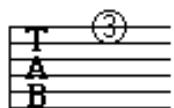


Note duration and rhythm are indicated by a system similar to the one used in standard music notation, with the fret number in the circle or next to the stem:



Circled note, no stem, is a whole note — gets 4 counts.



Stem with a flag is an eighth note — gets half a count.



Circled note with a stem is a half note — gets 2 counts.



Consecutive eighth notes are usually connected with one line. (Each of the eighth notes still gets a separate half count.)



Stem only is a quarter note — gets 1 count.

A dot following any note increases its duration by half the original value.
For example:



Dotted half note gets 3 counts.



Dotted quarter note gets 1½ counts.