

Google launches 'scan and match' music service

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Google is turning on a "scan and match" service for Google Music users to store copies of their songs online, offering for free what Apple charges \$25 a year for.

The service, which launched Tuesday, saves uploading time for those who want to save their music libraries online. It scans a user's computer and gives them online access to the songs it finds, as long as they match the songs on its servers. Otherwise, it will upload songs to a user's online locker.

The service is similar to Apple Inc.'s [iTunes Match](#), which includes online storage for 25,000 songs. [Google Inc.](#) allows storage for 20,000 songs and allows users to re-download the songs only at the same quality as they were at previously. Apple upgrades songs to iTunes quality.

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