Nu metal

Nu metal is a subgenre of alternative metal that combines elements of heavy metal and genres such as hip hop, alternative rock, funk, industrial, and grunge. Nu metal rarely features guitar solos or other displays of technical competence; the genre is heavily syncopated and based on guitar riffs. Many nu metal guitarists use seven-string guitars that are down-tuned to play a heavier sound. DJs are occasionally featured in nu metal to provide instrumentation such as sampling, turntable scratching and electronic backgrounds. Vocal styles in nu metal include singing, rapping, screaming and growling.

Nu metal became popular in the late 1990s with artists such as Korn, Limp Bizkit, and Kid Rock all releasing albums that sold millions of copies. Its popularity continued during the early 2000s, with bands such as Papa Roach, Staind, and P.O.D. all selling multi-platinum albums, and came to a peak with Linkin Park's diamond-selling album *Hybrid Theory*. By the mid-2000s, the oversaturation of bands combined with the under-performance of several high-profile releases led to nu metal's decline, leading to the rise of metalcore and many nu metal bands disbanding or abandoning their established sound in favor of other genres.