

# How to Connect iPhone to Your Computer

The following TipsMake article will show you how to connect your iPhone to your desktop computer to sync or backup with the iTunes application, or move photos and other data.

## Connect via USB port



Connect iPhone to the desktop. Use the USB cable that came with your device.



Open iTunes. This is an app whose icon is a musical note.

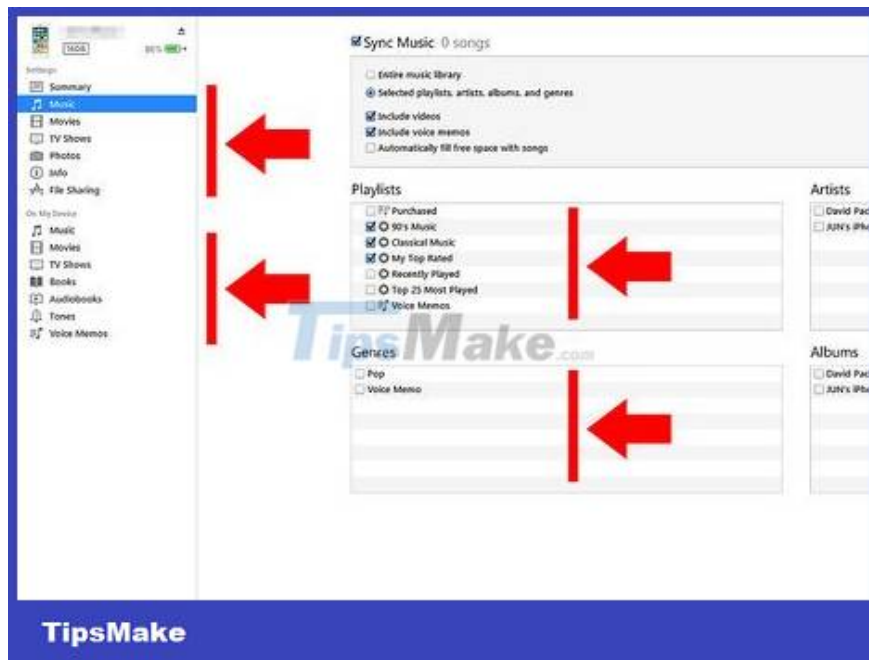
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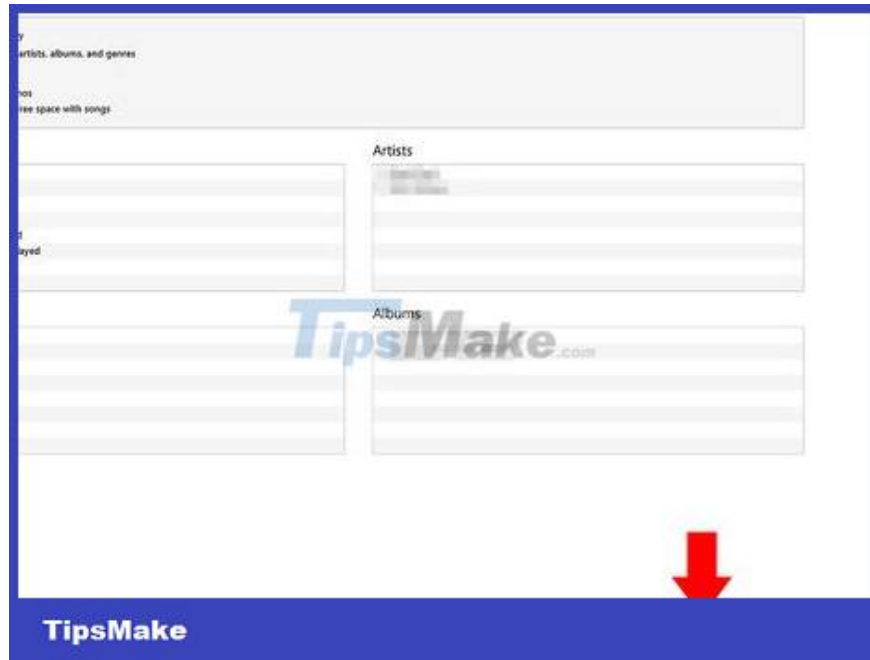
Click on the iPhone icon. This icon will appear in the upper-left corner of the iTunes window.



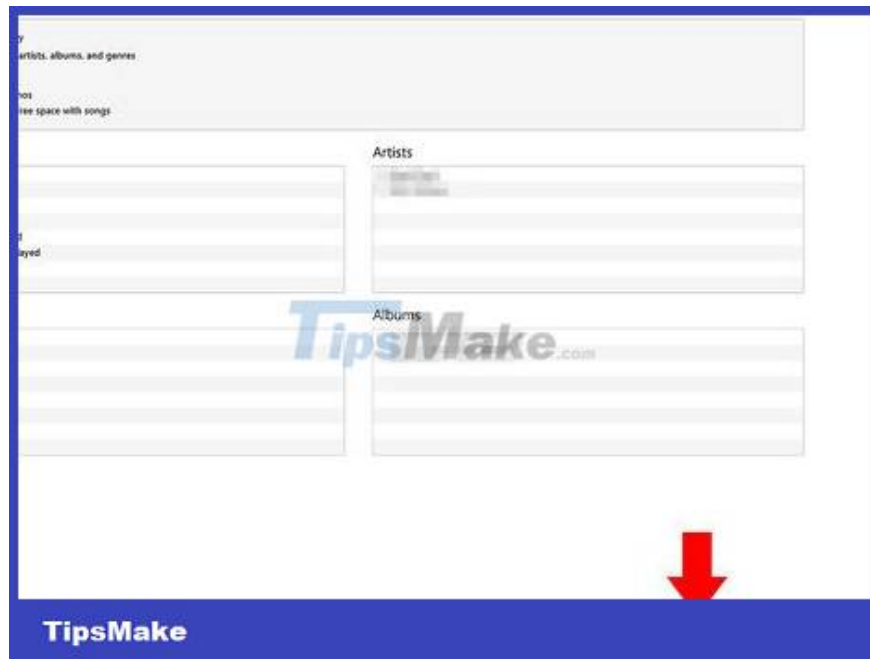
Click the Back Up Now button . Do this if you want to create a backup of your iPhone's data on your desktop.



Select content to sync. To do this, click the content item on the left pane of the window, and then select or deselect Sync [content] at the top of the right pane.



Click the Apply button . This button is located in the lower right corner of the window. This will save the sync options you just selected.



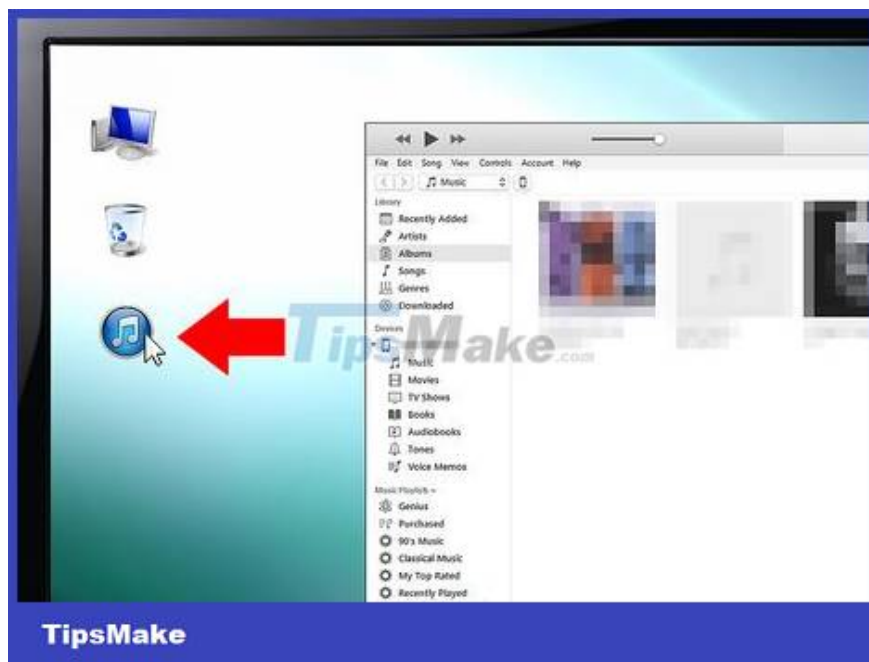
Click the Sync button . This button is located in the lower right corner of the window. Synchronization will begin.

Select "Automatically sync when this iPhone is connected" in the "Options" section of the window to sync each time you connect iPhone to the desktop .

## Connecting via wireless network (Wi-Fi)

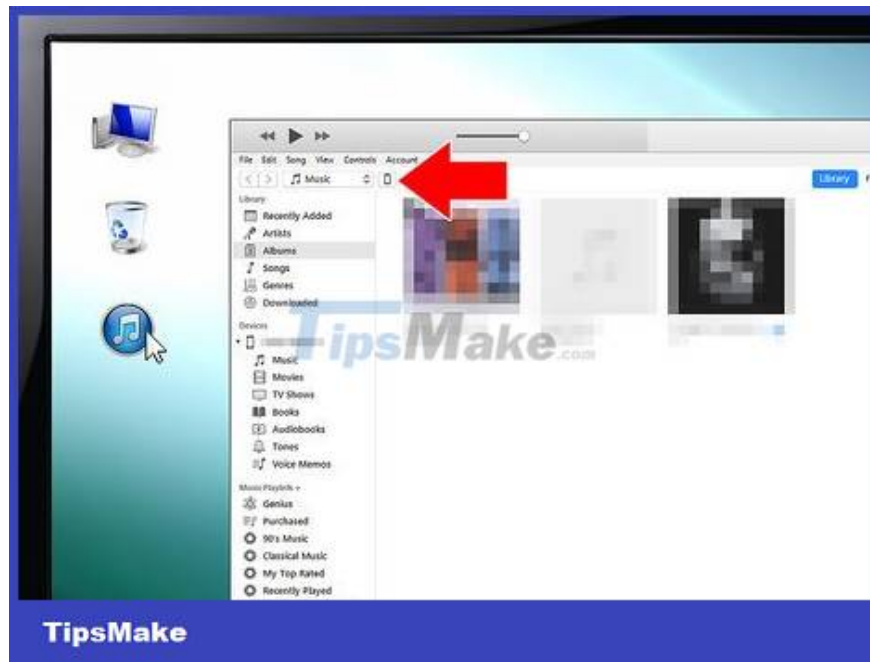


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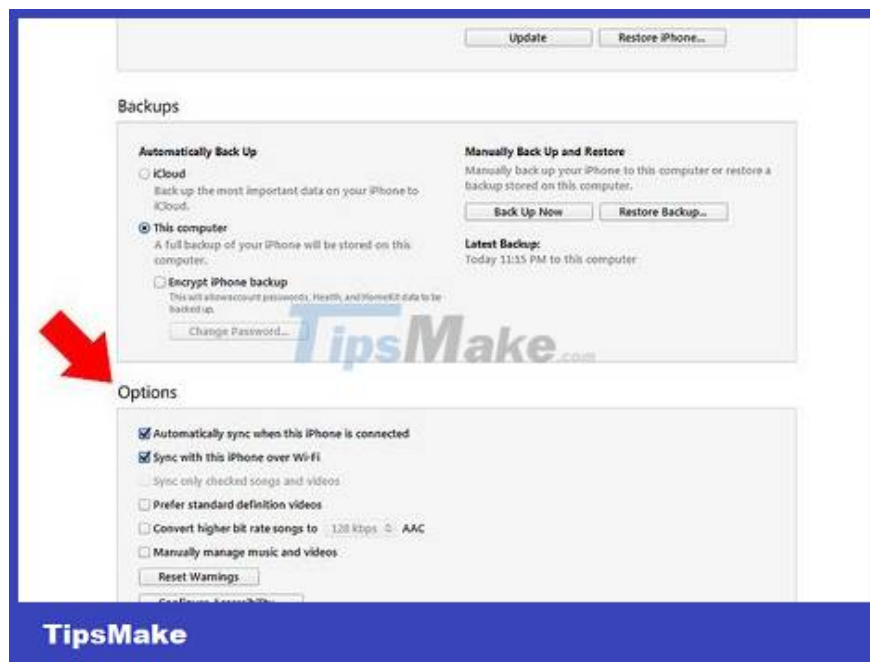


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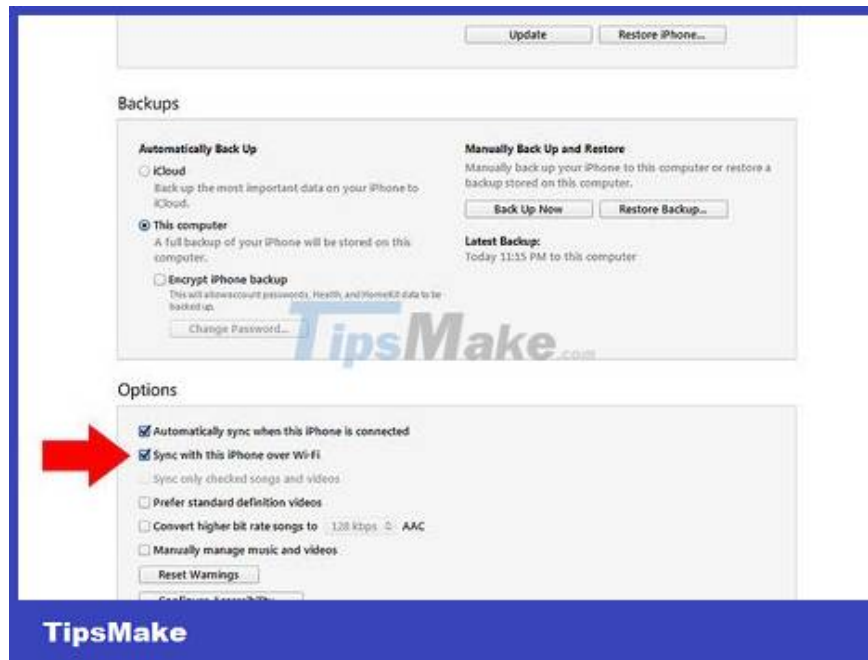
iTunes may run automatically when you connect your iPhone.



Click on the iPhone icon. This icon will appear in the upper-left corner of the iTunes window.



Scroll to the "Options" section. This is the last item on the right pane of the iTunes window.



Select "Sync with this iPhone over Wi-Fi". This dialog box is located on the left side of the right pane of the iTunes window.



Click the Apply button . This button is located in the lower right corner of the iTunes window.

Wait for the iPhone to finish syncing for the changes to take effect.



Disconnect iPhone from the desktop.



Open your iPhone's Settings (Settings). It's a gray app that contains a gear icon (??) and is usually located on the home screen of your phone.



Tap the Wi-Fi button . This button is located near the top of the menu.



Tap the wireless network. Your iPhone and computer need to be connected to the same wireless network.



Click the Settings key . This key is located in the upper left corner of the screen.



Scroll down and tap the General button . This button is next to the gray wheel icon (??) at the top of the menu.



Click the iTunes Wi-Fi Sync button . This button is near the bottom of the menu.

If there are multiple desktops listed, click the one you want to sync.

Make sure iTunes is already open on your computer.



Click the Sync Now button . Your iPhone will be synced to your computer over the wireless network.

### **Connect to a Mac using AirDrop**



Click the Finder item on your Mac. It's a blue and light blue icon with a smiley face and is usually located on the Dock. A Finder window will open on your desktop.

Bluetooth needs to be enabled on both devices to connect via AirDrop.



Click the AirDrop button . This key is located in the "Favorites" section of the toolbar on the left side of the Finder window.

AirDrop is an efficient way to create a connection that helps you move photos, documents, and other files when the devices are close together (within a few meters).



Click "Allow me to be discovered by". This item is located at the bottom of the Finder window. A drop-down menu will appear.



Click Everyone .



Swipe up the iPhone home screen. The Control Center will appear.



Tap AirDrop: . This button is located to the right of the Control Center, and after clicking it, a reception status will appear, such as: "Everyone", "Contacts Only", or "Receiving Off".



Click Everyone . You can now send and receive data between your iPhone and your desktop.



Select files to share. Do the same on both devices.

Files or pages created or stored in Apple apps such as Photos, Notes, Contacts, Calendar, and the Safari browser can almost always Share via AirDrop. Many third-party apps also feature AirDrop.



Tap or click the "Share" icon. Look for the square with the arrow pointing up.



Tap or click AirDrop . This button is near the top of the "Share" dialog box.



Tap or click the name of the device receiving the data. Do the same with the device sending the data.

If you can't see your Mac or iPhone, make sure the devices are close together (within a few meters) and AirDrop is on.

If you are prompted to turn on Bluetooth and Wi-Fi, follow the prompts.



Tap or click the Save button on the receiving device. A copy of the file will be saved on the device.

Tap or click Open and Save to view the files you've saved.

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