Downloading Basics

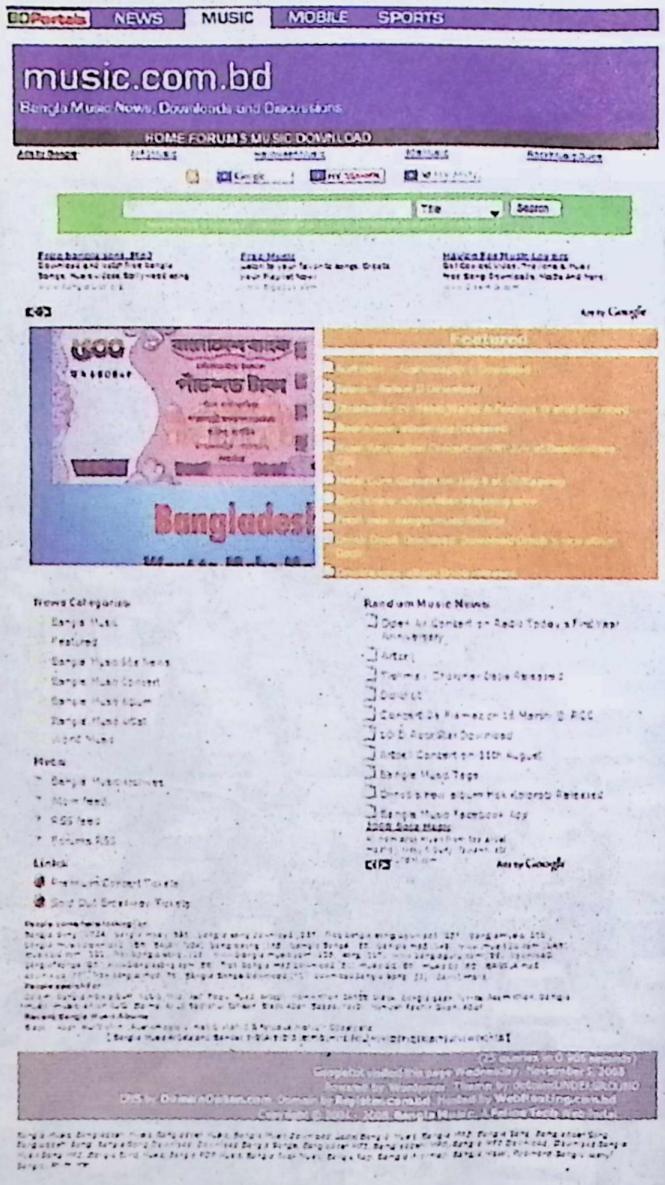
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The term downloading relates to the activity we perform, when we want to save things we saw in websites into our hard disks. It can be anything and everything, starting from photos, music, software, to e-books, comics and drama serials. Now, most of you readers must be pondering, "I can perform all of these things." However think again, "Can you download everything and more importantly, are you capable of downloading them in the most efficient manner?" This comprehensive, but brief guide will help you to do just that.

Part 1: In the first phase I'll be discussing the easier tasks such as downloading images. Although rare, but I know that there are people who press right click and selects "save target as," for downloading simple pictures. Instead of doing that, it is much easier if you select 'save picture as,' and put the picture files in your desired directory. It is much faster, but works only if you want to save pictures that are displayed direct on web pages, like the images in Facebook or Ringo. For downloading photo files from email messages or file hosting websites, it is better if you select 'save target as,' by right clicking once, on your mouse.

Part 2: This part deals with the download of more complex files like various music files and programs. For downloading audio files and different types of software, it is good to use some type of downloading software. This is because, when you live in a developing country like Bangladesh, and frequent load shedding is like an everyday meal, it disrupts your download progress. Audio files like the mp3 ranges from sizes of 3MB to 10MB, while software can range from 2MB to 150MB. If your dial-up connection gets disconnected, or if you have broadband but unfortunately the electricity goes away, and you don't own a UPS, you will be kicking yourself when you see that your download has to commence again from the start. Since the original download manager of Windows XP or Vista doesn't support resume, meaning to save your download progress and begin from where it got interrupted, it is advisable to use download managers like the famous Download Accelerator Plus (DAP). It will not only save your download progress, but also speed up your download to some extent. Some recommended websites for downloading music files and software are:

1. English songs: www.yourmp3.net



2. Hindi songs: www.bollyfm.net
3. Bangla songs: www.music.com.bd
4. Software's: www.download.com

Part 3: Some important files which are quite big, are usually uploaded to various file sharing servers like Rapidshare or Megaupload. The problem occurs when