



# Study number One

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# Twenty Studies

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*For piano*

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## 1. Finger exercise

The first system of the finger exercise consists of four measures. The treble clef part features a sequence of eighth notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6. The bass clef part features a sequence of eighth notes: C3, D3, E3, F3, G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5.

The second system of the finger exercise consists of four measures. The treble clef part features a sequence of eighth notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6. The bass clef part features a sequence of eighth notes: C3, D3, E3, F3, G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5.

The third system of the finger exercise consists of four measures. The treble clef part features a sequence of eighth notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6. The bass clef part features a sequence of eighth notes: C3, D3, E3, F3, G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. A finger number '2' is written above the first measure, and a finger number '4' is written below the first measure.

The fourth system of the finger exercise consists of four measures. The treble clef part features a sequence of eighth notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6. The bass clef part features a sequence of eighth notes: C3, D3, E3, F3, G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. Finger numbers '1' and '4' are written above the first measure of the third measure, and '5' and '2' are written below the first measure of the third measure.

The fifth system of the finger exercise consists of four measures. The treble clef part features a sequence of eighth notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6. The bass clef part features a sequence of eighth notes: C3, D3, E3, F3, G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. A finger number '20' is written above the first measure of the fourth measure.

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*Or starting at different degrees (eg: bass D treble F), or with voices inverted (eg: starting on bass E treble C) etc.  
Or various articulations (eg: ---- or .... or -... or -.-. or .----)*

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