

Face the music

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File Sharing By Ehtisham Malik The company Napster™ made headlines in the music file sharing revolution by letting people share music for free.) Napster™ and other services like it soon attracted the attention of the record companies. Lawsuits were filed to stop illegal music file sharing, and Napster was forced to stop. After these lawsuits, the Apple iPod ® music player changed the way people listened to music. The iPod player was small and portable. It allowed people to carry their music with them wherever they went. Apple then introduced iTunes® on the Internet.

Their reasoning was that many people who were downloading music illegally would be willing to pay a small fee to get the music legally. Apple® saw people were interested, and was the first to market a new music player and a legal music download service. About 70 percent of music downloaders use iTunes®. Competitors have been slow to catch up, but there are new sites popping up everyday. Companies such as Wal-Mart®, Musicmatch®, Real Networks' Rhapsody™, and BuyMusic all have music-sharing Web sites. Napster™ reemerged as a pay-for-music site. This well-known music site hopes that their brand name will lead to instant market sales and success.

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