

	Content		Fees and Pricing			Features and Compatibility						
	Music Content Available	Video Content Available	Free	Monthly Subscription	Pay Per Download	Compatible with Apple iPod	Compatible with non-Apple MP3 devices	Online-Only Streaming from PC/Mac	Offline listening or viewing from PC/Mac	Permanent Ownership of Content	DRM Free	Unlimited playback of specific songs or videos
Internet Radio Services*	X		X					X				
imeem	X		X					X				X
Hulu		X	X					X				X
Netflix		X		X				X				
eMusic	X			X		X	X		X	X	X	X
iTunes	X	X			X	X			X	X		X
Blockbuster.com		X			X				PC Only	Opt		Opt
Amazon	X				X	X	X		X	X	X	X
TV-Network Websites**		X	X					X				X
YouTube	X	X	X					X				X
Rhapsody	x			Opt	Opt		x		x	Opt		Opt

Internet Radio Services*

Internet radio is an audio broadcasting service transmitted via the Internet. Internet radio involves a streaming medium that presents listeners with a continuous "stream" of audio over which they have no control, much like traditional broadcast media; in this respect, it is distinct from "on-demand" file serving. Some stations allow users some control over the content they hear by allowing them to build customized stations.

Popular Internet Radio Sites:

- Pandora
- Last.fm
- Streaming Radio

- Deezer

imeem

imeem is a social media service where users interact with each other by watching, posting, and sharing content of all digital media types. Content can be played back multiple times, and built into playlists. The free music is only available via streaming, however the site also offers the option to pay for music downloads.

Hulu

Hulu is a website that offers ad-supported streaming video of TV shows and movies from NBC, Fox, ABC and many other networks and studios. Hulu provides video in Flash Video format. Hulu also provides web syndication services for other websites including AOL, MSN, MySpace, Facebook, Yahoo!, and Comcast's fancast.com.

Netflix

Netflix is an online DVD and Blu-ray Disc rental service, offering rental-by-mail and online streaming to customers. Netflix has a "Watch Instantly" feature available to most subscribers. Currently the Watch Instantly service features more than 17,000 movies and recorded television shows. This feature is compatible with PCs running Windows and Intel-based Macs.

eMusic

eMusic is an online music and audiobook store that operates by subscription. Users pay a fee for the ability to download a specified number of MP3 files each month. The downloaded files are DRM free and belong to the buyer even if they cancel the subscription in the future. MP3 files can be played on Apple iPods, Windows-based players or third party portable music players.

iTunes Store

The iTunes Store is a software-based online digital media store. While most downloaded files have previously included restrictions on their use, many songs are now available without DRM encryption. iTunes connects to the iTunes Store via the Internet to purchase and download music, music videos, television shows, applications, iPod games, audiobooks, podcasts, feature length films and movies, and ringtones. It is also used to download applications for the iPhone and iPod touch running iPhone OS 2.0 or later. Content is compatible with both Windows and Macintosh operating systems, but only Apple iPod music players.

Blockbuster.com

Blockbuster.com allows users to rent or purchase movies and TV shows directly from their computers. Users have the option to view on their PC using a Windows computer with the BLOCKBUSTER Movielink player. Purchased content belongs to the user and they may watch it as many times as they like. Rentals come with a 24-Hour Viewing Period and up to a 30-Day

Storage Period. The files are protected with a DRM and are not compatible with Apple computers.

Amazon

Amazon MP3 is a digital music store owned and operated by Amazon.com. All tracks are sold in MP3 format without DRM. Amazon MP3's catalog is accessible from the Amazon.com web site by searching for an artist or title name. To download purchased music, Amazon.com offers the Amazon MP3 Downloader which is optional for individual tracks and required for album purchases. The Downloader is available for both Windows (XP or Vista), and Mac OS X 10.4 or higher. It saves purchased music into a particular folder and can, at the user's discretion, add purchased tracks to the library in Windows Media Player (Windows only) or iTunes (Windows and Mac OS X only) automatically after download.

TV-Network Websites**

These (and other) television networks allow users to view ad-supported, full-length TV episodes from their websites for free. Often this requires the installation of web-based content player.

Major TV Network Sites:

- nbc.com
- abc.com
- cbs.com
- fox.com

YouTube

YouTube is a video sharing website on which users can upload and share videos using Adobe Flash Video technology to display a wide variety of user-generated video content, including movie clips, TV clips, and music videos, as well as amateur content such as video blogging and short original videos. Most of the content has been uploaded by individuals, although media corporations including CBS, the BBC, UMG and other organizations offer some of their material via the site. (Wiki)

Rhapsody

Rhapsody can be accessed as a streaming service on their website or as an installed player. Unlimited access to the catalog and radios requires a monthly subscription, and an additional monthly fee allows the subscriber to transfer the songs to compatible PlaysForSure portable devices without purchasing them. Non-subscribers can purchase individual songs and albums directly from Rhapsody.