

Gord's Guide to safer downloading of music & video:

!!! SEE DISCLAIMER AT BOTTOM !!!

BEFORE DOWNLOADING ANYTHING MAKE SURE YOUR ANTI-VIRUS SOFTWARE IS WORKING AND UPDATED!!!

LimeWire (the safest P2P software):

- * Get the latest safe version here >>> <http://www.docdownloads.com/limewire.htm>.
- * Make sure you have the latest version of LimeWire - no, you don't need to buy the pro version.
- * Always wait until all the "starting connection" bars in the lower left corner are all green - it may take a few minutes before you get a good connection. There's no point in starting before and will actually slow you down considerably.
- * Only download music files from LimeWire - use uTorrent for movies & videos or get the torrent files from other sources and only use LimeWire to actually download them. LimeWire IS a torrent and "magnet file" downloader too, but I don't trust the movie files being shared on LimeWire (see my notes below where to get videos).
- * Remember that the more "seeders" that have the song (OR VIDEO), the less chances there are that it's a virus.
- * Remember that "real" mp3's are usually between 1200kb & 5000kb. No legitimate song is 212Kb. IT'S PROBABLY A VIRUS OR TROJAN.
- * DON'T leave LimeWire running when you're finished downloading - shut it down.
- * DON'T let LimeWire start-up every time you boot up your computer. Just use it when you want to download, then terminate it.
- * NOTE: You CAN use LimeWire for downloading torrents, but only from other sources, not LimeWire itself. For example, find the movie, TV show or video you want on www.PirateBay.org (join and become a member for faster downloads), then download it from there using LimeWire.
- * Download TV shows from <http://www.eztv.nl> or <http://www.eztv.it> (yes it's in English & join for faster downloads), and movies from <http://www.piratebay.org>.

uTorrent (safe free Torrent Downloader):

Get the latest safe version here >>> <http://www.docdownloads.com/utorrent.htm>

- * Use uTorrent for downloading movies and TV shows.
- * Remember that the more "seeders" that have the video, the less chances you have it's a virus.
- * Download TV shows from <http://www.eztv.nl> (yes it's in English & join for faster downloads)
- * When downloading TV shows, try to use the "Download Mirror #1" - it's the little blue "down arrow". It's a direct download and always faster.
- * Download full movies from <http://www.piratebay.org> (join for faster downloads)

* Read the other peoples comments for the files on Pirate Bay to make sure the download is decent and not infected (do some snooping first). Other \Members will post comments. Look for the little yellow "comment" balloon.

Torrent-Damage:

<http://www.torrent-damage.com>

(TD is currently undergoing a makeover - will be back online by December 24, 2008)

* Only INVITED users can join & download movies from TD. If you want an invite, email me (below). You MUST join within 24 hours of getting my invitation or I lose the invite for good.

* It's the safest place to download movies. They're often available here BEFORE they actually are released to theatres!

* You also need to download and learn how to use WinRar (<http://www.rarlab.com>) to "extract" the movies. WinRar can be daunting for newbies! You can get instructions in the TorrentDamage Forums FAQ's.

* You'll also need the freeware DivX Player from here >>> <http://www.divx.com>. Or you can get the ultimate "Nimo Codec Pack" to play all file formats in Windows Media Player. Download it from my website here >>>

<http://www.docdownloads.com/nimo.htm>.

DISCLAIMER:

>>> Downloading any media files using P2P software can be dangerous!

>>> Make sure your anti-virus is updated and functional and your firewall is on and protecting you.

>>> Follow my simple rules - download files with more seeders - beware of "fake files" they're always too small to be legitimate. LOOK at the file size and ensure it's within the range of legitimate files.

>>> If there are only 1-2 seeders then it's possibly fake and may contain a virus, trojan or worm. Find files with more seeders.

>>> I will not be held responsible for any malware or infections your computer may receive. I repeat ... Downloading any media files using P2P (Peer-to-Peer) software can be dangerous!!!!

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