RADIO STATIONS ON THE INTERNET

Over the last few years Internet Radio has come of age. Stations from all parts of the world are available for your listening enjoyment. You can now enjoy programming in your choice of languages and genres. Classical, Pop, News, the choice is yours. What you will be listening to is known as 'streaming audio'.

Where to find this music – a good place to start is www.listenlive.eu . This site is a directory to European Counties. Choose your country, click, and a list of stations will pop up. Click on the one you want and your 'in business'. A word of explanation first – with each entry you will see a small icon and a number followed by 'bps'. The icon represents the 'stream type' and the number the quality of the transmission – the higher the number the greater the fidelity of the signal you receive. 128bps is about the equivalent of a CD. The Stream Type code indicates what 'decoder' technology your computer must have installed to receive the audio. WMA (windows media audio) will be on any Microsoft Operating System machine. If you try a stream and hear nothing just try another. Look for links to listenlive Canada, US, Australia and New Zealand on the bottom of the page.

You can download a program from www.radiosure.com. This software will give you access to some 12000 stations and has an easy 'copy audio' button to allow you to save what you hear as an MP3. I believe any station in the Radio Sure directory can be heard – but remember time zones -the station you selected may be off the air, it could be the wee hours of the morning in that country. Radio Sure can be loaded to a USB jump drive and run from that on any computer.

Programs such as Windows Media Player and iTunes have radio links that will allow you to receive stations.

If you want a specific station and its not on these directories, Google the location name and 'streaming radio'. You may find a link, or Google the call letters of the radio station you are seeking and look for a listen live button on their web page.