

Discogs

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Chapter 1. What is Discogs

Discogs is the biggest and most comprehensive music database and marketplace website. It is a site with discographies of all labels, all artists, all cross-referenced, and an international marketplace built off of that database. The focus of Discogs is a user-built database of music. More than 500,000 people have contributed some piece of knowledge, to build up a catalog of more than 14,100,000 recordings and 7,000,000 artists. Discogs also offers the ability to catalog your music collection, wantlist, and share your ratings and reviews.

Originally created as a hobby project in 2000 by Kevin Lewandowski, Discogs has grown to become a definitive resource for Vinyl and CD recordings.

The Discogs Marketplace

The Discogs Marketplace connects buyers and sellers across the globe. With more than 61 million items available and thousands of sellers, this is the premier spot from new releases to rare music releases. Because the Marketplace is built on top of the accurate Discogs database, it is easy for sellers to list their inventory and buyers are able to specify the exact version they want.

Chapter 2. What can you do on Discogs

Discogs offers several features to their users, which are:

- Creating and managing an account.
- Buying music on different formats like CD or LP.
- Selling music.

Chapter 3. Discogs account

For you to be able to buy and sell music and manage your music collection on Discogs you need to be registered and have an active account. Accounts are free and by joining the discogs community of contributors you can add your unique items to the database. With more than 11 million unique entries and growing every day, the user-contributed database is the largest, most accurate discography of recorded music available! This section will guide you how you can create an account.

How to contribute to the discogs community

- Find your new favorite musical recording.
- Search Discogs for info. If the recording is not in the database...
- Add your record to Discogs using the **Submission Form**
- Now other Discogs community members can add it to their Wantlist, Collection, or their Marketplace.

How to create an account

You need to have opened the discogs website on you device

In this section you will learn how to register and create you account in Discogs.

1. Open the home page.
2. In the upper right corner of navigatio bar you will see a green button, which says '**Register**' .
3. Click on the green button.
4. You will be redirected to the registration form page, where you will need to fill in your credentials like **E-mail address**, new **username** and **password**.
5. Click on the **Register** button to complete your registration.
6. Another option is to click on the several "Continue with..." if you have an account on Facebook, Google or Apple.
7. After you click "Register" you will receive a verification e-mail which you will need to open and click on the **link** in it to verify it.

After completing the steps above, you will be registered and have an active account on Discogs!

How to manage your account

When you have an account you will have access to several key features like the **Dashboard** page. The **Dashboard** is a customizable homepage that links to areas of the site that relate to your **Collection** data

and user profile. From the Discogs dashboard, you can view your recent Orders, Purchases, Submissions, and Friends' Activity. There is also a section titled My Activity. You can control which kinds of events are posted to your activity feed by editing your Privacy Settings. Also included on the main Dashboard are New Releases, Recommendations, and Group Activity widgets.

You need to have a created and activated your Discogs account and be logged in it.

In this section you will learn what you can do with your account and how to manage it.

1. In the main page click on the **profile** icon in the upper right corner of the navbar.
2. A **dropdown menu** will appear with several options like **Dashboard**, **Collection**, **Wantlist** and more.
3. Click on the option you want to access.

A new page will load dependant on what you have clicked.

You want to view your collection and see what LPs you have in your collection and how much they cost. Click on the **Collection** tab in the dropdown menu and you will see all your collection and it's worth.

Chapter 4. Browsing the Discogs Database

Anyone with a Discogs account can submit new releases or edit any existing page, but to keep the Database neat and usable, there are guidelines about how to record information about releases, artists and labels, e.g. about which information belongs in which field (there are hundreds of fields), and about how to format each field entry.

To ensure adherence to the guidelines, new submissions and edits are voted on by other Discogs users. Not everyone can vote - the ability to vote is automatically assigned based on your interaction with the site. Generally, you need to log in reasonably regularly, view releases, read the guidelines, comment correctly on others submissions, and make good submissions and updates. Basically, you need to be a helpful and positive contributor to the site.

How to search in the database

Discogs is a user-built **Database** that is organised around artists, labels and releases. You can explore the Database in many ways from the **Explore page**. Just choose an aspect you are interested in, and then start narrowing down the results by using the filters on the left hand side or the tabs to switch between the **Master**, **Artist**, **Label** or **Release** categories.

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In this section you will learn how to browse the discogs database.

- An Artist page lists all of the releases from that artist.
 - A Label page lists all of the releases from that label.
 - A Release page lists details of that release (year of release, tracklisting, etc.).
1. Locate the search bar in the upper left section of the navbar on every discogs page.
 - Discogs allows and encourages the correct use of Unicode characters for data entry. Sometimes, your computer or browser will not be able to display these characters unless you have set up your computer to do so. For those that can't see some of the Unicode characters, this article describes what to do for most browsers and operating systems
 - Enter the word(s) you would like to search for.
 2. Click on the **search icon** or hit/press the "**Enter**" key on your keyboard.
 3. The default search should be set to **All / Everything**, but notice that your search results include tabs for **Release**, **Master Release**, **Artist**, and **Label**. Select one of these tabs to narrow your search results to just that category.

You will see the results of your search dependant on what you have entered and what search filters you have chosen.

You are in a music store and want to check the label and the quality of a certain LP or CD. You can do so with the discogs database and search for all the important information you need about it in it and make an informed purchase.

Chapter 5. Contributing to the Discogs Database

Discogs is a user-built discography site. Everyone can contribute and update information as needed, so we can collectively catalog music and other audio releases.

How to create an entry in the database

In order to start contributing:

1. You need a user account.
2. **The Add Release Form** allows you to add releases. This is the main focus of the Database, and is the only way to add new artists and labels. For the sake of accuracy, you must only add releases you have in your possession.
3. The **"Edit"** links at the right hand side of each page allow you to update a release, artist, or label, and add or change images. You can update any submission at any time.

In this section you will learn how to contribute with you own entries to the discogs community.

1. Get a copy of the release you want to submit.
2. Check if the release doesn't already exist in the database.
3. Open the **Add Release** page.
4. Identify the Artist.
5. Enter the title.
6. Identify the Label.
7. Enter the Catalog number.
8. Identify the correct format.
9. List all the tracks in the **Tracklist Section**.
10. Add the Genre.
11. Add Release Notes (not necessary)
12. Preview.
13. Submit.
14. Wait for approval by the discogs community.

After you have successfully gone through the submission process you will have contributed with your own release to the discogs database.

Chapter 6. Discogs Personal Collection

Using Discogs to list the releases you have in your Collection is one of the main features of Discogs. This help document covers how to add to your Collection using the Discogs website. If you are using one of our mobile apps, please be sure to review our separate documentation.

How to update your collection

Discogs offers to the users a personal collection page where you can keep track of all the music in your personal collection.

You need to have an active account on Discogs and to be logged in.

In this section you will learn how to edit and update your music collection.

1. First find a release you own in the Discogs Database by using the search box.
2. After the search result open the **Release** page.
3. Verify that your item is the exact as the item on the release page, you can check the catalog number, images and other identifiers.
4. On the right-hand side of the page, click the '**Add To Collection**' button.
5. After that you can enter the condition of your item.
6. To view your collection, click the **Collection** tab on the **Dashboard**, or use the dropdown menu from the **Profile** tab in the upper-right corner.

After completing the steps above, you will have saved the item you own to your collection.