Downloading Music from Online Music Stores

Streaming music is great, but you don't own any of the music you listen to. In this respect, playing music from a streaming music service is more like listening to traditional AM or FM radio.

If you prefer to own the music you love, there are many online music stores you can choose from. All of these online stores let you browse or search for specific tracks or complete albums, then purchase and download that music to your Galaxy phone. You can then listen to your purchased music anywhere, anytime— no Internet connection necessary!

It's Not All Good

No iTunes

The first and biggest digital music store on the Internet is Apple's iTunes Store. Unfortunately, the iTunes Store is available only for people using Apple devices. Because you're using a Samsung Android phone, not an Apple iPhone, the iTunes Store is off-limits to you. There is no official iTunes app for Android phones, and there's no way to access the iTunes Store from an Android device. (Fortunately, there are lots of other online music stores available to Android users, as you'll learn next.)

Purchase and Download from Google Play Music

When you want to purchase and download digital music, Google has you covered. The Google Play Store has a robust Music section, dubbed Google Play Music, with tens of millions of tracks available, most at \$1.29 and some as low as \$0.99. You can also purchase complete digital albums from Google Play Music, from \$5.99 on up. You can access Google Play Music from the Play Store app, or from the Play Music app. We'll look at the latter method.

- 1 From the Home or Apps screen, tap the Play Music icon to open the Play Music app.
- 2 Tap the Options button at the top-left corner of the screen.
- 3 Tap Shop to go to the Google Play Music store.







The Home tab should be displayed by default. Scroll down to see New Releases and other music recommended for you.





Tap a genre to view music of that type.



7 Tap the Top Albums tab to view the best-selling albums.







- 9 Tap the Top Songs tab to view the best-selling individual tracks.
- Search for a specific song, album, or artist by tapping the Search icon at the top of the screen to open the Search Google Play box.
- 11) Type the name of what you're looking for. As you type, Google displays suggestions.
- 12) Tap to select a suggestion, or continue typing.



(13) Google displays a page of matching results. Tap to open an artist's page or to display all the songs in a given album.



- 14) Tap the price button to purchase an album.
- **15** To purchase an individual song, scroll down to see the song list then tap the price button for that track.



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16) Tap Continue to add or select a payment method.

- Tap the payment method to add or use and then follow the onscreen instructions to proceed.
- 18 If asked, enter your Google password and then tap Confirm to your purchase. The digital music is now downloaded to your phone.



Purchase and Download from Amazon Digital Music

Another good place to purchase and download digital music is Amazon Digital Music. This is the online music store from Amazon.com, the big online retailer. Amazon offers tens of millions of individual tracks, priced from \$0.69 to \$1.29, as well as complete albums for downloading.

The easiest way to shop Amazon Digital Music is from the Amazon Music app. This app might already be installed on your phone (go to the Apps screen and look in the Amazon folder, if you have one). If not, you can download the free app from the Google Play Store.

- From the Home or Apps screen, tap the Amazon Music icon to open the Amazon Music app.
- If you already have an Amazon account, sign in with your email address and password.
- If you don't yet have an Amazon account, tap Create an Account and follow the onscreen instructions.
- 4 By default, you see all the music you've previously purchased from Amazon. To shop for new music, tap the Options button at the top left or just swipe in from the left side of the screen to display the menu.





Recent Activity





- The Home page displays music recommended for you, popular music, and featured new music.
 Scroll down to view more.
- 8 Tap the Options button to browse by type of music.
- Tap Browse Genres to view a list of musical genres.



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- (10) Tap the genre you want to browse.
- **11)** Tap the Songs tab to view individual tracks.





- 12) Tap the Albums tab to view complete albums.
- Search for a specific song, artist, or album by tapping the Search icon at the top of the screen.
- 14 Enter the name of what you're looking for. As you type, Amazon makes suggestions.
- 15 Tap the item you want or continue typing.





- (16) Tap the Songs or Albums tab to view individual tracks or complete albums.
- 17) Tap the item you want to purchase.



- (18) Tap Buy MP3 Album to purchase the complete album.
- 19 To purchase an individual track, tap the price for that song then tap Buy Song. If you have a payment method on file with Amazon, the payment is automatically processed and the music is downloaded to your phone.

