

Catch Up TV and Radio

1. The main TV channels and some radio stations have a way of catching up on the programmes you missed when they were first broadcast. This is done in several ways.



4 on Demand



2. The first way is to **watch/listen** to the programme on your computer. The programmes are usually available for a limited time after the first broadcast. In the case of BBC TV and radio this is usually 1 week, though sometimes a series is available till a week after the last of the series is broadcast. In the case of other broadcasters they might be available for 30 days or even more.
3. The second way is to **download** the programme to your computer which allows you to **watch/listen** to the programme on your computer for longer. In the case of BBC programmes this is usually 30 days.
4. The third way is to **download** a podcast of the programme. These are only available for a limited selection of programmes. You can then **listen** to them on your computer or MP3 player.
5. In addition some new TVs can access the catchup websites without needing to use a computer.
6. We will concentrate on the ways that involve using your computer.

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1. Watch/Listen on your computer

1. We will consider BBC programmes first and then some of the other broadcasters.

1.1 BBC programmes

1. BBC iPlayer is the medium the BBC use to allow you to **watch/listen** again. It is accessed on the web at www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer You will see something like this.





- If you see the programme you want then you can just select it from the screen by left-clicking on it.
- If not then **either** type into the Search box the name of the programme (or even part of it) **or** the presenter's name **or** a word that would be in the description of the programme and left-click on Search. When it is recognised, then suggestions of programmes will come up which can be left-clicked on to select.



A screenshot of the iPlayer website's search results page. The page has a dark background with pink and white text. At the top, the iPlayer logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'Home', 'TV Channels', and 'Radio Stations' are on the right. Below the logo, the word 'Search' is displayed in pink. The search results section shows '14 RESULTS FOUND FOR 'DOCTOR WHO'' and 'ORDER BY: ALPHABETICAL | MOST RECENT'. There are four search results listed, each with a thumbnail image, a title, a play button icon, and a description. The first result is 'Doctor Who Confidential - Series 5' with the episode '1. Call Me the Doctor'. The second is 'Doctor Who Confidential' with the episode 'Allons-y!'. The third is 'Doctor Who - Doctor Who and the Giant Robot' with 'Episode 4'. The fourth is 'Doctor Who - Series 5' with '1. The Eleventh Hour'. Each result also includes a 'B B C HD' logo.

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- All the programmes that fit your search and that are still available will appear in a list. You will notice that there are different symbols to left-click on for TV  programmes and for radio  programmes.
- Another way to find a programme is to look for it in the A-Z listing of programmes.
- When you have found the programme and left-clicked on it you will be presented with a screen to click to play.

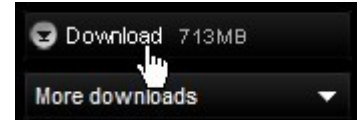


The programme proceeds until it finishes though you can pause it or rewind or make it louder or **watch** as a pop-out or full screen using the buttons along the bottom of the picture.

7. You can find out more by left-clicking on Programme information including how long the programme is and for how long it will be available.



8. Or you can **download** the programme for later viewing.



If you haven't done this before you will be presented with a screen to Install BBC iPlayer Desktop where you left-click to



proceed and follow the on screen prompts which include installing Adobe Air. Unfortunately you may find that this is not entirely straightforward.

9. You can be sure that occasionally problems will arise eg **Either** slow connections – sometimes you may hear the sound correctly but see an uncertain picture rather like a series of stills
or you may be over the time allowed – the programmes are usually only available for a limited time, so sometimes you may just be referred to the programme's website instead
or if you switch off in the middle of **watching/listening** to a programme you may have to remember where you had got to time-wise if it doesn't automatically resume at the same place when you switch on
or some programmes are just not available for copyright or other reasons, for instance films may not be
or sometimes programmes can only be **watched** in certain countries.

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1.2 Other programmes and channels

1. ITV and STV are available at

www.itv.com/itvplayer/
and <http://player.stv.tv/>



2. Channel 4 is available at

www.channel4.com/programmes/4od

4 on Demand

3. Channel 5 is available at

<http://demand.five.tv/Home.aspx>




4. Sky is available at <http://skyplayer.sky.com/>



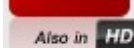
A number of different channels are available on Sky and you can get a list like this. You will have to register in order to **watch** these.

106 Sky1
110 G.O.L.D.
243 Sky Real Lives
256 Sky Arts 1
301 Sky Premiere
303 Sky Showcase
305 Sky Action
306 Sky Family
350 MTV
401 Sky Sports 1

5. Virgin Media  (for which you need to be a subscriber) also provide access to the above



with TV On Demand **TV On Demand** via Catchup TV



as well as other facilities such as Movies and Music for which you have to pay extra.

6. All these work in a similar way to the BBC iPlayer, though you may have to install more software to **download** programmes.

1.3 Other facilities

1. Watch live TV

Select the channel from the broadcaster's website, then the programme and follow the links until you can **watch** it.

For instance on Sky there may be a different set of channels available to **watch** live.

106 Sky1
401 Sky Sports 1
110 G.O.L.D.
410 Eurosport UK
243 Sky Real Lives
350 MTV
528 Nat Geo Wild
532 Eden
604 Nickelodeon

2. Suppose you want BBC1 then you get a screen like this to choose what to **watch**.

The screenshot shows the BBC One website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for 'Text only' and 'Help'. Below the BBC logo, the word 'one' is prominently displayed. A navigation menu includes 'Home', 'Watch Live', 'Schedule', 'Programmes', 'Channel Trailers', 'FAQ', and 'Contact Us'. The main content area is titled 'BBC One today - Friday 30 April' and shows a horizontal timeline of programmes: 'Breakfast' (06:00), 'Hospital Heroes' (09:15), 'Homes Under the Hammer' (10:00, marked 'on now'), and 'To Buy or Buy' (11:00). A 'Watch live' button is visible below the 'Homes Under the Hammer' programme, with a mouse cursor pointing to it.

Left-click on Watch live then on Click to Play as before. Sometimes, although the programme is not scheduled to be on till later, you can still **watch** it if it is a



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2. Download to your computer

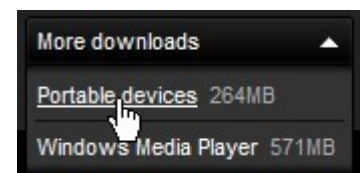
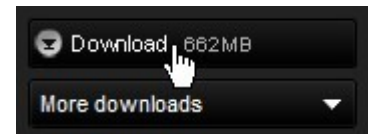
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2.1 BBC programmes

1. There is a button below the play screen of many TV programmes to allow

downloading. Note that most radio programmes don't allow **downloading**.

Underneath is another facility to allow different formats to be chosen eg for your mobile or MP3 player.



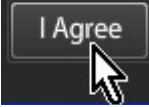
2. The first time you try to do this you will be asked to install the BBC iPlayer Desktop before it starts to **download**.



Follow the links and you will have to install Adobe Air as part of this. Left-click on Yes. This may take some time. There will be a screen asking if you are sure. If this doesn't appear then left-click on the button in the



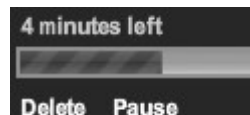
Task Bar to show it and then on Install to proceed.



3. A further screen will ask whether you want various options. Left-click to tick your selection and then on Continue. And then on the "I agree" button  for the LICENSE AGREEMENT. This will then **download** and take some time. A further screen will then welcome you to the BBC iPlayer Desktop and should show any programme you **downloaded**. Note that TV programmes take up a large amount of storage and the time taken to **download** depends on how fast is your internet connection. There is a Tab for Settings where you can set things up.

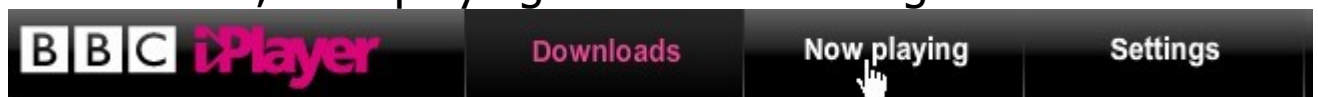
4. Once you have the BBC iPlayer Desktop installed and you want to access it you can **either** left-click on the icon  in the Task bar **or** double-click on the icon on the Desktop. 

You can also start **downloading** immediately. Left-clicking on "Get More Programmes" will connect you to the BBC iPlayer website to select which you want. You can see how the **download** is proceeding which changes when **downloading** is complete and then you can start.



To start playing you left-click on the arrow. 

The Tabs at the top of the Desktop allow you to select the BBC iPlayer website (which opens in another Window), Downloads, Now playing as well as Settings.



Downloads shows those programmes which have been **downloaded** with the time available to **watch** them.

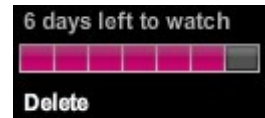
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Now playing shows the programme being played.

5. If you want more information on the programme, eg how long it's available for, left-click on Programme information



or when in the iPlayer Desktop you can left-click on Show information or see how long is left and when playing you can left-click on Show information.







When you have finished with the programme you can delete it from your hard drive by left-clicking on Delete. Otherwise it will be deleted automatically when the storage time is up and a small window appears headed item expired.



6. With all channels when you open a programme you may get a screen asking if you are over 18 or something similar. There are ways of setting parental guidance.





2.2 Other Channels

1. itv Player and STV Player allow 30 days to **watch** on the web but don't seem to allow **downloading**. Some archive programmes are also available.
2. Channel 4's website also contains More4  and E4  and again doesn't seem to allow **downloading** but does seem to have programmes available for well over 30days, some even over a year eg where there is a series.
3. With Channel 5 different programmes are available for playing (now), buying (to keep) or renting (for 48 hours). So you may have to register or pay to **watch** some programmes. When you buy or rent you **download** it.
4. Sky Player allows Sky subscribers to **watch** most programmes free but non-subscribers have to take out a month by month subscription to buy or rent. This is divided into packs which you can select eg Entertainment, Sport and Movies.
5. With all these you will often find that the content you wish to **watch** is preceded by adverts.
6. Parental Guidance Lock
With BBC iPlayer by selecting the Settings Tab and then left-clicking on Parental Guidance Lock  you can set up a password for over 16s which  is required to **watch** programmes which are guidance-labelled. Other broadcasters have similar features.

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3. Download a podcast to your computer or MP3Player


1. So what is a podcast? POD stands for Personal On Demand. So it is a programme to **watch** or **listen** to which is available **On Demand** rather than being **Broadcast** at a specific time.
2. Again we will concentrate on BBC programmes first and then consider some of the other broadcasters. The BBC information on Podcasts is available at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/help>
3. You set up a connection between a website and your computer so that when the programme you want is available it automatically **downloads**. You first have to subscribe to the programme's podcasts.


4. You will need a podcatcher eg iTunes  or Zune  which will **download** it for you onto your computer or to a personal device such as a MP3Player. Other podcatchers are Juice  **Juice** fresh squeezed. and Doppler  doppler(limited).

Note that Juice says it is accessible for blind and visually impaired users (Windows version only).

Actually Podcasts are available from all sorts of sources, amateur and commercial, as well as broadcasters. You can even create your own!

5. **Either download** the podcatcher to your computer first by subscribing to it.
The BBC mention iTunes, Zune and ZENCast  and links are available to their websites on the BBC link above.

Also Juice <http://juicereceiver.sourceforge.net/> and Doppler <http://www.dopplerradio.net/>
or you can use a reader such as My Yahoo  and Google reader [Google reader](http://www.google.com/reader). Again links are available to their websites on the BBC link above. You will also have to subscribe to these.

or alternatively you can use a RSS Feed  where you go to the actual podcast feed page and you subscribe to the podcast there.

6. Not all programmes are available as Podcasts. Lists of BBC Podcasts (all from Radio) to select from are found on <http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts>

Many of them are compilations. You select the one you want and then left-click on it and follow the instructions.



BBC TV programmes can be **downloaded** to MP3 Players via iPlayer where the option under More downloads is shown for Portable devices.



7. Once the Podcast is **downloaded** to your computer or MP3 player you can **listen** to it as you would **listen** to any music. If you go to one of the podcast directory sites you may be able to **watch/listen** using Windows Media Player or other player instead of **downloading**.

