

INCOMPETECH



Thematic area: Audio resources



Game engine: All



Link: <https://incompetech.com/>



Why & when to use this resource

Incompetech.com is a website created by the **composer Kevin MacLeod** who is behind viral themes and famous meme songs. His website provides a **large collection of royalty-free music** which can be used for a wide variety of projects, such as videos, games, presentations, podcasts or educational activities.

The platform allows users to browse **hundreds of original music tracks organised by genre, mood, tempo, instrumentation and length**, making it easy to find music that matches the atmosphere of a project.

Most tracks can be downloaded for free under the Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY 4.0) licence, meaning they **can be used in educational and commercial projects as long as proper credit is given**. Users who prefer not to provide attribution can purchase a standard licence for individual tracks.

Incompetech is especially useful for educators, students, game designers and content creators who need high-quality background music without recording their own audio or purchasing expensive music libraries.



Strengths

- ◆ **Large collection of music and easy access:** The website offers hundreds of original compositions covering many genres, emotions and styles. Tracks can usually be downloaded without an account.
- ◆ **Powerful search filters:** Music can be filtered by mood, genre, tempo, length, instrumentation or keywords, making it easy to find suitable tracks.
- ◆ **Free to use with attribution:** Most music can be downloaded for free under the Creative Commons Attribution licence. The website clearly explains the licence conditions and provides ready-made attribution text for each track.
- ◆ **High-quality recordings:** All tracks are professionally composed and recorded, providing polished background music.
- ◆ **Suitable for many projects:** The music can be used in educational games, videos, podcasts, presentations, websites, animations and classroom activities.



Limitations

- ◆ **Attribution is required for free use:** Unless a paid licence is purchased, users must properly credit Kevin MacLeod and the website according to the Creative Commons licence.
- ◆ **Music only:** The website provides background music but does not include sound effects or environmental sounds.
- ◆ **Some styles are very recognisable:** Certain popular tracks have been widely used on YouTube and other media, so they may sound familiar to some audiences.



Tutorial sheet



How to use this tool

Incompetech allows you to search for music based on the atmosphere or style you need. Once you find a suitable track, you can preview it, download it and copy the appropriate attribution text for your project. Each track tab provides information about the title, duration, style, genre, feel, tempo, licence, preview, download options and credit.



Step-by-step guide

- ★ **STEP 1:** Open the website: <https://incompetech.com>
- ★ **STEP 2:** Select the "Royalty-Free Music" tab to access the catalogue.

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Music by Kevin MacLeod

[Download all the files at once](#)

Search title, instruments, description

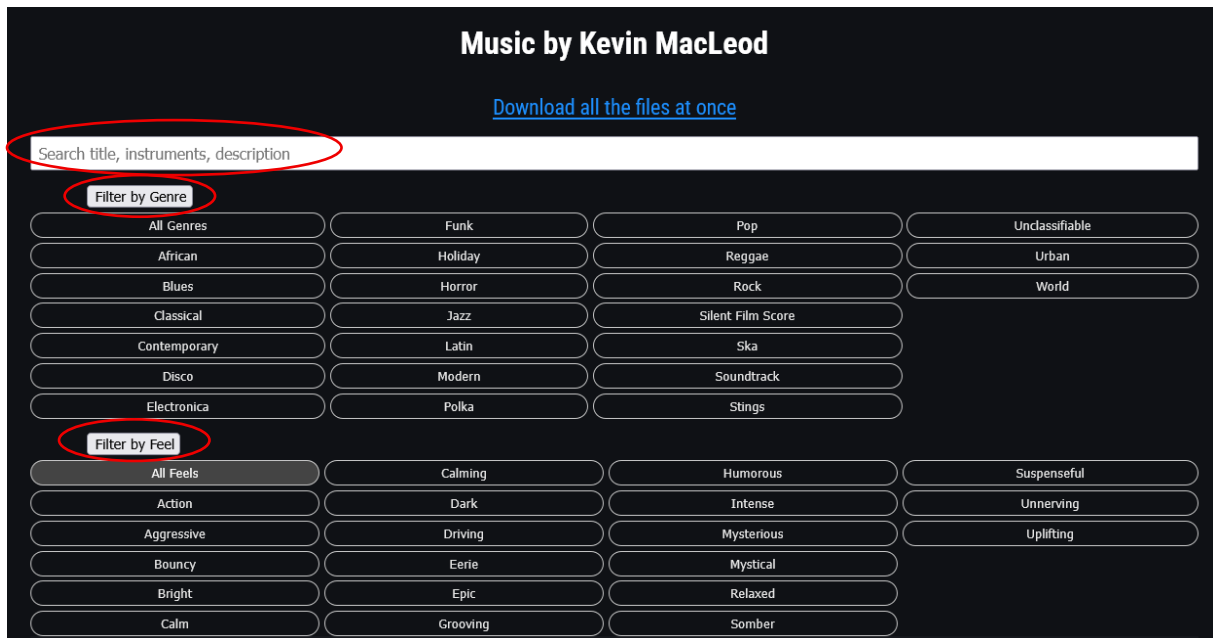
Filter by Genre

Filter by Feel

Title	bpm	Genre	Length
The Britons	180 bpm	Soundtrack	5:07
Dentaneosuchus Hunt	114 bpm	World	4:07
Sauropod Spotting	105 bpm	World	3:45
Cretaceous Dawn	96 bpm	World	4:05
That Zen Moment	0 bpm	World	10:02
Sergio's Magic Dustbin	204 bpm	Soundtrack	2:31
Mesmerizing Galaxy	124 bpm	Electronica	1:32
Lord of the Rangs	104 bpm	World	2:34
Galactic Rap	120 bpm	Electronica	2:22
Equatorial Complex	0 bpm	Electronica	3:00
Cloud Dancer	214 bpm	Electronica	3:40
Brain Dance	124 bpm	Electronica	3:35
Vibing Over Venus	94 bpm	Jazz	6:51
Southern Gothic	126 bpm	Contemporary	2:27
Morning	60 bpm	Contemporary	2:33
Evening	101 bpm	Contemporary	3:06
Goblin Tinker Soldier Spy	101 bpm	World	2:16
Paradise Found	105 bpm	World	3:07
Magic Escape Room	82 bpm	Silent Film Score	14:23
I Got a Stick Arr Bryan Teoh	121 bpm	Funk	
I Got a Stick Feat James Gavins	121 bpm	Funk	



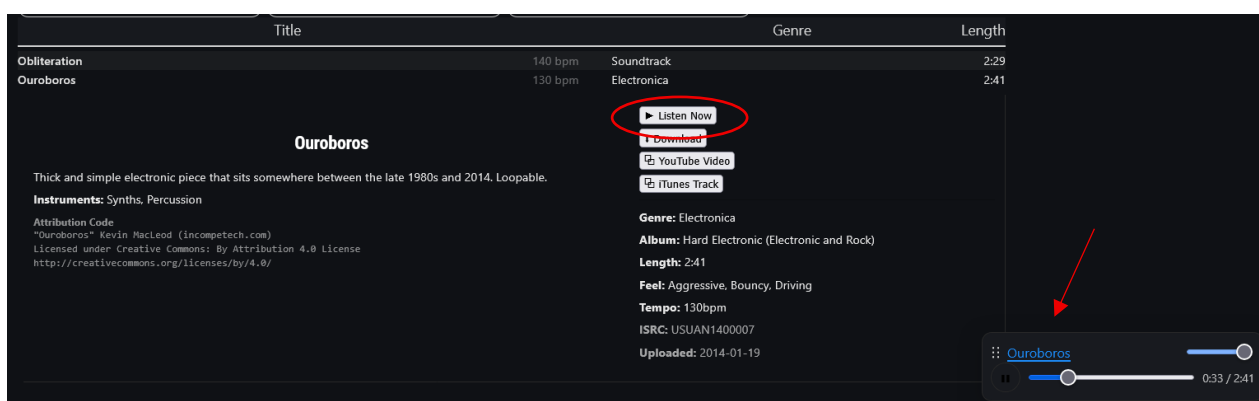
- ★ **STEP 3:** Use the search bar to type in specific terms (such as the style or atmosphere you seek) or use the filters to reduce the proposed songs by “Genre” or “Feel”.



- ★ **STEP 4:** Preview different tracks by clicking the title, then the “Listen now” button, which will launch the player pop-up in the bottom-right corner of the page, allowing you to adjust the volume and skip through tracks as you continue exploring the catalogue.

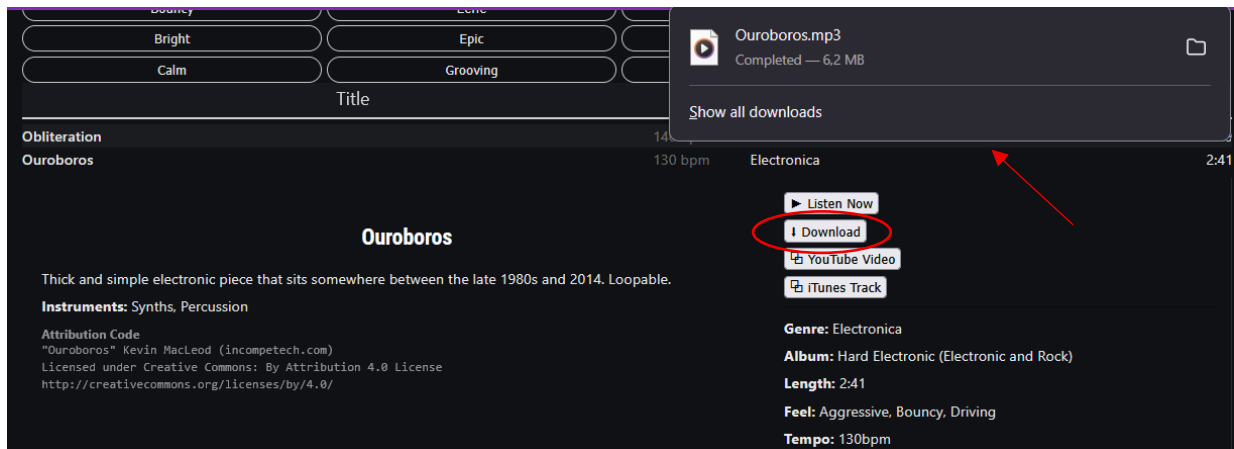
While listening, consider:

- Does the music match the atmosphere of my project?
- Is it too distracting or overwhelming?
- Does the length fit your activity?
- Does it loop well if needed?

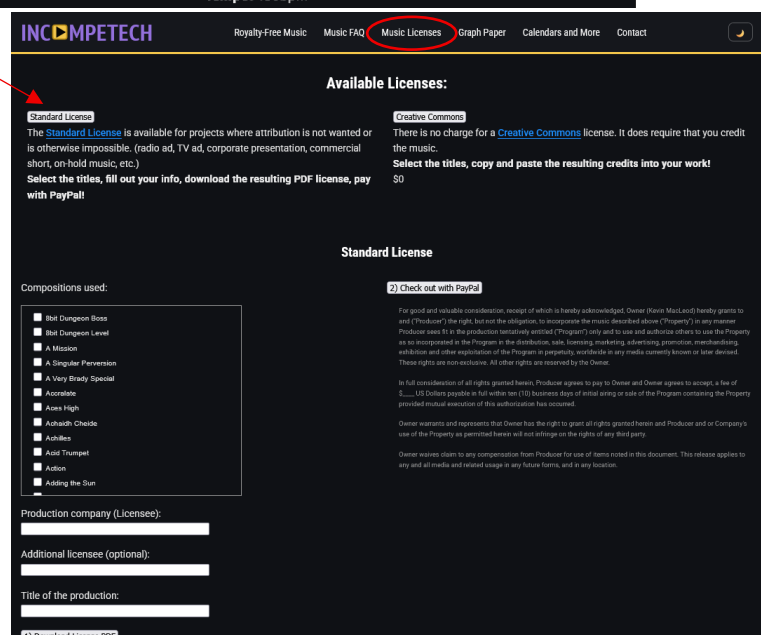




- ★ **STEP 5:** Download the title you wish to use by clicking the “Download” button. The file will automatically download in MP3 format in your Downloads folder.



- ★ **STEP 6:** Check the “Attribution Code” of your chosen tracks. All tracks are available under the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 licence. If you use the free version, you need to include the attribution provided on the track page within your project. If you do not wish to provide attribution, you can purchase a licence for that track by entering your details and paying via PayPal.





Additional learning sources & tutorials

- ◆ Incompetech music catalogue: <https://incompetech.com/music/royalty-free/music.html>
- ◆ Incompetech music FAQ: <https://incompetech.com/music/royalty-free/faq.html>
- ◆ Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License details: <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>
- ◆ Kevin MacLeod YouTube channel (with visuals and software files for some tracks): <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSZXFhRlx6b0dFX3xS8L1yQ>



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