**Learn Your Triads!**

A **TRIAD** is a three-note chord built in thirds.

The triad has a **ROOT**, which is the same as the triad name,

a **THIRD**, so named because it is the interval of a third above the root,

and a **FIFTH**, which is a fifth above the root.

The chart below shows the notes in each of the major and minor triads. Learn how to spell them by their note name.

Notice that there is only one difference between the major and minor triads: in the minor triad the THIRD is lowered by a half-step.

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| **Major Triads** | **Minor Triads** |
| A major: A C# E  Bb major: Bb D F  B major: B D# F#  C major: C E G  C# major: C# E# G#  Db major: Db F Ab  E major: E G# B  F major: F A C  F# major: F# A# C#  Gb major: Gb Bb Db  G major: G B D  G# major: G# B# D#  Ab major: Ab C Eb | A minor: A C E  Bb minor: Bb Db F  B minor: B D F#  C minor: C Eb G  C# minor: C# E G#  Db minor: Db Fb Ab  E minor: E G B  F minor: F Ab C  F# minor: F# A C#  Gb minor: Gb Bbb Db  G minor: G Bb D  G# minor: G# B D#  Ab minor: Ab Cb Eb |