

# Getting Started

## What software can I use to connect to my SHOUTcast server?

For a list of recommended cross-platform software, please visit our [Getting Started - Basic Information guide](#).

### Winamp with the Nullsoft SHOUTcast Source plugin

- Runs on Windows: **Yes**
- Runs on Mac OS X: **No**
- Runs on Linux: **No, can be ran with Wine**
- Price: Free
- Developer: Nullsoft
- Website: <http://www.winamp.com/>

Winamp is developed by Nullsoft, the same people who develop SHOUTcast itself. VosCast recommends Winamp if you are new to internet net radio streaming.

## StationPlaylist Suite

### StationPlaylist Studio

- Runs on Windows: **Yes**
- Runs on Mac OS X: **No**
- Runs on Linux: **No**
- Price: Standard \$109/ €84 - Pro \$239/ €185
- Demo: **Yes**, lasts for 6 hours, terminates then allows for a further 6 hours.
- Developer: StationPlaylist
- Website: <http://www.stationplaylist.com/studio.html>

### StationPlaylist Creator

- Runs on Windows: **Yes**
- Runs on Mac OS X: **No**
- Runs on Linux: **No**
- Price: Lite \$49/ €38 - Standard \$109/ €84 - Pro \$239/ €185
- Demo: **Yes**, lasts for 6 hours, terminates then allows for a further 6 hours.
- Developer: StationPlaylist
- Website: <http://www.stationplaylist.com/creator.html>

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StationPlaylist Studio features general automation playback and live assistance tools for DJs.

StationPlaylist Creator is music and spot scheduling software. It is used to design your station format using rotations of music categories and spot groups (jingles, ads, etc).

The two are generally used in tandem, and StationPlaylist offers bundles that contain both Studio and Creator offered at a discounted price.

For detailed information on how to use StationPlaylist, please consult with their [detailed FAQ](#).

## Nicecast

- Runs on Windows: **No**
- Runs on Mac OS X: **Yes**
- Runs on Linux: **No**
- Price: Single user \$40 - 5 users \$69
- Demo: **Yes**, noise is overlaid on all broadcasts longer than 60 minutes.
- Developer: Rogue Amoeba
- Website: <http://www.rogueamoeba.com/nicecast/>

Nicecast lets you stream audio from your microphone and optionally another media player like iTunes.

## Butt - broadcast using this tool

- Runs on Windows: **Yes**
- Runs on Mac OS X: **Yes**
- Runs on Linux: **Yes**
- Price: Free
- Developer: Daniel Noethen
- Website: <https://sourceforge.net/projects/butt/>

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Butt is open source and cross platform software to connect to your SHOUTcast server and will encode and stream audio from your microphone or line-in.

## AltaCast

- Runs on Windows: **Yes**
- Runs on Mac OS X: **No**
- Runs on Linux: **No**
- Price: Free
- Website: <http://www.altacast.com>

AltaCast is a continuation of the abandoned Oddcast/Edcast streaming software. It's currently not compatible with SHOUTcast 2.0 servers.

AltaCast offers various plugins for different media players, as well as a standalone application for streaming from your computer's line-in or microphone.

## Virtual DJ Pro

- Runs on Windows: **Yes**
- Runs on Mac OS X: **Yes**
- Runs on Linux: **No**
- Price: \$299 - Free version available, but can't stream for more than 10 minutes.
- Website: <http://www.virtualdj.com/>

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