

Using the plugin **Export House Style From File**

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If you find that you need a custom House Style, you can open a score that contains the definitions you want, use **Appearance>House Styles>Export**, and then use that House Style as your custom House Style. This can be handy if you want to run **Import House Style Settings And Restore**.

Having to open a score and export from it can be awkward if you want to import House Style definitions while running a plugin or a macro in **Execute Commands**.

Export House Style From File can be used to temporarily open a score using its file name, export a House Style from that score, then close the score it opened, without saving any changes.

The process is simple, but there are several options. Here is what the default dialog looks like.

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Select a Sibelius score from which to export a House Style.

The score will be opened, a House Style will be exported from the Full Score, and the score will be closed without saving changes.

If the score chosen to export is already open, the currently active part of that score will be exported, and the score will not be closed after export. You will still need to select a score to export from an open score.

Options (see Help...)

Export from active score

Always use Sibelius score and part file name for House Style name

Include Full Score part name when exporting from Full Score

Do not confirm overwriting existing House Style file

Trace successful results

Do not show this dialog (this Sibelius session)

Help... Cancel Continue

This is what the options do. The Default checkbox state is shown in italics:

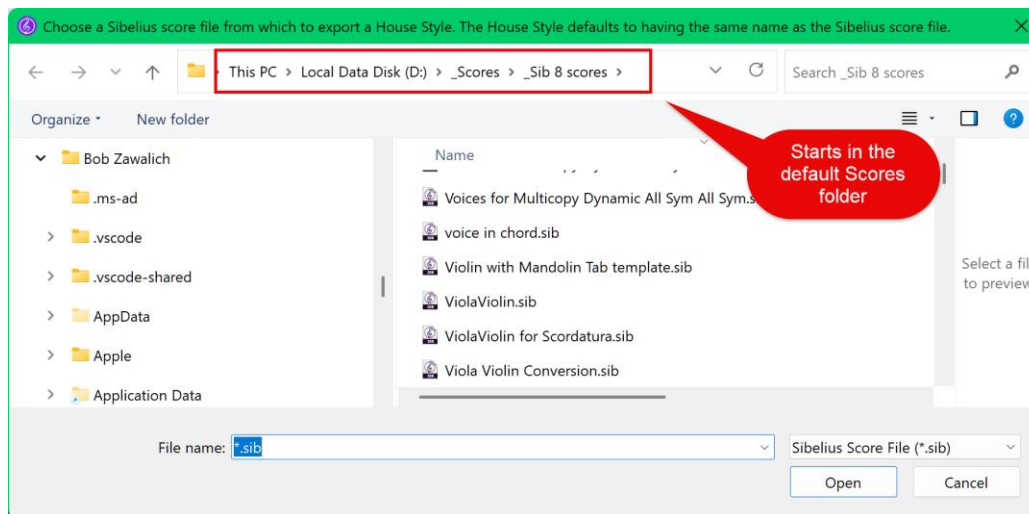
- **Export from active score**
 - *Checked*: Exports a House Style from the current active score instead of looking for a score to open
 - *Unchecked*: Put up a dialog that will let you choose the file name of a score you want to export from
- **Always use Sibelius score and part file name for House Style name**

- Checked: Uses the file name of the score (but with a .lib extension) as the name of the new House Style without asking you for a name.
- *Unchecked*: Lets you choose the file name of the new House Style, though it will still offer the score file name as a default.
- **Include Full Score part name when exporting from Full Score**
 - Checked: If exporting from a full score, the part name, often "Full Score", will be added to the end of the House Style file name.
 - *Unchecked*: If exporting from a full score, the part name will not be appended to the House Style File Name. If exporting from a dynamic part or score subset, the part name is always appended to the file name.
- **Do not confirm overwriting existing House Style file**
 - Checked: overwrites and existing House Style file with the same name without confirming
 - *Unchecked*: Puts up a confirmation dialog if the new House Style file name already exists.
- **Trace successful results**
 - *Checked*: Will write a message to the Plugin Trace Window giving the full path name of the exported House Style file if the export succeeds. If there are errors, warning messages will always be given.
 - *Unchecked*: No message will be given on success. If there are errors, warning messages will always be given.

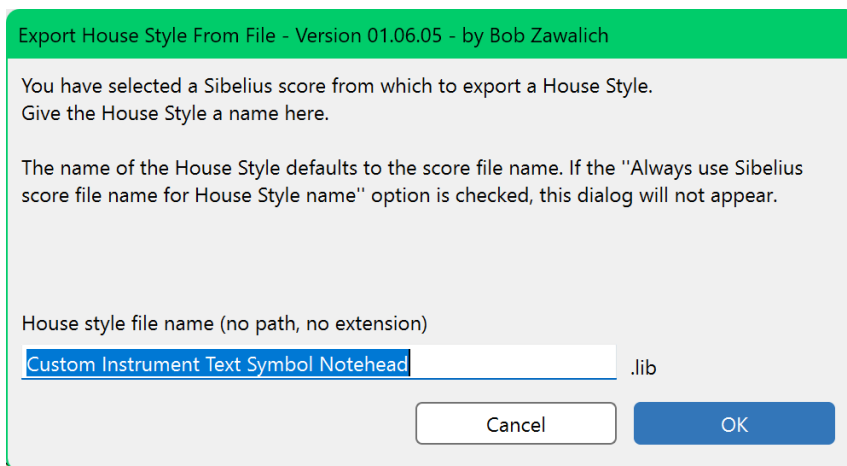
You can choose how much or how little confirmation you want, and these checkbox settings are remembered across Sibelius sessions.

With the default options shown in the screenshot, the plugin will:

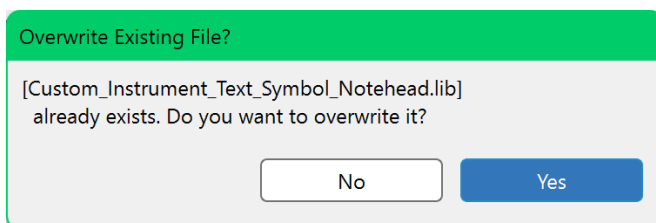
- Put up a dialog that will let you choose the file name of a score you want to export from



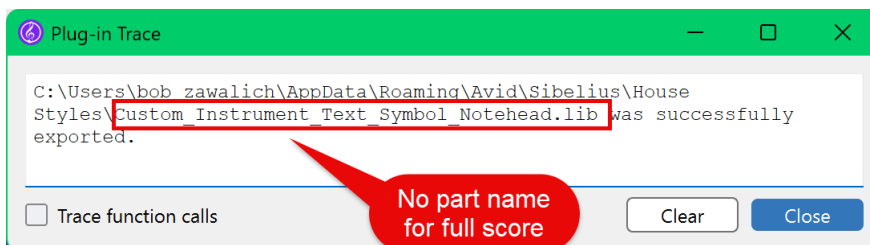
- Let you choose the file name of the new House Style, though it will still offer the score file name as a default. When the file name is finally built, and spaces in the name will be replaced by underscores.



- Put up a confirmation dialog if the new House Style file name already exists.



- Will not append the **Full Score** part name to the new House Style Name if it is run on a full score.
- Will write a message to the Plugin Trace Window giving the full path name of the exported House Style file if the export succeeds. If there are errors, warning messages should always be given.



I recommend that **Trace successful results** be always checked. Otherwise, it is not obvious that anything has happened.

Running on a folder of scores

You can run the plugin **Run Plugin On a Folder Of Scores**, and have it run **Export House Style From File**. If you have not hidden the dialog, it will appear when the first score is processed. Check that the options are correct, then check "Do not show this dialog(this Sibelius session)". This will let the plugin run on the rest of the scores in the folder without bring up the dialog.

You will not see the **Export House Style From File** dialog again in this Sibelius session, so I recommend closing and restarting Sibelius once you have completed processing the folder so that the dialog will appear again.

