

Drawing an arbitrary line between notes

In some cases, one needs to draw an arbitrary (thin) straight line from one note to another, e.g. when one wants to mark a logical connection between these notes, but not by a slur.

This is most easily accomplished with the PostScript language, and luckily that is available in **PMX** when the PostScript slur package by Stanislav Kneifl is loaded.

We have written a little macro for the purpose, given below, to be included in a **PMX** source as a Type 4 inline T_EX macro. For convenience's sake, the `Readme` with usage instructions is included in the macro itself. The attached example shows its usage in a practical case.

NOTE: There is a special case of this: a baroque ornament (normally used between two notes in a chord separated by a third), viz. a short slanted line of very specific proportions, directly above a notehead. For this purpose one of us (D.S.) posted a simpler (1-parameter) macro, `\shl#1`, in the TeX-music list a while ago:

```
\\makeatletter\  
\\newdimen\l@th\l@th.8pt\  
\\def\psline#1#2{\y@i#1\relax \y@ii#2\relax\  
\\special{ps: slur@Dict begin (\the\y@ii) (\the\y@i) (\the\l@th) DLN end}}\  
\\makeatother\  
\\def\shl#1{\zcharnote{#1}{\kern-2pt\raise.4\internote\hbox{\psline{11pt}{3pt}}}}\  

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This is to be inserted in the **PMX** source as a Type 2 inline T_EX macro, as shown. You have to be using 20 pt type for this to work.

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