

Copying Songs from Your iPod to Your iTunes Library

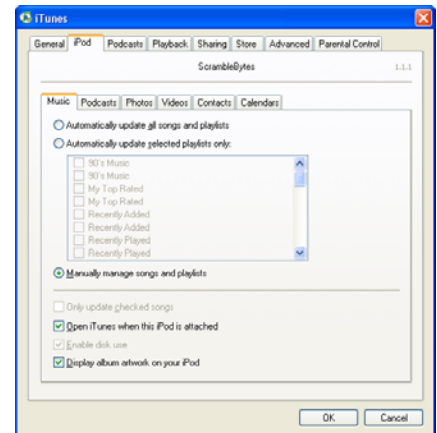
As a concession to the music industry, Apple intentionally made it difficult to share music files between computers and individual iPods. The iPod is designed to **only** sync from your iTunes library to your iPod. Third party programs have been developed such as CopyPod (coppod.net) Tune Transfer for iPod and PodUtil to assist with other operations.


To manage the task of copying songs manually from your iPod to your library follow these not so easy directions (not intended for use with iPod Shuffles).



In iTunes choose Edit  Preferences.

Using the iPod tab, select the option to Manually manage songs and playlists. This will prevent your iPod from automatically updating with the library currently stored in your iTunes Library. OK. Close iTunes.



Go to My Computer. Make sure that you can see Hidden Files and Folders by choosing Tools  Folder Options, the View Tab and select Show Hidden Files and Folder.

Next, double-click on the drive letter that represents your iPod. The letter assigned will be different for each computer.

Double-click on the iPod_Control folder.

Double-click on the Music folder. You see a sequence of folders with names like F00, F01, etc. Your music is stored in these folders. If you choose you can use these folders directly or you may wish to copy them to a location on your computer as an extra step to insure that your music is not lost. Perhaps make a folder on your desktop called “Import” and copy the F00, F0, etc. to that folder location.

Open iTunes. Choose File + Add File to Library. Locate one of the folders containing your music. Press Ctrl – A to select all the files in the folder. Choose Open.

Repeat for each folder.

Change your iPod preferences back to Automatically Update all songs and playlists.

