Sources of free, royalty-free music

Please note: most of these sources require the artist be credited for their work

Adobe Premiere Pro (link to turial) — yes, Premiere has its own music library. Keep in mind this music is probably used quite often and may give away the fact you're a beginner.

<u>Incompetech</u> — Free music by a composer named Kevin Macleod. Credit is all he asks for. Yes, there are people this awesome in the world.

<u>YouTube Free Music Library</u> — Free music from YouTube for use in any creative project. Use a YouTube downloader such as <u>Clip Converter</u> to download the songs as videos or MP3's.

<u>SoundBible.com</u> — Sound effects recordings in the Creative Commons (you can create your own, too)

<u>FreeSound.org</u> — Sound effects recordings in the Creative Commons

<u>Jamendo.com</u> — Music in the Creative Commons (be sure to check the type of license as there are several CC licenses — see the bottom of this page for more information*)

Jamendo is an AWESOME resource, and also a little tricky to find out which license the artist uses. Here are the steps to figure that out:

1. Click on an album cover

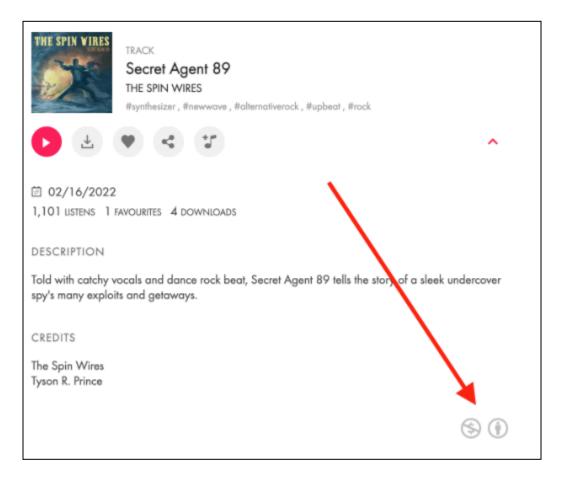


2. Click the small "down triangle"



3. The type of Creative Common license is at bottom-right:

The type shown in the example — the "dollar sign" and the "figure in a circle" are the *least* restrictive types of licenses so look for these. Info on the types of Creative Commons licenses is at the bottom of this $page^*$.



More options

Epidemic Sound

ccmixter.org

Free Music Archive

- Dexter Britain
- Broke for Free
- Jahzarr
- Kai Engle

MobyGratis.com

stockmusic.net

Audio Jungle

Rock Hill Tracks

Bensound

Faraway Music

Public Domain 4 U

Royalty Free Music

Premium Beat

JewelBeat

triplescoopmusic.com

withetiquette.com

songfreedom.com

archive.org

sounddogs.com

soundrangers.com

freesound.org

Magnatune

<u>Simuze</u>

BeatPick

CASH Music

SectionZ

Opsound

Podsafe Audio

AudioFarm

Internet Archive's Netlabels Collection

Pond5

SoundCloud (search "cc")

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cc group

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