

# Tech Boot Camp: Music Apps

What are music apps?

Music apps are applications that can be downloaded to your mobile device (phone, tablet) that you can use to listen to music for free. Some allow you to listen to radio stations, and some let you search artists and create your own playlists.

## iheartradio

iHeartRadio is a free audio streaming service with over 200 channels of music, including some of your current favourites such as Virgin Radio, QM-FM, CJAY, CHUM FM and many more. It's easy to use and best of all, it's free. You just download the app then you can pick music to suit your mood, activity, or choose your favourite station. There are endless choices, and you can customize the listening experience to what you want to hear.

## Spotify

Spotify is a digital music streaming service that gives you access to millions of songs from artists all over the world.

Basic functions include:

- Choose what you want to listen to with Browse and Search.
- Get recommendations from personalized features, such as Discover Weekly, Release Radar, and Daily Mix.
- Build collections of music.
- See what friends, artists, and celebrities listen to.
- Create your own Radio stations.

## CBC Radio

Listen to your favourite CBC broadcasts, programs and podcasts on all mobile devices. The CBC Radio app includes an in-app search, which allows you to search for any CBC Radio One audio segment or episode from 2013 to the present. Enjoy Radio One and Radio 2 live streams, as well as more than 80 of CBC Radio's most popular programs and podcasts on demand. Find audio by either browsing through 12 categories, including News, Health and Comedy, or by Show - or tap the Search icon to find a specific story or episode. Check out archived episodes, save and download your audio for later listening. Find the local frequency for your favourite CBC Radio broadcast channel, and see what's playing on CBC Radio One and Radio 2.

## Downloading Apps

To Download these apps, you can use the app store on your device. For iPads and iPhones, this will be the Apple Store. For other devices, you might use the Google Play store, or the Microsoft store.

## Listening to Apps

Listening to music on your apps will require internet access (wifi or data), since the music is being "streamed", rather than downloaded on your device.

## What are Podcasts?

Podcasts are free audio programs distributed over the Internet. You can download them and listen to them as you please, essentially creating a radio station focused entirely on the topics you want to listen to. There are podcasts out there covering almost any topic that you can imagine – and probably dozens of podcasts on that topic.

Because you can choose programs that match your interests and can swap programs in and out as you wish, it becomes much like having a customized radio station for yourself that you can even take with you wherever you go if you have a smartphone.

## Listening to Podcasts

The easiest way to access podcasts is through an app on your smartphone or tablet. **Apple** devices such as iPhones and iPads come pre-loaded with the **Podcasts** app. If you have an **Android** device you can download free podcast apps from your Google Play Store. The best podcast apps are called **Google Podcasts** and **Stitcher Radio**, which are both free. You can also listen to podcasts on a computer by visiting **iTunes** or **gPodder**.

To start listening, open your preferred podcast app and browse a catalogue of thousands of podcasts and episodes. Typically you can search by name/subject/creator, or you can browse categories. Once you've found a podcast that interests you you can stream or download episodes, and subscribe to your favourites so that new episodes are automatically downloaded to your device.

## Need More Help?

### Best Free Music Apps for Android and iPhones

<https://www.howtogeek.com/368464/best-free-music-apps-for-android-and-iphone/>

### Spotify Music Streaming: The Unofficial Guide

<https://www.makeuseof.com/tag/spotify-music-streaming-unofficial-guide/>

### The Podcasts Beginners Guide

<https://blog.mindvalley.com/podcasts-beginners-guide/#2>

### Everything You Need to Know About Listening to Podcasts

<https://bit.ly/2M3TMNg>