

# How to Install iTunes on Windows and Linux?

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## Quick answer

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iTunes is a popular multimedia player developed and controlled by Apple Inc. Although despite being an Apple product, iTunes is offered across different operating systems. It was originally designed for iPhone, iPad, and iPod, but iTunes is currently available for Windows and Linux users. But the query is "How to Install iTunes on Windows and Linux?"

Downloading and Installing iTunes on non-iOS operating systems like Windows and Linux is a bit complex. It isn't particularly difficult, but the process may confuse many users. Anyway, join us in this article as we discuss the process of Installing iTunes on Windows and Linux operating systems.

We will also discuss the requirements and compatibility considerations for both operating systems. So, whether you are a Linux user looking forward to exploring iTunes, or a Window user looking forward to using iTunes on the PC, here's all that you need to know:

## How to Install iTunes on Windows?

iTunes has one of the largest music libraries, and now Apple also offers its services across Windows operating systems. The iTunes app for Windows allows users to import the entire iPhone library into their PC.

iTunes is the best tool to transfer data between your Apple devices and Windows operating systems. Windows 7 and Windows 8 users can download and install iTunes from the Apple store, whereas Windows 10 and Windows 11 users can download and install iTunes directly from the Microsoft Store. Here are more details about the same:

## Step-By-Step Instructions For Installing iTunes On Windows 7/8

Step 1: First, visit [Here \(https://support.apple.com/downloads/itunes\)](https://support.apple.com/downloads/itunes), scroll across, and browse the download version ideal for your Windows device. Check the System Requirements given with each link to avoid any inconvenience later.

Step 2: once you have found the suitable download link, click Download. Enter your email address, and then again click on Download Now. You will receive a prompt asking you to Save or Run the file. If you choose to Save, the file will, by default, get saved in the Downloads folder. Whereas, if you choose Run, your system will start Installing the file immediately. The Installation process starts automatically.

Step 3: Once the installation begins, click Run, proceed with all the on-screen instructions, agree to the iTunes software terms and conditions, and proceed.

Step 4: For installation options, choose from- Use iTunes as the default player for audio files: This option enables iTunes to handle CDs, MP3s, podcasts, downloads, and all audio files.

Add iTunes and QuickTime shortcuts to my desktop: Choose this option if you want to launch iTunes simply by double-clicking the icon from the desktop screen.

Default iTunes language: It allows setting iTunes in different available languages.

Destination Folder: This folder installs iTunes and its files.

Step 5: Next, when you are done selecting the options, click on the Install button. Once the installation process completes, click on Finish. If prompted, restart your computer to finish the installation. Or, you can also choose to do it later. Despite the choices, you will be able to start using iTunes right away.

Step 6: Now, if you have an Apple ID and password, select Sign in to access the iTunes Store. However, if you do not have an Apple account, navigate to the iTunes Store and Sign up for an Apple ID.

Step 7: Once done with the entire process, you can use iTunes on your Windows 7/8 operating system.

## Step-By-Step Instructions For Installing iTunes On Windows 10/11

Step 1: First, navigate to the Windows Search box, type iTunes and click on iTunes Install App. Or you can also search for iTunes in the Microsoft Store Online.

Step 2: Now click on the Get icon, and once the downloading process is complete, select the option Launch.

Step 3: Next, as prompted to the iTunes Software License Agreement window, click on the Agree tab here.

Step 4: on the next screen, if you agree to share details about your library with Apple, click Agree. However, if you do not wish to do so, click No Thanks and decline.

Step 5: if you already have an Apple ID and password, click Sign in to the iTunes Store. However, if you do not have an Apple account and select the option Go to the iTunes Store. You can sign in for a new Apple ID to use iTunes.

Step 6: Finally, import your CDs into your iTunes library (It helps to convert songs from CD to MP3 or AAC files), set up your Apple device with iTunes, and start using it.

## How to Install iTunes on Linux?

iTunes is officially available for macOS and Windows operating systems only. However, it is now possible to install iTunes on Linux by using Wine on Ubuntu and other Linux.

Here is all about Installing iTunes on Ubuntu 20.04 and Ubuntu 18.04 Bionic, including Elementary, MX Linux, Debian, Linux Mint, etc.

## Step-By-Step Instructions For Installing iTunes On Linux

Step 1: Start by opening the Command terminal and adding the WineHQ GPG key. Doing so is important to ensure that the content/ tool/ app you are downloading isn't altered and is from an authentic source only. Here, in the command terminal, copy and paste the following,

```
'wget -O - https://dl.winehq.org/wine-builds/winehq.key | sudo apt-key add -'
```

Step 2: Next, considering whichever Linux operating system you are using, add the Wine repository by executing any of the commands below, depending on your version:

### For Ubuntu or Linux Mint

Ubuntu 20.10:

```
'sudo add-apt-repository 'deb https://dl.winehq.org/wine-builds/ubuntu/ groovy main''
```

Ubuntu 20.04:

```
'sudo add-apt-repository 'deb https://dl.winehq.org/wine-builds/ubuntu/ focal main''
```

Ubuntu 18.04:

```
'sudo add-apt-repository 'deb https://dl.winehq.org/wine-builds/ubuntu/ bionic main''
```

Ubuntu 16.04:

```
'sudo add-apt-repository 'deb https://dl.winehq.org/wine-builds/ubuntu/ xenial main''
```

## On Debian systems

Debian 10 (Buster):

```
'sudo deb https://dl.winehq.org/wine-builds/debian/ buster main'
```

Debian (Bullseye):

```
'sudo deb https://dl.winehq.org/wine-builds/debian/ bullseye main'
```

Step 3: Further, you need to run a system update to rebuild the repo cache, which can recognize the newly added repository. Run the following command in the terminal,

```
'sudo apt update'
```

Step 4: Now download and install Wine HQ packages on the Linux system. To do so, run the following command in the terminal,

```
'sudo apt install --install-recommends winehq-stable'
```

Step 5: Further, download the latest available iTunes setup, and to do so, visit <https://support.apple.com/downloads/itunes>. Choose the option wisely, depending on your system architecture.

Step 6: Now, once you finish the iTunes meant for Windows downloading process, open your system's download folder and right-click on it. Here select the option Other with Other Application -> Wine Windows Program Loader.

Step 7: Next, run the application Wine. It may ask you to download a couple of packages to start the installation process.

Step 8: Once the installation is complete, an iTunes Desktop shortcut icon will appear on your Ubuntu Linux. Locate the icon, right-click on it, and select the option Allow Launching. The gear icon will now turn into iTunes, and you can start using the iTunes application after that.

PRO TIP: Some users may get a "video playback not supported on this computer" error. If you are one of them, you probably use an older graphic card version. To resolve the issue, all you need to do is Uninstall iTunes. To do so, navigate to the Command Terminal and copy+ and paste one of these commands "wine uninstaller" or "wine64 uninstaller".

As you see the Wine's Add/Remove programs to uninstall iTunes, select it and click the Remove tab. Now download iTunes 12.4.3 (64-bit - meant for older video cards) version. The downloading process is similar to the one we explained above.

## Wrapping Up

This was all for Installing iTunes on Windows and Linux. Now you can use iTunes on your Windows and Linux operating systems and enjoy Apple music like never before.