolean):  
`#t`  
 Don't make a change clef smaller.

**glyph-name** (string):  
`ly:clef::calc-glyph-name`  
 The glyph name within the font.

**non-musical** (boolean):  
`#t`  
 True if the grob belongs to a `NonMusicalPaperColumn`.

**space-alist** (list):  
`'((staff-bar minimum-space . 2.7) (key-cancellation minimum-space . 3.5) (key-signature minimum-space . 3.5) (time-signature minimum-space . 4.2) (custos minimum-space . 0.0) (first-note minimum-fixed-space . 3.0) (next-note extra-space . 1.0) (right-edge extra-space . 0.5))`  
 A table that specifies distances between prefatory items, like clef and time-signature. The format is an alist of spacing tuples: `(break-align-symbol type . distance)`, where *type* can be the symbols `minimum-space` or `extra-space`.

**stencil** (stencil):  
`ly:clef::print`  
 The symbol to print.

**Y-offset** (number):

`ly:staff-symbol-referencer::callback`

The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.15 \[break-aligned-interface\]](#), page 475, [Section 3.2.19 \[clef-interface\]](#), page 477, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.85 \[pure-from-neighbor-interface\]](#), page 509 and [Section 3.2.107 \[staff-symbol-referencer-interface\]](#), page 523.

### 3.1.30 CueEndClef

CueEndClef objects are created by: [Section 2.2.24 \[Cue\\_clef\\_engraver\]](#), page 296.

Standard settings:

**avoid-slur** (symbol):

`'inside`

Method of handling slur collisions. Choices are `inside`, `outside`, `around`, and `ignore`. `inside` adjusts the slur if needed to keep the grob inside the slur. `outside` moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur. `around` moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur only if there is a collision. `ignore` does not move either. In grobs whose notational significance depends on vertical position (such as accidentals, clefs, etc.), `outside` and `around` behave like `ignore`.

**break-align-anchor** (number):

`ly:break-aligned-interface::calc-extent-aligned-anchor`

Grobs aligned to this break-align grob will have their X-offsets shifted by this number. In bar lines, for example, this is used to position grobs relative to the (visual) center of the bar line.

**break-align-symbol** (symbol):

`'cue-end-clef`

This key is used for aligning and spacing breakable items.

**break-visibility** (vector):

`##(#t #t #f)`

A vector of 3 booleans, `##(end-of-line unbroken begin-of-line)`. `#t` means visible, `#f` means killed.

**extra-spacing-height** (pair of numbers):

`pure-from-neighbor-interface::extra-spacing-height-at-beginning-of-line`

In the horizontal spacing problem, we increase the height of each item by this amount (by adding the ‘car’ to the bottom of the item and adding the ‘cdr’ to the top of the item). In order to make a grob infinitely high (to prevent the horizontal spacing problem from placing any other grobs above or below this grob), set this to `(-inf.0 . +inf.0)`.

**font-size** (number):

`-4`

The font size, compared to the ‘normal’ size. 0 is style-sheet’s normal size, -1 is smaller, +1 is bigger. Each step of 1 is approximately 12% larger; 6 steps are exactly a factor 2 larger. Fractional values are allowed.

**full-size-change** (boolean):  
 #t  
 Don't make a change clef smaller.

**glyph-name** (string):  
 ly:clef::calc-glyph-name  
 The glyph name within the font.

**non-musical** (boolean):  
 #t  
 True if the grob belongs to a NonMusicalPaperColumn.

**space-alist** (list):  
 '((clef extra-space . 0.7) (cue-clef extra-space . 0.7) (staff-bar extra-space . 0.7) (key-cancellation minimum-space . 3.5) (key-signature minimum-space . 3.5) (time-signature minimum-space . 4.2) (first-note minimum-fixed-space . 5.0) (next-note extra-space . 1.0) (right-edge extra-space . 0.5))  
 A table that specifies distances between prefatory items, like clef and time-signature. The format is an alist of spacing tuples: (*break-align-symbol type . distance*), where *type* can be the symbols *minimum-space* or *extra-space*.

**stencil** (stencil):  
 ly:clef::print  
 The symbol to print.

**Y-offset** (number):  
 ly:staff-symbol-referencer::callback  
 The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.15 \[break-aligned-interface\]](#), page 475, [Section 3.2.19 \[clef-interface\]](#), page 477, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.85 \[pure-from-neighbor-interface\]](#), page 509 and [Section 3.2.107 \[staff-symbol-referencer-interface\]](#), page 523.

### 3.1.31 Custos

Custos objects are created by: [Section 2.2.25 \[Custos\\_engraver\]](#), page 297.

Standard settings:

**break-align-symbol** (symbol):  
 'custos  
 This key is used for aligning and spacing breakable items.

**break-visibility** (vector):  
 #(#t #f #f)  
 A vector of 3 booleans, #(*end-of-line unbroken begin-of-line*). #t means visible, #f means killed.

**neutral-direction** (direction):  
 -1  
 Which direction to take in the center of the staff.



**non-musical** (boolean):  
     #t  
     True if the grob belongs to a `NonMusicalPaperColumn`.

**space-alist** (list):  
     '((first-note minimum-fixed-space . 0.0) (right-edge  
       extra-space . 0.1))  
     A table that specifies distances between prefatory items, like clef and  
     time-signature. The format is an alist of spacing tuples: (*break-align-*  
     *symbol type . distance*), where *type* can be the symbols `minimum-`  
     `space` or `extra-space`.

**stencil** (stencil):  
     ly:custos::print  
     The symbol to print.

**style** (symbol):  
     'vaticana  
     This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices  
     depend on the `stencil` callback reading this property.

**Y-offset** (number):  
     ly:staff-symbol-referencer::callback  
     The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.15 \[break-aligned-interface\]](#),  
[page 475](#), [Section 3.2.22 \[custos-interface\]](#), [page 478](#), [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), [page 481](#),  
[Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), [page 487](#), [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), [page 494](#) and  
[Section 3.2.107 \[staff-symbol-referencer-interface\]](#), [page 523](#).

### 3.1.32 DotColumn

`DotColumn` objects are created by: [Section 2.2.27 \[Dot\\_column\\_engraver\]](#), [page 298](#) and  
[Section 2.2.132 \[Vaticana\\_ligature\\_engraver\]](#), [page 332](#).

Standard settings:

**axes** (list):  
     ' (0)  
     List of axis numbers. In the case of alignment grobs, this should contain  
     only one number.

**direction** (direction):  
     1  
     If `side-axis` is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the  
     object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object.  
     Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or  
     DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1,  
     RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers):  
     ly:axis-group-interface::width  
     Hard coded extent in X direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.7 \[axis-group-interface\]](#), [page 468](#),  
[Section 3.2.23 \[dot-column-interface\]](#), [page 478](#), [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), [page 487](#) and  
[Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), [page 494](#).

### 3.1.33 Dots

Dots objects are created by: [Section 2.2.28 \[Dots-engraver\]](#), page 298.

Standard settings:

```
avoid-slur (symbol):
  'inside
  Method of handling slur collisions. Choices are inside, outside,
  around, and ignore. inside adjusts the slur if needed to keep the
  grob inside the slur. outside moves the grob vertically to the outside
  of the slur. around moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur
  only if there is a collision. ignore does not move either. In grobs whose
  notational significance depends on vertical position (such as accidentals,
  clefs, etc.), outside and around behave like ignore.
```

```
dot-count (integer):
  dots::calc-dot-count
  The number of dots.
```

```
extra-spacing-height (pair of numbers):
  '(-0.5 . 0.5)
  In the horizontal spacing problem, we increase the height of each item by
  this amount (by adding the 'car' to the bottom of the item and adding
  the 'cdr' to the top of the item). In order to make a grob infinitely
  high (to prevent the horizontal spacing problem from placing any other
  grobs above or below this grob), set this to (-inf.0 . +inf.0).
```

```
staff-position (number):
  dots::calc-staff-position
  Vertical position, measured in half staff spaces, counted from the middle
  line.
```

```
stencil (stencil):
  ly:dots::print
  The symbol to print.
```

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.24 \[dots-interface\]](#), page 479, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494 and [Section 3.2.107 \[staff-symbol-referencer-interface\]](#), page 523.

### 3.1.34 DoublePercentRepeat

DoublePercentRepeat objects are created by: [Section 2.2.29 \[Double-percent-repeat-engraver\]](#), page 298.

Standard settings:

```
break-align-symbol (symbol):
  'staff-bar
  This key is used for aligning and spacing breakable items.
```

```
break-visibility (vector):
  #(#t #t #f)
  A vector of 3 booleans, #(end-of-line unbroken begin-of-line). #t
  means visible, #f means killed.
```

**dot-negative-kern** (number):

0.75

The space to remove between a dot and a slash in percent repeat glyphs. Larger values bring the two elements closer together.

**font-encoding** (symbol):

'fetaMusic

The font encoding is the broadest category for selecting a font. Currently, only Lilypond's system fonts (Emmentaler) are using this property. Available values are **fetaMusic** (Emmentaler), **fetaBraces**, **fetaText** (Emmentaler).

**non-musical** (boolean):

#t

True if the grob belongs to a **NonMusicalPaperColumn**.

**slash-negative-kern** (number):

1.6

The space to remove between slashes in percent repeat glyphs. Larger values bring the two elements closer together.

**slope** (number):

1.0

The slope of this object.

**stencil** (stencil):

ly:percent-repeat-item-interface::double-percent

The symbol to print.

**thickness** (number):

0.48

Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.15 \[break-aligned-interface\]](#), page 475, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.79 \[percent-repeat-interface\]](#), page 507 and [Section 3.2.80 \[percent-repeat-item-interface\]](#), page 508.

### 3.1.35 DoublePercentRepeatCounter

**DoublePercentRepeatCounter** objects are created by: [Section 2.2.29 \[Double-percent-repeat-engraver\]](#), page 298.

Standard settings:

**direction** (direction):

1

If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**font-encoding** (symbol):

'fetaText

The font encoding is the broadest category for selecting a font. Currently, only lilypond's system fonts (Emmentaler) are using this property. Available values are `fetaMusic` (Emmentaler), `fetaBraces`, `fetaText` (Emmentaler).

`font-size` (number):

-2

The font size, compared to the 'normal' size. 0 is style-sheet's normal size, -1 is smaller, +1 is bigger. Each step of 1 is approximately 12% larger; 6 steps are exactly a factor 2 larger. Fractional values are allowed.

`padding` (dimension, in staff space):

0.2

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

`self-alignment-X` (number):

0

Specify alignment of an object. The value -1 means left aligned, 0 centered, and 1 right-aligned in X direction. Other numerical values may also be specified.

`side-axis` (number):

1

If the value is X (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is Y or 1, it is placed vertically.

`staff-padding` (dimension, in staff space):

0.25

Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.

`stencil` (stencil):

`ly:text-interface::print`

The symbol to print.

`X-offset` (number):

```
#<simple-closure (#<primitive-generic +> #<simple-closure
  (#<primitive-procedure ly:self-alignment-interface::centered-on-y-parent>) > #<simple-closure
  (#<primitive-procedure ly:self-alignment-interface::x-aligned-on-self>) >) >
```

The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

`Y-offset` (number):

`ly:side-position-interface::y-aligned-side`

The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.79 \[percent-repeat-interface\]](#), page 507, [Section 3.2.80 \[percent-repeat-item-interface\]](#), page 508, [Section 3.2.92 \[self-alignment-interface\]](#), page 512, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514 and [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.36 DoubleRepeatSlash

DoubleRepeatSlash objects are created by: [Section 2.2.102 \[Slash-repeat-engraver\]](#), page 323.

Standard settings:

**dot-negative-kern** (number):  
0.75  
The space to remove between a dot and a slash in percent repeat glyphs. Larger values bring the two elements closer together.

**font-encoding** (symbol):  
'fetaMusic  
The font encoding is the broadest category for selecting a font. Currently, only LilyPond's system fonts (Emmentaler) are using this property. Available values are `fetaMusic` (Emmentaler), `fetaBraces`, `fetaText` (Emmentaler).

**slash-negative-kern** (number):  
1.6  
The space to remove between slashes in percent repeat glyphs. Larger values bring the two elements closer together.

**slope** (number):  
1.0  
The slope of this object.

**stencil** (stencil):  
`ly:percent-repeat-item-interface::beat-slash`  
The symbol to print.

**thickness** (number):  
0.48  
Line thickness, generally measured in `line-thickness`.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.79 \[percent-repeat-interface\]](#), page 507, [Section 3.2.80 \[percent-repeat-item-interface\]](#), page 508 and [Section 3.2.88 \[rhythmic-grob-interface\]](#), page 510.

### 3.1.37 DynamicLineSpanner

DynamicLineSpanner objects are created by: [Section 2.2.32 \[Dynamic-align-engraver\]](#), page 299 and [Section 2.2.33 \[Dynamic-engraver\]](#), page 300.

Standard settings:

**axes** (list):  
'(1)  
List of axis numbers. In the case of alignment grobs, this should contain only one number.

**direction** (direction):  
-1  
If `side-axis` is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**minimum-space** (dimension, in staff space):  
 1.2  
 Minimum distance that the victim should move (after padding).

**outside-staff-priority** (number):  
 250  
 If set, the grob is positioned outside the staff in such a way as to avoid all collisions. In case of a potential collision, the grob with the smaller **outside-staff-priority** is closer to the staff.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
 0.6  
 Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**side-axis** (number):  
 1  
 If the value is **X** (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is **Y** or 1, it is placed vertically.

**slur-padding** (number):  
 0.3  
 Extra distance between slur and script.

**staff-padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
 0.1  
 Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers):  
 ly:axis-group-interface::width  
 Hard coded extent in X direction.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers):  
 ly:axis-group-interface::height  
 Hard coded extent in Y direction.

**Y-offset** (number):  
 ly:side-position-interface::y-aligned-side  
 The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.7 \[axis-group-interface\]](#), page 468, [Section 3.2.25 \[dynamic-interface\]](#), page 479, [Section 3.2.26 \[dynamic-line-spanner-interface\]](#), page 479, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.38 DynamicText

DynamicText objects are created by: [Section 2.2.33 \[Dynamic-engraver\]](#), page 300 and [Section 2.2.71 \[New\\_dynamic-engraver\]](#), page 312.

Standard settings:

**collision-bias** (number):  
 -2.0  
 Number determining how much to favor the left (negative) or right (positive). Larger absolute values in either direction will push a collision in this direction.

- collision-padding** (number):  
0.5  
Amount of padding to apply after a collision is detected via the self-alignment-interface.
- direction** (direction):  
ly:script-interface::calc-direction  
If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.
- extra-spacing-width** (pair of numbers):  
'(+inf.0 . -inf.0)  
In the horizontal spacing problem, we pad each item by this amount (by adding the 'car' on the left side of the item and adding the 'cdr' on the right side of the item). In order to make a grob take up no horizontal space at all, set this to (+inf.0 . -inf.0).
- font-encoding** (symbol):  
'fetaText  
The font encoding is the broadest category for selecting a font. Currently, only Lilypond's system fonts (Emmentaler) are using this property. Available values are **fetaMusic** (Emmentaler), **fetaBraces**, **fetaText** (Emmentaler).
- font-series** (symbol):  
'bold  
Select the series of a font. Choices include **medium**, **bold**, **bold-narrow**, etc.
- font-shape** (symbol):  
'italic  
Select the shape of a font. Choices include **upright**, **italic**, **caps**.
- outside-staff-priority** (number):  
250  
If set, the grob is positioned outside the staff in such a way as to avoid all collisions. In case of a potential collision, the grob with the smaller **outside-staff-priority** is closer to the staff.
- right-padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
0.5  
Space to insert on the right side of an object (e.g., between note and its accidentals).
- self-alignment-X** (number):  
0  
Specify alignment of an object. The value -1 means left aligned, 0 centered, and 1 right-aligned in X direction. Other numerical values may also be specified.
- self-alignment-Y** (number):  
0  
Like **self-alignment-X** but for the Y axis.

```

stencil (stencil):
    ly:text-interface::print
    The symbol to print.

X-offset (number):
    ly:self-alignment-interface::x-aligned-on-self
    The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

Y-offset (number):
    ly:self-alignment-interface::y-aligned-on-self
    The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

```

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.25 \[dynamic-interface\]](#), page 479, [Section 3.2.27 \[dynamic-text-interface\]](#), page 480, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.91 \[script-interface\]](#), page 511, [Section 3.2.92 \[self-alignment-interface\]](#), page 512 and [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.39 DynamicTextSpanner

DynamicTextSpanner objects are created by: [Section 2.2.33 \[Dynamic-engraver\]](#), page 300 and [Section 2.2.71 \[New\\_dynamic-engraver\]](#), page 312.

Standard settings:

```

before-line-breaking (boolean):
    dynamic-text-spanner::before-line-breaking
    Dummy property, used to trigger a callback function.

bound-details (list):
    '((right (attach-dir . -1) (Y . 0) (padding . 0.75)) (right-
    broken (attach-dir . 1) (padding . 0.0)) (left (attach-dir .
    -1) (Y . 0) (stencil-offset -0.75 . -0.5) (padding . 0.75))
    (left-broken (attach-dir . 1)))
    An alist of properties for determining attachments of spanners to edges.

dash-fraction (number):
    0.2
    Size of the dashes, relative to dash-period. Should be between 0.0 (no
    line) and 1.0 (continuous line).

dash-period (number):
    3.0
    The length of one dash together with whitespace. If negative, no line is
    drawn at all.

font-shape (symbol):
    'italic
    Select the shape of a font. Choices include upright, italic, caps.

font-size (number):
    1
    The font size, compared to the 'normal' size. 0 is style-sheet's normal
    size, -1 is smaller, +1 is bigger. Each step of 1 is approximately 12%
    larger; 6 steps are exactly a factor 2 larger. Fractional values are allowed.

```



**left-bound-info** (list):  
`ly:line-spanner::calc-left-bound-info-and-text`  
 An alist of properties for determining attachments of spanners to edges.

**minimum-length** (dimension, in staff space):  
`2.0`  
 Try to make a spanner at least this long, normally in the horizontal direction. This requires an appropriate callback for the `springs-and-rods` property. If added to a `Tie`, this sets the minimum distance between noteheads.

**minimum-Y-extent** (pair of numbers):  
`'(-1 . 1)`  
 Minimum size of an object in Y dimension, measured in `staff-space` units.

**right-bound-info** (list):  
`ly:line-spanner::calc-right-bound-info`  
 An alist of properties for determining attachments of spanners to edges.

**springs-and-rods** (boolean):  
`ly:spanner::set-spacing-rods`  
 Dummy variable for triggering spacing routines.

**stencil** (stencil):  
`ly:line-spanner::print`  
 The symbol to print.

**style** (symbol):  
`'dashed-line`  
 This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the `stencil` callback reading this property.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.25 \[dynamic-interface\]](#), page 479, [Section 3.2.28 \[dynamic-text-spanner-interface\]](#), page 480, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.57 \[line-interface\]](#), page 497, [Section 3.2.58 \[line-spanner-interface\]](#), page 498, [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520 and [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.40 Episema

Episema objects are created by: [Section 2.2.36 \[Episema-engraver\]](#), page 300.

Standard settings:

**bound-details** (list):  
`'((left (Y . 0) (padding . 0) (attach-dir . -1)) (right (Y . 0) (padding . 0) (attach-dir . 1)))`  
 An alist of properties for determining attachments of spanners to edges.

**direction** (direction):  
`1`  
 If `side-axis` is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**left-bound-info** (list):  
`ly:line-spanner::calc-left-bound-info`  
 An alist of properties for determining attachments of spanners to edges.

**right-bound-info** (list):  
`ly:line-spanner::calc-right-bound-info`  
 An alist of properties for determining attachments of spanners to edges.

**side-axis** (number):  
 1  
 If the value is X (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is Y or 1, it is placed vertically.

**stencil** (stencil):  
`ly:line-spanner::print`  
 The symbol to print.

**style** (symbol):  
`'line`  
 This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the `stencil` callback reading this property.

**Y-offset** (number):  
`ly:side-position-interface::y-aligned-side`  
 The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.30 \[episema-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.57 \[line-interface\]](#), page 497, [Section 3.2.58 \[line-spanner-interface\]](#), page 498, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.41 Fingering

Fingering objects are created by: [Section 2.2.40 \[Fingering-engraver\]](#), page 302 and [Section 2.2.72 \[New\\_fingering-engraver\]](#), page 313.

Standard settings:

**avoid-slur** (symbol):  
`'around`  
 Method of handling slur collisions. Choices are `inside`, `outside`, `around`, and `ignore`. `inside` adjusts the slur if needed to keep the grob inside the slur. `outside` moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur. `around` moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur only if there is a collision. `ignore` does not move either. In grobs whose notational significance depends on vertical position (such as accidentals, clefs, etc.), `outside` and `around` behave like `ignore`.

**direction** (direction):  
`ly:script-interface::calc-direction`  
 If `side-axis` is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**font-encoding** (symbol):

`'fetaText`

The font encoding is the broadest category for selecting a font. Currently, only LilyPond's system fonts (Emmentaler) are using this property. Available values are `fetaMusic` (Emmentaler), `fetaBraces`, `fetaText` (Emmentaler).

**font-size** (number):

`-5`

The font size, compared to the 'normal' size. 0 is style-sheet's normal size, -1 is smaller, +1 is bigger. Each step of 1 is approximately 12% larger; 6 steps are exactly a factor 2 larger. Fractional values are allowed.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):

`0.5`

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**script-priority** (number):

`100`

A sorting key that determines in what order a script is within a stack of scripts.

**self-alignment-X** (number):

`0`

Specify alignment of an object. The value -1 means left aligned, 0 centered, and 1 right-aligned in X direction. Other numerical values may also be specified.

**self-alignment-Y** (number):

`0`

Like **self-alignment-X** but for the Y axis.

**slur-padding** (number):

`0.2`

Extra distance between slur and script.

**staff-padding** (dimension, in staff space):

`0.5`

Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.

**stencil** (stencil):

`ly:text-interface::print`

The symbol to print.

**text** (markup):

`fingering::calc-text`

Text markup. See [Section "Formatting text" in \*Notation Reference\*](#).

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.32 \[finger-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.92 \[self-alignment-interface\]](#), page 512, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514, [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529 and [Section 3.2.118 \[text-script-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.42 Flag

Flag objects are not created by any engraver.

Standard settings:

```
stencil (stencil):
    ly:flag::print
    The symbol to print.

X-extent (pair of numbers):
    ly:flag::width
    Hard coded extent in X direction.

X-offset (number):
    ly:flag::calc-x-offset
    The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

Y-offset (number):
    ly:flag::calc-y-offset
    The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.
```

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.33 \[flag-interface\], page 481](#), [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\], page 481](#), [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\], page 487](#) and [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\], page 494](#).

### 3.1.43 FootnoteItem

FootnoteItem objects are created by: [Section 2.2.42 \[Footnote\\_engraver\], page 302](#).

Standard settings:

```
annotation-balloon (boolean)
    Print the balloon around an annotation.

annotation-line (boolean):
    #t
    Print the line from an annotation to the grob that it annotates.

automatically-numbered (boolean):
    #<procedure #f (grob)>
    Should a footnote be automatically numbered?

break-visibility (vector):
    inherit-y-parent-visibility
    A vector of 3 booleans, #(end-of-line unbroken begin-of-line). #t
    means visible, #f means killed.

footnote (boolean):
    #t
    Should this be a footnote or in-note?

footnote-text (markup):
    #<procedure #f (grob)>
    A footnote for the grob.

stencil (stencil):
    ly:balloon-interface::print
    The symbol to print.
```

**text** (markup):  
     #<procedure #f (grob)>  
     Text markup. See [Section “Formatting text” in \*Notation Reference\*](#).

**X-extent** (pair of numbers)  
     Hard coded extent in X direction.

**X-offset** (number):  
     #<procedure #f (grob)>  
     The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers)  
     Hard coded extent in Y direction.

**Y-offset** (number):  
     #<procedure #f (grob)>  
     The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.8 \[balloon-interface\], page 470](#), [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\], page 481](#), [Section 3.2.35 \[footnote-interface\], page 483](#), [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\], page 487](#), [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\], page 494](#) and [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\], page 529](#).

### 3.1.44 FootnoteSpanner

FootnoteSpanner objects are created by: [Section 2.2.42 \[Footnote-engraver\], page 302](#).

Standard settings:

**annotation-balloon** (boolean)  
     Print the balloon around an annotation.

**annotation-line** (boolean):  
     #t  
     Print the line from an annotation to the grob that it annotates.

**automatically-numbered** (boolean):  
     #<procedure #f (grob)>  
     Should a footnote be automatically numbered?

**footnote** (boolean):  
     #t  
     Should this be a footnote or in-note?

**footnote-text** (markup):  
     #<procedure #f (grob)>  
     A footnote for the grob.

**stencil** (stencil):  
     ly:balloon-interface::print-spanner  
     The symbol to print.

**text** (markup):  
     #<procedure #f (grob)>  
     Text markup. See [Section “Formatting text” in \*Notation Reference\*](#).

**X-extent** (pair of numbers)  
     Hard coded extent in X direction.

**X-offset** (number):

`#<procedure #f (grob)>`

The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers)

Hard coded extent in Y direction.

**Y-offset** (number):

`#<procedure #f (grob)>`

The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.8 \[balloon-interface\]](#), page 470, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.35 \[footnote-interface\]](#), page 483, [Section 3.2.36 \[footnote-spanner-interface\]](#), page 483, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520 and [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.45 FretBoard

FretBoard objects are created by: [Section 2.2.44 \[Fretboard\\_engraver\]](#), page 303.

Standard settings:

**after-line-breaking** (boolean):

`ly:chord-name::after-line-breaking`

Dummy property, used to trigger callback for **after-line-breaking**.

**extra-spacing-height** (pair of numbers):

`'(0.2 . -0.2)`

In the horizontal spacing problem, we increase the height of each item by this amount (by adding the ‘car’ to the bottom of the item and adding the ‘cdr’ to the top of the item). In order to make a grob infinitely high (to prevent the horizontal spacing problem from placing any other grobs above or below this grob), set this to `(-inf.0 . +inf.0)`.

**extra-spacing-width** (pair of numbers):

`'(-0.5 . 0.5)`

In the horizontal spacing problem, we pad each item by this amount (by adding the ‘car’ on the left side of the item and adding the ‘cdr’ on the right side of the item). In order to make a grob take up no horizontal space at all, set this to `(+inf.0 . -inf.0)`.

**fret-diagram-details** (list):

`'((finger-code . below-string))`

An alist of detailed grob properties for fret diagrams. Each alist entry consists of a (*property* . *value*) pair. The properties which can be included in **fret-diagram-details** include the following:

- **barre-type** – Type of barre indication used. Choices include **curved**, **straight**, and **none**. Default **curved**.
- **capo-thickness** – Thickness of capo indicator, in multiples of fret-space. Default value 0.5.
- **dot-color** – Color of dots. Options include **black** and **white**. Default **black**.
- **dot-label-font-mag** – Magnification for font used to label fret dots. Default value 1.
- **dot-position** – Location of dot in fret space. Default 0.6 for dots without labels, 0.95-dot-radius for dots with labels.

- **dot-radius** – Radius of dots, in terms of fret spaces. Default value 0.425 for labeled dots, 0.25 for unlabeled dots.
- **finger-code** – Code for the type of fingering indication used. Options include `none`, `in-dot`, and `below-string`. Default `none` for markup fret diagrams, `below-string` for `FretBoards` fret diagrams.
- **fret-count** – The number of frets. Default 4.
- **fret-label-custom-format** – The format string to be used label the lowest fret number, when **number-type** equals to `custom`. Default `"~a"`.
- **fret-label-font-mag** – The magnification of the font used to label the lowest fret number. Default 0.5.
- **fret-label-vertical-offset** – The offset of the fret label from the center of the fret in direction parallel to strings. Default 0.
- **label-dir** – Side to which the fret label is attached. `-1`, `LEFT`, or `DOWN` for left or down; `1`, `RIGHT`, or `UP` for right or up. Default `RIGHT`.
- **mute-string** – Character string to be used to indicate muted string. Default `"x"`.
- **number-type** – Type of numbers to use in fret label. Choices include `roman-lower`, `roman-upper`, `arabic` and `custom`. In the later case, the format string is supplied by the **fret-label-custom-format** property. Default `roman-lower`.
- **open-string** – Character string to be used to indicate open string. Default `"o"`.
- **orientation** – Orientation of fret-diagram. Options include `normal`, `landscape`, and `opposing-landscape`. Default `normal`.
- **string-count** – The number of strings. Default 6.
- **string-label-font-mag** – The magnification of the font used to label fingerings at the string, rather than in the dot. Default value 0.6 for `normal` orientation, 0.5 for `landscape` and `opposing-landscape`.
- **string-thickness-factor** – Factor for changing thickness of each string in the fret diagram. Thickness of string  $k$  is given by  $\text{thickness} * (1 + \text{string-thickness-factor})^{(k-1)}$ . Default 0.
- **top-fret-thickness** – The thickness of the top fret line, as a multiple of the standard thickness. Default value 3.
- **xo-font-magnification** – Magnification used for mute and open string indicators. Default value 0.5.
- **xo-padding** – Padding for open and mute indicators from top fret. Default value 0.25.

**stencil** (stencil):

`fret-board::calc-stencil`

The symbol to print.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.18 \[chord-name-interface\]](#), page 477, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.37 \[fret-diagram-interface\]](#), page 484, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494 and [Section 3.2.88 \[rhythmic-grob-interface\]](#), page 510.

### 3.1.46 Glissando

Glissando objects are created by: [Section 2.2.45 \[Glissando\\_engraver\]](#), page 304 and [Section 2.2.73 \[Note\\_head\\_line\\_engraver\]](#), page 314.

Standard settings:

**after-line-breaking** (boolean):  
     `ly:spanner::kill-zero-spanned-time`  
     Dummy property, used to trigger callback for **after-line-breaking**.

**bound-details** (list):  
     `'((right (attach-dir . -1) (end-on-accidental . #t) (padding . 0.5)) (left (attach-dir . 1) (padding . 0.5)))`  
     An alist of properties for determining attachments of spanners to edges.

**gap** (dimension, in staff space):  
     0.5  
     Size of a gap in a variable symbol.

**left-bound-info** (list):  
     `ly:line-spanner::calc-left-bound-info`  
     An alist of properties for determining attachments of spanners to edges.

**normalized-endpoints** (pair):  
     `ly:spanner::calc-normalized-endpoints`  
     Represents left and right placement over the total spanner, where the width of the spanner is normalized between 0 and 1.

**right-bound-info** (list):  
     `ly:line-spanner::calc-right-bound-info`  
     An alist of properties for determining attachments of spanners to edges.

**simple-Y** (boolean):  
     `#t`  
     Should the Y placement of a spanner disregard changes in system heights?

**stencil** (stencil):  
     `ly:line-spanner::print`  
     The symbol to print.

**style** (symbol):  
     `'line`  
     This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the **stencil** callback reading this property.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers)  
     Hard coded extent in X direction.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers)  
     Hard coded extent in Y direction.

**zigzag-width** (dimension, in staff space):  
     0.75  
     The width of one zigzag squiggle. This number is adjusted slightly so that the glissando line can be constructed from a whole number of squiggles.



This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.38 \[glissando-interface\]](#), page 485, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.57 \[line-interface\]](#), page 497, [Section 3.2.58 \[line-spanner-interface\]](#), page 498, [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520 and [Section 3.2.126 \[unbreakable-spanner-interface\]](#), page 534.

### 3.1.47 GraceSpacing

GraceSpacing objects are created by: [Section 2.2.48 \[Grace-spacing-engraver\]](#), page 305.

Standard settings:

**common-shortest-duration** (moment):  
`grace-spacing::calc-shortest-duration`  
 The most common shortest note length. This is used in spacing. Enlarging this sets the score tighter.

**shortest-duration-space** (dimension, in staff space):  
 1.6  
 Start with this much space for the shortest duration. This is expressed in **spacing-increment** as unit. See also [Section “spacing-spanner-interface” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

**spacing-increment** (number):  
 0.8  
 Add this much space for a doubled duration. Typically, the width of a note head. See also [Section “spacing-spanner-interface” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.39 \[grace-spacing-interface\]](#), page 485, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.100 \[spacing-options-interface\]](#), page 519 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.48 GridLine

GridLine objects are created by: [Section 2.2.49 \[Grid\\_line-span-engraver\]](#), page 305.

Standard settings:

**layer** (integer):  
 0  
 An integer which determines the order of printing objects. Objects with the lowest value of layer are drawn first, then objects with progressively higher values are drawn, so objects with higher values overwrite objects with lower values. By default most objects are assigned a layer value of 1.

**self-alignment-X** (number):  
 0  
 Specify alignment of an object. The value -1 means left aligned, 0 centered, and 1 right-aligned in X direction. Other numerical values may also be specified.

**stencil** (stencil):  
`ly:grid-line-interface::print`  
 The symbol to print.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers):  
`ly:grid-line-interface::width`  
 Hard coded extent in X direction.

**X-offset** (number):

```
#<simple-closure (#<primitive-generic +> #<simple-
closure (#<primitive-procedure ly:self-alignment-
interface::centered-on-x-parent>) > #<simple-closure
(#<primitive-procedure ly:self-alignment-interface::x-
aligned-on-self>) >) >
```

The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.41 \[grid-line-interface\]](#), page 486, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494 and [Section 3.2.92 \[self-alignment-interface\]](#), page 512.

### 3.1.49 GridPoint

GridPoint objects are created by: [Section 2.2.50 \[Grid\\_point\\_engraver\]](#), page 305.

Standard settings:

**X-extent** (pair of numbers):

```
'(0 . 0)
```

Hard coded extent in X direction.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers):

```
'(0 . 0)
```

Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.42 \[grid-point-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487 and [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494.

### 3.1.50 Hairpin

Hairpin objects are created by: [Section 2.2.33 \[Dynamic\\_engraver\]](#), page 300 and [Section 2.2.71 \[New\\_dynamic\\_engraver\]](#), page 312.

Standard settings:

**after-line-breaking** (boolean):

```
ly:spanner::kill-zero-spanned-time
```

Dummy property, used to trigger callback for **after-line-breaking**.

**bound-padding** (number):

```
1.0
```

The amount of padding to insert around spanner bounds.

**broken-bound-padding** (number):

```
ly:hairpin::broken-bound-padding
```

The amount of padding to insert when a spanner is broken at a line break.

**circled-tip** (boolean)

Put a circle at start/end of hairpins (al/del niente).

**grow-direction** (direction):

```
hairpin::calc-grow-direction
```

Crescendo or decrescendo?

**height** (dimension, in staff space):

```
0.6666
```

Height of an object in **staff-space** units.

**minimum-length** (dimension, in staff space):  
 2.0  
 Try to make a spanner at least this long, normally in the horizontal direction. This requires an appropriate callback for the **springs-and-rods** property. If added to a **Tie**, this sets the minimum distance between noteheads.

**self-alignment-Y** (number):  
 0  
 Like **self-alignment-X** but for the Y axis.

**springs-and-rods** (boolean):  
 ly:spanner::set-spacing-rods  
 Dummy variable for triggering spacing routines.

**stencil** (stencil):  
 ly:hairpin::print  
 The symbol to print.

**thickness** (number):  
 1.0  
 Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.

**to-barline** (boolean):  
 #t  
 If true, the spanner will stop at the bar line just before it would otherwise stop.

**Y-offset** (number):  
 ly:self-alignment-interface::y-aligned-on-self  
 The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.25 \[dynamic-interface\]](#), page 479, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.44 \[hairpin-interface\]](#), page 491, [Section 3.2.57 \[line-interface\]](#), page 497, [Section 3.2.92 \[self-alignment-interface\]](#), page 512 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.51 HorizontalBracket

HorizontalBracket objects are created by: [Section 2.2.53 \[Horizontal\\_bracket\\_engraver\]](#), page 306.

Standard settings:

**bracket-flare** (pair of numbers):  
 '(0.5 . 0.5)  
 A pair of numbers specifying how much edges of brackets should slant outward. Value 0.0 means straight edges.

**connect-to-neighbor** (pair):  
 ly:tuplet-bracket::calc-connect-to-neighbors  
 Pair of booleans, indicating whether this grob looks as a continued break.

**direction** (direction):  
 -1

If `side-axis` is 0 (or `X`), then this property determines whether the object is placed `LEFT`, `CENTER` or `RIGHT` with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed `UP`, `CENTER` or `DOWN`. Numerical values may also be used: `UP=1`, `DOWN=-1`, `LEFT=-1`, `RIGHT=1`, `CENTER=0`.

`padding` (dimension, in staff space):

0.2

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

`side-axis` (number):

1

If the value is `X` (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is `Y` or 1, it is placed vertically.

`staff-padding` (dimension, in staff space):

0.2

Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.

`stencil` (stencil):

`ly:horizontal-bracket::print`

The symbol to print.

`thickness` (number):

1.0

Line thickness, generally measured in `line-thickness`.

`Y-offset` (number):

`ly:side-position-interface::y-aligned-side`

The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.46 \[horizontal-bracket-interface\]](#), page 492, [Section 3.2.57 \[line-interface\]](#), page 497, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.52 InstrumentName

InstrumentName objects are created by: [Section 2.2.55 \[Instrument\\_name-engraver\]](#), page 307.

Standard settings:

`direction` (direction):

-1

If `side-axis` is 0 (or `X`), then this property determines whether the object is placed `LEFT`, `CENTER` or `RIGHT` with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed `UP`, `CENTER` or `DOWN`. Numerical values may also be used: `UP=1`, `DOWN=-1`, `LEFT=-1`, `RIGHT=1`, `CENTER=0`.

`padding` (dimension, in staff space):

0.3

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**self-alignment-X** (number):  
 0  
 Specify alignment of an object. The value -1 means left aligned, 0 centered, and 1 right-aligned in X direction. Other numerical values may also be specified.

**self-alignment-Y** (number):  
 0  
 Like **self-alignment-X** but for the Y axis.

**stencil** (stencil):  
**system-start-text::print**  
 The symbol to print.

**X-offset** (number):  
**system-start-text::calc-x-offset**  
 The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**Y-offset** (number):  
**system-start-text::calc-y-offset**  
 The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.92 \[self-alignment-interface\]](#), page 512, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514, [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520 and [Section 3.2.115 \[system-start-text-interface\]](#), page 528.

### 3.1.53 InstrumentSwitch

InstrumentSwitch objects are created by: [Section 2.2.56 \[Instrument\\_switch\\_engraver\]](#), page 307.

Standard settings:

**direction** (direction):  
 1  
 If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**extra-spacing-width** (pair of numbers):  
 '(+inf.0 . -inf.0)  
 In the horizontal spacing problem, we pad each item by this amount (by adding the 'car' on the left side of the item and adding the 'cdr' on the right side of the item). In order to make a grob take up no horizontal space at all, set this to (+inf.0 . -inf.0).

**outside-staff-priority** (number):  
 500  
 If set, the grob is positioned outside the staff in such a way as to avoid all collisions. In case of a potential collision, the grob with the smaller **outside-staff-priority** is closer to the staff.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
 0.5  
 Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**self-alignment-X** (number):  
 -1  
 Specify alignment of an object. The value -1 means left aligned, 0 centered, and 1 right-aligned in X direction. Other numerical values may also be specified.

**side-axis** (number):  
 1  
 If the value is X (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is Y or 1, it is placed vertically.

**staff-padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
 0.5  
 Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.

**stencil** (stencil):  
 ly:text-interface::print  
 The symbol to print.

**X-offset** (number):  
 ly:self-alignment-interface::x-aligned-on-self  
 The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**Y-offset** (number):  
 ly:side-position-interface::y-aligned-side  
 The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\], page 481](#), [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\], page 487](#), [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\], page 494](#), [Section 3.2.92 \[self-alignment-interface\], page 512](#), [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\], page 514](#) and [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\], page 529](#).

### 3.1.54 KeyCancellation

KeyCancellation objects are created by: [Section 2.2.58 \[Key-engraver\], page 308](#).

Standard settings:

**break-align-symbol** (symbol):  
 'key-cancellation  
 This key is used for aligning and spacing breakable items.

**break-visibility** (vector):  
 #(#t #t #f)  
 A vector of 3 booleans, #(end-of-line unbroken begin-of-line). #t means visible, #f means killed.

**extra-spacing-height** (pair of numbers):  
 pure-from-neighbor-interface::extra-spacing-height-including-staff  
 In the horizontal spacing problem, we increase the height of each item by this amount (by adding the 'car' to the bottom of the item and adding the 'cdr' to the top of the item). In order to make a grob infinitely high (to prevent the horizontal spacing problem from placing any other grobs above or below this grob), set this to (-inf.0 . +inf.0).

`extra-spacing-width` (pair of numbers):

`'(0.0 . 1.0)`

In the horizontal spacing problem, we pad each item by this amount (by adding the ‘car’ on the left side of the item and adding the ‘cdr’ on the right side of the item). In order to make a grob take up no horizontal space at all, set this to `(+inf.0 . -inf.0)`.

`glyph-name-alist` (list):

`'((0 . accidentals.natural))`

An alist of key-string pairs.

`non-musical` (boolean):

`#t`

True if the grob belongs to a `NonMusicalPaperColumn`.

`space-alist` (list):

`'((time-signature extra-space . 1.25) (staff-bar extra-space . 0.6) (key-signature extra-space . 0.5) (cue-clef extra-space . 0.5) (right-edge extra-space . 0.5) (first-note fixed-space . 2.5))`

A table that specifies distances between prefatory items, like clef and time-signature. The format is an alist of spacing tuples: `(break-align-symbol type . distance)`, where *type* can be the symbols `minimum-space` or `extra-space`.

`stencil` (stencil):

`ly:key-signature-interface::print`

The symbol to print.

`Y-offset` (number):

`ly:staff-symbol-referencer::callback`

The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.15 \[break-aligned-interface\]](#), page 475, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.50 \[key-cancellation-interface\]](#), page 496, [Section 3.2.51 \[key-signature-interface\]](#), page 496, [Section 3.2.85 \[pure-from-neighbor-interface\]](#), page 509 and [Section 3.2.107 \[staff-symbol-referencer-interface\]](#), page 523.

### 3.1.55 KeySignature

KeySignature objects are created by: [Section 2.2.58 \[Key\\_engraver\]](#), page 308.

Standard settings:

`avoid-slur` (symbol):

`'inside`

Method of handling slur collisions. Choices are `inside`, `outside`, `around`, and `ignore`. `inside` adjusts the slur if needed to keep the grob inside the slur. `outside` moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur. `around` moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur only if there is a collision. `ignore` does not move either. In grobs whose notational significance depends on vertical position (such as accidentals, clefs, etc.), `outside` and `around` behave like `ignore`.

`break-align-anchor` (number):

`ly:break-aligned-interface::calc-extent-aligned-anchor`

Grobs aligned to this break-align grob will have their X-offsets shifted by this number. In bar lines, for example, this is used to position grobs relative to the (visual) center of the bar line.

**break-align-symbol** (symbol):

'key-signature

This key is used for aligning and spacing breakable items.

**break-visibility** (vector):

##f #f #t

A vector of 3 booleans, *##(end-of-line unbroken begin-of-line)*. #t means visible, #f means killed.

**extra-spacing-height** (pair of numbers):

pure-from-neighbor-interface::extra-spacing-height-including-staff

In the horizontal spacing problem, we increase the height of each item by this amount (by adding the 'car' to the bottom of the item and adding the 'cdr' to the top of the item). In order to make a grob infinitely high (to prevent the horizontal spacing problem from placing any other grobs above or below this grob), set this to (-inf.0 . +inf.0).

**extra-spacing-width** (pair of numbers):

(0.0 . 1.0)

In the horizontal spacing problem, we pad each item by this amount (by adding the 'car' on the left side of the item and adding the 'cdr' on the right side of the item). In order to make a grob take up no horizontal space at all, set this to (+inf.0 . -inf.0).

**glyph-name-alist** (list):

'((0 . accidentals.natural) (-1/2 . accidentals.flat) (1/2 . accidentals.sharp) (1 . accidentals.doublesharp) (-1 . accidentals.flatflat) (3/4 . accidentals.sharp.slashslash.stemstemstem) (1/4 . accidentals.sharp.slashslash.stem) (-1/4 . accidentals.mirroredflat) (-3/4 . accidentals.mirroredflat.flat))

An alist of key-string pairs.

**non-musical** (boolean):

#t

True if the grob belongs to a NonMusicalPaperColumn.

**space-alist** (list):

'((time-signature extra-space . 1.15) (staff-bar extra-space . 1.1) (cue-clef extra-space . 0.5) (right-edge extra-space . 0.5) (first-note fixed-space . 2.5))

A table that specifies distances between prefatory items, like clef and time-signature. The format is an alist of spacing tuples: (*break-align-symbol type . distance*), where *type* can be the symbols minimum-space or extra-space.

**stencil** (stencil):

ly:key-signature-interface::print

The symbol to print.



**Y-offset** (number):

`ly:staff-symbol-referencer::callback`

The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.15 \[break-aligned-interface\]](#), page 475, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.51 \[key-signature-interface\]](#), page 496, [Section 3.2.85 \[pure-from-neighbor-interface\]](#), page 509 and [Section 3.2.107 \[staff-symbol-referencer-interface\]](#), page 523.

### 3.1.56 LaissezVibrerTie

LaissezVibrerTie objects are created by: [Section 2.2.60 \[Laissez-vibrer-engraver\]](#), page 309.

Standard settings:

**control-points** (list):

`ly:semi-tie::calc-control-points`

List of offsets (number pairs) that form control points for the tie, slur, or bracket shape. For Béziers, this should list the control points of a third-order Bézier curve.

**details** (list):

`'((ratio . 0.333) (height-limit . 1.0))`

Alist of parameters for detailed grob behavior. More information on the allowed parameters for a grob can be found by looking at the top of the Internals Reference page for each interface having a **details** property.

**direction** (direction):

`ly:tie::calc-direction`

If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**extra-spacing-height** (pair of numbers):

`'(-0.5 . 0.5)`

In the horizontal spacing problem, we increase the height of each item by this amount (by adding the 'car' to the bottom of the item and adding the 'cdr' to the top of the item). In order to make a grob infinitely high (to prevent the horizontal spacing problem from placing any other grobs above or below this grob), set this to `(-inf.0 . +inf.0)`.

**head-direction** (direction):

`-1`

Are the note heads left or right in a semitie?

**stencil** (stencil):

`laissez-vibrer::print`

The symbol to print.

**thickness** (number):

`1.0`

Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494 and [Section 3.2.94 \[semi-tie-interface\]](#), page 513.

### 3.1.57 LaissezVibrerTieColumn

LaissezVibrerTieColumn objects are created by: [Section 2.2.60 \[Laissez-vibrer-engraver\]](#), page 309.

Standard settings:

**head-direction** (direction):  
`ly:semi-tie-column::calc-head-direction`  
 Are the note heads left or right in a semitie?

**X-extent** (pair of numbers)  
 Hard coded extent in X direction.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers)  
 Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494 and [Section 3.2.93 \[semi-tie-column-interface\]](#), page 513.

### 3.1.58 LedgerLineSpanner

LedgerLineSpanner objects are created by: [Section 2.2.61 \[Ledger\\_line-engraver\]](#), page 309.

Standard settings:

**layer** (integer):  
 0  
 An integer which determines the order of printing objects. Objects with the lowest value of layer are drawn first, then objects with progressively higher values are drawn, so objects with higher values overwrite objects with lower values. By default most objects are assigned a layer value of 1.

**length-fraction** (number):  
 0.25  
 Multiplier for lengths. Used for determining ledger lines and stem lengths.

**minimum-length-fraction** (number):  
 0.25  
 Minimum length of ledger line as fraction of note head size.

**springs-and-rods** (boolean):  
`ly:ledger-line-spanner::set-spacing-rods`  
 Dummy variable for triggering spacing routines.

**stencil** (stencil):  
`ly:ledger-line-spanner::print`  
 The symbol to print.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers)  
 Hard coded extent in X direction.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers)  
 Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.52 \[ledger-line-spanner-interface\]](#), page 496 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.59 LeftEdge

LeftEdge objects are created by: [Section 2.2.13 \[Break\\_align\\_engraver\]](#), page 293.

Standard settings:

```
break-align-anchor (number):
  ly:break-aligned-interface::calc-extent-aligned-anchor
  Grobs aligned to this break-align grob will have their X-offsets shifted
  by this number. In bar lines, for example, this is used to position grobs
  relative to the (visual) center of the bar line.

break-align-symbol (symbol):
  'left-edge
  This key is used for aligning and spacing breakable items.

break-visibility (vector):
  #(#t #f #t)
  A vector of 3 booleans, #(end-of-line unbroken begin-of-line). #t
  means visible, #f means killed.

extra-spacing-height (pair of numbers):
  '(+inf.0 . -inf.0)
  In the horizontal spacing problem, we increase the height of each item by
  this amount (by adding the 'car' to the bottom of the item and adding
  the 'cdr' to the top of the item). In order to make a grob infinitely
  high (to prevent the horizontal spacing problem from placing any other
  grobs above or below this grob), set this to (-inf.0 . +inf.0).

non-musical (boolean):
  #t
  True if the grob belongs to a NonMusicalPaperColumn.

space-alist (list):
  '((ambitus extra-space . 2.0) (breathing-sign minimum-space
  . 0.0) (cue-end-clef extra-space . 0.8) (clef extra-space
  . 0.8) (cue-clef extra-space . 0.8) (staff-bar extra-space
  . 0.0) (key-cancellation extra-space . 0.0) (key-signature
  extra-space . 0.8) (time-signature extra-space . 1.0) (custos
  extra-space . 0.0) (first-note fixed-space . 2.0) (right-edge
  extra-space . 0.0))
  A table that specifies distances between prefatory items, like clef and
  time-signature. The format is an alist of spacing tuples: (break-align-
  symbol type . distance), where type can be the symbols minimum-
  space or extra-space.

X-extent (pair of numbers):
  '(0 . 0)
  Hard coded extent in X direction.
```

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.15 \[break-aligned-interface\]](#), page 475, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487 and [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494.

### 3.1.60 LigatureBracket

LigatureBracket objects are created by: [Section 2.2.62 \[Ligature\\_bracket\\_engraver\]](#), page 309.

Standard settings:

**connect-to-neighbor** (pair):  
`ly:tuplet-bracket::calc-connect-to-neighbors`  
 Pair of booleans, indicating whether this grob looks as a continued break.

**direction** (direction):  
 1  
 If `side-axis` is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed `LEFT`, `CENTER` or `RIGHT` with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed `UP`, `CENTER` or `DOWN`. Numerical values may also be used: `UP=1`, `DOWN=-1`, `LEFT=-1`, `RIGHT=1`, `CENTER=0`.

**edge-height** (pair):  
`'(0.7 . 0.7)`  
 A pair of numbers specifying the heights of the vertical edges: (`left-height` . `right-height`).

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
 2.0  
 Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**positions** (pair of numbers):  
`ly:tuplet-bracket::calc-positions`  
 Pair of staff coordinates (`left` . `right`), where both `left` and `right` are in `staff-space` units of the current staff. For slurs, this value selects which slur candidate to use; if extreme positions are requested, the closest one is taken.

**shorten-pair** (pair of numbers):  
`'(-0.2 . -0.2)`  
 The lengths to shorten a text-spanner on both sides, for example a pedal bracket. Positive values shorten the text-spanner, while negative values lengthen it.

**staff-padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
 0.25  
 Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.

**stencil** (stencil):  
`ly:tuplet-bracket::print`  
 The symbol to print.

**thickness** (number):  
 1.6  
 Line thickness, generally measured in `line-thickness`.

**X-positions** (pair of numbers):  
`ly:tuplet-bracket::calc-x-positions`  
 Pair of X staff coordinates of a spanner in the form (`left` . `right`), where both `left` and `right` are in `staff-space` units of the current staff.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.57 \[line-interface\]](#), page 497, [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520 and [Section 3.2.124 \[tuplet-bracket-interface\]](#), page 532.

### 3.1.61 LyricExtender

LyricExtender objects are created by: [Section 2.2.37 \[Extender\\_engraver\]](#), page 301.

Standard settings:

```

minimum-length (dimension, in staff space):
    1.5
    Try to make a spanner at least this long, normally in the horizontal
    direction. This requires an appropriate callback for the springs-and-
rods property. If added to a Tie, this sets the minimum distance be-
    tween noteheads.

stencil (stencil):
    ly:lyric-extender::print
    The symbol to print.

thickness (number):
    0.8
    Line thickness, generally measured in line-thickness.

Y-extent (pair of numbers):
    '(0 . 0)
    Hard coded extent in Y direction.
```

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.59 \[lyric-extender-interface\]](#), page 499, [Section 3.2.61 \[lyric-interface\]](#), page 500 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.62 LyricHyphen

LyricHyphen objects are created by: [Section 2.2.54 \[Hyphen\\_engraver\]](#), page 307.

Standard settings:

```

after-line-breaking (boolean):
    ly:spanner::kill-zero-spanned-time
    Dummy property, used to trigger callback for after-line-breaking.

dash-period (number):
    10.0
    The length of one dash together with whitespace. If negative, no line is
    drawn at all.

height (dimension, in staff space):
    0.42
    Height of an object in staff-space units.

length (dimension, in staff space):
    0.66
    User override for the stem length of unbeamed stems.

minimum-distance (dimension, in staff space):
    0.1
    Minimum distance between rest and notes or beam.

minimum-length (dimension, in staff space):
    0.3
```

Try to make a spanner at least this long, normally in the horizontal direction. This requires an appropriate callback for the **springs-and-rods** property. If added to a **Tie**, this sets the minimum distance between noteheads.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):

0.07

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**springs-and-rods** (boolean):

ly:lyric-hyphen::set-spacing-rods

Dummy variable for triggering spacing routines.

**stencil** (stencil):

ly:lyric-hyphen::print

The symbol to print.

**thickness** (number):

1.3

Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers):

'(0 . 0)

Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.60 \[lyric-hyphen-interface\]](#), page 499, [Section 3.2.61 \[lyric-interface\]](#), page 500 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.63 LyricSpace

LyricSpace objects are created by: [Section 2.2.54 \[Hyphen\\_engraver\]](#), page 307.

Standard settings:

**minimum-distance** (dimension, in staff space):

0.45

Minimum distance between rest and notes or beam.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):

0.0

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**springs-and-rods** (boolean):

ly:lyric-hyphen::set-spacing-rods

Dummy variable for triggering spacing routines.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers)

Hard coded extent in X direction.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers)

Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.60 \[lyric-hyphen-interface\]](#), page 499 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.64 LyricText

LyricText objects are created by: [Section 2.2.63 \[Lyric\\_engraver\]](#), page 310.

Standard settings:

**extra-spacing-height** (pair of numbers):

'(0.2 . -0.2)

In the horizontal spacing problem, we increase the height of each item by this amount (by adding the 'car' to the bottom of the item and adding the 'cdr' to the top of the item). In order to make a grob infinitely high (to prevent the horizontal spacing problem from placing any other grobs above or below this grob), set this to `(-inf.0 . +inf.0)`.

**extra-spacing-width** (pair of numbers):

'(0.0 . 0.0)

In the horizontal spacing problem, we pad each item by this amount (by adding the 'car' on the left side of the item and adding the 'cdr' on the right side of the item). In order to make a grob take up no horizontal space at all, set this to `(+inf.0 . -inf.0)`.

**font-series** (symbol):

'medium

Select the series of a font. Choices include `medium`, `bold`, `bold-narrow`, etc.

**font-size** (number):

1.0

The font size, compared to the 'normal' size. 0 is style-sheet's normal size, -1 is smaller, +1 is bigger. Each step of 1 is approximately 12% larger; 6 steps are exactly a factor 2 larger. Fractional values are allowed.

**self-alignment-X** (number):

0

Specify alignment of an object. The value -1 means left aligned, 0 centered, and 1 right-aligned in X direction. Other numerical values may also be specified.

**stencil** (stencil):

`lyric-text::print`

The symbol to print.

**text** (markup):

`#<procedure #f (grob)>`

Text markup. See [Section "Formatting text" in Notation Reference](#).

**word-space** (dimension, in staff space):

0.6

Space to insert between words in texts.

**X-offset** (number):

`ly:self-alignment-interface::aligned-on-x-parent`

The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.62 \[lyric-syllable-interface\]](#), page 500, [Section 3.2.88 \[rhythmic-grob-interface\]](#), page 510, [Section 3.2.92 \[self-alignment-interface\]](#), page 512 and [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.65 MeasureGrouping

MeasureGrouping objects are created by: [Section 2.2.66 \[Measure\\_grouping\\_engraver\]](#), page 311.

Standard settings:

**direction** (direction):  
 1  
 If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**height** (dimension, in staff space):  
 2.0  
 Height of an object in **staff-space** units.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
 2  
 Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**side-axis** (number):  
 1  
 If the value is X (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is Y or 1, it is placed vertically.

**staff-padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
 3  
 Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.

**stencil** (stencil):  
 ly:measure-grouping::print  
 The symbol to print.

**thickness** (number):  
 1  
 Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.

**Y-offset** (number):  
 ly:side-position-interface::y-aligned-side  
 The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.64 \[measure-grouping-interface\]](#), page 500, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.66 MelodyItem

MelodyItem objects are created by: [Section 2.2.67 \[Melody\\_engraver\]](#), page 311.

Standard settings:

**neutral-direction** (direction):  
 -1  
 Which direction to take in the center of the staff.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494 and [Section 3.2.65 \[melody-spanner-interface\]](#), page 501.



### 3.1.67 MensuralLigature

MensuralLigature objects are created by: [Section 2.2.68 \[Mensural\\_ligature\\_engraver\]](#), page 311.

Standard settings:

```
stencil (stencil):
  ly:mensural-ligature::print
  The symbol to print.

thickness (number):
  1.3
  Line thickness, generally measured in line-thickness.
```

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.66 \[mensural-ligature-interface\]](#), page 501 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.68 MetronomeMark

MetronomeMark objects are created by: [Section 2.2.69 \[Metronome\\_mark\\_engraver\]](#), page 311.

Standard settings:

```
after-line-breaking (boolean):
  ly:side-position-interface::move-to-extremal-staff
  Dummy property, used to trigger callback for after-line-breaking.

break-align-symbols (list):
  '(time-signature)
  A list of symbols that determine which break-aligned grobs to align
  this to. If the grob selected by the first symbol in the list is invis-
  ible due to break-visibility, we will align to the next grob (and so on).
  Choices are left-edge, ambitus, breathing-sign, clef, staff-bar,
  key-cancellation, key-signature, time-signature, and custos.

break-visibility (vector):
  #(#f #t #t)
  A vector of 3 booleans,  #(end-of-line unbroken begin-of-line). #t
  means visible, #f means killed.

direction (direction):
  1
  If side-axis is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the
  object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object.
  Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or
  DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1,
  RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

extra-spacing-width (pair of numbers):
  '(+inf.0 . -inf.0)
  In the horizontal spacing problem, we pad each item by this amount (by
  adding the 'car' on the left side of the item and adding the 'cdr' on the
  right side of the item). In order to make a grob take up no horizontal
  space at all, set this to (+inf.0 . -inf.0).

non-break-align-symbols (list):
  '(multi-measure-rest-interface)
```

A list of symbols that determine which NON-break-aligned interfaces to align this to.

**outside-staff-priority** (number):

1000

If set, the grob is positioned outside the staff in such a way as to avoid all collisions. In case of a potential collision, the grob with the smaller **outside-staff-priority** is closer to the staff.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):

0.8

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**self-alignment-X** (number):

-1

Specify alignment of an object. The value -1 means left aligned, 0 centered, and 1 right-aligned in X direction. Other numerical values may also be specified.

**side-axis** (number):

1

If the value is X (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is Y or 1, it is placed vertically.

**stencil** (stencil):

ly:text-interface::print

The symbol to print.

**X-offset** (number):

```
#<simple-closure (#<primitive-generic +> #<simple-closure
  (#<primitive-procedure ly:break-alignable-interface::self-
    align-callback>) > #<simple-closure (#<primitive-procedure
    ly:self-alignment-interface::x-aligned-on-self>) >) >
```

The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**Y-offset** (number):

ly:side-position-interface::y-aligned-side

The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.14 \[break-alignable-interface\]](#), page 475, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.67 \[metronome-mark-interface\]](#), page 501, [Section 3.2.92 \[self-alignment-interface\]](#), page 512, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514 and [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.69 MultiMeasureRest

MultiMeasureRest objects are created by: [Section 2.2.70 \[Multi-measure-rest-engraver\]](#), page 312.

Standard settings:

**expand-limit** (integer):

10

Maximum number of measures expanded in church rests.

**hair-thickness** (number):  
 2.0  
 Thickness of the thin line in a bar line.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
 1  
 Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**round-up-exceptions** (list):  
 '()  
 A list of pairs where car is the numerator and cdr the denominator of a moment. Each pair in this list means that the multi-measure rests of the corresponding length will be rounded up to the longer rest. See *round-up-to-longer-rest*.

**spacing-pair** (pair):  
 '(break-alignment . break-alignment)  
 A pair of alignment symbols which set an object's spacing relative to its left and right **BreakAlignments**.  
 For example, a **MultiMeasureRest** will ignore prefatory items at its bounds (i.e., clefs, key signatures and time signatures) using the following override:  

```
\override MultiMeasureRest
  #'spacing-pair = #'(staff-bar . staff-bar)
```

**springs-and-rods** (boolean):  
 ly:multi-measure-rest::set-spacing-rods  
 Dummy variable for triggering spacing routines.

**stencil** (stencil):  
 ly:multi-measure-rest::print  
 The symbol to print.

**thick-thickness** (number):  
 6.6  
 Bar line thickness, measured in **line-thickness**.

**usable-duration-logs** (list):  
 '(-3 -2 -1 0)  
 List of **duration-logs** that can be used in typesetting the grob.

**Y-offset** (number):  
 ly:staff-symbol-referencer::callback  
 The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.68 \[multi-measure-interface\]](#), page 501, [Section 3.2.69 \[multi-measure-rest-interface\]](#), page 502, [Section 3.2.87 \[rest-interface\]](#), page 510, [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520 and [Section 3.2.107 \[staff-symbol-referencer-interface\]](#), page 523.

### 3.1.70 MultiMeasureRestNumber

**MultiMeasureRestNumber** objects are created by: [Section 2.2.70 \[Multi-measure-rest-engraver\]](#), page 312.

Standard settings:

**bound-padding** (number):

2.0

The amount of padding to insert around spanner bounds.

**direction** (direction):

1

If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**font-encoding** (symbol):

'fetaText

The font encoding is the broadest category for selecting a font. Currently, only Lilypond's system fonts (Emmentaler) are using this property. Available values are **fetaMusic** (Emmentaler), **fetaBraces**, **fetaText** (Emmentaler).

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):

0.4

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**self-alignment-X** (number):

0

Specify alignment of an object. The value -1 means left aligned, 0 centered, and 1 right-aligned in X direction. Other numerical values may also be specified.

**side-axis** (number):

1

If the value is X (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is Y or 1, it is placed vertically.

**springs-and-rods** (boolean):

ly:multi-measure-rest::set-text-rods

Dummy variable for triggering spacing routines.

**staff-padding** (dimension, in staff space):

0.4

Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.

**stencil** (stencil):

ly:text-interface::print

The symbol to print.

**X-offset** (number):

```
#<simple-closure (#<primitive-generic +> #<simple-closure
  (#<primitive-procedure ly:self-alignment-interface::x-
    aligned-on-self>) > #<simple-closure (#<primitive-procedure
    ly:self-alignment-interface::x-centered-on-y-parent>) >) >
```

The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**Y-offset** (number):

`ly:side-position-interface::y-aligned-side`

The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.68 \[multi-measure-interface\]](#), page 501, [Section 3.2.92 \[self-alignment-interface\]](#), page 512, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514, [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520 and [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.71 MultiMeasureRestText

MultiMeasureRestText objects are created by: [Section 2.2.70 \[Multi-measure-rest-engraver\]](#), page 312.

Standard settings:

**direction** (direction):

1

If `side-axis` is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**outside-staff-priority** (number):

450

If set, the grob is positioned outside the staff in such a way as to avoid all collisions. In case of a potential collision, the grob with the smaller `outside-staff-priority` is closer to the staff.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):

0.2

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**self-alignment-X** (number):

0

Specify alignment of an object. The value -1 means left aligned, 0 centered, and 1 right-aligned in X direction. Other numerical values may also be specified.

**staff-padding** (dimension, in staff space):

0.25

Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.

**stencil** (stencil):

`ly:text-interface::print`

The symbol to print.

**X-offset** (number):

```
#<simple-closure (#<primitive-generic +> #<simple-closure
  (#<primitive-procedure ly:self-alignment-interface::x-
    centered-on-y-parent>) > #<simple-closure (#<primitive-
    procedure ly:self-alignment-interface::x-aligned-on-self>)
  >) >
```

The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**Y-offset** (number):

`ly:side-position-interface::y-aligned-side`

The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.68 \[multi-measure-interface\]](#), page 501, [Section 3.2.92 \[self-alignment-interface\]](#), page 512, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514, [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520 and [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.72 NonMusicalPaperColumn

NonMusicalPaperColumn objects are created by: [Section 2.2.81 \[Paper-column-engraver\]](#), page 316.

Standard settings:

**allow-loose-spacing** (boolean):

`#t`

If set, column can be detached from main spacing.

**axes** (list):

`'(0)`

List of axis numbers. In the case of alignment grobs, this should contain only one number.

**before-line-breaking** (boolean):

`ly:paper-column::before-line-breaking`

Dummy property, used to trigger a callback function.

**full-measure-extra-space** (number):

`1.0`

Extra space that is allocated at the beginning of a measure with only one note. This property is read from the NonMusicalPaperColumn that begins the measure.

**horizontal-skylines** (pair of skylines):

`ly:separation-item::calc-skylines`

Two skylines, one to the left and one to the right of this grob.

**keep-inside-line** (boolean):

`#t`

If set, this column cannot have objects sticking into the margin.

**line-break-permission** (symbol):

`'allow`

Instructs the line breaker on whether to put a line break at this column. Can be `force` or `allow`.

**non-musical** (boolean):

`#t`

True if the grob belongs to a NonMusicalPaperColumn.

**page-break-permission** (symbol):

`'allow`

Instructs the page breaker on whether to put a page break at this column. Can be `force` or `allow`.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers):  
`ly:axis-group-interface::width`  
 Hard coded extent in X direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.7 \[axis-group-interface\]](#), page 468, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.77 \[paper-column-interface\]](#), page 506, [Section 3.2.95 \[separation-item-interface\]](#), page 514 and [Section 3.2.98 \[spaceable-grob-interface\]](#), page 518.

### 3.1.73 NoteCollision

NoteCollision objects are created by: [Section 2.2.19 \[Collision-engraver\]](#), page 295.

Standard settings:

**axes** (list):  
`'(0 1)`  
 List of axis numbers. In the case of alignment grobs, this should contain only one number.

**prefer-dotted-right** (boolean):  
`#t`  
 For note collisions, prefer to shift dotted up-note to the right, rather than shifting just the dot.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers):  
`ly:axis-group-interface::width`  
 Hard coded extent in X direction.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers):  
`ly:axis-group-interface::height`  
 Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.7 \[axis-group-interface\]](#), page 468, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494 and [Section 3.2.70 \[note-collision-interface\]](#), page 503.

### 3.1.74 NoteColumn

NoteColumn objects are created by: [Section 2.2.96 \[Rhythmic-column-engraver\]](#), page 321.

Standard settings:

**axes** (list):  
`'(0 1)`  
 List of axis numbers. In the case of alignment grobs, this should contain only one number.

**horizontal-skylines** (pair of skylines):  
`ly:separation-item::calc-skylines`  
 Two skylines, one to the left and one to the right of this grob.

**skyline-vertical-padding** (number):  
`0.15`  
 The amount by which the left and right skylines of a column are padded vertically, beyond the **Y-extents** and **extra-spacing-heights** of the constituent grobs in the column. Increase this to prevent interleaving of grobs from adjacent columns.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers):  
`ly:axis-group-interface::width`  
 Hard coded extent in X direction.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers):  
`ly:axis-group-interface::height`  
 Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.7 \[axis-group-interface\]](#), page 468, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.71 \[note-column-interface\]](#), page 503 and [Section 3.2.95 \[separation-item-interface\]](#), page 514.

### 3.1.75 NoteHead

NoteHead objects are created by: [Section 2.2.20 \[Completion-heads-engraver\]](#), page 295, [Section 2.2.31 \[Drum-notes-engraver\]](#), page 299 and [Section 2.2.74 \[Note-heads-engraver\]](#), page 314.

Standard settings:

**duration-log** (integer):  
`note-head::calc-duration-log`  
 The 2-log of the note head duration, i.e., 0 = whole note, 1 = half note, etc.

**extra-spacing-height** (pair of numbers):  
`ly:note-head::include-ledger-line-height`  
 In the horizontal spacing problem, we increase the height of each item by this amount (by adding the ‘car’ to the bottom of the item and adding the ‘cdr’ to the top of the item). In order to make a grob infinitely high (to prevent the horizontal spacing problem from placing any other grobs above or below this grob), set this to `(-inf.0 . +inf.0)`.

**glyph-name** (string):  
`note-head::calc-glyph-name`  
 The glyph name within the font.

**stem-attachment** (pair of numbers):  
`ly:note-head::calc-stem-attachment`  
 An `(x . y)` pair where the stem attaches to the notehead.

**stencil** (stencil):  
`ly:note-head::print`  
 The symbol to print.

**X-offset** (number):  
`ly:note-head::stem-x-shift`  
 The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**Y-offset** (number):  
`ly:staff-symbol-referencer::callback`  
 The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.40 \[gregorian-ligature-interface\]](#), page 486, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.53 \[ledgered-interface\]](#), page 497, [Section 3.2.55 \[ligature-head-interface\]](#), page 497, [Section 3.2.66 \[mensural-ligature-interface\]](#),



page 501, Section 3.2.72 [note-head-interface], page 504, Section 3.2.88 [rhythmic-grob-interface], page 510, Section 3.2.89 [rhythmic-head-interface], page 510, Section 3.2.107 [staff-symbol-referencer-interface], page 523 and Section 3.2.127 [vaticana-ligature-interface], page 534.

### 3.1.76 NoteName

NoteName objects are created by: Section 2.2.75 [Note\_name\_engraver], page 314.

Standard settings:

```
stencil (stencil):
  ly:text-interface::print
  The symbol to print.
```

This object supports the following interface(s): Section 3.2.34 [font-interface], page 481, Section 3.2.43 [grob-interface], page 487, Section 3.2.49 [item-interface], page 494, Section 3.2.73 [note-name-interface], page 504 and Section 3.2.117 [text-interface], page 529.

### 3.1.77 NoteSpacing

NoteSpacing objects are created by: Section 2.2.77 [Note\_spacing\_engraver], page 315.

Standard settings:

```
knee-spacing-correction (number):
  1.0
  Factor for the optical correction amount for kneed beams. Set between
  0 for no correction and 1 for full correction.

same-direction-correction (number):
  0.25
  Optical correction amount for stems that are placed in tight configurations. This amount is used for stems with the same direction to compensate for note head to stem distance.

space-to-barline (boolean):
  #t
  If set, the distance between a note and the following non-musical column will be measured to the bar line instead of to the beginning of the non-musical column. If there is a clef change followed by a bar line, for example, this means that we will try to space the non-musical column as though the clef is not there.

stem-spacing-correction (number):
  0.5
  Optical correction amount for stems that are placed in tight configurations. For opposite directions, this amount is the correction for two normal sized stems that overlap completely.
```

This object supports the following interface(s): Section 3.2.43 [grob-interface], page 487, Section 3.2.49 [item-interface], page 494, Section 3.2.74 [note-spacing-interface], page 504 and Section 3.2.99 [spacing-interface], page 518.

### 3.1.78 OctavateEight

OctavateEight objects are created by: Section 2.2.17 [Clef\_engraver], page 294 and Section 2.2.24 [Cue\_clef\_engraver], page 296.

Standard settings:

**break-visibility** (vector):  
     **inherit-x-parent-visibility**  
     A vector of 3 booleans, *#(end-of-line unbroken begin-of-line)*. *#t* means visible, *#f* means killed.

**font-shape** (symbol):  
     *'italic*  
     Select the shape of a font. Choices include *upright*, *italic*, *caps*.

**font-size** (number):  
     -4  
     The font size, compared to the ‘normal’ size. 0 is style-sheet’s normal size, -1 is smaller, +1 is bigger. Each step of 1 is approximately 12% larger; 6 steps are exactly a factor 2 larger. Fractional values are allowed.

**self-alignment-X** (number):  
     0  
     Specify alignment of an object. The value -1 means left aligned, 0 centered, and 1 right-aligned in X direction. Other numerical values may also be specified.

**staff-padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
     0.2  
     Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.

**stencil** (stencil):  
     *ly:text-interface::print*  
     The symbol to print.

**X-offset** (number):  
     *#<simple-closure (#<primitive-generic +> #<simple-closure (#<primitive-procedure ly:self-alignment-interface::x-aligned-on-self>) > #<simple-closure (#<primitive-procedure ly:self-alignment-interface::centered-on-x-parent>) >) >*  
     The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**Y-offset** (number):  
     *ly:side-position-interface::y-aligned-side*  
     The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.92 \[self-alignment-interface\]](#), page 512, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514 and [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.79 OttawaBracket

OttawaBracket objects are created by: [Section 2.2.78 \[Ottawa\\_spanner\\_engraver\]](#), page 315.

Standard settings:

**dash-fraction** (number):  
     0.3  
     Size of the dashes, relative to **dash-period**. Should be between 0.0 (no line) and 1.0 (continuous line).

**direction** (direction):

1

If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed **LEFT**, **CENTER** or **RIGHT** with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed **UP**, **CENTER** or **DOWN**. Numerical values may also be used: **UP**=1, **DOWN**=-1, **LEFT**=-1, **RIGHT**=1, **CENTER**=0.

**edge-height** (pair):

'(0 . 1.2)

A pair of numbers specifying the heights of the vertical edges: (*left-height* . *right-height*).

**font-shape** (symbol):

'italic

Select the shape of a font. Choices include **upright**, **italic**, **caps**.

**minimum-length** (dimension, in staff space):

1.0

Try to make a spanner at least this long, normally in the horizontal direction. This requires an appropriate callback for the **springs-and-rods** property. If added to a **Tie**, this sets the minimum distance between noteheads.

**outside-staff-priority** (number):

400

If set, the grob is positioned outside the staff in such a way as to avoid all collisions. In case of a potential collision, the grob with the smaller **outside-staff-priority** is closer to the staff.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):

0.5

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**shorten-pair** (pair of numbers):

'(0.0 . -0.6)

The lengths to shorten a text-spanner on both sides, for example a pedal bracket. Positive values shorten the text-spanner, while negative values lengthen it.

**staff-padding** (dimension, in staff space):

1.0

Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.

**stencil** (stencil):

ly:ottava-bracket::print

The symbol to print.

**style** (symbol):

'dashed-line

This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the **stencil** callback reading this property.

**Y-offset** (number):

`ly:side-position-interface::y-aligned-side`

The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.46 \[horizontal-bracket-interface\]](#), page 492, [Section 3.2.57 \[line-interface\]](#), page 497, [Section 3.2.76 \[ottava-bracket-interface\]](#), page 505, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514, [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520 and [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.80 PaperColumn

PaperColumn objects are created by: [Section 2.2.81 \[Paper-column-engraver\]](#), page 316.

Standard settings:

**allow-loose-spacing** (boolean):

`#t`

If set, column can be detached from main spacing.

**axes** (list):

`'(0)`

List of axis numbers. In the case of alignment grobs, this should contain only one number.

**before-line-breaking** (boolean):

`ly:paper-column::before-line-breaking`

Dummy property, used to trigger a callback function.

**horizontal-skylines** (pair of skylines):

`ly:separation-item::calc-skylines`

Two skylines, one to the left and one to the right of this grob.

**keep-inside-line** (boolean):

`#t`

If set, this column cannot have objects sticking into the margin.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers):

`ly:axis-group-interface::width`

Hard coded extent in X direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.7 \[axis-group-interface\]](#), page 468, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.77 \[paper-column-interface\]](#), page 506, [Section 3.2.95 \[separation-item-interface\]](#), page 514 and [Section 3.2.98 \[spaceable-grob-interface\]](#), page 518.

### 3.1.81 ParenthesesItem

ParenthesesItem objects are created by: [Section 2.2.82 \[Parenthesis-engraver\]](#), page 316.

Standard settings:

**font-size** (number):

`-6`

The font size, compared to the ‘normal’ size. 0 is style-sheet’s normal size, -1 is smaller, +1 is bigger. Each step of 1 is approximately 12% larger; 6 steps are exactly a factor 2 larger. Fractional values are allowed.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):

0.2

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**stencil** (stencil):

`parentheses-item::print`

The symbol to print.

**stencils** (list):

`parentheses-item::calc-parenthesis-stencils`

Multiple stencils, used as intermediate value.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494 and [Section 3.2.78 \[parentheses-interface\]](#), page 507.

### 3.1.82 PercentRepeat

PercentRepeat objects are created by: [Section 2.2.84 \[Percent\\_repeat\\_engraver\]](#), page 317.

Standard settings:

**dot-negative-kern** (number):

0.75

The space to remove between a dot and a slash in percent repeat glyphs. Larger values bring the two elements closer together.

**font-encoding** (symbol):

`'fetaMusic`

The font encoding is the broadest category for selecting a font. Currently, only Lilypond's system fonts (Emmentaler) are using this property. Available values are `fetaMusic` (Emmentaler), `fetaBraces`, `fetaText` (Emmentaler).

**slope** (number):

1.0

The slope of this object.

**spacing-pair** (pair):

`'(break-alignment . staff-bar)`

A pair of alignment symbols which set an object's spacing relative to its left and right `BreakAlignments`.

For example, a `MultiMeasureRest` will ignore prefatory items at its bounds (i.e., clefs, key signatures and time signatures) using the following override:

```
\override MultiMeasureRest
  #'spacing-pair = #'(staff-bar . staff-bar)
```

**springs-and-rods** (boolean):

`ly:multi-measure-rest::set-spacing-rods`

Dummy variable for triggering spacing routines.

**stencil** (stencil):

`ly:multi-measure-rest::percent`

The symbol to print.

**thickness** (number):  
0.48

Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.69 \[multi-measure-rest-interface\]](#), page 502, [Section 3.2.79 \[percent-repeat-interface\]](#), page 507 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.83 PercentRepeatCounter

PercentRepeatCounter objects are created by: [Section 2.2.84 \[Percent\\_repeat\\_engraver\]](#), page 317.

Standard settings:

**direction** (direction):  
1

If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**font-encoding** (symbol):  
'fetaText

The font encoding is the broadest category for selecting a font. Currently, only LilyPond's system fonts (Emmentaler) are using this property. Available values are **fetaMusic** (Emmentaler), **fetaBraces**, **fetaText** (Emmentaler).

**font-size** (number):  
-2

The font size, compared to the 'normal' size. 0 is style-sheet's normal size, -1 is smaller, +1 is bigger. Each step of 1 is approximately 12% larger; 6 steps are exactly a factor 2 larger. Fractional values are allowed.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
0.2

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**self-alignment-X** (number):  
0

Specify alignment of an object. The value -1 means left aligned, 0 centered, and 1 right-aligned in X direction. Other numerical values may also be specified.

**staff-padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
0.25

Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.

**stencil** (stencil):  
**ly:text-interface::print**  
The symbol to print.

**X-offset** (number):

```
#<simple-closure (#<primitive-generic +> #<simple-closure
  (#<primitive-procedure ly:self-alignment-interface::x-
    centered-on-y-parent>) > #<simple-closure (#<primitive-
    procedure ly:self-alignment-interface::x-aligned-on-self>)
  >) >
```

The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**Y-offset** (number):

```
ly:side-position-interface::y-aligned-side
```

The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.79 \[percent-repeat-interface\]](#), page 507, [Section 3.2.92 \[self-alignment-interface\]](#), page 512, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514, [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520 and [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.84 PhrasingSlur

PhrasingSlur objects are created by: [Section 2.2.85 \[Phrasing\\_slur\\_engraver\]](#), page 318.

Standard settings:

**control-points** (list):

```
ly:slur::calc-control-points
```

List of offsets (number pairs) that form control points for the tie, slur, or bracket shape. For Béziers, this should list the control points of a third-order Bézier curve.

**details** (list):

```
'((region-size . 4) (head-encompass-penalty . 1000.0)
  (stem-encompass-penalty . 30.0) (edge-attraction-factor
  . 4) (same-slope-penalty . 20) (steeper-slope-factor
  . 50) (non-horizontal-penalty . 15) (max-slope . 1.1)
  (max-slope-factor . 10) (free-head-distance . 0.3) (free-
  slur-distance . 0.8) (extra-object-collision-penalty . 50)
  (accidental-collision . 3) (extra-encompass-free-distance .
  0.3) (extra-encompass-collision-distance . 0.8) (head-slur-
  distance-max-ratio . 3) (head-slur-distance-factor . 10)
  (absolute-closeness-measure . 0.3) (edge-slope-exponent .
  1.7) (close-to-edge-length . 2.5) (encompass-object-range-
  overshoot . 0.5) (slur-tie-extrema-min-distance . 0.2)
  (slur-tie-extrema-min-distance-penalty . 2))
```

Alist of parameters for detailed grob behavior. More information on the allowed parameters for a grob can be found by looking at the top of the Internals Reference page for each interface having a **details** property.

**direction** (direction):

```
ly:slur::calc-direction
```

If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**height-limit** (dimension, in staff space):  
 2.0  
 Maximum slur height: The longer the slur, the closer it is to this height.

**minimum-length** (dimension, in staff space):  
 1.5  
 Try to make a spanner at least this long, normally in the horizontal direction. This requires an appropriate callback for the **springs-and-rods** property. If added to a **Tie**, this sets the minimum distance between noteheads.

**ratio** (number):  
 0.333  
 Parameter for slur shape. The higher this number, the quicker the slur attains its **height-limit**.

**spanner-id** (string):  
 ""  
 An identifier to distinguish concurrent spanners.

**springs-and-rods** (boolean):  
 ly:spanner::set-spacing-rods  
 Dummy variable for triggering spacing routines.

**stencil** (stencil):  
 ly:slur::print  
 The symbol to print.

**thickness** (number):  
 1.1  
 Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.

**vertical-skylines** (pair of skylines):  
 ly:slur::vertical-skylines  
 Two skylines, one above and one below this grob.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers):  
 ly:slur::height  
 Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.97 \[slur-interface\]](#), page 515 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.85 PianoPedalBracket

PianoPedalBracket objects are created by: [Section 2.2.87 \[Piano\\_pedal\\_engraver\]](#), page 318.

Standard settings:

**bound-padding** (number):  
 1.0  
 The amount of padding to insert around spanner bounds.

**bracket-flare** (pair of numbers):  
 '(0.5 . 0.5)  
 A pair of numbers specifying how much edges of brackets should slant outward. Value 0.0 means straight edges.



**direction** (direction):

-1

If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed **LEFT**, **CENTER** or **RIGHT** with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed **UP**, **CENTER** or **DOWN**. Numerical values may also be used: **UP**=1, **DOWN**=-1, **LEFT**=-1, **RIGHT**=1, **CENTER**=0.

**edge-height** (pair):

'(1.0 . 1.0)

A pair of numbers specifying the heights of the vertical edges: (**left-height** . **right-height**).

**shorten-pair** (pair of numbers):

'(0.0 . 0.0)

The lengths to shorten a text-spanner on both sides, for example a pedal bracket. Positive values shorten the text-spanner, while negative values lengthen it.

**stencil** (stencil):

ly:piano-pedal-bracket::print

The symbol to print.

**style** (symbol):

'line

This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the **stencil** callback reading this property.

**thickness** (number):

1.0

Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.57 \[line-interface\]](#), page 497, [Section 3.2.81 \[piano-pedal-bracket-interface\]](#), page 508, [Section 3.2.82 \[piano-pedal-interface\]](#), page 509 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.86 RehearsalMark

RehearsalMark objects are created by: [Section 2.2.65 \[Mark-engraver\]](#), page 310.

Standard settings:

**after-line-breaking** (boolean):

ly:side-position-interface::move-to-extremal-staff

Dummy property, used to trigger callback for **after-line-breaking**.

**baseline-skip** (dimension, in staff space):

2

Distance between base lines of multiple lines of text.

**break-align-symbols** (list):

'(staff-bar clef)

A list of symbols that determine which break-aligned grobs to align this to. If the grob selected by the first symbol in the list is invisible due to break-visibility, we will align to the next grob (and so on). Choices are **left-edge**, **ambitus**, **breathing-sign**, **clef**, **staff-bar**, **key-cancellation**, **key-signature**, **time-signature**, and **custos**.

**break-visibility** (vector):  
`##f #t #t`  
 A vector of 3 booleans, `##(end-of-line unbroken begin-of-line)`. `#t` means visible, `#f` means killed.

**direction** (direction):  
 1  
 If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**extra-spacing-width** (pair of numbers):  
`'(+inf.0 . -inf.0)`  
 In the horizontal spacing problem, we pad each item by this amount (by adding the 'car' on the left side of the item and adding the 'cdr' on the right side of the item). In order to make a grob take up no horizontal space at all, set this to `(+inf.0 . -inf.0)`.

**font-size** (number):  
 2  
 The font size, compared to the 'normal' size. 0 is style-sheet's normal size, -1 is smaller, +1 is bigger. Each step of 1 is approximately 12% larger; 6 steps are exactly a factor 2 larger. Fractional values are allowed.

**non-musical** (boolean):  
`#t`  
 True if the grob belongs to a `NonMusicalPaperColumn`.

**outside-staff-priority** (number):  
 1500  
 If set, the grob is positioned outside the staff in such a way as to avoid all collisions. In case of a potential collision, the grob with the smaller **outside-staff-priority** is closer to the staff.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
 0.8  
 Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**self-alignment-X** (number):  
 0  
 Specify alignment of an object. The value -1 means left aligned, 0 centered, and 1 right-aligned in X direction. Other numerical values may also be specified.

**stencil** (stencil):  
`ly:text-interface::print`  
 The symbol to print.

**X-offset** (number):  
`#<simple-closure (#<primitive-generic +> #<simple-closure (#<primitive-procedure ly:break-alignable-interface::self-align-callback>) > #<simple-closure (#<primitive-procedure ly:self-alignment-interface::x-aligned-on-self>) >) >`  
 The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**Y-offset** (number):

`ly:side-position-interface::y-aligned-side`

The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.14 \[break-alignable-interface\]](#), page 475, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.63 \[mark-interface\]](#), page 500, [Section 3.2.92 \[self-alignment-interface\]](#), page 512, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514 and [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.87 RepeatSlash

RepeatSlash objects are created by: [Section 2.2.102 \[Slash\\_repeat\\_engraver\]](#), page 323.

Standard settings:

**slash-negative-kern** (number):

0.85

The space to remove between slashes in percent repeat glyphs. Larger values bring the two elements closer together.

**slope** (number):

1.7

The slope of this object.

**stencil** (stencil):

`ly:percent-repeat-item-interface::beat-slash`

The symbol to print.

**thickness** (number):

0.48

Line thickness, generally measured in `line-thickness`.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.79 \[percent-repeat-interface\]](#), page 507, [Section 3.2.80 \[percent-repeat-item-interface\]](#), page 508 and [Section 3.2.88 \[rhythmic-grob-interface\]](#), page 510.

### 3.1.88 RepeatTie

RepeatTie objects are created by: [Section 2.2.93 \[Repeat\\_tie\\_engraver\]](#), page 320.

Standard settings:

**control-points** (list):

`ly:semi-tie::calc-control-points`

List of offsets (number pairs) that form control points for the tie, slur, or bracket shape. For Béziers, this should list the control points of a third-order Bézier curve.

**details** (list):

`'((ratio . 0.333) (height-limit . 1.0))`

Alist of parameters for detailed grob behavior. More information on the allowed parameters for a grob can be found by looking at the top of the Internals Reference page for each interface having a `details` property.

**direction** (direction):

`ly:tie::calc-direction`

If `side-axis` is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed `LEFT`, `CENTER` or `RIGHT` with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed `UP`, `CENTER` or `DOWN`. Numerical values may also be used: `UP=1`, `DOWN=-1`, `LEFT=-1`, `RIGHT=1`, `CENTER=0`.

`extra-spacing-height` (pair of numbers):

`'(-0.5 . 0.5)`

In the horizontal spacing problem, we increase the height of each item by this amount (by adding the ‘car’ to the bottom of the item and adding the ‘cdr’ to the top of the item). In order to make a grob infinitely high (to prevent the horizontal spacing problem from placing any other grobs above or below this grob), set this to `(-inf.0 . +inf.0)`.

`head-direction` (direction):

1

Are the note heads left or right in a semitie?

`stencil` (stencil):

`ly:tie::print`

The symbol to print.

`thickness` (number):

1.0

Line thickness, generally measured in `line-thickness`.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494 and [Section 3.2.94 \[semi-tie-interface\]](#), page 513.

### 3.1.89 RepeatTieColumn

RepeatTieColumn objects are created by: [Section 2.2.93 \[Repeat\\_tie\\_engraver\]](#), page 320.

Standard settings:

`direction` (direction):

`ly:tie::calc-direction`

If `side-axis` is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed `LEFT`, `CENTER` or `RIGHT` with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed `UP`, `CENTER` or `DOWN`. Numerical values may also be used: `UP=1`, `DOWN=-1`, `LEFT=-1`, `RIGHT=1`, `CENTER=0`.

`head-direction` (direction):

`ly:semi-tie-column::calc-head-direction`

Are the note heads left or right in a semitie?

`X-extent` (pair of numbers)

Hard coded extent in X direction.

`Y-extent` (pair of numbers)

Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494 and [Section 3.2.93 \[semi-tie-column-interface\]](#), page 513.

### 3.1.90 Rest

Rest objects are created by: [Section 2.2.21 \[Completion\\_rest\\_engraver\]](#), page 296 and [Section 2.2.95 \[Rest\\_engraver\]](#), page 321.

Standard settings:

```
duration-log (integer):
  stem::calc-duration-log
  The 2-log of the note head duration, i.e., 0 = whole note, 1 = half note,
  etc.

minimum-distance (dimension, in staff space):
  0.25
  Minimum distance between rest and notes or beam.

stencil (stencil):
  ly:rest::print
  The symbol to print.

X-extent (pair of numbers):
  ly:rest::width
  Hard coded extent in X direction.

Y-extent (pair of numbers):
  ly:rest::height
  Hard coded extent in Y direction.

Y-offset (number):
  ly:rest::y-offset-callback
  The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.
```

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.87 \[rest-interface\]](#), page 510, [Section 3.2.88 \[rhythmic-grob-interface\]](#), page 510, [Section 3.2.89 \[rhythmic-head-interface\]](#), page 510 and [Section 3.2.107 \[staff-symbol-referencer-interface\]](#), page 523.

### 3.1.91 RestCollision

RestCollision objects are created by: [Section 2.2.94 \[Rest\\_collision\\_engraver\]](#), page 321.

Standard settings:

```
minimum-distance (dimension, in staff space):
  0.75
  Minimum distance between rest and notes or beam.
```

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494 and [Section 3.2.86 \[rest-collision-interface\]](#), page 509.

### 3.1.92 Script

Script objects are created by: [Section 2.2.31 \[Drum\\_notes\\_engraver\]](#), page 299, [Section 2.2.72 \[New\\_fingering\\_engraver\]](#), page 313 and [Section 2.2.99 \[Script\\_engraver\]](#), page 322.

Standard settings:

```
add-stem-support (boolean):
  #t
  If set, the Stem object is included in this script's support.
```

**direction** (direction):

`ly:script-interface::calc-direction`

If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed **LEFT**, **CENTER** or **RIGHT** with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed **UP**, **CENTER** or **DOWN**. Numerical values may also be used: **UP**=1, **DOWN**=-1, **LEFT**=-1, **RIGHT**=1, **CENTER**=0.

**font-encoding** (symbol):

`'fetaMusic`

The font encoding is the broadest category for selecting a font. Currently, only LilyPond's system fonts (Emmentaler) are using this property. Available values are **fetaMusic** (Emmentaler), **fetaBraces**, **fetaText** (Emmentaler).

**side-axis** (number):

1

If the value is **X** (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is **Y** or 1, it is placed vertically.

**slur-padding** (number):

0.2

Extra distance between slur and script.

**staff-padding** (dimension, in staff space):

0.25

Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.

**stencil** (stencil):

`ly:script-interface::print`

The symbol to print.

**use-skylines** (boolean):

`#t`

Should skylines be used for side positioning?

**X-offset** (number):

`script-interface::calc-x-offset`

The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**Y-offset** (number):

`ly:side-position-interface::y-aligned-side`

The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.91 \[script-interface\]](#), page 511 and [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514.

### 3.1.93 ScriptColumn

ScriptColumn objects are created by: [Section 2.2.98 \[Script\\_column\\_engraver\]](#), page 322.

Standard settings:

`before-line-breaking` (boolean):

`ly:script-column::before-line-breaking`

Dummy property, used to trigger a callback function.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494 and [Section 3.2.90 \[script-column-interface\]](#), page 511.

### 3.1.94 ScriptRow

ScriptRow objects are created by: [Section 2.2.100 \[Script\\_row\\_engraver\]](#), page 322.

Standard settings:

`before-line-breaking` (boolean):

`ly:script-column::row-before-line-breaking`

Dummy property, used to trigger a callback function.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494 and [Section 3.2.90 \[script-column-interface\]](#), page 511.

### 3.1.95 Slur

Slur objects are created by: [Section 2.2.103 \[Slur\\_engraver\]](#), page 323.

Standard settings:

`avoid-slur` (symbol):

`'inside`

Method of handling slur collisions. Choices are `inside`, `outside`, `around`, and `ignore`. `inside` adjusts the slur if needed to keep the grob inside the slur. `outside` moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur. `around` moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur only if there is a collision. `ignore` does not move either. In grobs whose notational significance depends on vertical position (such as accidentals, clefs, etc.), `outside` and `around` behave like `ignore`.

`control-points` (list):

`ly:slur::calc-control-points`

List of offsets (number pairs) that form control points for the tie, slur, or bracket shape. For Béziers, this should list the control points of a third-order Bézier curve.

`details` (list):

```
'((region-size . 4) (head-encompass-penalty . 1000.0)
 (stem-encompass-penalty . 30.0) (edge-attraction-factor
 . 4) (same-slope-penalty . 20) (steeper-slope-factor
 . 50) (non-horizontal-penalty . 15) (max-slope . 1.1)
 (max-slope-factor . 10) (free-head-distance . 0.3) (free-
 slur-distance . 0.8) (extra-object-collision-penalty . 50)
 (accidental-collision . 3) (extra-encompass-free-distance .
 0.3) (extra-encompass-collision-distance . 0.8) (head-slur-
 distance-max-ratio . 3) (head-slur-distance-factor . 10)
 (absolute-closeness-measure . 0.3) (edge-slope-exponent .
 1.7) (close-to-edge-length . 2.5) (encompass-object-range-
 overshoot . 0.5) (slur-tie-extrema-min-distance . 0.2)
 (slur-tie-extrema-min-distance-penalty . 2))
```

Alist of parameters for detailed grob behavior. More information on the allowed parameters for a grob can be found by looking at the top of the Internals Reference page for each interface having a `details` property.

**direction** (direction):  
`ly:slur::calc-direction`  
 If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed **LEFT**, **CENTER** or **RIGHT** with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed **UP**, **CENTER** or **DOWN**. Numerical values may also be used: **UP**=1, **DOWN**=-1, **LEFT**=-1, **RIGHT**=1, **CENTER**=0.

**height-limit** (dimension, in staff space):  
 2.0  
 Maximum slur height: The longer the slur, the closer it is to this height.

**line-thickness** (number):  
 0.8  
 The thickness of the tie or slur contour.

**minimum-length** (dimension, in staff space):  
 1.5  
 Try to make a spanner at least this long, normally in the horizontal direction. This requires an appropriate callback for the **springs-and-rods** property. If added to a **Tie**, this sets the minimum distance between noteheads.

**ratio** (number):  
 0.25  
 Parameter for slur shape. The higher this number, the quicker the slur attains its **height-limit**.

**spanner-id** (string):  
 ""  
 An identifier to distinguish concurrent spanners.

**springs-and-rods** (boolean):  
`ly:spanner::set-spacing-rods`  
 Dummy variable for triggering spacing routines.

**stencil** (stencil):  
`ly:slur::print`  
 The symbol to print.

**thickness** (number):  
 1.2  
 Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.

**vertical-skylines** (pair of skylines):  
`ly:slur::vertical-skylines`  
 Two skylines, one above and one below this grob.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers):  
`ly:slur::height`  
 Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.97 \[slur-interface\]](#), page 515 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.



### 3.1.96 SostenutoPedal

SostenutoPedal objects are created by: [Section 2.2.87 \[Piano\\_pedal\\_engraver\]](#), page 318.

Standard settings:

- direction** (direction):  
1  
If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.
- extra-spacing-width** (pair of numbers):  
'(+inf.0 . -inf.0)  
In the horizontal spacing problem, we pad each item by this amount (by adding the 'car' on the left side of the item and adding the 'cdr' on the right side of the item). In order to make a grob take up no horizontal space at all, set this to (+inf.0 . -inf.0).
- font-shape** (symbol):  
'italic  
Select the shape of a font. Choices include **upright**, **italic**, **caps**.
- padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
0.0  
Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.
- self-alignment-X** (number):  
0  
Specify alignment of an object. The value -1 means left aligned, 0 centered, and 1 right-aligned in X direction. Other numerical values may also be specified.
- stencil** (stencil):  
ly:text-interface::print  
The symbol to print.
- X-offset** (number):  
ly:self-alignment-interface::x-aligned-on-self  
The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.83 \[piano-pedal-script-interface\]](#), page 509, [Section 3.2.92 \[self-alignment-interface\]](#), page 512 and [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.97 SostenutoPedalLineSpanner

SostenutoPedalLineSpanner objects are created by: [Section 2.2.86 \[Piano\\_pedal\\_align\\_engraver\]](#), page 318.

Standard settings:

- axes** (list):  
'(1)  
List of axis numbers. In the case of alignment grobs, this should contain only one number.

**direction** (direction):

-1

If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed **LEFT**, **CENTER** or **RIGHT** with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed **UP**, **CENTER** or **DOWN**. Numerical values may also be used: **UP**=1, **DOWN**=-1, **LEFT**=-1, **RIGHT**=1, **CENTER**=0.

**minimum-space** (dimension, in staff space):

1.0

Minimum distance that the victim should move (after padding).

**outside-staff-priority** (number):

1000

If set, the grob is positioned outside the staff in such a way as to avoid all collisions. In case of a potential collision, the grob with the smaller **outside-staff-priority** is closer to the staff.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):

1.2

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**side-axis** (number):

1

If the value is X (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is Y or 1, it is placed vertically.

**staff-padding** (dimension, in staff space):

1.0

Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers):

ly:axis-group-interface::width

Hard coded extent in X direction.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers):

ly:axis-group-interface::height

Hard coded extent in Y direction.

**Y-offset** (number):

ly:side-position-interface::y-aligned-side

The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.7 \[axis-group-interface\]](#), page 468, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.82 \[piano-pedal-interface\]](#), page 509, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.98 SpacingSpanner

SpacingSpanner objects are created by: [Section 2.2.105 \[Spacing-engraver\]](#), page 324.

Standard settings:

`average-spacing-wishes` (boolean):

`#t`

If set, the spacing wishes are averaged over staves.

`base-shortest-duration` (moment):

`#<Mom 3/16>`

Spacing is based on the shortest notes in a piece. Normally, pieces are spaced as if notes at least as short as this are present.

`common-shortest-duration` (moment):

`ly:spacing-spanner::calc-common-shortest-duration`

The most common shortest note length. This is used in spacing. Enlarging this sets the score tighter.

`shortest-duration-space` (dimension, in staff space):

`2.0`

Start with this much space for the shortest duration. This is expressed in `spacing-increment` as unit. See also [Section “spacing-spanner-interface” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

`spacing-increment` (number):

`1.2`

Add this much space for a doubled duration. Typically, the width of a note head. See also [Section “spacing-spanner-interface” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

`springs-and-rods` (boolean):

`ly:spacing-spanner::set-springs`

Dummy variable for triggering spacing routines.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.100 \[spacing-options-interface\]](#), page 519, [Section 3.2.101 \[spacing-spanner-interface\]](#), page 519 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.99 SpanBar

SpanBar objects are created by: [Section 2.2.107 \[Span\\_bar\\_engraver\]](#), page 324.

Standard settings:

`allow-span-bar` (boolean):

`#t`

If false, no inter-staff bar line will be created below this bar line.

`bar-extent` (pair of numbers):

`ly:axis-group-interface::height`

The Y-extent of the actual bar line. This may differ from `Y-extent` because it does not include the dots in a repeat bar line.

`before-line-breaking` (boolean):

`ly:span-bar::before-line-breaking`

Dummy property, used to trigger a callback function.

`break-align-symbol` (symbol):

`'staff-bar`

This key is used for aligning and spacing breakable items.

**glyph-name** (string):  
     `ly:span-bar::calc-glyph-name`  
     The glyph name within the font.

**hair-thickness** (number):  
     1.6  
     Thickness of the thin line in a bar line.

**kern** (dimension, in staff space):  
     3.0  
     Amount of extra white space to add. For bar lines, this is the amount of space after a thick line.

**layer** (integer):  
     0  
     An integer which determines the order of printing objects. Objects with the lowest value of layer are drawn first, then objects with progressively higher values are drawn, so objects with higher values overwrite objects with lower values. By default most objects are assigned a layer value of 1.

**non-musical** (boolean):  
     #t  
     True if the grob belongs to a `NonMusicalPaperColumn`.

**stencil** (stencil):  
     `ly:span-bar::print`  
     The symbol to print.

**thick-thickness** (number):  
     6.0  
     Bar line thickness, measured in `line-thickness`.

**thin-kern** (number):  
     3.0  
     The space after a hair-line in a bar line.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers):  
     `ly:span-bar::width`  
     Hard coded extent in X direction.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers):  
     `'(+inf.0 . -inf.0)`  
     Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.9 \[bar-line-interface\]](#), page 471, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494 and [Section 3.2.102 \[span-bar-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.100 SpanBarStub

SpanBarStub objects are created by: [Section 2.2.108 \[Span-bar-stub-engraver\]](#), page 324.

Standard settings:

**extra-spacing-height** (pair of numbers):  
     `pure-from-neighbor-interface::extra-spacing-height`

In the horizontal spacing problem, we increase the height of each item by this amount (by adding the ‘car’ to the bottom of the item and adding the ‘cdr’ to the top of the item). In order to make a grob infinitely high (to prevent the horizontal spacing problem from placing any other grobs above or below this grob), set this to `(-inf.0 . +inf.0)`.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers):  
`grob::x-parent-width`  
 Hard coded extent in X direction.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers)  
 Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494 and [Section 3.2.85 \[pure-from-neighbor-interface\]](#), page 509.

### 3.1.101 StaffGrouper

StaffGrouper objects are not created by any engraver.

Standard settings:

**staff-staff-spacing** (list):  
`'((basic-distance . 9) (minimum-distance . 7) (padding . 1) (stretchability . 5))`

When applied to a staff-group’s **StaffGrouper** grob, this spacing alist controls the distance between consecutive staves within the staff-group. When applied to a staff’s **VerticalAxisGroup** grob, it controls the distance between the staff and the nearest staff below it in the same system, replacing any settings inherited from the **StaffGrouper** grob of the containing staff-group, if there is one. This property remains in effect even when non-staff lines appear between staves. The alist can contain the following keys:

- **basic-distance** – the vertical distance, measured in staff-spaces, between the reference points of the two items when no collisions would result, and no stretching or compressing is in effect.
- **minimum-distance** – the smallest allowable vertical distance, measured in staff-spaces, between the reference points of the two items, when compressing is in effect.
- **padding** – the minimum required amount of unobstructed vertical whitespace between the bounding boxes (or skylines) of the two items, measured in staff-spaces.
- **stretchability** – a unitless measure of the dimension’s relative propensity to stretch. If zero, the distance will not stretch (unless collisions would result).

**staffgroup-staff-spacing** (list):  
`'((basic-distance . 10.5) (minimum-distance . 8) (padding . 1) (stretchability . 9))`

The spacing alist controlling the distance between the last staff of the current staff-group and the staff just below it in the same system, even if one or more non-staff lines exist between the two staves. If the **staff-staff-spacing** property of the staff’s **VerticalAxisGroup** grob is set, that is used instead. See **staff-staff-spacing** for a description of the alist structure.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520 and [Section 3.2.104 \[staff-grouper-interface\]](#), page 521.

### 3.1.102 StaffSpacing

StaffSpacing objects are created by: [Section 2.2.101 \[Separating\\_line\\_group\\_engraver\]](#), page 322.

Standard settings:

`non-musical` (boolean):

`#t`

True if the grob belongs to a `NonMusicalPaperColumn`.

`stem-spacing-correction` (number):

`0.4`

Optical correction amount for stems that are placed in tight configurations. For opposite directions, this amount is the correction for two normal sized stems that overlap completely.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.99 \[spacing-interface\]](#), page 518 and [Section 3.2.105 \[staff-spacing-interface\]](#), page 522.

### 3.1.103 StaffSymbol

StaffSymbol objects are created by: [Section 2.2.112 \[Staff\\_symbol\\_engraver\]](#), page 325 and [Section 2.2.118 \[Tab\\_staff\\_symbol\\_engraver\]](#), page 328.

Standard settings:

`layer` (integer):

`0`

An integer which determines the order of printing objects. Objects with the lowest value of `layer` are drawn first, then objects with progressively higher values are drawn, so objects with higher values overwrite objects with lower values. By default most objects are assigned a layer value of 1.

`ledger-line-thickness` (pair of numbers):

`'(1.0 . 0.1)`

The thickness of ledger lines. It is the sum of 2 numbers: The first is the factor for line thickness, and the second for staff space. Both contributions are added.

`line-count` (integer):

`5`

The number of staff lines.

`stencil` (stencil):

`ly:staff-symbol::print`

The symbol to print.

`Y-extent` (pair of numbers):

`ly:staff-symbol::height`

Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520 and [Section 3.2.106 \[staff-symbol-interface\]](#), page 522.

### 3.1.104 StanzaNumber

StanzaNumber objects are created by: [Section 2.2.114 \[Stanza\\_number\\_engraver\]](#), page 325.

Standard settings:

**direction** (direction):  
 -1  
 If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**font-series** (symbol):  
 'bold  
 Select the series of a font. Choices include **medium**, **bold**, **bold-narrow**, etc.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
 1.0  
 Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**side-axis** (number):  
 0  
 If the value is X (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is Y or 1, it is placed vertically.

**stencil** (stencil):  
 ly:text-interface::print  
 The symbol to print.

**X-offset** (number):  
 ly:side-position-interface::x-aligned-side  
 The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514, [Section 3.2.108 \[stanza-number-interface\]](#), page 523 and [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.105 Stem

Stem objects are created by: [Section 2.2.115 \[Stem-engraver\]](#), page 326.

Standard settings:

**beamlet-default-length** (pair):  
 '(1.1 . 1.1)  
 A pair of numbers. The first number specifies the default length of a beamlet that sticks out of the left hand side of this stem; the second number specifies the default length of the beamlet to the right. The actual length of a beamlet is determined by taking either the default length or the length specified by **beamlet-max-length-proportion**, whichever is smaller.

**beamlet-max-length-proportion** (pair):  
 '(0.75 . 0.75)

The maximum length of a beamlet, as a proportion of the distance between two adjacent stems.

**default-direction** (direction):

`ly:stem::calc-default-direction`

Direction determined by note head positions.

**details** (list):

'((lengths 3.5 3.5 3.5 4.25 5.0 6.0) (beamed-lengths 3.26 3.5 3.6) (beamed-minimum-free-lengths 1.83 1.5 1.25) (beamed-extreme-minimum-free-lengths 2.0 1.25) (stem-shorten 1.0 0.5))

Alist of parameters for detailed grob behavior. More information on the allowed parameters for a grob can be found by looking at the top of the Internals Reference page for each interface having a **details** property.

**direction** (direction):

`ly:stem::calc-direction`

If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**duration-log** (integer):

`stem::calc-duration-log`

The 2-log of the note head duration, i.e., 0 = whole note, 1 = half note, etc.

**length** (dimension, in staff space):

`stem::length`

User override for the stem length of unbeamed stems.

**neutral-direction** (direction):

-1

Which direction to take in the center of the staff.

**stem-begin-position** (number):

`ly:stem::calc-stem-begin-position`

User override for the begin position of a stem.

**stencil** (stencil):

`ly:stem::print`

The symbol to print.

**thickness** (number):

1.3

Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers):

`ly:stem::width`

Hard coded extent in X direction.

**X-offset** (number):

`ly:stem::offset-callback`

The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.



**Y-extent** (pair of numbers):  
`ly:stem::height`  
 Hard coded extent in Y direction.

**Y-offset** (number):  
`ly:staff-symbol-referencer::callback`  
 The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494 and [Section 3.2.109 \[stem-interface\]](#), page 524.

### 3.1.106 StemStub

StemStub objects are not created by any engraver.

Standard settings:

**extra-spacing-height** (pair of numbers):  
`stem-stub::extra-spacing-height`  
 In the horizontal spacing problem, we increase the height of each item by this amount (by adding the ‘car’ to the bottom of the item and adding the ‘cdr’ to the top of the item). In order to make a grob infinitely high (to prevent the horizontal spacing problem from placing any other grobs above or below this grob), set this to `(-inf.0 . +inf.0)`.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers):  
`stem-stub::width`  
 Hard coded extent in X direction.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers):  
`#<unpure-pure-container #f #<procedure stem-stub::pure-height (grob beg end)>>`  
 Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487 and [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494.

### 3.1.107 StemTremolo

StemTremolo objects are created by: [Section 2.2.115 \[Stem\\_engraver\]](#), page 326.

Standard settings:

**beam-thickness** (dimension, in staff space):  
`0.48`  
 Beam thickness, measured in `staff-space` units.

**beam-width** (dimension, in staff space):  
`ly:stem-tremolo::calc-width`  
 Width of the tremolo sign.

**slope** (number):  
`ly:stem-tremolo::calc-slope`  
 The slope of this object.

**stencil** (stencil):  
`ly:stem-tremolo::print`  
 The symbol to print.

**style** (symbol):  
`ly:stem-tremolo::calc-style`  
 This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the `stencil` callback reading this property.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers):  
`ly:stem-tremolo::width`  
 Hard coded extent in X direction.

**X-offset** (number):  
`#<simple-closure (#<primitive-generic +> #<simple-closure (#<primitive-procedure ly:self-alignment-interface::centered-on-x-parent>) > #<simple-closure (#<primitive-procedure ly:self-alignment-interface::x-aligned-on-self>) >) >`  
 The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**Y-offset** (number):  
`ly:stem-tremolo::calc-y-offset`  
 The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.92 \[self-alignment-interface\]](#), page 512 and [Section 3.2.110 \[stem-tremolo-interface\]](#), page 526.

### 3.1.108 StringNumber

StringNumber objects are created by: [Section 2.2.72 \[New\\_fingering-engraver\]](#), page 313.

Standard settings:

**avoid-slur** (symbol):  
`'around`  
 Method of handling slur collisions. Choices are `inside`, `outside`, `around`, and `ignore`. `inside` adjusts the slur if needed to keep the grob inside the slur. `outside` moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur. `around` moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur only if there is a collision. `ignore` does not move either. In grobs whose notational significance depends on vertical position (such as accidentals, clefs, etc.), `outside` and `around` behave like `ignore`.

**font-encoding** (symbol):  
`'fetaText`  
 The font encoding is the broadest category for selecting a font. Currently, only Lilypond's system fonts (Emmentaler) are using this property. Available values are `fetaMusic` (Emmentaler), `fetaBraces`, `fetaText` (Emmentaler).

**font-size** (number):  
`-5`  
 The font size, compared to the 'normal' size. 0 is style-sheet's normal size, -1 is smaller, +1 is bigger. Each step of 1 is approximately 12% larger; 6 steps are exactly a factor 2 larger. Fractional values are allowed.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
`0.5`  
 Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**script-priority** (number):  
 100  
 A sorting key that determines in what order a script is within a stack of scripts.

**self-alignment-X** (number):  
 0  
 Specify alignment of an object. The value -1 means left aligned, 0 centered, and 1 right-aligned in X direction. Other numerical values may also be specified.

**self-alignment-Y** (number):  
 0  
 Like **self-alignment-X** but for the Y axis.

**staff-padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
 0.5  
 Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.

**stencil** (stencil):  
**print-circled-text-callback**  
 The symbol to print.

**text** (markup):  
**string-number::calc-text**  
 Text markup. See [Section “Formatting text” in \*Notation Reference\*](#).

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.92 \[self-alignment-interface\]](#), page 512, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514, [Section 3.2.111 \[string-number-interface\]](#), page 526, [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529 and [Section 3.2.118 \[text-script-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.109 StrokeFinger

StrokeFinger objects are created by: [Section 2.2.72 \[New\\_fingering-engraver\]](#), page 313.

Standard settings:

**digit-names** (vector):  
**#(p i m a x)**  
 Names for string finger digits.

**font-shape** (symbol):  
**'italic**  
 Select the shape of a font. Choices include **upright**, **italic**, **caps**.

**font-size** (number):  
 -4  
 The font size, compared to the ‘normal’ size. 0 is style-sheet’s normal size, -1 is smaller, +1 is bigger. Each step of 1 is approximately 12% larger; 6 steps are exactly a factor 2 larger. Fractional values are allowed.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
 0.5  
 Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**script-priority** (number):  
100  
A sorting key that determines in what order a script is within a stack of scripts.

**self-alignment-X** (number):  
0  
Specify alignment of an object. The value -1 means left aligned, 0 centered, and 1 right-aligned in X direction. Other numerical values may also be specified.

**self-alignment-Y** (number):  
0  
Like **self-alignment-X** but for the Y axis.

**staff-padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
0.5  
Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.

**stencil** (stencil):  
`ly:text-interface::print`  
The symbol to print.

**text** (markup):  
`stroke-finger::calc-text`  
Text markup. See [Section “Formatting text” in \*Notation Reference\*](#).

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.92 \[self-alignment-interface\]](#), page 512, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514, [Section 3.2.112 \[stroke-finger-interface\]](#), page 526, [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529 and [Section 3.2.118 \[text-script-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.110 SustainPedal

SustainPedal objects are created by: [Section 2.2.87 \[Piano\\_pedal\\_engraver\]](#), page 318.

Standard settings:

**direction** (direction):  
1  
If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**extra-spacing-width** (pair of numbers):  
'(+inf.0 . -inf.0)  
In the horizontal spacing problem, we pad each item by this amount (by adding the ‘car’ on the left side of the item and adding the ‘cdr’ on the right side of the item). In order to make a grob take up no horizontal space at all, set this to (+inf.0 . -inf.0).

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):

0.0

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**self-alignment-X** (number):

0

Specify alignment of an object. The value -1 means left aligned, 0 centered, and 1 right-aligned in X direction. Other numerical values may also be specified.

**stencil** (stencil):

ly:sustain-pedal::print

The symbol to print.

**X-offset** (number):

ly:self-alignment-interface::x-aligned-on-self

The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.82 \[piano-pedal-interface\]](#), page 509, [Section 3.2.83 \[piano-pedal-script-interface\]](#), page 509, [Section 3.2.92 \[self-alignment-interface\]](#), page 512 and [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.111 SustainPedalLineSpanner

SustainPedalLineSpanner objects are created by: [Section 2.2.86 \[Piano\\_pedal\\_align\\_engraver\]](#), page 318.

Standard settings:

**axes** (list):

'(1)

List of axis numbers. In the case of alignment grobs, this should contain only one number.

**direction** (direction):

-1

If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**minimum-space** (dimension, in staff space):

1.0

Minimum distance that the victim should move (after padding).

**outside-staff-priority** (number):

1000

If set, the grob is positioned outside the staff in such a way as to avoid all collisions. In case of a potential collision, the grob with the smaller **outside-staff-priority** is closer to the staff.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):

1.2

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**side-axis** (number):

1

If the value is **X** (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is **Y** or 1, it is placed vertically.

**staff-padding** (dimension, in staff space):

1.2

Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers):

`ly:axis-group-interface::width`

Hard coded extent in X direction.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers):

`ly:axis-group-interface::height`

Hard coded extent in Y direction.

**Y-offset** (number):

`ly:side-position-interface::y-aligned-side`

The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.7 \[axis-group-interface\]](#), page 468, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.82 \[piano-pedal-interface\]](#), page 509, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.112 System

System objects are not created by any engraver.

Standard settings:

**axes** (list):

'(0 1)

List of axis numbers. In the case of alignment grobs, this should contain only one number.

**skyline-horizontal-padding** (number):

0.5

For determining the vertical distance between two staves, it is possible to have a configuration which would result in a tight interleaving of grobs from the top staff and the bottom staff. The larger this parameter is, the farther apart the staves are placed in such a configuration.

**vertical-skylines** (pair of skylines):

`ly:axis-group-interface::calc-skylines`

Two skylines, one above and one below this grob.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers):

`ly:axis-group-interface::width`

Hard coded extent in X direction.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers):

`ly:system::height`

Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.7 \[axis-group-interface\]](#), page 468, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520 and [Section 3.2.113 \[system-interface\]](#), page 526.

### 3.1.113 SystemStartBar

SystemStartBar objects are created by: [Section 2.2.116 \[System\\_start\\_delimiter\\_engraver\]](#), page 326.

Standard settings:

- collapse-height** (dimension, in staff space):  
5.0  
Minimum height of system start delimiter. If equal or smaller, the bracket/brace/line is removed.
- direction** (direction):  
-1  
If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.
- padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
-0.1  
Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.
- stencil** (stencil):  
ly:system-start-delimiter::print  
The symbol to print.
- style** (symbol):  
'bar-line  
This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the **stencil** callback reading this property.
- thickness** (number):  
1.6  
Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.
- X-offset** (number):  
ly:side-position-interface::x-aligned-side  
The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.
- Y-extent** (pair of numbers)  
Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514, [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520 and [Section 3.2.114 \[system-start-delimiter-interface\]](#), page 527.

### 3.1.114 SystemStartBrace

SystemStartBrace objects are created by: [Section 2.2.116 \[System\\_start\\_delimiter\\_engraver\]](#), page 326.

Standard settings:

**collapse-height** (dimension, in staff space):

5.0

Minimum height of system start delimiter. If equal or smaller, the bracket/brace/line is removed.

**direction** (direction):

-1

If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**font-encoding** (symbol):

'fetaBraces

The font encoding is the broadest category for selecting a font. Currently, only LilyPond's system fonts (Emmentaler) are using this property. Available values are **fetaMusic** (Emmentaler), **fetaBraces**, **fetaText** (Emmentaler).

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):

0.3

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**stencil** (stencil):

ly:system-start-delimiter::print

The symbol to print.

**style** (symbol):

'brace

This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the **stencil** callback reading this property.

**X-offset** (number):

ly:side-position-interface::x-aligned-side

The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers)

Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514, [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520 and [Section 3.2.114 \[system-start-delimiter-interface\]](#), page 527.

### 3.1.115 SystemStartBracket

SystemStartBracket objects are created by: [Section 2.2.116 \[System\\_start\\_delimiter\\_engraver\]](#), page 326.

Standard settings:

**collapse-height** (dimension, in staff space):

5.0

Minimum height of system start delimiter. If equal or smaller, the bracket/brace/line is removed.



**direction** (direction):  
 -1  
 If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed **LEFT**, **CENTER** or **RIGHT** with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed **UP**, **CENTER** or **DOWN**. Numerical values may also be used: **UP=1**, **DOWN=-1**, **LEFT=-1**, **RIGHT=1**, **CENTER=0**.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
 0.8  
 Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**stencil** (stencil):  
 ly:system-start-delimiter::print  
 The symbol to print.

**style** (symbol):  
 'bracket  
 This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the **stencil** callback reading this property.

**thickness** (number):  
 0.45  
 Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.

**X-offset** (number):  
 ly:side-position-interface::x-aligned-side  
 The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers)  
 Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514, [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520 and [Section 3.2.114 \[system-start-delimiter-interface\]](#), page 527.

### 3.1.116 SystemStartSquare

SystemStartSquare objects are created by: [Section 2.2.116 \[System\\_start\\_delimiter\\_engraver\]](#), page 326.

Standard settings:

**direction** (direction):  
 -1  
 If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed **LEFT**, **CENTER** or **RIGHT** with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed **UP**, **CENTER** or **DOWN**. Numerical values may also be used: **UP=1**, **DOWN=-1**, **LEFT=-1**, **RIGHT=1**, **CENTER=0**.

**stencil** (stencil):  
 ly:system-start-delimiter::print  
 The symbol to print.

**style** (symbol):  
     `'line-bracket'`  
     This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the `stencil` callback reading this property.

**thickness** (number):  
     1.0  
     Line thickness, generally measured in `line-thickness`.

**X-offset** (number):  
     `ly:side-position-interface::x-aligned-side`  
     The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers)  
     Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514, [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520 and [Section 3.2.114 \[system-start-delimiter-interface\]](#), page 527.

### 3.1.117 TabNoteHead

TabNoteHead objects are created by: [Section 2.2.117 \[Tab\\_note\\_heads-engraver\]](#), page 327.

Standard settings:

**details** (list):  
     `'((cautionary-properties (angularity . 0.4) (half-thickness . 0.075) (padding . 0) (procedure . #<procedure parenthesize-stencil (stencil half-thickness width angularity padding)>) (width . 0.25)) (head-offset . 3/5) (harmonic-properties (angularity . 2) (half-thickness . 0.075) (padding . 0) (procedure . #<procedure parenthesize-stencil (stencil half-thickness width angularity padding)>) (width . 0.25)) (repeat-tied-properties (note-head-visible . #t) (parenthesize . #t)) (tied-properties (break-visibility . #(#f #f #t)) (parenthesize . #t)))`  
     Alist of parameters for detailed grob behavior. More information on the allowed parameters for a grob can be found by looking at the top of the Internals Reference page for each interface having a `details` property.

**direction** (direction):  
     0  
     If `side-axis` is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**duration-log** (integer):  
     `note-head::calc-duration-log`  
     The 2-log of the note head duration, i.e., 0 = whole note, 1 = half note, etc.

**font-series** (symbol):  
     `'bold'`

Select the series of a font. Choices include `medium`, `bold`, `bold-narrow`, etc.

`font-size` (number):

-2

The font size, compared to the ‘normal’ size. 0 is style-sheet’s normal size, -1 is smaller, +1 is bigger. Each step of 1 is approximately 12% larger; 6 steps are exactly a factor 2 larger. Fractional values are allowed.

`stem-attachment` (pair of numbers):

'(0.0 . 1.35)

An (x . y) pair where the stem attaches to the notehead.

`stencil` (stencil):

`tab-note-head::print`

The symbol to print.

`whiteout` (boolean):

#t

If true, the grob is printed over a white background to white-out underlying material, if the grob is visible. Usually #f by default.

`X-offset` (number):

`ly:self-alignment-interface::x-aligned-on-self`

The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

`Y-offset` (number):

`ly:staff-symbol-referencer::callback`

The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.72 \[note-head-interface\]](#), page 504, [Section 3.2.88 \[rhythmic-grob-interface\]](#), page 510, [Section 3.2.89 \[rhythmic-head-interface\]](#), page 510, [Section 3.2.107 \[staff-symbol-referencer-interface\]](#), page 523, [Section 3.2.116 \[tab-note-head-interface\]](#), page 528 and [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.118 TextScript

TextScript objects are created by: [Section 2.2.121 \[Text-engraver\]](#), page 328.

Standard settings:

`avoid-slur` (symbol):

'around

Method of handling slur collisions. Choices are `inside`, `outside`, `around`, and `ignore`. `inside` adjusts the slur if needed to keep the grob inside the slur. `outside` moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur. `around` moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur only if there is a collision. `ignore` does not move either. In grobs whose notational significance depends on vertical position (such as accidentals, clefs, etc.), `outside` and `around` behave like `ignore`.

`direction` (direction):

-1

If `side-axis` is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or

DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**extra-spacing-width** (pair of numbers):

`'(+inf.0 . -inf.0)`

In the horizontal spacing problem, we pad each item by this amount (by adding the ‘car’ on the left side of the item and adding the ‘cdr’ on the right side of the item). In order to make a grob take up no horizontal space at all, set this to `(+inf.0 . -inf.0)`.

**outside-staff-priority** (number):

450

If set, the grob is positioned outside the staff in such a way as to avoid all collisions. In case of a potential collision, the grob with the smaller **outside-staff-priority** is closer to the staff.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):

0.5

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**script-priority** (number):

200

A sorting key that determines in what order a script is within a stack of scripts.

**side-axis** (number):

1

If the value is X (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is Y or 1, it is placed vertically.

**slur-padding** (number):

0.5

Extra distance between slur and script.

**staff-padding** (dimension, in staff space):

0.5

Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.

**stencil** (stencil):

`ly:text-interface::print`

The symbol to print.

**X-offset** (number):

`ly:self-alignment-interface::x-aligned-on-self`

The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**Y-offset** (number):

`ly:side-position-interface::y-aligned-side`

The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.48 \[instrument-specific-markup-interface\]](#), page 492, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.92 \[self-alignment-interface\]](#), page 512, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514, [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529 and [Section 3.2.118 \[text-script-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.119 TextSpanner

TextSpanner objects are created by: [Section 2.2.122 \[Text\\_spanner\\_engraver\]](#), page 328.

Standard settings:

**bound-details** (list):

```
'((left (Y . 0) (padding . 0.25) (attach-dir . -1)) (left-
broken (attach-dir . 1)) (right (Y . 0) (padding . 0.25)))
```

An alist of properties for determining attachments of spanners to edges.

**dash-fraction** (number):

0.2

Size of the dashes, relative to **dash-period**. Should be between 0.0 (no line) and 1.0 (continuous line).

**dash-period** (number):

3.0

The length of one dash together with whitespace. If negative, no line is drawn at all.

**direction** (direction):

1

If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**font-shape** (symbol):

'italic

Select the shape of a font. Choices include **upright**, **italic**, **caps**.

**left-bound-info** (list):

```
ly:line-spanner::calc-left-bound-info
```

An alist of properties for determining attachments of spanners to edges.

**outside-staff-priority** (number):

350

If set, the grob is positioned outside the staff in such a way as to avoid all collisions. In case of a potential collision, the grob with the smaller **outside-staff-priority** is closer to the staff.

**right-bound-info** (list):

```
ly:line-spanner::calc-right-bound-info
```

An alist of properties for determining attachments of spanners to edges.

**side-axis** (number):

1

If the value is X (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is Y or 1, it is placed vertically.

**staff-padding** (dimension, in staff space):

0.8

Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.

**stencil** (stencil):  
     **ly:line-spanner::print**  
     The symbol to print.

**style** (symbol):  
     **'dashed-line**  
     This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the **stencil** callback reading this property.

**Y-offset** (number):  
     **ly:side-position-interface::y-aligned-side**  
     The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.57 \[line-interface\]](#), page 497, [Section 3.2.58 \[line-spanner-interface\]](#), page 498, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.120 Tie

Tie objects are created by: [Section 2.2.20 \[Completion-heads-engraver\]](#), page 295 and [Section 2.2.123 \[Tie-engraver\]](#), page 329.

Standard settings:

**avoid-slur** (symbol):  
     **'inside**  
     Method of handling slur collisions. Choices are **inside**, **outside**, **around**, and **ignore**. **inside** adjusts the slur if needed to keep the grob inside the slur. **outside** moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur. **around** moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur only if there is a collision. **ignore** does not move either. In grobs whose notational significance depends on vertical position (such as accidentals, clefs, etc.), **outside** and **around** behave like **ignore**.

**control-points** (list):  
     **ly:tie::calc-control-points**  
     List of offsets (number pairs) that form control points for the tie, slur, or bracket shape. For Béziers, this should list the control points of a third-order Bézier curve.

**details** (list):  
     **'((ratio . 0.333) (center-staff-line-clearance . 0.6) (tip-staff-line-clearance . 0.45) (note-head-gap . 0.2) (stem-gap . 0.35) (height-limit . 1.0) (horizontal-distance-penalty-factor . 10) (same-dir-as-stem-penalty . 8) (min-length-penalty-factor . 26) (tie-tie-collision-distance . 0.45) (tie-tie-collision-penalty . 25.0) (intra-space-threshold . 1.25) (outer-tie-vertical-distance-symmetry-penalty-factor . 10) (outer-tie-length-symmetry-penalty-factor . 10) (vertical-distance-penalty-factor . 7) (outer-tie-vertical-gap . 0.25) (multi-tie-region-size . 3) (single-tie-region-size . 4) (between-length-limit . 1.0))**  
     Alist of parameters for detailed grob behavior. More information on the allowed parameters for a grob can be found by looking at the top of the Internals Reference page for each interface having a **details** property.

**direction** (direction):  
`ly:tie::calc-direction`  
 If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed **LEFT**, **CENTER** or **RIGHT** with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed **UP**, **CENTER** or **DOWN**. Numerical values may also be used: **UP**=1, **DOWN**=-1, **LEFT**=-1, **RIGHT**=1, **CENTER**=0.

**font-size** (number):  
 -6  
 The font size, compared to the ‘normal’ size. 0 is style-sheet’s normal size, -1 is smaller, +1 is bigger. Each step of 1 is approximately 12% larger; 6 steps are exactly a factor 2 larger. Fractional values are allowed.

**line-thickness** (number):  
 0.8  
 The thickness of the tie or slur contour.

**neutral-direction** (direction):  
 1  
 Which direction to take in the center of the staff.

**springs-and-rods** (boolean):  
`ly:spanner::set-spacing-rods`  
 Dummy variable for triggering spacing routines.

**stencil** (stencil):  
`ly:tie::print`  
 The symbol to print.

**thickness** (number):  
 1.2  
 Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520 and [Section 3.2.120 \[tie-interface\]](#), page 530.

### 3.1.121 TieColumn

TieColumn objects are created by: [Section 2.2.20 \[Completion\\_heads-engraver\]](#), page 295 and [Section 2.2.123 \[Tie-engraver\]](#), page 329.

Standard settings:

**before-line-breaking** (boolean):  
`ly:tie-column::before-line-breaking`  
 Dummy property, used to trigger a callback function.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers)  
 Hard coded extent in X direction.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers)  
 Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520 and [Section 3.2.119 \[tie-column-interface\]](#), page 530.

### 3.1.122 TimeSignature

TimeSignature objects are created by: [Section 2.2.125 \[Time\\_signature\\_engraver\]](#), page 329.

Standard settings:

`avoid-slur` (symbol):

`'inside`

Method of handling slur collisions. Choices are `inside`, `outside`, `around`, and `ignore`. `inside` adjusts the slur if needed to keep the grob inside the slur. `outside` moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur. `around` moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur only if there is a collision. `ignore` does not move either. In grobs whose notational significance depends on vertical position (such as accidentals, clefs, etc.), `outside` and `around` behave like `ignore`.

`break-align-anchor` (number):

`ly:break-aligned-interface::calc-extent-aligned-anchor`

Grobs aligned to this break-align grob will have their X-offsets shifted by this number. In bar lines, for example, this is used to position grobs relative to the (visual) center of the bar line.

`break-align-anchor-alignment` (number):

`-1`

Read by `ly:break-aligned-interface::calc-extent-aligned-anchor` for aligning an anchor to a grob's extent.

`break-align-symbol` (symbol):

`'time-signature`

This key is used for aligning and spacing breakable items.

`break-visibility` (vector):

`##(##t ##t ##t)`

A vector of 3 booleans, `##(end-of-line unbroken begin-of-line)`. `##t` means visible, `##f` means killed.

`extra-spacing-height` (pair of numbers):

`pure-from-neighbor-interface::extra-spacing-height-including-staff`

In the horizontal spacing problem, we increase the height of each item by this amount (by adding the 'car' to the bottom of the item and adding the 'cdr' to the top of the item). In order to make a grob infinitely high (to prevent the horizontal spacing problem from placing any other grobs above or below this grob), set this to `(-inf.0 . +inf.0)`.

`extra-spacing-width` (pair of numbers):

`'(0.0 . 0.8)`

In the horizontal spacing problem, we pad each item by this amount (by adding the 'car' on the left side of the item and adding the 'cdr' on the right side of the item). In order to make a grob take up no horizontal space at all, set this to `(+inf.0 . -inf.0)`.

`non-musical` (boolean):

`##t`

True if the grob belongs to a `NonMusicalPaperColumn`.



**space-alist** (list):

```
'((cue-clef extra-space . 1.5) (first-note fixed-space . 2.0)
(right-edge extra-space . 0.5) (staff-bar minimum-space .
2.0))
```

A table that specifies distances between prefatory items, like clef and time-signature. The format is an alist of spacing tuples: (*break-align-symbol type . distance*), where *type* can be the symbols *minimum-space* or *extra-space*.

**stencil** (stencil):

```
ly:time-signature::print
```

The symbol to print.

**style** (symbol):

```
'C
```

This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the **stencil** callback reading this property.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.15 \[break-aligned-interface\]](#), page 475, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.85 \[pure-from-neighbor-interface\]](#), page 509 and [Section 3.2.121 \[time-signature-interface\]](#), page 531.

### 3.1.123 TrillPitchAccidental

TrillPitchAccidental objects are created by: [Section 2.2.90 \[Pitched\\_trill\\_engraver\]](#), page 319.

Standard settings:

**direction** (direction):

```
-1
```

If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**font-size** (number):

```
-4
```

The font size, compared to the ‘normal’ size. 0 is style-sheet’s normal size, -1 is smaller, +1 is bigger. Each step of 1 is approximately 12% larger; 6 steps are exactly a factor 2 larger. Fractional values are allowed.

**glyph-name-alist** (list):

```
'((0 . accidentals.natural) (-1/2 . accidentals.flat) (1/2
. accidentals.sharp) (1 . accidentals.doublesharp) (-1 .
accidentals.flatflat) (3/4 . accidentals.sharp.slashslash.stemstemstem)
(1/4 . accidentals.sharp.slashslash.stem)
(-1/4 . accidentals.mirroredflat) (-3/4 .
accidentals.mirroredflat.flat))
```

An alist of key-string pairs.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):

```
0.2
```

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**side-axis** (number):  
 0  
 If the value is **X** (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is **Y** or 1, it is placed vertically.

**stencil** (stencil):  
 ly:accidental-interface::print  
 The symbol to print.

**X-offset** (number):  
 ly:side-position-interface::x-aligned-side  
 The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers):  
 ly:accidental-interface::height  
 Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.1 \[accidental-interface\]](#), page 465, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.47 \[inline-accidental-interface\]](#), page 492, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514 and [Section 3.2.122 \[trill-pitch-accidental-interface\]](#), page 532.

### 3.1.124 TrillPitchGroup

TrillPitchGroup objects are created by: [Section 2.2.90 \[Pitched\\_trill\\_engraver\]](#), page 319.

Standard settings:

**axes** (list):  
 '(0)  
 List of axis numbers. In the case of alignment grobs, this should contain only one number.

**direction** (direction):  
 1  
 If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**font-size** (number):  
 -4  
 The font size, compared to the 'normal' size. 0 is style-sheet's normal size, -1 is smaller, +1 is bigger. Each step of 1 is approximately 12% larger; 6 steps are exactly a factor 2 larger. Fractional values are allowed.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
 0.3  
 Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**side-axis** (number):  
 0  
 If the value is **X** (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is **Y** or 1, it is placed vertically.

**stencil** (stencil):  
     **parenthesize-elements**  
     The symbol to print.

**stencils** (list):  
     **parentheses-item::calc-parenthesis-stencils**  
     Multiple stencils, used as intermediate value.

**X-offset** (number):  
     **ly:side-position-interface::x-aligned-side**  
     The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.7 \[axis-group-interface\]](#), page 468, [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.72 \[note-head-interface\]](#), page 504, [Section 3.2.78 \[parentheses-interface\]](#), page 507 and [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514.

### 3.1.125 TrillPitchHead

TrillPitchHead objects are created by: [Section 2.2.90 \[Pitched\\_trill\\_engraver\]](#), page 319.

Standard settings:

**duration-log** (integer):  
     2  
     The 2-log of the note head duration, i.e., 0 = whole note, 1 = half note, etc.

**font-size** (number):  
     -4  
     The font size, compared to the ‘normal’ size. 0 is style-sheet’s normal size, -1 is smaller, +1 is bigger. Each step of 1 is approximately 12% larger; 6 steps are exactly a factor 2 larger. Fractional values are allowed.

**stencil** (stencil):  
     **ly:note-head::print**  
     The symbol to print.

**Y-offset** (number):  
     **ly:staff-symbol-referencer::callback**  
     The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.53 \[ledgered-interface\]](#), page 497, [Section 3.2.84 \[pitched-trill-interface\]](#), page 509, [Section 3.2.89 \[rhythmic-head-interface\]](#), page 510 and [Section 3.2.107 \[staff-symbol-referencer-interface\]](#), page 523.

### 3.1.126 TrillSpanner

TrillSpanner objects are created by: [Section 2.2.129 \[Trill\\_spanner\\_engraver\]](#), page 331.

Standard settings:

**after-line-breaking** (boolean):  
     **ly:spanner::kill-zero-spanned-time**  
     Dummy property, used to trigger callback for **after-line-breaking**.

**bound-details** (list):  
 '((left (text #<procedure musicglyph-markup (layout  
 props glyph-name)> scripts.trill) (Y . 0) (stencil-offset  
 -0.5 . -1) (padding . 0.5) (attach-dir . 0)) (left-broken  
 (end-on-note . #t)) (right (Y . 0)))  
 An alist of properties for determining attachments of spanners to edges.

**direction** (direction):  
 1  
 If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**left-bound-info** (list):  
 ly:line-spanner::calc-left-bound-info  
 An alist of properties for determining attachments of spanners to edges.

**outside-staff-priority** (number):  
 50  
 If set, the grob is positioned outside the staff in such a way as to avoid all collisions. In case of a potential collision, the grob with the smaller **outside-staff-priority** is closer to the staff.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
 0.5  
 Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**right-bound-info** (list):  
 ly:line-spanner::calc-right-bound-info  
 An alist of properties for determining attachments of spanners to edges.

**side-axis** (number):  
 1  
 If the value is X (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is Y or 1, it is placed vertically.

**staff-padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
 1.0  
 Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.

**stencil** (stencil):  
 ly:line-spanner::print  
 The symbol to print.

**style** (symbol):  
 'trill  
 This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the **stencil** callback reading this property.

**Y-offset** (number):  
 ly:side-position-interface::y-aligned-side  
 The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.57 \[line-interface\]](#), page 497, [Section 3.2.58 \[line-spanner-interface\]](#), page 498, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514, [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520 and [Section 3.2.123 \[trill-spanner-interface\]](#), page 532.

### 3.1.127 TupletBracket

TupletBracket objects are created by: [Section 2.2.130 \[Tuplet\\_engraver\]](#), page 331.

Standard settings:

**avoid-scripts** (boolean):  
     #t  
     If set, a tuplet bracket avoids the scripts associated with the note heads it encompasses.

**connect-to-neighbor** (pair):  
     ly:tuplet-bracket::calc-connect-to-neighbors  
     Pair of booleans, indicating whether this grob looks as a continued break.

**direction** (direction):  
     ly:tuplet-bracket::calc-direction  
     If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**edge-height** (pair):  
     '(0.7 . 0.7)  
     A pair of numbers specifying the heights of the vertical edges: (*left-height* . *right-height*).

**full-length-to-extent** (boolean):  
     #t  
     Run to the extent of the column for a full-length tuplet bracket.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
     1.1  
     Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**positions** (pair of numbers):  
     ly:tuplet-bracket::calc-positions  
     Pair of staff coordinates (*left* . *right*), where both *left* and *right* are in **staff-space** units of the current staff. For slurs, this value selects which slur candidate to use; if extreme positions are requested, the closest one is taken.

**shorten-pair** (pair of numbers):  
     '(-0.2 . -0.2)  
     The lengths to shorten a text-spanner on both sides, for example a pedal bracket. Positive values shorten the text-spanner, while negative values lengthen it.

**staff-padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
 0.25  
 Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.

**stencil** (stencil):  
 ly:tuplet-bracket::print  
 The symbol to print.

**thickness** (number):  
 1.6  
 Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.

**X-positions** (pair of numbers):  
 ly:tuplet-bracket::calc-x-positions  
 Pair of X staff coordinates of a spanner in the form (*left* . *right*), where both *left* and *right* are in **staff-space** units of the current staff.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.57 \[line-interface\]](#), page 497, [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520 and [Section 3.2.124 \[tuplet-bracket-interface\]](#), page 532.

### 3.1.128 TupletNumber

TupletNumber objects are created by: [Section 2.2.130 \[Tuplet\\_engraver\]](#), page 331.

Standard settings:

**avoid-slur** (symbol):  
 'inside  
 Method of handling slur collisions. Choices are **inside**, **outside**, **around**, and **ignore**. **inside** adjusts the slur if needed to keep the grob inside the slur. **outside** moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur. **around** moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur only if there is a collision. **ignore** does not move either. In grobs whose notational significance depends on vertical position (such as accidentals, clefs, etc.), **outside** and **around** behave like **ignore**.

**direction** (direction):  
 tuplet-number::calc-direction  
 If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**font-shape** (symbol):  
 'italic  
 Select the shape of a font. Choices include **upright**, **italic**, **caps**.

**font-size** (number):  
 -2  
 The font size, compared to the 'normal' size. 0 is style-sheet's normal size, -1 is smaller, +1 is bigger. Each step of 1 is approximately 12% larger; 6 steps are exactly a factor 2 larger. Fractional values are allowed.

**stencil** (stencil):  
     **ly:tuplet-number::print**  
     The symbol to print.

**text** (markup):  
     **tuplet-number::calc-denominator-text**  
     Text markup. See [Section “Formatting text” in \*Notation Reference\*](#).

**X-offset** (number):  
     **ly:tuplet-number::calc-x-offset**  
     The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**Y-offset** (number):  
     **ly:tuplet-number::calc-y-offset**  
     The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\], page 481](#), [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\], page 487](#), [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\], page 520](#), [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\], page 529](#) and [Section 3.2.125 \[tuplet-number-interface\], page 533](#).

### 3.1.129 UnaCordaPedal

UnaCordaPedal objects are created by: [Section 2.2.87 \[Piano\\_pedal\\_engraver\], page 318](#).

Standard settings:

**direction** (direction):  
     1  
     If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**extra-spacing-width** (pair of numbers):  
     '(+inf.0 . -inf.0)  
     In the horizontal spacing problem, we pad each item by this amount (by adding the ‘car’ on the left side of the item and adding the ‘cdr’ on the right side of the item). In order to make a grob take up no horizontal space at all, set this to (+inf.0 . -inf.0).

**font-shape** (symbol):  
     'italic  
     Select the shape of a font. Choices include **upright**, **italic**, **caps**.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
     0.0  
     Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**self-alignment-X** (number):  
     0  
     Specify alignment of an object. The value -1 means left aligned, 0 centered, and 1 right-aligned in X direction. Other numerical values may also be specified.

**stencil** (stencil):  
     **ly: text-interface::print**  
     The symbol to print.

**X-offset** (number):  
     **ly: self-alignment-interface::x-aligned-on-self**  
     The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.49 \[item-interface\]](#), page 494, [Section 3.2.83 \[piano-pedal-script-interface\]](#), page 509, [Section 3.2.92 \[self-alignment-interface\]](#), page 512 and [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529.

### 3.1.130 UnaCordaPedalLineSpanner

UnaCordaPedalLineSpanner objects are created by: [Section 2.2.86 \[Piano-pedal-align-engraver\]](#), page 318.

Standard settings:

**axes** (list):  
     '(1)  
     List of axis numbers. In the case of alignment grobs, this should contain only one number.

**direction** (direction):  
     -1  
     If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**minimum-space** (dimension, in staff space):  
     1.0  
     Minimum distance that the victim should move (after padding).

**outside-staff-priority** (number):  
     1000  
     If set, the grob is positioned outside the staff in such a way as to avoid all collisions. In case of a potential collision, the grob with the smaller **outside-staff-priority** is closer to the staff.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
     1.2  
     Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**side-axis** (number):  
     1  
     If the value is X (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is Y or 1, it is placed vertically.

**staff-padding** (dimension, in staff space):  
     1.2  
     Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.



**X-extent** (pair of numbers):  
     `ly:axis-group-interface::width`  
     Hard coded extent in X direction.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers):  
     `ly:axis-group-interface::height`  
     Hard coded extent in Y direction.

**Y-offset** (number):  
     `ly:side-position-interface::y-aligned-side`  
     The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.7 \[axis-group-interface\]](#), page 468, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.82 \[piano-pedal-interface\]](#), page 509, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.131 VaticanaLigature

VaticanaLigature objects are created by: [Section 2.2.132 \[Vaticana\\_ligature\\_engraver\]](#), page 332.

Standard settings:

**stencil** (stencil):  
     `ly:vaticana-ligature::print`  
     The symbol to print.

**thickness** (number):  
     0.6  
     Line thickness, generally measured in `line-thickness`.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520 and [Section 3.2.127 \[vaticana-ligature-interface\]](#), page 534.

### 3.1.132 VerticalAlignment

VerticalAlignment objects are created by: [Section 2.2.133 \[Vertical\\_align\\_engraver\]](#), page 332.

Standard settings:

**axes** (list):  
     '(1)  
     List of axis numbers. In the case of alignment grobs, this should contain only one number.

**stacking-dir** (direction):  
     -1  
     Stack objects in which direction?

**vertical-skylines** (pair of skylines):  
     `ly:axis-group-interface::combine-skylines`  
     Two skylines, one above and one below this grob.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers):  
     `ly:axis-group-interface::width`  
     Hard coded extent in X direction.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers):  
`ly:axis-group-interface::height`  
 Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.4 \[align-interface\]](#), page 466, [Section 3.2.7 \[axis-group-interface\]](#), page 468, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.133 VerticalAxisGroup

VerticalAxisGroup objects are created by: [Section 2.2.5 \[Axis-group-engraver\]](#), page 290 and [Section 2.2.52 \[Hara\\_kiri-engraver\]](#), page 306.

Standard settings:

**axes** (list):  
`'(1)`  
 List of axis numbers. In the case of alignment grobs, this should contain only one number.

**default-staff-staff-spacing** (list):  
`'((basic-distance . 9) (minimum-distance . 8) (padding . 1))`  
 The settings to use for **staff-staff-spacing** when it is unset, for ungrouped staves and for grouped staves that do not have the relevant **StaffGrouper** property set (**staff-staff-spacing** or **staffgroup-staff-spacing**).

**nonstaff-unrelatedstaff-spacing** (list):  
`'((padding . 0.5))`  
 The spacing alist controlling the distance between the current non-staff line and the nearest staff in the opposite direction from **staff-affinity**, if there are no other non-staff lines between the two, and **staff-affinity** is either UP or DOWN. See **staff-staff-spacing** for a description of the alist structure.

**staff-staff-spacing** (list):  
`ly:axis-group-interface::calc-staff-staff-spacing`  
 When applied to a staff-group's **StaffGrouper** grob, this spacing alist controls the distance between consecutive staves within the staff-group. When applied to a staff's **VerticalAxisGroup** grob, it controls the distance between the staff and the nearest staff below it in the same system, replacing any settings inherited from the **StaffGrouper** grob of the containing staff-group, if there is one. This property remains in effect even when non-staff lines appear between staves. The alist can contain the following keys:

- **basic-distance** – the vertical distance, measured in staff-spaces, between the reference points of the two items when no collisions would result, and no stretching or compressing is in effect.
- **minimum-distance** – the smallest allowable vertical distance, measured in staff-spaces, between the reference points of the two items, when compressing is in effect.
- **padding** – the minimum required amount of unobstructed vertical whitespace between the bounding boxes (or skylines) of the two items, measured in staff-spaces.

- **stretchability** – a unitless measure of the dimension’s relative propensity to stretch. If zero, the distance will not stretch (unless collisions would result).

**stencil** (stencil):

`ly:axis-group-interface::print`

The symbol to print.

**vertical-skylines** (pair of skylines):

`ly:hara-kiri-group-spanner::calc-skylines`

Two skylines, one above and one below this grob.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers):

`ly:axis-group-interface::width`

Hard coded extent in X direction.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers):

`ly:hara-kiri-group-spanner::y-extent`

Hard coded extent in Y direction.

**Y-offset** (number):

`ly:hara-kiri-group-spanner::force-hara-kiri-callback`

The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.7 \[axis-group-interface\]](#), page 468, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.45 \[hara-kiri-group-spanner-interface\]](#), page 491 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.134 VoiceFollower

VoiceFollower objects are created by: [Section 2.2.73 \[Note\\_head\\_line\\_engraver\]](#), page 314.

Standard settings:

**after-line-breaking** (boolean):

`ly:spanner::kill-zero-spanned-time`

Dummy property, used to trigger callback for **after-line-breaking**.

**bound-details** (list):

`'((right (attach-dir . 0) (padding . 1.5)) (left (attach-dir . 0) (padding . 1.5)))`

An alist of properties for determining attachments of spanners to edges.

**gap** (dimension, in staff space):

0.5

Size of a gap in a variable symbol.

**left-bound-info** (list):

`ly:line-spanner::calc-left-bound-info`

An alist of properties for determining attachments of spanners to edges.

**non-musical** (boolean):

`#t`

True if the grob belongs to a `NonMusicalPaperColumn`.

**right-bound-info** (list):

`ly:line-spanner::calc-right-bound-info`

An alist of properties for determining attachments of spanners to edges.

**stencil** (stencil):  
     **ly:line-spanner::print**  
     The symbol to print.

**style** (symbol):  
     **'line**  
     This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the **stencil** callback reading this property.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers)  
     Hard coded extent in X direction.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers)  
     Hard coded extent in Y direction.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.57 \[line-interface\]](#), page 497, [Section 3.2.58 \[line-spanner-interface\]](#), page 498 and [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520.

### 3.1.135 VoltaBracket

VoltaBracket objects are created by: [Section 2.2.134 \[Volta-engraver\]](#), page 332.

Standard settings:

**direction** (direction):  
     **1**  
     If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**edge-height** (pair):  
     **'(2.0 . 2.0)**  
     A pair of numbers specifying the heights of the vertical edges: (*left-height . right-height*).

**font-encoding** (symbol):  
     **'fetaText**  
     The font encoding is the broadest category for selecting a font. Currently, only lilypond's system fonts (Emmentaler) are using this property. Available values are **fetaMusic** (Emmentaler), **fetaBraces**, **fetaText** (Emmentaler).

**font-size** (number):  
     **-4**  
     The font size, compared to the 'normal' size. 0 is style-sheet's normal size, -1 is smaller, +1 is bigger. Each step of 1 is approximately 12% larger; 6 steps are exactly a factor 2 larger. Fractional values are allowed.

**stencil** (stencil):  
     **ly:volta-bracket-interface::print**  
     The symbol to print.

**thickness** (number):  
     **1.6**  
     Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.

**word-space** (dimension, in staff space):

0.6

Space to insert between words in texts.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.34 \[font-interface\]](#), page 481, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.46 \[horizontal-bracket-interface\]](#), page 492, [Section 3.2.57 \[line-interface\]](#), page 497, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514, [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520, [Section 3.2.117 \[text-interface\]](#), page 529, [Section 3.2.128 \[volta-bracket-interface\]](#), page 535 and [Section 3.2.129 \[volta-interface\]](#), page 535.

### 3.1.136 VoltaBracketSpanner

VoltaBracketSpanner objects are created by: [Section 2.2.134 \[Volta\\_engraver\]](#), page 332.

Standard settings:

**after-line-breaking** (boolean):

ly:side-position-interface::move-to-extremal-staff

Dummy property, used to trigger callback for **after-line-breaking**.

**axes** (list):

' (1)

List of axis numbers. In the case of alignment grobs, this should contain only one number.

**direction** (direction):

1

If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**no-alignment** (boolean):

#t

If set, don't place this grob in a **VerticalAlignment**; rather, place it using its own **Y-offset** callback.

**outside-staff-priority** (number):

600

If set, the grob is positioned outside the staff in such a way as to avoid all collisions. In case of a potential collision, the grob with the smaller **outside-staff-priority** is closer to the staff.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space):

1

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**side-axis** (number):

1

If the value is X (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is Y or 1, it is placed vertically.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers):

ly:axis-group-interface::width

Hard coded extent in X direction.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers):

`ly:axis-group-interface::height`

Hard coded extent in Y direction.

**Y-offset** (number):

`ly:side-position-interface::y-aligned-side`

The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

This object supports the following interface(s): [Section 3.2.7 \[axis-group-interface\]](#), page 468, [Section 3.2.43 \[grob-interface\]](#), page 487, [Section 3.2.96 \[side-position-interface\]](#), page 514, [Section 3.2.103 \[spanner-interface\]](#), page 520 and [Section 3.2.129 \[volta-interface\]](#), page 535.

## 3.2 Graphical Object Interfaces

### 3.2.1 accidental-interface

A single accidental.

#### User settable properties:

**alteration** (number)

Alteration numbers for accidental.

**avoid-slur** (symbol)

Method of handling slur collisions. Choices are `inside`, `outside`, `around`, and `ignore`. `inside` adjusts the slur if needed to keep the grob inside the slur. `outside` moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur. `around` moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur only if there is a collision. `ignore` does not move either. In grobs whose notational significance depends on vertical position (such as accidentals, clefs, etc.), `outside` and `around` behave like `ignore`.

**glyph-name-alist** (list)

An alist of key-string pairs.

**hide-tied-accidental-after-break** (boolean)

If set, an accidental that appears on a tied note after a line break will not be displayed.

**parenthesized** (boolean)

Parenthesize this grob.

**restore-first** (boolean)

Print a natural before the accidental.

#### Internal properties:

**forced** (boolean)

Manually forced accidental.

**tie** (graphical (layout) object)

A pointer to a `Tie` object.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.1 \[Accidental\]](#), page 346, [Section 3.1.2 \[AccidentalCautionary\]](#), page 346, [Section 3.1.4 \[AccidentalSuggestion\]](#), page 348, [Section 3.1.6 \[AmbitusAccidental\]](#), page 350 and [Section 3.1.123 \[TrillPitchAccidental\]](#), page 452.

### 3.2.2 accidental-placement-interface

Resolve accidental collisions.

#### User settable properties:

- direction** (direction)  
If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.
- padding** (dimension, in staff space)  
Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.
- right-padding** (dimension, in staff space)  
Space to insert on the right side of an object (e.g., between note and its accidentals).
- script-priority** (number)  
A sorting key that determines in what order a script is within a stack of scripts.

#### Internal properties:

- accidental-grobs** (list)  
An alist with (*notename . groblist*) entries.
- positioning-done** (boolean)  
Used to signal that a positioning element did its job. This ensures that a positioning is only done once.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.3 \[AccidentalPlacement\]](#), [page 347](#).

### 3.2.3 accidental-suggestion-interface

An accidental, printed as a suggestion (typically: vertically over a note).

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.4 \[AccidentalSuggestion\]](#), [page 348](#).

### 3.2.4 align-interface

Order grobs from top to bottom, left to right, right to left or bottom to top. For vertical alignments of staves, the **break-system-details** of the left [Section “NonMusicalPaperColumn”](#) in *Internals Reference* may be set to tune vertical spacing.

#### User settable properties:

- align-dir** (direction)  
Which side to align? -1: left side, 0: around center of width, 1: right side.
- axes** (list)  
List of axis numbers. In the case of alignment grobs, this should contain only one number.
- padding** (dimension, in staff space)  
Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.
- stacking-dir** (direction)  
Stack objects in which direction?

**Internal properties:**

- `full-score-pure-minimum-translations` (list)  
A list of translations for a full score's worth of grobs.
- `elements` (array of grobs)  
An array of grobs; the type is depending on the grob where this is set in.
- `positioning-done` (boolean)  
Used to signal that a positioning element did its job. This ensures that a positioning is only done once.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.14 \[BassFigureAlignment\]](#), page 357 and [Section 3.1.132 \[VerticalAlignment\]](#), page 460.

**3.2.5 ambitus-interface**

The line between note heads for a pitch range.

**User settable properties:**

- `gap` (dimension, in staff space)  
Size of a gap in a variable symbol.
- `thickness` (number)  
Line thickness, generally measured in `line-thickness`.

**Internal properties:**

- `note-heads` (array of grobs)  
An array of note head grobs.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.5 \[Ambitus\]](#), page 349, [Section 3.1.7 \[AmbitusLine\]](#), page 351 and [Section 3.1.8 \[AmbitusNoteHead\]](#), page 352.

**3.2.6 arpeggio-interface**

Functions and settings for drawing an arpeggio symbol.

**User settable properties:**

- `arpeggio-direction` (direction)  
If set, put an arrow on the arpeggio squiggly line.
- `positions` (pair of numbers)  
Pair of staff coordinates (*left* . *right*), where both *left* and *right* are in `staff-space` units of the current staff. For slurs, this value selects which slur candidate to use; if extreme positions are requested, the closest one is taken.
- `script-priority` (number)  
A sorting key that determines in what order a script is within a stack of scripts.
- `dash-definition` (pair)  
List of `dash-elements` defining the dash structure. Each `dash-element` has a starting t value, an ending t-value, a `dash-fraction`, and a `dash-period`.



**Internal properties:**

**stems** (array of grobs)  
An array of stem objects.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.9 \[Arpeggio\]](#), [page 352](#).

**3.2.7 axis-group-interface**

An object that groups other layout objects.

**User settable properties:**

**axes** (list) List of axis numbers. In the case of alignment grobs, this should contain only one number.

**default-staff-staff-spacing** (list)  
The settings to use for **staff-staff-spacing** when it is unset, for ungrouped staves and for grouped staves that do not have the relevant **StaffGrouper** property set (**staff-staff-spacing** or **staffgroup-staff-spacing**).

**max-stretch** (number)  
The maximum amount that this **VerticalAxisGroup** can be vertically stretched (for example, in order to better fill a page).

**no-alignment** (boolean)  
If set, don't place this grob in a **VerticalAlignment**; rather, place it using its own **Y-offset** callback.

**nonstaff-nonstaff-spacing** (list)  
The spacing alist controlling the distance between the current non-staff line and the next non-staff line in the direction of **staff-affinity**, if both are on the same side of the related staff, and **staff-affinity** is either UP or DOWN. See **staff-staff-spacing** for a description of the alist structure.

**nonstaff-relatedstaff-spacing** (list)  
The spacing alist controlling the distance between the current non-staff line and the nearest staff in the direction of **staff-affinity**, if there are no non-staff lines between the two, and **staff-affinity** is either UP or DOWN. If **staff-affinity** is CENTER, then **nonstaff-relatedstaff-spacing** is used for the nearest staves on *both* sides, even if other non-staff lines appear between the current one and either of the staves. See **staff-staff-spacing** for a description of the alist structure.

**nonstaff-unrelatedstaff-spacing** (list)  
The spacing alist controlling the distance between the current non-staff line and the nearest staff in the opposite direction from **staff-affinity**, if there are no other non-staff lines between the two, and **staff-affinity** is either UP or DOWN. See **staff-staff-spacing** for a description of the alist structure.

**staff-affinity** (direction)  
The direction of the staff to use for spacing the current non-staff line. Choices are UP, DOWN, and CENTER. If CENTER, the non-staff line will be

placed equidistant between the two nearest staves on either side, unless collisions or other spacing constraints prevent this. Setting **staff-affinity** for a staff causes it to be treated as a non-staff line. Setting **staff-affinity** to **#f** causes a non-staff line to be treated as a staff.

**staff-staff-spacing** (list)

When applied to a staff-group's **StaffGrouper** grob, this spacing alist controls the distance between consecutive staves within the staff-group. When applied to a staff's **VerticalAxisGroup** grob, it controls the distance between the staff and the nearest staff below it in the same system, replacing any settings inherited from the **StaffGrouper** grob of the containing staff-group, if there is one. This property remains in effect even when non-staff lines appear between staves. The alist can contain the following keys:

- **basic-distance** – the vertical distance, measured in staff-spaces, between the reference points of the two items when no collisions would result, and no stretching or compressing is in effect.
- **minimum-distance** – the smallest allowable vertical distance, measured in staff-spaces, between the reference points of the two items, when compressing is in effect.
- **padding** – the minimum required amount of unobstructed vertical whitespace between the bounding boxes (or skylines) of the two items, measured in staff-spaces.
- **stretchability** – a unitless measure of the dimension's relative propensity to stretch. If zero, the distance will not stretch (unless collisions would result).

**vertical-skylines** (pair of skylines)

Two skylines, one above and one below this grob.

## Internal properties:

**adjacent-pure-heights** (pair)

A pair of vectors. Used by a **VerticalAxisGroup** to cache the Y-extents of different column ranges.

**bound-alignment-interfaces** (list)

Interfaces to be used for positioning elements that align with a column.

**elements** (array of grobs)

An array of grobs; the type is depending on the grob where this is set in.

**pure-relevant-grobs** (array of grobs)

All the grobs (items and spanners) that are relevant for finding the **pure-Y-extent**

**pure-relevant-items** (array of grobs)

A subset of elements that are relevant for finding the **pure-Y-extent**.

**pure-relevant-spanners** (array of grobs)

A subset of elements that are relevant for finding the **pure-Y-extent**.

**pure-Y-common** (graphical (layout) object)

A cache of the **common\_refpoint\_of\_array** of the **elements** grob set.

**staff-grouper** (graphical (layout) object)

The staff grouper we belong to.

**system-Y-offset** (number)

The Y-offset (relative to the bottom of the top-margin of the page) of the system to which this staff belongs.

**X-common** (graphical (layout) object)

Common reference point for axis group.

**Y-common** (graphical (layout) object)

See **X-common**.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.5 \[Ambitus\]](#), page 349, [Section 3.1.14 \[BassFigureAlignment\]](#), page 357, [Section 3.1.15 \[BassFigureAlignment-Positioning\]](#), page 358, [Section 3.1.18 \[BassFigureLine\]](#), page 359, [Section 3.1.21 \[BreakAlign-Group\]](#), page 362, [Section 3.1.22 \[BreakAlignment\]](#), page 362, [Section 3.1.32 \[DotColumn\]](#), page 372, [Section 3.1.37 \[DynamicLineSpanner\]](#), page 376, [Section 3.1.72 \[NonMusicalPaper-Column\]](#), page 409, [Section 3.1.73 \[NoteCollision\]](#), page 410, [Section 3.1.74 \[NoteColumn\]](#), page 410, [Section 3.1.80 \[PaperColumn\]](#), page 415, [Section 3.1.97 \[SostenutoPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 428, [Section 3.1.111 \[SustainPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 440, [Section 3.1.112 \[System\]](#), page 441, [Section 3.1.124 \[TrillPitchGroup\]](#), page 453, [Section 3.1.130 \[UnaCordaPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 459, [Section 3.1.132 \[VerticalAlignment\]](#), page 460, [Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxis-Group\]](#), page 461 and [Section 3.1.136 \[VoltaBracketSpanner\]](#), page 464.

### 3.2.8 balloon-interface

A collection of routines to put text balloons around an object.

#### User settable properties:

**annotation-balloon** (boolean)

Print the balloon around an annotation.

**annotation-line** (boolean)

Print the line from an annotation to the grob that it annotates.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space)

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**text** (markup)

Text markup. See [Section “Formatting text” in \*Notation Reference\*](#).

#### Internal properties:

**spanner-placement** (direction)

The place of an annotation on a spanner. **LEFT** is for the first spanner, and **RIGHT** is for the last. **CENTER** will place it on the broken spanner that falls closest to the center of the length of the entire spanner, although this behavior is unpredictable in situations with lots of rhythmic diversity. For predictable results, use **LEFT** and **RIGHT**.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.10 \[BalloonTextItem\]](#), page 353, [Section 3.1.43 \[FootnoteItem\]](#), page 383 and [Section 3.1.44 \[FootnoteSpanner\]](#), page 384.

### 3.2.9 bar-line-interface

Print a special bar symbol. It replaces the regular bar symbol with a special symbol. The argument *bartype* is a string which specifies the kind of bar line to print. Options are |, :|, |: , :|:, :|. |: , :|. |: , :|. |: , ., ||, |., .|, .|. , |.|, :, **dashed**, ' and **S**.

These produce, respectively, a normal bar line, a right repeat, a left repeat, a thick double repeat, a thin-thick-thin double repeat, a thin-thick double repeat, a thick bar, a double bar, a start bar, an end bar, a thick double bar, a thin-thick-thin bar, a dotted bar, a dashed bar, a tick as bar line and a segno bar.

In addition, there is an option ||: which is equivalent to |: except at line breaks, where it produces a double bar (||) at the end of the line and a repeat sign (|:) at the beginning of the new line.

For segno, **S** produces a segno sign except at line breaks, where it produces a double bar (||) at the end of the line and a segno sign at the beginning of the new line. |**S** is equivalent to **S** but produces a simple bar line (|) instead of a double bar line (||) at line breaks. **S**| produces the segno sign at line breaks and starts the following line without special bar lines.

**S**|: and |: **S** are used for repeat/segno combinations that are separated at line breaks. Alternatively, .**S**|: and |: **S**. may be used which combine repeat signs and segno at the same line in case of a line break. |: **S**|: is a combination of a left repeat (:|), a segno (**S**) and a right repeat |: which splits before the segno at line breaks; |: **S**.|: splits after the segno sign.

If *bartype* is set to **empty** then nothing is printed, but a line break is allowed at that spot.

**gap** is used for the gaps in dashed bar lines.

#### User settable properties:

**allow-span-bar** (boolean)

If false, no inter-staff bar line will be created below this bar line.

**bar-extent** (pair of numbers)

The Y-extent of the actual bar line. This may differ from **Y-extent** because it does not include the dots in a repeat bar line.

**gap** (dimension, in staff space)

Size of a gap in a variable symbol.

**glyph** (string)

A string determining what 'style' of glyph is typeset. Valid choices depend on the function that is reading this property.

**glyph-name** (string)

The glyph name within the font.

**hair-thickness** (number)

Thickness of the thin line in a bar line.

**kern** (dimension, in staff space)

Amount of extra white space to add. For bar lines, this is the amount of space after a thick line.

**thin-kern** (number)

The space after a hair-line in a bar line.

**thick-thickness** (number)

Bar line thickness, measured in **line-thickness**.

**Internal properties:****has-span-bar** (pair)

A pair of grobs containing the span bars to be drawn below and above the staff. If no span bar is in a position, the respective element is set to **#f**.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.11 \[BarLine\]](#), page 354 and [Section 3.1.99 \[SpanBar\]](#), page 430.

**3.2.10 bass-figure-alignment-interface**

Align a bass figure.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.14 \[BassFigure-Alignment\]](#), page 357.

**3.2.11 bass-figure-interface**

A bass figure text.

**User settable properties:****implicit** (boolean)

Is this an implicit bass figure?

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.13 \[BassFigure\]](#), page 357.

**3.2.12 beam-interface**

A beam.

The **beam-thickness** property is the weight of beams, measured in staffspace. The **direction** property is not user-serviceable. Use the **direction** property of **Stem** instead. The following properties may be set in the **details** list.

**stem-length-demerit-factor**

Demerit factor used for inappropriate stem lengths.

**secondary-beam-demerit**

Demerit used in quanting calculations for multiple beams.

**region-size**

Size of region for checking quant scores.

**beam-eps** Epsilon for beam quant code to check for presence in gap.**stem-length-limit-penalty**

Penalty for differences in stem lengths on a beam.

**damping-direction-penalty**

Demerit penalty applied when beam direction is different from damping direction.

**hint-direction-penalty**

Demerit penalty applied when beam direction is different from damping direction, but damping slope is  $\leq$  **round-to-zero-slope**.

**musical-direction-factor**

Demerit scaling factor for difference between beam slope and music slope.

**ideal-slope-factor**

Demerit scaling factor for difference between beam slope and damping slope.

**round-to-zero-slope**

Damping slope which is considered zero for purposes of calculating direction penalties.

**User settable properties:****annotation** (string)

Annotate a grob for debug purposes.

**auto-knee-gap** (dimension, in staff space)

If a gap is found between note heads where a horizontal beam fits that is larger than this number, make a kneed beam.

**beamed-stem-shorten** (list)

How much to shorten beamed stems, when their direction is forced. It is a list, since the value is different depending on the number of flags and beams.

**beaming** (pair)

Pair of number lists. Each number list specifies which beams to make. 0 is the central beam, 1 is the next beam toward the note, etc. This information is used to determine how to connect the beaming patterns from stem to stem inside a beam.

**beam-thickness** (dimension, in staff space)

Beam thickness, measured in **staff-space** units.

**break-overshoot** (pair of numbers)

How much does a broken spanner stick out of its bounds?

**clip-edges** (boolean)

Allow outward pointing beamlets at the edges of beams?

**concaveness** (number)

A beam is concave if its inner stems are closer to the beam than the two outside stems. This number is a measure of the closeness of the inner stems. It is used for damping the slope of the beam.

**collision-interfaces** (list)

A list of interfaces for which automatic beam-collision resolution is run.

**collision-voice-only** (boolean)

Does automatic beam collision apply only to the voice in which the beam was created?

**damping** (number)

Amount of beam slope damping.

**details** (list)

Alist of parameters for detailed grob behavior. More information on the allowed parameters for a grob can be found by looking at the top of the Internals Reference page for each interface having a **details** property.

**direction** (direction)

If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed **LEFT**, **CENTER** or **RIGHT** with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed **UP**, **CENTER** or **DOWN**. Numerical values may also be used: **UP=1**, **DOWN=-1**, **LEFT=-1**, **RIGHT=1**, **CENTER=0**.

- gap** (dimension, in staff space)  
Size of a gap in a variable symbol.
- gap-count** (integer)  
Number of gapped beams for tremolo.
- grow-direction** (direction)  
Crescendo or decrescendo?
- inspect-quant**s (pair of numbers)  
If debugging is set, set beam and slur quant to this position, and print the respective scores.
- knee** (boolean)  
Is this beam kneed?
- length-fraction** (number)  
Multiplier for lengths. Used for determining ledger lines and stem lengths.
- neutral-direction** (direction)  
Which direction to take in the center of the staff.
- positions** (pair of numbers)  
Pair of staff coordinates (*left . right*), where both *left* and *right* are in **staff-space** units of the current staff. For slurs, this value selects which slur candidate to use; if extreme positions are requested, the closest one is taken.
- skip-quanting** (boolean)  
Should beam quanting be skipped?
- X-positions** (pair of numbers)  
Pair of X staff coordinates of a spanner in the form (*left . right*), where both *left* and *right* are in **staff-space** units of the current staff.

### Internal properties:

- beam-segments** (list)  
Internal representation of beam segments.
- covered-grobs** (array of grobs)  
Grobs that could potentially collide with a beam.
- least-squares-dy** (number)  
The ideal beam slope, without damping.
- normal-stems** (array of grobs)  
An array of visible stems.
- quantized-positions** (pair of numbers)  
The beam positions after quanting.
- shorten** (dimension, in staff space)  
The amount of space that a stem is shortened. Internally used to distribute beam shortening over stems.
- stems** (array of grobs)  
An array of stem objects.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\]](#), [page 360](#).

### 3.2.13 bend-after-interface

A doit or drop.

#### User settable properties:

**thickness** (number)  
Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.

#### Internal properties:

**delta-position** (number)  
The vertical position difference.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.20 \[BendAfter\]](#), [page 361](#).

### 3.2.14 break-alignable-interface

Object that is aligned on a break alignment.

#### User settable properties:

**break-align-symbols** (list)  
A list of symbols that determine which break-aligned grobs to align this to. If the grob selected by the first symbol in the list is invisible due to break-visibility, we will align to the next grob (and so on). Choices are **left-edge**, **ambitus**, **breathing-sign**, **clef**, **staff-bar**, **key-cancellation**, **key-signature**, **time-signature**, and **custos**.

**non-break-align-symbols** (list)  
A list of symbols that determine which NON-break-aligned interfaces to align this to.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.12 \[BarNumber\]](#), [page 355](#), [Section 3.1.68 \[MetronomeMark\]](#), [page 404](#) and [Section 3.1.86 \[RehearsalMark\]](#), [page 420](#).

### 3.2.15 break-aligned-interface

Items that are aligned in prefatory matter.

The spacing of these items is controlled by the **space-alist** property. It contains a list **break-align-symbols** with a specification of the associated space. The space specification can be

(**minimum-space** . *spc*)  
Pad space until the distance is *spc*.

(**fixed-space** . *spc*)  
Set a fixed space.

(**semi-fixed-space** . *spc*)  
Set a space. Half of it is fixed and half is stretchable. (does not work at start of line. *fixme*)

(**extra-space** . *spc*)  
Add *spc* amount of space.

Special keys for the alist are **first-note** and **next-note**, signifying the first note on a line, and the next note halfway a line.

Rules for this spacing are much more complicated than this. See [Wanske] [page 126–134](#), [Ross] [page 143–147](#).



**User settable properties:****break-align-anchor** (number)

Grobs aligned to this break-align grob will have their X-offsets shifted by this number. In bar lines, for example, this is used to position grobs relative to the (visual) center of the bar line.

**break-align-anchor-alignment** (number)

Read by `ly:break-aligned-interface::calc-extent-aligned-anchor` for aligning an anchor to a grob's extent.

**break-align-symbol** (symbol)

This key is used for aligning and spacing breakable items.

**space-alist** (list)

A table that specifies distances between prefatory items, like clef and time-signature. The format is an alist of spacing tuples: (*break-align-symbol type . distance*), where *type* can be the symbols `minimum-space` or `extra-space`.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.5 \[Ambitus\]](#), page 349, [Section 3.1.6 \[AmbitusAccidental\]](#), page 350, [Section 3.1.11 \[BarLine\]](#), page 354, [Section 3.1.21 \[BreakAlignGroup\]](#), page 362, [Section 3.1.23 \[BreathingSign\]](#), page 363, [Section 3.1.25 \[Clef\]](#), page 365, [Section 3.1.29 \[CueClef\]](#), page 368, [Section 3.1.30 \[CueEndClef\]](#), page 370, [Section 3.1.31 \[Custos\]](#), page 371, [Section 3.1.34 \[DoublePercentRepeat\]](#), page 373, [Section 3.1.54 \[KeyCancellation\]](#), page 393, [Section 3.1.55 \[KeySignature\]](#), page 394, [Section 3.1.59 \[LeftEdge\]](#), page 398 and [Section 3.1.122 \[TimeSignature\]](#), page 451.

**3.2.16 break-alignment-interface**

The object that performs break alignment. See [Section 3.2.15 \[break-aligned-interface\]](#), page 475.

**User settable properties:****break-align-orders** (vector)

Defines the order in which prefatory matter (clefs, key signatures) appears. The format is a vector of length 3, where each element is one order for end-of-line, middle of line, and start-of-line, respectively. An order is a list of symbols.

For example, clefs are put after key signatures by setting

```
\override Score.BreakAlignment #'break-align-orders =
  #(make-vector 3 '(span-bar
                    breathing-sign
                    staff-bar
                    key
                    clef
                    time-signature))
```

**Internal properties:****positioning-done** (boolean)

Used to signal that a positioning element did its job. This ensures that a positioning is only done once.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.22 \[BreakAlignment\]](#), page 362.

### 3.2.17 breathing-sign-interface

A breathing sign.

#### User settable properties:

`direction` (direction)

If `side-axis` is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.23 \[BreathingSign\]](#), page 363.

### 3.2.18 chord-name-interface

A chord label (name or fretboard).

#### Internal properties:

`begin-of-line-visible` (boolean)

Set to make ChordName or FretBoard be visible only at beginning of line or at chord changes.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.24 \[ChordName\]](#), page 364 and [Section 3.1.45 \[FretBoard\]](#), page 385.

### 3.2.19 clef-interface

A clef sign.

#### User settable properties:

`full-size-change` (boolean)

Don't make a change clef smaller.

`glyph` (string)

A string determining what 'style' of glyph is typeset. Valid choices depend on the function that is reading this property.

`glyph-name` (string)

The glyph name within the font.

`non-default` (boolean)

Set for manually specified clefs.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.25 \[Clef\]](#), page 365, [Section 3.1.29 \[CueClef\]](#), page 368 and [Section 3.1.30 \[CueEndClef\]](#), page 370.

### 3.2.20 cluster-beacon-interface

A place holder for the cluster spanner to determine the vertical extents of a cluster spanner at this X position.

#### User settable properties:

`positions` (pair of numbers)

Pair of staff coordinates (*left* . *right*), where both *left* and *right* are in `staff-space` units of the current staff. For slurs, this value selects

which slur candidate to use; if extreme positions are requested, the closest one is taken.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.27 \[ClusterSpannerBeacon\]](#), page 367.

### 3.2.21 cluster-interface

A graphically drawn musical cluster.

`padding` adds to the vertical extent of the shape (top and bottom).

The property `style` controls the shape of cluster segments. Valid values include `leftsided-stairs`, `rightsided-stairs`, `centered-stairs`, and `ramp`.

#### User settable properties:

`style` (symbol)

This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the `stencil` callback reading this property.

`padding` (dimension, in staff space)

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

#### Internal properties:

`columns` (array of grobs)

An array of grobs, typically containing `PaperColumn` or `NoteColumn` objects.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.26 \[ClusterSpanner\]](#), page 366.

### 3.2.22 custos-interface

A custos object. `style` can have four valid values: `mensural`, `vaticana`, `medicaea`, and `hufnagel`. `mensural` is the default style.

#### User settable properties:

`style` (symbol)

This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the `stencil` callback reading this property.

`neutral-position` (number)

Position (in half staff spaces) where to flip the direction of custos stem.

`neutral-direction` (direction)

Which direction to take in the center of the staff.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.31 \[Custos\]](#), page 371.

### 3.2.23 dot-column-interface

Group dot objects so they form a column, and position dots so they do not clash with staff lines.

#### User settable properties:

`direction` (direction)

If `side-axis` is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object.

Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

### Internal properties:

- dots** (array of grobs)  
Multiple **Dots** objects.
- positioning-done** (boolean)  
Used to signal that a positioning element did its job. This ensures that a positioning is only done once.
- note-collision** (graphical (layout) object)  
The **NoteCollision** object of a dot column.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.32 \[DotColumn\]](#), [page 372](#).

#### 3.2.24 dots-interface

The dots to go with a notehead or rest. **direction** sets the preferred direction to move in case of staff line collisions. **style** defaults to undefined, which is normal 19th/20th century traditional style. Set **style** to **vaticana** for ancient type dots.

### User settable properties:

- direction** (direction)  
If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.
- dot-count** (integer)  
The number of dots.
- style** (symbol)  
This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the **stencil** callback reading this property.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.33 \[Dots\]](#), [page 373](#).

#### 3.2.25 dynamic-interface

Any kind of loudness sign.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.37 \[DynamicLineSpanner\]](#), [page 376](#), [Section 3.1.38 \[DynamicText\]](#), [page 377](#), [Section 3.1.39 \[DynamicTextSpanner\]](#), [page 379](#) and [Section 3.1.50 \[Hairpin\]](#), [page 389](#).

#### 3.2.26 dynamic-line-spanner-interface

Dynamic line spanner.

### User settable properties:

- avoid-slur** (symbol)  
Method of handling slur collisions. Choices are **inside**, **outside**, **around**, and **ignore**. **inside** adjusts the slur if needed to keep the

grob inside the slur. **outside** moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur. **around** moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur only if there is a collision. **ignore** does not move either. In grobs whose notational significance depends on vertical position (such as accidentals, clefs, etc.), **outside** and **around** behave like **ignore**.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.37 \[DynamicLineSpanner\]](#), page 376.

### 3.2.27 dynamic-text-interface

An absolute text dynamic.

#### User settable properties:

**right-padding** (dimension, in staff space)  
Space to insert on the right side of an object (e.g., between note and its accidentals).

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.38 \[DynamicText\]](#), page 377.

### 3.2.28 dynamic-text-spanner-interface

Dynamic text spanner.

#### User settable properties:

**text** (markup)  
Text markup. See [Section “Formatting text” in Notation Reference](#).

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.39 \[DynamicTextSpanner\]](#), page 379.

### 3.2.29 enclosing-bracket-interface

Brackets alongside bass figures.

#### User settable properties:

**bracket-flare** (pair of numbers)  
A pair of numbers specifying how much edges of brackets should slant outward. Value 0.0 means straight edges.

**edge-height** (pair)  
A pair of numbers specifying the heights of the vertical edges: (**left-height** . **right-height**).

**padding** (dimension, in staff space)  
Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**shorten-pair** (pair of numbers)  
The lengths to shorten a text-spanner on both sides, for example a pedal bracket. Positive values shorten the text-spanner, while negative values lengthen it.

**thickness** (number)  
Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.

**Internal properties:****elements** (array of grobs)

An array of grobs; the type is depending on the grob where this is set in.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.16 \[BassFigure-Bracket\]](#), page 359.

**3.2.30 episema-interface**

An episema line.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.40 \[Episema\]](#), page 380.

**3.2.31 figured-bass-continuation-interface**

Simple extender line between bounds.

**User settable properties:****thickness** (number)Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.**padding** (dimension, in staff space)

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**Internal properties:****figures** (array of grobs)

Figured bass objects for continuation line.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.17 \[BassFigure-Continuation\]](#), page 359.

**3.2.32 finger-interface**

A fingering instruction.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.41 \[Fingering\]](#), page 381.

**3.2.33 flag-interface**

A flag that gets attached to a stem. The style property is symbol determining what style of flag glyph is typeset on a **Stem**. Valid options include '()' for standard flags, '**mensural**' and '**no-flag**', which switches off the flag.

**User settable properties:****style** (symbol)This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the **stencil** callback reading this property.**stroke-style** (string)Set to "**grace**" to turn stroke through flag on.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.42 \[Flag\]](#), page 383.

**3.2.34 font-interface**

Any symbol that is typeset through fixed sets of glyphs, (i.e., fonts).

**User settable properties:****font-encoding** (symbol)

The font encoding is the broadest category for selecting a font. Currently, only lilypond's system fonts (Emmentaler) are using this property. Available values are **fetaMusic** (Emmentaler), **fetaBraces**, **fetaText** (Emmentaler).

**font-family** (symbol)

The font family is the broadest category for selecting text fonts. Options include: **sans**, **roman**.

**font-name** (string)

Specifies a file name (without extension) of the font to load. This setting overrides selection using **font-family**, **font-series** and **font-shape**.

**font-series** (symbol)

Select the series of a font. Choices include **medium**, **bold**, **bold-narrow**, etc.

**font-shape** (symbol)

Select the shape of a font. Choices include **upright**, **italic**, **caps**.

**font-size** (number)

The font size, compared to the 'normal' size. 0 is style-sheet's normal size, -1 is smaller, +1 is bigger. Each step of 1 is approximately 12% larger; 6 steps are exactly a factor 2 larger. Fractional values are allowed.

**Internal properties:****font** (font metric)

A cached font metric object.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.1 \[Accidental\]](#), page 346, [Section 3.1.2 \[AccidentalCautionary\]](#), page 346, [Section 3.1.4 \[AccidentalSuggestion\]](#), page 348, [Section 3.1.6 \[AmbitusAccidental\]](#), page 350, [Section 3.1.7 \[AmbitusLine\]](#), page 351, [Section 3.1.8 \[AmbitusNoteHead\]](#), page 352, [Section 3.1.9 \[Arpeggio\]](#), page 352, [Section 3.1.10 \[BalloonTextItem\]](#), page 353, [Section 3.1.11 \[BarLine\]](#), page 354, [Section 3.1.12 \[BarNumber\]](#), page 355, [Section 3.1.13 \[BassFigure\]](#), page 357, [Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\]](#), page 360, [Section 3.1.23 \[BreathingSign\]](#), page 363, [Section 3.1.24 \[ChordName\]](#), page 364, [Section 3.1.25 \[Clef\]](#), page 365, [Section 3.1.28 \[CombineTextScript\]](#), page 367, [Section 3.1.29 \[CueClef\]](#), page 368, [Section 3.1.30 \[CueEndClef\]](#), page 370, [Section 3.1.31 \[Custos\]](#), page 371, [Section 3.1.33 \[Dots\]](#), page 373, [Section 3.1.34 \[DoublePercentRepeat\]](#), page 373, [Section 3.1.35 \[DoublePercentRepeatCounter\]](#), page 374, [Section 3.1.36 \[DoubleRepeatSlash\]](#), page 376, [Section 3.1.38 \[DynamicText\]](#), page 377, [Section 3.1.39 \[DynamicTextSpanner\]](#), page 379, [Section 3.1.40 \[Episema\]](#), page 380, [Section 3.1.41 \[Fingering\]](#), page 381, [Section 3.1.42 \[Flag\]](#), page 383, [Section 3.1.43 \[FootnoteItem\]](#), page 383, [Section 3.1.44 \[FootnoteSpanner\]](#), page 384, [Section 3.1.45 \[FretBoard\]](#), page 385, [Section 3.1.52 \[InstrumentName\]](#), page 391, [Section 3.1.53 \[InstrumentSwitch\]](#), page 392, [Section 3.1.54 \[KeyCancellation\]](#), page 393, [Section 3.1.55 \[KeySignature\]](#), page 394, [Section 3.1.62 \[LyricHyphen\]](#), page 400, [Section 3.1.64 \[LyricText\]](#), page 402, [Section 3.1.67 \[MensuralLigature\]](#), page 404, [Section 3.1.68 \[MetronomeMark\]](#), page 404, [Section 3.1.69 \[MultiMeasureRest\]](#), page 405, [Section 3.1.70 \[MultiMeasureRestNumber\]](#), page 406, [Section 3.1.71 \[MultiMeasureRestText\]](#), page 408, [Section 3.1.72 \[NonMusicalPaperColumn\]](#), page 409, [Section 3.1.75 \[NoteHead\]](#), page 411, [Section 3.1.76 \[NoteName\]](#), page 412, [Section 3.1.78 \[OctavateEight\]](#), page 412, [Section 3.1.79 \[OttavaBracket\]](#), page 413, [Section 3.1.80 \[PaperColumn\]](#), page 415, [Section 3.1.81](#)

[ParenthesesItem], page 415, Section 3.1.82 [PercentRepeat], page 416, Section 3.1.83 [PercentRepeatCounter], page 417, Section 3.1.86 [RehearsalMark], page 420, Section 3.1.90 [Rest], page 424, Section 3.1.92 [Script], page 424, Section 3.1.96 [SostenutoPedal], page 428, Section 3.1.99 [SpanBar], page 430, Section 3.1.104 [StanzaNumber], page 434, Section 3.1.108 [StringNumber], page 437, Section 3.1.109 [StrokeFinger], page 438, Section 3.1.110 [SustainPedal], page 439, Section 3.1.114 [SystemStartBrace], page 442, Section 3.1.115 [SystemStartBracket], page 443, Section 3.1.116 [SystemStartSquare], page 444, Section 3.1.117 [TabNoteHead], page 445, Section 3.1.118 [TextScript], page 446, Section 3.1.119 [TextSpanner], page 448, Section 3.1.122 [TimeSignature], page 451, Section 3.1.123 [TrillPitchAccidental], page 452, Section 3.1.124 [TrillPitchGroup], page 453, Section 3.1.125 [TrillPitchHead], page 454, Section 3.1.126 [TrillSpanner], page 454, Section 3.1.128 [TupletNumber], page 457, Section 3.1.129 [UnaCordaPedal], page 458, Section 3.1.131 [VaticanaLigature], page 460 and Section 3.1.135 [VoltaBracket], page 463.

### 3.2.35 footnote-interface

Make a footnote.

#### User settable properties:

- `automatically-numbered` (boolean)  
Should a footnote be automatically numbered?
- `footnote` (boolean)  
Should this be a footnote or in-note?
- `footnote-text` (markup)  
A footnote for the grob.

#### Internal properties:

- `numbering-assertion-function` (any type)  
The function used to assert that footnotes are receiving correct automatic numbers.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.43 \[FootnoteItem\]](#), page 383 and [Section 3.1.44 \[FootnoteSpanner\]](#), page 384.

### 3.2.36 footnote-spanner-interface

Make a footnote spanner.

#### User settable properties:

- `footnote-text` (markup)  
A footnote for the grob.

#### Internal properties:

- `spanner-placement` (direction)  
The place of an annotation on a spanner. `LEFT` is for the first spanner, and `RIGHT` is for the last. `CENTER` will place it on the broken spanner that falls closest to the center of the length of the entire spanner, although this behavior is unpredictable in situations with lots of rhythmic diversity. For predictable results, use `LEFT` and `RIGHT`.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.44 \[FootnoteSpanner\]](#), page 384.



### 3.2.37 fret-diagram-interface

A fret diagram

#### User settable properties:

**align-dir** (direction)

Which side to align? -1: left side, 0: around center of width, 1: right side.

**fret-diagram-details** (list)

An alist of detailed grob properties for fret diagrams. Each alist entry consists of a (*property . value*) pair. The properties which can be included in **fret-diagram-details** include the following:

- **barre-type** – Type of barre indication used. Choices include **curved**, **straight**, and **none**. Default **curved**.
- **capo-thickness** – Thickness of capo indicator, in multiples of fret-space. Default value 0.5.
- **dot-color** – Color of dots. Options include **black** and **white**. Default **black**.
- **dot-label-font-mag** – Magnification for font used to label fret dots. Default value 1.
- **dot-position** – Location of dot in fret space. Default 0.6 for dots without labels, 0.95-**dot-radius** for dots with labels.
- **dot-radius** – Radius of dots, in terms of fret spaces. Default value 0.425 for labeled dots, 0.25 for unlabeled dots.
- **finger-code** – Code for the type of fingering indication used. Options include **none**, **in-dot**, and **below-string**. Default **none** for markup fret diagrams, **below-string** for FretBoards fret diagrams.
- **fret-count** – The number of frets. Default 4.
- **fret-label-custom-format** – The format string to be used label the lowest fret number, when **number-type** equals to **custom**. Default **"~a"**.
- **fret-label-font-mag** – The magnification of the font used to label the lowest fret number. Default 0.5.
- **fret-label-vertical-offset** – The offset of the fret label from the center of the fret in direction parallel to strings. Default 0.
- **label-dir** – Side to which the fret label is attached. -1, **LEFT**, or **DOWN** for left or down; 1, **RIGHT**, or **UP** for right or up. Default **RIGHT**.
- **mute-string** – Character string to be used to indicate muted string. Default **"x"**.
- **number-type** – Type of numbers to use in fret label. Choices include **roman-lower**, **roman-upper**, **arabic** and **custom**. In the later case, the format string is supplied by the **fret-label-custom-format** property. Default **roman-lower**.
- **open-string** – Character string to be used to indicate open string. Default **"o"**.
- **orientation** – Orientation of fret-diagram. Options include **normal**, **landscape**, and **opposing-landscape**. Default **normal**.

- **string-count** – The number of strings. Default 6.
- **string-label-font-mag** – The magnification of the font used to label fingerings at the string, rather than in the dot. Default value 0.6 for **normal** orientation, 0.5 for **landscape** and **opposing-landscape**.
- **string-thickness-factor** – Factor for changing thickness of each string in the fret diagram. Thickness of string  $k$  is given by  $\text{thickness} * (1 + \text{string-thickness-factor}) ^ (k-1)$ . Default 0.
- **top-fret-thickness** – The thickness of the top fret line, as a multiple of the standard thickness. Default value 3.
- **xo-font-magnification** – Magnification used for mute and open string indicators. Default value 0.5.
- **xo-padding** – Padding for open and mute indicators from top fret. Default value 0.25.

**size** (number)

Size of object, relative to standard size.

**dot-placement-list** (list)

List consisting of (*description string-number fret-number finger-number*) entries used to define fret diagrams.

**thickness** (number)

Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.45 \[FretBoard\]](#), [page 385](#).

### 3.2.38 glissando-interface

A glissando.

#### Internal properties:

**glissando-index** (integer)

The index of a glissando in its note column.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.46 \[Glissando\]](#), [page 387](#).

### 3.2.39 grace-spacing-interface

Keep track of durations in a run of grace notes.

#### User settable properties:

**common-shortest-duration** (moment)

The most common shortest note length. This is used in spacing. Enlarging this sets the score tighter.

#### Internal properties:

**columns** (array of grobs)

An array of grobs, typically containing **PaperColumn** or **NoteColumn** objects.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.47 \[GraceSpacing\]](#), [page 388](#).

### 3.2.40 gregorian-ligature-interface

A gregorian ligature.

#### Internal properties:

<b>virga</b> (boolean)	Is this neume a virga?
<b>strophæ</b> (boolean)	Is this neume a strophæ?
<b>inclinatum</b> (boolean)	Is this neume an inclinatum?
<b>auctum</b> (boolean)	Is this neume liquescentically augmented?
<b>descendens</b> (boolean)	Is this neume of descendent type?
<b>ascendens</b> (boolean)	Is this neume of ascending type?
<b>oriscus</b> (boolean)	Is this neume an oriscus?
<b>quilisma</b> (boolean)	Is this neume a quilisma?
<b>deminutum</b> (boolean)	Is this neume deminished?
<b>cavum</b> (boolean)	Is this neume outlined?
<b>linea</b> (boolean)	Attach vertical lines to this neume?
<b>pes-or-flexa</b> (boolean)	Shall this neume be joined with the previous head?
<b>context-info</b> (integer)	Within a ligature, the final glyph or shape of a head may be affected by the left and/or right neighbour head. <b>context-info</b> holds for each head such information about the left and right neighbour, encoded as a bit mask.
<b>prefix-set</b> (number)	A bit mask that holds all Gregorian head prefixes, such as <code>\virga</code> or <code>\quilisma</code> .

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.75 \[NoteHead\]](#), [page 411](#).

### 3.2.41 grid-line-interface

A line that is spanned between grid-points.

#### User settable properties:

<b>thickness</b> (number)	Line thickness, generally measured in <b>line-thickness</b> .
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## Internal properties:

**elements** (array of grobs)

An array of grobs; the type is depending on the grob where this is set in.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.48 \[GridLine\]](#), [page 388](#).

### 3.2.42 grid-point-interface

A spanning point for grid lines.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.49 \[GridPoint\]](#), [page 389](#).

### 3.2.43 grob-interface

A grob represents a piece of music notation.

All grobs have an X and Y position on the page. These X and Y positions are stored in a relative format, thus they can easily be combined by stacking them, hanging one grob to the side of another, or coupling them into grouping objects.

Each grob has a reference point (a.k.a. parent): The position of a grob is stored relative to that reference point. For example, the X reference point of a staccato dot usually is the note head that it applies to. When the note head is moved, the staccato dot moves along automatically.

A grob is often associated with a symbol, but some grobs do not print any symbols. They take care of grouping objects. For example, there is a separate grob that stacks staves vertically. The [Section 3.1.73 \[NoteCollision\]](#), [page 410](#) object is also an abstract grob: It only moves around chords, but doesn't print anything.

Grobs have properties (Scheme variables) that can be read and set. Two types of them exist: immutable and mutable. Immutable variables define the default style and behavior. They are shared between many objects. They can be changed using `\override` and `\revert`. Mutable properties are variables that are specific to one grob. Typically, lists of other objects, or results from computations are stored in mutable properties. In particular, every call to `ly:grob-set-property!` (or its C++ equivalent) sets a mutable property.

The properties `after-line-breaking` and `before-line-breaking` are dummies that are not user-serviceable.

## User settable properties:

**X-extent** (pair of numbers)

Hard coded extent in X direction.

**X-offset** (number)

The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers)

Hard coded extent in Y direction.

**Y-offset** (number)

The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

**after-line-breaking** (boolean)

Dummy property, used to trigger callback for `after-line-breaking`.

**avoid-slur** (symbol)

Method of handling slur collisions. Choices are `inside`, `outside`, `around`, and `ignore`. `inside` adjusts the slur if needed to keep the

grob inside the slur. **outside** moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur. **around** moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur only if there is a collision. **ignore** does not move either. In grobs whose notational significance depends on vertical position (such as accidentals, clefs, etc.), **outside** and **around** behave like **ignore**.

**before-line-breaking** (boolean)

Dummy property, used to trigger a callback function.

**color** (color)

The color of this grob.

**id** (string)

An id string for the grob. Depending on the typesetting backend being used, this id will be assigned to a group containing all of the stencils that comprise a given grob. For example, in the svg backend, the string will be assigned to the **id** attribute of a group (<g>) that encloses the stencils that comprise the grob. In the Postscript backend, as there is no way to group items, the setting of the id property will have no effect.

**extra-X-extent** (pair of numbers)

A grob is enlarged in X dimension by this much.

**extra-Y-extent** (pair of numbers)

A grob is enlarged in Y dimension by this much.

**extra-offset** (pair of numbers)

A pair representing an offset. This offset is added just before outputting the symbol, so the typesetting engine is completely oblivious to it. The values are measured in **staff-space** units of the staff's **StaffSymbol**.

**footnote-music** (music)

Music creating a footnote.

**forced-spacing** (number)

Spacing forced between grobs, used in various ligature engravers.

**layer** (integer)

An integer which determines the order of printing objects. Objects with the lowest value of layer are drawn first, then objects with progressively higher values are drawn, so objects with higher values overwrite objects with lower values. By default most objects are assigned a layer value of 1.

**minimum-X-extent** (pair of numbers)

Minimum size of an object in X dimension, measured in **staff-space** units.

**minimum-Y-extent** (pair of numbers)

Minimum size of an object in Y dimension, measured in **staff-space** units.

**outside-staff-horizontal-padding** (number)

By default, an outside-staff-object can be placed so that it is very close to another grob horizontally. If this property is set, the outside-staff-object is raised so that it is not so close to its neighbor.

**outside-staff-padding** (number)

The padding to place between this grob and the staff when spacing according to **outside-staff-priority**.

**outside-staff-priority** (number)

If set, the grob is positioned outside the staff in such a way as to avoid all collisions. In case of a potential collision, the grob with the smaller **outside-staff-priority** is closer to the staff.

**rotation** (list)

Number of degrees to rotate this object, and what point to rotate around. For example, '(45 0 0) rotates by 45 degrees around the center of this object.

**springs-and-rods** (boolean)

Dummy variable for triggering spacing routines.

**stencil** (stencil)

The symbol to print.

**transparent** (boolean)

This makes the grob invisible.

**whiteout** (boolean)

If true, the grob is printed over a white background to white-out underlying material, if the grob is visible. Usually #f by default.

## Internal properties:

**axis-group-parent-X** (graphical (layout) object)

Containing X axis group.

**axis-group-parent-Y** (graphical (layout) object)

Containing Y axis group.

**cause** (any type)

Any kind of causation objects (i.e., music, or perhaps translator) that was the cause for this grob.

**cross-staff** (boolean)

For a beam or a stem, this is true if we depend on inter-staff spacing.

**interfaces** (list)

A list of symbols indicating the interfaces supported by this object. It is initialized from the **meta** field.

**meta** (list) Provide meta information. It is an alist with the entries **name** and **interfaces**.

**pure-Y-offset-in-progress** (boolean)

A debugging aid for catching cyclic dependencies.

**staff-symbol** (graphical (layout) object)

The staff symbol grob that we are in.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.1 \[Accidental\]](#), page 346, [Section 3.1.2 \[AccidentalCautionary\]](#), page 346, [Section 3.1.3 \[AccidentalPlacement\]](#), page 347, [Section 3.1.4 \[AccidentalSuggestion\]](#), page 348, [Section 3.1.5 \[Ambitus\]](#), page 349, [Section 3.1.6 \[AmbitusAccidental\]](#), page 350, [Section 3.1.7 \[AmbitusLine\]](#), page 351, [Section 3.1.8 \[AmbitusNoteHead\]](#), page 352, [Section 3.1.9 \[Arpeggio\]](#), page 352, [Section 3.1.10 \[BalloonTextItem\]](#), page 353, [Section 3.1.11 \[BarLine\]](#), page 354, [Section 3.1.12 \[BarNumber\]](#), page 355, [Section 3.1.13 \[BassFigure\]](#), page 357, [Section 3.1.14 \[BassFigureAlignment\]](#), page 357, [Section 3.1.15 \[BassFigureAlignmentPositioning\]](#), page 358, [Section 3.1.16 \[BassFigureBracket\]](#), page 359, [Section 3.1.17 \[BassFigureContinuation\]](#), page 359, [Section 3.1.18](#)

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### 3.2.44 hairpin-interface

A hairpin crescendo or decrescendo.

#### User settable properties:

- `circled-tip` (boolean)  
Put a circle at start/end of hairpins (al/del niente).
- `broken-bound-padding` (number)  
The amount of padding to insert when a spanner is broken at a line break.
- `bound-padding` (number)  
The amount of padding to insert around spanner bounds.
- `grow-direction` (direction)  
Crescendo or decrescendo?
- `height` (dimension, in staff space)  
Height of an object in `staff-space` units.

#### Internal properties:

- `adjacent-spanners` (array of grobs)  
An array of directly neighboring dynamic spanners.
- `concurrent-hairpins` (array of grobs)  
All concurrent hairpins.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): Section 3.1.50 [Hairpin], page 389.

### 3.2.45 hara-kiri-group-spanner-interface

A group spanner that keeps track of interesting items. If it doesn't contain any after line breaking, it removes itself and all its children.

#### User settable properties:

- `remove-empty` (boolean)  
If set, remove group if it contains no interesting items.
- `remove-first` (boolean)  
Remove the first staff of an orchestral score?

#### Internal properties:

- `items-worth-living` (array of grobs)  
An array of interesting items. If empty in a particular staff, then that staff is erased.
- `important-column-ranks` (vector)  
A cache of columns that contain `items-worth-living` data.



**keep-alive-with** (array of grobs)

An array of other **VerticalAxisGroups**. If any of them are alive, then we will stay alive.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\]](#), page 461.

### 3.2.46 horizontal-bracket-interface

A horizontal bracket encompassing notes.

#### User settable properties:

**bracket-flare** (pair of numbers)

A pair of numbers specifying how much edges of brackets should slant outward. Value 0.0 means straight edges.

**edge-height** (pair)

A pair of numbers specifying the heights of the vertical edges: (*left-height* . *right-height*).

**shorten-pair** (pair of numbers)

The lengths to shorten a text-spanner on both sides, for example a pedal bracket. Positive values shorten the text-spanner, while negative values lengthen it.

**connect-to-neighbor** (pair)

Pair of booleans, indicating whether this grob looks as a continued break.

#### Internal properties:

**columns** (array of grobs)

An array of grobs, typically containing **PaperColumn** or **NoteColumn** objects.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.51 \[HorizontalBracket\]](#), page 390, [Section 3.1.79 \[OttavaBracket\]](#), page 413 and [Section 3.1.135 \[VoltaBracket\]](#), page 463.

### 3.2.47 inline-accidental-interface

An inlined accidental (i.e. normal accidentals, cautionary accidentals).

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.1 \[Accidental\]](#), page 346, [Section 3.1.2 \[AccidentalCautionary\]](#), page 346 and [Section 3.1.123 \[TrillPitchAccidental\]](#), page 452.

### 3.2.48 instrument-specific-markup-interface

Instrument-specific markup (like fret boards or harp pedal diagrams).

#### User settable properties:

**fret-diagram-details** (list)

An alist of detailed grob properties for fret diagrams. Each alist entry consists of a (*property* . *value*) pair. The properties which can be included in **fret-diagram-details** include the following:

- **barre-type** – Type of barre indication used. Choices include *curved*, *straight*, and *none*. Default *curved*.

- **capo-thickness** – Thickness of capo indicator, in multiples of fret-space. Default value 0.5.
- **dot-color** – Color of dots. Options include **black** and **white**. Default **black**.
- **dot-label-font-mag** – Magnification for font used to label fret dots. Default value 1.
- **dot-position** – Location of dot in fret space. Default 0.6 for dots without labels, 0.95-**dot-radius** for dots with labels.
- **dot-radius** – Radius of dots, in terms of fret spaces. Default value 0.425 for labeled dots, 0.25 for unlabeled dots.
- **finger-code** – Code for the type of fingering indication used. Options include **none**, **in-dot**, and **below-string**. Default **none** for markup fret diagrams, **below-string** for FretBoards fret diagrams.
- **fret-count** – The number of frets. Default 4.
- **fret-label-custom-format** – The format string to be used label the lowest fret number, when **number-type** equals to **custom**. Default **"~a"**.
- **fret-label-font-mag** – The magnification of the font used to label the lowest fret number. Default 0.5.
- **fret-label-vertical-offset** – The offset of the fret label from the center of the fret in direction parallel to strings. Default 0.
- **label-dir** – Side to which the fret label is attached. **-1**, **LEFT**, or **DOWN** for left or down; **1**, **RIGHT**, or **UP** for right or up. Default **RIGHT**.
- **mute-string** – Character string to be used to indicate muted string. Default **"x"**.
- **number-type** – Type of numbers to use in fret label. Choices include **roman-lower**, **roman-upper**, **arabic** and **custom**. In the later case, the format string is supplied by the **fret-label-custom-format** property. Default **roman-lower**.
- **open-string** – Character string to be used to indicate open string. Default **"o"**.
- **orientation** – Orientation of fret-diagram. Options include **normal**, **landscape**, and **opposing-landscape**. Default **normal**.
- **string-count** – The number of strings. Default 6.
- **string-label-font-mag** – The magnification of the font used to label fingerings at the string, rather than in the dot. Default value 0.6 for **normal** orientation, 0.5 for **landscape** and **opposing-landscape**.
- **string-thickness-factor** – Factor for changing thickness of each string in the fret diagram. Thickness of string  $k$  is given by  $\text{thickness} * (1 + \text{string-thickness-factor}) ^ (k-1)$ . Default 0.
- **top-fret-thickness** – The thickness of the top fret line, as a multiple of the standard thickness. Default value 3.
- **xo-font-magnification** – Magnification used for mute and open string indicators. Default value 0.5.

- **xo-padding** – Padding for open and mute indicators from top fret. Default value 0.25.

**graphical** (boolean)

Display in graphical (vs. text) form.

**harp-pedal-details** (list)

An alist of detailed grob properties for harp pedal diagrams. Each alist entry consists of a (**property** . **value**) pair. The properties which can be included in harp-pedal-details include the following:

- **box-offset** – Vertical shift of the center of flat/sharp pedal boxes above/below the horizontal line. Default value 0.8.
- **box-width** – Width of each pedal box. Default value 0.4.
- **box-height** – Height of each pedal box. Default value 1.0.
- **space-before-divider** – Space between boxes before the first divider (so that the diagram can be made symmetric). Default value 0.8.
- **space-after-divider** – Space between boxes after the first divider. Default value 0.8.
- **circle-thickness** – Thickness (in unit of the line-thickness) of the ellipse around circled pedals. Default value 0.5.
- **circle-x-padding** – Padding in X direction of the ellipse around circled pedals. Default value 0.15.
- **circle-y-padding** – Padding in Y direction of the ellipse around circled pedals. Default value 0.2.

**size** (number)

Size of object, relative to standard size.

**thickness** (number)

Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.118 \[TextScript\]](#), [page 446](#).

### 3.2.49 item-interface

Grobs can be distinguished in their role in the horizontal spacing. Many grobs define constraints on the spacing by their sizes, for example, note heads, clefs, stems, and all other symbols with a fixed shape. These grobs form a subtype called **Item**.

Some items need special treatment for line breaking. For example, a clef is normally only printed at the start of a line (i.e., after a line break). To model this, ‘breakable’ items (clef, key signature, bar lines, etc.) are copied twice. Then we have three versions of each breakable item: one version if there is no line break, one version that is printed before the line break (at the end of a system), and one version that is printed after the line break.

Whether these versions are visible and take up space is determined by the outcome of the **break-visibility** grob property, which is a function taking a direction (-1, 0 or 1) as an argument. It returns a cons of booleans, signifying whether this grob should be transparent and have no extent.

The following variables for **break-visibility** are predefined:

grob will show:	before	no	after
	break	break	break
	no	no	no
all-invisible			

<code>begin-of-line-visible</code>	<code>no</code>	<code>no</code>	<code>yes</code>
<code>end-of-line-visible</code>	<code>yes</code>	<code>no</code>	<code>no</code>
<code>all-visible</code>	<code>yes</code>	<code>yes</code>	<code>yes</code>
<code>begin-of-line-invisible</code>	<code>yes</code>	<code>yes</code>	<code>no</code>
<code>end-of-line-invisible</code>	<code>no</code>	<code>yes</code>	<code>yes</code>
<code>center-invisible</code>	<code>yes</code>	<code>no</code>	<code>yes</code>

## User settable properties:

### `break-visibility` (vector)

A vector of 3 booleans, `#{end-of-line unbroken begin-of-line}`. `#t` means visible, `#f` means killed.

### `extra-spacing-height` (pair of numbers)

In the horizontal spacing problem, we increase the height of each item by this amount (by adding the ‘car’ to the bottom of the item and adding the ‘cdr’ to the top of the item). In order to make a grob infinitely high (to prevent the horizontal spacing problem from placing any other grobs above or below this grob), set this to `(-inf.0 . +inf.0)`.

### `extra-spacing-width` (pair of numbers)

In the horizontal spacing problem, we pad each item by this amount (by adding the ‘car’ on the left side of the item and adding the ‘cdr’ on the right side of the item). In order to make a grob take up no horizontal space at all, set this to `(+inf.0 . -inf.0)`.

### `non-musical` (boolean)

True if the grob belongs to a `NonMusicalPaperColumn`.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): Section 3.1.1 [Accidental], page 346, Section 3.1.2 [AccidentalCautionary], page 346, Section 3.1.3 [AccidentalPlacement], page 347, Section 3.1.4 [AccidentalSuggestion], page 348, Section 3.1.5 [Ambitus], page 349, Section 3.1.6 [AmbitusAccidental], page 350, Section 3.1.7 [AmbitusLine], page 351, Section 3.1.8 [AmbitusNoteHead], page 352, Section 3.1.9 [Arpeggio], page 352, Section 3.1.10 [BalloonTextItem], page 353, Section 3.1.11 [BarLine], page 354, Section 3.1.12 [BarNumber], page 355, Section 3.1.13 [BassFigure], page 357, Section 3.1.16 [BassFigureBracket], page 359, Section 3.1.21 [BreakAlignGroup], page 362, Section 3.1.22 [BreakAlignment], page 362, Section 3.1.23 [BreathingSign], page 363, Section 3.1.24 [ChordName], page 364, Section 3.1.25 [Clef], page 365, Section 3.1.27 [ClusterSpannerBeacon], page 367, Section 3.1.28 [CombineTextScript], page 367, Section 3.1.29 [CueClef], page 368, Section 3.1.30 [CueEndClef], page 370, Section 3.1.31 [Custos], page 371, Section 3.1.32 [DotColumn], page 372, Section 3.1.33 [Dots], page 373, Section 3.1.34 [DoublePercentRepeat], page 373, Section 3.1.35 [DoublePercentRepeatCounter], page 374, Section 3.1.36 [DoubleRepeatSlash], page 376, Section 3.1.38 [DynamicText], page 377, Section 3.1.41 [Fingering], page 381, Section 3.1.42 [Flag], page 383, Section 3.1.43 [FootnoteItem], page 383, Section 3.1.45 [FretBoard], page 385, Section 3.1.48 [GridLine], page 388, Section 3.1.49 [GridPoint], page 389, Section 3.1.53 [InstrumentSwitch], page 392, Section 3.1.54 [KeyCancellation], page 393, Section 3.1.55 [KeySignature], page 394, Section 3.1.56 [LaissezVibrerTie], page 396, Section 3.1.57 [LaissezVibrerTieColumn], page 397, Section 3.1.59 [LeftEdge], page 398, Section 3.1.64 [LyricText], page 402, Section 3.1.66 [MelodyItem], page 403, Section 3.1.68 [MetronomeMark], page 404, Section 3.1.72 [NonMusicalPaperColumn], page 409, Section 3.1.73 [NoteCollision], page 410, Section 3.1.74 [NoteColumn], page 410, Section 3.1.75 [NoteHead], page 411, Section 3.1.76 [NoteName], page 412, Section 3.1.77 [NoteSpacing], page 412, Section 3.1.78 [OctavateEight], page 412, Section 3.1.80 [PaperColumn], page 415, Section 3.1.81 [ParenthesesItem], page 415, Section 3.1.86 [RehearsalMark], page 420, Section 3.1.87 [RepeatSlash], page 422, Section 3.1.88

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### 3.2.50 key-cancellation-interface

A key cancellation.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): Section 3.1.54 [KeyCancellation], page 393.

### 3.2.51 key-signature-interface

A group of accidentals, to be printed as signature sign.

#### User settable properties:

- `alteration-alist` (list)  
List of (*pitch* . *accidental*) pairs for key signature.
- `c0-position` (integer)  
An integer indicating the position of middle C.
- `glyph-name-alist` (list)  
An alist of key-string pairs.
- `padding` (dimension, in staff space)  
Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.
- `padding-pairs` (list)  
An alist mapping (*name* . *name*) to distances.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): Section 3.1.54 [KeyCancellation], page 393 and Section 3.1.55 [KeySignature], page 394.

### 3.2.52 ledger-line-spanner-interface

This spanner draws the ledger lines of a staff. This is a separate grob because it has to process all potential collisions between all note heads.

#### User settable properties:

- `gap` (dimension, in staff space)  
Size of a gap in a variable symbol.
- `length-fraction` (number)  
Multiplier for lengths. Used for determining ledger lines and stem lengths.
- `minimum-length-fraction` (number)  
Minimum length of ledger line as fraction of note head size.
- `thickness` (number)  
Line thickness, generally measured in `line-thickness`.

**Internal properties:**

**note-heads** (array of grobs)  
An array of note head grobs.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.58 \[LedgerLineSpanner\]](#), page 397.

**3.2.53 ledgered-interface**

Objects that need ledger lines, typically note heads. See also [Section 3.2.52 \[ledger-line-spanner-interface\]](#), page 496.

**User settable properties:**

**no-ledgers** (boolean)  
If set, don't draw ledger lines on this object.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.8 \[AmbitusNoteHead\]](#), page 352, [Section 3.1.75 \[NoteHead\]](#), page 411 and [Section 3.1.125 \[TrillPitchHead\]](#), page 454.

**3.2.54 ligature-bracket-interface**

A bracket indicating a ligature in the original edition.

**User settable properties:**

**width** (dimension, in staff space)  
The width of a grob measured in staff space.

**thickness** (number)  
Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.

**height** (dimension, in staff space)  
Height of an object in **staff-space** units.

This grob interface is not used in any graphical object.

**3.2.55 ligature-head-interface**

A note head that can become part of a ligature.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.75 \[NoteHead\]](#), page 411.

**3.2.56 ligature-interface**

A ligature.

This grob interface is not used in any graphical object.

**3.2.57 line-interface**

Generic line objects. Any object using lines supports this. The property **style** can be **line**, **dashed-line**, **trill**, **dotted-line**, **zigzag** or **none** (a transparent line).

For **dashed-line**, the length of the dashes is tuned with **dash-fraction**. If the latter is set to 0, a dotted line is produced.

**User settable properties:**

- arrow-length** (number)  
Arrow length.
- arrow-width** (number)  
Arrow width.
- dash-fraction** (number)  
Size of the dashes, relative to **dash-period**. Should be between 0.0 (no line) and 1.0 (continuous line).
- dash-period** (number)  
The length of one dash together with whitespace. If negative, no line is drawn at all.
- style** (symbol)  
This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the **stencil** callback reading this property.
- thickness** (number)  
Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.
- zigzag-length** (dimension, in staff space)  
The length of the lines of a zigzag, relative to **zigzag-width**. A value of 1 gives 60-degree zigzags.
- zigzag-width** (dimension, in staff space)  
The width of one zigzag squiggle. This number is adjusted slightly so that the glissando line can be constructed from a whole number of squiggles.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.39 \[DynamicTextSpanner\]](#), page 379, [Section 3.1.40 \[Episema\]](#), page 380, [Section 3.1.46 \[Glissando\]](#), page 387, [Section 3.1.50 \[Hairpin\]](#), page 389, [Section 3.1.51 \[HorizontalBracket\]](#), page 390, [Section 3.1.60 \[LigatureBracket\]](#), page 398, [Section 3.1.79 \[OttavaBracket\]](#), page 413, [Section 3.1.85 \[PianoPedalBracket\]](#), page 419, [Section 3.1.119 \[TextSpanner\]](#), page 448, [Section 3.1.126 \[TrillSpanner\]](#), page 454, [Section 3.1.127 \[TupletBracket\]](#), page 456, [Section 3.1.134 \[VoiceFollower\]](#), page 462 and [Section 3.1.135 \[VoltaBracket\]](#), page 463.

**3.2.58 line-spanner-interface**

Generic line drawn between two objects, e.g., for use with glissandi.

**User settable properties:**

- bound-details** (list)  
An alist of properties for determining attachments of spanners to edges.
- extra-dy** (number)  
Slope glissandi this much extra.
- gap** (dimension, in staff space)  
Size of a gap in a variable symbol.
- left-bound-info** (list)  
An alist of properties for determining attachments of spanners to edges.
- right-bound-info** (list)  
An alist of properties for determining attachments of spanners to edges.

- `simple-Y` (boolean)  
Should the Y placement of a spanner disregard changes in system heights?
- `thickness` (number)  
Line thickness, generally measured in `line-thickness`.
- `to-barline` (boolean)  
If true, the spanner will stop at the bar line just before it would otherwise stop.

### Internal properties:

- `note-columns` (array of grobs)  
An array of `NoteColumn` grobs.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.39 \[DynamicTextSpanner\]](#), page 379, [Section 3.1.40 \[Episema\]](#), page 380, [Section 3.1.46 \[Glissando\]](#), page 387, [Section 3.1.119 \[TextSpanner\]](#), page 448, [Section 3.1.126 \[TrillSpanner\]](#), page 454 and [Section 3.1.134 \[VoiceFollower\]](#), page 462.

### 3.2.59 lyric-extender-interface

The extender is a simple line at the baseline of the lyric that helps show the length of a melisma (a tied or slurred note).

### User settable properties:

- `left-padding` (dimension, in staff space)  
The amount of space that is put left to an object (e.g., a lyric extender).
- `next` (graphical (layout) object)  
Object that is next relation (e.g., the lyric syllable following an extender).
- `right-padding` (dimension, in staff space)  
Space to insert on the right side of an object (e.g., between note and its accidentals).
- `thickness` (number)  
Line thickness, generally measured in `line-thickness`.

### Internal properties:

- `heads` (array of grobs)  
An array of note heads.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.61 \[LyricExtender\]](#), page 400.

### 3.2.60 lyric-hyphen-interface

A centered hyphen is simply a line between lyrics used to divide syllables.

### User settable properties:

- `dash-period` (number)  
The length of one dash together with whitespace. If negative, no line is drawn at all.



**height** (dimension, in staff space)

Height of an object in **staff-space** units.

**length** (dimension, in staff space)

User override for the stem length of unbeamed stems.

**minimum-distance** (dimension, in staff space)

Minimum distance between rest and notes or beam.

**minimum-length** (dimension, in staff space)

Try to make a spanner at least this long, normally in the horizontal direction. This requires an appropriate callback for the **springs-and-rods** property. If added to a **Tie**, this sets the minimum distance between noteheads.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space)

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**thickness** (number)

Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.62 \[LyricHyphen\]](#), page 400 and [Section 3.1.63 \[LyricSpace\]](#), page 401.

### 3.2.61 lyric-interface

Any object that is related to lyrics.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.61 \[LyricExtender\]](#), page 400 and [Section 3.1.62 \[LyricHyphen\]](#), page 400.

### 3.2.62 lyric-syllable-interface

A single piece of lyrics.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.64 \[LyricText\]](#), page 402.

### 3.2.63 mark-interface

A rehearsal mark.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.86 \[RehearsalMark\]](#), page 420.

### 3.2.64 measure-grouping-interface

This object indicates groups of beats. Valid choices for **style** are **bracket** and **triangle**.

#### User settable properties:

**thickness** (number)

Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.

**style** (symbol)

This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the **stencil** callback reading this property.

**height** (dimension, in staff space)

Height of an object in **staff-space** units.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.65 \[Measure-Grouping\]](#), page 403.

### 3.2.65 melody-spanner-interface

Context dependent typesetting decisions.

#### User settable properties:

`neutral-direction` (direction)

Which direction to take in the center of the staff.

#### Internal properties:

`stems` (array of grobs)

An array of stem objects.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.66 \[MelodyItem\]](#), [page 403](#).

### 3.2.66 mensural-ligature-interface

A mensural ligature.

#### User settable properties:

`thickness` (number)

Line thickness, generally measured in `line-thickness`.

#### Internal properties:

`delta-position` (number)

The vertical position difference.

`ligature-flexa` (boolean)

request joining note to the previous one in a flexa.

`head-width` (dimension, in staff space)

The width of this ligature head.

`add-join` (boolean)

Is this ligature head-joined with the next one by a vertical line?

`flexa-interval` (integer)

The interval spanned by the two notes of a flexa shape (1 is a second, 7 is an octave).

`primitive` (integer)

A pointer to a ligature primitive, i.e., an item similar to a note head that is part of a ligature.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.67 \[MensuralLigature\]](#), [page 404](#) and [Section 3.1.75 \[NoteHead\]](#), [page 411](#).

### 3.2.67 metronome-mark-interface

A metronome mark.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.68 \[MetronomeMark\]](#), [page 404](#).

### 3.2.68 multi-measure-interface

Multi measure rest, and the text or number that is printed over it.

**User settable properties:****bound-padding** (number)

The amount of padding to insert around spanner bounds.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.69 \[MultiMeasureRest\]](#), page 405, [Section 3.1.70 \[MultiMeasureRestNumber\]](#), page 406 and [Section 3.1.71 \[MultiMeasureRestText\]](#), page 408.

**3.2.69 multi-measure-rest-interface**

A rest that spans a whole number of measures.

**User settable properties:****bound-padding** (number)

The amount of padding to insert around spanner bounds.

**expand-limit** (integer)

Maximum number of measures expanded in church rests.

**hair-thickness** (number)

Thickness of the thin line in a bar line.

**measure-count** (integer)

The number of measures for a multi-measure rest.

**minimum-length** (dimension, in staff space)

Try to make a spanner at least this long, normally in the horizontal direction. This requires an appropriate callback for the **springs-and-rods** property. If added to a **Tie**, this sets the minimum distance between noteheads.

**round-up-exceptions** (list)

A list of pairs where car is the numerator and cdr the denominator of a moment. Each pair in this list means that the multi-measure rests of the corresponding length will be rounded up to the longer rest. See *round-up-to-longer-rest*.

**round-up-to-longer-rest** (boolean)

Displays the longer multi-measure rest when the length of a measure is between two values of **usable-duration-logs**. For example, displays a breve instead of a whole in a 3/2 measure.

**spacing-pair** (pair)

A pair of alignment symbols which set an object's spacing relative to its left and right **BreakAlignments**.

For example, a **MultiMeasureRest** will ignore prefatory items at its bounds (i.e., clefs, key signatures and time signatures) using the following override:

```
\override MultiMeasureRest
  #'spacing-pair = #'(staff-bar . staff-bar)
```

**thick-thickness** (number)Bar line thickness, measured in **line-thickness**.**usable-duration-logs** (list)List of **duration-logs** that can be used in typesetting the grob.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.69 \[MultiMeasureRest\]](#), page 405 and [Section 3.1.82 \[PercentRepeat\]](#), page 416.

### 3.2.70 note-collision-interface

An object that handles collisions between notes with different stem directions and horizontal shifts. Most of the interesting properties are to be set in [Section 3.2.71 \[note-column-interface\]](#), [page 503](#): these are `force-hshift` and `horizontal-shift`.

#### User settable properties:

`merge-differently-dotted` (boolean)

Merge note heads in collisions, even if they have a different number of dots. This is normal notation for some types of polyphonic music.

`merge-differently-dotted` only applies to opposing stem directions (i.e., voice 1 & 2).

`merge-differently-headed` (boolean)

Merge note heads in collisions, even if they have different note heads. The smaller of the two heads is rendered invisible. This is used in polyphonic guitar notation. The value of this setting is used by [Section “note-collision-interface” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

`merge-differently-headed` only applies to opposing stem directions (i.e., voice 1 & 2).

`prefer-dotted-right` (boolean)

For note collisions, prefer to shift dotted up-note to the right, rather than shifting just the dot.

#### Internal properties:

`positioning-done` (boolean)

Used to signal that a positioning element did its job. This ensures that a positioning is only done once.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.73 \[NoteCollision\]](#), [page 410](#).

### 3.2.71 note-column-interface

Stem and noteheads combined.

#### User settable properties:

`force-hshift` (number)

This specifies a manual shift for notes in collisions. The unit is the note head width of the first voice note. This is used by [Section “note-collision-interface” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

`horizontal-shift` (integer)

An integer that identifies ranking of `NoteColumns` for horizontal shifting. This is used by [Section “note-collision-interface” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

`ignore-collision` (boolean)

If set, don't do note collision resolution on this `NoteColumn`.

#### Internal properties:

`arpeggio` (graphical (layout) object)

A pointer to an `Arpeggio` object.

`note-heads` (array of grobs)

An array of note head grobs.

**rest** (graphical (layout) object)  
A pointer to a **Rest** object.

**rest-collision** (graphical (layout) object)  
A rest collision that a rest is in.

**stem** (graphical (layout) object)  
A pointer to a **Stem** object.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.74 \[NoteColumn\]](#), [page 410](#).

### 3.2.72 note-head-interface

A note head. There are many possible values for **style**. For a complete list, see [Section “Note head styles” in \*Notation Reference\*](#).

#### User settable properties:

**note-names** (vector)  
Vector of strings containing names for easy-notation note heads.

**glyph-name** (string)  
The glyph name within the font.

**stem-attachment** (pair of numbers)  
An (*x* . *y*) pair where the stem attaches to the notehead.

**style** (symbol)  
This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the **stencil** callback reading this property.

#### Internal properties:

**accidental-grob** (graphical (layout) object)  
The accidental for this note.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.8 \[AmbitusNoteHead\]](#), [page 352](#), [Section 3.1.75 \[NoteHead\]](#), [page 411](#), [Section 3.1.117 \[TabNoteHead\]](#), [page 445](#) and [Section 3.1.124 \[TrillPitchGroup\]](#), [page 453](#).

### 3.2.73 note-name-interface

Note names.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.76 \[NoteName\]](#), [page 412](#).

### 3.2.74 note-spacing-interface

This object calculates spacing wishes for individual voices.

#### User settable properties:

**knee-spacing-correction** (number)  
Factor for the optical correction amount for kneed beams. Set between 0 for no correction and 1 for full correction.

**same-direction-correction** (number)  
Optical correction amount for stems that are placed in tight configurations. This amount is used for stems with the same direction to compensate for note head to stem distance.

**stem-spacing-correction** (number)

Optical correction amount for stems that are placed in tight configurations. For opposite directions, this amount is the correction for two normal sized stems that overlap completely.

**space-to-barline** (boolean)

If set, the distance between a note and the following non-musical column will be measured to the bar line instead of to the beginning of the non-musical column. If there is a clef change followed by a bar line, for example, this means that we will try to space the non-musical column as though the clef is not there.

### Internal properties:

**left-items** (array of grobs)

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**right-items** (array of grobs)

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This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.77 \[NoteSpacing\]](#), [page 412](#).

### 3.2.75 only-prebreak-interface

Kill this grob after the line breaking process.

This grob interface is not used in any graphical object.

### 3.2.76 ottava-bracket-interface

An ottava bracket.

### User settable properties:

**edge-height** (pair)

A pair of numbers specifying the heights of the vertical edges: (*left-height* . *right-height*).

**bracket-flare** (pair of numbers)

A pair of numbers specifying how much edges of brackets should slant outward. Value 0.0 means straight edges.

**shorten-pair** (pair of numbers)

The lengths to shorten a text-spanner on both sides, for example a pedal bracket. Positive values shorten the text-spanner, while negative values lengthen it.

**minimum-length** (dimension, in staff space)

Try to make a spanner at least this long, normally in the horizontal direction. This requires an appropriate callback for the **springs-and-rods** property. If added to a **Tie**, this sets the minimum distance between noteheads.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.79 \[OttavaBracket\]](#), [page 413](#).

### 3.2.77 paper-column-interface

`Paper_column` objects form the top-most X parents for items. There are two types of columns: musical and non-musical, to which musical and non-musical objects are attached respectively. The spacing engine determines the X positions of these objects.

They are numbered, the first (leftmost) is column 0. Numbering happens before line breaking, and columns are not renumbered after line breaking. Since many columns go unused, you should only use the rank field to get ordering information. Two adjacent columns may have non-adjacent numbers.

#### User settable properties:

`between-cols` (pair)

Where to attach a loose column to.

`full-measure-extra-space` (number)

Extra space that is allocated at the beginning of a measure with only one note. This property is read from the `NonMusicalPaperColumn` that begins the measure.

`labels` (list)

List of labels (symbols) placed on a column.

`line-break-system-details` (list)

An alist of properties to use if this column is the start of a system.

`line-break-penalty` (number)

Penalty for a line break at this column. This affects the choices of the line breaker; it avoids a line break at a column with a positive penalty and prefers a line break at a column with a negative penalty.

`line-break-permission` (symbol)

Instructs the line breaker on whether to put a line break at this column. Can be `force` or `allow`.

`page-break-penalty` (number)

Penalty for page break at this column. This affects the choices of the page breaker; it avoids a page break at a column with a positive penalty and prefers a page break at a column with a negative penalty.

`page-break-permission` (symbol)

Instructs the page breaker on whether to put a page break at this column. Can be `force` or `allow`.

`page-turn-penalty` (number)

Penalty for a page turn at this column. This affects the choices of the page breaker; it avoids a page turn at a column with a positive penalty and prefers a page turn at a column with a negative penalty.

`page-turn-permission` (symbol)

Instructs the page breaker on whether to put a page turn at this column. Can be `force` or `allow`.

`rhythmic-location` (rhythmic location)

Where (bar number, measure position) in the score.

`shortest-playing-duration` (moment)

The duration of the shortest note playing here.

**shortest-starter-duration** (moment)

The duration of the shortest note that starts here.

**used** (boolean)

If set, this spacing column is kept in the spacing problem.

**when** (moment)

Global time step associated with this column happen?

### Internal properties:

**bounded-by-me** (array of grobs)

An array of spanners that have this column as start/begin point. Only columns that have grobs or act as bounds are spaced.

**grace-spacing** (graphical (layout) object)

A run of grace notes.

**maybe-loose** (boolean)

Used to mark a breakable column that is loose if and only if it is in the middle of a line.

**spacing** (graphical (layout) object)

The spacing spanner governing this section.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.72 \[NonMusical-PaperColumn\]](#), page 409 and [Section 3.1.80 \[PaperColumn\]](#), page 415.

### 3.2.78 parentheses-interface

Parentheses for other objects.

### User settable properties:

**padding** (dimension, in staff space)

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**stencils** (list)

Multiple stencils, used as intermediate value.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.81 \[ParenthesesItem\]](#), page 415 and [Section 3.1.124 \[TrillPitchGroup\]](#), page 453.

### 3.2.79 percent-repeat-interface

Beat, Double and single measure repeats.

### User settable properties:

**dot-negative-kern** (number)

The space to remove between a dot and a slash in percent repeat glyphs. Larger values bring the two elements closer together.

**slash-negative-kern** (number)

The space to remove between slashes in percent repeat glyphs. Larger values bring the two elements closer together.

**slope** (number)

The slope of this object.

**thickness** (number)

Line thickness, generally measured in `line-thickness`.



This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.34 \[DoublePercentRepeat\]](#), page 373, [Section 3.1.35 \[DoublePercentRepeatCounter\]](#), page 374, [Section 3.1.36 \[DoubleRepeatSlash\]](#), page 376, [Section 3.1.82 \[PercentRepeat\]](#), page 416, [Section 3.1.83 \[PercentRepeatCounter\]](#), page 417 and [Section 3.1.87 \[RepeatSlash\]](#), page 422.

### 3.2.80 percent-repeat-item-interface

Repeats that look like percent signs.

#### User settable properties:

- `dot-negative-kern` (number)  
The space to remove between a dot and a slash in percent repeat glyphs. Larger values bring the two elements closer together.
- `slash-negative-kern` (number)  
The space to remove between slashes in percent repeat glyphs. Larger values bring the two elements closer together.
- `slope` (number)  
The slope of this object.
- `thickness` (number)  
Line thickness, generally measured in `line-thickness`.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.34 \[DoublePercentRepeat\]](#), page 373, [Section 3.1.35 \[DoublePercentRepeatCounter\]](#), page 374, [Section 3.1.36 \[DoubleRepeatSlash\]](#), page 376 and [Section 3.1.87 \[RepeatSlash\]](#), page 422.

### 3.2.81 piano-pedal-bracket-interface

The bracket of the piano pedal. It can be tuned through the regular bracket properties.

#### User settable properties:

- `bound-padding` (number)  
The amount of padding to insert around spanner bounds.
- `edge-height` (pair)  
A pair of numbers specifying the heights of the vertical edges: (*left-height* . *right-height*).
- `shorten-pair` (pair of numbers)  
The lengths to shorten a text-spanner on both sides, for example a pedal bracket. Positive values shorten the text-spanner, while negative values lengthen it.
- `bracket-flare` (pair of numbers)  
A pair of numbers specifying how much edges of brackets should slant outward. Value 0.0 means straight edges.

#### Internal properties:

- `pedal-text` (graphical (layout) object)  
A pointer to the text of a mixed-style piano pedal.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.85 \[PianoPedalBracket\]](#), page 419.

### 3.2.82 piano-pedal-interface

A piano pedal sign.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.85 \[PianoPedalBracket\]](#), page 419, [Section 3.1.97 \[SostenutoPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 428, [Section 3.1.110 \[SustainPedal\]](#), page 439, [Section 3.1.111 \[SustainPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 440 and [Section 3.1.130 \[UnaCordaPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 459.

### 3.2.83 piano-pedal-script-interface

A piano pedal sign, fixed size.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.96 \[SostenutoPedal\]](#), page 428, [Section 3.1.110 \[SustainPedal\]](#), page 439 and [Section 3.1.129 \[UnaCordaPedal\]](#), page 458.

### 3.2.84 pitched-trill-interface

A note head to indicate trill pitches.

#### Internal properties:

`accidental-grob` (graphical (layout) object)  
The accidental for this note.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.125 \[TrillPitchHead\]](#), page 454.

### 3.2.85 pure-from-neighbor-interface

A collection of routines to allow for objects' pureheights and heights to be calculated based on the heights of the objects' neighbors.

#### Internal properties:

`neighbors` (array of grobs)  
The X-axis neighbors of a grob. Used by the pure-from-neighbor-interface to determine various grob heights.

`pure-relevant-grobs` (array of grobs)  
All the grobs (items and spanners) that are relevant for finding the `pure-Y-extent`

`pure-Y-common` (graphical (layout) object)  
A cache of the `common_refpoint_of_array` of the `elements` grob set.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.11 \[BarLine\]](#), page 354, [Section 3.1.25 \[Clef\]](#), page 365, [Section 3.1.29 \[CueClef\]](#), page 368, [Section 3.1.30 \[CueEndClef\]](#), page 370, [Section 3.1.54 \[KeyCancellation\]](#), page 393, [Section 3.1.55 \[KeySignature\]](#), page 394, [Section 3.1.100 \[SpanBarStub\]](#), page 431 and [Section 3.1.122 \[TimeSignature\]](#), page 451.

### 3.2.86 rest-collision-interface

Move ordinary rests (not multi-measure nor pitched rests) to avoid conflicts.

#### User settable properties:

`minimum-distance` (dimension, in staff space)  
Minimum distance between rest and notes or beam.

**Internal properties:****positioning-done** (boolean)

Used to signal that a positioning element did its job. This ensures that a positioning is only done once.

**elements** (array of grobs)

An array of grobs; the type is depending on the grob where this is set in.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.91 \[RestCollision\]](#), [page 424](#).

**3.2.87 rest-interface**

A rest symbol. The property **style** can be **default**, **mensural**, **neomensural** or **classical**.

**User settable properties:****direction** (direction)

If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed **LEFT**, **CENTER** or **RIGHT** with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed **UP**, **CENTER** or **DOWN**. Numerical values may also be used: **UP=1**, **DOWN=-1**, **LEFT=-1**, **RIGHT=1**, **CENTER=0**.

**minimum-distance** (dimension, in staff space)

Minimum distance between rest and notes or beam.

**style** (symbol)

This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the **stencil** callback reading this property.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.69 \[MultiMeasureRest\]](#), [page 405](#) and [Section 3.1.90 \[Rest\]](#), [page 424](#).

**3.2.88 rhythmic-grob-interface**

Any object with a duration. Used to determine which grobs are interesting enough to maintain a *hara-kiri* staff.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.13 \[BassFigure\]](#), [page 357](#), [Section 3.1.24 \[ChordName\]](#), [page 364](#), [Section 3.1.27 \[ClusterSpannerBeacon\]](#), [page 367](#), [Section 3.1.36 \[DoubleRepeatSlash\]](#), [page 376](#), [Section 3.1.45 \[FretBoard\]](#), [page 385](#), [Section 3.1.64 \[LyricText\]](#), [page 402](#), [Section 3.1.75 \[NoteHead\]](#), [page 411](#), [Section 3.1.87 \[RepeatSlash\]](#), [page 422](#), [Section 3.1.90 \[Rest\]](#), [page 424](#) and [Section 3.1.117 \[TabNoteHead\]](#), [page 445](#).

**3.2.89 rhythmic-head-interface**

Note head or rest.

**User settable properties:****duration-log** (integer)

The 2-log of the note head duration, i.e., 0 = whole note, 1 = half note, etc.

**glissando-skip** (boolean)

Should this **NoteHead** be skipped by glissandi?

**Internal properties:**

- `dot` (graphical (layout) object)  
A reference to a `Dots` object.
- `stem` (graphical (layout) object)  
A pointer to a `Stem` object.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.8 \[Ambitus-NoteHead\]](#), page 352, [Section 3.1.75 \[NoteHead\]](#), page 411, [Section 3.1.90 \[Rest\]](#), page 424, [Section 3.1.117 \[TabNoteHead\]](#), page 445 and [Section 3.1.125 \[TrillPitchHead\]](#), page 454.

**3.2.90 script-column-interface**

An interface that sorts scripts according to their `script-priority` and `outside-staff-priority`.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.93 \[ScriptColumn\]](#), page 425 and [Section 3.1.94 \[ScriptRow\]](#), page 426.

**3.2.91 script-interface**

An object that is put above or below a note.

**User settable properties:**

- `add-stem-support` (boolean)  
If set, the `Stem` object is included in this script's support.
- `avoid-slur` (symbol)  
Method of handling slur collisions. Choices are `inside`, `outside`, `around`, and `ignore`. `inside` adjusts the slur if needed to keep the grob inside the slur. `outside` moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur. `around` moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur only if there is a collision. `ignore` does not move either. In grobs whose notational significance depends on vertical position (such as accidentals, clefs, etc.), `outside` and `around` behave like `ignore`.
- `script-priority` (number)  
A sorting key that determines in what order a script is within a stack of scripts.
- `side-relative-direction` (direction)  
Multiply direction of `direction-source` with this to get the direction of this object.
- `slur-padding` (number)  
Extra distance between slur and script.
- `toward-stem-shift` (number)  
Amount by which scripts are shifted toward the stem if their direction coincides with the stem direction. 0.0 means keep the default position (centered on the note head), 1.0 means centered on the stem. Interpolated values are possible.

**Internal properties:**

- `direction-source` (graphical (layout) object)  
In case `side-relative-direction` is set, which grob to get the direction from.

**positioning-done** (boolean)

Used to signal that a positioning element did its job. This ensures that a positioning is only done once.

**script-stencil** (pair)

A pair (*type* . *arg*) which acts as an index for looking up a **Stencil** object.

**slur** (graphical (layout) object)

A pointer to a **Slur** object.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.4 \[AccidentalSuggestion\]](#), page 348, [Section 3.1.38 \[DynamicText\]](#), page 377 and [Section 3.1.92 \[Script\]](#), page 424.

### 3.2.92 self-alignment-interface

Position this object on itself and/or on its parent. To this end, the following functions are provided:

**Self\_alignment\_interface::[xy]\_aligned\_on\_self**

Align self on reference point, using **self-alignment-X** and **self-alignment-Y**.

**Self\_alignment\_interface::aligned\_on\_[xy]\_parent**

**Self\_alignment\_interface::centered\_on\_[xy]\_parent**

Shift the object so its own reference point is centered on the extent of the parent

### User settable properties:

**collision-bias** (number)

Number determining how much to favor the left (negative) or right (positive). Larger absolute values in either direction will push a collision in this direction.

**collision-padding** (number)

Amount of padding to apply after a collision is detected via the self-alignment-interface.

**self-alignment-X** (number)

Specify alignment of an object. The value -1 means left aligned, 0 centered, and 1 right-aligned in X direction. Other numerical values may also be specified.

**self-alignment-Y** (number)

Like **self-alignment-X** but for the Y axis.

### Internal properties:

**potential-X-colliding-grobs** (array of grobs)

Grobs that can potentially collide with a self-aligned grob on the X-axis.

**X-colliding-grobs** (array of grobs)

Grobs that can collide with a self-aligned grob on the X-axis.

**Y-colliding-grobs** (array of grobs)

Grobs that can collide with a self-aligned grob on the Y-axis.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.4 \[AccidentalSuggestion\]](#), page 348, [Section 3.1.12 \[BarNumber\]](#), page 355, [Section 3.1.35 \[DoublePercentRepeatCounter\]](#), page 374, [Section 3.1.38 \[DynamicText\]](#), page 377, [Section 3.1.41 \[Fingering\]](#), page 381, [Section 3.1.48 \[GridLine\]](#), page 388, [Section 3.1.50 \[Hairpin\]](#),

page 389, Section 3.1.52 [InstrumentName], page 391, Section 3.1.53 [InstrumentSwitch], page 392, Section 3.1.64 [LyricText], page 402, Section 3.1.68 [MetronomeMark], page 404, Section 3.1.70 [MultiMeasureRestNumber], page 406, Section 3.1.71 [MultiMeasureRestText], page 408, Section 3.1.78 [OctavateEight], page 412, Section 3.1.83 [PercentRepeatCounter], page 417, Section 3.1.86 [RehearsalMark], page 420, Section 3.1.96 [SostenutoPedal], page 428, Section 3.1.107 [StemTremolo], page 436, Section 3.1.108 [StringNumber], page 437, Section 3.1.109 [StrokeFinger], page 438, Section 3.1.110 [SustainPedal], page 439, Section 3.1.118 [TextScript], page 446 and Section 3.1.129 [UnaCordaPedal], page 458.

### 3.2.93 semi-tie-column-interface

The interface for a column of l.v. (*laissez vibrer*) ties.

#### User settable properties:

- head-direction** (direction)  
Are the note heads left or right in a semitie?
- tie-configuration** (list)  
List of (*position . dir*) pairs, indicating the desired tie configuration, where *position* is the offset from the center of the staff in staff space and *dir* indicates the direction of the tie (1=>up, -1=>down, 0=>center). A non-pair entry in the list causes the corresponding tie to be formatted automatically.

#### Internal properties:

- positioning-done** (boolean)  
Used to signal that a positioning element did its job. This ensures that a positioning is only done once.
- ties** (array of grobs)  
A grob array of **Tie** objects.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): Section 3.1.57 [LaissezVibrerTieColumn], page 397 and Section 3.1.89 [RepeatTieColumn], page 423.

### 3.2.94 semi-tie-interface

A tie which is only on one side connected to a note head.

#### User settable properties:

- control-points** (list)  
List of offsets (number pairs) that form control points for the tie, slur, or bracket shape. For Béziers, this should list the control points of a third-order Bézier curve.
- direction** (direction)  
If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.
- details** (list)  
Alist of parameters for detailed grob behavior. More information on the allowed parameters for a grob can be found by looking at the top of the Internals Reference page for each interface having a **details** property.

**head-direction** (direction)

Are the note heads left or right in a semitie?

**thickness** (number)

Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.

### Internal properties:

**note-head** (graphical (layout) object)

A single note head.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.56 \[LaissezVibrerTie\]](#), page 396 and [Section 3.1.88 \[RepeatTie\]](#), page 422.

### 3.2.95 separation-item-interface

Item that computes widths to generate spacing rods.

### User settable properties:

**X-extent** (pair of numbers)

Hard coded extent in X direction.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space)

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**horizontal-skylines** (pair of skylines)

Two skylines, one to the left and one to the right of this grob.

**skyline-vertical-padding** (number)

The amount by which the left and right skylines of a column are padded vertically, beyond the **Y-extents** and **extra-spacing-heights** of the constituent grobs in the column. Increase this to prevent interleaving of grobs from adjacent columns.

### Internal properties:

**conditional-elements** (array of grobs)

Internal use only.

**elements** (array of grobs)

An array of grobs; the type is depending on the grob where this is set in.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.72 \[NonMusicalPaperColumn\]](#), page 409, [Section 3.1.74 \[NoteColumn\]](#), page 410 and [Section 3.1.80 \[PaperColumn\]](#), page 415.

### 3.2.96 side-position-interface

Position a victim object (this one) next to other objects (the support). The property **direction** signifies where to put the victim object relative to the support (left or right, up or down?)

The routine also takes the size of the staff into account if **staff-padding** is set. If undefined, the staff symbol is ignored.

### User settable properties:

**direction** (direction)

If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object.



Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**minimum-space** (dimension, in staff space)

Minimum distance that the victim should move (after padding).

**padding** (dimension, in staff space)

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**side-axis** (number)

If the value is X (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is Y or 1, it is placed vertically.

**slur-padding** (number)

Extra distance between slur and script.

**staff-padding** (dimension, in staff space)

Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.

**use-skylines** (boolean)

Should skylines be used for side positioning?

## Internal properties:

**quantize-position** (boolean)

If set, a vertical alignment is aligned to be within staff spaces.

**side-support-elements** (array of grobs)

The side support, an array of grobs.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): Section 3.1.4 [AccidentalSuggestion], page 348, Section 3.1.6 [AmbitusAccidental], page 350, Section 3.1.9 [Arpeggio], page 352, Section 3.1.12 [BarNumber], page 355, Section 3.1.15 [BassFigureAlignmentPositioning], page 358, Section 3.1.28 [CombineTextScript], page 367, Section 3.1.35 [DoublePercentRepeatCounter], page 374, Section 3.1.37 [DynamicLineSpanner], page 376, Section 3.1.40 [Episema], page 380, Section 3.1.41 [Fingering], page 381, Section 3.1.51 [HorizontalBracket], page 390, Section 3.1.52 [InstrumentName], page 391, Section 3.1.53 [InstrumentSwitch], page 392, Section 3.1.65 [MeasureGrouping], page 403, Section 3.1.68 [MetronomeMark], page 404, Section 3.1.70 [MultiMeasureRestNumber], page 406, Section 3.1.71 [MultiMeasureRestText], page 408, Section 3.1.78 [OctavateEight], page 412, Section 3.1.79 [OttavaBracket], page 413, Section 3.1.83 [PercentRepeatCounter], page 417, Section 3.1.86 [RehearsalMark], page 420, Section 3.1.92 [Script], page 424, Section 3.1.97 [SostenutoPedalLineSpanner], page 428, Section 3.1.104 [StanzaNumber], page 434, Section 3.1.108 [StringNumber], page 437, Section 3.1.109 [StrokeFinger], page 438, Section 3.1.111 [SustainPedalLineSpanner], page 440, Section 3.1.113 [SystemStartBar], page 442, Section 3.1.114 [SystemStartBrace], page 442, Section 3.1.115 [SystemStartBracket], page 443, Section 3.1.116 [SystemStartSquare], page 444, Section 3.1.118 [TextScript], page 446, Section 3.1.119 [TextSpanner], page 448, Section 3.1.123 [TrillPitchAccidental], page 452, Section 3.1.124 [TrillPitchGroup], page 453, Section 3.1.126 [TrillSpanner], page 454, Section 3.1.130 [UnaCordaPedalLineSpanner], page 459, Section 3.1.135 [VoltaBracket], page 463 and Section 3.1.136 [VoltaBracketSpanner], page 464.

### 3.2.97 slur-interface

A slur. The following properties may be set in the **details** list.



**region-size**

Size of region (in staff spaces) for determining potential endpoints in the Y direction.

**head-encompass-penalty**

Demerit to apply when note heads collide with a slur.

**stem-encompass-penalty**

Demerit to apply when stems collide with a slur.

**edge-attraction-factor**

Factor used to calculate the demerit for distances between slur endpoints and their corresponding base attachments.

**same-slope-penalty**

Demerit for slurs with attachment points that are horizontally aligned.

**steeper-slope-factor**

Factor used to calculate demerit only if this slur is not broken.

**non-horizontal-penalty**

Demerit for slurs with attachment points that are not horizontally aligned.

**max-slope**

The maximum slope allowed for this slur.

**max-slope-factor**

Factor that calculates demerit based on the max slope.

**free-head-distance**

The amount of vertical free space that must exist between a slur and note heads.

**absolute-closeness-measure**

Factor to calculate demerit for variance between a note head and slur.

**extra-object-collision-penalty**

Factor to calculate demerit for extra objects that the slur encompasses, including accidentals, fingerings, and tuplet numbers.

**accidental-collision**

Factor to calculate demerit for **Accidental** objects that the slur encompasses. This property value replaces the value of **extra-object-collision-penalty**.

**extra-encompass-free-distance**

The amount of vertical free space that must exist between a slur and various objects it encompasses, including accidentals, fingerings, and tuplet numbers.

**extra-encompass-collision-distance**

This detail is currently unused.

**head-slur-distance-factor**

Factor to calculate demerit for variance between a note head and slur.

**head-slur-distance-max-ratio**

The maximum value for the ratio of distance between a note head and slur.

**free-slur-distance**

The amount of vertical free space that must exist between adjacent slurs. This subproperty only works for **PhrasingSlur**.

**edge-slope-exponent**

Factor used to calculate the demerit for the slope of a slur near its endpoints; a larger value yields a larger demerit.

**User settable properties:**

- annotation** (string)  
Annotate a grob for debug purposes.
- avoid-slur** (symbol)  
Method of handling slur collisions. Choices are **inside**, **outside**, **around**, and **ignore**. **inside** adjusts the slur if needed to keep the grob inside the slur. **outside** moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur. **around** moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur only if there is a collision. **ignore** does not move either. In grobs whose notational significance depends on vertical position (such as accidentals, clefs, etc.), **outside** and **around** behave like **ignore**.
- control-points** (list)  
List of offsets (number pairs) that form control points for the tie, slur, or bracket shape. For Béziers, this should list the control points of a third-order Bézier curve.
- dash-definition** (pair)  
List of **dash-elements** defining the dash structure. Each **dash-element** has a starting t value, an ending t-value, a **dash-fraction**, and a **dash-period**.
- details** (list)  
Alist of parameters for detailed grob behavior. More information on the allowed parameters for a grob can be found by looking at the top of the Internals Reference page for each interface having a **details** property.
- direction** (direction)  
If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed **LEFT**, **CENTER** or **RIGHT** with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed **UP**, **CENTER** or **DOWN**. Numerical values may also be used: **UP=1**, **DOWN=-1**, **LEFT=-1**, **RIGHT=1**, **CENTER=0**.
- eccentricity** (number)  
How asymmetrical to make a slur. Positive means move the center to the right.
- height-limit** (dimension, in staff space)  
Maximum slur height: The longer the slur, the closer it is to this height.
- inspect-quants** (pair of numbers)  
If debugging is set, set beam and slur quants to this position, and print the respective scores.
- inspect-index** (integer)  
If debugging is set, set beam and slur configuration to this index, and print the respective scores.
- line-thickness** (number)  
The thickness of the tie or slur contour.
- positions** (pair of numbers)  
Pair of staff coordinates (**left . right**), where both *left* and *right* are in **staff-space** units of the current staff. For slurs, this value selects which slur candidate to use; if extreme positions are requested, the closest one is taken.

- ratio** (number)  
Parameter for slur shape. The higher this number, the quicker the slur attains its **height-limit**.
- thickness** (number)  
Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.
- vertical-skylines** (pair of skylines)  
Two skylines, one above and one below this grob.

### Internal properties:

- encompass-objects** (array of grobs)  
Objects that a slur should avoid in addition to notes and stems.
- note-columns** (array of grobs)  
An array of **NoteColumn** grobs.
- skyline-quantizing** (non-negative integer)  
The number of boxes to break a slur into when calculating its skyline.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.84 \[PhrasingSlur\]](#), page 418 and [Section 3.1.95 \[Slur\]](#), page 426.

### 3.2.98 spaceable-grob-interface

A layout object that takes part in the spacing problem.

### User settable properties:

- allow-loose-spacing** (boolean)  
If set, column can be detached from main spacing.
- keep-inside-line** (boolean)  
If set, this column cannot have objects sticking into the margin.
- measure-length** (moment)  
Length of a measure. Used in some spacing situations.

### Internal properties:

- ideal-distances** (list)  
(*obj . (dist . strength)*) pairs.
- left-neighbor** (graphical (layout) object)  
The right-most column that has a spacing-wish for this column.
- minimum-distances** (list)  
A list of rods that have the format (*obj . dist*).
- right-neighbor** (graphical (layout) object)  
See **left-neighbor**.
- spacing-wishes** (array of grobs)  
An array of note spacing or staff spacing objects.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.72 \[NonMusical-PaperColumn\]](#), page 409 and [Section 3.1.80 \[PaperColumn\]](#), page 415.

### 3.2.99 spacing-interface

This object calculates the desired and minimum distances between two columns.

**Internal properties:**

`left-items` (array of grobs)  
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`right-items` (array of grobs)  
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This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.77 \[NoteSpacing\]](#), page 412 and [Section 3.1.102 \[StaffSpacing\]](#), page 433.

**3.2.100 spacing-options-interface**

Supports setting of spacing variables.

**User settable properties:**

`spacing-increment` (number)  
 Add this much space for a doubled duration. Typically, the width of a note head. See also [Section “spacing-spanner-interface” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

`shortest-duration-space` (dimension, in staff space)  
 Start with this much space for the shortest duration. This is expressed in `spacing-increment` as unit. See also [Section “spacing-spanner-interface” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.47 \[GraceSpacing\]](#), page 388 and [Section 3.1.98 \[SpacingSpanner\]](#), page 429.

**3.2.101 spacing-spanner-interface**

The space taken by a note is dependent on its duration. Doubling a duration adds `spacing-increment` to the space. The most common shortest note gets `shortest-duration-space`. Notes that are even shorter are spaced proportional to their duration.

Typically, the increment is the width of a black note head. In a piece with lots of 8th notes, and some 16th notes, the eighth note gets a 2 note heads width (i.e., the space following a note is a 1 note head width). A 16th note is followed by 0.5 note head width. The quarter note is followed by 3 NHW, the half by 4 NHW, etc.

**User settable properties:**

`average-spacing-wishes` (boolean)  
 If set, the spacing wishes are averaged over staves.

`base-shortest-duration` (moment)  
 Spacing is based on the shortest notes in a piece. Normally, pieces are spaced as if notes at least as short as this are present.

`common-shortest-duration` (moment)  
 The most common shortest note length. This is used in spacing. Enlarging this sets the score tighter.

`packed-spacing` (boolean)  
 If set, the notes are spaced as tightly as possible.

`shortest-duration-space` (dimension, in staff space)  
 Start with this much space for the shortest duration. This is expressed in `spacing-increment` as unit. See also [Section “spacing-spanner-interface” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

**spacing-increment** (number)

Add this much space for a doubled duration. Typically, the width of a note head. See also [Section “spacing-spanner-interface” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

**strict-grace-spacing** (boolean)

If set, main notes are spaced normally, then grace notes are put left of the musical columns for the main notes.

**strict-note-spacing** (boolean)

If set, unbroken columns with non-musical material (clefs, bar lines, etc.) are not spaced separately, but put before musical columns.

**uniform-stretching** (boolean)

If set, items stretch proportionally to their durations. This looks better in complex polyphonic patterns.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.98 \[SpacingSpanner\]](#), page 429.

### 3.2.102 span-bar-interface

A bar line that is spanned between other barlines. This interface is used for bar lines that connect different staves.

#### User settable properties:

**glyph-name** (string)

The glyph name within the font.

#### Internal properties:

**elements** (array of grobs)

An array of grobs; the type is depending on the grob where this is set in.

**pure-Y-common** (graphical (layout) object)

A cache of the `common_refpoint_of_array` of the `elements` grob set.

**pure-relevant-grobs** (array of grobs)

All the grobs (items and spanners) that are relevant for finding the `pure-Y-extent`

**pure-relevant-items** (array of grobs)

A subset of elements that are relevant for finding the `pure-Y-extent`.

**pure-relevant-spanners** (array of grobs)

A subset of elements that are relevant for finding the `pure-Y-extent`.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.99 \[SpanBar\]](#), page 430.

### 3.2.103 spanner-interface

Some objects are horizontally spanned between objects. For example, slurs, beams, ties, etc. These grobs form a subtype called **Spanner**. All spanners have two span points (these must be **Item** objects), one on the left and one on the right. The left bound is also the X reference point of the spanner.

**User settable properties:**

- normalized-endpoints** (pair)  
Represents left and right placement over the total spanner, where the width of the spanner is normalized between 0 and 1.
- minimum-length** (dimension, in staff space)  
Try to make a spanner at least this long, normally in the horizontal direction. This requires an appropriate callback for the **springs-and-rods** property. If added to a **Tie**, this sets the minimum distance between noteheads.
- spanner-id** (string)  
An identifier to distinguish concurrent spanners.
- to-barline** (boolean)  
If true, the spanner will stop at the bar line just before it would otherwise stop.

**Internal properties:**

- spanner-broken** (boolean)  
Indicates whether spanner alignment should be broken after the current spanner.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.14 \[BassFigureAlignment\]](#), page 357, [Section 3.1.15 \[BassFigureAlignmentPositioning\]](#), page 358, [Section 3.1.17 \[BassFigureContinuation\]](#), page 359, [Section 3.1.18 \[BassFigureLine\]](#), page 359, [Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\]](#), page 360, [Section 3.1.20 \[BendAfter\]](#), page 361, [Section 3.1.26 \[ClusterSpanner\]](#), page 366, [Section 3.1.37 \[DynamicLineSpanner\]](#), page 376, [Section 3.1.39 \[DynamicTextSpanner\]](#), page 379, [Section 3.1.40 \[Episema\]](#), page 380, [Section 3.1.44 \[FootnoteSpanner\]](#), page 384, [Section 3.1.46 \[Glissando\]](#), page 387, [Section 3.1.47 \[GraceSpacing\]](#), page 388, [Section 3.1.50 \[Hairpin\]](#), page 389, [Section 3.1.51 \[HorizontalBracket\]](#), page 390, [Section 3.1.52 \[InstrumentName\]](#), page 391, [Section 3.1.58 \[LedgerLineSpanner\]](#), page 397, [Section 3.1.60 \[LigatureBracket\]](#), page 398, [Section 3.1.61 \[LyricExtender\]](#), page 400, [Section 3.1.62 \[LyricHyphen\]](#), page 400, [Section 3.1.63 \[LyricSpace\]](#), page 401, [Section 3.1.65 \[MeasureGrouping\]](#), page 403, [Section 3.1.67 \[MensuralLigature\]](#), page 404, [Section 3.1.69 \[MultiMeasureRest\]](#), page 405, [Section 3.1.70 \[MultiMeasureRestNumber\]](#), page 406, [Section 3.1.71 \[MultiMeasureRestText\]](#), page 408, [Section 3.1.79 \[OttavaBracket\]](#), page 413, [Section 3.1.82 \[PercentRepeat\]](#), page 416, [Section 3.1.83 \[PercentRepeatCounter\]](#), page 417, [Section 3.1.84 \[PhrasingSlur\]](#), page 418, [Section 3.1.85 \[PianoPedalBracket\]](#), page 419, [Section 3.1.95 \[Slur\]](#), page 426, [Section 3.1.97 \[SostenutoPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 428, [Section 3.1.98 \[SpacingSpanner\]](#), page 429, [Section 3.1.101 \[StaffGrouper\]](#), page 432, [Section 3.1.103 \[StaffSymbol\]](#), page 433, [Section 3.1.111 \[SustainPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 440, [Section 3.1.112 \[System\]](#), page 441, [Section 3.1.113 \[SystemStartBar\]](#), page 442, [Section 3.1.114 \[SystemStartBrace\]](#), page 442, [Section 3.1.115 \[SystemStartBracket\]](#), page 443, [Section 3.1.116 \[SystemStartSquare\]](#), page 444, [Section 3.1.119 \[TextSpanner\]](#), page 448, [Section 3.1.120 \[Tie\]](#), page 449, [Section 3.1.121 \[TieColumn\]](#), page 450, [Section 3.1.126 \[TrillSpanner\]](#), page 454, [Section 3.1.127 \[TupletBracket\]](#), page 456, [Section 3.1.128 \[TupletNumber\]](#), page 457, [Section 3.1.130 \[UnaCordaPedalLineSpanner\]](#), page 459, [Section 3.1.131 \[VaticanaLigature\]](#), page 460, [Section 3.1.132 \[VerticalAlignment\]](#), page 460, [Section 3.1.133 \[VerticalAxisGroup\]](#), page 461, [Section 3.1.134 \[VoiceFollower\]](#), page 462, [Section 3.1.135 \[VoltaBracket\]](#), page 463 and [Section 3.1.136 \[VoltaBracketSpanner\]](#), page 464.

**3.2.104 staff-grouper-interface**

A grob that collects staves together.

**User settable properties:****staff-staff-spacing** (list)

When applied to a staff-group's **StaffGrouper** grob, this spacing alist controls the distance between consecutive staves within the staff-group. When applied to a staff's **VerticalAxisGroup** grob, it controls the distance between the staff and the nearest staff below it in the same system, replacing any settings inherited from the **StaffGrouper** grob of the containing staff-group, if there is one. This property remains in effect even when non-staff lines appear between staves. The alist can contain the following keys:

- **basic-distance** – the vertical distance, measured in staff-spaces, between the reference points of the two items when no collisions would result, and no stretching or compressing is in effect.
- **minimum-distance** – the smallest allowable vertical distance, measured in staff-spaces, between the reference points of the two items, when compressing is in effect.
- **padding** – the minimum required amount of unobstructed vertical whitespace between the bounding boxes (or skylines) of the two items, measured in staff-spaces.
- **stretchability** – a unitless measure of the dimension's relative propensity to stretch. If zero, the distance will not stretch (unless collisions would result).

**staffgroup-staff-spacing** (list)

The spacing alist controlling the distance between the last staff of the current staff-group and the staff just below it in the same system, even if one or more non-staff lines exist between the two staves. If the **staff-staff-spacing** property of the staff's **VerticalAxisGroup** grob is set, that is used instead. See **staff-staff-spacing** for a description of the alist structure.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.101 \[StaffGrouper\]](#), [page 432](#).

**3.2.105 staff-spacing-interface**

This object calculates spacing details from a breakable symbol (left) to another object. For example, it takes care of optical spacing from a bar line to a note.

**User settable properties:****stem-spacing-correction** (number)

Optical correction amount for stems that are placed in tight configurations. For opposite directions, this amount is the correction for two normal sized stems that overlap completely.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.102 \[StaffSpacing\]](#), [page 433](#).

**3.2.106 staff-symbol-interface**

This spanner draws the lines of a staff. A staff symbol defines a vertical unit, the *staff space*. Quantities that go by a half staff space are called *positions*. The center (i.e., middle line or space) is position 0. The length of the symbol may be set by hand through the **width** property.

**User settable properties:**

- ledger-extra** (dimension, in staff space)  
Extra distance from staff line to draw ledger lines for.
- ledger-line-thickness** (pair of numbers)  
The thickness of ledger lines. It is the sum of 2 numbers: The first is the factor for line thickness, and the second for staff space. Both contributions are added.
- ledger-positions** (list)  
Repeating pattern for the vertical positions of ledger lines. Bracketed groups are always shown together.
- line-count** (integer)  
The number of staff lines.
- line-positions** (list)  
Vertical positions of staff lines.
- staff-space** (dimension, in staff space)  
Amount of space between staff lines, expressed in global **staff-space**.
- thickness** (number)  
Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.
- width** (dimension, in staff space)  
The width of a grob measured in staff space.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.103 \[StaffSymbol\]](#), [page 433](#).

**3.2.107 staff-symbol-referencer-interface**

An object whose Y position is meant relative to a staff symbol. These usually have **Staff\_symbol\_referencer::callback** in their **Y-offset-callbacks**.

**User settable properties:**

- staff-position** (number)  
Vertical position, measured in half staff spaces, counted from the middle line.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.8 \[Ambitus-NoteHead\]](#), [page 352](#), [Section 3.1.9 \[Arpeggio\]](#), [page 352](#), [Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\]](#), [page 360](#), [Section 3.1.25 \[Clef\]](#), [page 365](#), [Section 3.1.29 \[CueClef\]](#), [page 368](#), [Section 3.1.30 \[CueEnd-Clef\]](#), [page 370](#), [Section 3.1.31 \[Custos\]](#), [page 371](#), [Section 3.1.33 \[Dots\]](#), [page 373](#), [Section 3.1.54 \[KeyCancellation\]](#), [page 393](#), [Section 3.1.55 \[KeySignature\]](#), [page 394](#), [Section 3.1.69 \[Multi-MeasureRest\]](#), [page 405](#), [Section 3.1.75 \[NoteHead\]](#), [page 411](#), [Section 3.1.90 \[Rest\]](#), [page 424](#), [Section 3.1.117 \[TabNoteHead\]](#), [page 445](#) and [Section 3.1.125 \[TrillPitchHead\]](#), [page 454](#).

**3.2.108 stanza-number-interface**

A stanza number, to be put in from of a lyrics line.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.104 \[StanzaNumber\]](#), [page 434](#).



### 3.2.109 stem-interface

The stem represents the graphical stem. In addition, it internally connects note heads, beams, and tremolos. Rests and whole notes have invisible stems.

The following properties may be set in the `details` list.

**beamed-lengths**

List of stem lengths given beam multiplicity.

**beamed-minimum-free-lengths**

List of normal minimum free stem lengths (chord to beams) given beam multiplicity.

**beamed-extreme-minimum-free-lengths**

List of extreme minimum free stem lengths (chord to beams) given beam multiplicity.

**lengths** Default stem lengths. The list gives a length for each flag count.

**stem-shorten**

How much a stem in a forced direction should be shortened. The list gives an amount depending on the number of flags and beams.

### User settable properties:

**avoid-note-head** (boolean)

If set, the stem of a chord does not pass through all note heads, but starts at the last note head.

**beaming** (pair)

Pair of number lists. Each number list specifies which beams to make. 0 is the central beam, 1 is the next beam toward the note, etc. This information is used to determine how to connect the beaming patterns from stem to stem inside a beam.

**beamlet-default-length** (pair)

A pair of numbers. The first number specifies the default length of a beamlet that sticks out of the left hand side of this stem; the second number specifies the default length of the beamlet to the right. The actual length of a beamlet is determined by taking either the default length or the length specified by **beamlet-max-length-proportion**, whichever is smaller.

**beamlet-max-length-proportion** (pair)

The maximum length of a beamlet, as a proportion of the distance between two adjacent stems.

**default-direction** (direction)

Direction determined by note head positions.

**details** (list)

Alist of parameters for detailed grob behavior. More information on the allowed parameters for a grob can be found by looking at the top of the Internals Reference page for each interface having a **details** property.

**direction** (direction)

If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

- duration-log** (integer)  
The 2-log of the note head duration, i.e., 0 = whole note, 1 = half note, etc.
- french-beaming** (boolean)  
Use French beaming style for this stem. The stem stops at the innermost beams.
- length** (dimension, in staff space)  
User override for the stem length of unbeamed stems.
- length-fraction** (number)  
Multiplier for lengths. Used for determining ledger lines and stem lengths.
- max-beam-connect** (integer)  
Maximum number of beams to connect to beams from this stem. Further beams are typeset as beamlets.
- neutral-direction** (direction)  
Which direction to take in the center of the staff.
- no-stem-extend** (boolean)  
If set, notes with ledger lines do not get stems extending to the middle staff line.
- stem-begin-position** (number)  
User override for the begin position of a stem.
- stemlet-length** (number)  
How long should be a stem over a rest?
- thickness** (number)  
Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.

### Internal properties:

- beam** (graphical (layout) object)  
A pointer to the beam, if applicable.
- flag** (graphical (layout) object)  
A pointer to a **Flag** object.
- melody-spanner** (graphical (layout) object)  
The **MelodyItem** object for a stem.
- note-heads** (array of grobs)  
An array of note head grobs.
- positioning-done** (boolean)  
Used to signal that a positioning element did its job. This ensures that a positioning is only done once.
- rests** (array of grobs)  
An array of rest objects.
- stem-info** (pair)  
A cache of stem parameters.
- tremolo-flag** (graphical (layout) object)  
The tremolo object on a stem.

**tuplet-start** (boolean)  
Is stem at the start of a tuplet?

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.105 \[Stem\]](#), [page 434](#).

### 3.2.110 stem-tremolo-interface

A beam slashing a stem to indicate a tremolo. The property **style** can be **default** or **rectangle**.

#### User settable properties:

**beam-thickness** (dimension, in staff space)  
Beam thickness, measured in **staff-space** units.

**beam-width** (dimension, in staff space)  
Width of the tremolo sign.

**flag-count** (number)  
The number of tremolo beams.

**length-fraction** (number)  
Multiplier for lengths. Used for determining ledger lines and stem lengths.

**style** (symbol)  
This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the **stencil** callback reading this property.

**slope** (number)  
The slope of this object.

#### Internal properties:

**stem** (graphical (layout) object)  
A pointer to a **Stem** object.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.107 \[StemTremolo\]](#), [page 436](#).

### 3.2.111 string-number-interface

A string number instruction.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.108 \[StringNumber\]](#), [page 437](#).

### 3.2.112 stroke-finger-interface

A right hand finger instruction.

#### User settable properties:

**digit-names** (vector)  
Names for string finger digits.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.109 \[StrokeFinger\]](#), [page 438](#).

### 3.2.113 system-interface

This is the top-level object: Each object in a score ultimately has a **System** object as its X and Y parent.

**User settable properties:**

- labels** (list)  
List of labels (symbols) placed on a column.
- skyline-horizontal-padding** (number)  
For determining the vertical distance between two staves, it is possible to have a configuration which would result in a tight interleaving of grobs from the top staff and the bottom staff. The larger this parameter is, the farther apart the staves are placed in such a configuration.

**Internal properties:**

- all-elements** (array of grobs)  
An array of all grobs in this line. Its function is to protect objects from being garbage collected.
- columns** (array of grobs)  
An array of grobs, typically containing `PaperColumn` or `NoteColumn` objects.
- footnote-stencil** (stencil)  
The stencil of a system's footnotes.
- footnotes-before-line-breaking** (array of grobs)  
Footnote grobs of a whole system.
- footnotes-after-line-breaking** (array of grobs)  
Footnote grobs of a broken system.
- in-note-direction** (direction)  
Direction to place in-notes above a system.
- in-note-padding** (number)  
Padding between in-notes.
- in-note-stencil** (stencil)  
The stencil of a system's in-notes.
- pure-Y-extent** (pair of numbers)  
The estimated height of a system.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.112 \[System\]](#), [page 441](#).

**3.2.114 system-start-delimiter-interface**

The brace, bracket or bar in front of the system. The following values for **style** are recognized:

- bracket** A thick bracket, normally used to group similar instruments in a score. Default for `StaffGroup`. `SystemStartBracket` uses this style.
- brace** A 'piano style' brace normally used for an instrument that uses two staves. The default style for `GrandStaff`. `SystemStartBrace` uses this style.
- bar-line** A simple line between the staves in a score. Default for staves enclosed in `<<` and `>>`. `SystemStartBar` uses this style.
- line-bracket**  
A simple square, normally used for subgrouping instruments in a score. `SystemStartSquare` uses this style.

See also 'input/regression/system-start-nesting.ly'.

**User settable properties:**

- `collapse-height` (dimension, in staff space)  
Minimum height of system start delimiter. If equal or smaller, the bracket/brace/line is removed.
- `style` (symbol)  
This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the `stencil` callback reading this property.
- `thickness` (number)  
Line thickness, generally measured in `line-thickness`.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.113 \[SystemStartBar\]](#), page 442, [Section 3.1.114 \[SystemStartBrace\]](#), page 442, [Section 3.1.115 \[SystemStartBracket\]](#), page 443 and [Section 3.1.116 \[SystemStartSquare\]](#), page 444.

**3.2.115 system-start-text-interface**

Text in front of the system.

**User settable properties:**

- `long-text` (markup)  
Text markup. See [Section “Formatting text” in Notation Reference](#).
- `self-alignment-X` (number)  
Specify alignment of an object. The value -1 means left aligned, 0 centered, and 1 right-aligned in X direction. Other numerical values may also be specified.
- `self-alignment-Y` (number)  
Like `self-alignment-X` but for the Y axis.
- `text` (markup)  
Text markup. See [Section “Formatting text” in Notation Reference](#).

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.52 \[InstrumentName\]](#), page 391.

**3.2.116 tab-note-head-interface**

A note head in tablature.

**User settable properties:**

- `details` (list)  
Alist of parameters for detailed grob behavior. More information on the allowed parameters for a grob can be found by looking at the top of the Internals Reference page for each interface having a `details` property.

**Internal properties:**

- `display-cautionary` (boolean)  
Should the grob be displayed as a cautionary grob?
- `span-start` (boolean)  
Is the note head at the start of a spanner?

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.117 \[TabNoteHead\]](#), page 445.

### 3.2.117 text-interface

A Scheme markup text, see [Section “Formatting text” in \*Notation Reference\*](#) and [Section “New markup command definition” in \*Extending\*](#).

There are two important commands: `ly:text-interface::print`, which is a grob callback, and `ly:text-interface::interpret-markup`.

#### User settable properties:

- `baseline-skip` (dimension, in staff space)  
Distance between base lines of multiple lines of text.
- `replacement-alist` (list)  
Alist of strings. The key is a string of the pattern to be replaced. The value is a string of what should be displayed. Useful for ligatures.
- `text` (markup)  
Text markup. See [Section “Formatting text” in \*Notation Reference\*](#).
- `word-space` (dimension, in staff space)  
Space to insert between words in texts.
- `text-direction` (direction)  
This controls the ordering of the words. The default `RIGHT` is for roman text. Arabic or Hebrew should use `LEFT`.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.10 \[BalloonTextItem\]](#), page 353, [Section 3.1.12 \[BarNumber\]](#), page 355, [Section 3.1.13 \[BassFigure\]](#), page 357, [Section 3.1.23 \[BreathingSign\]](#), page 363, [Section 3.1.24 \[ChordName\]](#), page 364, [Section 3.1.28 \[CombineTextScript\]](#), page 367, [Section 3.1.35 \[DoublePercentRepeatCounter\]](#), page 374, [Section 3.1.38 \[DynamicText\]](#), page 377, [Section 3.1.39 \[DynamicTextSpanner\]](#), page 379, [Section 3.1.41 \[Fingering\]](#), page 381, [Section 3.1.43 \[FootnoteItem\]](#), page 383, [Section 3.1.44 \[FootnoteSpanner\]](#), page 384, [Section 3.1.53 \[InstrumentSwitch\]](#), page 392, [Section 3.1.64 \[LyricText\]](#), page 402, [Section 3.1.68 \[MetronomeMark\]](#), page 404, [Section 3.1.70 \[MultiMeasureRestNumber\]](#), page 406, [Section 3.1.71 \[MultiMeasureRestText\]](#), page 408, [Section 3.1.76 \[NoteName\]](#), page 412, [Section 3.1.78 \[OctavateEight\]](#), page 412, [Section 3.1.79 \[OttavaBracket\]](#), page 413, [Section 3.1.83 \[PercentRepeatCounter\]](#), page 417, [Section 3.1.86 \[RehearsalMark\]](#), page 420, [Section 3.1.96 \[SostenutoPedal\]](#), page 428, [Section 3.1.104 \[StanzaNumber\]](#), page 434, [Section 3.1.108 \[StringNumber\]](#), page 437, [Section 3.1.109 \[StrokeFinger\]](#), page 438, [Section 3.1.110 \[SustainPedal\]](#), page 439, [Section 3.1.117 \[TabNoteHead\]](#), page 445, [Section 3.1.118 \[TextScript\]](#), page 446, [Section 3.1.128 \[TupletNumber\]](#), page 457, [Section 3.1.129 \[UnaCordaPedal\]](#), page 458 and [Section 3.1.135 \[VoltaBracket\]](#), page 463.

### 3.2.118 text-script-interface

An object that is put above or below a note.

#### User settable properties:

- `add-stem-support` (boolean)  
If set, the `Stem` object is included in this script’s support.
- `avoid-slur` (symbol)  
Method of handling slur collisions. Choices are `inside`, `outside`, `around`, and `ignore`. `inside` adjusts the slur if needed to keep the grob inside the slur. `outside` moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur. `around` moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur.

only if there is a collision. **ignore** does not move either. In grobs whose notational significance depends on vertical position (such as accidentals, clefs, etc.), **outside** and **around** behave like **ignore**.

**script-priority** (number)

A sorting key that determines in what order a script is within a stack of scripts.

### Internal properties:

**slur** (graphical (layout) object)

A pointer to a **Slur** object.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.28 \[CombineTextScript\]](#), page 367, [Section 3.1.41 \[Fingering\]](#), page 381, [Section 3.1.108 \[StringNumber\]](#), page 437, [Section 3.1.109 \[StrokeFinger\]](#), page 438 and [Section 3.1.118 \[TextScript\]](#), page 446.

### 3.2.119 tie-column-interface

Object that sets directions of multiple ties in a tied chord.

### User settable properties:

**tie-configuration** (list)

List of (*position* . *dir*) pairs, indicating the desired tie configuration, where *position* is the offset from the center of the staff in staff space and *dir* indicates the direction of the tie (1=>up, -1=>down, 0=>center). A non-pair entry in the list causes the corresponding tie to be formatted automatically.

### Internal properties:

**positioning-done** (boolean)

Used to signal that a positioning element did its job. This ensures that a positioning is only done once.

**ties** (array of grobs)

A grob array of **Tie** objects.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.121 \[TieColumn\]](#), page 450.

### 3.2.120 tie-interface

A horizontal curve connecting two noteheads.

### User settable properties:

**annotation** (string)

Annotate a grob for debug purposes.

**avoid-slur** (symbol)

Method of handling slur collisions. Choices are **inside**, **outside**, **around**, and **ignore**. **inside** adjusts the slur if needed to keep the grob inside the slur. **outside** moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur. **around** moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur only if there is a collision. **ignore** does not move either. In grobs whose notational significance depends on vertical position (such as accidentals, clefs, etc.), **outside** and **around** behave like **ignore**.

- control-points** (list)  
List of offsets (number pairs) that form control points for the tie, slur, or bracket shape. For Béziers, this should list the control points of a third-order Bézier curve.
- dash-definition** (pair)  
List of **dash-elements** defining the dash structure. Each **dash-element** has a starting t value, an ending t-value, a **dash-fraction**, and a **dash-period**.
- details** (list)  
Alist of parameters for detailed grob behavior. More information on the allowed parameters for a grob can be found by looking at the top of the Internals Reference page for each interface having a **details** property.
- direction** (direction)  
If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed **LEFT**, **CENTER** or **RIGHT** with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed **UP**, **CENTER** or **DOWN**. Numerical values may also be used: **UP**=1, **DOWN**=-1, **LEFT**=-1, **RIGHT**=1, **CENTER**=0.
- head-direction** (direction)  
Are the note heads left or right in a semitie?
- line-thickness** (number)  
The thickness of the tie or slur contour.
- neutral-direction** (direction)  
Which direction to take in the center of the staff.
- staff-position** (number)  
Vertical position, measured in half staff spaces, counted from the middle line.
- thickness** (number)  
Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.120 \[Tie\], page 449](#).

### 3.2.121 time-signature-interface

A time signature, in different styles. The following values for **style** are recognized:

- C** 4/4 and 2/2 are typeset as C and struck C, respectively. All other time signatures are written with two digits. The value **default** is equivalent to C.
- neomensural** 2/2, 3/2, 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 6/4, 9/4, 4/8, 6/8, and 9/8 are typeset with neo-mensural style mensuration marks. All other time signatures are written with two digits.
- mensural** 2/2, 3/2, 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 6/4, 9/4, 4/8, 6/8, and 9/8 are typeset with mensural style mensuration marks. All other time signatures are written with two digits.
- single-digit** All time signatures are typeset with a single digit, e.g., 3/2 is written as 3.
- numbered** All time signatures are typeset with two digits.



**User settable properties:****fraction** (fraction, as pair)

Numerator and denominator of a time signature object.

**style** (symbol)This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the **stencil** callback reading this property.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.122 \[TimeSignature\]](#), [page 451](#).

**3.2.122 trill-pitch-accidental-interface**

An accidental for trill pitch.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.123 \[TrillPitchAccidental\]](#), [page 452](#).

**3.2.123 trill-spanner-interface**

A trill spanner.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.126 \[TrillSpanner\]](#), [page 454](#).

**3.2.124 tuplet-bracket-interface**

A bracket with a number in the middle, used for tuplets. When the bracket spans a line break, the value of **break-overshoot** determines how far it extends beyond the staff. At a line break, the markups in the **edge-text** are printed at the edges.

**User settable properties:****avoid-scripts** (boolean)

If set, a tuplet bracket avoids the scripts associated with the note heads it encompasses.

**bracket-flare** (pair of numbers)

A pair of numbers specifying how much edges of brackets should slant outward. Value 0.0 means straight edges.

**bracket-visibility** (boolean or symbol)This controls the visibility of the tuplet bracket. Setting it to false prevents printing of the bracket. Setting the property to **if-no-beam** makes it print only if there is no beam associated with this tuplet bracket.**break-overshoot** (pair of numbers)

How much does a broken spanner stick out of its bounds?

**connect-to-neighbor** (pair)

Pair of booleans, indicating whether this grob looks as a continued break.

**direction** (direction)

If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed **LEFT**, **CENTER** or **RIGHT** with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed **UP**, **CENTER** or **DOWN**. Numerical values may also be used: **UP=1**, **DOWN=-1**, **LEFT=-1**, **RIGHT=1**, **CENTER=0**.

- edge-height** (pair)  
A pair of numbers specifying the heights of the vertical edges: (*left-height* . *right-height*).
- edge-text** (pair)  
A pair specifying the texts to be set at the edges: (*left-text* . *right-text*).
- full-length-padding** (number)  
How much padding to use at the right side of a full-length tuplet bracket.
- full-length-to-extent** (boolean)  
Run to the extent of the column for a full-length tuplet bracket.
- gap** (dimension, in staff space)  
Size of a gap in a variable symbol.
- positions** (pair of numbers)  
Pair of staff coordinates (*left* . *right*), where both *left* and *right* are in **staff-space** units of the current staff. For slurs, this value selects which slur candidate to use; if extreme positions are requested, the closest one is taken.
- padding** (dimension, in staff space)  
Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.
- shorten-pair** (pair of numbers)  
The lengths to shorten a text-spanner on both sides, for example a pedal bracket. Positive values shorten the text-spanner, while negative values lengthen it.
- staff-padding** (dimension, in staff space)  
Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.
- thickness** (number)  
Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.
- X-positions** (pair of numbers)  
Pair of X staff coordinates of a spanner in the form (*left* . *right*), where both *left* and *right* are in **staff-space** units of the current staff.

### Internal properties:

- note-columns** (array of grobs)  
An array of **NoteColumn** grobs.
- tuplet-number** (graphical (layout) object)  
The number for a bracket.
- tuplets** (array of grobs)  
An array of smaller tuplet brackets.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.60 \[LigatureBracket\], page 398](#) and [Section 3.1.127 \[TupletBracket\], page 456](#).

### 3.2.125 tuplet-number-interface

The number for a bracket.

**User settable properties:****avoid-slur** (symbol)

Method of handling slur collisions. Choices are **inside**, **outside**, **around**, and **ignore**. **inside** adjusts the slur if needed to keep the grob inside the slur. **outside** moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur. **around** moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur only if there is a collision. **ignore** does not move either. In grobs whose notational significance depends on vertical position (such as accidentals, clefs, etc.), **outside** and **around** behave like **ignore**.

**direction** (direction)

If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed **LEFT**, **CENTER** or **RIGHT** with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed **UP**, **CENTER** or **DOWN**. Numerical values may also be used: **UP**=1, **DOWN**=-1, **LEFT**=-1, **RIGHT**=1, **CENTER**=0.

**Internal properties:****bracket** (graphical (layout) object)

The bracket for a number.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.128 \[TupletNumber\]](#), [page 457](#).

**3.2.126 unbreakable-spanner-interface**

A spanner that should not be broken across line breaks. Override with **breakable=##t**.

**User settable properties:****breakable** (boolean)

Allow breaks here.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.19 \[Beam\]](#), [page 360](#) and [Section 3.1.46 \[Glissando\]](#), [page 387](#).

**3.2.127 vaticana-ligature-interface**

A vaticana style Gregorian ligature.

**User settable properties:****glyph-name** (string)

The glyph name within the font.

**thickness** (number)

Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.

**Internal properties:****flexa-height** (dimension, in staff space)

The height of a flexa shape in a ligature grob (in **staff-space** units).

**flexa-width** (dimension, in staff space)

The width of a flexa shape in a ligature grob in (in **staff-space** units).

**add-cauda** (boolean)

Does this flexa require an additional cauda on the left side?

- add-stem** (boolean)  
Is this ligature head a virga and therefore needs an additional stem on the right side?
- add-join** (boolean)  
Is this ligature head-joined with the next one by a vertical line?
- delta-position** (number)  
The vertical position difference.
- x-offset** (dimension, in staff space)  
Extra horizontal offset for ligature heads.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.75 \[NoteHead\]](#), [page 411](#) and [Section 3.1.131 \[VaticanaLigature\]](#), [page 460](#).

### 3.2.128 volta-bracket-interface

Volta bracket with number.

#### User settable properties:

- thickness** (number)  
Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.
- height** (dimension, in staff space)  
Height of an object in **staff-space** units.

#### Internal properties:

- bars** (array of grobs)  
An array of bar line pointers.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.135 \[VoltaBracket\]](#), [page 463](#).

### 3.2.129 volta-interface

A volta repeat.

This grob interface is used in the following graphical object(s): [Section 3.1.135 \[VoltaBracket\]](#), [page 463](#) and [Section 3.1.136 \[VoltaBracketSpanner\]](#), [page 464](#).

## 3.3 User backend properties

- add-stem-support** (boolean)  
If set, the **Stem** object is included in this script's support.
- after-line-breaking** (boolean)  
Dummy property, used to trigger callback for **after-line-breaking**.
- align-dir** (direction)  
Which side to align? -1: left side, 0: around center of width, 1: right side.
- allow-loose-spacing** (boolean)  
If set, column can be detached from main spacing.
- allow-span-bar** (boolean)  
If false, no inter-staff bar line will be created below this bar line.
- alteration** (number)  
Alteration numbers for accidental.

- alteration-alist** (list)  
List of (*pitch* . *accidental*) pairs for key signature.
- annotation** (string)  
Annotate a grob for debug purposes.
- annotation-balloon** (boolean)  
Print the balloon around an annotation.
- annotation-line** (boolean)  
Print the line from an annotation to the grob that it annotates.
- arpeggio-direction** (direction)  
If set, put an arrow on the arpeggio squiggly line.
- arrow-length** (number)  
Arrow length.
- arrow-width** (number)  
Arrow width.
- auto-knee-gap** (dimension, in staff space)  
If a gap is found between note heads where a horizontal beam fits that is larger than this number, make a kneed beam.
- automatically-numbered** (boolean)  
Should a footnote be automatically numbered?
- average-spacing-wishes** (boolean)  
If set, the spacing wishes are averaged over staves.
- avoid-note-head** (boolean)  
If set, the stem of a chord does not pass through all note heads, but starts at the last note head.
- avoid-scripts** (boolean)  
If set, a tuplet bracket avoids the scripts associated with the note heads it encompasses.
- avoid-slur** (symbol)  
Method of handling slur collisions. Choices are **inside**, **outside**, **around**, and **ignore**. **inside** adjusts the slur if needed to keep the grob inside the slur. **outside** moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur. **around** moves the grob vertically to the outside of the slur only if there is a collision. **ignore** does not move either. In grobs whose notational significance depends on vertical position (such as accidentals, clefs, etc.), **outside** and **around** behave like **ignore**.
- axes** (list) List of axis numbers. In the case of alignment grobs, this should contain only one number.
- bar-extent** (pair of numbers)  
The Y-extent of the actual bar line. This may differ from **Y-extent** because it does not include the dots in a repeat bar line.
- base-shortest-duration** (moment)  
Spacing is based on the shortest notes in a piece. Normally, pieces are spaced as if notes at least as short as this are present.
- baseline-skip** (dimension, in staff space)  
Distance between base lines of multiple lines of text.

**beam-thickness** (dimension, in staff space)

Beam thickness, measured in **staff-space** units.

**beam-width** (dimension, in staff space)

Width of the tremolo sign.

**beamed-stem-shorten** (list)

How much to shorten beamed stems, when their direction is forced. It is a list, since the value is different depending on the number of flags and beams.

**beaming** (pair)

Pair of number lists. Each number list specifies which beams to make. 0 is the central beam, 1 is the next beam toward the note, etc. This information is used to determine how to connect the beaming patterns from stem to stem inside a beam.

**beamlet-default-length** (pair)

A pair of numbers. The first number specifies the default length of a beamlet that sticks out of the left hand side of this stem; the second number specifies the default length of the beamlet to the right. The actual length of a beamlet is determined by taking either the default length or the length specified by **beamlet-max-length-proportion**, whichever is smaller.

**beamlet-max-length-proportion** (pair)

The maximum length of a beamlet, as a proportion of the distance between two adjacent stems.

**before-line-breaking** (boolean)

Dummy property, used to trigger a callback function.

**between-cols** (pair)

Where to attach a loose column to.

**bound-details** (list)

An alist of properties for determining attachments of spanners to edges.

**bound-padding** (number)

The amount of padding to insert around spanner bounds.

**bracket-flare** (pair of numbers)

A pair of numbers specifying how much edges of brackets should slant outward. Value 0.0 means straight edges.

**bracket-visibility** (boolean or symbol)

This controls the visibility of the tuplet bracket. Setting it to false prevents printing of the bracket. Setting the property to **if-no-beam** makes it print only if there is no beam associated with this tuplet bracket.

**break-align-anchor** (number)

Grobs aligned to this break-align grob will have their X-offsets shifted by this number. In bar lines, for example, this is used to position grobs relative to the (visual) center of the bar line.

**break-align-anchor-alignment** (number)

Read by **ly:break-aligned-interface::calc-extent-aligned-anchor** for aligning an anchor to a grob's extent.

**break-align-orders** (vector)

Defines the order in which prefatory matter (clefs, key signatures) appears. The format is a vector of length 3, where each element is one order for end-of-line, middle of line, and start-of-line, respectively. An order is a list of symbols.

For example, clefs are put after key signatures by setting

```
\override Score.BreakAlignment #'break-align-orders =
  #(make-vector 3 '(span-bar
                    breathing-sign
                    staff-bar
                    key
                    clef
                    time-signature))
```

**break-align-symbol** (symbol)

This key is used for aligning and spacing breakable items.

**break-align-symbols** (list)

A list of symbols that determine which break-aligned grobs to align this to. If the grob selected by the first symbol in the list is invisible due to break-visibility, we will align to the next grob (and so on). Choices are `left-edge`, `ambitus`, `breathing-sign`, `clef`, `staff-bar`, `key-cancellation`, `key-signature`, `time-signature`, and `custos`.

**break-overshoot** (pair of numbers)

How much does a broken spanner stick out of its bounds?

**break-visibility** (vector)

A vector of 3 booleans,  `#(end-of-line unbroken begin-of-line)`. `#t` means visible, `#f` means killed.

**breakable** (boolean)

Allow breaks here.

**broken-bound-padding** (number)

The amount of padding to insert when a spanner is broken at a line break.

**c0-position** (integer)

An integer indicating the position of middle C.

**circled-tip** (boolean)

Put a circle at start/end of hairpins (`al`/`del niente`).

**clip-edges** (boolean)

Allow outward pointing beamlets at the edges of beams?

**collapse-height** (dimension, in staff space)

Minimum height of system start delimiter. If equal or smaller, the bracket/brace/line is removed.

**collision-bias** (number)

Number determining how much to favor the left (negative) or right (positive). Larger absolute values in either direction will push a collision in this direction.

**collision-interfaces** (list)

A list of interfaces for which automatic beam-collision resolution is run.

**collision-padding** (number)

Amount of padding to apply after a collision is detected via the self-alignment-interface.

**collision-voice-only** (boolean)

Does automatic beam collision apply only to the voice in which the beam was created?

**color** (color)

The color of this grob.

**common-shortest-duration** (moment)

The most common shortest note length. This is used in spacing. Enlarging this sets the score tighter.

**concaveness** (number)

A beam is concave if its inner stems are closer to the beam than the two outside stems. This number is a measure of the closeness of the inner stems. It is used for damping the slope of the beam.

**connect-to-neighbor** (pair)

Pair of booleans, indicating whether this grob looks as a continued break.

**control-points** (list)

List of offsets (number pairs) that form control points for the tie, slur, or bracket shape. For Béziers, this should list the control points of a third-order Bézier curve.

**damping** (number)

Amount of beam slope damping.

**dash-definition** (pair)

List of **dash-elements** defining the dash structure. Each **dash-element** has a starting t value, an ending t-value, a **dash-fraction**, and a **dash-period**.

**dash-fraction** (number)

Size of the dashes, relative to **dash-period**. Should be between 0.0 (no line) and 1.0 (continuous line).

**dash-period** (number)

The length of one dash together with whitespace. If negative, no line is drawn at all.

**default-direction** (direction)

Direction determined by note head positions.

**default-staff-staff-spacing** (list)

The settings to use for **staff-staff-spacing** when it is unset, for ungrouped staves and for grouped staves that do not have the relevant **StaffGrouper** property set (**staff-staff-spacing** or **staffgroup-staff-spacing**).

**details** (list)

Alist of parameters for detailed grob behavior. More information on the allowed parameters for a grob can be found by looking at the top of the Internals Reference page for each interface having a **details** property.

**digit-names** (vector)

Names for string finger digits.

**direction** (direction)

If **side-axis** is 0 (or X), then this property determines whether the object is placed LEFT, CENTER or RIGHT with respect to the other object. Otherwise, it determines whether the object is placed UP, CENTER or DOWN. Numerical values may also be used: UP=1, DOWN=-1, LEFT=-1, RIGHT=1, CENTER=0.

**dot-count** (integer)

The number of dots.

**dot-negative-kern** (number)

The space to remove between a dot and a slash in percent repeat glyphs. Larger values bring the two elements closer together.



**dot-placement-list** (list)

List consisting of (*description string-number fret-number finger-number*) entries used to define fret diagrams.

**duration-log** (integer)

The 2-log of the note head duration, i.e., 0 = whole note, 1 = half note, etc.

**eccentricity** (number)

How asymmetrical to make a slur. Positive means move the center to the right.

**edge-height** (pair)

A pair of numbers specifying the heights of the vertical edges: (*left-height . right-height*).

**edge-text** (pair)

A pair specifying the texts to be set at the edges: (*left-text . right-text*).

**expand-limit** (integer)

Maximum number of measures expanded in church rests.

**extra-dy** (number)

Slope glissandi this much extra.

**extra-offset** (pair of numbers)

A pair representing an offset. This offset is added just before outputting the symbol, so the typesetting engine is completely oblivious to it. The values are measured in **staff-space** units of the staff's **StaffSymbol**.

**extra-spacing-height** (pair of numbers)

In the horizontal spacing problem, we increase the height of each item by this amount (by adding the 'car' to the bottom of the item and adding the 'cdr' to the top of the item). In order to make a grob infinitely high (to prevent the horizontal spacing problem from placing any other grobs above or below this grob), set this to (**-inf.0 . +inf.0**).

**extra-spacing-width** (pair of numbers)

In the horizontal spacing problem, we pad each item by this amount (by adding the 'car' on the left side of the item and adding the 'cdr' on the right side of the item). In order to make a grob take up no horizontal space at all, set this to (**+inf.0 . -inf.0**).

**extra-X-extent** (pair of numbers)

A grob is enlarged in X dimension by this much.

**extra-Y-extent** (pair of numbers)

A grob is enlarged in Y dimension by this much.

**flag-count** (number)

The number of tremolo beams.

**font-encoding** (symbol)

The font encoding is the broadest category for selecting a font. Currently, only Lilypond's system fonts (Emmentaler) are using this property. Available values are **fetaMusic** (Emmentaler), **fetaBraces**, **fetaText** (Emmentaler).

**font-family** (symbol)

The font family is the broadest category for selecting text fonts. Options include: **sans**, **roman**.

**font-name** (string)

Specifies a file name (without extension) of the font to load. This setting overrides selection using **font-family**, **font-series** and **font-shape**.

**font-series** (symbol)

Select the series of a font. Choices include **medium**, **bold**, **bold-narrow**, etc.

**font-shape** (symbol)

Select the shape of a font. Choices include **upright**, **italic**, **caps**.

**font-size** (number)

The font size, compared to the ‘normal’ size. 0 is style-sheet’s normal size, -1 is smaller, +1 is bigger. Each step of 1 is approximately 12% larger; 6 steps are exactly a factor 2 larger. Fractional values are allowed.

**footnote** (boolean)

Should this be a footnote or in-note?

**footnote-music** (music)

Music creating a footnote.

**footnote-text** (markup)

A footnote for the grob.

**force-hshift** (number)

This specifies a manual shift for notes in collisions. The unit is the note head width of the first voice note. This is used by [Section “note-collision-interface” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

**forced-spacing** (number)

Spacing forced between grobs, used in various ligature engravers.

**fraction** (fraction, as pair)

Numerator and denominator of a time signature object.

**french-beaming** (boolean)

Use French beaming style for this stem. The stem stops at the innermost beams.

**fret-diagram-details** (list)

An alist of detailed grob properties for fret diagrams. Each alist entry consists of a (*property* . *value*) pair. The properties which can be included in **fret-diagram-details** include the following:

- **barre-type** – Type of barre indication used. Choices include **curved**, **straight**, and **none**. Default **curved**.
- **capo-thickness** – Thickness of capo indicator, in multiples of fret-space. Default value 0.5.
- **dot-color** – Color of dots. Options include **black** and **white**. Default **black**.
- **dot-label-font-mag** – Magnification for font used to label fret dots. Default value 1.
- **dot-position** – Location of dot in fret space. Default 0.6 for dots without labels, 0.95-dot-radius for dots with labels.
- **dot-radius** – Radius of dots, in terms of fret spaces. Default value 0.425 for labeled dots, 0.25 for unlabeled dots.
- **finger-code** – Code for the type of fingering indication used. Options include **none**, **in-dot**, and **below-string**. Default **none** for markup fret diagrams, **below-string** for FretBoards fret diagrams.

- **fret-count** – The number of frets. Default 4.
- **fret-label-custom-format** – The format string to be used label the lowest fret number, when **number-type** equals to **custom**. Default `"~a"`.
- **fret-label-font-mag** – The magnification of the font used to label the lowest fret number. Default 0.5.
- **fret-label-vertical-offset** – The offset of the fret label from the center of the fret in direction parallel to strings. Default 0.
- **label-dir** – Side to which the fret label is attached. `-1`, **LEFT**, or **DOWN** for left or down; `1`, **RIGHT**, or **UP** for right or up. Default **RIGHT**.
- **mute-string** – Character string to be used to indicate muted string. Default `"x"`.
- **number-type** – Type of numbers to use in fret label. Choices include **roman-lower**, **roman-upper**, **arabic** and **custom**. In the later case, the format string is supplied by the **fret-label-custom-format** property. Default **roman-lower**.
- **open-string** – Character string to be used to indicate open string. Default `"o"`.
- **orientation** – Orientation of fret-diagram. Options include **normal**, **landscape**, and **opposing-landscape**. Default **normal**.
- **string-count** – The number of strings. Default 6.
- **string-label-font-mag** – The magnification of the font used to label fingerings at the string, rather than in the dot. Default value 0.6 for **normal** orientation, 0.5 for **landscape** and **opposing-landscape**.
- **string-thickness-factor** – Factor for changing thickness of each string in the fret diagram. Thickness of string  $k$  is given by  $\text{thickness} * (1 + \text{string-thickness-factor}) ^ (k-1)$ . Default 0.
- **top-fret-thickness** – The thickness of the top fret line, as a multiple of the standard thickness. Default value 3.
- **xo-font-magnification** – Magnification used for mute and open string indicators. Default value 0.5.
- **xo-padding** – Padding for open and mute indicators from top fret. Default value 0.25.

**full-length-padding** (number)

How much padding to use at the right side of a full-length tuplet bracket.

**full-length-to-extent** (boolean)

Run to the extent of the column for a full-length tuplet bracket.

**full-measure-extra-space** (number)

Extra space that is allocated at the beginning of a measure with only one note. This property is read from the `NonMusicalPaperColumn` that begins the measure.

**full-size-change** (boolean)

Don't make a change clef smaller.

**gap** (dimension, in staff space)

Size of a gap in a variable symbol.

**gap-count** (integer)

Number of gapped beams for tremolo.

**glissando-skip** (boolean)

Should this `NoteHead` be skipped by glissandi?

**glyph** (string)

A string determining what ‘style’ of glyph is typeset. Valid choices depend on the function that is reading this property.

**glyph-name** (string)

The glyph name within the font.

**glyph-name-alist** (list)

An alist of key-string pairs.

**graphical** (boolean)

Display in graphical (vs. text) form.

**grow-direction** (direction)

Crescendo or decrescendo?

**hair-thickness** (number)

Thickness of the thin line in a bar line.

**harp-pedal-details** (list)

An alist of detailed grob properties for harp pedal diagrams. Each alist entry consists of a (*property* . *value*) pair. The properties which can be included in harp-pedal-details include the following:

- **box-offset** – Vertical shift of the center of flat/sharp pedal boxes above/below the horizontal line. Default value 0.8.
- **box-width** – Width of each pedal box. Default value 0.4.
- **box-height** – Height of each pedal box. Default value 1.0.
- **space-before-divider** – Space between boxes before the first divider (so that the diagram can be made symmetric). Default value 0.8.
- **space-after-divider** – Space between boxes after the first divider. Default value 0.8.
- **circle-thickness** – Thickness (in unit of the line-thickness) of the ellipse around circled pedals. Default value 0.5.
- **circle-x-padding** – Padding in X direction of the ellipse around circled pedals. Default value 0.15.
- **circle-y-padding** – Padding in Y direction of the ellipse around circled pedals. Default value 0.2.

**head-direction** (direction)

Are the note heads left or right in a semitie?

**height** (dimension, in staff space)

Height of an object in **staff-space** units.

**height-limit** (dimension, in staff space)

Maximum slur height: The longer the slur, the closer it is to this height.

**hide-tied-accidental-after-break** (boolean)

If set, an accidental that appears on a tied note after a line break will not be displayed.

**horizontal-shift** (integer)

An integer that identifies ranking of **NoteColumns** for horizontal shifting. This is used by [Section “note-collision-interface”](#) in *Internals Reference*.

**horizontal-skylines** (pair of skylines)

Two skylines, one to the left and one to the right of this grob.

**id** (string)

An id string for the grob. Depending on the typesetting backend being used, this id will be assigned to a group containing all of the stencils that comprise a given grob. For example, in the svg backend, the string will be assigned to the `id` attribute of a group (`<g>`) that encloses the stencils that comprise the grob. In the Postscript backend, as there is no way to group items, the setting of the id property will have no effect.

**ignore-collision** (boolean)

If set, don't do note collision resolution on this `NoteColumn`.

**implicit** (boolean)

Is this an implicit bass figure?

**inspect-index** (integer)

If debugging is set, set beam and slur configuration to this index, and print the respective scores.

**inspect-quants** (pair of numbers)

If debugging is set, set beam and slur quants to this position, and print the respective scores.

**keep-inside-line** (boolean)

If set, this column cannot have objects sticking into the margin.

**kern** (dimension, in staff space)

Amount of extra white space to add. For bar lines, this is the amount of space after a thick line.

**knee** (boolean)

Is this beam kneed?

**knee-spacing-correction** (number)

Factor for the optical correction amount for kneed beams. Set between 0 for no correction and 1 for full correction.

**labels** (list)

List of labels (symbols) placed on a column.

**layer** (integer)

An integer which determines the order of printing objects. Objects with the lowest value of layer are drawn first, then objects with progressively higher values are drawn, so objects with higher values overwrite objects with lower values. By default most objects are assigned a layer value of 1.

**ledger-extra** (dimension, in staff space)

Extra distance from staff line to draw ledger lines for.

**ledger-line-thickness** (pair of numbers)

The thickness of ledger lines. It is the sum of 2 numbers: The first is the factor for line thickness, and the second for staff space. Both contributions are added.

**ledger-positions** (list)

Repeating pattern for the vertical positions of ledger lines. Bracketed groups are always shown together.

**left-bound-info** (list)

An alist of properties for determining attachments of spanners to edges.

**left-padding** (dimension, in staff space)

The amount of space that is put left to an object (e.g., a lyric extender).

- length** (dimension, in staff space)  
User override for the stem length of unbeamed stems.
- length-fraction** (number)  
Multiplier for lengths. Used for determining ledger lines and stem lengths.
- line-break-penalty** (number)  
Penalty for a line break at this column. This affects the choices of the line breaker; it avoids a line break at a column with a positive penalty and prefers a line break at a column with a negative penalty.
- line-break-permission** (symbol)  
Instructs the line breaker on whether to put a line break at this column. Can be **force** or **allow**.
- line-break-system-details** (list)  
An alist of properties to use if this column is the start of a system.
- line-count** (integer)  
The number of staff lines.
- line-positions** (list)  
Vertical positions of staff lines.
- line-thickness** (number)  
The thickness of the tie or slur contour.
- long-text** (markup)  
Text markup. See [Section “Formatting text” in \*Notation Reference\*](#).
- max-beam-connect** (integer)  
Maximum number of beams to connect to beams from this stem. Further beams are typeset as beamlets.
- max-stretch** (number)  
The maximum amount that this `VerticalAxisGroup` can be vertically stretched (for example, in order to better fill a page).
- measure-count** (integer)  
The number of measures for a multi-measure rest.
- measure-length** (moment)  
Length of a measure. Used in some spacing situations.
- merge-differently-dotted** (boolean)  
Merge note heads in collisions, even if they have a different number of dots. This is normal notation for some types of polyphonic music.  
**merge-differently-dotted** only applies to opposing stem directions (i.e., voice 1 & 2).
- merge-differently-headed** (boolean)  
Merge note heads in collisions, even if they have different note heads. The smaller of the two heads is rendered invisible. This is used in polyphonic guitar notation. The value of this setting is used by [Section “note-collision-interface” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).  
**merge-differently-headed** only applies to opposing stem directions (i.e., voice 1 & 2).
- minimum-distance** (dimension, in staff space)  
Minimum distance between rest and notes or beam.

**minimum-length** (dimension, in staff space)

Try to make a spanner at least this long, normally in the horizontal direction. This requires an appropriate callback for the **springs-and-rods** property. If added to a **Tie**, this sets the minimum distance between noteheads.

**minimum-length-fraction** (number)

Minimum length of ledger line as fraction of note head size.

**minimum-space** (dimension, in staff space)

Minimum distance that the victim should move (after padding).

**minimum-X-extent** (pair of numbers)

Minimum size of an object in X dimension, measured in **staff-space** units.

**minimum-Y-extent** (pair of numbers)

Minimum size of an object in Y dimension, measured in **staff-space** units.

**neutral-direction** (direction)

Which direction to take in the center of the staff.

**neutral-position** (number)

Position (in half staff spaces) where to flip the direction of custos stem.

**next** (graphical (layout) object)

Object that is next relation (e.g., the lyric syllable following an extender).

**no-alignment** (boolean)

If set, don't place this grob in a **VerticalAlignment**; rather, place it using its own **Y-offset** callback.

**no-ledgers** (boolean)

If set, don't draw ledger lines on this object.

**no-stem-extend** (boolean)

If set, notes with ledger lines do not get stems extending to the middle staff line.

**non-break-align-symbols** (list)

A list of symbols that determine which NON-break-aligned interfaces to align this to.

**non-default** (boolean)

Set for manually specified clefs.

**non-musical** (boolean)

True if the grob belongs to a **NonMusicalPaperColumn**.

**nonstaff-nonstaff-spacing** (list)

The spacing alist controlling the distance between the current non-staff line and the next non-staff line in the direction of **staff-affinity**, if both are on the same side of the related staff, and **staff-affinity** is either UP or DOWN. See **staff-staff-spacing** for a description of the alist structure.

**nonstaff-relatedstaff-spacing** (list)

The spacing alist controlling the distance between the current non-staff line and the nearest staff in the direction of **staff-affinity**, if there are no non-staff lines between the two, and **staff-affinity** is either UP or DOWN. If **staff-affinity** is CENTER, then **nonstaff-relatedstaff-spacing** is used for the nearest staves on *both* sides, even if other non-staff lines appear between the current one and either of the staves. See **staff-staff-spacing** for a description of the alist structure.

**nonstaff-unrelatedstaff-spacing** (list)

The spacing alist controlling the distance between the current non-staff line and the nearest staff in the opposite direction from **staff-affinity**, if there are no other non-staff lines between the two, and **staff-affinity** is either UP or DOWN. See **staff-staff-spacing** for a description of the alist structure.

**normalized-endpoints** (pair)

Represents left and right placement over the total spanner, where the width of the spanner is normalized between 0 and 1.

**note-names** (vector)

Vector of strings containing names for easy-notation note heads.

**outside-staff-horizontal-padding** (number)

By default, an outside-staff-object can be placed so that it is very close to another grob horizontally. If this property is set, the outside-staff-object is raised so that it is not so close to its neighbor.

**outside-staff-padding** (number)

The padding to place between this grob and the staff when spacing according to **outside-staff-priority**.

**outside-staff-priority** (number)

If set, the grob is positioned outside the staff in such a way as to avoid all collisions. In case of a potential collision, the grob with the smaller **outside-staff-priority** is closer to the staff.

**packed-spacing** (boolean)

If set, the notes are spaced as tightly as possible.

**padding** (dimension, in staff space)

Add this much extra space between objects that are next to each other.

**padding-pairs** (list)

An alist mapping (*name* . *name*) to distances.

**page-break-penalty** (number)

Penalty for page break at this column. This affects the choices of the page breaker; it avoids a page break at a column with a positive penalty and prefers a page break at a column with a negative penalty.

**page-break-permission** (symbol)

Instructs the page breaker on whether to put a page break at this column. Can be **force** or **allow**.

**page-turn-penalty** (number)

Penalty for a page turn at this column. This affects the choices of the page breaker; it avoids a page turn at a column with a positive penalty and prefers a page turn at a column with a negative penalty.

**page-turn-permission** (symbol)

Instructs the page breaker on whether to put a page turn at this column. Can be **force** or **allow**.

**parenthesized** (boolean)

Parenthesize this grob.

**positions** (pair of numbers)

Pair of staff coordinates (*left* . *right*), where both *left* and *right* are in **staff-space** units of the current staff. For slurs, this value selects which slur candidate to use; if extreme positions are requested, the closest one is taken.



- prefer-dotted-right** (boolean)  
For note collisions, prefer to shift dotted up-note to the right, rather than shifting just the dot.
- ratio** (number)  
Parameter for slur shape. The higher this number, the quicker the slur attains its **height-limit**.
- remove-empty** (boolean)  
If set, remove group if it contains no interesting items.
- remove-first** (boolean)  
Remove the first staff of an orchestral score?
- replacement-alist** (list)  
Alist of strings. The key is a string of the pattern to be replaced. The value is a string of what should be displayed. Useful for ligatures.
- restore-first** (boolean)  
Print a natural before the accidental.
- rhythmic-location** (rhythmic location)  
Where (bar number, measure position) in the score.
- right-bound-info** (list)  
An alist of properties for determining attachments of spanners to edges.
- right-padding** (dimension, in staff space)  
Space to insert on the right side of an object (e.g., between note and its accidentals).
- rotation** (list)  
Number of degrees to rotate this object, and what point to rotate around. For example, '(45 0 0) rotates by 45 degrees around the center of this object.
- round-up-exceptions** (list)  
A list of pairs where car is the numerator and cdr the denominator of a moment. Each pair in this list means that the multi-measure rests of the corresponding length will be rounded up to the longer rest. See *round-up-to-longer-rest*.
- round-up-to-longer-rest** (boolean)  
Displays the longer multi-measure rest when the length of a measure is between two values of **usable-duration-logs**. For example, displays a breve instead of a whole in a 3/2 measure.
- same-direction-correction** (number)  
Optical correction amount for stems that are placed in tight configurations. This amount is used for stems with the same direction to compensate for note head to stem distance.
- script-priority** (number)  
A sorting key that determines in what order a script is within a stack of scripts.
- self-alignment-X** (number)  
Specify alignment of an object. The value -1 means left aligned, 0 centered, and 1 right-aligned in X direction. Other numerical values may also be specified.
- self-alignment-Y** (number)  
Like **self-alignment-X** but for the Y axis.
- shorten-pair** (pair of numbers)  
The lengths to shorten a text-spanner on both sides, for example a pedal bracket. Positive values shorten the text-spanner, while negative values lengthen it.

**shortest-duration-space** (dimension, in staff space)

Start with this much space for the shortest duration. This is expressed in **spacing-increment** as unit. See also [Section “spacing-spanner-interface” in \*Internals Reference\*](#).

**shortest-playing-duration** (moment)

The duration of the shortest note playing here.

**shortest-starter-duration** (moment)

The duration of the shortest note that starts here.

**side-axis** (number)

If the value is **X** (or equivalently 0), the object is placed horizontally next to the other object. If the value is **Y** or 1, it is placed vertically.

**side-relative-direction** (direction)

Multiply direction of **direction-source** with this to get the direction of this object.

**simple-Y** (boolean)

Should the Y placement of a spanner disregard changes in system heights?

**size** (number)

Size of object, relative to standard size.

**skip-quanting** (boolean)

Should beam quanting be skipped?

**skyline-horizontal-padding** (number)

For determining the vertical distance between two staves, it is possible to have a configuration which would result in a tight interleaving of grobs from the top staff and the bottom staff. The larger this parameter is, the farther apart the staves are placed in such a configuration.

**skyline-vertical-padding** (number)

The amount by which the left and right skylines of a column are padded vertically, beyond the **Y-extents** and **extra-spacing-heights** of the constituent grobs in the column. Increase this to prevent interleaving of grobs from adjacent columns.

**slash-negative-kern** (number)

The space to remove between slashes in percent repeat glyphs. Larger values bring the two elements closer together.

**slope** (number)

The slope of this object.

**slur-padding** (number)

Extra distance between slur and script.

**space-alist** (list)

A table that specifies distances between prefatory items, like clef and time-signature. The format is an alist of spacing tuples: (*break-align-symbol type . distance*), where *type* can be the symbols **minimum-space** or **extra-space**.

**space-to-barline** (boolean)

If set, the distance between a note and the following non-musical column will be measured to the bar line instead of to the beginning of the non-musical column. If there is a clef change followed by a bar line, for example, this means that we will try to space the non-musical column as though the clef is not there.

**spacing-increment** (number)

Add this much space for a doubled duration. Typically, the width of a note head. See also [Section “spacing-spanner-interface”](#) in *Internals Reference*.

**spacing-pair** (pair)

A pair of alignment symbols which set an object’s spacing relative to its left and right **BreakAlignments**.

For example, a **MultiMeasureRest** will ignore prefatory items at its bounds (i.e., clefs, key signatures and time signatures) using the following override:

```
\override MultiMeasureRest
  #'spacing-pair = #'(staff-bar . staff-bar)
```

**spanner-id** (string)

An identifier to distinguish concurrent spanners.

**springs-and-rods** (boolean)

Dummy variable for triggering spacing routines.

**stacking-dir** (direction)

Stack objects in which direction?

**staff-affinity** (direction)

The direction of the staff to use for spacing the current non-staff line. Choices are UP, DOWN, and CENTER. If CENTER, the non-staff line will be placed equidistant between the two nearest staves on either side, unless collisions or other spacing constraints prevent this. Setting **staff-affinity** for a staff causes it to be treated as a non-staff line. Setting **staff-affinity** to **#f** causes a non-staff line to be treated as a staff.

**staff-padding** (dimension, in staff space)

Maintain this much space between reference points and the staff. Its effect is to align objects of differing sizes (like the dynamics **p** and **f**) on their baselines.

**staff-position** (number)

Vertical position, measured in half staff spaces, counted from the middle line.

**staff-space** (dimension, in staff space)

Amount of space between staff lines, expressed in global **staff-space**.

**staff-staff-spacing** (list)

When applied to a staff-group’s **StaffGrouper** grob, this spacing alist controls the distance between consecutive staves within the staff-group. When applied to a staff’s **VerticalAxisGroup** grob, it controls the distance between the staff and the nearest staff below it in the same system, replacing any settings inherited from the **StaffGrouper** grob of the containing staff-group, if there is one. This property remains in effect even when non-staff lines appear between staves. The alist can contain the following keys:

- **basic-distance** – the vertical distance, measured in staff-spaces, between the reference points of the two items when no collisions would result, and no stretching or compressing is in effect.
- **minimum-distance** – the smallest allowable vertical distance, measured in staff-spaces, between the reference points of the two items, when compressing is in effect.
- **padding** – the minimum required amount of unobstructed vertical whitespace between the bounding boxes (or skylines) of the two items, measured in staff-spaces.

- **stretchability** – a unitless measure of the dimension’s relative propensity to stretch. If zero, the distance will not stretch (unless collisions would result).

**staffgroup-staff-spacing** (list)

The spacing alist controlling the distance between the last staff of the current staff-group and the staff just below it in the same system, even if one or more non-staff lines exist between the two staves. If the **staff-staff-spacing** property of the staff’s **VerticalAxisGroup** grob is set, that is used instead. See **staff-staff-spacing** for a description of the alist structure.

**stem-attachment** (pair of numbers)

An (x . y) pair where the stem attaches to the notehead.

**stem-begin-position** (number)

User override for the begin position of a stem.

**stem-spacing-correction** (number)

Optical correction amount for stems that are placed in tight configurations. For opposite directions, this amount is the correction for two normal sized stems that overlap completely.

**stemlet-length** (number)

How long should be a stem over a rest?

**stencil** (stencil)

The symbol to print.

**stencils** (list)

Multiple stencils, used as intermediate value.

**strict-grace-spacing** (boolean)

If set, main notes are spaced normally, then grace notes are put left of the musical columns for the main notes.

**strict-note-spacing** (boolean)

If set, unbroken columns with non-musical material (clefs, bar lines, etc.) are not spaced separately, but put before musical columns.

**stroke-style** (string)

Set to "grace" to turn stroke through flag on.

**style** (symbol)

This setting determines in what style a grob is typeset. Valid choices depend on the **stencil** callback reading this property.

**text** (markup)

Text markup. See [Section “Formatting text” in \*Notation Reference\*](#).

**text-direction** (direction)

This controls the ordering of the words. The default **RIGHT** is for roman text. Arabic or Hebrew should use **LEFT**.

**thick-thickness** (number)

Bar line thickness, measured in **line-thickness**.

**thickness** (number)

Line thickness, generally measured in **line-thickness**.

**thin-kern** (number)

The space after a hair-line in a bar line.

**tie-configuration** (list)

List of (*position* . *dir*) pairs, indicating the desired tie configuration, where *position* is the offset from the center of the staff in staff space and *dir* indicates the direction of the tie (1=>up, -1=>down, 0=>center). A non-pair entry in the list causes the corresponding tie to be formatted automatically.

**to-barline** (boolean)

If true, the spanner will stop at the bar line just before it would otherwise stop.

**toward-stem-shift** (number)

Amount by which scripts are shifted toward the stem if their direction coincides with the stem direction. 0.0 means keep the default position (centered on the note head), 1.0 means centered on the stem. Interpolated values are possible.

**transparent** (boolean)

This makes the grob invisible.

**uniform-stretching** (boolean)

If set, items stretch proportionally to their durations. This looks better in complex polyphonic patterns.

**usable-duration-logs** (list)

List of **duration-logs** that can be used in typesetting the grob.

**use-skylines** (boolean)

Should skylines be used for side positioning?

**used** (boolean)

If set, this spacing column is kept in the spacing problem.

**vertical-skylines** (pair of skylines)

Two skylines, one above and one below this grob.

**when** (moment)

Global time step associated with this column happen?

**whiteout** (boolean)

If true, the grob is printed over a white background to white-out underlying material, if the grob is visible. Usually #f by default.

**width** (dimension, in staff space)

The width of a grob measured in staff space.

**word-space** (dimension, in staff space)

Space to insert between words in texts.

**X-extent** (pair of numbers)

Hard coded extent in X direction.

**X-offset** (number)

The horizontal amount that this object is moved relative to its X-parent.

**X-positions** (pair of numbers)

Pair of X staff coordinates of a spanner in the form (*left* . *right*), where both *left* and *right* are in **staff-space** units of the current staff.

**Y-extent** (pair of numbers)

Hard coded extent in Y direction.

**Y-offset** (number)

The vertical amount that this object is moved relative to its Y-parent.

**zigzag-length** (dimension, in staff space)

The length of the lines of a zigzag, relative to **zigzag-width**. A value of 1 gives 60-degree zigzags.

**zigzag-width** (dimension, in staff space)

The width of one zigzag squiggle. This number is adjusted slightly so that the glissando line can be constructed from a whole number of squiggles.

### 3.4 Internal backend properties

**accidental-grob** (graphical (layout) object)

The accidental for this note.

**accidental-grobs** (list)

An alist with (*notename . groblist*) entries.

**add-cauda** (boolean)

Does this flexa require an additional cauda on the left side?

**add-join** (boolean)

Is this ligature head-joined with the next one by a vertical line?

**add-stem** (boolean)

Is this ligature head a virga and therefore needs an additional stem on the right side?

**adjacent-pure-heights** (pair)

A pair of vectors. Used by a **VerticalAxisGroup** to cache the Y-extents of different column ranges.

**adjacent-spanners** (array of grobs)

An array of directly neighboring dynamic spanners.

**all-elements** (array of grobs)

An array of all grobs in this line. Its function is to protect objects from being garbage collected.

**arpeggio** (graphical (layout) object)

A pointer to an **Arpeggio** object.

**ascendens** (boolean)

Is this neume of ascending type?

**auctum** (boolean)

Is this neume liquescentically augmented?

**axis-group-parent-X** (graphical (layout) object)

Containing X axis group.

**axis-group-parent-Y** (graphical (layout) object)

Containing Y axis group.

**bars** (array of grobs)

An array of bar line pointers.

**beam** (graphical (layout) object)

A pointer to the beam, if applicable.

**beam-segments** (list)

Internal representation of beam segments.

**begin-of-line-visible** (boolean)

Set to make **ChordName** or **FretBoard** be visible only at beginning of line or at chord changes.

**bound-alignment-interfaces** (list)

Interfaces to be used for positioning elements that align with a column.

**bounded-by-me** (array of grobs)

An array of spanners that have this column as start/begin point. Only columns that have grobs or act as bounds are spaced.

**bracket** (graphical (layout) object)

The bracket for a number.

**cause** (any type)

Any kind of causation objects (i.e., music, or perhaps translator) that was the cause for this grob.

**cavum** (boolean)

Is this neume outlined?

**columns** (array of grobs)

An array of grobs, typically containing **PaperColumn** or **NoteColumn** objects.

**concurrent-hairpins** (array of grobs)

All concurrent hairpins.

**conditional-elements** (array of grobs)

Internal use only.

**context-info** (integer)

Within a ligature, the final glyph or shape of a head may be affected by the left and/or right neighbour head. **context-info** holds for each head such information about the left and right neighbour, encoded as a bit mask.

**covered-grobs** (array of grobs)

Grobs that could potentially collide with a beam.

**cross-staff** (boolean)

For a beam or a stem, this is true if we depend on inter-staff spacing.

**delta-position** (number)

The vertical position difference.

**deminutum** (boolean)

Is this neume diminished?

**descendens** (boolean)

Is this neume of descendent type?

**direction-source** (graphical (layout) object)

In case **side-relative-direction** is set, which grob to get the direction from.

**display-cautionary** (boolean)

Should the grob be displayed as a cautionary grob?

**dot** (graphical (layout) object)

A reference to a **Dots** object.

**dots** (array of grobs)

Multiple **Dots** objects.

- elements** (array of grobs)  
An array of grobs; the type is depending on the grob where this is set in.
- encompass-objects** (array of grobs)  
Objects that a slur should avoid in addition to notes and stems.
- figures** (array of grobs)  
Figured bass objects for continuation line.
- flag** (graphical (layout) object)  
A pointer to a **Flag** object.
- flexa-height** (dimension, in staff space)  
The height of a flexa shape in a ligature grob (in **staff-space** units).
- flexa-interval** (integer)  
The interval spanned by the two notes of a flexa shape (1 is a second, 7 is an octave).
- flexa-width** (dimension, in staff space)  
The width of a flexa shape in a ligature grob in (in **staff-space** units).
- font** (font metric)  
A cached font metric object.
- footnote-stencil** (stencil)  
The stencil of a system's footnotes.
- footnotes-after-line-breaking** (array of grobs)  
Footnote grobs of a broken system.
- footnotes-before-line-breaking** (array of grobs)  
Footnote grobs of a whole system.
- forced** (boolean)  
Manually forced accidental.
- full-score-pure-minimum-translations** (list)  
A list of translations for a full score's worth of grobs.
- glissando-index** (integer)  
The index of a glissando in its note column.
- grace-spacing** (graphical (layout) object)  
A run of grace notes.
- has-span-bar** (pair)  
A pair of grobs containing the span bars to be drawn below and above the staff. If no span bar is in a position, the respective element is set to **#f**.
- head-width** (dimension, in staff space)  
The width of this ligature head.
- heads** (array of grobs)  
An array of note heads.
- ideal-distances** (list)  
(*obj* . (*dist* . *strength*)) pairs.
- important-column-ranks** (vector)  
A cache of columns that contain **items-worth-living** data.
- in-note-direction** (direction)  
Direction to place in-notes above a system.



- in-note-padding** (number)  
Padding between in-notes.
- in-note-stencil** (stencil)  
The stencil of a system's in-notes.
- inclinatum** (boolean)  
Is this neume an inclinatum?
- interfaces** (list)  
A list of symbols indicating the interfaces supported by this object. It is initialized from the **meta** field.
- items-worth-living** (array of grobs)  
An array of interesting items. If empty in a particular staff, then that staff is erased.
- keep-alive-with** (array of grobs)  
An array of other **VerticalAxisGroups**. If any of them are alive, then we will stay alive.
- least-squares-dy** (number)  
The ideal beam slope, without damping.
- left-items** (array of grobs)  
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- left-neighbor** (graphical (layout) object)  
The right-most column that has a spacing-wish for this column.
- ligature-flexa** (boolean)  
request joining note to the previous one in a flexa.
- linea** (boolean)  
Attach vertical lines to this neume?
- maybe-loose** (boolean)  
Used to mark a breakable column that is loose if and only if it is in the middle of a line.
- melody-spanner** (graphical (layout) object)  
The **MelodyItem** object for a stem.
- meta** (list) Provide meta information. It is an alist with the entries **name** and **interfaces**.
- minimum-distances** (list)  
A list of rods that have the format (*obj . dist*).
- neighbors** (array of grobs)  
The X-axis neighbors of a grob. Used by the pure-from-neighbor-interface to determine various grob heights.
- normal-stems** (array of grobs)  
An array of visible stems.
- note-collision** (graphical (layout) object)  
The **NoteCollision** object of a dot column.
- note-columns** (array of grobs)  
An array of **NoteColumn** grobs.
- note-head** (graphical (layout) object)  
A single note head.

- note-heads** (array of grobs)  
An array of note head grobs.
- numbering-assertion-function** (any type)  
The function used to assert that footnotes are receiving correct automatic numbers.
- oriscus** (boolean)  
Is this neume an oriscus?
- pedal-text** (graphical (layout) object)  
A pointer to the text of a mixed-style piano pedal.
- pes-or-flexa** (boolean)  
Shall this neume be joined with the previous head?
- positioning-done** (boolean)  
Used to signal that a positioning element did its job. This ensures that a positioning is only done once.
- potential-X-colliding-grobs** (array of grobs)  
Grobs that can potentially collide with a self-aligned grob on the X-axis.
- prefix-set** (number)  
A bit mask that holds all Gregorian head prefixes, such as `\virga` or `\quilisma`.
- primitive** (integer)  
A pointer to a ligature primitive, i.e., an item similar to a note head that is part of a ligature.
- pure-relevant-grobs** (array of grobs)  
All the grobs (items and spanners) that are relevant for finding the **pure-Y-extent**.
- pure-relevant-items** (array of grobs)  
A subset of elements that are relevant for finding the **pure-Y-extent**.
- pure-relevant-spanners** (array of grobs)  
A subset of elements that are relevant for finding the **pure-Y-extent**.
- pure-Y-common** (graphical (layout) object)  
A cache of the **common\_refpoint\_of\_array** of the **elements** grob set.
- pure-Y-extent** (pair of numbers)  
The estimated height of a system.
- pure-Y-offset-in-progress** (boolean)  
A debugging aid for catching cyclic dependencies.
- quantize-position** (boolean)  
If set, a vertical alignment is aligned to be within staff spaces.
- quantized-positions** (pair of numbers)  
The beam positions after quanting.
- quilisma** (boolean)  
Is this neume a quilisma?
- rest** (graphical (layout) object)  
A pointer to a **Rest** object.
- rest-collision** (graphical (layout) object)  
A rest collision that a rest is in.
- rests** (array of grobs)  
An array of rest objects.

**right-items** (array of grobs)  
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**right-neighbor** (graphical (layout) object)  
 See **left-neighbor**.

**script-stencil** (pair)  
 A pair (*type* . *arg*) which acts as an index for looking up a **Stencil** object.

**shorten** (dimension, in staff space)  
 The amount of space that a stem is shortened. Internally used to distribute beam shortening over stems.

**side-support-elements** (array of grobs)  
 The side support, an array of grobs.

**skyline-quantizing** (non-negative integer)  
 The number of boxes to break a slur into when calculating its skyline.

**slur** (graphical (layout) object)  
 A pointer to a **Slur** object.

**spacing** (graphical (layout) object)  
 The spacing spanner governing this section.

**spacing-wishes** (array of grobs)  
 An array of note spacing or staff spacing objects.

**span-start** (boolean)  
 Is the note head at the start of a spanner?

**spanner-broken** (boolean)  
 Indicates whether spanner alignment should be broken after the current spanner.

**spanner-placement** (direction)  
 The place of an annotation on a spanner. **LEFT** is for the first spanner, and **RIGHT** is for the last. **CENTER** will place it on the broken spanner that falls closest to the center of the length of the entire spanner, although this behavior is unpredictable in situations with lots of rhythmic diversity. For predictable results, use **LEFT** and **RIGHT**.

**staff-grouper** (graphical (layout) object)  
 The staff grouper we belong to.

**staff-symbol** (graphical (layout) object)  
 The staff symbol grob that we are in.

**stem** (graphical (layout) object)  
 A pointer to a **Stem** object.

**stem-info** (pair)  
 A cache of stem parameters.

**stems** (array of grobs)  
 An array of stem objects.

**strophia** (boolean)  
 Is this neume a strophia?

**system-Y-offset** (number)  
 The Y-offset (relative to the bottom of the top-margin of the page) of the system to which this staff belongs.

**tie** (graphical (layout) object)  
A pointer to a **Tie** object.

**ties** (array of grobs)  
A grob array of **Tie** objects.

**tremolo-flag** (graphical (layout) object)  
The tremolo object on a stem.

**tuplet-number** (graphical (layout) object)  
The number for a bracket.

**tuplet-start** (boolean)  
Is stem at the start of a tuplet?

**tuplets** (array of grobs)  
An array of smaller tuplet brackets.

**virga** (boolean)  
Is this neume a virga?

**X-colliding-grobs** (array of grobs)  
Grobs that can collide with a self-aligned grob on the X-axis.

**X-common** (graphical (layout) object)  
Common reference point for axis group.

**x-offset** (dimension, in staff space)  
Extra horizontal offset for ligature heads.

**Y-colliding-grobs** (array of grobs)  
Grobs that can collide with a self-aligned grob on the Y-axis.

**Y-common** (graphical (layout) object)  
See **X-common**.

## 4 Scheme functions

- ly:add-context-mod** *contextmods modification* [Function]  
 Adds the given context *modification* to the list *contextmods* of context modifications.
- ly:add-file-name-alist** *alist* [Function]  
 Add mappings for error messages from *alist*.
- ly:add-interface** *iface desc props* [Function]  
 Add a new grob interface. *iface* is the interface name, *desc* is the interface description, and *props* is the list of user-settable properties for the interface.
- ly:add-listener** *list disp cl* [Function]  
 Add the listener *list* to the dispatcher *disp*. Whenever *disp* hears an event of class *cl*, it is forwarded to *list*.
- ly:add-option** *sym val description* [Function]  
 Add a program option *sym*. *val* is the default value and *description* is a string description.
- ly:all-grob-interfaces** [Function]  
 Return the hash table with all grob interface descriptions.
- ly:all-options** [Function]  
 Get all option settings in an alist.
- ly:all-stencil-expressions** [Function]  
 Return all symbols recognized as stencil expressions.
- ly:assoc-get** *key alist default-value strict-checking* [Function]  
 Return value if *key* in *alist*, else *default-value* (or **#f** if not specified). If *strict-checking* is set to **#t** and *key* is not in *alist*, a `programming-error` is output.
- ly:axis-group-interface::add-element** *grob grob-element* [Function]  
 Set *grob* the parent of *grob-element* on all axes of *grob*.
- ly:basic-progress** *str rest* [Function]  
 A Scheme callable function to issue a basic progress message *str*. The message is formatted with *format* and *rest*.
- ly:beam-score-count** [Function]  
 count number of beam scores.
- ly:book?** *x* [Function]  
 Is *x* a Book object?
- ly:book-add-bookpart!** *book-smob book-part* [Function]  
 Add *book-part* to *book-smob* book part list.
- ly:book-add-score!** *book-smob score* [Function]  
 Add *score* to *book-smob* score list.
- ly:book-book-parts** *book* [Function]  
 Return book parts in *book*.
- ly:book-header** *book* [Function]  
 Return header in *book*.

- ly:book-paper** *book* [Function]  
Return paper in *book*.
- ly:book-process** *book-smob default-paper default-layout output* [Function]  
Print book. *output* is passed to the backend unchanged. For example, it may be a string (for file based outputs) or a socket (for network based output).
- ly:book-process-to-systems** *book-smob default-paper default-layout output* [Function]  
Print book. *output* is passed to the backend unchanged. For example, it may be a string (for file based outputs) or a socket (for network based output).
- ly:book-scores** *book* [Function]  
Return scores in *book*.
- ly:book-set-header!** *book module* [Function]  
Set the book header.
- ly:box?** *x* [Function]  
Is *x* a Box object?
- ly:bp** *num* [Function]  
*num* bigpoints (1/72th inch).
- ly:bracket** *a iv t p* [Function]  
Make a bracket in direction *a*. The extent of the bracket is given by *iv*. The wings protrude by an amount of *p*, which may be negative. The thickness is given by *t*.
- ly:broadcast** *disp ev* [Function]  
Send the stream event *ev* to the dispatcher *disp*.
- ly:camel-case->lisp-identifier** *name-sym* [Function]  
Convert FooBar\_Bla to foo-bar-bla style symbol.
- ly:chain-assoc-get** *key achain default-value strict-checking* [Function]  
Return value for *key* from a list of alists *achain*. If no entry is found, return *default-value* or **#f** if *default-value* is not specified. With *strict-checking* set to **#t**, a programming\_error is output in such cases.
- ly:check-expected-warnings** [Function]  
Check whether all expected warnings have really been triggered.
- ly:cm** *num* [Function]  
*num* cm.
- ly:command-line-code** [Function]  
The Scheme code specified on command-line with ‘-e’.
- ly:command-line-options** [Function]  
The Scheme options specified on command-line with ‘-d’.
- ly:connect-dispatchers** *to from* [Function]  
Make the dispatcher *to* listen to events from *from*.
- ly:context?** *x* [Function]  
Is *x* a Context object?

- ly:context-current-moment** *context* [Function]  
Return the current moment of *context*.
- ly:context-def?** *x* [Function]  
Is *x* a Context\_def object?
- ly:context-def-lookup** *def sym val* [Function]  
Return the value of *sym* in output definition *def* (e.g., \paper). If no value is found, return *val* or '() if *val* is undefined.
- ly:context-def-modify** *def mod* [Function]  
Return the result of applying the context-mod *mod* to the context definition *def*. Does not change *def*.
- ly:context-event-source** *context* [Function]  
Return event-source of context *context*.
- ly:context-events-below** *context* [Function]  
Return a stream-distributor that distributes all events from *context* and all its subcontexts.
- ly:context-find** *context name* [Function]  
Find a parent of *context* that has name or alias *name*. Return #f if not found.
- ly:context-grob-definition** *context name* [Function]  
Return the definition of *name* (a symbol) within *context* as an alist.
- ly:context-id** *context* [Function]  
Return the ID string of *context*, i.e., for \context Voice = "one" ... return the string one.
- ly:context-mod?** *x* [Function]  
Is *x* a Context\_mod object?
- ly:context-mod-apply!** *context mod* [Function]  
Apply the context modification *mod* to *context*.
- ly:context-name** *context* [Function]  
Return the name of *context*, i.e., for \context Voice = "one" ... return the symbol Voice.
- ly:context-now** *context* [Function]  
Return now-moment of context *context*.
- ly:context-parent** *context* [Function]  
Return the parent of *context*, #f if none.
- ly:context-property** *context sym def* [Function]  
Return the value for property *sym* in *context*. If *def* is given, and property value is '(), return *def*.
- ly:context-property-where-defined** *context name* [Function]  
Return the context above *context* where *name* is defined.
- ly:context-pushpop-property** *context grob eltpop val* [Function]  
Do a single \override or \revert operation in *context*. The grob definition *grob* is extended with *eltpop* (if *val* is specified) or reverted (if unspecified).
- ly:context-set-property!** *context name val* [Function]  
Set value of property *name* in context *context* to *val*.

- ly:context-unset-property** *context name* [Function]  
Unset value of property *name* in context *context*.
- ly:debug** *str rest* [Function]  
A Scheme callable function to issue a debug message *str*. The message is formatted with *format* and *rest*.
- ly:default-scale** [Function]  
Get the global default scale.
- ly:dimension?** *d* [Function]  
Return *d* as a number. Used to distinguish length variables from normal numbers.
- ly:dir?** *s* [Function]  
Is *s* a direction? Valid directions are -1, 0, or 1, where -1 represents left or down, 1 represents right or up, and 0 represents a neutral direction.
- ly:dispatcher?** *x* [Function]  
Is *x* a `Dispatcher` object?
- ly:duration?** *x* [Function]  
Is *x* a `Duration` object?
- ly:duration<?** *p1 p2* [Function]  
Is *p1* shorter than *p2*?
- ly:duration->string** *dur* [Function]  
Convert *dur* to a string.
- ly:duration-dot-count** *dur* [Function]  
Extract the dot count from *dur*.
- ly:duration-factor** *dur* [Function]  
Extract the compression factor from *dur*. Return it as a pair.
- ly:duration-length** *dur* [Function]  
The length of the duration as a `moment`.
- ly:duration-log** *dur* [Function]  
Extract the duration log from *dur*.
- ly:duration-scale** *dur* [Function]  
Extract the compression factor from *dur*. Return it as a rational.
- ly:effective-prefix** [Function]  
Return effective prefix.
- ly:encode-string-for-pdf** *str* [Function]  
Encode the given string to either Latin1 (which is a subset of the `PDFDocEncoding`) or if that's not possible to full UTF-16BE with Byte-Order-Mark (BOM).
- ly:engraver-announce-end-grob** *engraver grob cause* [Function]  
Announce the end of a grob (i.e., the end of a spanner) originating from given *engraver* instance, with *grob* being a grob. *cause* should either be another grob or a music event.
- ly:engraver-make-grob** *engraver grob-name cause* [Function]  
Create a grob originating from given *engraver* instance, with given *grob-name*, a symbol. *cause* should either be another grob or a music event.



- ly:error** *str rest* [Function]  
 A Scheme callable function to issue the error *str*. The error is formatted with **format** and *rest*.
- ly:eval-simple-closure** *delayed closure scm-start scm-end* [Function]  
 Evaluate a simple *closure* with the given *delayed* argument. If *scm-start* and *scm-end* are defined, evaluate it purely with those start and end points.
- ly:event?** *obj* [Function]  
 Is *obj* a proper (non-rhythmic) event object?
- ly:event-deep-copy** *m* [Function]  
 Copy *m* and all sub expressions of *m*.
- ly:event-property** *sev sym* [Function]  
 Get the property *sym* of stream event *mus*. If *sym* is undefined, return '().
- ly:event-set-property!** *ev sym val* [Function]  
 Set property *sym* in event *ev* to *val*.
- ly:expand-environment** *str* [Function]  
 Expand \$VAR and \${VAR} in *str*.
- ly:expect-warning** *str rest* [Function]  
 A Scheme callable function to register a warning to be expected and subsequently suppressed. If the warning is not encountered, a warning about the missing warning will be shown. The message should be translated with (*\_ ...*) and changing parameters given after the format string.
- ly:find-file** *name* [Function]  
 Return the absolute file name of *name*, or #f if not found.
- ly:font-config-add-directory** *dir* [Function]  
 Add directory *dir* to FontConfig.
- ly:font-config-add-font** *font* [Function]  
 Add font *font* to FontConfig.
- ly:font-config-display-fonts** [Function]  
 Dump a list of all fonts visible to FontConfig.
- ly:font-config-get-font-file** *name* [Function]  
 Get the file for font *name*.
- ly:font-design-size** *font* [Function]  
 Given the font metric *font*, return the design size, relative to the current output-scale.
- ly:font-file-name** *font* [Function]  
 Given the font metric *font*, return the corresponding file name.
- ly:font-get-glyph** *font name* [Function]  
 Return a stencil from *font* for the glyph named *name*. If the glyph is not available, return an empty stencil.
- Note that this command can only be used to access glyphs from fonts loaded with **ly:system-font-load**; currently, this means either the Emmentaler or Emmentaler-Brace fonts, corresponding to the font encodings **fetaMusic** and **fetaBraces**, respectively.

- ly:font-glyph-name-to-charcode** *font name* [Function]  
 Return the character code for glyph *name* in *font*.  
 Note that this command can only be used to access glyphs from fonts loaded with **ly:system-font-load**; currently, this means either the Emmentaler or Emmentaler-Brace fonts, corresponding to the font encodings **fetaMusic** and **fetaBraces**, respectively.
- ly:font-glyph-name-to-index** *font name* [Function]  
 Return the index for *name* in *font*.  
 Note that this command can only be used to access glyphs from fonts loaded with **ly:system-font-load**; currently, this means either the Emmentaler or Emmentaler-Brace fonts, corresponding to the font encodings **fetaMusic** and **fetaBraces**, respectively.
- ly:font-index-to-charcode** *font index* [Function]  
 Return the character code for *index* in *font*.  
 Note that this command can only be used to access glyphs from fonts loaded with **ly:system-font-load**; currently, this means either the Emmentaler or Emmentaler-Brace fonts, corresponding to the font encodings **fetaMusic** and **fetaBraces**, respectively.
- ly:font-magnification** *font* [Function]  
 Given the font metric *font*, return the magnification, relative to the current output-scale.
- ly:font-metric?** *x* [Function]  
 Is *x* a **Font\_metric** object?
- ly:font-name** *font* [Function]  
 Given the font metric *font*, return the corresponding name.
- ly:font-sub-fonts** *font* [Function]  
 Given the font metric *font* of an OpenType font, return the names of the subfonts within *font*.
- ly:format** *str rest* [Function]  
 LilyPond specific format, supporting `~a` and `~[0-9]f`. Basic support for `~s` is also provided.
- ly:format-output** *context* [Function]  
 Given a global context in its final state, process it and return the **Music\_output** object in its final state.
- ly:get-all-function-documentation** [Function]  
 Get a hash table with all LilyPond Scheme extension functions.
- ly:get-all-translators** [Function]  
 Return a list of all translator objects that may be instantiated.
- ly:get-context-mods** *contextmod* [Function]  
 Returns the list of context modifications stored in *contextmod*.
- ly:get-option** *var* [Function]  
 Get a global option setting.
- ly:get-spacing-spec** *from-scm to-scm* [Function]  
 Return the spacing spec going between the two given grobs, *from-scm* and *to-scm*.
- ly:get-undead** *undead* [Function]  
 Get back object from *undead*.

- ly:gettext** *original* [Function]  
A Scheme wrapper function for **gettext**.
- ly:grob?** *x* [Function]  
Is *x* a **Grob** object?
- ly:grob-alist-chain** *grob global* [Function]  
Get an alist chain for grob *grob*, with *global* as the global default. If unspecified, **font-defaults** from the layout block is taken.
- ly:grob-array?** *x* [Function]  
Is *x* a **Grob\_array** object?
- ly:grob-array->list** *grob-arr* [Function]  
Return the elements of *grob-arr* as a Scheme list.
- ly:grob-array-length** *grob-arr* [Function]  
Return the length of *grob-arr*.
- ly:grob-array-ref** *grob-arr index* [Function]  
Retrieve the *index*th element of *grob-arr*.
- ly:grob-basic-properties** *grob* [Function]  
Get the immutable properties of *grob*.
- ly:grob-chain-callback** *grob proc sym* [Function]  
Find the callback that is stored as property *sym* of grob *grob* and chain *proc* to the head of this, meaning that it is called using *grob* and the previous callback's result.
- ly:grob-common-refpoint** *grob other axis* [Function]  
Find the common refpoint of *grob* and *other* for *axis*.
- ly:grob-common-refpoint-of-array** *grob others axis* [Function]  
Find the common refpoint of *grob* and *others* (a grob-array) for *axis*.
- ly:grob-default-font** *grob* [Function]  
Return the default font for grob *grob*.
- ly:grob-extent** *grob refp axis* [Function]  
Get the extent in *axis* direction of *grob* relative to the grob *refp*.
- ly:grob-interfaces** *grob* [Function]  
Return the interfaces list of grob *grob*.
- ly:grob-layout** *grob* [Function]  
Get **\layout** definition from grob *grob*.
- ly:grob-object** *grob sym* [Function]  
Return the value of a pointer in grob *grob* of property *sym*. It returns '() (end-of-list) if *sym* is undefined in *grob*.
- ly:grob-original** *grob* [Function]  
Return the unbroken original grob of *grob*.
- ly:grob-parent** *grob axis* [Function]  
Get the parent of *grob*. *axis* is 0 for the X-axis, 1 for the Y-axis.

- ly:grob-pq<?** *a b* [Function]  
Compare two grob priority queue entries. This is an internal function.
- ly:grob-properties** *grob* [Function]  
Get the mutable properties of *grob*.
- ly:grob-property** *grob sym val* [Function]  
Return the value for property *sym* of *grob*. If no value is found, return *val* or '()' if *val* is not specified.
- ly:grob-property-data** *grob sym* [Function]  
Return the value for property *sym* of *grob*, but do not process callbacks.
- ly:grob-pure-height** *grob retp beg end val* [Function]  
Return the pure height of *grob* given retpoint *retp*. If no value is found, return *val* or '()' if *val* is not specified.
- ly:grob-pure-property** *grob sym beg end val* [Function]  
Return the pure value for property *sym* of *grob*. If no value is found, return *val* or '()' if *val* is not specified.
- ly:grob-relative-coordinate** *grob retp axis* [Function]  
Get the coordinate in *axis* direction of *grob* relative to the grob *retp*.
- ly:grob-robust-relative-extent** *grob retp axis* [Function]  
Get the extent in *axis* direction of *grob* relative to the grob *retp*, or (0,0) if empty.
- ly:grob-script-priority-less** *a b* [Function]  
Compare two grobs by script priority. For internal use.
- ly:grob-set-nested-property!** *grob symlist val* [Function]  
Set nested property *symlist* in grob *grob* to value *val*.
- ly:grob-set-object!** *grob sym val* [Function]  
Set *sym* in grob *grob* to value *val*.
- ly:grob-set-parent!** *grob axis parent-grob* [Function]  
Set *parent-grob* the parent of grob *grob* in axis *axis*.
- ly:grob-set-property!** *grob sym val* [Function]  
Set *sym* in grob *grob* to value *val*.
- ly:grob-staff-position** *sg* [Function]  
Return the Y-position of *sg* relative to the staff.
- ly:grob-suicide!** *grob* [Function]  
Kill *grob*.
- ly:grob-system** *grob* [Function]  
Return the system grob of *grob*.
- ly:grob-translate-axis!** *grob d a* [Function]  
Translate *grob* on axis *a* over distance *d*.
- ly:grob-vertical<?** *a b* [Function]  
Does *a* lie above *b* on the page?

- ly:gulp-file** *name size* [Function]  
 Read *size* characters from the file *name*, and return its contents in a string. If *size* is undefined, the entire file is read. The file is looked up using the search path.
- ly:hash-table-keys** *tab* [Function]  
 Return a list of keys in *tab*.
- ly:inch** *num* [Function]  
*num* inches.
- ly:input-both-locations** *sip* [Function]  
 Return input location in *sip* as (file-name first-line first-column last-line last-column).
- ly:input-file-line-char-column** *sip* [Function]  
 Return input location in *sip* as (file-name line char column).
- ly:input-location?** *x* [Function]  
 Is *x* an input-location?
- ly:input-message** *sip msg rest* [Function]  
 Print *msg* as a GNU compliant error message, pointing to the location in *sip*. *msg* is interpreted similar to **format**'s argument, using *rest*.
- ly:input-warning** *sip msg rest* [Function]  
 Print *msg* as a GNU compliant warning message, pointing to the location in *sip*. *msg* is interpreted similar to **format**'s argument, using *rest*.
- ly:interpret-music-expression** *mus ctx* [Function]  
 Interpret the music expression *mus* in the global context *ctx*. The context is returned in its final state.
- ly:interpret-stencil-expression** *expr func arg1 offset* [Function]  
 Parse *expr*, feed bits to *func* with first arg *arg1* having offset *offset*.
- ly:intlog2** *d* [Function]  
 The 2-logarithm of 1/*d*.
- ly:item?** *g* [Function]  
 Is *g* an Item object?
- ly:item-break-dir** *it* [Function]  
 The break status direction of item *it*. -1 means end of line, 0 unbroken, and 1 beginning of line.
- ly:iterator?** *x* [Function]  
 Is *x* a Music\_iterator object?
- ly:lexer-keywords** *lexer* [Function]  
 Return a list of (KEY . CODE) pairs, signifying the LilyPond reserved words list.
- ly:lily-lexer?** *x* [Function]  
 Is *x* a Lily\_lexer object?
- ly:lily-parser?** *x* [Function]  
 Is *x* a Lily\_parser object?

- ly:listened-event-class?** *disp cl* [Function]  
Does *disp* listen to any event type in the list *cl*?
- ly:listened-event-types** *disp* [Function]  
Return a list of all event types that *disp* listens to.
- ly:listener?** *x* [Function]  
Is *x* a `Listener` object?
- ly:make-book** *paper header scores* [Function]  
Make a `\book` of *paper* and *header* (which may be `#f` as well) containing `\scores`.
- ly:make-book-part** *scores* [Function]  
Make a `\bookpart` containing `\scores`.
- ly:make-context-mod** *mod-list* [Function]  
Creates a context modification, optionally initialized via the list of modifications *mod-list*.
- ly:make-dispatcher** [Function]  
Return a newly created dispatcher.
- ly:make-duration** *length dotcount num den* [Function]  
*length* is the negative logarithm (base 2) of the duration: 1 is a half note, 2 is a quarter note, 3 is an eighth note, etc. The number of dots after the note is given by the optional argument *dotcount*.  
The duration factor is optionally given by integers *num* and *den*, alternatively by a single rational number.  
A duration is a musical duration, i.e., a length of time described by a power of two (whole, half, quarter, etc.) and a number of augmentation dots.
- ly:make-event-class** *context type* [Function]  
Make an event class (a list of types) from the given *type* within the global context containing *context*.
- ly:make-global-context** *output-def* [Function]  
Set up a global interpretation context, using the output block *output-def*. The context is returned.
- ly:make-global-translator** *global* [Function]  
Create a translator group and connect it to the global context *global*. The translator group is returned.
- ly:make-listener** *callback* [Function]  
Create a listener. Any time the listener hears an object, it will call *callback* with that object. *callback* should take exactly one argument.
- ly:make-moment** *m g gn gd* [Function]  
Create the moment with rational main timing *m*, and optional grace timing *g*.  
A *moment* is a point in musical time. It consists of a pair of rationals (*m*, *g*), where *m* is the timing for the main notes, and *g* the timing for grace notes. In absence of grace notes, *g* is zero.  
For compatibility reasons, it is possible to write two numbers specifying numerator and denominator instead of the rationals. These forms cannot be mixed, and the two-argument form is disambiguated by the sign of the second argument: if it is positive, it can only be a denominator and not a grace timing.

- ly:make-music** *props* [Function]  
 Make a C++ **Music** object and initialize it with *props*.  
 This function is for internal use and is only called by **make-music**, which is the preferred interface for creating music objects.
- ly:make-music-function** *signature func* [Function]  
 Make a function to process music, to be used for the parser. *func* is the function, and *signature* describes its arguments. *signature*'s cdr is a list containing either **ly:music?** predicates or other type predicates. Its car is the syntax function to call.
- ly:make-music-relative!** *music pitch* [Function]  
 Make *music* relative to *pitch*, return final pitch.
- ly:make-output-def** [Function]  
 Make an output definition.
- ly:make-page-label-marker** *label* [Function]  
 Return page marker with label *label*.
- ly:make-page-permission-marker** *symbol permission* [Function]  
 Return page marker with page breaking and turning permissions.
- ly:make-pango-description-string** *chain size* [Function]  
 Make a **PangoFontDescription** string for the property alist *chain* at size *size*.
- ly:make-paper-outputter** *port format* [Function]  
 Create an outputter that evaluates within **output-format**, writing to *port*.
- ly:make-pitch** *octave note alter* [Function]  
*octave* is specified by an integer, zero for the octave containing middle C. *note* is a number indexing the global default scale, with 0 corresponding to pitch C and 6 usually corresponding to pitch B. Optional *alter* is a rational number of 200-cent whole tones for alteration.
- ly:make-prob** *type init rest* [Function]  
 Create a **Prob** object.
- ly:make-scale** *steps* [Function]  
 Create a scale. The argument is a vector of rational numbers, each of which represents the number of 200 cent tones of a pitch above the tonic.
- ly:make-score** *music* [Function]  
 Return score with *music* encapsulated in it.
- ly:make-simple-closure** *expr* [Function]  
 Make a simple closure. *expr* should be form of *(func a1 a2 ...)*, and will be invoked as *(func delayed-arg a1 a2 ...)*.
- ly:make-spring** *ideal min-dist* [Function]  
 Make a spring. *ideal* is the ideal distance of the spring, and *min-dist* is the minimum distance.
- ly:make-stencil** *expr xext yext* [Function]  
 Stencils are device independent output expressions. They carry two pieces of information:
1. A specification of how to print this object. This specification is processed by the output backends, for example **'scm/output-ps.scm'**.
  2. The vertical and horizontal extents of the object, given as pairs. If an extent is unspecified (or if you use (1000 . -1000) as its value), it is taken to be empty.

- ly:make-stream-event** *cl proplist* [Function]  
Create a stream event of class *cl* with the given mutable property list.
- ly:make-undead** *object* [Function]  
This packages *object* in a manner that keeps it from triggering "Parsed object should be dead" messages.
- ly:make-unpure-pure-container** *unpure pure* [Function]  
Make an unpure-pure container. *unpure* should be an unpure expression, and *pure* should be a pure expression. If *pure* is omitted, the value of *unpure* will be used twice.
- ly:message** *str rest* [Function]  
A Scheme callable function to issue the message *str*. The message is formatted with **format** and *rest*.
- ly:minimal-breaking** *pb* [Function]  
Break (pages and lines) the **Paper\_book** object *pb* without looking for optimal spacing: stack as many lines on a page before moving to the next one.
- ly:mm** *num* [Function]  
*num* mm.
- ly:module->alist** *mod* [Function]  
Dump the contents of module *mod* as an alist.
- ly:module-copy** *dest src* [Function]  
Copy all bindings from module *src* into *dest*.
- ly:modules-lookup** *modules sym def* [Function]  
Look up *sym* in the list *modules*, returning the first occurrence. If not found, return *def* or **#f** if *def* isn't specified.
- ly:moment?** *x* [Function]  
Is *x* a **Moment** object?
- ly:moment<?** *a b* [Function]  
Compare two moments.
- ly:moment-add** *a b* [Function]  
Add two moments.
- ly:moment-div** *a b* [Function]  
Divide two moments.
- ly:moment-grace** *mom* [Function]  
Extract grace timing as a rational number from *mom*.
- ly:moment-grace-denominator** *mom* [Function]  
Extract denominator from grace timing.
- ly:moment-grace-numerator** *mom* [Function]  
Extract numerator from grace timing.
- ly:moment-main** *mom* [Function]  
Extract main timing as a rational number from *mom*.
- ly:moment-main-denominator** *mom* [Function]  
Extract denominator from main timing.



<code>ly:moment-main-numerator</code> <i>mom</i>	[Function]
Extract numerator from main timing.	
<code>ly:moment-mod</code> <i>a b</i>	[Function]
Modulo of two moments.	
<code>ly:moment-mul</code> <i>a b</i>	[Function]
Multiply two moments.	
<code>ly:moment-sub</code> <i>a b</i>	[Function]
Subtract two moments.	
<code>ly:music?</code> <i>obj</i>	[Function]
Is <i>obj</i> a music object?	
<code>ly:music-compress</code> <i>m factor</i>	[Function]
Compress music object <i>m</i> by moment <i>factor</i> .	
<code>ly:music-deep-copy</code> <i>m</i>	[Function]
Copy <i>m</i> and all sub expressions of <i>m</i> .	
<code>ly:music-duration-compress</code> <i>mus fact</i>	[Function]
Compress <i>mus</i> by factor <i>fact</i> , which is a <b>Moment</b> .	
<code>ly:music-duration-length</code> <i>mus</i>	[Function]
Extract the duration field from <i>mus</i> and return the length.	
<code>ly:music-function?</code> <i>x</i>	[Function]
Is <i>x</i> a <b>music-function</b> ?	
<code>ly:music-function-extract</code> <i>x</i>	[Function]
Return the Scheme function inside <i>x</i> .	
<code>ly:music-function-signature</code> <i>x</i>	[Function]
Return the function signature inside <i>x</i> .	
<code>ly:music-length</code> <i>mus</i>	[Function]
Get the length of music expression <i>mus</i> and return it as a <b>Moment</b> object.	
<code>ly:music-list?</code> <i>lst</i>	[Function]
Is <i>lst</i> a list of music objects?	
<code>ly:music-mutable-properties</code> <i>mus</i>	[Function]
Return an alist containing the mutable properties of <i>mus</i> . The immutable properties are not available, since they are constant and initialized by the <b>make-music</b> function.	
<code>ly:music-output?</code> <i>x</i>	[Function]
Is <i>x</i> a <b>Music_output</b> object?	
<code>ly:music-property</code> <i>mus sym val</i>	[Function]
Return the value for property <i>sym</i> of music expression <i>mus</i> . If no value is found, return <i>val</i> or '() if <i>val</i> is not specified.	
<code>ly:music-set-property!</code> <i>mus sym val</i>	[Function]
Set property <i>sym</i> in music expression <i>mus</i> to <i>val</i> .	
<code>ly:music-transpose</code> <i>m p</i>	[Function]
Transpose <i>m</i> such that central C is mapped to <i>p</i> . Return <i>m</i> .	

- ly:note-column-accidentals** *note-column* [Function]  
Return the `AccidentalPlacement` grob from *note-column* if any, or `SCM_EOL` otherwise.
- ly:note-column-dot-column** *note-column* [Function]  
Return the `DotColumn` grob from *note-column* if any, or `SCM_EOL` otherwise.
- ly:note-head::stem-attachment** *font-metric* *glyph-name* [Function]  
Get attachment in *font-metric* for attaching a stem to notehead *glyph-name*.
- ly:number->string** *s* [Function]  
Convert *s* to a string without generating many decimals.
- ly:one-line-breaking** *pb* [Function]  
Put each score on a single line, and put each line on its own page. The paper-width setting will be modified so that every page will be wider than the widest line.
- ly:optimal-breaking** *pb* [Function]  
Optimally break (pages and lines) the `Paper_book` object *pb* to minimize badness in both vertical and horizontal spacing.
- ly:option-usage** *port* [Function]  
Print `ly:set-option` usage. Optional *port* argument for the destination defaults to current output port.
- ly:otf->cff** *otf-file-name* [Function]  
Convert the contents of an OTF file to a CFF file, returning it as a string.
- ly:otf-font?** *font* [Function]  
Is *font* an OpenType font?
- ly:otf-font-glyph-info** *font* *glyph* [Function]  
Given the font metric *font* of an OpenType font, return the information about named glyph *glyph* (a string).
- ly:otf-font-table-data** *font* *tag* [Function]  
Extract a table *tag* from *font*. Return empty string for non-existent *tag*.
- ly:otf-glyph-count** *font* [Function]  
Return the number of glyphs in *font*.
- ly:otf-glyph-list** *font* [Function]  
Return a list of glyph names for *font*.
- ly:output-def?** *def* [Function]  
Is *def* an output definition?
- ly:output-def-clone** *def* [Function]  
Clone output definition *def*.
- ly:output-def-lookup** *def* *sym* *val* [Function]  
Return the value of *sym* in output definition *def* (e.g., `\paper`). If no value is found, return *val* or `()` if *val* is undefined.
- ly:output-def-parent** *def* [Function]  
Return the parent output definition of *def*.
- ly:output-def-scope** *def* [Function]  
Return the variable scope inside *def*.

<code>ly:output-def-set-variable!</code> <i>def sym val</i>	[Function]
Set an output definition <i>def</i> variable <i>sym</i> to <i>val</i> .	
<code>ly:output-description</code> <i>output-def</i>	[Function]
Return the description of translators in <i>output-def</i> .	
<code>ly:output-find-context-def</code> <i>output-def context-name</i>	[Function]
Return an alist of all context defs (matching <i>context-name</i> if given) in <i>output-def</i> .	
<code>ly:output-formats</code>	[Function]
Formats passed to ‘ <code>--format</code> ’ as a list of strings, used for the output.	
<code>ly:outputter-close</code> <i>outputter</i>	[Function]
Close port of <i>outputter</i> .	
<code>ly:outputter-dump-stencil</code> <i>outputter stencil</i>	[Function]
Dump stencil <i>expr</i> onto <i>outputter</i> .	
<code>ly:outputter-dump-string</code> <i>outputter str</i>	[Function]
Dump <i>str</i> onto <i>outputter</i> .	
<code>ly:outputter-module</code> <i>outputter</i>	[Function]
Return output module of <i>outputter</i> .	
<code>ly:outputter-output-scheme</code> <i>outputter expr</i>	[Function]
Eval <i>expr</i> in module of <i>outputter</i> .	
<code>ly:outputter-port</code> <i>outputter</i>	[Function]
Return output port for <i>outputter</i> .	
<code>ly:page-marker?</code> <i>x</i>	[Function]
Is <i>x</i> a <code>Page_marker</code> object?	
<code>ly:page-turn-breaking</code> <i>pb</i>	[Function]
Optimally break (pages and lines) the <code>Paper_book</code> object <i>pb</i> such that page turns only happen in specified places, returning its pages.	
<code>ly:pango-font?</code> <i>f</i>	[Function]
Is <i>f</i> a pango font?	
<code>ly:pango-font-physical-fonts</code> <i>f</i>	[Function]
Return alist of (ps-name file-name font-index) lists for Pango font <i>f</i> .	
<code>ly:paper-book?</code> <i>x</i>	[Function]
Is <i>x</i> a <code>Paper_book</code> object?	
<code>ly:paper-book-header</code> <i>pb</i>	[Function]
Return the header definition ( <code>\header</code> ) in <code>Paper_book</code> object <i>pb</i> .	
<code>ly:paper-book-pages</code> <i>pb</i>	[Function]
Return pages in <code>Paper_book</code> object <i>pb</i> .	
<code>ly:paper-book-paper</code> <i>pb</i>	[Function]
Return the paper output definition ( <code>\paper</code> ) in <code>Paper_book</code> object <i>pb</i> .	
<code>ly:paper-book-performances</code> <i>pb</i>	[Function]
Return performances in <code>Paper_book</code> object <i>pb</i> .	

<b>ly:paper-book-scopes</b> <i>pb</i>	[Function]
Return scopes in <b>Paper_book</b> object <i>pb</i> .	
<b>ly:paper-book-systems</b> <i>pb</i>	[Function]
Return systems in <b>Paper_book</b> object <i>pb</i> .	
<b>ly:paper-fonts</b> <i>def</i>	[Function]
Return a list containing the fonts from output definition <i>def</i> (e.g., <b>\paper</b> ).	
<b>ly:paper-get-font</b> <i>def chain</i>	[Function]
Find a font metric in output definition <i>def</i> satisfying the font-qualifiers in alist chain <i>chain</i> , and return it. (An alist chain is a list of alists, containing grob properties.)	
<b>ly:paper-get-number</b> <i>def sym</i>	[Function]
Return the value of variable <i>sym</i> in output definition <i>def</i> as a double.	
<b>ly:paper-outputscales</b> <i>def</i>	[Function]
Return the output-scale for output definition <i>def</i> .	
<b>ly:paper-score-paper-systems</b> <i>paper-score</i>	[Function]
Return vector of <b>paper_system</b> objects from <i>paper-score</i> .	
<b>ly:paper-system?</b> <i>obj</i>	[Function]
Is <i>obj</i> a C++ Prob object of type <b>paper-system</b> ?	
<b>ly:paper-system-minimum-distance</b> <i>sys1 sys2</i>	[Function]
Measure the minimum distance between these two paper-systems, using their stored skylines if possible and falling back to their extents otherwise.	
<b>ly:parse-file</b> <i>name</i>	[Function]
Parse a single .ly file. Upon failure, throw <b>ly-file-failed</b> key.	
<b>ly:parse-string-expression</b> <i>parser-smob ly-code filename line</i>	[Function]
Parse the string <i>ly-code</i> with <i>parser-smob</i> . Return the contained music expression. <i>filename</i> and <i>line</i> are optional source indicators.	
<b>ly:parsed-undead-list!</b>	[Function]
Return the list of objects that have been found live that should have been dead, and clear that list.	
<b>ly:parser-clear-error</b> <i>parser</i>	[Function]
Clear the error flag for the parser.	
<b>ly:parser-clone</b> <i>parser-smob closures</i>	[Function]
Return a clone of <i>parser-smob</i> . An association list of port positions to closures can be specified in <i>closures</i> in order to have <b>\$</b> and <b>#</b> interpreted in their original lexical environment.	
<b>ly:parser-define!</b> <i>parser-smob symbol val</i>	[Function]
Bind <i>symbol</i> to <i>val</i> in <i>parser-smob</i> 's module.	
<b>ly:parser-error</b> <i>parser msg input</i>	[Function]
Display an error message and make the parser fail.	
<b>ly:parser-has-error?</b> <i>parser</i>	[Function]
Does <i>parser</i> have an error flag?	
<b>ly:parser-include-string</b> <i>parser-smob ly-code</i>	[Function]
Include the string <i>ly-code</i> into the input stream for <i>parser-smob</i> . Can only be used in immediate Scheme expressions ( <b>\$</b> instead of <b>#</b> ).	

<b>ly:parser-lexer</b> <i>parser-smob</i>	[Function]
Return the lexer for <i>parser-smob</i> .	
<b>ly:parser-lookup</b> <i>parser-smob symbol</i>	[Function]
Look up <i>symbol</i> in <i>parser-smob</i> 's module. Return '() if not defined.	
<b>ly:parser-output-name</b> <i>parser</i>	[Function]
Return the base name of the output file.	
<b>ly:parser-parse-string</b> <i>parser-smob ly-code</i>	[Function]
Parse the string <i>ly-code</i> with <i>parser-smob</i> . Upon failure, throw <b>ly-file-failed</b> key.	
<b>ly:parser-set-note-names</b> <i>parser names</i>	[Function]
Replace current note names in <i>parser</i> . <i>names</i> is an alist of symbols. This only has effect if the current mode is notes.	
<b>ly:performance-write</b> <i>performance filename</i>	[Function]
Write <i>performance</i> to <i>filename</i> .	
<b>ly:pfb-&gt;pfa</b> <i>pfb-file-name</i>	[Function]
Convert the contents of a Type 1 font in PFB format to PFA format.	
<b>ly:pitch?</b> <i>x</i>	[Function]
Is <i>x</i> a Pitch object?	
<b>ly:pitch&lt;?</b> <i>p1 p2</i>	[Function]
Is <i>p1</i> lexicographically smaller than <i>p2</i> ?	
<b>ly:pitch-alteration</b> <i>pp</i>	[Function]
Extract the alteration from pitch <i>pp</i> .	
<b>ly:pitch-diff</b> <i>pitch root</i>	[Function]
Return pitch <i>delta</i> such that <i>pitch</i> transposed by <i>delta</i> equals <i>root</i> .	
<b>ly:pitch-negate</b> <i>p</i>	[Function]
Negate <i>p</i> .	
<b>ly:pitch-notename</b> <i>pp</i>	[Function]
Extract the note name from pitch <i>pp</i> .	
<b>ly:pitch-octave</b> <i>pp</i>	[Function]
Extract the octave from pitch <i>pp</i> .	
<b>ly:pitch-quartertones</b> <i>pp</i>	[Function]
Calculate the number of quarter tones of <i>pp</i> from middle C.	
<b>ly:pitch-semitones</b> <i>pp</i>	[Function]
Calculate the number of semitones of <i>pp</i> from middle C.	
<b>ly:pitch-steps</b> <i>p</i>	[Function]
Number of steps counted from middle C of the pitch <i>p</i> .	
<b>ly:pitch-tones</b> <i>pp</i>	[Function]
Calculate the number of tones of <i>pp</i> from middle C as a rational number.	
<b>ly:pitch-transpose</b> <i>p delta</i>	[Function]
Transpose <i>p</i> by the amount <i>delta</i> , where <i>delta</i> is relative to middle C.	

<b>ly:pointer-group-interface::add-grob</b> <i>grob sym grob-element</i>	[Function]
Add <i>grob-element</i> to <i>grob</i> 's <i>sym</i> grob array.	
<b>ly:position-on-line?</b> <i>sg spos</i>	[Function]
Return whether <i>spos</i> is on a line of the staff associated with the grob <i>sg</i> (even on an extender line).	
<b>ly:prob?</b> <i>x</i>	[Function]
Is <i>x</i> a Prob object?	
<b>ly:prob-immutable-properties</b> <i>prob</i>	[Function]
Retrieve an alist of immutable properties.	
<b>ly:prob-mutable-properties</b> <i>prob</i>	[Function]
Retrieve an alist of mutable properties.	
<b>ly:prob-property</b> <i>prob sym val</i>	[Function]
Return the value for property <i>sym</i> of Prob object <i>prob</i> . If no value is found, return <i>val</i> or '()' if <i>val</i> is not specified.	
<b>ly:prob-property?</b> <i>obj sym</i>	[Function]
Is boolean prop <i>sym</i> of <i>sym</i> set?	
<b>ly:prob-set-property!</b> <i>obj sym value</i>	[Function]
Set property <i>sym</i> of <i>obj</i> to <i>value</i> .	
<b>ly:prob-type?</b> <i>obj type</i>	[Function]
Is <i>obj</i> the specified prob-type?	
<b>ly:programming-error</b> <i>str rest</i>	[Function]
A Scheme callable function to issue the internal warning <i>str</i> . The message is formatted with <i>format</i> and <i>rest</i> .	
<b>ly:progress</b> <i>str rest</i>	[Function]
A Scheme callable function to print progress <i>str</i> . The message is formatted with <i>format</i> and <i>rest</i> .	
<b>ly:property-lookup-stats</b> <i>sym</i>	[Function]
Return hash table with a property access corresponding to <i>sym</i> . Choices are <b>prob</b> , <b>grob</b> , and <b>context</b> .	
<b>ly:protects</b>	[Function]
Return hash of protected objects.	
<b>ly:pt</b> <i>num</i>	[Function]
<i>num</i> printer points.	
<b>ly:register-stencil-expression</b> <i>symbol</i>	[Function]
Add <i>symbol</i> as head of a stencil expression.	
<b>ly:relative-group-extent</b> <i>elements common axis</i>	[Function]
Determine the extent of <i>elements</i> relative to <i>common</i> in the <i>axis</i> direction.	
<b>ly:reset-all-fonts</b>	[Function]
Forget all about previously loaded fonts.	
<b>ly:round-filled-box</b> <i>xext yext blot</i>	[Function]
Make a <b>Stencil</b> object that prints a black box of dimensions <i>xext</i> , <i>yext</i> and roundness <i>blot</i> .	

- ly:round-filled-polygon** *points blot* [Function]  
 Make a **Stencil** object that prints a black polygon with corners at the points defined by *points* (list of coordinate pairs) and roundness *blot*.
- ly:run-translator** *mus output-def* [Function]  
 Process *mus* according to *output-def*. An interpretation context is set up, and *mus* is interpreted with it. The context is returned in its final state.  
 Optionally, this routine takes an object-key to uniquely identify the score block containing it.
- ly:score?** *x* [Function]  
 Is *x* a **Score** object?
- ly:score-add-output-def!** *score def* [Function]  
 Add an output definition *def* to *score*.
- ly:score-embedded-format** *score layout* [Function]  
 Run *score* through *layout* (an output definition) scaled to correct output-scale already, returning a list of layout-lines.
- ly:score-error?** *score* [Function]  
 Was there an error in the score?
- ly:score-header** *score* [Function]  
 Return score header.
- ly:score-music** *score* [Function]  
 Return score music.
- ly:score-output-defs** *score* [Function]  
 All output definitions in a score.
- ly:score-set-header!** *score module* [Function]  
 Set the score header.
- ly:set-default-scale** *scale* [Function]  
 Set the global default scale. This determines the tuning of pitches with no accidentals or key signatures. The first pitch is C. Alterations are calculated relative to this scale. The number of pitches in this scale determines the number of scale steps that make up an octave. Usually the 7-note major scale.
- ly:set-grob-modification-callback** *cb* [Function]  
 Specify a procedure that will be called every time LilyPond modifies a grob property. The callback will receive as arguments the grob that is being modified, the name of the C++ file in which the modification was requested, the line number in the C++ file in which the modification was requested, the name of the function in which the modification was requested, the property to be changed, and the new value for the property.
- ly:set-middle-C!** *context* [Function]  
 Set the **middleCPosition** variable in *context* based on the variables **middleCClefPosition** and **middleCOffset**.
- ly:set-option** *var val* [Function]  
 Set a program option.

- ly:set-property-cache-callback** *cb* [Function]  
Specify a procedure that will be called whenever lilypond calculates a callback function and caches the result. The callback will receive as arguments the grob whose property it is, the name of the property, the name of the callback that calculated the property, and the new (cached) value of the property.
- ly:simple-closure?** *clos* [Function]  
Is *clos* a simple closure?
- ly:skyline?** *x* [Function]  
Is *x* a Skyline object?
- ly:skyline-pair?** *x* [Function]  
Is *x* a Skyline\_pair object?
- ly:slur-score-count** [Function]  
count number of slur scores.
- ly:smob-protects** [Function]  
Return LilyPond's internal smob protection list.
- ly:solve-spring-rod-problem** *springs rods length ragged* [Function]  
Solve a spring and rod problem for *count* objects, that are connected by *count*-1 *springs*, and an arbitrary number of *rods*. *count* is implicitly given by *springs* and *rods*. The *springs* argument has the format (ideal, inverse\_hook) and *rods* is of the form (idx1, idx2, distance).  
*length* is a number, *ragged* a boolean.  
The function returns a list containing the force (positive for stretching, negative for compressing and #f for non-satisfied constraints) followed by *spring-count*+1 positions of the objects.
- ly:source-file?** *x* [Function]  
Is *x* a Source\_file object?
- ly:spanner?** *g* [Function]  
Is *g* a spanner object?
- ly:spanner-bound** *spanner dir* [Function]  
Get one of the bounds of *spanner*. *dir* is -1 for left, and 1 for right.
- ly:spanner-broken-into** *spanner* [Function]  
Return broken-into list for *spanner*.
- ly:spanner-set-bound!** *spanner dir item* [Function]  
Set grob *item* as bound in direction *dir* for *spanner*.
- ly:spawn** *command rest* [Function]  
Simple interface to g\_spawn\_sync *str*. The error is formatted with **format** and *rest*.
- ly:spring?** *x* [Function]  
Is *x* a Spring object?
- ly:spring-set-inverse-compress-strength!** *spring strength* [Function]  
Set the inverse compress *strength* of *spring*.
- ly:spring-set-inverse-stretch-strength!** *spring strength* [Function]  
Set the inverse stretch *strength* of *spring*.



<b>ly:staff-symbol-line-thickness</b> <i>grob</i>	[Function]
Returns the <b>line-thickness</b> of the staff associated with <i>grob</i> .	
<b>ly:staff-symbol-staff-radius</b> <i>grob</i>	[Function]
Returns the radius of the staff associated with <i>grob</i> .	
<b>ly:staff-symbol-staff-space</b> <i>grob</i>	[Function]
Returns the <b>staff-space</b> of the staff associated with <i>grob</i> .	
<b>ly:start-environment</b>	[Function]
Return the environment (a list of strings) that was in effect at program start.	
<b>ly:stderr-redirect</b> <i>file-name mode</i>	[Function]
Redirect stderr to <i>file-name</i> , opened with <i>mode</i> .	
<b>ly:stencil?</b> <i>x</i>	[Function]
Is <i>x</i> a <b>Stencil</b> object?	
<b>ly:stencil-add</b> <i>args</i>	[Function]
Combine stencils. Takes any number of arguments.	
<b>ly:stencil-aligned-to</b> <i>stil axis dir</i>	[Function]
Align <i>stil</i> using its own extents. <i>dir</i> is a number. -1 and 1 are left and right, respectively. Other values are interpolated (so 0 means the center).	
<b>ly:stencil-combine-at-edge</b> <i>first axis direction second padding</i>	[Function]
Construct a stencil by putting <i>second</i> next to <i>first</i> . <i>axis</i> can be 0 (x-axis) or 1 (y-axis). <i>direction</i> can be -1 (left or down) or 1 (right or up). The stencils are juxtaposed with <i>padding</i> as extra space. <i>first</i> and <i>second</i> may also be '()' or #f.	
<b>ly:stencil-empty?</b> <i>stil</i>	[Function]
Return whether <i>stil</i> is empty.	
<b>ly:stencil-expr</b> <i>stil</i>	[Function]
Return the expression of <i>stil</i> .	
<b>ly:stencil-extent</b> <i>stil axis</i>	[Function]
Return a pair of numbers signifying the extent of <i>stil</i> in <i>axis</i> direction (0 or 1 for x and y axis, respectively).	
<b>ly:stencil-fonts</b> <i>s</i>	[Function]
Analyze <i>s</i> , and return a list of fonts used in <i>s</i> .	
<b>ly:stencil-in-color</b> <i>stc r g b</i>	[Function]
Put <i>stc</i> in a different color.	
<b>ly:stencil-rotate</b> <i>stil angle x y</i>	[Function]
Return a stencil <i>stil</i> rotated <i>angle</i> degrees around the relative offset ( <i>x</i> , <i>y</i> ). E.g., an offset of (-1, 1) will rotate the stencil around the left upper corner.	
<b>ly:stencil-rotate-absolute</b> <i>stil angle x y</i>	[Function]
Return a stencil <i>stil</i> rotated <i>angle</i> degrees around point ( <i>x</i> , <i>y</i> ), given in absolute coordinates.	
<b>ly:stencil-scale</b> <i>stil x y</i>	[Function]
Scale <i>stil</i> using the horizontal and vertical scaling factors <i>x</i> and <i>y</i> .	
<b>ly:stencil-translate</b> <i>stil offset</i>	[Function]
Return a <i>stil</i> , but translated by <i>offset</i> (a pair of numbers).	

- ly:stencil-translate-axis** *stil amount axis* [Function]  
Return a copy of *stil* but translated by *amount* in *axis* direction.
- ly:stream-event?** *obj* [Function]  
Is *obj* a `Stream_event` object?
- ly:string-percent-encode** *str* [Function]  
Encode all characters in string *str* with hexadecimal percent escape sequences, with the following exceptions: characters `-`, `.`, `/`, and `_`; and characters in ranges `0-9`, `A-Z`, and `a-z`.
- ly:string-substitute** *a b s* [Function]  
Replace string *a* by string *b* in string *s*.
- ly:system-font-load** *name* [Function]  
Load the OpenType system font '*name.otf*'. Fonts loaded with this command must contain three additional SFNT font tables called LILC, LILF, and LILY, needed for typesetting musical elements. Currently, only the Emmentaler and the Emmentaler-Brace fonts fulfill these requirements.  
Note that only `ly:font-get-glyph` and derived code (like `\lookup`) can access glyphs from the system fonts; text strings are handled exclusively via the Pango interface.
- ly:text-interface::interpret-markup** [Function]  
Convert a text markup into a stencil. Takes three arguments, *layout*, *props*, and *markup*.  
*layout* is a `\layout` block; it may be obtained from a grob with `ly:grob-layout`. *props* is an alist chain, i.e. a list of alists. This is typically obtained with `(ly:grob-alist-chain grob (ly:output-def-lookup layout 'text-font-defaults))`. *markup* is the markup text to be processed.
- ly:translate-cpp-warning-scheme** *str* [Function]  
Translates a string in C++ printf format and modifies it to use it for scheme formatting.
- ly:translator?** *x* [Function]  
Is *x* a `Translator` object?
- ly:translator-context** *trans* [Function]  
Return the context of the translator object *trans*.
- ly:translator-description** *me* [Function]  
Return an alist of properties of translator *me*.
- ly:translator-group?** *x* [Function]  
Is *x* a `Translator_group` object?
- ly:translator-name** *trans* [Function]  
Return the type name of the translator object *trans*. The name is a symbol.
- ly:transpose-key-alist** *l pit* [Function]  
Make a new key alist of *l* transposed by pitch *pit*.
- ly:truncate-list!** *lst i* [Function]  
Take at most the first *i* of list *lst*.
- ly:ttf->pfa** *ttf-file-name idx* [Function]  
Convert the contents of a TrueType font file to PostScript Type 42 font, returning it as a string. The optional *idx* argument is useful for TrueType collections (TTC) only; it specifies the font index within the TTC. The default value of *idx* is 0.

- ly:ttf-ps-name** *ttf-file-name idx* [Function]  
 Extract the PostScript name from a TrueType font. The optional *idx* argument is useful for TrueType collections (TTC) only; it specifies the font index within the TTC. The default value of *idx* is 0.
- ly:undead?** *x* [Function]  
 Is *x* a **Undead** object?
- ly:unit** [Function]  
 Return the unit used for lengths as a string.
- ly:unpure-pure-container?** *clos* [Function]  
 Is *clos* an unpure pure container?
- ly:unpure-pure-container-pure-part** *pc* [Function]  
 Return the pure part of *pc*.
- ly:unpure-pure-container-unpure-part** *pc* [Function]  
 Return the unpure part of *pc*.
- ly:usage** [Function]  
 Print usage message.
- ly:verbose-output?** [Function]  
 Was verbose output requested, i.e. loglevel at least **DEBUG**?
- ly:version** [Function]  
 Return the current lilypond version as a list, e.g., (1 3 127 uu1).
- ly:warning** *str rest* [Function]  
 A Scheme callable function to issue the warning *str*. The message is formatted with **format** and *rest*.
- ly:warning-located** *location str rest* [Function]  
 A Scheme callable function to issue the warning *str* at the specified location in an input file. The message is formatted with **format** and *rest*.
- ly:wide-char->utf-8** *wc* [Function]  
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