

iPod Touch

What is iPod Touch?

iPod Touch is the newest Apple product in the iPod line. It might be considered an iPhone without the phone, but it is more than just a music player.

The iPod Touch comes in two models - 8GB(\$299) and 16GB (\$399).



iTunes

It uses an iTunes interface to synchronize information with desktop or laptop computers. You can download music or video files from the iTunes store or add your own music purchased on a CD to iTunes on your computer and have it available on your iPod Touch.

Additionally you can download podcasts to iTunes on your computer and then synch them to your iPod Touch so you can listen to them via speakers, earbuds, or in some autos.



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Interface

Navigation with the iPod Touch uses a touch interface. This navigation interface let you control everything using only your fingers on the 3.5 inch display.

When viewing photos or websites, you can rotate the iPod Touch from portrait to landscape and it automatically changes the contents of the display.

Video

Videos are now available for purchase or rent through the iTunes store and they too can be loaded and show on an iPod Touch.



Synchronization of Contacts

Using the same iTunes-like interface you can synchronize the contacts in your computer's Address Book to have them available on your iPod Touch.

- > Connect your iPod Touch to a USB port on your computer.
- > When the iPod Touch appears in your iTunes list, click on the icon.
- > Click "Info" in the tabs at the top of the screen and select the contact you wish to sync.

You can also add contacts directly on the iPod Touch and sync them back to your computer.

(Question: Can I beam them like a Palm? No.)

Synchronization of Calendar Events

The process is much like Contacts. Instead of Address Book it works with iCal.

(Question: Will it work with Now Up To Date? No.)

(Question: Can I add events on the iPod Touch and sync back to my computer? Yes.)

A screenshot of the iTunes application window. The left sidebar shows the 'LIBRARY' section with categories like Music, Movies, TV Shows, Podcasts, Radio, and Ringtones. Below that are 'STORE', 'DEVICES', 'SHARED', and 'PLAYLISTS'. The main area is titled 'iPod' and shows a small image of the device. To the right of the image, the following information is displayed: Name: Tweed Ross's iPod, Capacity: 14.84 GB, Software Version: 1.1.2, and Serial Number: 9C742QW2W4T. Below this is the 'Version' section, which states 'Your iPod software is up to date. iTunes will automatically check for an update again on 12/11/07.' and includes 'Check for Update' and 'Restore' buttons. At the bottom is the 'Options' section with three checkboxes: 'Open iTunes when this iPod is connected' (checked), 'Sync only checked songs and videos' (unchecked), and 'Manually manage music and videos' (unchecked).

Web Surfing

iPod Touch comes with Apple's Safari browser built in and can use KSU wireless access to the web. Sync your bookmarks or add a few as you go. Search the web using the touchscreen keyboard. Zoom in and out by tapping the multi-touch display.

iPod Touch introduced web apps. These are a range of "mini" web applications (games, widgets, etc.) that work through the web to run on your iPod Touch.

Synch Photos

Using Apple's iPhoto you can synch your computer photos to your iTouch in much the same way you synched calendar events and contacts. However you do need to have iPhoto on your computer which may require the purchase of the Apple iLife Suite



New Applications

In January, Apple unveiled 5 new applications for the iPod Touch: Mail, Maps, Weather, Notes, and Stocks.

- > Mail lets you view email with graphics and photos displayed inline, as well as PDF, Microsoft Word, and Microsoft Excel attachments.
- > Maps let you get directions with Google Maps. Using local Wi-Fi networks (if Wi-Fi is turned on), iPod touch finds your approximate location and gives directions from there.
- > Weather uses Weather Channel to give you weather information for anyplace
- > Notes lets you take notes and mail them to yourself or someone else
- > Stocks gives you up-to-date information about your stocks

