

aka How To Stop Paying For Shit

so recently i decided to finally make use of my 4TB hard drive by torrenting literally every piece of media that i could possibly ever want, and i remembered a post i saw once about how a lot of people dont know how to get Free Shit on the internet. and being a huge nerd, i got the idea to throw together a little guide

so here we go. how to get free shit on the internet/I WOULD Download A Car

Background Information

torrenting is a P2P (peer-to-peer) file transfer protocol. instead of downloading from a central server like how most people are used to, you're downloading from another user's system. or, ideally, multiple users' systems at once

successfully torrenting depends on the users who have the desired files being willing to upload/transfer it to the users who dont. its a community thing. it doesnt matter how fast your internet speed is--if nobody out there is currently **seeding** the files you want, youre not going to be able to get them

that being said, **the more popular the files are, the faster you will be able to obtain them.** a new movie is going to be in greater demand than a tv show you liked from the 90s, so youre going to find more users on the network who are downloading and uploading the former. ive had to wait days for some of the more obscure media i wanted to finish downloading as opposed to the 5 minutes it took to get several popular movies. but with enough patience, even a torrent with a single seed can eventually make it to your system

Safety

torrenting really isnt as sketchy as people make it out to be, but you do need to be smart about it. make sure youve got an antivirus running and run some scans on the folders/files youve got coming in. in hundreds of torrents ive only gotten one that contained a virus and it was immediately caught by my antivirus and quarantined. watch out for torrents that seem too small to actually contain what they are supposed to, or for users that upload a lot of torrents that are all the exact same size despite claiming to be different

Legality

torrenting in and of itself is not illegal. **downloading copyrighted material is illegal.** copyright holders can monitor torrents of their material and see which IP addresses download them. they can then contact the internet service providers of the IPs they are able to identify and more or less request your ISP to tell you to knock it off

for the most part, it takes several warnings for there to be any real consequences. it depends on your ISP and those who caught you torrenting. ive heard things from having to pay a fine to having to take a copyright infringement class to having your internet speed throttled. so its best not to take the risk, agreed? agreed. which is why we use a **VPN**

VPN

for the purpose of this guide, all you need to know about VPNs is that they mask your IP address. and so, when copyright holders look at that list of IP addresses that downloaded their stuff, they

cannot tie that “fake” IP back to who you really are. for example, right now my VPN has me masked as an anonymous user somewhere in Canada. and with only that IP address to go off of, there’s no way for anyone to discern my true identity

here’s the Not So Great part: if you want a VPN that is truly safe and efficient, youre gonna have to pay for it. just trust me on this one. i spent a lot of time trying to figure out if there were any safe torrent-friendly free VPNs out there, and theres just no comparing the speed and security of a paid VPN

as for which VPN to use, there are a lot of options, but one feature i recommend looking for is a kill switch. a kill switch on a VPN means that if at any time your connection to the VPN fails and your real IP address is exposed, all network traffic will be immediately stopped. so if youre in the middle of downloading a movie and your VPN goes out, the kill switch will immediately stop everything so your real identity remains safe

personally i use AirVPN because it offers a 3 day subscription for about 2 dollars, and 3 days is usually all i need to download a batch of stuff that i want. [heres a good article listing many different VPN options and their prices](#)

Torrenting Clients

okay, so youve got your VPN. now what? now youre going to want to pick a **torrenting client**. qbittorrent is one of the most popular, but there are a lot of them. if you want to look into the specifics of different clients, godspeed, but if youre new to all this and just looking for something straightforward i would recommend downloading [qBittorrent](#)

important: uTorrent used to be pretty much everyone’s go-to choice for torrenting clients, but it has become trash in recent years, and was caught distributing malware and cryptomining software to users. do NOT use uTorrent

Client Configuration

so, we’re almost ready to torrent! but while the default settings on your torrenting client will do the trick, there are a few options you can change to maximize your speed and efficiency

first of all, **do not throttle your upload speed**. i know it may be tempting, thinking that by limiting how much you upload to other users that you will be able to download faster, but the opposite occurs. like i said in the beginning, torrenting depends on community. you will actually get faster speeds if you allow the default unlimited upload speed. a reward for sharing, if you will

do not enable your client to start on system startup. your downloads could resume before you have a chance to get on your VPN

if youre having trouble with speed, try disabling the **uTP protocol** in your settings. i could go into the details of why this affects speed, but ill spare you lol
enable the settings for allowing **UPnP protocols**. again, helps with speed

allow local peer discovery, peer exchange, and DHT. this will help you find more people who have the files you want

disable any setting that mentions rate limits

Torrenting Websites and Torrents

okay, now we're ready for the fun part: **DOWNLOADING FREE SHIT!** here are a bunch of websites to get you started:

FOR GENERAL SEARCHES

- limetorrents.cc (collects torrents for you from across many different websites)
- rutracker.org (Russian website with a huge collection of well-moderated torrents for everything you can think of. you have to create an account, and be prepared for some things to be exclusively in Russian. make sure you're looking in the description for if there is also a translation for English, or whichever language you happen to want)
- filelisting.com (torrent collector that is able to search the specific content within a torrent to return more relevant matches; especially useful for finding smaller specific files hiding within larger torrents)
- zooqle.com (another site that collects torrents from across other websites)
- torlock.com (torrent collector)
- idope.se (torrent collector)
- magnetdl.com (torrent collector)
- torrentfunk.com (torrent collector)
- torrentus.to (torrent collector)
- toorgle.com (torrent collector)

FOR MOVIES AND TV SHOWS

- 1337x.to (this is the first place I check for any and all non-anime movies or tv shows)
- rarbg.to (VERY convenient for browsing for episode packs of multi-season tv shows)
- thepiratebay.org (quality has severely declined in recent years, but still useful for finding a quick torrent of certain movies)
- torrentgalaxy.to (all-around good search engine for movies and tv)
- nyaa.si (the ONLY SITE I use for anime and manga. I have been able to find 99% of my anime/manga requests using this site alone. almost always provides a healthy torrent with a great quality to file size ratio, and with dual-audio, which allows you to get both the sub and dub within the same torrent)

FOR BOOKS

- z-lib.org (amazing collection of ebooks available for direct download in epub, mobi, and pdf format. there is a daily limit on how many you can download, which can be increased by making a profile, or avoided altogether by using a VPN to change your IP address whenever you reach the limit. personally, I love this site so much that I donate regularly to get unlimited downloads)
- mobilism.org (great source for books and audiobooks)
- libgen.fun / libgen.rs (popular ebook site that provides several mirrors to ebooks including torrents. Textbook focused)
- nyaa.si (specifically for manga)

FOR GAMES AND SOFTWARE

I almost never stray from this list when it comes to software and games. These are sources that have been widely used and verified by the pirating community, and that have an outstanding reputation for delivering virus-free and functional applications. Anything not from one of these sites I would treat like a threat until personal testing has proven otherwise.

fitgirl-repacks.site (best source for video games, hands down. you don't even need a VPN if you use the "filehost" download options)

- diakov.net (my number 1 go-to source for software downloads. the files are hosted, which means you download them through links to websites like rapidgator or turbo.cc, etc. the good news is that you get a direct download and don't have to worry about torrenting precautions.... The bad news is that the file hosts can take a long time to finish a free download. also, the default language of the software may be in Russian and you'll have to change it if you want English or otherwise. but it's proven itself to be a very reliable source of software for me)
- rutracker.org (rutracker is very well moderated against scams and viruses, and I have had great luck finding software there that I couldn't find anywhere else)
- monkrus.ws (highly recommended and trusted repacker for various popular software)
- maced.com (trusted source for macOS software)
- mobilism.org (trusted source for both Windows apps, and mobile apps for Android/iPhone/iPad)

FOR RARE STUFF/WHEN NOTHING ELSE WORKS

these websites are DHT crawlers. without getting technical, all you need to know is that they are very powerful search engines that can help you find rare torrents that other sites can't

- bitsearch.to
- btdig.com
- bt4g.org
- btmet.com

remember that more seeds = more speed. if there are 2 options for a movie that you want (and in the quality that you want), and one has 30 seeds and one has 3, go with the one that has 30. it will finish downloading much, much faster

a helpful side note. **dont download too many torrents at once.** in my experience, qBittorrent starts to act weird if i push it to download more than 5-6 torrents at a time. stuff gets really slow, torrents have to recheck themselves...it just gets annoying and wastes time. you can put as many torrents as you want into your queue, just dont go wild with how many you allow to download at the same time

and now, you wait! the file(s) will download to wherever you told it to and the client will notify you when its complete. now that file is yours, and you can do with it as you please!

A Note On Software

programs like adobe photoshop can easily be downloaded, and most popular torrents for them will either have the program **pre-cracked** (meaning that when you run the application, it will behave as though you have already paid for it) or come with instructions on how to crack the program yourself

now go, my friends. go forth and torrent to your heart's content!
if you have any questions, let me know!