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How to ditch Spotify
& switch to
something slightly
less evil



Why quit Spotify?

In case you missed it- They pay artists terribly while their CEO rakes in millions.¹

- You don't wanna fund their CEO, Daniel Ek, throwing hundreds of millions of dollars into military tech start-ups.²

If you really need more reasons than that, read Liz Pelly's book: *Mood Machine: The Rise of Spotify and the Costs of the Perfect Playlist.*

Support musicians! Buy music!
Buy merch! Go to a show!
Share songs with friends!

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Alternatives to Spotify*

Tidal
Bandcamp
Deezer
Youtube music
Qobuz
Apple Music

*No alternative is without problems, but Spotify SUPER sucks.

I switched over to Tidal & that's my recommendation.

The user interface, features & music catalog are basically identical to Spotify. If you're looking for a slightly less shitty 1-1 replacement, this is it!

Making the switch

I signed up for Tidal & made a tunemymusic.com account to transfer all my playlists & saved music over.

If you have under a certain number of songs, you can use tunemymusic for free.

I had A LOT of music to move, so I paid a nominal fee (~\$25) for a year subscription which I canceled when I was done.

Bandcamp is not a 1-to-1 swap for Spotify (or without problems) but! They pay artists the most by an incredible margin.

Best for listening to independent artists. Has an app where you can stream & make playlists.

No subscription, you buy digital or physical music from the artists you like! Often on a sliding scale pricing model. It goes into your collection where you can stream it ad infinitum.

Support musicians

Consider: Bandcamp

Spotify streams pay a fraction of a cent out to artists. If that weren't bad enough, in recent years, they demonetized songs with less than 1,000 streams per year.³

That is to say, don't forget to buy music from your favorite artists!

Buying a \$7 digital album on Bandcamp is infinitely more meaningfully supportive than streaming alone.

Tidal's first few months were free, so the tunemymusic fee wasn't as much of a blow.

The transfer process was easy, I just selected everything, pressed a button & waited. Only a few of my songs (out of a shitload) weren't available on there.

Once I got everything in order, I gleefully ended my Spotify subscription.