



1. Go to <https://listenbrainz.org/>
2. Click on “Sign in”:



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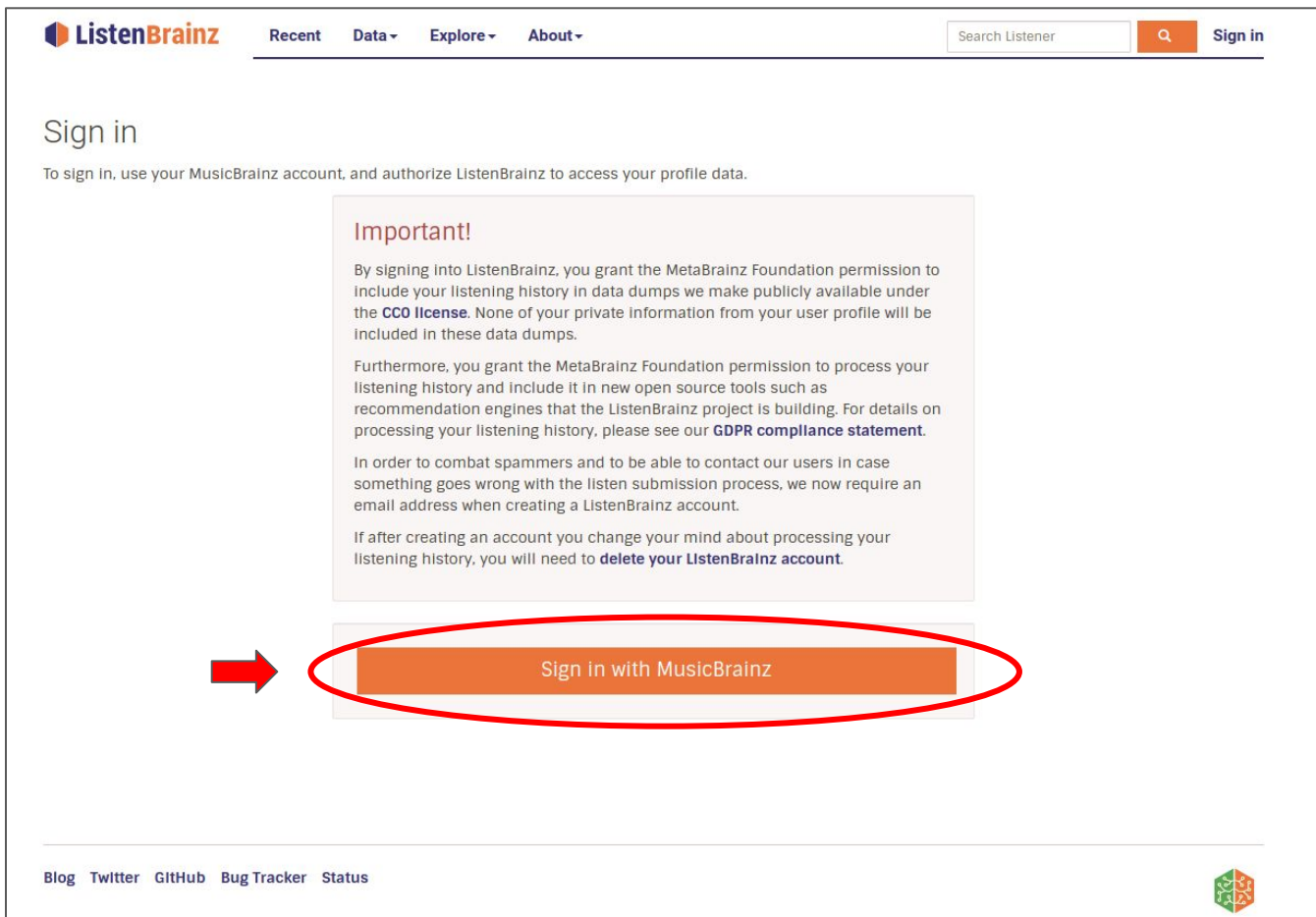
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### 3. Click on “Sign in with MusicBrainz”:



The screenshot shows the ListenBrainz website's sign-in interface. At the top, the ListenBrainz logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'Recent', 'Data', 'Explore', and 'About' are in the center. On the right, there is a search bar labeled 'Search Listener' and a 'Sign in' button. Below the navigation bar, the heading 'Sign in' is followed by the instruction: 'To sign in, use your MusicBrainz account, and authorize ListenBrainz to access your profile data.'

A large, light-colored box contains an 'Important!' notice. It states that by signing in, users grant the MetaBrainz Foundation permission to include their listening history in publicly available data dumps under the **CC0 license**. It also mentions that private information from the user profile will not be included. Furthermore, it notes that users grant permission for their listening history to be processed by new open source tools, such as recommendation engines, and refers to the **GDPR compliance statement** for details. It also states that an email address is now required when creating an account to combat spammers. Finally, it mentions that if a user changes their mind about processing their listening history after creating an account, they will need to **delete their ListenBrainz account**.

Below the notice box, a red arrow points to a button labeled 'Sign in with MusicBrainz', which is highlighted by a red oval. At the bottom of the page, there are links for 'Blog', 'Twitter', 'GitHub', 'Bug Tracker', and 'Status', along with a small logo in the bottom right corner.

## 4. Log in with MusicBrainz:

- a. If you do not have yet an account on MusicBrainz, create an account on MusicBrainz, clicking on “Create one now!”.
- b. If you already have an account, log in using your credentials.



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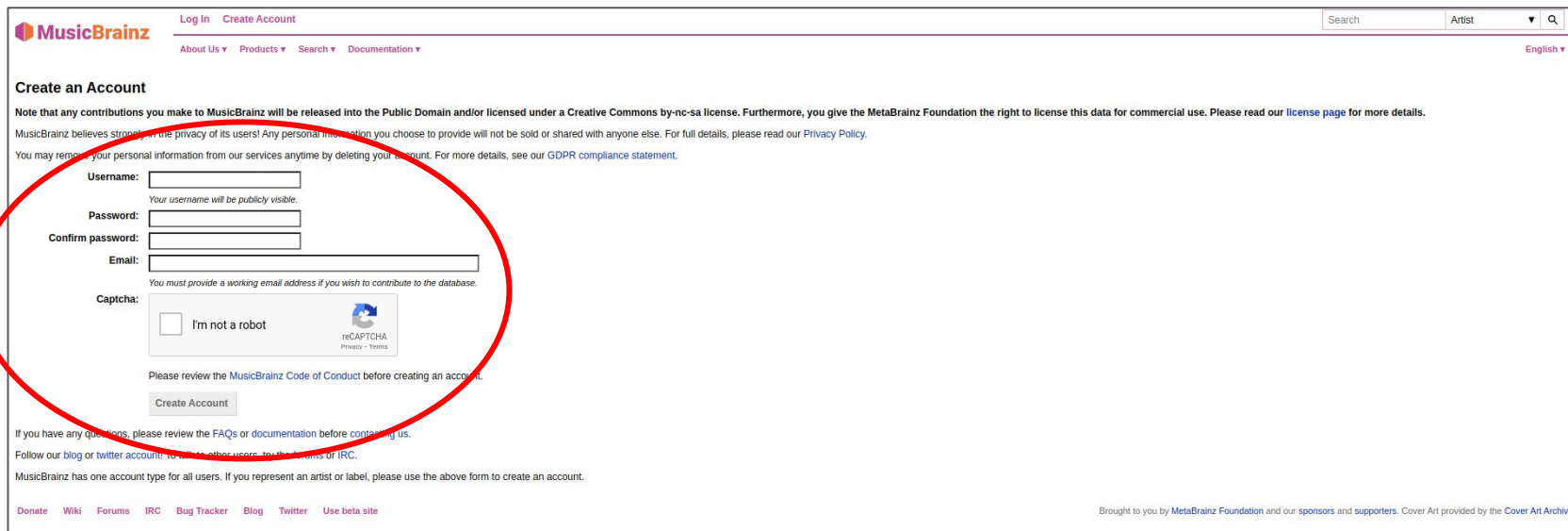
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## 5. Create an account in MusicBrainz *(skip to slide 8 if you have already an account):*

- Insert your credentials.
- Check box “I’m not a robot”.
- Click on “Create Account”.



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Note that any contributions you make to MusicBrainz will be released into the Public Domain and/or licensed under a Creative Commons by-nc-sa license. Furthermore, you give the MetaBrainz Foundation the right to license this data for commercial use. Please read our [license page](#) for more details.

MusicBrainz believes strongly in the privacy of its users! Any personal information you choose to provide will not be sold or shared with anyone else. For full details, please read our [Privacy Policy](#).

You may remove your personal information from our services anytime by deleting your account. For more details, see our [GDPR compliance statement](#).

Username:

Your username will be publicly visible.

Password:

Confirm password:

Email:

You must provide a working email address if you wish to contribute to the database.

Captcha:

☐ I'm not a robot

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Please review the [MusicBrainz Code of Conduct](#) before creating an account.

Create Account

If you have any questions, please review the [FAQs](#) or [documentation](#) before contacting us.

Follow our [blog](#) or [twitter account](#) to learn about other users, the forums or IRC.

MusicBrainz has one account type for all users. If you represent an artist or label, please use the above form to create an account.

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## 6. Authorize MusicBrainz:

a. Click on “Allow access”.



## 7. Verify your email address:


- Check your inbox for a mail sent by “MusicBrainz Server <[noreply@musicbrainz.org](mailto:noreply@musicbrainz.org)>”
- Click on the link provided in the email you received.
- After clicking, you should be redirect to the following page:



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## 10. Click again on “Sign in with MusicBrainz”:

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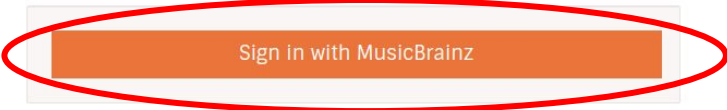

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In order to combat spammers and to be able to contact our users in case something goes wrong with the listen submission process, we now require an email address when creating a ListenBrainz account.

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a. Now, you should be able to login using your credentials.



The screenshot shows the MusicBrainz website's login page. The header includes the MusicBrainz logo, navigation links (Log In, Create Account), a search bar, and a language selector (English). The main content area is titled "Log In" and contains the message "You need to be logged in to view this page." Below this, there is a link to "Create one now!" for users who don't have an account. The login form consists of two input fields: "Username:" and "Password:". These fields are circled in red, and a red arrow points to them from the right. Below the password field is a checkbox labeled "Keep me logged in" and a "Log In" button. At the bottom of the form, there is a link for "Forgot your username or password?". The footer contains links for "Donate", "Wiki", "Forums", "Chat (IRC)", "Bug Tracker", "Blog", "Twitter", and "Use beta site", along with a note about the site being brought to you by the MetaBrainz Foundation and its sponsors and supporters.

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## 12. Agree to General Data Protection Regulations:

- After reading the information, select “OK, I agree”.
- Then, click on “Submit Choice”.

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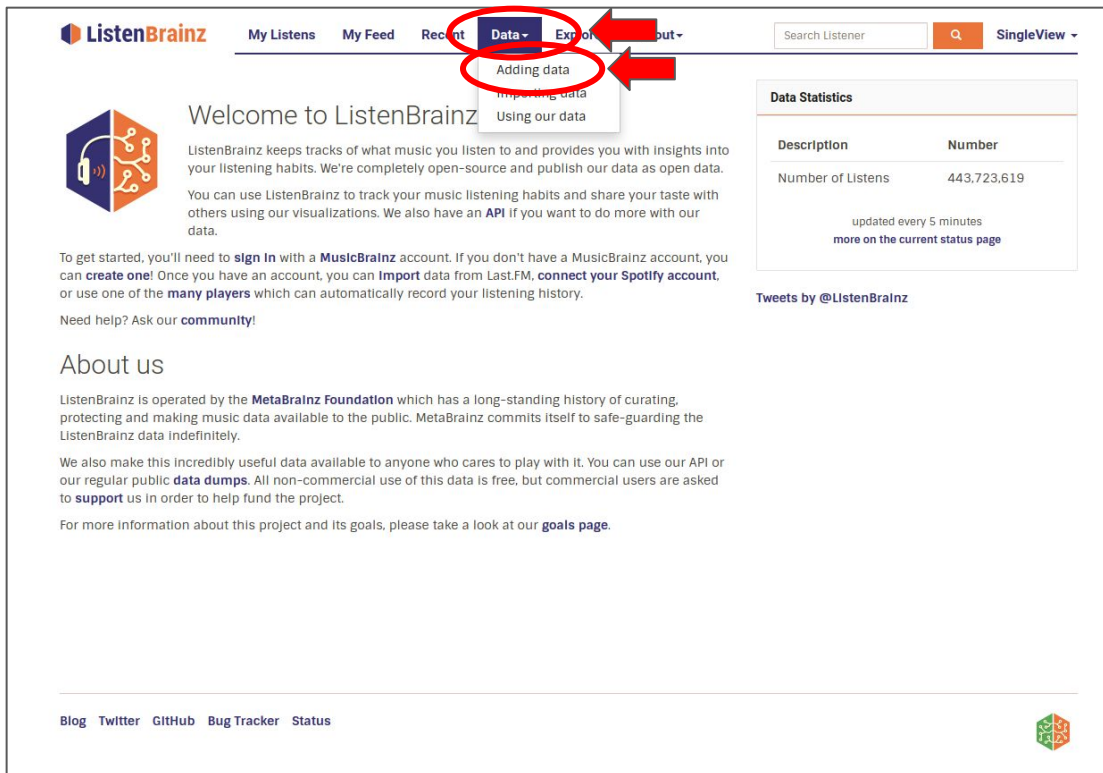
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☒ OK, I agree ☐ No, take me to the account deletion page

**Submit choice!**

13. Now, you should be in the ListenBrainz homepage. In the top menu, select “**Data**” and then “**Adding data**”:



The screenshot shows the ListenBrainz homepage. The top navigation bar includes links for 'My Listens', 'My Feed', 'Recent', 'Data', 'Export', and 'Import'. The 'Data' link is highlighted with a red circle, and a red arrow points to its dropdown menu. Within this menu, the 'Adding data' option is also circled in red, with another red arrow pointing to it. The main content area features a 'Welcome to ListenBrainz' message, a brief description of the project, and instructions on how to get started, including signing in with a MusicBrainz account or creating one. A 'Data Statistics' table is visible on the right, showing the number of listens and the update frequency. The footer contains links to the blog, Twitter, GitHub, Bug Tracker, and Status page.

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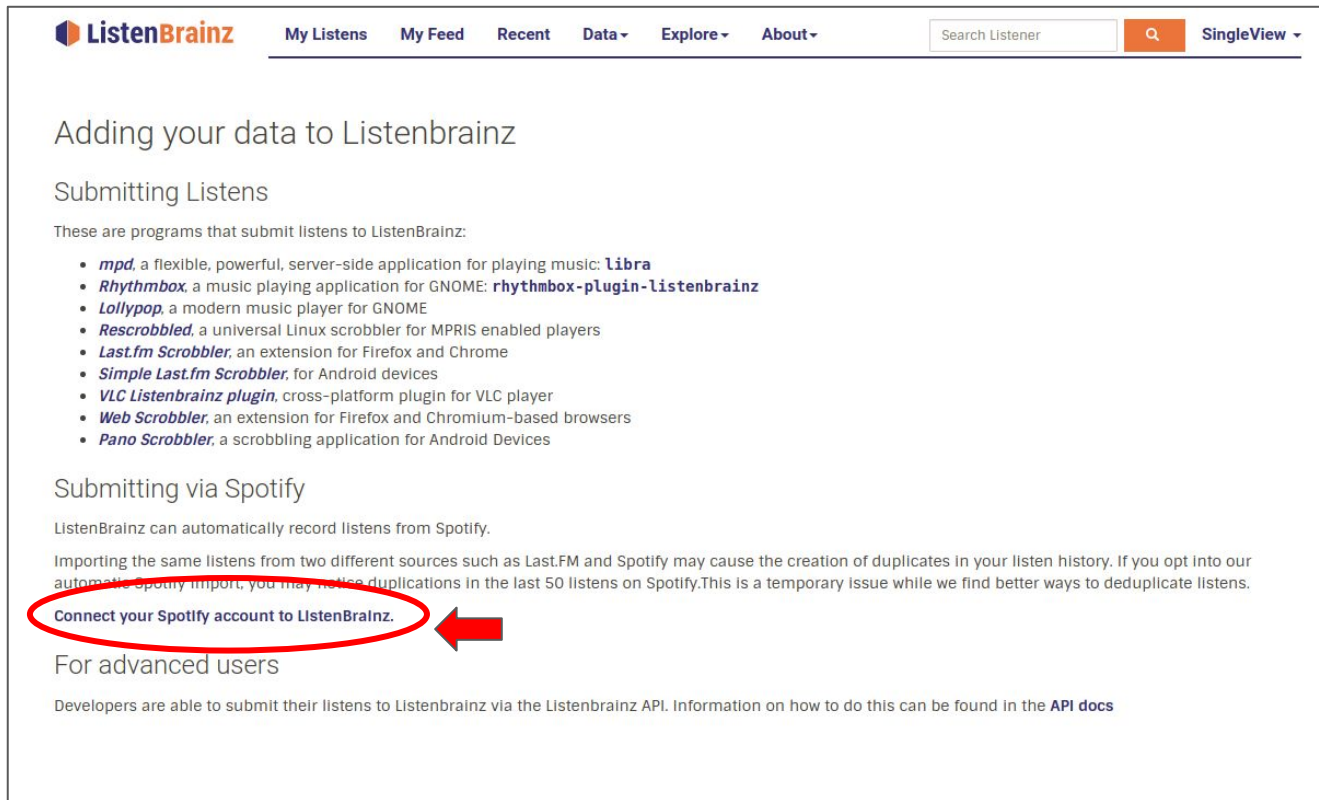
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14. You should be redirected to: <https://listenbrainz.org/add-data/>
- a. Now, connect your Spotify account to ListenBrainz clicking on **“Connect your Spotify account to ListenBrainz”**:



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## Adding your data to Listenbrainz

### Submitting Listens

These are programs that submit listens to ListenBrainz:

- **mpd**, a flexible, powerful, server-side application for playing music: [libra](#)
- **Rhythmbox**, a music playing application for GNOME: [rhythmbox-plugin-listenbrainz](#)
- **Lollypop**, a modern music player for GNOME
- **Rescrobbled**, a universal Linux scrobbler for MPRIS enabled players
- **Last.fm Scrobbler**, an extension for Firefox and Chrome
- **Simple Last.fm Scrobbler**, for Android devices
- **VLC Listenbrainz plugin**, cross-platform plugin for VLC player
- **Web Scrobbler**, an extension for Firefox and Chromium-based browsers
- **Pano Scrobbler**, a scrobbler application for Android Devices

### Submitting via Spotify

ListenBrainz can automatically record listens from Spotify.

Importing the same listens from two different sources such as Last.fm and Spotify may cause the creation of duplicates in your Listen history. If you opt into our automatic Spotify import, you may notice duplications in the last 50 listens on Spotify. This is a temporary issue while we find better ways to deduplicate listens.

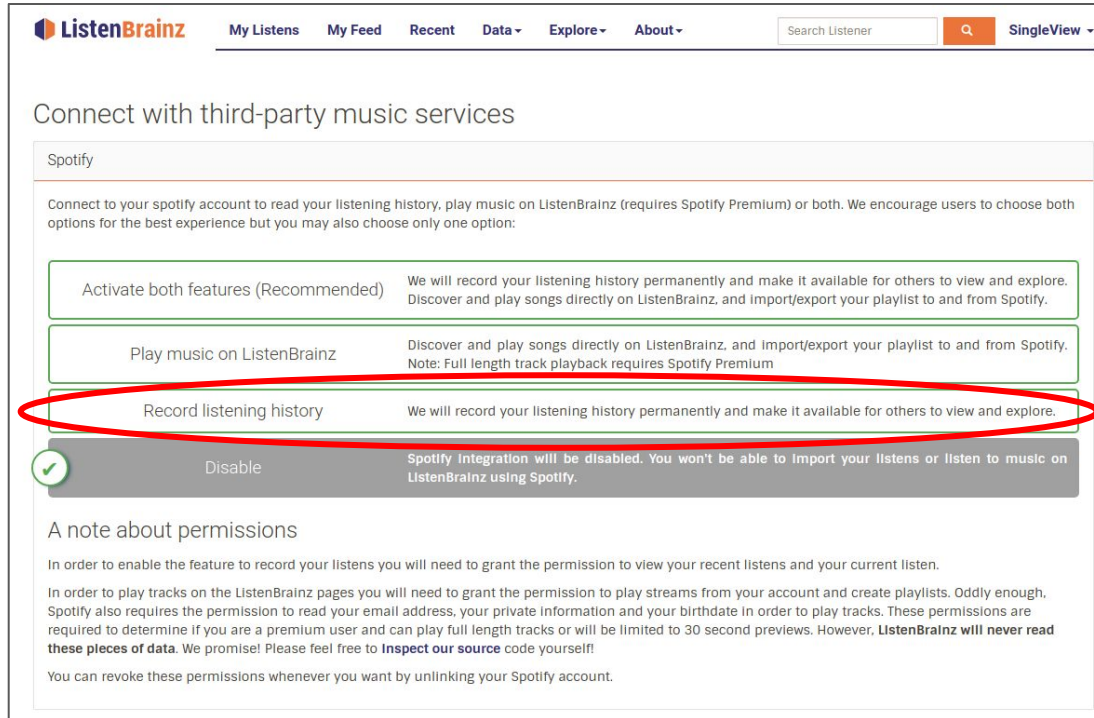
**Connect your Spotify account to ListenBrainz.**

### For advanced users

Developers are able to submit their listens to Listenbrainz via the Listenbrainz API. Information on how to do this can be found in the [API docs](#)

## 15. Connect with third-party music services:

- To give permission for recording your Spotify listening history, click on “**Record listening history**”.

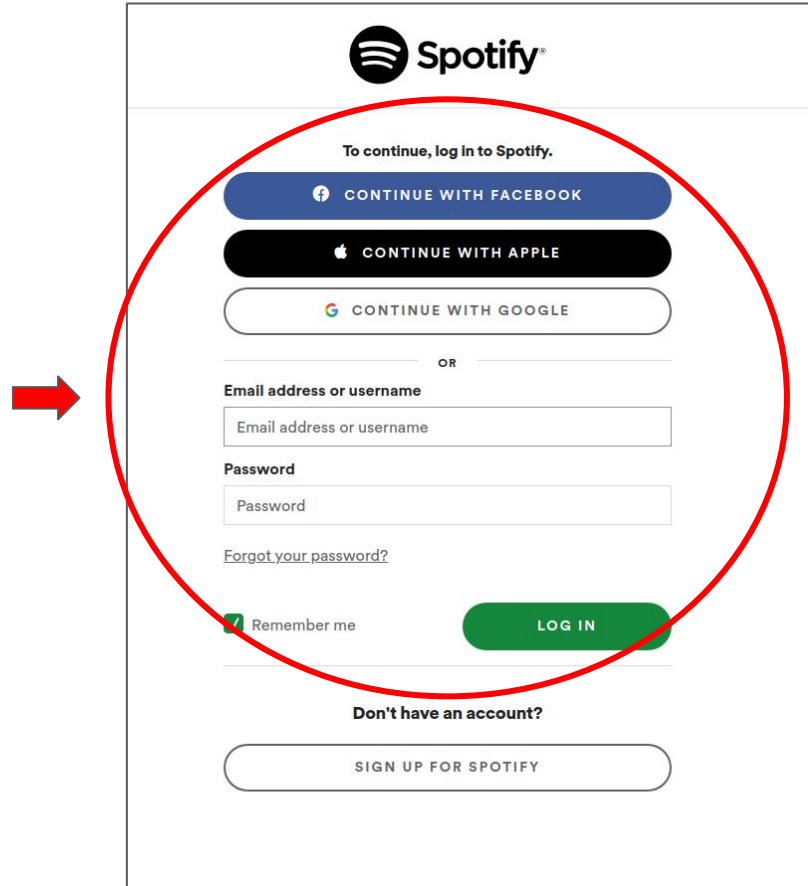


The screenshot shows the ListenBrainz website's interface for connecting with third-party music services. The page has a navigation bar with links: My Listens, My Feed, Recent, Data, Explore, and About. A search bar and a 'SingleView' button are also present. The main heading is 'Connect with third-party music services'. Below this, there's a section for Spotify. The text explains that connecting to a Spotify account allows users to read their listening history, play music on ListenBrainz (requiring Spotify Premium), or both. It encourages users to choose both options for the best experience but allows for a single choice. There are four options listed in a table-like structure:

Activate both features (Recommended)	We will record your listening history permanently and make it available for others to view and explore. Discover and play songs directly on ListenBrainz, and Import/export your playlist to and from Spotify.
Play music on ListenBrainz	Discover and play songs directly on ListenBrainz, and Import/export your playlist to and from Spotify. Note: Full length track playback requires Spotify Premium
<b>Record listening history</b>	We will record your listening history permanently and make it available for others to view and explore.
Disable	Spotify Integration will be disabled. You won't be able to import your listens or listen to music on ListenBrainz using Spotify.

The 'Record listening history' option is highlighted with a red oval and a red arrow pointing to it. Below the options, there's a section titled 'A note about permissions' which explains the permissions required for each feature and states that ListenBrainz will never read certain data.

16. You should have been redirected to the Spotify log in page. Use the method that you prefer to **log in**.



The image shows the Spotify login page. At the top is the Spotify logo. Below it, the text "To continue, log in to Spotify." is displayed. There are three buttons for social login: "CONTINUE WITH FACEBOOK", "CONTINUE WITH APPLE", and "CONTINUE WITH GOOGLE". Below these is a horizontal line with "OR" in the center. Underneath is the "Email address or username" label and a text input field. Below that is the "Password" label and a text input field. A link for "Forgot your password?" is located below the password field. At the bottom left is a checked "Remember me" checkbox, and at the bottom right is a green "LOG IN" button. Below the login section is a link for "Don't have an account?" and a "SIGN UP FOR SPOTIFY" button. A red circle highlights the social login buttons, the "OR" separator, the email/username field, the password field, the "Forgot your password?" link, the "Remember me" checkbox, and the "LOG IN" button. A red arrow points to the email/username input field.

Spotify

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OR

Email address or username

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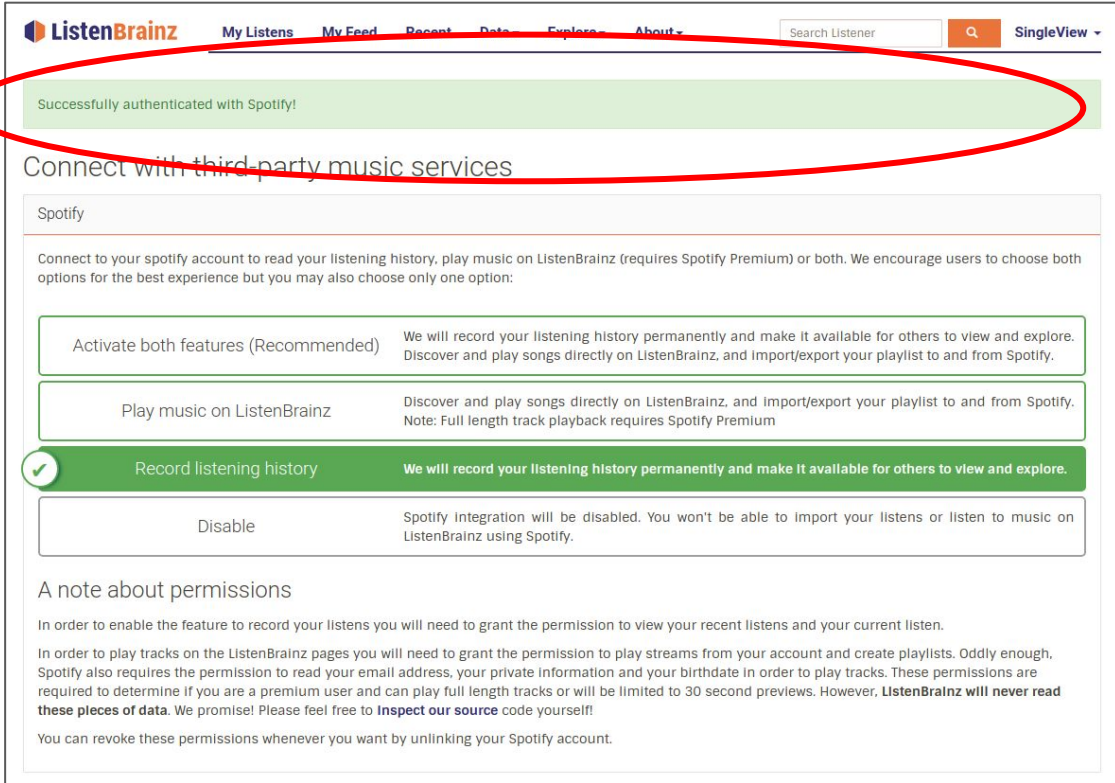
☒ Remember me

LOG IN

Don't have an account?

SIGN UP FOR SPOTIFY

17. After the log in, you should have been redirected to ListenBrainz again, and a banner on the top of the page should appear: **“Successfully authenticated with Spotify!”**



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A note about permissions

In order to enable the feature to record your listens you will need to grant the permission to view your recent listens and your current listen.

In order to play tracks on the ListenBrainz pages you will need to grant the permission to play streams from your account and create playlists. Oddly enough, Spotify also requires the permission to read your email address, your private information and your birthdate in order to play tracks. These permissions are required to determine if you are a premium user and can play full length tracks or will be limited to 30 second previews. However, **ListenBrainz will never read these pieces of data.** We promise! Please feel free to [inspect our source](#) code yourself!

You can revoke these permissions whenever you want by unlinking your Spotify account.

**18.** Almost done! Now write down your username, and go back to the survey page. Then click on “*Click this button to continue*”.

As last step, you will be asked to write the username of your newly created ListenBrainz account. Thank you!