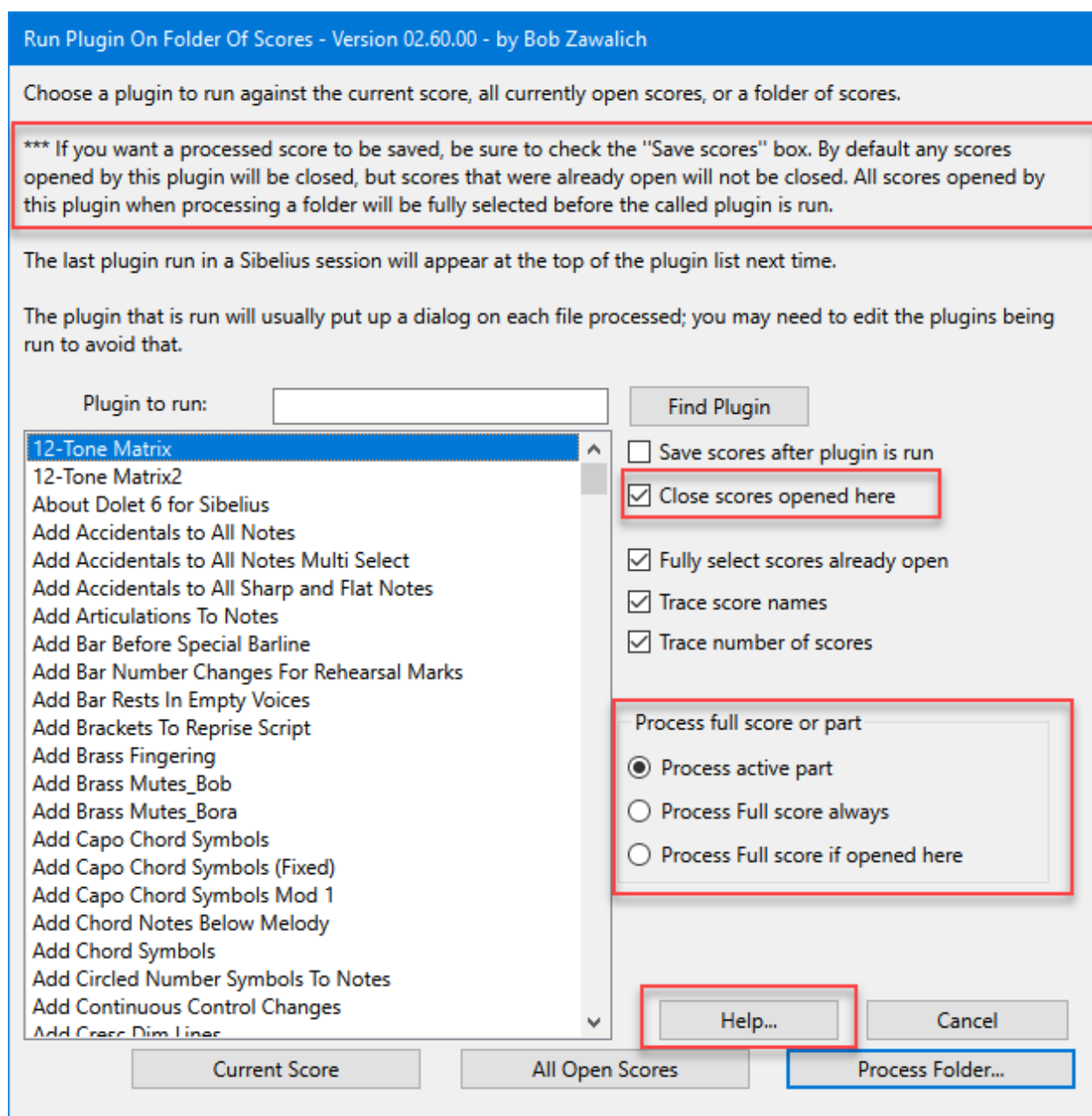


Updates for the Run Plugin on Folder of Scores plugin

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Run Plugin On Folder of Scores lets you choose a plugin, and run it on the current active score, all open scores, or a folder of scores.

There are a few fairly subtle new features.



New features

- When a score that had been opened in the process of processing a folder of scores is closes, the code has now been updated so that **Close** will not put up a dialog asking you to save about "dirtyed" scores.
- As before, there is an option to save scores that are processed; it is off by default. By default I expect the called plugin to deal with saving and closing scores, but there are a few options available to help with those operations.
- Specifying which part to process

- When the plugin was originally written, opening a score always gave you the full score. That changed in Sibelius 7, and now the score you get is the active part that was visible the last time the score was closed.
- By default, the plugin passes the active part of a score to the called plugin, but you can ask it to send the called plugin the Full Score instead of the active part, either all the time (when processing the active score, all open scores, or a folder of scores), or only when the plugin explicitly opens a score when processing a folder of scores.
- If you choose **Process Full score if opened here**, any scores that were not open before the plugin was run will present the Full Score to the called plugin. Any scores already opened with present the currently active part. You can force all scores to be the full score by choosing **Process Full score always**.
- Closing scores
 - Previously, any score that this plugin opened when processing a folder of scores would be closed if the calling plugin had not closed it. That is still the default option, but now there is an option to leave it open.
 - As before, scores that were already open before the plugin ran will never be closed by this plugin.
- Dialog Preferences.
 - There is now an option to have the plugin save the state of its checkboxes and radio buttons across Sibelius sessions.
 - **To enable this you need to install the plugin *Add Plugin Preferences Lib*. If that plugin is not installed, you will get a warning that you can ignore, and the settings will go back to their defaults at the start of the next Sibelius session.**
- Help
 - There is a Help button which brings up a dialog that explains some of the options in more detail.

Run Plugin On Folder Of Scores Help

Close

This plugin will run a plugin, telling it to process the active score, all open scores, or the scores contained in a specified folder. There are a few issues you should be aware of, especially when processing scores that are already open.

1. What is the selection passed to the called plugin?
 * If a score is opened by this plugin when processing a folder of scores, the entire score is always selected. If the score was already open, it will also be fully selected by default. If you uncheck "Fully select scores already open", the selection that was active in the score will be retained, and given to the called plugin.
2. Should processed scores be saved by this plugin?
 * By default scores processed will not be saved, but "Save scores after plugin is run" will cause all processed scores to be saved.
3. Should scores opened by this plugin be closed?
 * Scores that were open before this plugin is run will not be closed. If this plugin opens the score while processing a folder of scores, it will be closed if "Close scores opened here" is checked.
4. Should the called plugin process the active part for the score or the full score?
 * Before Sibelius 7, if a plugin opened a score it always got the full score. Since Sibelius 7, it will get the part that was active when the score was last closed. By default, the called plugin will be given the active part, which might be the full score or a dynamic part. You can choose to pass the full score instead, either always, or only when the score was opened by this plugin when processing a folder of scores.
5. Can you stop the called plugin from putting up its dialog on every score?
 * If a called plugin puts up a dialog every time it is run, then you will see that dialog for every score that is processed. This plugin has no control over that. Some plugins have the ability to hide the dialog after the first time they are used, to allow you to set options and use those options for all following scores. Those work well when called here. If the plugin does not have that option, you will need to click OK many times or modify the plugin to be able to hide its dialog. Even with hitting OK, it should still be faster than running the plugin manually for each score in a folder.