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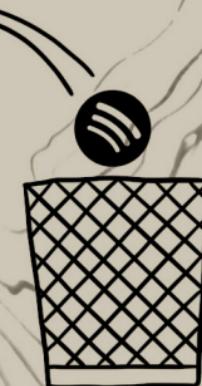
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# WRAPPED

How to ditch Spotify  
& switch to  
something slightly  
less evil.

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# Why quit Spotify?

They pay artists terribly while their CEO, Daniel Ek, rakes in millions.<sup>1</sup>

Some hundreds of millions of those dollars were invested in a military tech start-up in 2025.<sup>2</sup> Shortly after, Spotify started running ICE recruitment ads.

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.*

# Alternatives to Spotify\*

Best: Qobuz, Bandcamp

Meh: Tidal, Deezer, Soundcloud

Worst: Youtube Music, Apple Music

\*Big streamers are unsurprisingly ethically dubious, but Spotify is worst. I'll die on this hill.

I switched over to Tidal, but after learning more about it, Qobuz is my current 1-1 replacement recommendation.

Most streamers offer an interface, features & music catalog that are basically identical to Spotify.

## Making the switch

My initial recommendation for transferring playlists/saved music was tunemymusic.com, but it turns out they have ties to Israel (all companies are bad lol :()).

My current recommendation for porting music over to your new streamer of choice is Soundiiz.

It's free! Just sign up and connect your Spotify account + new streamer of your choosing and it'll import everything for you.

Once you've imported your library to the new streaming service, smash that cancel subscription button over at Spotify! And maybe give Daniel Ek a piece of your mind, while you're at it.

## Don't forget to buy music sometimes!

Spotify streams pay a fraction of a cent out to artists. If that weren't bad enough, they recently demonetized all songs with less than 1,000 streams per year.<sup>3</sup>

To put that in perspective, around 81% of artists on Spotify had fewer than 1,000 monthly listeners in 2023.<sup>4</sup>

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

## Support musicians

Consider: Bandcamp!

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

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

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

Best for listening to independent artists. You can make playlists on the app!