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*One of the biggest changes iOS 5 brings for* ***iPhone****,* ***iPad****, and* ***iPod Touch*** *users is Wi-Fi Sync. With it, you no longer need to physically connect your iOS device to your* ***Mac*** *or* ***PC*** *to sync its contents with iTunes. Instead, you need only to be on the same Wi-Fi network for* ***iTunes*** *to see your device and sync it. Here's how it works.*



If you are running **iTunes 10.5** and have successfully installed **iOS 5**, there is but a single box to check in **iTunes** to set up **Wi-Fi Sync**. First, connect your device via **USB** (*one last time*) to your Mac or PC. Next, click on the device's name in the left-hand column of **iTunes**. Make sure Summary is selected from the row of menu items along the top of **iTunes** and scroll down until you see **Options**. Check the box for the second option listed, "*Sync this iPhone/iPad/iPod Touch over Wi-Fi*" and click the **Apply** button in the lower-right corner.



Disconnect your device and the next time you plug it into a wall outlet, **iTunes** will initiate a sync over your **Wi-Fi** network. Do note that iTunes will need to be running when you plug in your **iOS** handset.



*If you click the* ***Sync*** *button, your* ***iOS*** *device will sync without needing to be connected to a power outlet.*

Alternatively, you can sync an **iOS** device from your **PC** or **Mac** without the device plugged in. If you have installed new apps since your last sync, you'll see a **Sync** button in the lower-right corner of your devices **Summary** page in **iTunes**. (*If nothing has changed since your last sync, you'll instead see Revert and Apply buttons there*). Click **Sync** and **iTunes** will sync with the device, whether it's plugged in or not.