

# How to play local music collection on Spotify

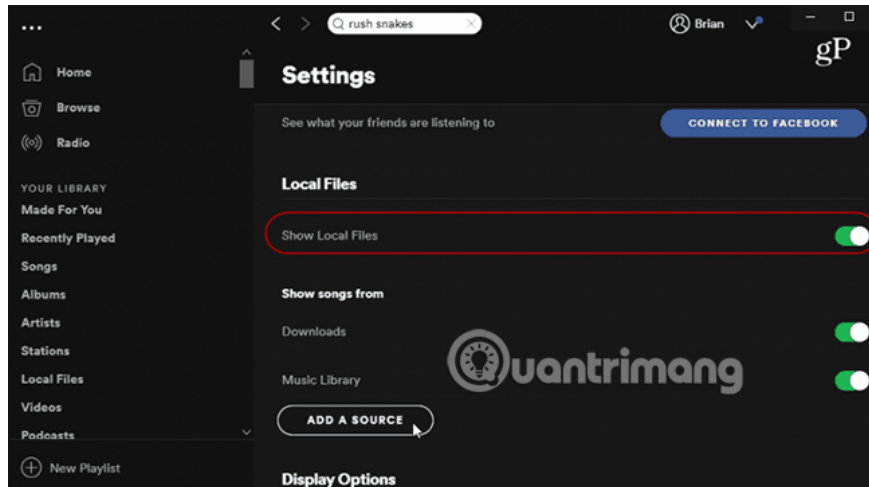
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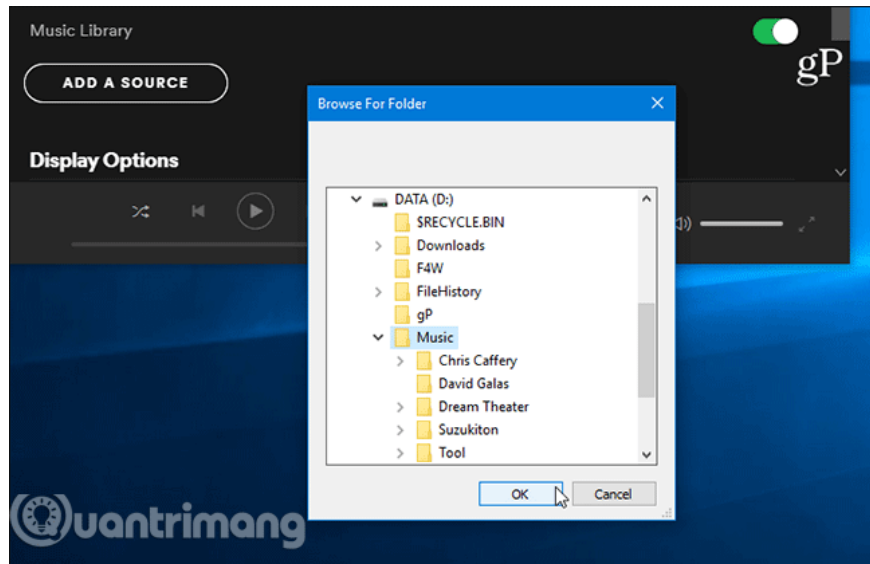
**Note :** To use this feature, you need to use the paid version of Spotify. You cannot use your own music collection with the free version, ad-supported.

## Add music to Spotify

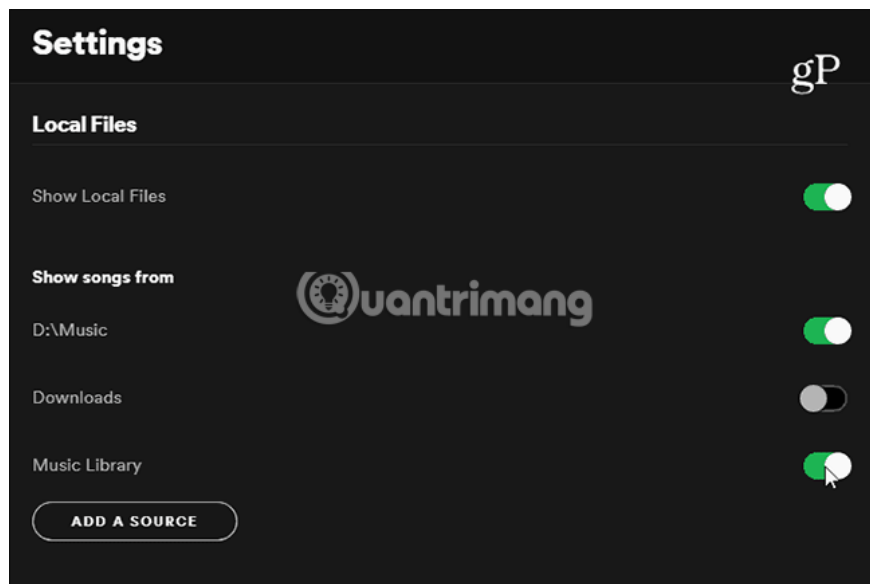
Launch the Spotify application on your computer and go to **Menu> Edit> Preferences** . Then scroll down to the settings page and turn on the **'Show Local Files' option** . After enabling, you will see several other options, including displaying songs from the **'Downloads'** and **'Music Library'** folders . Another useful option is the **'Add a Source' button** .



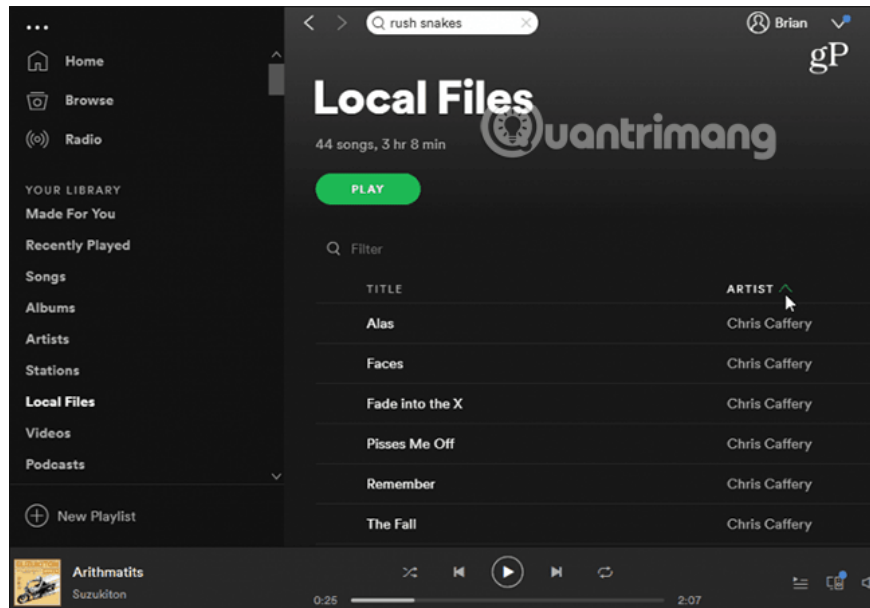
Option to add other sources useful for those who store media on secondary drives or on the network. To add a location, click the **'Add a Source' button** and browse to the location of the music collection.



After you add the source, they will appear in the list and you can turn it on or off depending on your preference.



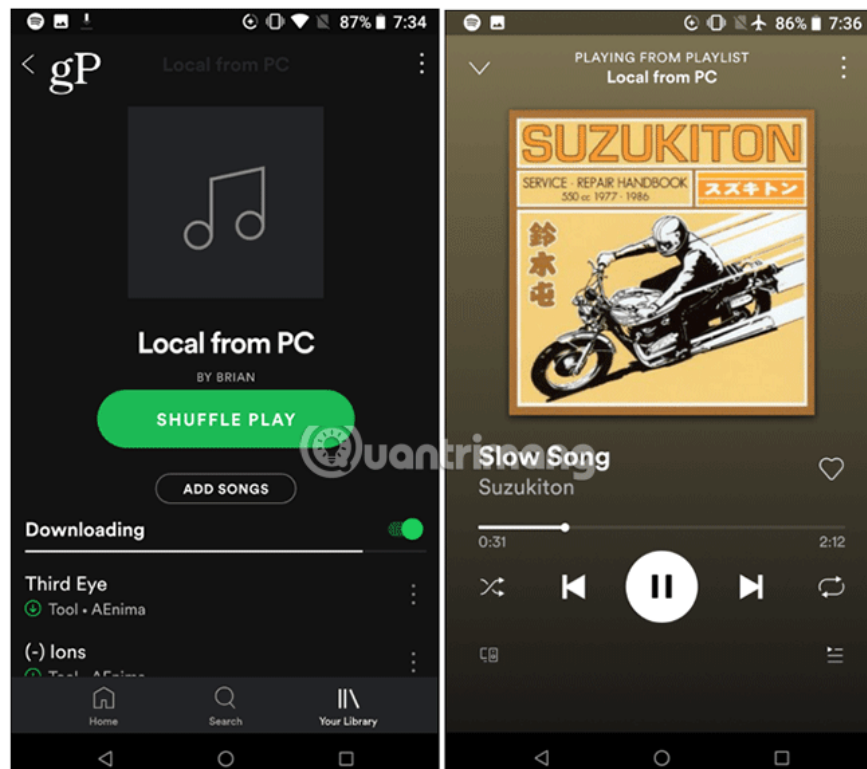
You will now be able to play your local music files through the application. Go to the **'Your Library'** section on the left and open **'Local Files'** from the content list. There you use the search field to filter a specific song or sort by song name or artist. And if the music files are tagged and metadata is appropriate, you will see the album cover and details of the song or artist.



## Use music locally on mobile devices with Spotify

You can also play music locally on your phone or tablet with Spotify. To do this, Spotify needs to be run on the computer and your phone needs to be connected to the same WiFi network. Open the Spotify app on your phone and visit **Your Library**> **Playlists** .

Select the local music playlist you created. Here, for simplicity, we call it '**Local from PC**' . Then, press the '**Downloads**' button . Local files in Spotify will be available offline via mobile application.



There are a few things to mention here. First of all, Spotify only supports MP3 and M4P files. The article has tried a number of different formats like FLAC, WMA, WAV and OGG but not. According to the support page, Spotify does not support M4A (iTunes Lossless), however, you can still open some songs. It is also very difficult to play some file types converted to MP3. The success rate is not 100% guaranteed.

When it comes to local music playback, Spotify is the perfect solution. It would be great if OneDrive or any other cloud storage service is included. Support for additional file types will also be welcome. However, if you need some favorites that are not in the Spotify streaming catalog, that can be done completely.

Hope you are succesful.

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