

Derivative and Parallel Modes

Examples

Derivative Modes of C

C Ionian

mf
R 2 3 4 5 6 7 R 7 6 5 4 3 2 R

D Dorian

R 2 b3 4 5 6 b7 R b7 6 5 4 b3 2 R

E Phrygian

R b2 b3 4 5 b6 b7 R b7 b6 5 4 b3 b2 R

F Lydian

R 2 3 #4 5 6 7 R 7 6 5 #4 3 2 R

G Mixolydian

R 2 3 4 5 6 b7 R b7 6 5 4 3 2 R

A Aeolian

R 2 b3 4 5 b6 b7 R b7 b6 5 4 b3 2 R

B Locrian

R b2 b3 4 b5 b6 b7 R b7 b6 b5 4 b3 b2 R

Parallel Modes Built on C

C Ionian

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R 2 3 4 5 6 7 R 7 6 5 4 3 2 R

C Dorian (2nd mode of Bb Major)

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R 2 b3 4 5 6 b7 R b7 6 5 4 b3 2 R

C Phrygian (3rd mode of Ab Major)

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R b2 b3 4 5 b6 b7 R b7 b6 5 4 b3 b2 R

C Lydian (4th mode of G Major)

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R 2 3 #4 5 6 7 R 7 6 5 #4 3 2 R

C Mixolydian (5th mode of F Major)

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R 2 3 4 5 6 b7 R b7 6 5 4 3 2 R

C Aeolian (6th mode of Eb Major)

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R 2 b3 4 5 b6 b7 R b7 b6 5 4 b3 2 R

C Locrian (7th mode of Db Major)

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R b2 b3 4 b5 b6 b7 R b7 b6 b5 4 b3 b2 RR