

Free Music Online

Downloading music online has always been a thorny issue. Filesharing services such as Napster made a huge impact in the early 2000's as users found they could download what they wanted, when they wanted without paying. This led to a series of high profile lawsuits and many an argument both for and against the practice. At the end of the day, filesharing online changed the way we can acquire music, be it legally or illegally. For the artists and labels themselves this had caused a shift in how they distribute music.

These are few of the many services online that deliver free music, legally to either download or 'stream' from the internet.

Last.fm

www.last.fm

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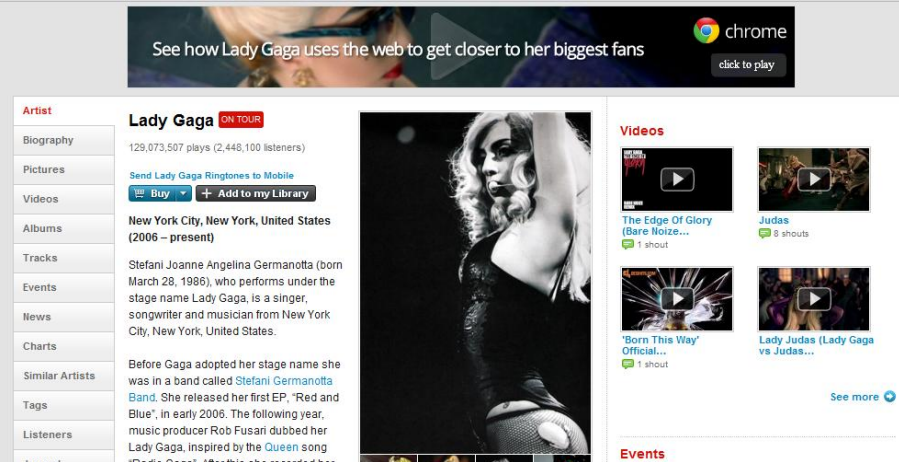
Need new music?
Last.fm lets you effortlessly **keep a record of what you listen to*** from any player. Based on your taste, Last.fm recommends you more music and concerts!
*We had to invent a word for this, it's called scrobbling.

Start your profile Just two minutes to new music!
Sign up and import your listening history.

Track tracks and discover gems. **FREE!**

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Last.fm offers a number of ways to listen to music. Through the website you can search for an artist or album. Last.fm will bring up an artist biography with facts and photos, a list of popular tracks, video and the option to click on to the artists 'radio' which will let you hear songs by the artist and other similar artists. Similar artists are based on what other fans listen to.



See how Lady Gaga uses the web to get closer to her biggest fans

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Artist

Lady Gaga ON TOUR

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New York City, New York, United States (2006 – present)

Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta (born March 28, 1986), who performs under the stage name Lady Gaga, is a singer, songwriter and musician from New York City, New York, United States.

Before Gaga adopted her stage name she was in a band called [Stefani Germanotta Band](#). She released her first EP, "Red and Blue", in early 2006. The following year, music producer Rob Fusari dubbed her Lady Gaga, inspired by the [Queen](#) song "Radio Gaga". After this she recorded her

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Judas 8 shouts

'Born This Way' Official... 1 shout

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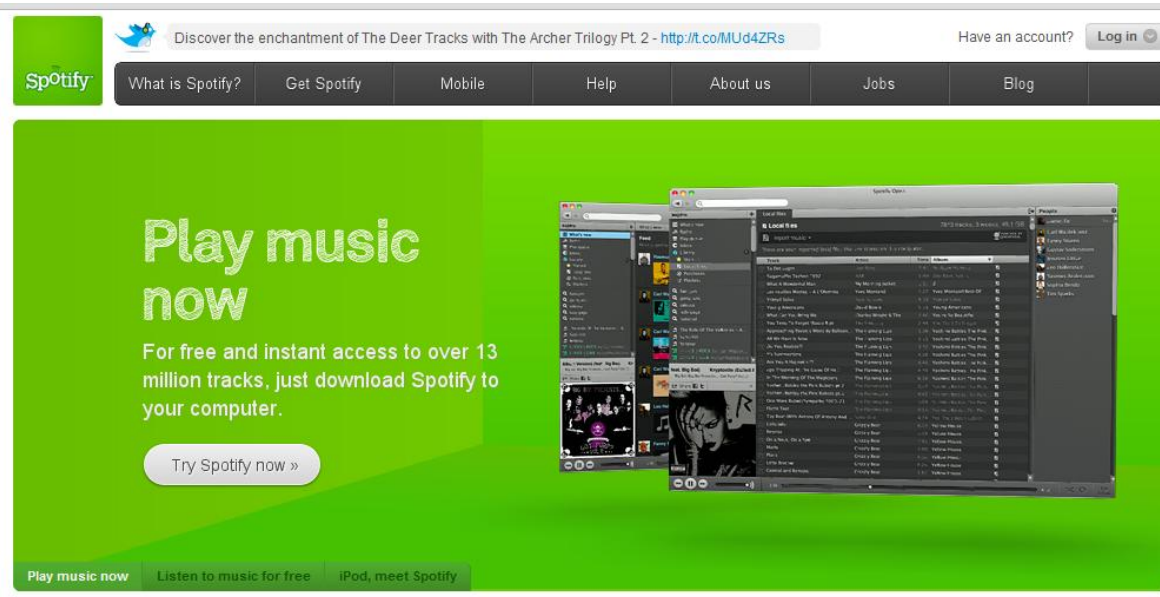
Some artists offer free downloads of their music through Last.fm. Simply click 'download' on tracks available.

Last.fm also offers a number of mobile and computer applications. If you choose to sign up to Last.fm you can make a profile and install small plugins that track your listening habits and recommend you similar artists you may like.

Last.fm's radio service is the highlight as it will play a constant stream of music similar to someone you like, however this means it rarely actually plays the songs you want to hear if you are looking for something specific.

Spotify

www.spotify.com



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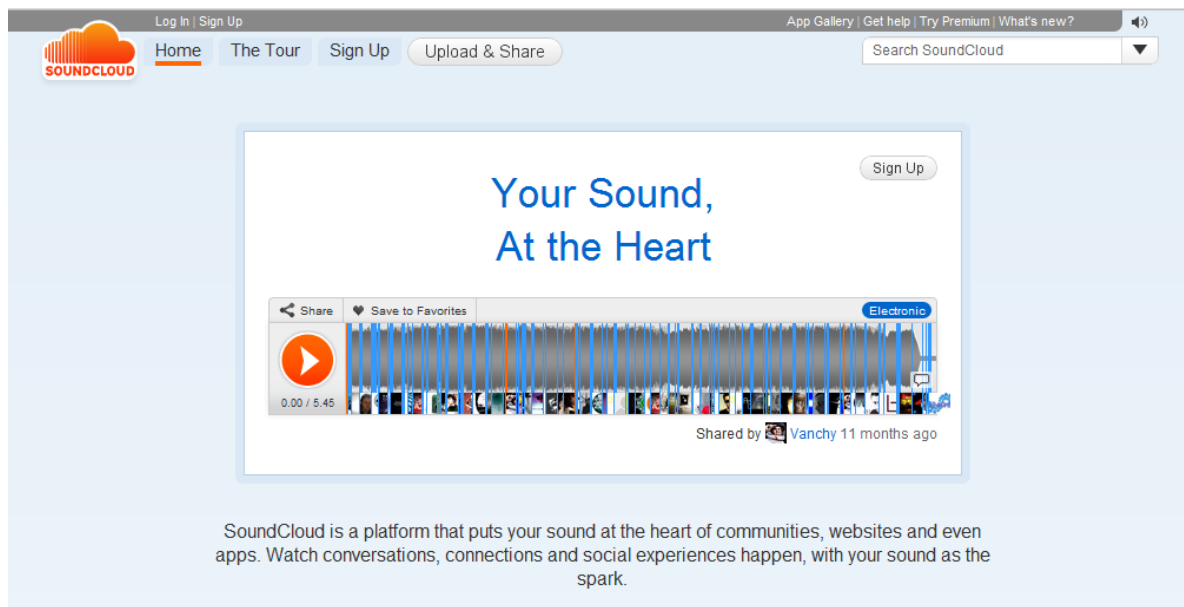
Spotify requires users to download a free program that acts as the music player. You also need to sign up for an account. You can have a free account that limits your use to a few hours a week to paid accounts that give you unlimited use, as well as mobile streaming on phones.

Spotify gives you almost unlimited access to artists back catalogues. You can 'star' tracks which saves them to your playlist so you can listen to them again. If you enjoy the service, monthly subscriptions lets you download the music rather than just stream.

Spotify is a fantastic service for looking for 'that' song by a certain artist. The limits of the free account can be restrictive if you are looking to use the program everyday as you will soon run out of free hours

Soundcloud

www.soundcloud.com



Soundcloud was initially setup as an easy way for independent artists to quickly share music with their fans and other websites. While its hard to find a specific artist, you can search by genre and find a wealth of groups of artists sharing their music online, often with free downloads of the tracks. Users can also comment on the track as it plays offering insights and criticism.

Great for finding remixes of popular tracks and new underground music.



Bandcamp

www.bandcamp.com



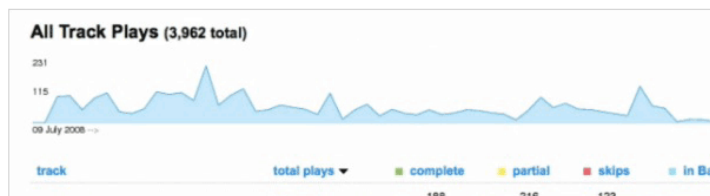
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Artists: sell your music & merch directly to your fans.

[+ Sign up now](#) (yep, it's free)

In the past 30 days alone, artists have made **\$626,185** USD using Bandcamp, and monthly sales growth since our launch looks like this:

To find out why forward thinkers like [Sufjan Stevens](#), [Amanda Palmer](#), and [Zoë Keating](#) call Bandcamp home sweet home, watch this:



Fans: discover new music and directly support the artists who make it.

Explore 2,103,264 tracks and 261,885 albums from artists spanning 183 countries:

browse by genre:

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[rap](#) [folk](#) [alternative](#) [ambient](#) [soul](#)
[electronica](#) [acoustic](#) [jazz](#) [more...](#)

browse by location:

[California](#) [United Kingdom](#) [New York](#)

Bandcamp is a similar service to Soundcloud as it lets the artist put their own music up online. It's become a popular choice of independent musicians due to its fair pricing models and clean interface. Clicking on 'Browse by genre' is the best way to find something new and interesting. Artists upload albums and singles as well as physical items and can set their own prices. Many use the service to give their music away for free. Another popular option is 'pay-what-you-want' where you decide how much you pay for a download, remembering all the proceeds go directly to the artists themselves, not labels. A great way to support new music, though there is a lack of mainstream artists.



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BBC Radio

www.bbc.co.uk/radio

The BBC offer all of their radio stations online to listen to. You can listen live to the stations or choose to listen back to the previous weeks shows as well as check the playlists to see what tracks were played.

Youtube

www.youtube.com

While it is mostly geared towards video, searching Youtube for a musician or artist can yield many results, from awkward cover versions, to full music videos. Youtube is the MTV of the internet age, you can find live videos, instructions on how to play songs, interviews, you name it. While you can't download things you find to your computer, if you sign up for an account you can access your favourite videos from any computer with a fast internet connection.