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The MAJOR SCALE is made of **TWO TETRACHORDS** joined by a **WHOLE STEP**.

The C Major Scale

KEY-NOTE
↓
WHOLE STEP
↓
KEY-NOTE
↓

1st Tetrachord 2nd Tetrachord

There is NO # or ♭ in the C MAJOR SCALE.

Each scale begins and ends on the note of the same name as that of the scale, called the KEY NOTE.

The G Major Scale

WHOLE STEP
↓
1st Tetrachord 2nd Tetrachord

There is ONE # (F#) in the G MAJOR SCALE.

The D Major Scale

WHOLE STEP
↓
1st Tetrachord 2nd Tetrachord

There are TWO #'s (F#, C#) in the D MAJOR SCALE.

The A Major Scale

WHOLE STEP
↓
1st Tetrachord 2nd Tetrachord

There are THREE #'s (F#, C#, G#) in the A MAJOR SCALE.

IMPORTANT!

The 2nd tetrachord of C is the 1st tetrachord of G.

The 2nd tetrachord of G is the 1st tetrachord of D.

The 2nd tetrachord of D is the 1st tetrachord of A.

The 2nd tetrachord of A is the 1st tetrachord of E.

This overlapping pattern will continue around the Circle of 5ths!