



Finding Free Audio Files on the Web

Introduction

All sound files on the web are copyrighted unless specified otherwise. Some are owned by big companies, such as Disney. These companies search the Internet for unauthorized use and they do prosecute. This document lists free sites with free and royalty-free audio files. Note that free means completely free. Royalty-free usually still includes a fee for the music itself.

Free Sites

The FreeSite.com

http://thefreesite.com/Free_Sounds/Free_WAVs/index.html

metasite to more sound sites

Copyright-friendly music and sound

<http://copyrightfriendly.wikispaces.com/Copyright-friendly+music+and+sound>

a long list of links to sites, many briefly annotated.

Let Music Robot find your Sounds

<http://www.musicrobot.com/cgi-bin/windex.pl>

lets you type in a term and search for free sounds

Shambles – Sound Effects and Music

<http://www.shambles.net/pages/school/SoundE/>

good and well-annotated list of links to music sites.

Find Sounds

<http://www.findsounds.com/>

sound effects – can select format, resolution, sample rate, and maximum file size

AirMP3

<http://www.airmp3.net/>

search engine to for free mp3 files, searchable by artist name or song title.

Soungle

<http://www.soundsnap.com/>

A searchable database of donated sounds and musical instrument samples.