

# **Internet Radio**

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## **Introduction**

I am on a quest, researching Internet radio services to find the one that suits me best. I will try the services one at a time, taking advantage of the premium service free trial offers to see which I like best. I will subscribe to the winner unless I find an adequate free service. It is my intention to document my experience with each one and publish the articles one at a time in the Gazette, PPCUG's newsletter. The articles will appear as I get them completed, so stay tuned. I will start with the major names such as Yahoo and iTunes. There is a long list of services and I am not getting any younger. I don't promise to finish the list.

I took a brief look at the sites that sell music online for download. I found that each site lists restrictions on how you can use this music. Each is different, usually limiting how many times you can transfer the music to CDs, which hand held devices you can use and how many computers it may be moved to. If I buy a CD I can use it as I please, playing the music on any CD player or PC without complicated restrictions. The restrictions placed on the downloaded music annoy me to the point that I have decided that I will not use those services until they have, at least, agreed on a fixed set of rules for all vendors. Therefore, these reviews will cover listening to streaming music over a high speed Internet connection only. I will not cover the function of purchasing and downloading music from the Internet or transferring music to CDs or hand held MP3 players unless these options are included in the subscription.

The System requirements for including a service in the reviews are that it be able to operate on a high speed Internet connection running on a Windows XP system. The services may work on other platforms, but I am not testing them on other platforms. Check with the vendors if you want to use the service on a different system.

These services are continuously making changes in their products and prices. Check with the vendor before subscribing.