Understanding Apple…

iTunes, iTunes Store, Music, Podcasts, Books (formerly iBooks), and TV

Apple iTunes – as of June, 2019, has been absorbed into Apple’s Music App. iTunes in its traditional form has gone away, being replaced by the Apple Music App and Store, where, Apple claims, all your previous music including the tunes you ripped from CDs, and had downloaded previously, will still live, intact. Secondly, you can still backup your devices to iTunes. See messages from Apple listed below An Apple representative sent me all of these links after I spoke on the phone with them on July 29, 2019.

- About the upcoming changes with iTunes on Mac
- How to back up your iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch
- Back up and restore your iTunes Library
- Sync your iPhone, iPad, or iPod using iTunes on your computer
- If you can’t install or update iTunes for Windows
- Access your music collection on all of your devices with Apple Music
- Update to the latest version of iTunes
- If iTunes doesn't recognize your iPhone, iPad, or iPod

Read:

- When was iTunes first Released? In 2001, iTunes was released as a “digital jukebox.”
- What is iTunes? iTunes is still a free, downloadable app where, on your Windows PC or Mac, iPhone or iPad, your music library can reside. Your device’s hard drive is the place where your music lives, and you can choose to “remove” music pieces either permanently from both device and cloud, or by removing them from your device, and keeping them in the cloud. Secondly, iTunes also serves as another means of backing up your device.
- What is iTunes? According to Wikipedia, “iTunes is a media player, media library, Internet radio broadcaster, and mobile device management application developed by Apple Inc. It was announced on January 9, 2001.”
- Is it true that Apple is “killing” or doing away with iTunes? Yes. And No. As of June 3, 2019, Apple executives announced that the company would “dismantle iTunes, splitting it among three apps: Apple Music, Apple Podcasts, and Apple TV,” according to a New York Times article by Kevin Roose. NY Times: "A Farewell to iTunes" and The Guardian writes that iTunes will still be useful and your music is safe, but its many tasks will be divided into the three apps described above to improve speed, performance, and organization: iTunes is Over -- What this Means for You by Alex Hern, June 4, 2019. Another article: https://pitchfork.com/news/apple-confirms-the-end-of-itunes/ by Noah Yoo and Michelle Kim JUNE 3 2019
- Where can I find my iTunes library on my computer? You can download the iTunes App from the Microsoft Store and access it through the app. Or, for a more technical approach, visit https://www.imobie.com/support/how-to-find-itunes-library-location-on-pc-mac.htm By Bella Miller | Posted on: Jul. 03, 2019, Last Updated: Jul. 03, 2019
• **Should I prepare for changes in the fall with iTunes and so on?** If you have a Mac (laptop or desktop) you can [Prepare for Mac OS Catalina by Organizing iTunes Library](https://macinsider.com/prepare-for-macos-catalina-by-organizing-itunes-library/) according to this article from MacInsider (June 4, 2019). Also, TechRepublic has a cheat sheet you can use: [https://www.techrepublic.com/article/apple-macos-catalina-a-cheat-sheet/](https://www.techrepublic.com/article/apple-macos-catalina-a-cheat-sheet/)

• **What tasks did or does iTunes now perform?** iTunes is still an app where your music can reside, and where you can search for either music, podcasts, or TV shows, videos, and more.

• **Can iTunes work on Android Devices?** Yes. In a limited way, though. [iTunes Features for Android Devices](https://lifewire.com/itunes-features-android-devices-593058) (May 7, 2019, by Sam Costello of Lifewire)

• **Was or is iTunes connected to an Apple I.D.?** Yes, iTunes was and still is connected to an Apple I.D.

• **Can iTunes work on Windows PCs?** Yes it can.

• **Can iTunes work on a Mac?** Yes.