

# How to Play Your Digital Album

## Step 1 – *\*Best if executed on a desktop or laptop computer.*

- Download the file via the link in either your purchase receipt or in the email you receive post purchase. Example: [Richard+S.+Grossman++Faded+Photographs%282%29.zip](#)

## Step 2 – *\*If Step 2 doesn't apply to you, skip ahead to Step 3.*

- Make sure you have iTunes, Windows Media Player or one of the other player apps in the list on page 2 of these instructions installed on your device (Virtually all Mac and Windows computers will already have at least one of these installed). If not, go to your appropriate App Store in your web browser to download the app you need.
- <https://apps.apple.com/us/genre/ios/id36>
- <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=20426>
- <https://www.videolan.org/vlc/index.html>

## Step 3 –

- On a Mac device, go to your 'Downloads' folder and double-click on the link that has the name of the file you downloaded. This will extract the compressed .zip file to show a folder icon with the same name (minus the .zip). Open that folder and double click on the file with the '.m3u' extension at the of its name. This should automatically launch your default media player, load the album into your player's library and begin playing the first track (check your volume or mute button if you don't hear anything). If this doesn't work, you may need to manually launch your media player.
- On a Windows device, right-click on the downloaded file and then select 'Extract' from the contextual menu options. Lastly, right-click on the extracted file name and select 'open with' and then select the media player you prefer from the contextual list of options (there may only be one choice). The player will then launch with the album ready to play.

## What is an M3U file?

An M3U file is a media playlist file supported by several media players such as Winamp and iTunes. It contains a playlist of MP3s and other audio or video files and lists the locations of media files in a [plain text](#) format.

M3U playlists are typically used for audio playlists, but some may also include references to video files. M3U files contains references to media files, but not the actual files themselves.

**NOTE:** "M3U" is short for "MP3 URL" or "Moving Picture Experts Group Audio Layer 3 Uniform Resource Locator."

## How to play .m3u

### Windows Devices

[Microsoft Windows Media Player](#) (preferred)

[VideoLAN VLC media player](#)

[Nullsoft Winamp](#)

[Apple iTunes](#)

[Media Player Classic](#)

[foobar2000](#)

[Clementine](#)

### Apple Devices

[Apple iTunes](#) (preferred)

[RealNetworks RealPlayer Cloud](#)

[VideoLAN VLC media player](#)

[Songbird](#)

[Clementine](#)