

Synchronous Terminal Refers to a data terminal that operates at a fixed rate with a transmitter and receiver in synchronization.

Synchronous Transmission Where data bits are sent at a fixed rate, with the transmitter and receiver synchronized. *Synchronous Transmission* eliminates the need for start and stop bits.

Syncopated (*Eng.*) A contraction of a note by cutting off part of its value and giving it to the next note.

Syncopation A shifting of an accent from a strong beat to a weak beat.

Sync Start In reference to a MIDI keyboard, it will synchronize the start, the start of a style when a key is pressed. Different keyboards have their own functions and may differ.

Sync Stop Causes a style on a MIDI keyboard to stop on the release of a key. Different keyboards have their own functions and may differ.

Synthesizer (Synthesis) Electronic keyboards that have facilities for construction of original and artificial sounds and effects as well as preset (factory) sounds. Sounds are created electronically generated waveforms along with signal processors. It may also pertain to software for creating sound effects through a computer (see *Sample, Sampler*).

Synthesis Algorithm A computer program or a set of computations designed to generate music.

Sweetening Singers adding a new or variant track (new notes or harmony) over the original. See *Tweaking*.

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T An abbreviation of *Tasto*, *Tempo*, *Tenor*, *Toe* (in organ music) and *Tutti*.

Tablature (*Fr.*) A general term used for all the signs and characters used in writing music.

Table d'harmonie (*Fr.*), **Table d'instrument** (*Fr.*) Sounding board or belly of an instrument.

Table-songs Songs for male voices which were very popular in German glee clubs.

Tabor A small drum used to accompany the pipes or fife in dances.

Tabret A form of drum used by ancient Hebrews.

Tacet (*Lat.*) **Tace**, **Taci**, **Taciasi** (*It.*) Silent.

Tact-führer (*Ger.*) Orchestra conductor.

Tactus (*Lat.*) In ancient music, a stroke of the hand in which the time was measured or beaten.

Tacet (*Lat.*), **Táce** (*It.*), **Táci** (*It.*) **Tacíasi** (*It.*) Silent, do not play.

Tact, **Takt** (*Ger.*) Time, measure.