

# phpMp HowTo

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## Connecting

To connect to phpMp, open your favorite internet browser (Mozilla Firefox) and surf to <http://yourhostname/phpMp>. Mind the capital M when phpMp is located on an Unix-server. Once the page is loaded, you'll see a page similar to the one displayed in figure 1.

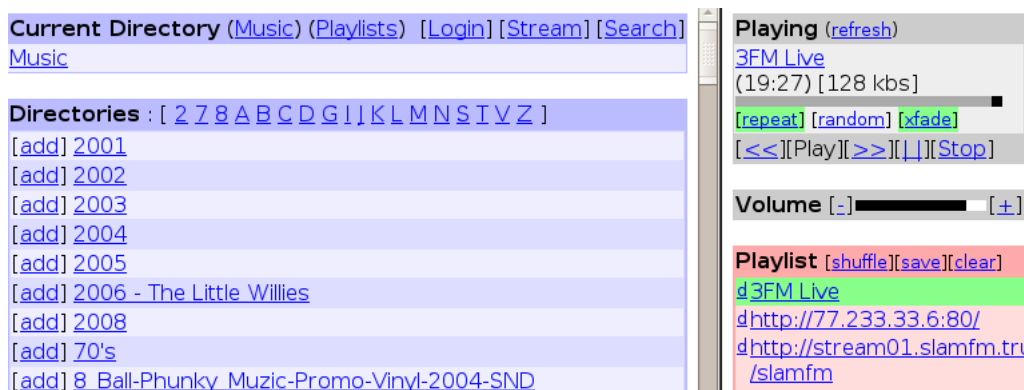


Figure 1: Start screen - phpMp

The player is divided in two main frames. The left frame contains the *music library browser*, the right frame contains the *player controls*.

## Player controls

To control the player, we focus on the right frame. The top is displaying the song which is currently playing. The controls are the same as on most players, so they don't need further explaining.

The lower half is displaying the playlist. This is a list of selected songs, to be played. To jump to a song in the playlist, just click on it. Like most players, phpMp can only play songs which are in the playlist.

## Modifying the playlist

To modify the playlist, different options are present. To clear the current playlist, click *clear*. This also stops the music from playing (no more music in the playlist). To shuffle the playlist-order, click *shuffle*. And to save the current playlist, click *save*. This saves the playlist on the server. When you only need to delete a single entry from the playlist, click the *d* which is placed before the entry-title.

## Adding songs

To add songs to the playlist, we focus on the left frame. The buttons on the top are of less importance, so we focus on the list in the middle. Here we can browse through the music folder. To add a song or folder to the playlist, just click on the word *add* and the selection is added to the playlist (in the right frame).

## Loading a stream (internet radio)

To load an internet stream, click on *stream*. The left frame changes, as can be seen in figure 2.

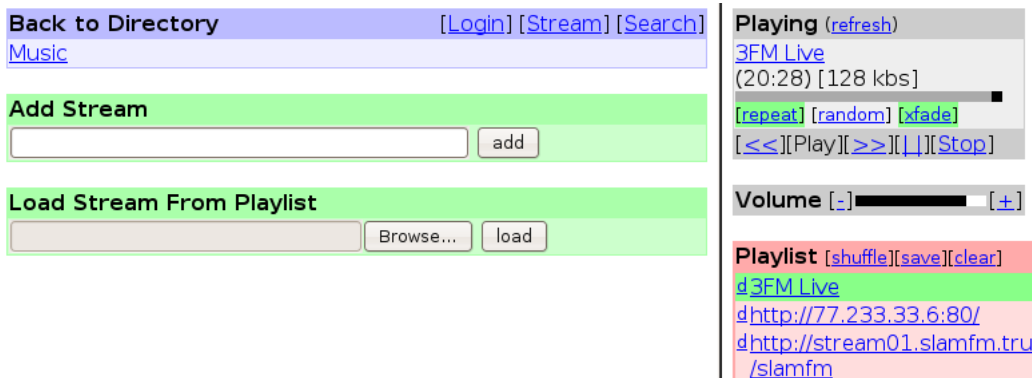


Figure 2: Streaming - phpMp

Loading an internet stream requires downloading your favorite from internet. Download a .pls or alike file, which can be played using phpMp. Click on *browse* to locate the file on your computer. If you have selected the desired stream file, click on *load* (you might want to clear the current playlist first). The internet stream is enqueued in the playlist and by clicking on one of the entries, phpMp will start streaming.