

Using an iPadPro to organize and read choir music Presented by John Matthews to the IBM PC Club -- 18 Dec 2017

Or perhaps a better title would be:
“Watch a recycled IBMer struggle to make his Apple iPadPro work”

- a) Our church secretary, a skilled French horn player, saw me struggling to read my choir music, so she showed me how useful her iPadPro was with the application called “forScore” which helps organize the sheet music.
- b) So I bought an iPadPro and installed the “forScore” application.
- c) She scanned our entire hymn book and scans of all the sheet music the choir was using, and either put it up in the cloud or e-mailed it to me.
- d) I download the .pdf files to my Windows 10 PC into a normal folder.
- e) I already have iTunes installed on my Windows 10 PC, which is used to get the .pdf files copied onto the iPadPro.
- f) I use the process described in the following document:
To copy .pdf files from Windows 10 PC to forScore app on iPadPro.rtf
- g) I use features of the “forScore” app to:
 - book mark Hymns
 - create “SetList” for each Sunday
- h) I use the iPadPro both in choir practices and during worship services.
- i) Rather than getting the traditional iPadPro cover with attached keyboard,
I bought a back cover for the iPadPro that has a velcro hand hold.
- j) I hold my iPadPro in Landscape position, which makes the music larger, than when the iPadPro is held in Portrait position.
- k) I am climbing up the learning curve on how to use my fingers and thumbs on the touch screen to operate the “forScore” app.
- l) In Landscape position, I have been having trouble getting the pages turned (with finger or thumb taps) at just exactly the right time to read the notes and words at the top of the next page of the music.
- m) Finally, because the iPadPro is heavy, my left shoulder begins to hurt after holding the iPadPro for over an hour in practice and during performance.
- n) See the potential solution (below) to relieve my painful shoulder.