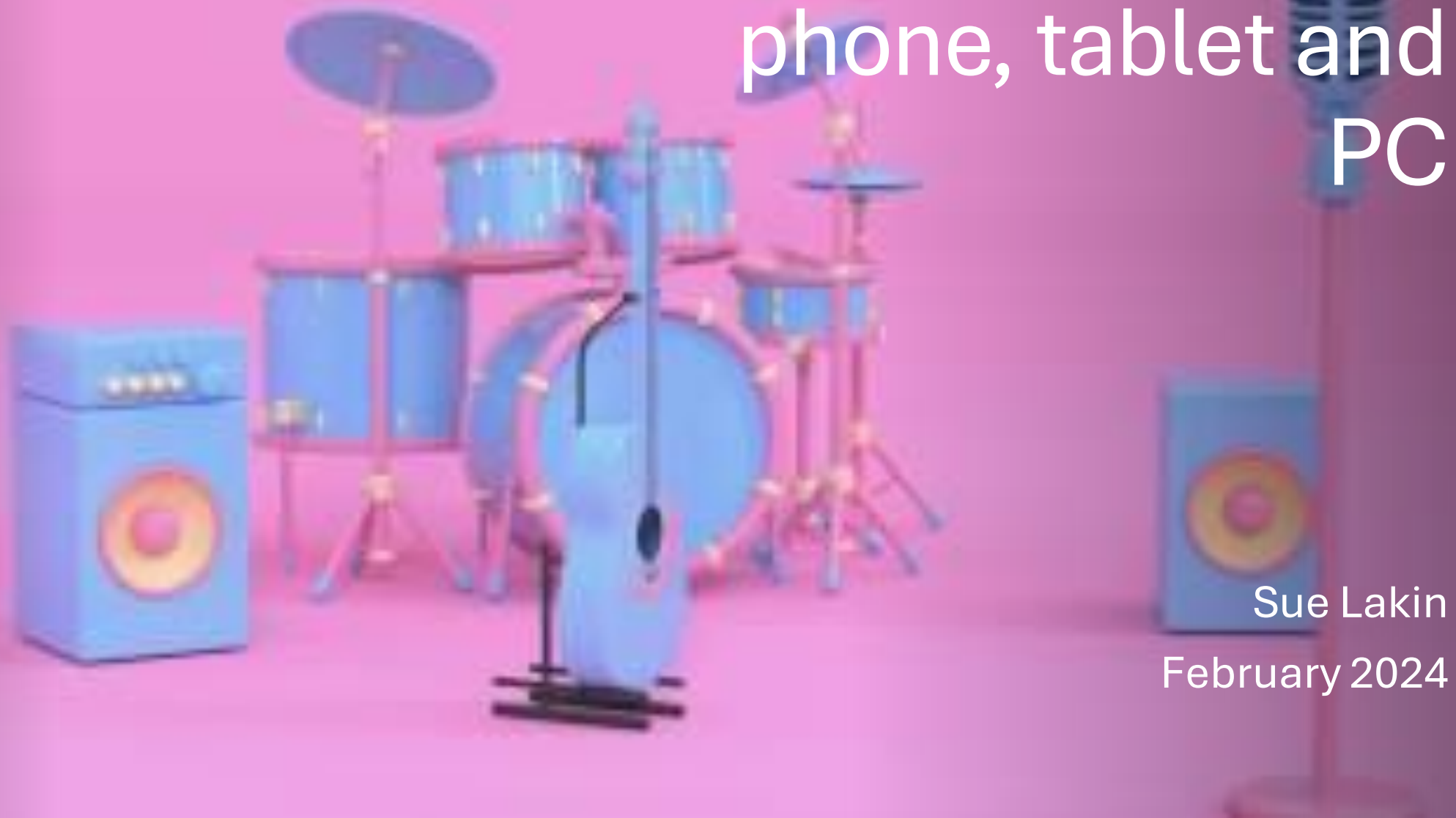


Music on your phone, tablet and PC



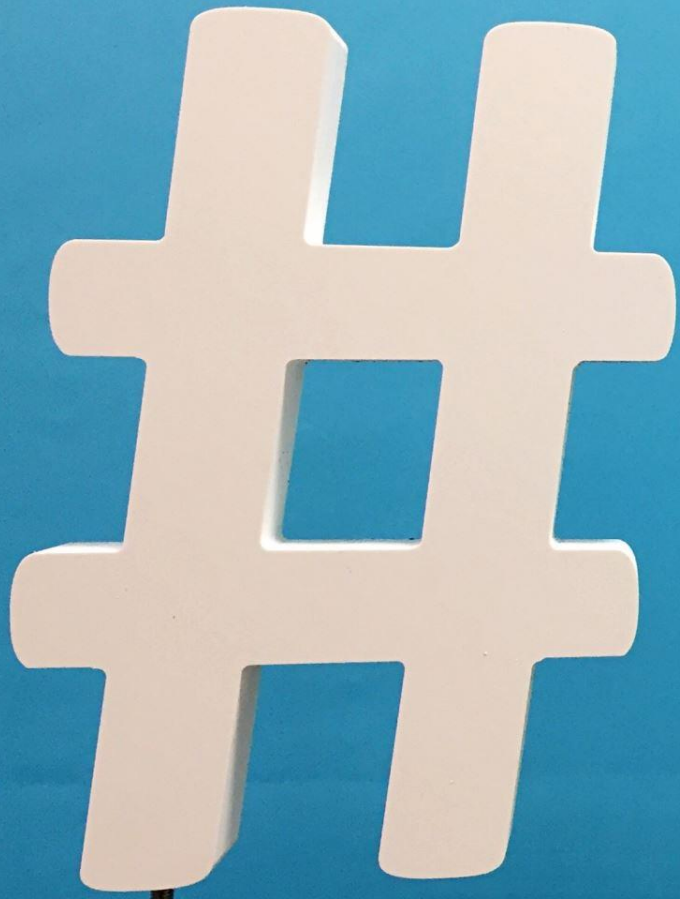
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Popular digital music services

- **Apple Music (app)/iTunes store/iTunes on PC/Classical (app)**
- **Spotify**
- **Amazon Music**
- There are others.....Deezer, Tidal, You Tube Music etc
- Digital music can be either bought (as a CD or as a digital download file) or hired (from a music streaming service)
- Digital Rights Management (DRM) controls what you can do with music.
 - You can only save it to other places if you buy it. You buy the digital rights.
 - If you hire it you do not own the digital rights and are restricted in what you can do with it
- The artists/music copyright owners need to be paid for their work



Streaming (hiring) music

- Apple Music
 - Individual £10.99 per month (pm)
 - Family £16.99 pm
- Spotify
 - Spotify free (but there are restrictions)
 - Individual £10.99 pm
 - Duo (2 users living at same address) £14.99 pm
 - Family (up to 6 users living at same address) £17.99 pm



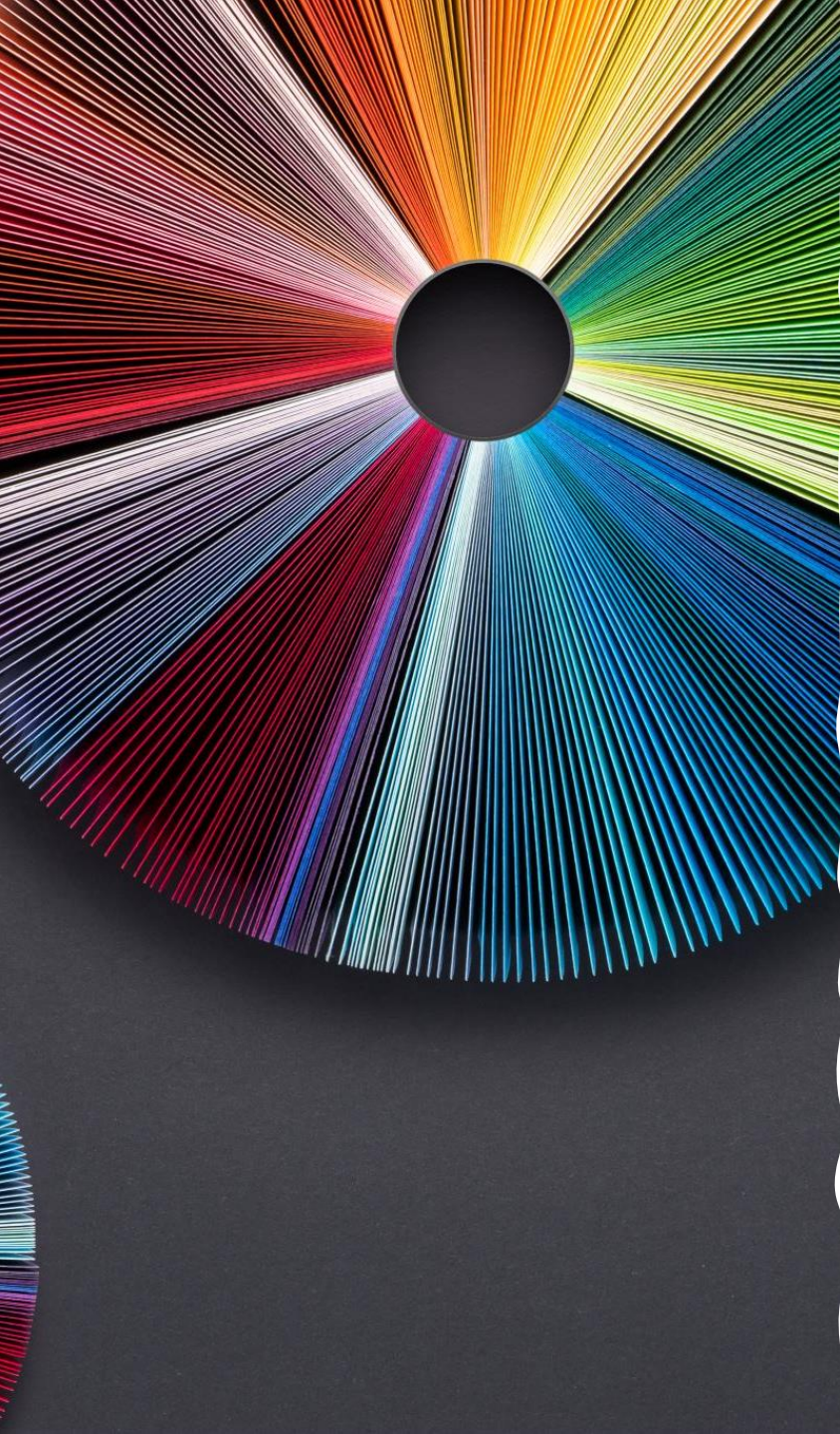
Streaming (hiring) music

- Amazon Music
- Amazon Prime?
 - Amazon Music Prime included in the £8.99pm Prime cost
 - May be enough
- Amazon Music Unlimited
 - Individual £10.99pm (£8.99 for Prime members)
 - Family £16.99pm



Buying music

- Buy the CD
 - Import it into iTunes on your PC – play it on your PC and Apple devices on iTunes/Apple Music
 - Import it as an mp3 file onto your PC – play it on your PC
- Buy the music as a digital download from a music purchase site
 - Apple iTunes Store (play in iTunes/Apple Music)
 - Amazon (play in Amazon Music – and other music players/apps?)
 - <https://www.lifewire.com/best-online-music-sites-for-downloading-songs-2438415>



On your PC?

- Most of what we have looked at so far relates to your phone and tablet.
- Many of the options also apply to your PC where they may tend to be available as websites rather than apps
- If you have a PC with a CD/DVD drive you can play CDs on your PC and also upload the CD as a digital file (usually as an mp3 file).
- If you upload your CDs into iTunes on your PC you should* be able to play them on Apple Music and Spotify on your phone and tablet. (*may depend on file format/sharing)



There's no such thing as free music....

- Or is there?
- <https://www.lifewire.com/top-places-to-listen-to-free-music-online-1356649>
- Spotify?
- You tube?
- “Free” usually comes with restrictions and adverts – but you may be able to live with these?
- Most streaming services have free trials (1-3 months before you need to pay). However you can't usually go back to a free trial with a specific streaming service once you have already had one.