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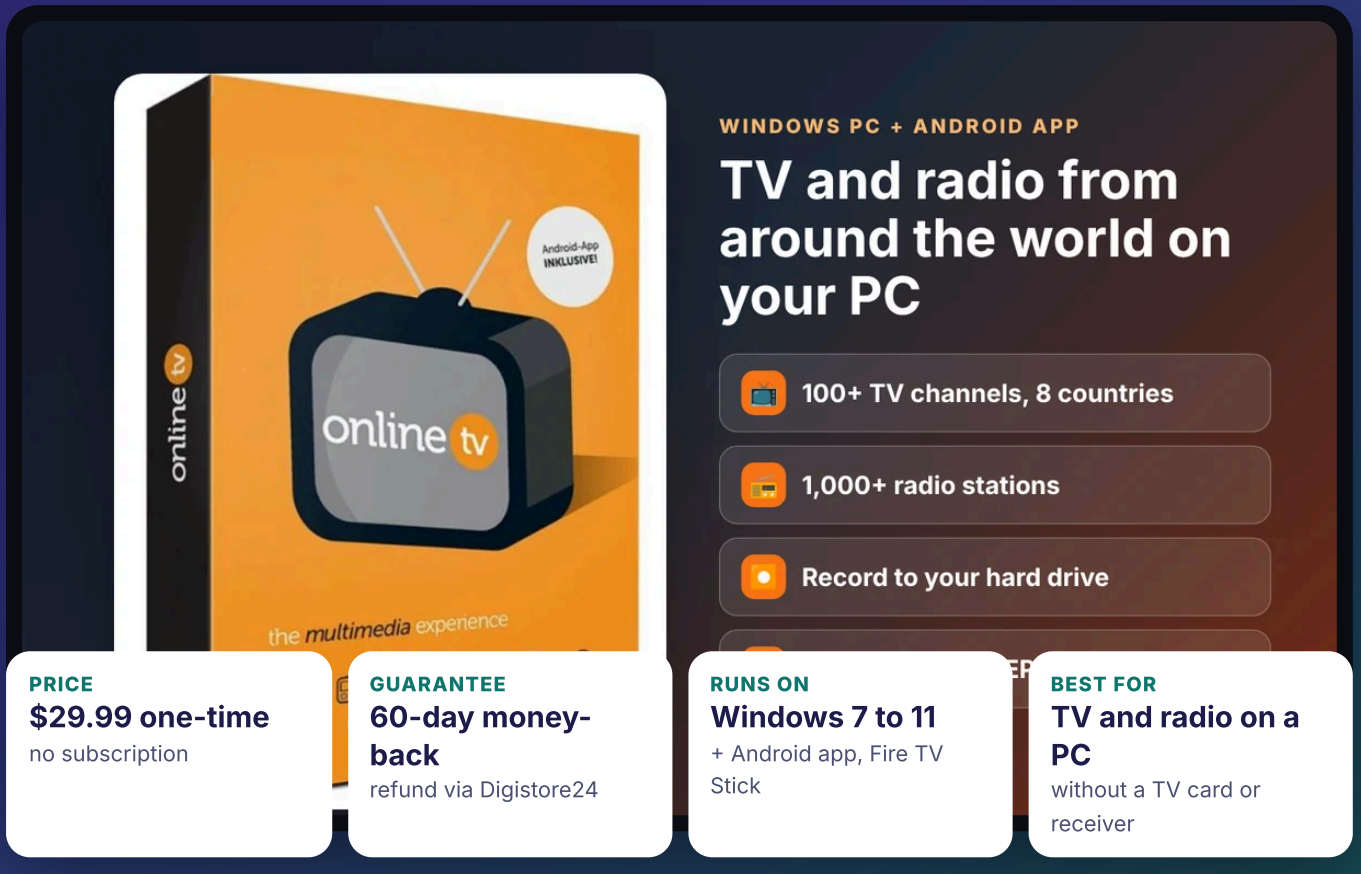
OnlineTV 20 Review 2026: Free-to-Air TV and Radio From Around the World on Your PC

Windows software from Engelmann Software — “the original since 2002” — that brings 100+ TV channels from 8 countries, 1,000+ radio stations, media libraries, webcams and a 7-day TV guide to your PC, with recording and an Android app. $29.99 one-time with a 60-day money-back guarantee.



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OUR VERDICT

A simple way to put TV and radio on your computer

Top pick
PC TV

OnlineTV has been around since 2002 and does one thing in a friendly way: it gathers freely available TV and radio streams in one program, so you can watch and listen on your PC without a TV card, a receiver or a subscription. Version 20 lists 100+ TV channels from 8 countries (including German, US, UK, French, Austrian, Swiss and Italian channels), 1,000+ radio stations from 80+ countries plus 3,000+ online radios, a 7-day programme guide, media-library content, music videos and webcams. You can record to your hard drive, and an Android app (also for Fire TV Stick) is included. Streams come from the broadcasters, so channel line-ups can change — but for $29.99 once, with a 60-day money-back guarantee, it is an easy and low-risk way to turn a laptop into a TV and radio.

What we like

- **Pay once, watch for years.** No subscription and no follow-up costs, according to the publisher.
- **Lots of radio.** 1,000+ radio stations from 80+ countries plus 3,000+ online radios.
- **A real TV guide.** Programme guide (EPG) with a preview for the next 7 days.
- **Record what you like.** Save shows and radio to your hard drive.
- **PC and Android.** Android app included, now also for the Amazon Fire TV Stick.
- **Established and safe.** From a German publisher since 2002, with a 60-day money-back guarantee.

Good to know

- **It uses free public streams.** Channels depend on broadcasters' own streams, so the line-up can change and some may not be available where you are.
- **Not for paid sports or premium channels.** Pay-TV and premium content are not part of free-to-air streams.
- **A short delay is normal.** Internet streams can run up to about 100 seconds behind the broadcast.
- **No Mac or iPhone version.** OnlineTV 20 runs on Windows and Android; the publisher's newer annual-licence OnlineTV covers more systems.

WHAT'S INSIDE

TV, radio and more in one program

These are the features Engelmann lists for OnlineTV 20 and the updates that came with versions 18 and 19.

Watch & listen

100+ TV channels
8 countries, e.g. ARD, ZDF, ORF, NBC, CBS, BBC

1,000+ radio stations
80+ countries, plus 3,000+ online radios

Media libraries
On-demand content from broadcasters, with subtitles

Music videos & webcams
Plus live streams and newspapers

Plan & record

7-day TV guide (EPG)
See what's on and coming up

Video recorder
Record to your hard drive

Start page
Current shows and recommendations

Full screen
Double-click for true full screen

Devices

Windows 7 to 11
32- and 64-bit

Android app
Android 5.0+, ARMv7; 64-bit support

Fire TV Stick
Compatible since version 20

No TV card needed
Just an internet connection

Good to know: OnlineTV bundles streams that broadcasters make freely available on the internet; it does not include pay-TV. Because streams come from external providers, individual channels can change or stop. Check the channels you care about during the 60-day guarantee.

HOW IT WORKS

From download to TV on your screen

1

Install and activate

Download OnlineTV 20 right after purchase, install it on your Windows PC and enter the serial number from your e-mail.

Download	right after purchase
Install	Windows 7–11
Serial number	by e-mail
Activated	✔

2

Pick a channel or station

Browse TV channels with preview images, or switch to radio and online radio. Use “Click here for more channels” to see the full list and save favourites.

TV	100+ channels
Radio	1,000+ stations
onlineRadio	3,000+ streams
Favourites	★ saved

3

Check the TV guide

Open the programme guide to see what is on now and over the next 7 days, or browse media-library content to watch later.

Now	News 20:00
Next	Film 20:15
Guide	7 days ahead
Media library	on demand

4

Record or take it with you

Record a show or radio programme to your hard drive, or connect the Android app to watch on your phone, tablet or Fire TV Stick.

Record	to hard drive
Format	set in Recording Settings
Android app	connect via e-mail
Fire TV Stick	supported

PRICING

One payment, no subscription

OnlineTV 20 is a one-time purchase through Digistore24. You get the download straight away and your serial number by e-mail. Prices from the order form in US dollars.

Recommended

OnlineTV 20

$29.99 one-time

Windows software with the Android app.

- 100+ TV channels, 1,000+ radio stations
- 7-day TV guide and recorder
- Android app incl. Fire TV Stick
- Downloads for 3 months, serial by e-mail
- 60-day money-back guarantee

Optional extras at checkout

+$8.74 from

Not needed to use the program.

- Premium Support (2 years): +$8.74 — your e-mails answered first
- Backup DVD by post: +$15.30
- Both covered by the 60-day guarantee

Sales tax or VAT is added at checkout where it applies, and the price may be shown in your local currency. The publisher's newer OnlineTV (without a version number) is sold separately on its own website with annual licences.

HOW TO TRY IT

Try OnlineTV 20 risk-free in 4 steps

1
Buy the download
$29.99 once on Digistore24.

2
Install and activate
A few minutes on your Windows PC.

3
Check your channels
Make sure what you watch is there.

4
Decide within 60 days
Keep it, or request a full refund.

Your safety net: OnlineTV 20 comes with a 60-day money-back guarantee handled by Digistore24. If the channels you want are not there, request a full refund within 60 days through the link in your Digistore24 order e-mail.

SETUP GUIDE

Installing and setting up OnlineTV 20

Installation takes a few minutes. The Android app needs one extra step on your PC first.

1

Buy and download

Check out on Digistore24 ($29.99 one-time). You land on the download page straight away, and your **serial number** arrives by e-mail.

- Keep the Digistore24 order e-mail — it has the download and refund links.
- Downloads work up to 5 times within 3 months; save the installer.

2

Install on Windows

Run the installer and follow the steps. OnlineTV 20 runs on Windows 7, 8, 8.1, 10 and 11 (32- and 64-bit).

- If your antivirus warns, check the installer's digital signature (right-click → Properties → Digital Signatures) — the publisher calls such warnings false positives.

3

Activate with your serial

Start OnlineTV and enter the serial number from your e-mail. Copy and paste it to avoid typos.

4

Show all channels and set favourites

Open the TV menu and click **"Click here for more channels"** to see the full list. Save the channels and stations you use most as favourites.

5

Use the TV guide

Open the programme guide (EPG) to see what is on now and over the next 7 days; browse media libraries for shows to watch on demand.

- Double-click the picture for true full screen.

6

Set up recording

Open **Recording Settings**, choose the format and folder, then record a show or radio programme.

- No sound in recordings? Enable **“Stereo Mix”** under Windows recording devices and update your sound driver.
- Use the recording space calculator above to plan storage.

7

Connect the Android app

On your PC, register your e-mail under **Settings → My Data** and enable Android access under **Connection Settings**. Then install the Android app and sign in.

- Needs Android 5.0+ with an ARMv7 CPU (Intel not supported) and “installation from unknown sources” allowed.
- Also works on the Amazon Fire TV Stick.

8

Fix buffering if it happens

Update Windows, OnlineTV and your drivers; allow OnlineTV in your firewall (ports 80 and 1935 outgoing, 19350–65535 incoming UDP). Then decide within 60 days whether to keep it.

OPTIONAL

Three ways to use OnlineTV 20

Start with the use that matters most to you.

TV on your laptop

1. Click “more channels” and pick favourites.
2. Use the 7-day guide to plan your evening.
3. Double-click for full screen.

Wi-Fi is enough.

Radio from anywhere

1. Switch to Radio or onlineRadio.
2. Search by country or genre.
3. Record a show to listen later.

Uses very little data.

On the TV or phone

1. Register your e-mail on the PC.
2. Enable Android access.
3. Install the app on Android or Fire TV Stick.

Android 5.0+, ARMv7.

Six things worth knowing

More channels
Click “Click here for more channels” in the TV menu.

Free-to-air only
No pay-TV or premium channels.

Short delay
Streams run up to ~100 seconds behind.

Stereo Mix
Needed for recordings with sound on some PCs.

Android setup
Register e-mail and enable access on the PC first.

60-day guarantee
Check your channels before deciding.

PRINT & TICK

Your OnlineTV 20 setup checklist

Tick each step as you go. Installation takes a few minutes.

- [ ] Buy and download
- [ ] Install on Windows
- [ ] Activate with your serial
- [ ] Show all channels and set favourites
- [ ] Use the TV guide
- [ ] Set up recording
- [ ] Connect the Android app
- [ ] Fix buffering if it happens

Good to know: menu names follow Engelmann's descriptions and troubleshooting notes for OnlineTV 20 (November 2026). Our assistant can walk you through each step.

YOUR 60-DAY TEST PLAN

Make the most of the money-back window

Day 1	Install, activate and open "more channels"; save favourites.
Week 1	Watch your usual channels and try the TV guide and radio.
Weeks 2–6	Record a show and connect the Android app or Fire TV Stick.
Before day 60	Decide: keep it, or request your refund through the Digistore24 order e-mail.

FAQ

Quick answers

What is OnlineTV 20?

It is Windows software from Engelmann Software that brings freely available TV and radio streams from around the world into one program, with a TV guide, recording and an Android app.

How many channels does it have?

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Is it a subscription?

No. OnlineTV 20 is a one-time purchase of $29.99 on Digistore24, with no follow-up costs according to the publisher.

Is it legal?

OnlineTV gathers streams that broadcasters make freely available on the internet; it does not include pay-TV. As with any streaming, check the rules that apply in your country.

Can I record TV?

Yes. OnlineTV 20 includes a video recorder that saves to your hard drive; you choose the format in the recording settings.

Does it work on Android or Fire TV?

Yes. An Android app is included (Android 5.0 or later, ARMv7 CPU), and version 20 added Amazon Fire TV Stick support. There is no Mac or iPhone version of OnlineTV 20.

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Questions? Ask our assistant

Open softwareselects.com/pc-utilities-media/onlinetv-20/ and click “Ask about OnlineTV 20” — it answers in seconds.

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