

DIGITAL DISTRIBUTORS

WHY DO YOU NEED THEM?

Without digital distributors, you cannot release your music on Digital Service Providers (DSPs).



amazon music



Spotify®



YouTube Music

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:



Digital distributors have evolved from simple distributors to one-stop royalty collectors.



No one distributor can collect ALL sound recording and composition royalties from all sources yet.



You can use multiple distributors for multiple releases, but only one distributor per release.



None of these companies own any of your rights, copyrights or music.

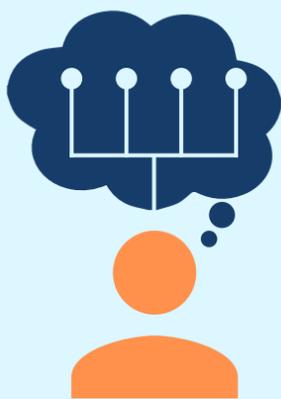


They are not record labels and do not offer label deals even if they offer label services. They are a service provider and you retain 100% of your rights.

WHO THEY ARE:



Each distributor is unique and offer different services with different price points and options.



Depending on your situation, you should decide what is important to you; what services you need, and what your budget is, then do your research and choose the one that is best for you.

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WHO THEY ARE (CONTINUED):

Click on the company names below to learn more.

Amuse	Horus	RouteNote
AWAL	Ingrooves	Soundrop
Believe	Landr	Stem
CD Baby	Octiive	Symphonic
Distrokid	OneRPM	Tunecore
Ditto	Orchard	United Masters
Fresh Tunes	ReverbNation	... and more

WHAT TO CONSIDER:

REPORTS & ANALYTICS

- How much detail is there?
- How do you access?
- Is there a mobile version?



COST STRUCTURE

- Flat fee or commission?
- One time payment or yearly fees?
- Do they offer payment splitting?
- What is the payment threshold - is it too high?
- Do they charge by DSP?



SERVICES

- Do they have a publishing administrator to manage your publishing royalties as well?
- What is the timing to release once you submit your material?
- What DSPs do they service? Do they reach the territories you want to be in?
- Do they provide mechanical licenses for cover songs? What is the cost?
- Do they offer physical distribution as well?
- Is there a charge for UPCs?
- Can they process your lyrics?
- What Label Services do they offer? (eg. Synch placements, marketing, playlist plugging, etc.)

