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Computer Tips & Tricks for the novice to the advanced.

Spotify – Free Music

I have talked previously about “Music By Subscription”, where you pay for the rights to play any music rather than purchasing individual tracks and albums.

However, Spotify is very different. Similar to a radio station (but with fewer ads) - that you control - costs nothing (except internet downloads) - millions of tracks - music based on your current likes and mood.

Spotify works on your computer, your mobile, your tablet, and your home entertainment system. You can even download your favourite music for when you're offline. It uses approximately 72 MB of downloads per hour of music.

The best feature is that you don't have to choose the tracks to make up your own play list. You simply select a single track, click on “start radio” and Spotify does the rest. The tracks it chooses to play are random, but chosen from tracks of the same genre, release date, and similar to what you have recently liked and listened to. As your new radio station plays – you can skip tracks, or better still, you can improve the track selection algorithm using the thumbs up and thumbs down buttons. The next time you might start Spotify from a different track and you will get an entirely different virtual radio station.

Lastly, you can remove the ads by the payment of a subscription fee. It is well worth a look – enjoy!

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