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Music as a Subscription

Rather than owning your copy of each music track, there is a new trend towards Renting or Subscribing to a library of music. Some providers also refer to it as MaaS (Music as a Service).

We are all use to watching movies on YouTube by streaming the video. This means that you don't get a copy of the video you are watching on your computer. Instead you get it sent to you in segments that are pieced together by the video player. When the video is finished, you no longer have the video.

Renting music works the same way, it streams the music to you when you ask for it, without necessarily storing a copy of the music track (some services do give you a copy). Furthermore, you don't have to manage the syncing of your music from your desktop computer to your smart phone nor worrying about backing it up.

The renting / subscription system does require an internet connection and is therefore ideally suited to mobile phones and pads, now you get access to a full library of music.

Be sure to check what system suits your phone before committing to a service.

If you already have a large digital library, then a subscription service may not be suitable – but if you are just starting out it, is definitely worth consideration.

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