
Subject: Re: Would you say CDs killed the idea of albums seen as a whole piece of work?

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Barryso wrote on Fri, 21 August 2026 08:08Back when vinyl ruled the earth I'd record cassettes for use in the car. But I tended to change the order of the tracks and it used to drive my friends insane.

When playing vinyl at home one side would be played all the way but generally it'd get switched to another album when it was time to flip the record over. I was up anyway so why not change things up?

CD's made listening to favorite cuts pretty painless.

Digital music servers make pulling favorites even less painless. It's easier to do a hop, skip and jump and it does get in the way of continuous listening. Now it takes the right album or artist to keep playing the whole album.

I find the local audio folks who have just gotten digital music servers to be the worst. They'll start something and won't even let the song play through without jumping to something else. Yeah, I do it too but not when guests are over as it's pretty annoying.
I agree with you.

I can still remember how it felt when one can flip sides when playing albums. You play part one, then flip to the other side to complete the rest of the songs on the album. My friends always disliked my attitude of changing tracks on tapes while we were in the car, but I liked doing it.

Nowadays, going digital has made people do whatever they wish. You will be in a party vibing to a song, and before the song goes halfway, the DJ has switched to a different song. I always get angry when such is done while my favourite song is being played, but I can only be angry. There is nothing I can do about it anymore.

It is the new thing, and we have to adjust even when it hasn't been fun, unlike those days when I play full albums for friends when they come around my place.
