

Music Connect

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1. Getting Started

Welcome to Music Connect, a web-based tool for cataloging your CD and Vinyl collection.

This software will help you create your own music database with a minimum of manual data entry. Just search our “Core” online music database, by album artist and title or by barcode, and all album details will be provided automatically, including artist, title, label, song list, cover art, etc...

Now let's you get you started.

Are you just starting out with Music Connect?

Then lets start adding albums!

1. Click the **+ Add Albums** button in the toolbar. The Add Albums screen will appear.
2. On the Artist and Title tab, enter the artist and title of the album that you want to add.
3. Click the album you want to add. Full album details will appear on the right.
4. Now click the big blue **“Add to Collection”** button on the bottom right to add the album to your database.

Congrats! You have just added your first album!

[Learn more about adding albums by artist and title, by barcode, or by manual entry.](#)

Already have a list of your albums in a different program?

No problem at all, you can import that data straight into Music Connect

1. Export your existing data to a CSV file. You will get the best results if your data contains barcodes!
2. Choose **“Import from Text File”** from the menu.
3. Choose the file you just exported.
4. Pick the format settings to match our CSV file.
5. Select the Fields to match the fields in your CSV file (**very important!**)
6. Click the blue **“Import Albums** button at the bottom.

[Learn more about Importing Text Files.](#)

Already using CLZ Music or Music Collector?

Excellent, then you probably already have albums entered in those mobile and/or desktop solutions. Of course, you won't have to re-enter those.

Just **Sync with CLZ Cloud** from your CLZ Music mobile app or from the Music Collector desktop software and your data will be immediately available in Music Connect.

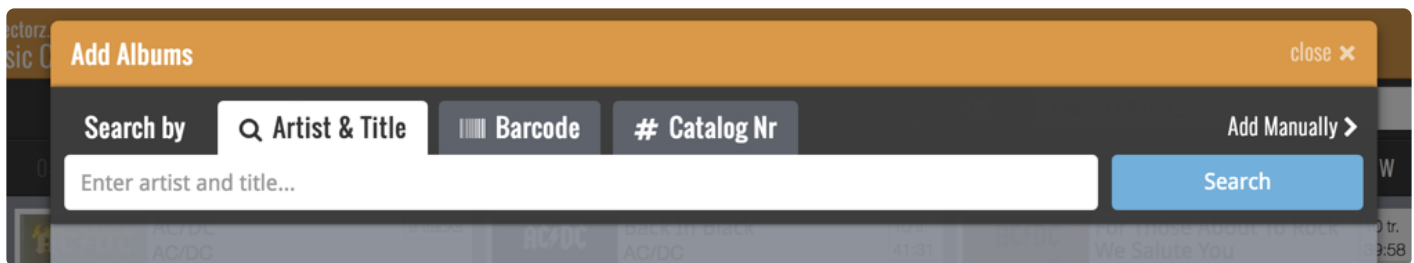
After doing additions or changes using the Music Connect software, just use Sync with CLZ Cloud again to download those change to the app or desktop program.

2. Adding albums

Adding albums to your database is quick and easy, no need to do a lot of manual entry. Just search our CLZ Core online album database for your album, either by artist and title or by barcode, and you will get full album details automatically, including the artist, title, label, song list, cover art, etc...

In Music Connect, there are 4 ways to add albums:

- **[By Artist and Title](#)**: search Core by artist and title and select from the results.
- **[By Barcode](#)**: search Core by entering or scanning barcodes.
- **[*By Catalog Number](#)**: search Core by entering the catalog number of an album
- **[Manually](#)**: enter all album details manually.



2.1. Adding albums by artist and title

This lets you search our Core online album database by album artist and title, then select and add from the search results.

1. Click the **+ Add Albums** button in the toolbar.
2. In the Add Albums screen, select the Artist and Title tab at the top.
3. Enter the artist and title of the album you want to add.
4. Click Search and select your album from the search results.
5. Now click the big **“Add to Collection”** button on the bottom right.

That's all you need to know to add albums. However, there's more to this screen:

- Try the Find Cover button there to select a different cover image.
- Use the arrow in the “Add to Collection” button to switch it to “Add to Wish List”.



TIP: To get more specific results, you can include the release year of the album in your search terms.

2.2. Adding albums by barcode

You can search and add albums to your collection by barcode with the Add Albums screen. Barcodes added to the queue will instantly show title, artist, barcode, number of tracks and cover art.

You can either search 1 barcode to add to your collection/wish list, or search multiple barcodes and add them all in one go.

1. Click the **+ Add Albums** button in the toolbar. The Add Albums screen will appear.
2. In the Add Albums screen, select the Barcode tab at the top.
3. Enter or scan the barcode into the search box.
4. Click *Search* to add the barcode to the add queue and instantly find your album.
5. Now click the big **“Add to Collection”** button on the bottom right.

You can type/scan multiple album barcodes and search them. They will all be stored in the left hand panel for you to add in one go with the button bottom left.



Accidentally typed/scanned a wrong barcode or decided you don't want to add it? Click the **“Edit”** button at the top of the list of barcodes and use the red **“X”** button to remove the barcode from the list.

Scanning barcodes with your phone or tablet

You can use it to scan barcodes into the Add Albums screen directly using your phone or tablet, you can scan and enter barcodes with our free barcode scanning app [CLZ Scanner](#).

1. Click the CLZ Scanner icon in the far right of the barcode entry box and follow instructions to download the CLZ Scanner app **and** log in to the app.
2. Go back to the Add Albums screen and scan some barcodes.

More information and a screenshot can be found in the [“Scanning barcodes with CLZ Scanner”](#) topic.

2.2.1. Scanning barcodes with CLZ Scanner

CLZ Scanner is a barcode scanner app. You can use it on your phone to scan barcodes and then instantly send those scanned barcodes to the Add Albums screen of the Music Connect software. From there, you can then easily and comfortably add the scanned albums to your collection.

How to get started with the CLZ Scanner app:

Getting started with CLZ Scanner is super quick and easy. Here's how:

1. In Music Connect, open the Add Albums screen and go to the Barcode tab.
2. Click the CLZ Scanner icon in the far right of the barcode entry box and follow instructions to download the CLZ Scanner app **and** log in to the app.

When set up, just scan barcodes with the app and they will automatically appear in the Barcode queue of Music Connect's Add Albums screen!

Using CLZ Scanner

Next time you want to use CLZ Scanner, you don't have to go through those steps again. CLZ Scanner can sync to your barcode queue even while you do not have Music Connect open:

1. Scan barcodes with CLZ Scanner app.
2. Open the Add Albums screen in Music Connect and the barcodes will automagically show up in your barcode queue!

You don't even have to be online with your phone while scanning. You can still scan to your app's queue while offline. The queue will then sync the first time you are online with the app again.

Or: you do have the Add Albums screen open while scanning and the scanned barcodes will instantly sync to your Barcode queue there. And when you add an album, the barcode will be removed from your queue on both sides automatically.

2.3. Adding albums by catalog nr

This lets you search our Core online album database by the Catalog Number of your album, then select and add from the search results.

1. Click the **+ Add Albums** button in the toolbar.
2. In the Add Albums screen, select the Catalog Nr tab at the top.
3. Enter the catalog number of the album you want to add.
4. Click Search and select your album from the search results.
5. Now click the big **"Add to Collection"** button on the bottom right.

2.4. Adding albums manually

If we do not have the album you're looking for, you can choose to add your album manually. You will be offered to add an album manually if you don't get any results, or scroll to the bottom of the results.

If you wish to skip searching you can directly add an album manually by clicking "*Add Manually*" top right of the Add Albums screen.

1. Click the **+ Add Albums** button in the toolbar. The Add Albums screen will appear.
2. Click **Add Manually** top right.
3. Enter album details and click "**OK**" to add it.

3. Managing your database

- [Editing an album entry](#)
- [Editing multiple in one go](#)
- [Removing album entries](#)
- [Managing pick lists](#)
- [Linking albums to Core](#)
- [Clearing your database](#)
- [Managing Loans](#)

3.1. Editing an album entry

All editing takes place in the “Edit Album” screen, which you can open with the Edit button:



In this screen, you can find all the album's properties, on multiple tab pages. Many of the album details will already be filled in, provided by our online database. You can modify it all, to change or to complete the information.

However, the main reason to edit your album entries, is to add information that is specific to you, e.g. when and where you purchased the album, who in your household owns it, your personal notes or ratings, etc...

Example of adding a “Location” to one of your albums

1. Edit the album in your collection.
2. Click on the “**Personal**” tab.
3. Top left of this tab you should spot the “**Location**” field for you to enter the location in.
4. Click “**OK**” to save.

After editing some fields, click the **OK** button to save the changes. If you're unhappy with the changes, click **Cancel**.

perform an action on the selection albums



You can clear a value for all albums in your selection by using Edit on multiple albums, then checking the box and leaving the field empty.

3.3. Removing album entries

You can remove an album from your collection from the details page, or select multiple in one go and remove them.

Removing 1 album

1. Click on the album you wish to remove.
2. Click the “**Remove**” button at the top.
3. Confirm by clicking the red “**Remove**” button.

Removing multiple albums in one go

Select the albums you want to remove. To select albums, click the checkboxes on the left of each album entry in the list. Checkboxes are also available in Card View and Images View, just hover your mouse over an album.

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Select all

4 of 20 selected

Edit

Delete

Print to PDF

Export

Cancel

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Then use the blue **Batch Action Bar** and click the **Remove** button.

Remove all albums

1. Click the menu icon top left.
2. Click “**Clear Database**” from the menu.
3. Confirm by clicking “**Yes**”.


3.4. Managing pick lists

With every album you add to your collection, Music Connect stores common information in pick lists. Examples of pick lists include Genre, Format, Location, Owner, etc.

With the Manage Pick List screen you can modify all pick list items. With it you can add, edit, remove and merge pick list items.

How to edit, merge or remove pick list items:

Start by opening “**Manage Pick Lists**” from the menu top left. Now use the **dropdown menu** to choose which pick list you want to work on.

- To **edit** one of the pick list entries, just click on it.
- To **merge** entries, select them with the checkboxes, then click the merge button: 
- To **remove** a pick list item, use the X button.

✿ You can use the **search box** to quickly find a pick list item in the chosen list.

! **Warning:** any change you make to an existing pick list item will **affect all albums** that also use that pick list item.

To **add** a new pick list item, use the Edit Album screen and enter something new for one of the fields.

When do I use the Manage Pick Lists screen?

Below are some example situations to help you understand when you can use this screen to fix issues with certain pick list fields.

Quickly fix bad spelled list items for multiple albums in 1 go:

Example: You may have added a “Country” to an album and also already added that country to many other albums and only find out now that it wasn’t spelled correctly. This may mean you already have tens and tens of albums with the bad spelled country.

The Manage Pick Lists screen can help you sort that out: Use it to find the country in the country list, and edit the entry. Fix the spelling mistake, and when you’re done all albums with that country will now have the new and correct spelling.

Use it to merge duplicate list items or a merge strange spelled formats in your list items:

It can happen that duplicate list items appear in Connect. It could be that we spell a format differently than you have in the past.

Example: If you notice you have a duplicate format (for instance the format: “Blu-ray” and “Blu-ray Disc”), you can merge them using the Manage Pick List screen in the app to 1 single format. Doing this will instantly update all albums that used one of those 2 formats to now show the new one.



Any pick list item that you change will affect all albums that use that value. For instance: you can change the spelling of an “owner” name in Manage Pick Lists, which then instantly modifies all albums in your database that have that same owner name.

3.5. Linking albums to Core

Music Connect is built around our central online database: **Core for Music**. All factual album details and cover images are used and shown directly from *Core for Music*.

This factual album data is not stored per user. Instead, it is stored only once, inside Core for Music then linked to for every CLZ Cloud user that owns that album.

So in order to see full album details and cover images in CLZ Cloud, it is essential that your album entries are linked to the corresponding entries in Core for Music.

Without linking, your album entries will show up as simple Title entries, with just the personal data you may have filled in.

✿ If you use the “Add Albums” popup to add your albums to your collection, your albums will be linked already!

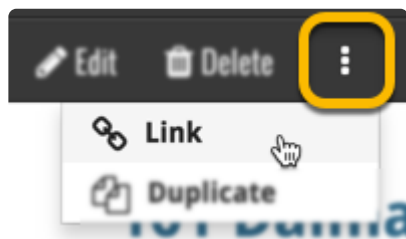
How to link your albums

If you have been using the Add Albums screen to catalog your albums, then most, if not all of your albums will already be linked.

Albums that you’ve added manually can be linked to entries in the central database.

You can also link albums to a specific edition to get specific edition information if you want.

- Click on the album you want to link.
- Click the “**More**” icon and click “**Link**”



- The “**Link Album**” page opens.
- Search for the album and pick the correct result.
- Click the blue “**Link this Album**” button to finish.

✿ Expand a result to see editions if you wish to link to a specific edition of an album.

The advantages of linking and central shared data in Core for Music

Automatic Updates: When our content managers or other users update the album information in *Core for Music* (e.g. to add a better cover image, to improve data, or to fix a typo), you will immediately see those changes in your collection, so your collection always automatically shows the latest version of the data and cover art.

It's fast: Sharing the factual album data means that its retrieval can be optimized (e.g. by caching), resulting in a smooth experience when browsing your collection.

It's efficient: Shared factual album data is only stored once, which means our servers are not clogged by duplicate copies of data and images (that are all the same for every user). This also makes it possible for our systems to make daily backups of your album collection data.

What if an album is not in Core for Music?

If you can't find your album when you try to link it, you can use the Report button at the bottom of the search results to report the missing album to us.

3.6. Clearing your database

Need to start over? You can remove all albums from your database.

Remove all albums

1. Click the menu icon top left.
2. Click “**Clear Database**”.
3. Confirm by clicking “**Yes**”.

3.7. Managing Loans

Do you loan out albums to friends and family? If so, you can use Music Connect to keep track of those loans!

Loaning an album

To loan an album, find and click it in your list, then click the “Loan” button at the top of the page.

Loaning multiple albums in one go

If you’d like to loan a couple of albums to one person in one go, you need to **select the albums you want to loan out** first. To select albums, click the checkboxes on the left of each album entry in the list. Checkboxes are also available in Card View and Images View, just hover your mouse over an album.

The Select Mode is automatically activated as soon as you checkbox the first album, clearly indicated by the blue Batch Action Bar that replace the regular toolbar.

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Now click the menu button (3 vertical dots) on the blue Batch Action Bar and select “**Loan**”. Fill in a person to loan the item to, and the Due Date too. Click “**Loan Comics**” to finish.

Keeping track of your loans

Click the menu top left, and then “**Loan Manager**” where you can see all your loaned out items, and directly return them. Alternatively you can also use CLZ Barry to scan a barcode of an album, find it in your

outstanding loans, and return it.

In the Loan Manager, you can click on a loaned item to modify the loan date, due date, return date, loaner and notes about the loan.

Print current loans to PDF

You can print out all your current loans to a PDF file by clicking the Print to PDF button in the Loan Manager screen. Alternatively, you can select a single loaner from the dropdown menu there, and only print out his/her current loans to a PDF file!

3.8. Multiple collections

Music Connect allows you to have multiple sub-collections within one account. The collections will appear as little tabs at the bottom (e.g. like in Excel), so that you can easily switch between them.

Create and manage collections

You can create a new collection, rename existing collections, remove a collection or change their order (drag and drop) in the Manage Collections screen.

You can find the “**Manage Collections**” screen via the menu top left.

Moving album(s) to other collections

You can freely move one or multiple albums between collections in your database file.

1. **Select the album(s) you wish to move** by clicking checkboxes on the left of each album entry in the list.
2. In the blue selection bar at the top, click on the “more icon” (3 vertical dots) and select **Move to other collection**.
3. Select the collection you wish to move it/them in.

3.9. Find duplicate albums

You can use this tool to find out if you've accidentally added multiple versions of the same album, but perhaps with a different barcode or something else.

Find and remove duplicate albums

1. Click the menu icon top left and click **"Find Duplicates"**.
2. Select which field to find duplicates on using the dropdown menu
3. Click **"Find Duplicates"** to find your duplicates.
4. Now use the blue **"Keep"** button to keep a group of duplicates, or use the red **"Remove"** button to remove a duplicate!

If you click "Remove all duplicates automatically" the program will remove all duplicate entries and will only keep 1 single entry (the oldest one) in your database.



Use the **columns button**, top right, to set up the columns you'd like to see!

3.10. Re-assigning Index Numbers

How Index numbers work

{Music Connect} automatically assigns and increments index numbers. The Index value is assigned when you add an album to the database. The next album you add to your collection will have an index number that is incremented by 1. Each Index number is only used once. When a number is deleted, the next added album will still increment on the highest index number present in your collection.

Example:

- You have #s 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10
- You delete #4
- The next album you add will automatically be #11. #4 will not return.
- If you manually change #11 to #4, the next album you add will be #10, as #9 was the highest in your collection at that point.

Automatically Re-assign Index Numbers

If you automatically want to fill in any gaps that might've appeared over time, you can re-assign index numbers:

1. Open the menu top left and select "Re-Assign Index Values".
2. Now choose which fields you want to sort all items on, and it will assign index numbers based on that sorting.



Automatically re-assigned Index numbers can not be reverted.

4. Browsing your album list

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- [Alphabet bar](#)
- [Using folders](#)
- [Collection vs Wish List](#)
- [Statistics](#)

4.1. List, cards, covers or shelves

Music Connect comes in 4 different views that you can set. List, Cards, Covers and Shelves

To switch to a different view, click the view button on the toolbar:



Try it out!

List View

The list view shows all your albums in a neat list. You can [choose your own columns](#) in this view to select which data columns you want to see in your list.

Card View

The card view shows your albums in cards, with the most important identifying information about the album. Hover your mouse over an album to reveal an edit button to edit it directly.

Cover View

The cover view shows all the front covers of your albums. Hover your mouse over an album to reveal an edit button to edit it directly. Use the slider to control the size of the images.

Shelves View

The shelves view shows all the front covers of your albums on shelves. Hover your mouse over an album to reveal an edit button to edit it directly. Use the slider to control the size of the images on the shelves, and even pick from several different shelf styles!

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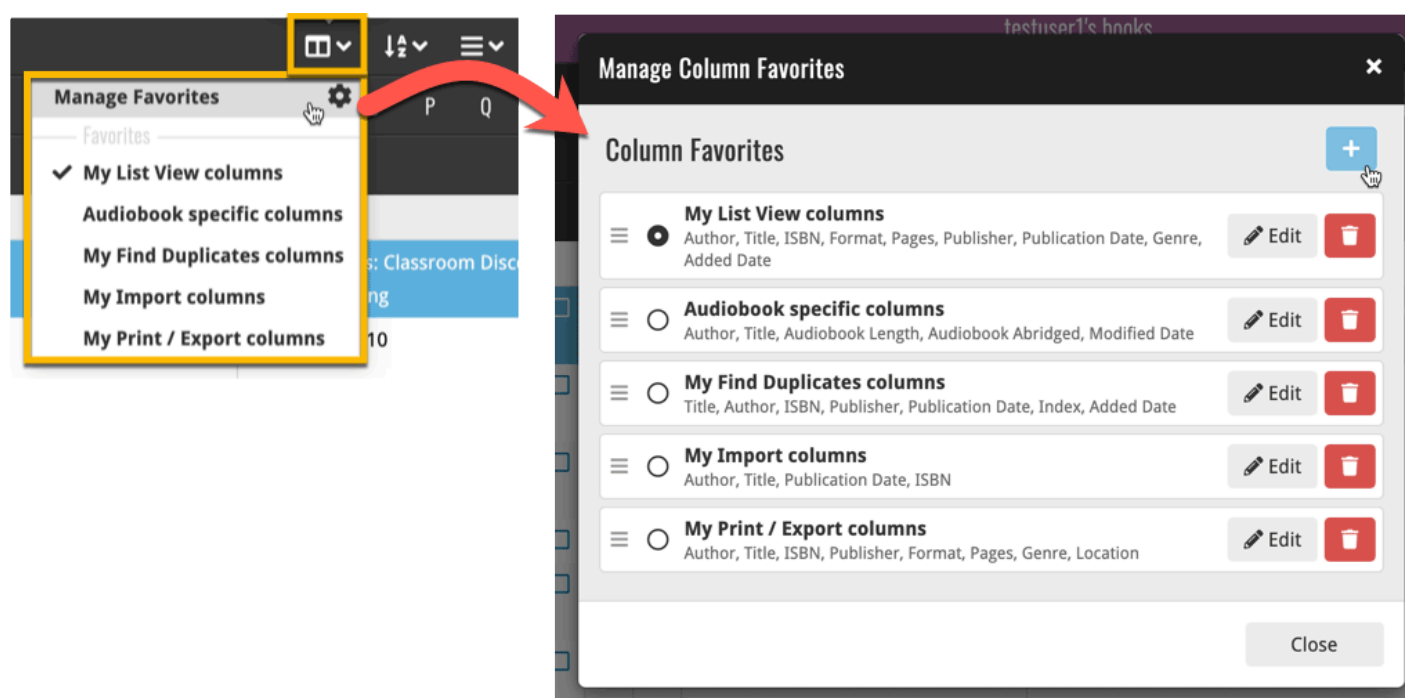
4.2. Choosing columns

While in list view (with rows of albums), you also see columns. You can choose which columns you wish to see, based on which information you find most important per album. Maybe you want to make sure you always have your Location column in view: in that case, choose “Location” as one of your columns. You can also choose in which order the columns should show.

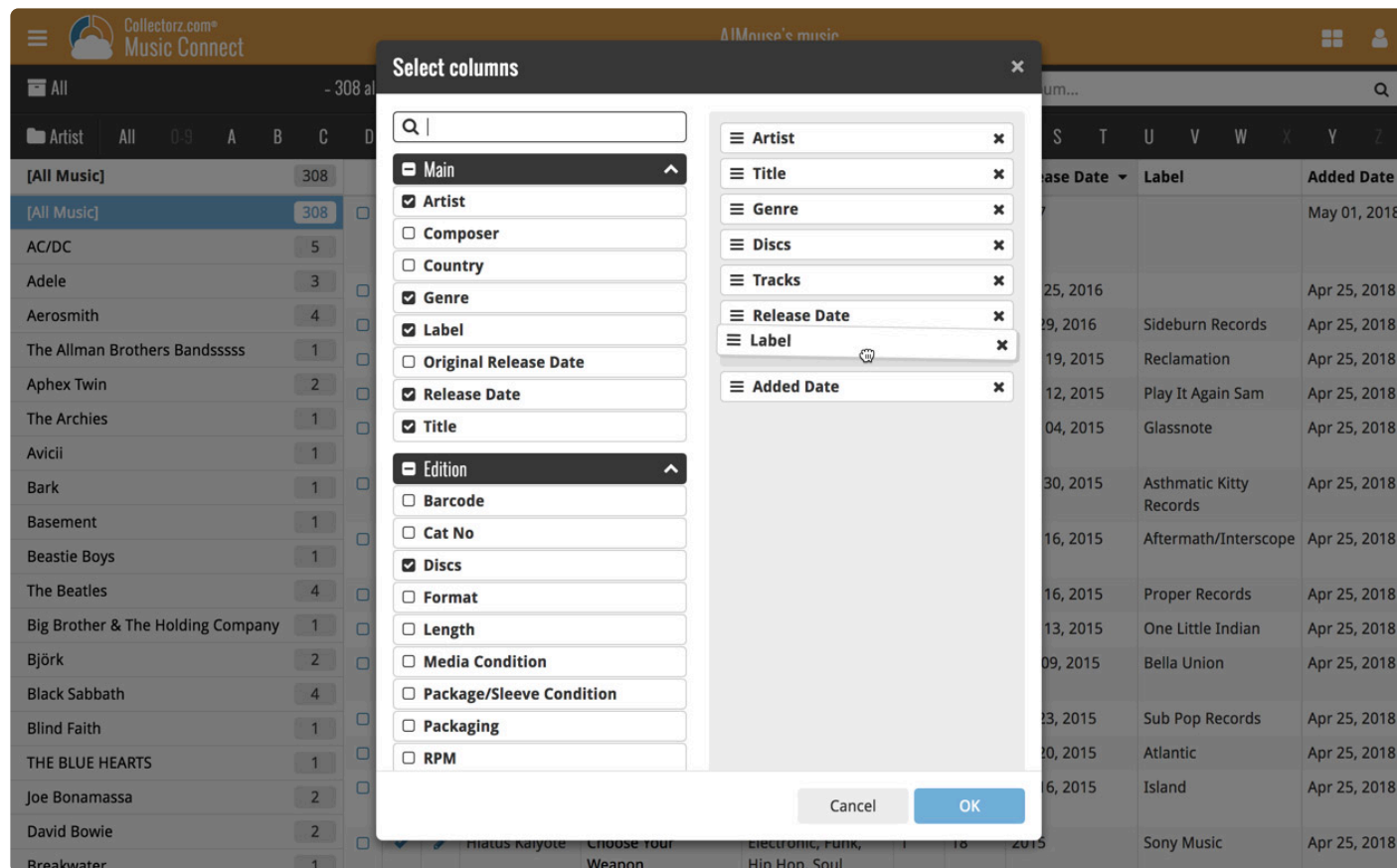
Choosing favorite columns with the column button

While in [list view](#), click the columns button on the toolbar: 

To create and manage your Favorites, choose Manage Favorites:



Select “Edit” to edit a favorite set, or click the “plus” button to add a new column set.



Find the fields you wish to add as columns, and use the checkboxes to select them. Drag them in the order you want them. Click “OK” to save your column selection.

4.3. Sorting your album list


Sorting changes the order in which your albums are displayed. You can sort your albums in various ways. The most basic way to do this is by clicking a column header, but you can also use the sort button and pick a field to sort on.

Sorting by clicking a column header

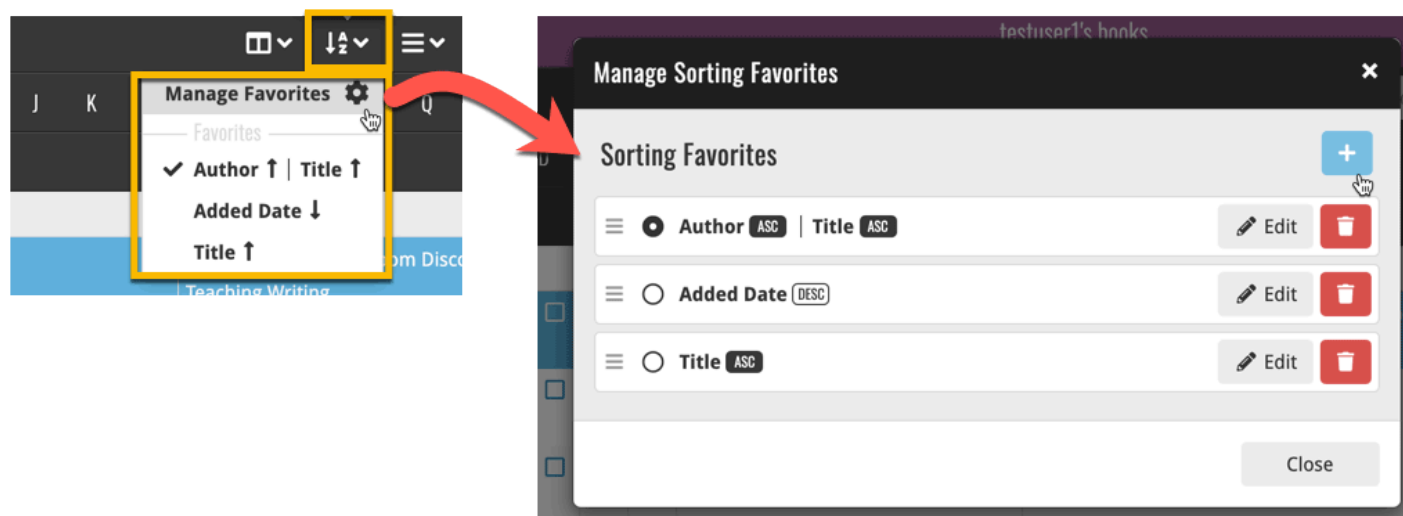
This is the easiest way to change the order of your albums. While in [list view](#), you can click a column header to immediately sort your albums on that field. Click it again to reverse the sort order.

For example, you can click the Year column header to sort your albums by Year:

Sorting using the sort button

Sorting using the sort button gives you some more power to sort your albums. To begin, click the sort button on the toolbar: 

To create and manage your Favorites, choose Manage Favorites:



Select “Edit” to edit a favorite set, or click the “plus” button to add a new sort set.

Find the field you wish to sort on on the left side (you can also use the search box at the top) and use the checkbox to select the field. Then choose if you wish to sort ascending (ASC) or descending (DESC). Click “OK” to save your sort order.

* Say you wish to sort your albums on Artist first, and then on Year, you can checkbox a second field (or even more) in the “Select sort order” screen.

Want to group your items together in folders? Check out how to do that under “[Using folders](#)”.

4.4. Searching

If you're looking for a particular album in your collection, your best bet is usually to use the search box. Typing a few letters in the search box will give you instant suggestions you can click – and quite often gets you to your album fastest, but you can also hit enter on your keyboard to perform a full search on your collection.

Quick Search on your own collection

The quickest way to find the album you're looking for is to use **Quick Search** top right.

You can just type a few letters and select the album you're looking for. We're calling this "*Search-as-you-type*" and you may recognise it from your Add Albums screen.

Extensive search on your own collection

If you wish to perform a deeper search on more fields you can do an extensive search by hitting enter after typing (or click "View all results"). This option searches more fields in your collection and then shows you all found matches.

The extensive search searches the following fields:

For "Albums and Tracks":

- Album Title
- Album Artist
- Track Title
- Track Artist
- Composer
- Barcode
- Year
- Tags
- Notes

For "Albums only":

- Album Title
- Album Artist
- Composer
- Barcode
- Year
- Tags
- Notes

For “Tracks only”:

- Track Title
- Track Artist

Searching folders

The folder panel is a powerful way to browse and filter your collection. Just group by Artist, or Label, etc... click a folder and the list will give you all albums for the selected Artist or Label.

To quickly find a specific folder use the search box right above the folder panel, that lets you instantly search/filter the folder panel as you type! Just typing a few letters is often enough to bring the folder you are looking for into view.

4.5. Alphabet bar

At the top of your screen you will find the alphabet bar with 28 buttons, “All”, “0-9” for numbers and then “A” to “Z”.

You can use the alphabet bar to quickly filter your albums by their first letter.

The screenshot shows the Collectorz.com Music Connect interface. At the top, there's a header with the logo and "demod's music". Below the header, there's a navigation bar with "Select", "All", "- 27 albums -", and "+ Add Albums". The main navigation bar features an "Artist" dropdown and an alphabet bar with buttons for "All", "0-9", and letters "A" through "Z". The "M" button is highlighted. Below the navigation bar, a table lists albums filtered by the letter "M".

[All Music]	27			Artist	Title	Tracks	Length	Release Date
[All Music]	27	✓	✎	Machine Head	The More Things Change...	13	1:03:44	Oct 07, 1996
Machine Head	1	✓	✎	Madness	One Step Beyond	15	39:01	1999
Madness	1	✓	✎	Madonna	Like A Virgin	10	43:20	1984
Madonna	4	✓	✎	Madonna	Who's That Girl	9	39:49	1987
Bob Marley	2	✓	✎	Madonna	Like A Prayer	11	51:09	1989
Massimo Volume	1	✓	✎	Madonna	Ray of Light	13	1:06:52	1998
Mastodon	4	✓	✎	Bob Marley	Natural Mystic	21	1:03:09	1995
James McMurtry	1	✓	✎	Bob Marley	Legend	16	1:12:28	1984
Metallica	4	✓	✎	Massimo Volume	Club Privè	11	47:35	1999
Mike Arkins	1	✓	✎	Mastodon	Crack the Skye	7	50:06	2009

Clicking a letter button immediately filters down your list to show only the albums starting with that letter. So for instance, click the “A” to see all albums beginning with the letter A.

On mobile devices or smaller screens, the alphabet bar can be found under the AZ button at the top.

4.6. Using folders

You can group your albums into folders. You have a couple of presets to choose from, and your albums will automatically be grouped for you based on the information stored inside them.

For example: If you folder group on “Format”, and you have an album with “Vinyl” filled in as its Format, then that album will appear in the “Vinyl” folder.

To try this out yourself, click the **folder icon** top left and pick a field you wish to group your albums on. Now click on a folder to see the albums that are inside.

You’ll also notice you have an “[All Albums]” folder at the top. Click it to see all your albums.

See it in action:

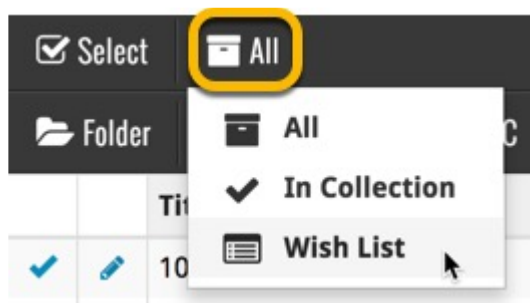
4.7. Collection vs Wish List

Music Connect can be a great help in keeping track of the albums you own or plan to buy. Using the “Collection Status” field for each of your albums you can track if an album is in your collection, or on your wish list.

Viewing Collection or Wish List items

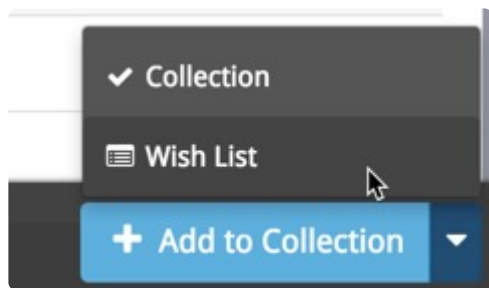
You can filter your albums based on what their collection status is. So you can pick to see all your albums, just the ones that are in collection, or just the ones that are on your wish list.

To do this, use the dropdown on your toolbar and pick your collection status filter:



Adding albums to your Collection or Wish List

While adding albums to your collection you can indicate if you want to add the album to your Collection or to your Wish List:



If you try to add an album that is already on your wish list, Music Connect will ask you if you want to “move” the album to your “Collection”. This changes the collection status for your existing album!

Editing albums to change the “Collection Status” field

To change the collection status of an album you have to edit it: Click the edit pencil for an album to open the Edit Album screen. Change the Collection Status at the bottom of the Edit Album screen.

4.8. Statistics

If you want to find out some statistics on your albums, we've got you covered.

1. Click the menu icon top left.
2. Click "*Statistics*".

Find out your most recent additions and much more there.

5. Importing / exporting

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5.1. Sharing online

If you want, you can share your collection with friends so they can see which albums you have!

Your public CLZ Cloud link

To find out your public Cloud Share link, click the menu icon top left and select “**CLZ Cloud Sharing**”. Copy the link under “**Public Cloud Sharing**” and send it to your friends!

You will find the **Share** button on album details pages too so you can share a album details page directly with a friend.

Privacy

You can change your CLZ Cloud data visibility in the settings screen to hide your collection partially or completely from the outside world if you want.

To do this, click the menu icon top left and select “**CLZ Cloud Sharing**”.

Your CLZ Cloud Visibility options:

You will find 3 options under CLZ Cloud visibility, here's what they mean:

Private	Nothing shown to anyone , only visible when you're logged in.
Partial	Visible to everyone with your CLZ Cloud link, but no personal fields shown.
Public	Visible to everyone with your CLZ Cloud link, including personal fields shown.

Private Cloud Sharing

When you set your Cloud data visibility to **Private**, you can still share it with a **secret URL**.

Under “Private Cloud Sharing”, use the Generate button to set up a a secret URL to share your private cloud data with someone. If you generate a new URL, the previous one will be replaced. Press the **X** to disable sharing via a private URL completely.

5.2. Printing to a PDF file

You can download your entire album collection or just part of your collection to a PDF file. The Print to PDF screen offers a wide variety of options to customize your PDF file completely.

For example, you can if you want, export only a selection of your albums (for instance, just your wish list), and only export the Title and Genre fields for each album and in your preferred set sort order too. Want to include an image? That's possible too!

Print a list of all your albums to a PDF file

Click the menu icon top left and click **"Print to PDF"** to enter the PDF screen. You can now set up your document at the top with all the optional settings. Give your list a name too!

Now use the **"Add Columns"** button to **select which fields** you wish to print to the PDF. Don't pick too many, you may not be able to fit everything on one page.

Also, use the **"Add sort fields"** button to **select which fields** you wish to sort on. This decides the order in which the albums are listed.

Finally, use **"Generate PDF File"** at the bottom to create your PDF file.

Print a selection of your albums to a PDF file

Maybe you just want to print out a small selection of your albums to PDF. Maybe just your albums with their format set to "Vinyl". In that case, you need to make a selection of albums first and then go to the Print to PDF screen.

To begin, you need to **select the albums you want to send to the PDF file**. To select albums, click the checkboxes on the left of each album entry in the list. Checkboxes are also available in Card View and Images View, just hover your mouse over an album.

The Select Mode is automatically activated as soon as you checkbox the first album, clearly indicated by the blue Batch Action Bar that replace the regular toolbar.

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Select all

4 of 20 selected

Edit

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Print to PDF

Export

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Metallica	20				Artist	Title	Format	Label	Added Date
Megadeth	8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Metallica	S&M	CD	Vertigo	Sep 24, 2017
Mercyful Fate	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Metallica	Ride the lightning	CD	Music for Nations	Sep 24, 2017
Metallica	20	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Metallica	Garage Inc.	CD		Sep 24, 2017
Bette Midler	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Metallica	Load	CD	Vertigo	Sep 24, 2017
Mindfunk	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Metallica	Reload	CD		Sep 24, 2017
Ministry	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Metallica	...And justice for all	CD	Vertigo	Sep 24, 2017
Moby	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Metallica	Metallica (the black album)	CD	Vertigo	Sep 24, 2017
Moloko	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Metallica	Master of puppets	CD	Music for Nations	Sep 24, 2017
Marilyn Monroe	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Metallica	Kill 'em all	CD	Music for Nations	Sep 24, 2017
Monster Magnet	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Metallica	Creeping death / Jump in the fire	CD	Music for Nations	Sep 24, 2017
Montezuma's Revenge	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Metallica	One	CD single	CBS Records	Sep 24, 2017
Morcheeba	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Metallica	The \$5.98 E.P. garage days re-revisited	CD	Phonogram	Sep 24, 2017
Motörhead	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Metallica	One	CD single	Vertigo	Sep 24, 2017
Muse	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Metallica	Enter sandman	CD single	Vertigo	Sep 24, 2017

Now click **“Print to PDF”** in the blue Batch Action Bar to enter the PDF settings screen.

Set up your document with the columns and sorting options you wish to use and finally use the **“Generate PDF File”** at the bottom to create your PDF file with just the selection of albums you made.



While in “Select Mode”, you can use shift clicking to select ranges of albums, or the **Select All** button top left to select all albums in your current list.

5.3. Importing a text file

If you have an existing list of albums in text (.txt) or comma separated values (.csv) format, you can import it using the “**Import from Text / CSV File**” feature in Music Connect.

If you have a different kind of program for your album collection right now, see if you can export to CSV or a TXT file from it.

✿ It is important that you match your text file to the fields **we have**. You do this **in step 5** where you **select the fields to import**.

Import from Text / CSV file

1. Click the menu icon top left and click “**Import Data**” to enter the import screen.
2. Click “**Import from Text / CSV File**”.
3. Upload your Text / CSV file.
4. Change the data format settings so it looks correct under the preview.
5. Under “Select your Column fields” pick the fields to **match** your fields! Note that you can also skip fields.
6. Click “**Import albums**” to run the import.

Import problems?

If you’re having troubles with this, make sure you re-check **step 5** to make sure all columns you’re importing **match a field** that we provide.

If you can not match a field to one we have, you can decide to add that column of information to the notes of each album or just skip that column altogether.

5.4. Exporting to a text file

You can export your **entire** album collection or just **part of** your collection to a TXT file. The export to text screen offers a wide variety of options to customize your exported list completely.

For example, you can if you want, export only a selection of your albums (for instance, just your wish list), and only export the Title and Genre fields for each album and in your preferred set sort order too.

Print a list of all your albums to a TXT file

Click the menu icon top left and click “**Export to Text File**” to enter the export screen. You can now set up your document at the top with all the optional settings.

Now use the “**Add Columns**” button to **select which fields** you wish to print to the PDF. Don’t pick too many, you may not be able to fit everything on one page.

Also use the “**Add sort fields**” button to **select which fields** you wish to sort on. This decides the order in which the albums are listed.

Finally, use “**Generate file**” at the bottom to create your text file.

Export a selection of your albums to a TXT file

Maybe you just want to print out a small selection of your albums to a text file. Maybe just your albums with their format set to “Vinyl”. In that case, you need to make a selection of albums first and then go to the Export to Text File screen.

To begin, you need to **select the albums you want to send to the text file**. To select albums, click the checkboxes on the left of each album entry in the list. Checkboxes are also available in Card View and Images View, just hover your mouse over an album.

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Metallica

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Creeping death / Jump in the fire

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Music for Nations

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Now click **“Export”** in the blue Batch Action Bar to enter the PDF settings screen.

Set up your document with the columns and sorting options you wish to use and finally use the **“Generate file”** at the bottom to create your text file with just the selection of albums you made.

✿ While in “Select Mode”, you can use shift clicking to select ranges of albums, or the **Select All** button top left to select all albums in your current list.

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5.5. Creating a local backup

We always back up your data on our own servers, every day, but if you want you can generate your own backup, download it and save it on your own computer or thumbdrive.

Creating a local backup

1. Click the menu button top left and click “**Backup / Restore**”.
2. Click the blue “**Create Backup File**” button to generate your backup file.
This can take a while depending on how many albums you have.
3. When finished, click the “**Download Backup**” button to download your backup file as a ZIP.

Keep it safe on your computer or a thumbdrive. The ZIP file you now have is exactly what you need should you ever want to **restore a backup**.

Restoring a backup

If you ever need to restore a backup you previously downloaded you can do so via the same screen:

1. Click the menu button top left and click “**Backup / Restore**”.
2. Click “**Upload Backup**” and choose a previously downloaded backup file to upload.
3. Once the upload has finished, click the blue “**Restore Backup File**” button to restore everything.



Restoring a backup will replace your entire album collection with your backup. This can not be undone.

5.6. Trade-In Offer for Music Collector users

Are you currently using our Music Collector desktop software for Windows or macOS? Then please consider switching to the Music Connect web-based software.

Currently, Music Connect is our recommended and most popular music database solution. Full-featured but easier to use and easier to manage, that is, compared to your current desktop software.

Trade-in offer:

Switch to Connect and get 4 months free!

To help you decide, we have a sweet deal for you:

If you switch to Music Connect now, we will trade-in your remaining Music Collector subscription days and will transfer them to the Connect edition, plus we will add 4 extra months for FREE!

Of course, your existing data will be preserved, all you need to do is make sure your CLZ Cloud is up-to-date (in Music Collector, just use Sync with CLZ Cloud one more time). All your data will then be instantly available in Music Connect!

Ready to make the switch? Here's how to:

- First, make sure your CLZ Cloud is up-to-date.
Start Music Collector, then from the CLZ Cloud menu, choose Synchronize.
- Then, login to your account at my.clz.com.
- Finally in the Music Collector box, under "Trade-in offer",
click the button that says "Switch me over!" and follow instructions.

Try Music Connect free for 7 days

Of course, you can try Music Connect first. Here's how:

- First, make sure your CLZ Cloud is up-to-date.
In Music Collector, just Sync with CLZ Cloud.
- Now [login to Music Connect here](#) with your existing CLZ Account.
This will automatically start your 7-day free trial.

What exactly is Music Connect?

Music Connect is an alternative to the Music Collector software, for use on computers. Whereas your current Music Collector is downloadable software that you install on your own PC or Mac, Music Connect is fully web-based, with the software running on our servers and your data stored in the CLZ Cloud.

Connect has been around since 2009 and offers all the features and customization options you need to manage your music collection.

To use the Music Connect software, you just login to the Connect website with your web-browser, from any computer. No need to install software on your computer, no need to ever update software anymore, no need to manage database files, images files, backups, etc.. We manage it all for you.

Of course Music Connect offers everything you need to manage your music collection:

- Add albums by artist and title, by scanning barcodes or by Catalog Number.
- Edit albums to customize details and cover images (front/back) or to add personal info.
- **Available fields in the Edit screen:**
Artist, Title, Sort Title, Format, Barcode, Cat No, Release Date, Original Release Date, Label, Recording Date, Composer, Genres, Collection Status, Index, Quantity, Location, Packaging, Package/Sleeve Condition, Media Condition, Vinyl Color, Vinyl Weight, RPM, Studio, Country, Live (yes/no), Sound (stereo/mono/etc), Extras, Conductor, Orchestras, Purchase Date, Purchase Store, Purchase Price, Current Value, Owner, Tags, Rating, Notes, Front Cover, Back Cover, Track lists per Disc (for each track: Position, Title, Artist, Length)
- Edit multiple albums in one go, for making changes to many albums quickly.
- Manage multiple sub-collections as tabs at the bottom.
- Image View, Card View, customizable List View columns, multi-field sorting, etc...
- Choose from multiple Skins and Templates
- Group albums into folders (inc multi-level) in the folder panel, by Artist, Label, Genre, etc..
- Sync your music database with the CLZ Music mobile app.
- Print lists using the fully customizable Print to PDF tool.
- Also: Manage Pick Lists, Loan Manager, Statistics, Find Duplicates, CSV Export/Import, Backup/Restore, Field Defaults, etc..

Music Connect pricing

The price of Music Connect is either US \$2.95 per month or US \$29.95 per year, the same as your Music Collector software. Note that Music Connect is subscription software, so you always need an active subscription to use it.

Why switch to Music Connect?

These are the main advantages of Music Connect (compared to the Music Collector desktop software):

1. **Easier to manage:**
No need to install or update software on your own computer, no need to deal with database files, image files, settings files or backup files. The software and data is on our servers, we manage and update it for you, we even make daily backups of your data.
2. **Easier to use:**
The Connect user interface is slick and modern, designed to be as clear and easy-to-use as possible, while still providing all the power of the desktop software.
[Click here for lots of Music Connect screen shots.](#)
3. **No more problems with Windows/macOS configurations and 3rd party software:**

Connect is basically “just” a website you go to with your browser, so no more problems with file and folder permissions or OS updates, no more conflicts with 3rd party products like firewall programs, security software, virus scanners, cloud storage tools (Dropbox, SkyDrive, etc...).

4. **Fast and smooth:**

Connect is a more lightweight solution, that runs fast and smooth on any computer, even with very large music databases. All you need is a reasonably fast internet connection.

5. **Use on multiple computers:**

Work on your database from any online computer or mobile device. No need to install software, no need to sync your data back and forth. Just login and instantly work on your up-to-date CLZ Cloud data.

Got a new computer? No need to transfer software and data, just login and go!

8 signs that Connect would be a better solution for you

Do you recognize yourself in these statements?

1. You think of yourself as “not very computer literate”.
2. You dread running updates, for fear of losing data or running into problems.
3. You have indeed lost data or images in the past.
4. You have indeed have run into conflicts with your firewall or security software.
5. You have database files, image files and backup files scattered all over your computer.
6. The name of your database file is “Backup of Backup of Backup of mycollection ...”.
7. You’re using Music Collector on multiple computers and sync between them.
8. You are using (or would like to use) Music Collector on Windows AND macOS.

However, Music Connect is not going to work for you if you

- need to catalog and link to music files on your local computer.
- need to add CDs by CD-ID, that is by inserting them into your computer (consider adding by barcode)
- need to entering extensive track level details other than Artist/Title/Length.
- need to list Credits and Musicians on the Edit screen’s People tab.
- need User Defined Fields (consider using Notes and Tags)

Why do we like to see you switch?

Given the great trade-in deal we are offering you, it is probably clear that we would like to see most users to switch to Connect. Here’s why:

1. **Fewer problems, fewer support questions:**

Connect being web-based means it is way less prone to computer or configuration specific problems, which means fewer support questions. Giving us more time to work on the software!

2. **Easier to help you:**

And even if you do run into a problem, it is much easier for us to help you, as we can login to your account and see what you see. We can even fix data problems for you, remotely.

3. **All users are always on the latest version:**

So when dealing with support questions there's no confusion about software versions, no problem reports about bugs that have already been fixed.

4. **Quick bug fixes without releasing new software:**

In case of problems or bugs, we can easily and quickly fix bugs, without having to release new builds, without users having to download updates.

5. **Development is faster and easier:**

In general, web-based development is faster, easier and gives us complete flexibility to design the user interface **exactly** as we like it to be, without the constraints of Windows or macOS or PC/Mac development tools.

Common questions about Connect

- **Q: Can I still use my CLZ Music mobile app with Connect?**

A: Yes definitely, nothing changes there. Music Connect is only a replacement for your Music Collector desktop software. You can keep using CLZ Music as you always did, syncing it with the CLZ Cloud.

- **Q: Does using Music Connect mean I need to be online to access my music list?**

A: Yes, that is correct. Music Connect is basically a website that you to log in to, so you need a stable and reasonable fast internet connection to use it.

- **Q: If I switch to Music Connect, what happens if my subscription expires?**

A: Connect is actual subscription software, so you always need an active subscription to use it. If your subscription expires, you won't be able to add or edit albums anymore.

Don't worry, your data will not be deleted, we will keep your data in the CLZ Cloud, you can still see it, browse it, export it, make a local backup, etc...

- **Q: With Music Connect, can I still make local backups of my data?**

A: Sure you can. You can make local backups with the Backup feature, or export you data to a CSV for XML file.

- **Q: Do you offer the same Trade-In offer for all Collector desktop programs?**

A: Yes, definitely, the same Trade-In offer holds for all your Collector programs. In fact, if you are gonna switch, I recommend switching for all of them in one go!

- **Q: What if I am already subscribed to Music Connect?**

A: In that case, the Trade-In offer is still applicable. We can still transfer your remaining Music Collector subscription days to Connect, so that you can switch to using Music Connect ONLY and save some money.

Still got questions or concerns? Just contact us!

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns about Music Connect, [contact us here](#) and we will get back to

you ASAP.

5.7. Getting started for Music Collector users

Music Connect is full featured and fully customizable music database software, with a user interface that has been designed to be clean, intuitive and super easy-to-use.

However, the user interface **is** different from the Music Collector desktop software, so if you are switching from Music Collector to Music Connect, the web-based user interface may take some getting used to. Also, in Music Collector you probably customized the look and layout of the program, so you will have to invest a few minutes to do the same customization here.

This page will help you

- Find your way in Music Connect's user interface
- Customize the look and layout the way you want it

Screen overview

Here's an overview of the Music Connect main screen.

The most important thing to know here: the program's menu is under the menu icon top left (with the 3 horizontal lines).

The screenshot shows the Music Connect web application interface. Red callouts highlight key features:

- Menu:** A hamburger menu icon in the top left corner.
- Add albums:** A button labeled '+ Add Albums' in the top left toolbar.
- Search albums:** A search bar in the top right with the placeholder text 'Search albums...'.
- Collection Status filter:** A dropdown menu on the left side of the album list, currently set to 'All'.
- Edit album:** An 'Edit' button (pencil icon) located below the album list, specifically for the album 'Fetch The Bolt Cutters' by Fiona Apple.

The main content area displays a table of albums with columns: Artist, Title, Genre, Format, and Release Year. The album 'Fetch The Bolt Cutters' by Fiona Apple is highlighted. Below the table, a detailed view of this album is shown, including the cover art, release information (Epic 2020, Alternative Rock, Rock), a checkmark and '#293' rating, a star rating of '0', a barcode (4547366460551), and a tracklist for Disc #1.

Artist	Title	Genre	Format	Release Year
Fiona Apple	Fetch The Bolt Cutters	Alternative Rock, Rock	CD	2020
Alan Jackson	Let It Be Christmas	Folk, World, & Country, Pop	Vinyl	2017
White Denim	Stiff	Progressive Rock	CD	2016
Bark	Voice Of Dog	Metal	CD	2016
Alan Jackson	Let It Be Christmas	Alternative Rock, Pop Punk, Punk, Rock	File	2016
The Allman Brothers Band	...	Pop, Rock	CD	2015
Aphex Twin	...	Pop, Rock	CD	2015
The Archies	...	Metal	CD	2015

Fiona Apple
Fetch The Bolt Cutters
 Epic (2020)
 Alternative Rock, Rock
 #293 ★ 0
 4547366460551
 CD | 1 Disc | 13 Tracks | 51:53
 CATNR. SICP-6338

Disc #1

Track	Title	Duration
1	I Want You To Love Me	3:59
2	Shameika	4:09
3	FTBC	4:58

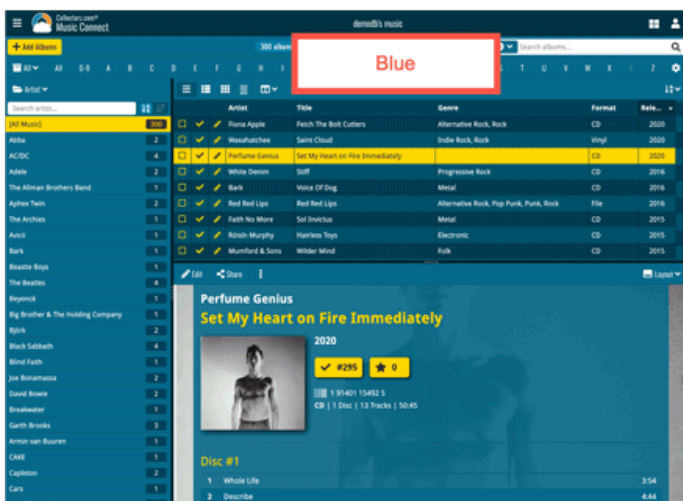
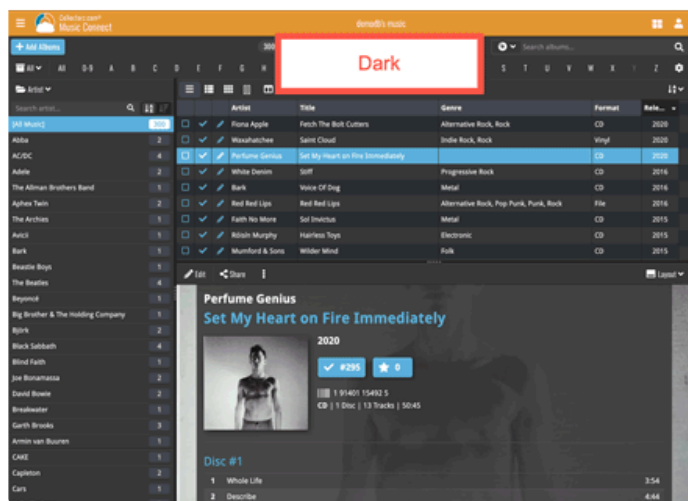
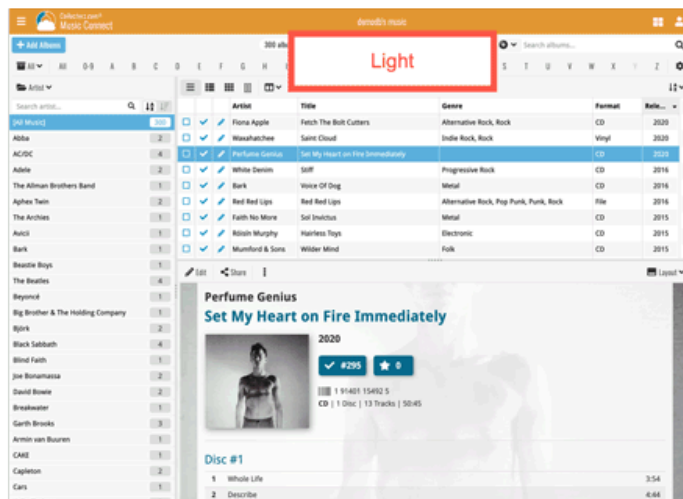
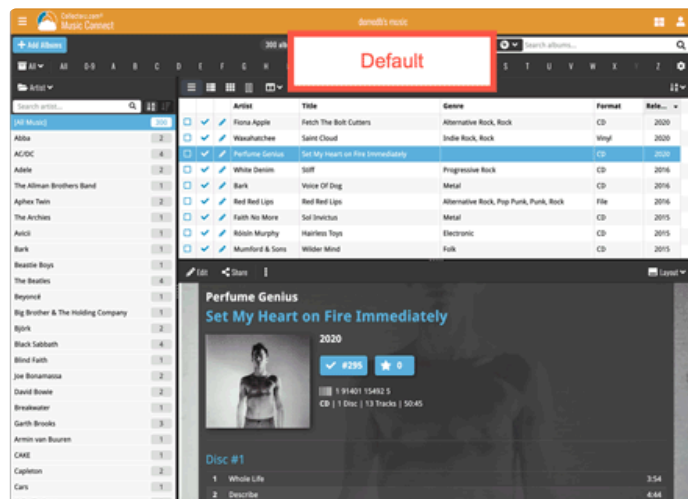
Customizing the Look and Layout

Of course, the look and layout of Music Connect is fully customizable.

Open the menu and choose Settings, then take some time to set it up the way you want.

Choose from 4 different skins

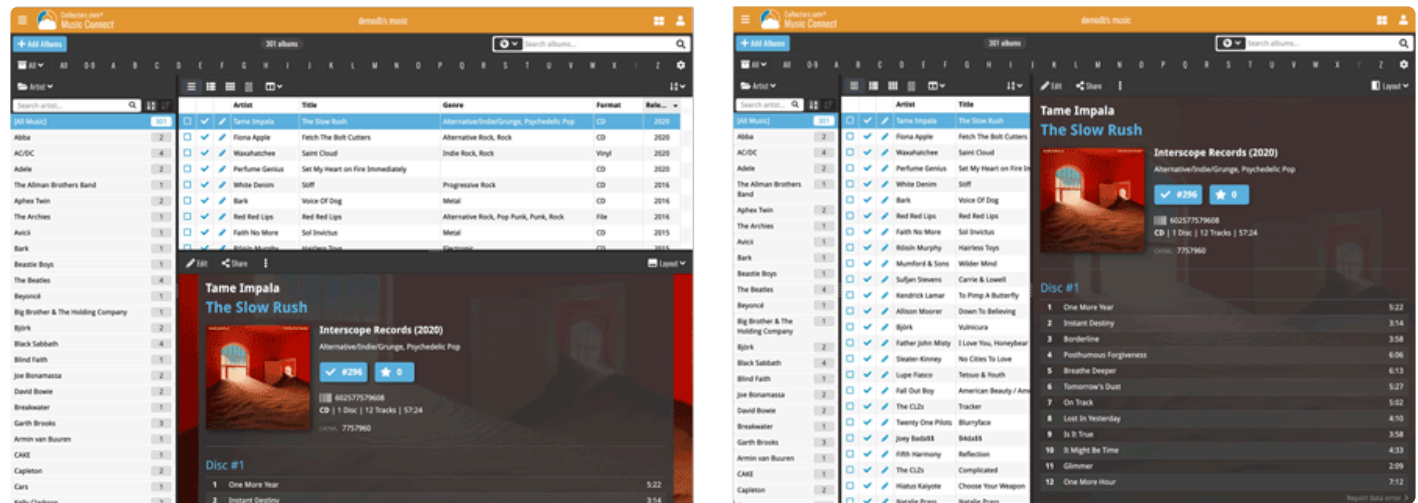
Four different Skins are available. Light, Dark, Blue and Default (basically Light content with Dark toolbars).



Layout: Vertical or Horizontal Split

You can choose between two different layouts for the main screen, which differ in the way the right side of the screen is split between the album list and the details panel that show the details of the selected album: above each other (Horizontal Split) or side-by-side (Vertical Split).

Switch between layouts using the Layout icon on the far right of the toolbar above the album details (or just use the Settings screen).

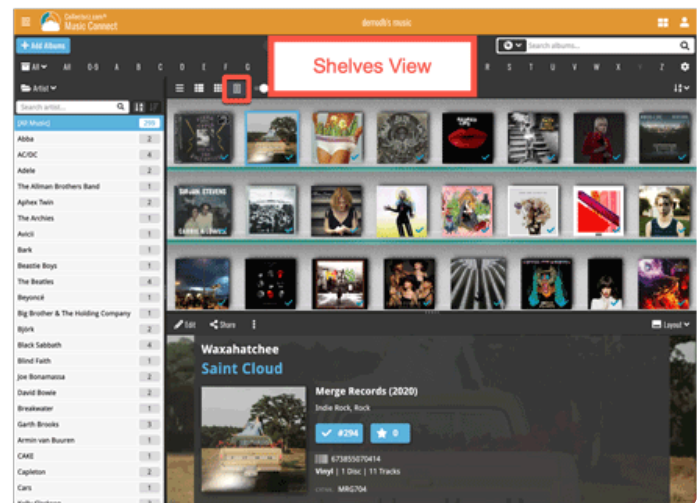
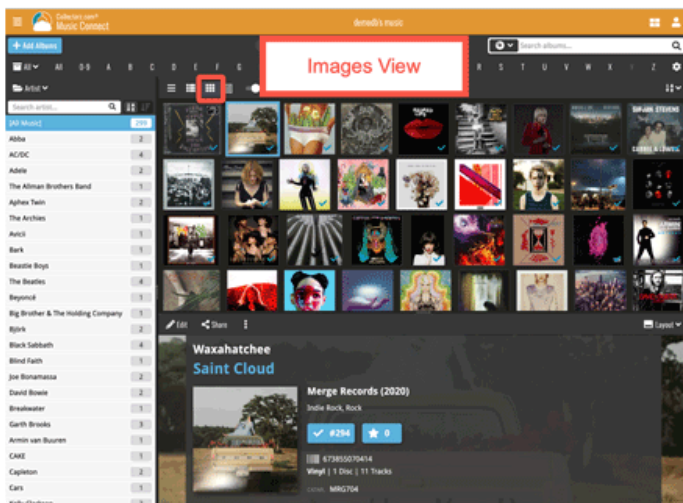
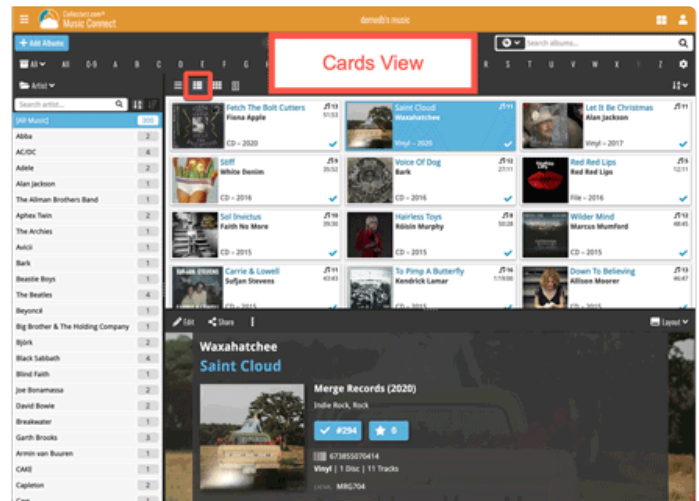
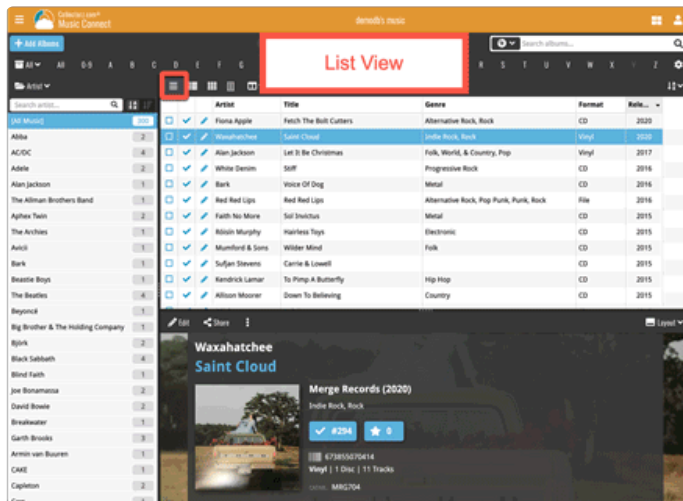


Album list: List, Cards, Images or Shelves

Similar to the desktop software, Music Connect also offers 4 different ways to display your albums. As a List, as little info Cards, as just Cover images or a nice Shelves. Switch between these views using the first 4 icons on the toolbar right above the album list.

Tips:

- In Covers and Shelves view: use the slider above the album list to change the size of the images
- The style selector above the Shelves view lets you choose between 6 different shelf styles (Wood Light, Wood Dark, Glass, Metal, Carbon and White)



Choosing Columns, Sort Order and Folder options

Music Connect is fully flexible in the way you show and navigate your music database.

- use the Columns button to select which fields are shown in the album list, in List View
- click a column's name in the header row to sort on that column, click again to reverse the sort order
- or use the Sort button on the far right to set up your own Sorting favorites, with single or multi-field sort orders
- use the Folder button on the far left to select which field to use for the folder panel on the left. By default, the panel shows Artist folders, but you can of course choose any field, e.g. Genre, Label, Release Year, etc... or you can even create multi-level folder favorites!

Group into folders

Columns

Sorting

Artist	Title	Genre	Format	Release Year
Lady Gaga	Chromatica	Pop, Pop / Rock	CD	2020
Tame Impala	The Slow Rush	Alternative/Indie/Grunge, Psychedelic Pop	CD	2020
Fiona Apple	Fetch The Bolt Cutters	Alternative Rock, Rock	CD	2020
Waxahatchee	Saint Cloud	Indie Rock, Rock	Vinyl	2020
Perfume Genius	Set My Heart on Fire Immediately		CD	2020
White Denim	Stiff	Progressive Rock	CD	2016
Bark	Voice Of Dog	Metal	CD	2016
Red Red Lips	Red Red Lips	Alternative Rock, Pop Punk, Punk, Rock	File	2016

Lady Gaga Chromatica
Interscope Records (2020)
Pop, Pop / Rock
#297 0
602508854064
CD | 1 Disc | 16 Tracks | 42:59
CATNR. 00602508854064

Disc #1

Track	Title	Duration
1	Chromatica I	1:00
2	Alice	2:57

Adding and Editing Albums

In your desktop software, you are used to all features being on the main toolbar. In Music Connect however, we aimed to keep the main toolbar clean and simple, showing just a big blue button for the main and most important feature, Add Albums.

The Edit button (and other actions you can do on the selected album, like Remove, Share, Link, Submit, etc..) are available on the other toolbar lower down, right above the details of the selected album (makes sense, right?).

The screenshot shows the Music Connect interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Collectorz.com Music Connect' and 'demod's music'. Below this is a search bar and a list of albums. A red callout points to the '+ Add Albums' button. Another red callout points to the 'Edit album' button, which is located next to the album 'The New Abnormal' by The Strokes. The album details are shown on the right, including the cover art, title, artist, genre, format, and release year.

Artist	Title	Genre	Format	Release Year
Lady Gaga	Chromatica	Pop, Pop / Rock	CD	2020
Tame Impala	The Slow Rush	Alternative/Indie/Grunge, Psychedelic Pop	CD	2020
Fiona Apple	Fetch The Bolt Cutters	Alternative Rock, Rock	CD	2020
Waxahatchee	Saint Cloud	Indie Rock, Rock	Vinyl	2020
Set My Heart on Fire Immediately			CD	2020
The New Abnormal		Rock	Vinyl	2020
White Denim	Stiff	Progressive Rock	CD	2016
Bark	Voice Of Dog	Metal	CD	2016

The Strokes
The New Abnormal
 RCA (2020)
 Rock
 #298
 0
 194397058819
 Vinyl | 1 Disc | 9 Tracks
 CATNR. 19439-70588-1

Disc #1

- The Adults Are Talking
- Selfless

Adding Albums

All different ways to Add Albums are available in Music Connect too, by Artist/Title, by Barcode, by Catalog Number. In the Add Albums screen, use the tabs at the top to choose between them.

To add albums manually, use the Add Manually link at the top right.

Add Albums close ✕

Search by Artist & Title Barcode # Catalog Nr Add Manually >

6 Results All

Album	Artist	Year	Format	Tracks
Inner Song	Kelly Lee Owens	2020	Vinyl	11
Inner Song	Kelly Lee Owens	2020	File	10
Inner Song	Kelly Lee Owens	2020	Vinyl	10
Inner Song	Kelly Lee Owens	2020	CD	10
Inner Song	Kelly Lee Owens	2020	Vinyl	10
Inner Song	Kelly Lee Owens	2020	CD	10

Not found?
Add album manually. >

Kelly Lee Owens
Inner Song
Smalltown Supersound (2020)
Electronic, Techno, Ambient, Experimental
7072822372200
Vinyl | 2 Discs | 11 Tracks
CATNR. STS372

Disc 1

- Arpeggi
- On
- Melt!
- Re-Wild
- Jeanette
- L.I.N.E.
- Corner Of My Sky

Disc 2

- Night
- Flow
- Wake-Up
- Untitled

+ Add to Collection

Editing Albums

Yes, you can edit your album details in Music Connect too :-)

Use the tabs at the top of the Edit screen to find all editable fields.

Edit - The New Abnormal

Main | Details | Tracks | Personal | Cover

Title
The New Abnormal

Sort Title
New Abnormal

Artists
The Strokes

Release Date
2020 / MM / DD

Original Release Date
YYYY / MM / DD

Label
RCA

Recording Date
YYYY / MM / DD

Format
Vinyl

Barcode
194397058819

Composers

Genres
Rock

Cat. No.
19439-70588-1

Collection Status
In Collection

Index
298

Quantity
1

Location
Shelf 8

< Previous | Next > | Cancel | OK

Format	Release Date
CD	2020
CD	2020
CD	2020
Vinyl	2020
CD	2020
CD	2016
CD	2016

Disc #1

- The Adults Are Talking
- Selfless

About User Defined fields:

Music Connect does not have User Defined Fields. We recommend using Tags or Notes instead.

6. Settings

- [Default values for fields](#)
- [CLZ Cloud viewer](#)
- [Account settings](#)

6.1. Pre-fill Settings

The Pre-fill settings screen in Music Connect allows you to assign default values to pre-fill fields for albums when adding them to your collection.

For example, If you're adding lots of albums purchased from Amazon, you can define the **Purchase Store** using the Pre-fill settings. Each album you add will then be assigned that store.

Setting Pre-fill fields

1. Click the menu icon top left and select “**Pre-fill Settings**”
2. Here you can define default values for albums you're going to add next.

6.2. CLZ Cloud viewer

If you want, you can share your collection with friends so they can see which albums you have! All you need is your **public Cloud Share link**.

Your public CLZ Cloud link

To find out your public Cloud Share link, click the menu icon top left and select “**CLZ Cloud Sharing**”. Copy the link under “**Public Cloud Sharing**” and send it to your friends!

You will find the **Share** button on album details pages too so you can share a album details page directly with a friend.

You can set up some [privacy options](#) too if you want.

6.3. Account settings

In your Account settings you can modify your username, email, password and much more.

To **open the Account settings** screen:

1. Click the “*Person*” icon top right.
2. Click “*My Account*”.

In here you’ll have all kinds of settings you can modify:

My Collectorz.com Account:

Use the buttons at the top to change your **username, email or password**.

Settings:

Link CLZ Barry:

Fill in your Barry ID to enable barcode scanning with the free barcode scanning app [CLZ Barry](#) .

Social Media:

Connect your [Twitter and/or Facebook account](#).

My Subscriptions:

Check out all details about **your current subscription(s) to Connect**. Click “View Subscription” to see more information or extend your subscription.

7. Frequently Asked Questions

7.1. Where did my Add and Edit buttons go?

Maybe you are logged in to the CLZ Cloud site, at cloud.collectorz.com ?

That is the **read-only site** for viewing your CLZ Cloud. It has no add or edit functionality.

If you want to use the **Music Connect software**, make sure you login to Music Connect at:

<https://connect.collectorz.com/music>

Once you are logged in to Music Connect, here's where to find the Add and Edit buttons:

The screenshot shows the Music Connect interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the Collectorz.com logo and 'Music Connect' text. Below this, there's a search bar and a list of albums. The 'Add Albums' button is highlighted with a red arrow. The 'Edit' button is also highlighted with a red arrow. The interface shows a list of albums with columns for Artist, Title, Release Date, Discs, Tracks, Length, Genre, and Label. The album 'Aerosmith - Toys In The Attic' is selected, and its details are shown below the list.

Artist	Title	Release Date	Discs	Tracks	Length	Genre	Label
Adele	Adele 21	Jan 24, 2011	1	13	54:42	Jazz, Soul	XL Reco
Aerosmith	Big Ones	1994	1	16	1:18:24	Arena Rock, Hard Rock, Rock	Geffen I
Aerosmith	Get A Grip	1993	1	15	1:05:30		Geffen I
Aerosmith	Toys In The Attic	1993	17	25	37:08		Columb
Aerosmith	X&Y	2005	1	13	1:02:00		Capitol
Alan Jackson	Let It Be Christmas	2017	1	11		Folk, World, & Country, Pop	EMI Rec
The Allman Brothers Band	Eat A Peach	1972	2	14	1:10:18	Blues	Mobile I
Aphex Twin	Drukqs	Oct 22, 2001	1	15	51:50	Dance, Electronic	Warp Re
Aphex Twin	I Care Because You Do	Apr 25, 1995	1	12	1:03:49	Electronic	Sire
The Archies2	Everything's Archie	1969	1	12	30:10		Calenda

Aerosmith - Toys In The Attic
Columbia (1993)
✓ #13 ★ 9
0123494398745 | USA
CD | 17 Discs | 25 Tracks | 37:08
CATNR. 625 010

Disc #1 Disc #2

7.2. My artists are not sorted correctly?

If you find that your artist list is not sorted correctly, that is most likely to be caused by incorrect artist **sort names**.

The easiest way to check and correct artist sort names is through the Manage Pick Lists screen. To open that screen, click the menu icon top right, then choose Manage Pick Lists.

At the top left of the screen, choose “Artist list”. That will show you your complete Artist list, with Display names (at the top, in black) and their Sort Names (at the bottom, in grey).

Now click the pencil icon on the right to edit an artist entry.

Make sure the Display Name is in “FirstName LastName” format, like “Bryan Adams”, and the Sort Name in “LastName, FirstName” format, like “Adams, Bryan”.

The screenshot shows the 'Manage Pick Lists' interface in the Music Connect app. At the top, there's a header with the Collectorz.com logo, the user's name 'Alwin's music', and a menu icon. Below the header, there's a 'Back' button and a 'Manage Pick Lists' title. The main area shows a list of artists. The first artist is 'David Bowie' with a sort name of 'Bowie, David'. A red circle highlights the 'david' text in the search bar, and another red circle highlights the pencil icon in the action column. An 'Edit Artist' modal is open, showing the 'Display Name' field with 'David Bowie' and the 'Sort Name' field with 'Bowie, David'. The modal has 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons.

Display Name	Sort Name	#		
David Bowie	Bowie, David	1		✗
David Brent & Fore	Brent, David	1		✗

- * Use the special Sort Name options in the Settings screen if you prefer to **show Sort Names** for artists everywhere (makes your sorted list a bit easier on the eye), or if you want to **ignore Sort Names** altogether (that is, you prefer to sort by first names).

7.3. Some artists are duplicated / split up?

Sometimes you may find that some artist folders have duplicated, with their albums list split up between two separate folders for the same artist.

This may happen when different albums in our Core had slightly different spellings of the artist name.

Luckily, this duplicate artist problem can be resolved easily by **merging** the entries through the Manage Pick Lists screen.

To open that screen, click the menu icon top right, then choose Manage Pick Lists.

At the top left of the screen, choose "Artist list". That will show you your complete Artist list, with Display names (at the top, in black) and their Sort Names (at the bottom, in grey).

Now:

- Find the duplicate artists using the search box top right.
- Checkbox the artist entries you want to merge
- Finally, click the Merge icon on the right, for the Artist entry you want to merge to, that is, the one you want to keep.
(in most cases, that would be the one that lists the most albums)

The screenshot shows the 'Manage Pick Lists' screen for 'Alwin's music'. At the top, there's a search bar with 'guns' entered. Below the search bar, there's a table with two entries for 'Guns'. The first entry is 'Guns 'n' roses' with 1 album, and the second is 'Guns N' Roses' with 6 albums. A red box highlights the checkboxes for both entries, and another red box highlights the merge icon (a blue plus sign) for the 'Guns N' Roses' entry. A red arrow points from the first entry to the merge icon of the second entry.

Display Name	Sort Name	#		
Guns 'n' roses	Guns 'n' roses	1	+	x
Guns N' Roses	Guns N' Roses	6	+	x