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For file-sharing technologies like BitTorrent. When a site claims "all free" movies (which they make you pay a site subscription for), you can bet it's one of those. The legal end of the video store is we review click to take the trip to the video store or that link to mail to Netflix out of your home theater views. Is what you gain and what do you lose when switching to internet-delivered entertainment? Continued... By Daniel Westlake
A movie soundtrack is one of the most important parts of a film, yet few people know how or where to download them. You can buy tracks at iTunes or AmazonMP3. However, there are a number of online sites where you can download that amazing movie soundtrack you heard in that film the other day. All you need to do is identify the movie, the composer and check out one of these sites. An extensive database that goes beyond the opening theme song, the song over the credits or the tune all the characters dance to—it features the less notable numbers from a film that only real fans will recognize. With more than 45,000 titles to choose from, SoundtrackCollector.com is for the serious musician and soundtrack enthusiast who is truly a fan of composers and the often brilliant and underappreciated work they do for every film. With what may be the biggest database of movie soundtracks online, ArtistDirect.com provides most of these downloads for free (with a fee that must be paid for access to others). However, most of the soundtracks that are the easiest to find are mainstream pop songs that have been purchased for the soundtrack, not necessarily from composers who have done movie scores. Keep this in mind if you are looking for something reasonably obscure. Last.fm seems to have most music tracks in its database—the challenge comes with finding those tracks. If you're going to use Last.fm to track down these free soundtracks, have all the keyword information available to locate them. Some of the titles are listed by film, some are listed by composer and others are just listed by title. Don't be discouraged if you can't find it initially—or just use one of the other sites listed above. The US version of Apple's iTunes Store (pictured) has much wider selection of movies than the UK version does Apple (opens in new tab) is very close to inking a deal with Fox that will see the studios' entire movie output being made available on iTunes (opens in new tab). But the deal has only been possible because Apple has compromised over how much it will sell the movies for.Apple currently sells the entire Disney back catalogue, plus selected MGM, Paramount and Lionsgate films for \$15 (€7) and \$10 (€5). Apple Insider says Fox is asking for downloads to be priced higher than \$15 - something that Apple has refused to do until now. Richard Greenfield at market analysts Pali Research says the only thing that's holding up the Fox deal are Christmas DVD sales, which Fox obviously doesn't want to dampen.That could put the announcement on online release of movies like the Star Wars series, Borat and Minority Report as early as Tuesday January 15th - the date of Steve Jobs' keynote address at the Macworld Expo in San Francisco.Value-added DVDsThe Apple-Fox agreement has been spurred by increased piracy and a desire by studios to sell 'premium priced' DVDs which also include a digital copy of a film that can be watched on devices like iPods (opens in new tab). Premium pricing is expected to add \$3 (£1.50) to \$4 (£2) to the cost of a DVD.Pali Research's Greenfield also says that once the Fox deal is done, other Hollywood studios will quickly follow suit.We're hopeful that any announcement in January will also involve territories outside the US. The UK iTunes Store, for example, still only has a paltry selection of movie shorts from Pixar - a company once owned by Apple CEO Steve Jobs. That's simply unfair when you can buy full-length blockbuster movies like Pirates Of The Caribbean: At World's End on the US version.If Apple does make downloadable movies available here, it's likely to be welcome by culture-starved Brits. 61 per cent of those who took part in a BroadbandChoices.co.uk survey said they'd like to be able downloaded DVD quality movies, according to the BBC.We'd also expect any digital copy of a movie to be at least Apple TV (720p HD) quality if we're expected to pay a premium for it. Hulu is a juggernaut when it comes to serving up your favorite shows and movies. One of the biggest advantages Hulu has over other giants like Netflix is that you can often watch new network TV episodes the day after they air. Netflix only streams complete seasons once the final episode airs and only does so after securing the rights. That said, if you're a busy bee and you missed last night's episode of Only Murders in the Building or Saturday Night Live, Hulu has you covered. Better yet, if you're still busy and won't have time to get online, Hulu allows you to download content for offline viewing, which is not only convenient for when you're, say, on a long flight, but downloading will also save your precious wireless data plan. And even better is if you go for the Disney Bundle, which gets you a subscription to Hulu (No Ads), Disney+ , and ESPN+ for just \$20 a month. That's only \$7 more than the standalone Hulu (No Ads) plan, and you get two more services on top of that. It's basically a no-brainer. Here, we show you how to download TV shows and movies from Hulu for offline viewing. First, however, you need to understand the limitations of the feature. Opt for a different plan, if necessarySo, you have a compatible device and a Hulu subscription, but you see no option to download your favorite movie or show. You're out of luck if you're only paying for the basic, ad-ridden \$7 plan. The download function is only offered on the following two tiers: Hulu (No Ads) — \$13/month Disney Bundle: Hulu (No Ads) + Disney+ and ESPN+ — \$20/month Hulu (No Ads) + Live TV + Disney+ and ESPN+ — \$76/month If you need to switch plans to benefit from offline download Hulu viewing, do the following: Step 1: Open Hulu in your web browser and log in. You cannot make account changes using Hulu's mobile apps. Step 2: Click or tap your Account icon located in the upper-right corner, and select Account in the drop-down menu. Step 3: Enter your password if prompted. Step 4: In your Subscription panel, select Manage plan and choose one of the three plans that support downloads. Step 5: Click the Review changes button and then click the black Submit button. Make sure you have a compatible deviceCurrently, you cannot download your favorite shows and movies to your computer, a set-top box, or a gaming console. Yes, we're aware that Windows 10 has a Hulu app, but it's excluded from the download club. To watch offline, you'll need a mobile device from Amazon, Android, or Apple. Here's the complete list of compatible devices: Amazon Fire OS 5 or higher Fire HD 6 (4th generation) Fire HD 7 (4th generation) Fire HDX 8.9" (4th generation) Fire (5th generation or higher) Fire HD 8 (5th generation or higher) Fire HD 10 (5th generation or higher) Android Android 5.0 or newer Screen with 800 x 480 resolution minimum Apple iOS 13.0 or iPadOS 13.0 or newer iPhone 5S or later iPad 5th generation or later (iPad Air, iPad Air 2, iPad Pro, and iPad mini 2, 3, and 4) iPod Touch 6th generation Note that timing is limitedDownloading content to your device is similar to renting digital media. You can store it for a specific amount of time, but once you click play, that timeframe shrinks significantly. 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Step 3: For shows, tap the Download icon — it resembles an arrow — next to each episode. For movies, tap the Download icon displayed beneath the Watch movie button. How to delete downloaded contentOnce you finish watching your offline content, you can delete it immediately. The following steps pertain to deleting the media at a later date. Step 1: Tap the Downloads option in the navigation bar at the bottom. Step 2: Tap the Checkmark icon located to the right of your downloaded content. Then, Tap the Delete download option in the resulting pop-up menu. How to adjust video quality for downloadsHulu uses Standard resolution by default, allowing faster downloads and less storage. You can switch to High, but the content will take longer to download and consume more space on your device. Step 1: Tap the Downloads option in the navigation bar at the bottom. On the resulting screen, tap the Settings gear icon located in the upper-left corner (iOS) or upper-right corner (Android). Step 2: Tap the Video quality setting on the following screen. Step 3: Select the Standard or High option. How to renew expired downloadsThere are two types of expired media. If you downloaded content and didn't finish watching before your 48-hour limit, it expires, forcing you to renew your temporary license. The second type is media that's currently leaving or removed from Hulu. Typically, you'll also see this content listed under the Expiring section in My stuff. Once Hulu pulls this programming, you cannot watch it. Step 1: Tap the Downloads option in the navigation bar at the bottom. Step 2: Tap the Expired icon located to the right of your expired media. Step 3: If available, tap the Renew download option. Editors' Recommendations