6. 1337X

1337x has traditionally been a community driven torrent site but several weeks ago most of the admins and moderators abandoned ship over security concerns. The coming year it will become clear whether 1337x can keep its popular status.

ALEXA RANK: 1,249 / LAST YEAR #9

7. EZTV.AG

TV-torrent distribution group EZTV shut down earlier this year after a hostile takeover. The site continued to operate under new ownership and releases its own torrents now. In solidarity with the original owners several large torrent sites have banned these ‘new’ releases from their sites.

ALEXA RANK: 1,373 / LAST YEAR #NA

8. TORRENTHOUND

TorrentHound has been around since the last decade but a newcomer in the top 10. It has also been on the radar of copyright holders this year. The torrent site is blocked in several countries and was reported as a piracy haven to the U.S. government, alongside many other sites in this list.

ALEXA RANK: 2,239 / LAST YEAR #NA

9. YTS.AG

YTS.ag has nothing to do with the original YTS or YIFY group, but aims to take its place. As with the new EZTV, several large torrent sites are not allowing the group to use the YIFY or YTS brands on their sites.

ALEXA RANK: 740 / COMPETE RANK: 4,271 / LAST YEAR #NA

10. TORRENTDOWNLOADS

TorrentDownloads has been around for several years. The torrent site regained a spot in the top 10 this year after it was featured for the last time in 2011. It’s a no-nonsense index that provides torrents to millions of users each month.