

## AUDIO VIDEO

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FoxyTunes for Internet Explorer. Control almost any media player from Internet Explorer. [http://www.download.com/3000-2141\\_4-10651290.html](http://www.download.com/3000-2141_4-10651290.html)

JetAudio Basic. Play audio and video files, convert to other file formats, and burn CDs. [http://www.download.com/3000-2167\\_4-10783427.html](http://www.download.com/3000-2167_4-10783427.html)

Ook? Video Ook! Download embedded videos from a variety of Web sites with this Firefox extension. [http://www.download.com/3000-11745\\_4-10706277.html](http://www.download.com/3000-11745_4-10706277.html)

QuickTime. Play MPEG-4 movies with AAC sound with this latest version of Apple's premier media player. [http://www.download.com/3000-2139\\_4-10784949.html](http://www.download.com/3000-2139_4-10784949.html)

My Pictures 3D. Manage images in a 3D gallery that can be transformed into a screensaver. [http://www.download.com/My-Pictures-3D/3000-2407\\_4-10521820.html?tag=lst-6-6](http://www.download.com/My-Pictures-3D/3000-2407_4-10521820.html?tag=lst-6-6)

Quintessential Player. Play a variety of audio file formats and save streaming audio. [http://www.download.com/Quintessential-Player/3000-2139\\_4-10514916.html?tag=lst-6-10](http://www.download.com/Quintessential-Player/3000-2139_4-10514916.html?tag=lst-6-10)

QuickTime. Play local and streaming video files with support for MPEG-4, AAC sound and skip protection. [http://www.download.com/3000-2200\\_4-10746704.html](http://www.download.com/3000-2200_4-10746704.html)

DeepRipper. Convert your audio CD tracks into MP3, OGG, or WAV files. [http://www.download.com/DeepRipper/3000-2140\\_4-10382401.html?tag=lst-6-4](http://www.download.com/DeepRipper/3000-2140_4-10382401.html?tag=lst-6-4)

MediaJoin. Join audio and video into a single file. [http://www.download.com/MediaJoin/3000-2169\\_4-10364435.html?tag=lst-6-5](http://www.download.com/MediaJoin/3000-2169_4-10364435.html?tag=lst-6-5)

BitTorrent. Updating its patented and popular P2P protocol, this file-sharing tool lets you download files from the BitTorrent network.

[http://www.download.com/BitTorrent/3000-2196\\_4-10211384.html?tag=nl.e415](http://www.download.com/BitTorrent/3000-2196_4-10211384.html?tag=nl.e415)

Artisan DVD/DivX Player. This all-purpose media player supports a wide range of file formats including DVD, DivX, AVI, MPEG, WMV, and MP3. It also offers screen-capturing features. [http://www.download.com/Artisan-DVD-DivX-Player/3000-2139\\_4-10326585.html?tag=nl.e415](http://www.download.com/Artisan-DVD-DivX-Player/3000-2139_4-10326585.html?tag=nl.e415)

DeepRipper. Sometimes you just want to rip a CD, not organize your entire music collection. This simple freeware app lets you convert your discs to MP3, OGG, or WAV format digital files. The publishers also offer a very good free burning application. [http://www.download.com/DeepRipper/3000-2140\\_4-10382400.html?tag=txt](http://www.download.com/DeepRipper/3000-2140_4-10382400.html?tag=txt)

VLC (initially VideoLAN Client) is a highly portable multimedia player for various audio and video formats, including MPEG-1, MPEG-2, MPEG-4, DivX, MP3, and OGG, as well as for DVDs, VCDs, and various streaming protocols. It also can be used as a server for unicast or multicast streams in IPv4 or IPv6 on a high-bandwidth network. The most prominent additions to version 0.8.6 are probably Windows Media Video 9 and Flash Video. Other important changes are improved H.264 decoding, better Windows Unicode support, and a full-screen controller

[http://www.download.com/VLC-Media-Player/3000-2194\\_4-10267151.html?tag=nl.e415](http://www.download.com/VLC-Media-Player/3000-2194_4-10267151.html?tag=nl.e415)

Winamp is a multimedia player made by Nullsoft. It is skinnable, multi-format freeware. It also now plays streamed video content, both live and recorded, authored worldwide. Winamp 5 includes support for classic Winamp skins and Winamp 3 (Modern) skins; a fancy new Modern skin; the same classic skin for people who want the Winamp 2 feel; a vastly more powerful media library; CD-ripping support (AAC@2x in the Free version, MP3 at unlimited speeds in the Pro version); CD-burning support (limited to 6x in the free version); advanced title-formatting logic for file types that support it; huge AVS updates; support for playback of AAC and VP6 in NSV files/streams; global hot-key support; a new Signal Processing Studio DSP plug-in; options for disabling plug-in exception-handling for developers; a new Winamp icon; and the addition of XP manifest.xml to winamp.exe. Version 5.32 includes Winamp Dashboard, Winamp Remote, Unicode filename and track support.

[http://www.download.com/Winamp/3000-2167\\_4-10251792.html?tag=nl.e415](http://www.download.com/Winamp/3000-2167_4-10251792.html?tag=nl.e415)

Audacity. Looking for a good all-purpose audio editor? Audacity is an open-source, free audio editor that lets you record, play, convert, and edit audio files. You can convert file formats, edit sounds, mix tracks, and apply effects to your recordings. The program also features a built-in amplitude envelope editor, a customizable spectrogram mode, and a frequency analysis window. Built-in effects include Bass Boost, Wahwah, and Noise Removal, and the app also supports VST plug-in effects.

The 1.3.0b beta version offers improved performance for larger projects and has several new features such as the ability to expand and collapse tracks. However, use 1.2.4b for maximum stability.

Note: Some antispyware packages detect Audacity as containing Buddy Spy 2.2 spyware. This is a known false positive. According to the developer, the compressed Audacity executable happens to have some of the same byte-sequences as Buddy Spy 2.2, but it's just a coincidence. See the developer's Web site for details.

[http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file/fid,22513;order,3;page,1;c,audiotools/description.html?tk=nl\\_hsxdown](http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file/fid,22513;order,3;page,1;c,audiotools/description.html?tk=nl_hsxdown)

This player plays RealAudio (.ra and .rpm) and RealMedia (.rm, .ram, .rmvb, .rpx) files just like RealPlayer and RealOne Player do. It offers limited support for Real's .smi and .smil formats. Real Alternative's RealMedia browser plug-in supports Internet Explorer, Mozilla, Netscape, and Opera.

[http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file\\_description/0,fid,23205,tk,hsx,00.asp](http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file_description/0,fid,23205,tk,hsx,00.asp)

Digital music players like the iPod are great. Some can hold a month's worth of songs or more. Unfortunately, they don't come loaded with songs. You have to find music to put on your player. And filling one of these things can be a costly proposition. Well, why not just download some free tunes legally? The volume of music won't rival some online stores, but it's impressive nonetheless. The artists have agreed to let you download their work, so you're not breaking any laws.

<http://www.archive.org/details/etree>

All you want of a free video player is to watch movies (and maybe capture a screen for your desktop). Artisan DVD/DivX Player fits the bill handily, letting you watch a number of the most popular video formats. Using Microsoft DirectX technology, Artisan DVD/DivX player can play DVD and DivX files. It also supports AVI, MPEG, WMV, ASF, MP3, JPEG, and GIF formats. Artisan

DVD/DivX Player also lets you capture screens from your videos and bookmark your movie clips.

[http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file\\_description/0,fid,25703,tk,hsx,00.asp](http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file_description/0,fid,25703,tk,hsx,00.asp)

K-Lite Codec Pack Full Version contains almost all the codecs you need to watch almost any movie or hear almost any sound file. It also includes encoding support for some formats.

[http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file\\_description/0,fid,25765,tk,hsx,00.asp](http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file_description/0,fid,25765,tk,hsx,00.asp)

You shouldn't have to install every video player on the planet. With The RAD Video Tools, you can convert many popular formats to other formats.

[http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file\\_description/0,fid,25766,tk,hsx,00.asp](http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file_description/0,fid,25766,tk,hsx,00.asp)

Make sure you're experiencing all the dynamic content the Web has to offer by downloading Macromedia's latest release of this industry-standard viewer.

<http://www.download.com/3120-2001-0-1-3.html?qt=03flash6079&ca=2001&SWLink=n&tag=nl.e415>

This videoconferencing tool reduces latency so you don't see jerky images with amateurish lip synching. This version introduces video messages (the video equivalent of voice mail) and video mail. The new premium feature, multiparty calling, gives you a video call with up to three other people. SightSpeed's software is free. Receiving video from the video messenger is also free, as is unlimited VoIP calling.

[http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file\\_description/0,fid,23087,tk,hsx,00.asp](http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file_description/0,fid,23087,tk,hsx,00.asp)

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dBpowerAMP converts your digital music files from one format to another. The program handles music on audio CDs to WAV or MP3 format and vice versa. Optional software lets you convert LPs to digital format, and convert audio files to Windows Media Audio v8 or OGG format. The program sports a volume normalization feature, ID-tag preservation, info pop-ups, and the ability to send audio to your portable MP3 player.

[http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file\\_description/0,fid,22627,tk,hsx,00.asp](http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file_description/0,fid,22627,tk,hsx,00.asp)

You can listen online to recordings from air traffic control centers. At LiveATC, you'll hear live streams from air traffic control centers. Most streams come from the United States, but some are from elsewhere. To hear streams from a specific time and place, visit the archives. The recordings go back two weeks.

[www.liveatc.net](http://www.liveatc.net)

Musicmatch Jukebox is an all-in-one digital audio management tool that rips, mixes, burns, organizes, and plays music. The program has a "faster ripping" feature that lets you extract files from CDs and save them as WAVs or MP3s; you can then burn your digital files to CD-R or CD-RW. The program lets you transfer your music files to your portable devices. Finally, you can enjoy Musicmatch Radio.

This version lets you buy tracks from all five major labels and more than 30 independents. Within the program, you can then burn the files to CD and transfer them to your MP3 player.

[http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file\\_description/0,fid,6152,tk,hsx,00.asp](http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file_description/0,fid,6152,tk,hsx,00.asp)

CDVista catalogs your CDs and removable drives. It scans photo CDs and stores thumbnail images on your PC. After your CD is scanned, you create a name for the CD. This allows you to search for files without having to blindly insert many CDs. CDVista can extract meta data contained in audio, Internet and text files.

<http://www.gentibus.com/us/Download.htm>

Gracenote has information on over 800,000 albums. Play a CD or MP3 and download title, artist bios, links, and more.

[www.gracenote.com](http://www.gracenote.com)

Interactive radio station lets you choose the music genres and vote on the playlist.

[www.echo.com](http://www.echo.com)

Unsigned acts in spades and in MP3 format.

[www.iuma.com](http://www.iuma.com)

Online broadcaster lets you search for acts through thousands of stations, or create your own station.

[www.live365.com](http://www.live365.com)

Eclectic mix of downloadable and broadcast tunes.

[www.mp3.com](http://www.mp3.com)

If you are looking for a good digital audio player (software download), go to [www.musicmatch.com/home](http://www.musicmatch.com/home)  
[www.real.com](http://www.real.com)

Other good sites are  
[www.winamp.com](http://www.winamp.com)  
[www.windowsmedia.com](http://www.windowsmedia.com)  
[www.ultraplayer.com](http://www.ultraplayer.com)

The best software for viewing streaming digital video is  
[www.real.com](http://www.real.com)

For all other video files, download Windows Media Player at  
[www.windowsmedia.com](http://www.windowsmedia.com)

One of the best Music Share sites (post-Napster):  
[www.musiccity.com](http://www.musiccity.com)

Music Player applications:  
[www.microsoft.com/windowsmedia](http://www.microsoft.com/windowsmedia)  
[www.winamp.com](http://www.winamp.com)  
[www.cowon.com](http://www.cowon.com)

Music manager for large music collections:  
[www.mp3-boss.com](http://www.mp3-boss.com)

The days of gratis Top 10 tunes are over, but with nearly a million songs from emerging artists, MP3 is one of the biggest free music repositories on the Web. Selections are well-organized.  
[www.mp3.com](http://www.mp3.com)

If you are looking for a good music player, check these sites:  
Musicmatch Jukebox at [www.musicmatch.com/home](http://www.musicmatch.com/home)  
RealJukebox Basic at [www.real.com](http://www.real.com)  
Winamp at [www.winamp.com](http://www.winamp.com)  
Windows Media Player at [www.windowsmedia.com](http://www.windowsmedia.com)  
UltraPlayer at [www.ultraplayer.com](http://www.ultraplayer.com)

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Windows Media Player at [www.windowsmedia.com](http://www.windowsmedia.com)

UltraPlayer at [www.ultraplayer.com](http://www.ultraplayer.com)

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This site will give you access to RealOne Player, which supersedes everything that Real Networks (RealPlayer and RealJukebox) has created before. This program brings together streaming content, Internet radio, CD playing and burning, and MP3 management, all under one interface.

[www.real.com](http://www.real.com)

So long as your sound card can play it, Total Recorder can record it. The unregistered version of Total Recorder is free, but users can record only up to 40 seconds of audio. The registered version costs twelve dollars.

[www.highcriteria.com](http://www.highcriteria.com)

Best Overall music site.

[www.sonicnet.com](http://www.sonicnet.com)

Best music downloads.

[www.audiogalaxy.com](http://www.audiogalaxy.com)

Best Online Radio Site:

[www.sonicnet.com](http://www.sonicnet.com)

This MP3 manager includes all the tools you need to access, sort, categorize, and play your music and create custom playlists.

[www.beoplayer.com](http://www.beoplayer.com)

Stream some great music down from the Internet at this site.

[www.epitonic.com](http://www.epitonic.com)

This is an excellent user-friendly map to all forms of music from rock, to jazz, to country to blues.

[www.allmusic.com](http://www.allmusic.com)

Flash Player may be what you need to access animations on the Internet. Get this free program at this site.

[www.macromedia.com/software/flash](http://www.macromedia.com/software/flash)

This site tells you everything you always wanted to know but were afraid to ask about burning videos onto VCDs (video CDs), SVCDs (super video CDs), and DVDs.

[www.vcdhelp.com](http://www.vcdhelp.com)

This is the place to start looking for streaming audio content. The site requires Internet Explorer 5.0/Netscape 4.5 or newer, Windows Media Player 6/RealPlayer 7 or newer, and at least a 56Kbps Internet connection. The site checks to ensure you meet the minimum requirements on your first visit, and then you can browse content in a single browser window. Yahoo! Broadcast's Media On Demand section lets you browse streaming video content; the Live Web Events section features radio programs, sports, and special events; and the Market Coverage section provides live financial information and interviews.

<http://www.broadcast.yahoo.com>

Skip the bookstore and shred your library card. Audible puts your favorite authors at your fingertips with more than 4,500 audio books and 14,000 periodicals, radio broadcasts, speeches, and performances for your listening pleasure. Browse by category or use Advanced Search to refine your list by Keyword, Author, and more. Preview samples and download them. Then, you can listen from your PC; transfer to an MP3 player; or burn them to a CD. Register free and buy selections individually or subscribe and get two to five titles per month.

<http://www.audible.com>

Watch 20 hours go by in just a few seconds. Here's a collection of time-lapse video and photography. It's really cool, because you see things you wouldn't normally notice. For example, watch how the tides flow in and out. There's a humorous look at a defrosting freezer. Or, you can see a building take shape over the course of a few weeks.

<http://snipurl.com/playwtime>

Tired of having to burn tons of photos onto piles of CDs for family mailings? Fed up with annoying pop-ups while streaming audio? Revolt. Setup your own private peer-to-peer (P2P) shared drive network, and eliminate the middleman. All group activity is authenticated and encrypted for security--no outsiders allowed. Once you create groups, the included files are swapped only among invitees. Even then, you designate the files you want to share. For extra fun, you can simultaneously IM (Instant Message) your friends.

<http://www.grouper.com>

This popular streaming-media player offers improved video controls and access to 2500 radio stations. With this version you get an improved graphic equalizer and media services, including a radio tuner and an artist and music guide. The Take 5 news service offers daily sports updates. A new contextual video search helps you find interviews with your favorite artists. The RealPlayer music store lets you buy music files. Finally, you can use the software to transfer files to CDs and portable devices.

[http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file\\_description/0,fid,6903,tk,hsx,00.asp](http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file_description/0,fid,6903,tk,hsx,00.asp)

DVD Decrypter sees through the decryption to let you back up your data to your hard drive. DVD Decrypter automatically selects all files on the DVD, so there's no need for you to scroll, highlight, and select. This DVD ripper keeps a log of what it's done.

[http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file\\_description/0,fid,23144,tk,hsx,00.asp](http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file_description/0,fid,23144,tk,hsx,00.asp)