

Synchronizing with an iPod

Long gone are the days when the only thing you could fill up your iPod with was music. With modern iPods and the latest version of iTunes, you can cram your players not only with your favorite tunes, but also with music videos, audiobooks, movies, TV shows, podcasts, photos, contacts, calendars, and even games. Suddenly those once massive 80GB iPods don't look so big anymore. Whatever your iPod's hard drive size, if you find yourself running out of space, the alternative isn't (necessarily) to go out and buy a bigger player. Instead, iTunes gives you lots of options for controlling what gets added to (and removed from) your iPod when you sync.



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If iTunes doesn't fire up automatically when you connect your iPod, you can force it to do so. In iTunes, click your iPod in the Devices list, click the Summary tab, and then select the Open iTunes when this iPod is connected check box. Click Apply to put the setting into effect.

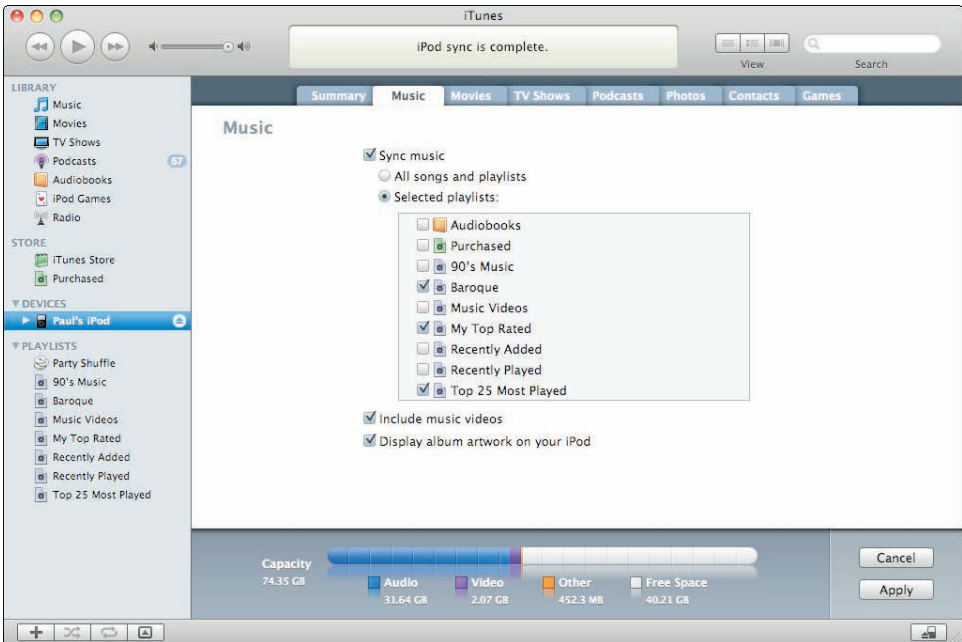
Synchronizing music and videos

iPods are digital music players at heart, so you probably load up your iPod with lots of audio content and, depending on the type of iPod you have, lots of music videos, too. To get the most out of your iPod's music and video capabilities, you need to know all the different ways you can synchronize these items. For example, if you'll be using your iPod primarily as a music player and it has far more disk capacity than you need for all of your digital audio, feel free to throw all your music onto the player. On the other hand, you may have an iPod with a limited capacity, or you may only want certain songs and videos on the player to make it easier to navigate. In such cases, you need to configure the iPod to sync only those songs and videos you want to play.

You can easily tell iTunes to toss every last song and video onto your iPod or just selected playlists. Follow these steps:

1. **In iTunes, click your iPod in the Devices list.**
2. **Click the Music tab.**
3. **Select the Sync music check box.** From this point, the options you select determine what is actually synchronized.
 - Select the Selected playlists option to choose specific playlists to be included, as shown in figure 3.1. If there are videos in any of the selected playlists you do not want synced, deselect the Include music videos check box.
 - Select the Include music videos check box to include all music videos.
 - Select the Display album artwork on your iPod if you want to see this artwork on your iPod.

4. Click Apply. iTunes syncs the iPod using the new settings.



3.1 Select the Selected playlists option and then select the playlists you want to sync.



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If space is tight on your iPod, you can skip syncing the album artwork by deselecting the Display album artwork on your iPod check box. You only see this check box if your iPod supports displaying color pictures.

If you want to control the individual tracks that get synced to your iPod, then you can manage your music and videos by hand. One way to do this is to use the check boxes that appear beside each track in your iTunes Music library.

Here's how you do it:

- 1. In the Devices list, click your iPod.**
- 2. Click the Summary tab.**
- 3. Select the Sync only checked songs and videos check box.**
- 4. Click Apply.** If iTunes starts syncing your iPod, click the Cancel button (the X icon that appears beside the Syncing iPod message; see figure 3.2).