Subject: Re: Digital looks so simple, sometimes I miss the vinyl ritual
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positron wrote on Tue, 23 December 2025 11:43Cole wrote on Wed, 17 December 2025 08:53

I am a man in my 60s, and in those days, playing vinyl records on the turntable was always a blast. Nowadays, it seems most people have moved to playing music on digital platforms such as Spotify, Apple Music, and others.

Don't misunderstand me, streaming music via these digital platforms looks easy and convenient. I mean, one can get to play any album they wish with a simple search on Spotify, for example.

However, I feel like something is missing. I miss that vinyl ritual.

That feeling of going through the crates is looking for that album that is on your mind.

The joy that comes with finding it quickly.

That act of quickly brushing it to clean off the dust before placing it on a turntable. The sound of the first crackle before the music starts.

Staying close to the full side with no skipping allowed.

That makes one listen to every song on the album without missing any, which is what the artist wanted in the first place.

It is so different from digital.

Digital kind of looks like watching a movie on your phone, unlike vinyl, which can be likened to going to the cinema to experience movie watching on a different level.

Does anyone have this exact feeling, or am I just thinking aloud?

Do you think the "vinyl ritual" was worth it, or was it overrated? I mean, are you happier with the digital streaming of songs nowadays?

If you miss the days of vinyl records, are you now actively collecting?

Let me know your thoughts.

Hi Cole,

I used to, but over the years there are so many great selections from all over the world, including classical, yesteryear in the 50s-60s, covers etc.

Other things include getting tired of the same LPs, expense, inferior fidelity these days, and my age.
Still have and occasional selection with my STD TT, Acutex 320 lll STR cartridge, my own Phono stage.

I do watch/stream movies with the stereo connected, just like being at the movies, but with smaller 32" screen.

But just don't feel up to much at my age, ill right now. But I sure do remember those young days, 7 on, of listening, learning, experimenting.

Cheers and all the best Cole.

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Reading this reminds me of those good memories back then. I am now trying to recreate them with the way that I play the records and hopefully many more older folks can jump on it.

You said you are ill, how are you faring right now? I hope you are a lot more better?
