

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.