Music, Movies, and Games

Your Android tablet is not just a web-connected device for productivity and e-mail. It's also a portal for nearly every form of digital entertainment out there. If you own a CD, if you ever bought a movie with a digital copy, or even if you have a Netflix subscription, your tablet can be used to store, stream, and enjoy movies anywhere you are.

In this chapter, you will learn how to put music and movies on your tablet and how to stream that content from an online service to your tablet. We won't stop at music and movies either, because your Android tablet also has access to a multiple libraries of games of all kinds. You will learn about the many different things you can do with games on your tablet and some accessories you can use to turn your tablet into a complete entertainment system.

Listening to Music on Your Tablet

You probably own a shelf full of CDs. You might have copied some of those CDs onto your computer. You might even be using a music manager like iTunes or Windows Media Player for your collection of music. If you said “That’s me” to any of those things, then you will be able to move your music to your Android tablet pretty simply.

Maybe you don’t have a collection of music on your computer, though. Maybe you use Internet radio or some other form of Internet-based service for your music. Your Android tablet supports you as well. Essentially, any current way of consuming music can be enhanced by your Android tablet. To make it easy, we’re going to break down the steps for moving music to your tablet.
Playing Stored Music

Whether you own a stack of CDs or you’ve been downloading music forever, your Android tablet is designed to make it easy to move your music from your computer to your tablet.

NOTE: To connect your Android tablet to your computer, you will need a USB cable, preferably the cable that came with your device.

Connect your tablet to your computer. Once the tablet and the computer detect the connection, you will see a pop-up on your desktop and a notification on your tablet (as shown in Figure 7–1).

Figure 7–1. Windows 7 detecting your tablet

Once you have the folder open, double-click the Music folder. Once you are inside your Music folder, you will need to locate the music on your computer. All you need to do is move the music from your existing music folder to the Music folder on the tablet. To do