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Introduction

If you've found your way to this guide, and you're asking yourself, well what the heck is BT, you've gotten a little ahead of yourself. That's OK. Just take a look for the BT FAQ in the Getting Started section of the Groove.

By now, you should have gotten pretty familiar with BitTorrent, shorten, md5s, and maybe even flac. But you're just not sure what it takes to get your show out there. I haven't seen a good guide out there that really condenses it all together. Yes, there are several threads out there, but one can easily get lost in all the good information found in them.

This guide is an attempt to compile a lot of that information in here and dummy it down. Perhaps it's a fairly common show, perhaps not. It might have even been a show that you taped. Whatever the case, you want to share it with others but aren't quite sure how. This guide should be your answer.

This guide is geared towards posting a show at SharingTheGroove.org. The instructions contained within are for that site. Other sites hosting BT shows may have slightly different procedures for getting the torrent to them. However, torrent creation will be the same. While this guide is being written with audio concerts in mind, the same holds true for the video section of The Groove.

This is written for Windows, since that's the platform I'm running. Included with this guide is a section for Mac users. I need someone on Linux to help write up a guide so it can be included with the next revision.

I hope you find this guide very informative. Please send any feedback you may have about it to [ddstree at yahoo dot com](mailto:ddstree@yahoo.com)

If you really like this guide, please consider making a donation to Sharingthegroove.org to help keep the site up and running. With more and more people jumping on the BT bandwagon (an awesome thing), the site costs a lot of money to run. Every little bit helps.

Thanks, and enjoy

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