

DU Learning Guide

Music Online

"It's not just pop. All my old favourites are there too."

What's it all about?

Personal music players, such as the iPod, are very popular. People who use them buy the music via the Internet as "music downloads". Every sort of music is available as downloads; current and classic pop, jazz, folk, every kind of classical and "easy listening".

Whatever your taste, you will be able to find something to suit you.

You don't have to have a personal music player to listen to music that you get from the internet. Many computers have loudspeakers built in and you can buy speakers or headphones to plug into those that do not.

You can also listen to radio stations over the Internet. See **Learning Guide: TV and radio on the Internet**.

Try this

There are lots of websites that enable you to buy music and download it to your computer so that you can play it when you choose. However, they all require you to register and provide payment details.



NB We strongly recommend that you **do not** enter credit or debit card details on a computer in a public place such as a library or Internet café.

More websites to explore

Apple iTunes

www.apple.com/uk/itunes/download

iTunes, for use on an iPod and also on PCs and Mac computers.

NB you will have to download the iTunes player to use this site. It's free and will run on PCs with Windows 7, Vista or XP.

7digital.com

www.7digital.com

High quality music downloads from all the major record labels and independents.

Classical Archives

www.classicalarchives.com

Downloads and radio stations specialising in classical music.

eMusic

www.emusic.com

Gives free downloads as an introductory offer.

NB you will start to pay a monthly fee if you do not cancel before the end of your trial period.

Mbop Megastore

www.mbopmegastore.com

Despite the strange name, this download store caters well for lovers of big band, jazz, easy listening and classical music.

Napster

www.napster.co.uk

The original file sharing service, now legal.

NB You have to download their software and pay a membership free to use it.