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Make sure that the default setting is Copy files to your iTunes Music folder when you add them to your library. Click OK. Select Add File to Library from the File menu. On your Mac, choose Add to Library. Browse the library and select the music file you want to add to iTunes. iTunes will now copy the selected file to the iTunes music folder [source: Apple]. Here's how to buy music from the iTunes Store, and put it on your iTunes. Access the iTunes Store on the Apple website. Choose the music you want by reviewing the available categories that Apple offers. Click the type of music you want, and then search for the exact song you want to put on your iTunes. Click it and follow the instructions to pay for it. Once paid, the music is automatically downloaded to iTunes [source: Apple]. Windows only: The free iTunes Export app allows you to export playlists that you have created in iTunes to read more. What iTunes Export buys export your iTunes Export generates a universal playlist file that is readable by your media player. iTunes stores its playlists in a proprietary XML file that no other music player can read. Furthermore, if you have keep my music organized to check inside iTunes, it automatically manages the folder structure where your music is stored (iTunes directory/Artist name/Album name/Song Title.xxx.) So if you have ultimate mix playlist tracks from many different artists and albums, it's impossible to automatically copy those songs to another location or play that mix with another media player. iTunes Export reads iTunes' proprietary XML file and generates an M3U playlist file - which pretty much every music player on the planet can read like WinAmp, foobar, and VLC, to name a few. In addition, iTunes Export copies actual music files from the managed iTunes folder structure completely, which means that MP3s are completely separate and playable by your media player. iTunes Export offers offers interfaces and command-line interfaces. Download iTunes Export here - unfortunately the GUI is only Windows, and it requires a .NET runtime. (However, the command line interface works on Linux with Mono - but iTunes doesn't run on Linux, so it's probably not that useful.) G/O Media can earn commission! iTunes Export GUI iTunes Export graphical interface is a breeze to use. Simply run and go through the wizard steps and select the iTunes playlists you want to export, where you want your song and song files to end. It has an impressive set of options, though, as playlist format (EXT and WPL are supported as well as M3U) and the ability to automatically include or exclude protected or unprotected AAC files. To preview what iTunes Export looks like, check out the screenshots below: Using the iTunes Export command line line iTunes Export also has a command line interface that can specify all options available in the GUI. You may want to use the command line to schedule a batch export of, say, your top rated songs to your laptop's hard drive once a week. (Learn more about scheduling batch file operations with Windows Task Scheduler.) The iTunes Export home page runs down the command line options in great detail, but to give you a taste, this command would export my Awesome Mix playlist to C:\iTunesEscape\ directory with M3U playlist (no line breaks): iTunesExport.exe -dir =c:\iTunesEscape -include =My Awesome Mix-copyWithIndexGot no tricks to release your from iTunes' claws? Let us know in the comments. Gina Trapani, editor of Lifehacker, now uses foobar2000 full time on Windows. Her weekly feature, Geek to Live, appears every Friday on Lifehacker. 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In the drop-down menu, point to the library. Source: iSo select Arrange Library from the secondary menu. Source: iFore, select the To consolidate files check box when the Arrange Library window appears. Source: iMore Click OK. Source: iMore This will be a copy of all files in the iTunes media folder, leaving the originals in their current location. Copy your iTunes library to a backup source If you're using an external hard drive, connect it to your Mac using a USB cable. Click Finder to open the Finder window. Select your Mac's hard drive. Source: iMore Click the music in the sidebar. Source: iMore Select the Music folder (or iTunes on macOS Mojave and earlier) and drag that folder to the external hard drive icon on your desktop or copy it to the online backup service. Source: iMore Click Verify if prompted to grant permission to create a copy of the iTunes folder. Enter your administrator password. Click OK. Source: iMore The copy process begins. This can take a very long time, depending on how large library is. So, sit back, relax, watch a movie or whatever you do to ski time. Desperate times require desperate measures If you're going to do something wild with your music or iTunes library and you don't have a way to back it up on an external drive or online backup service, you can create a temporary backup that you store directly on your Mac. This is by no means a solid backup plan, but can be useful in an emergency. Note: After you create a copy, it's a good idea to move the copied folder to an easy-to-look location that's separate from any folder where you want to make changes (for example, the Music folder). This copied folder should be deleted immediately after it is no longer needed because it unnecessarily takes up more space on your computer's hard drive and can wreak havoc with the latest Music or iTunes folder. Click Finder to open the Finder window. Select your Mac's hard drive. Source: iMore Click the music in the sidebar. Source: iM more Right-click or control-click the Music folder (or iTunes folder if you're still on macOS Mojave or earlier). Source: iMore Select a duplicate from the drop-down menu. The copy process begins. This can take a very long time. Source: iMore Move the copied iTunes or Music folder to a new, easy-to-find location. Delete the copied iTunes or Music folder when you no longer need a temporary backup. Any questions? Do you encounter problems that make a backup of iTunes? Pop them in the comments below. March 2020: These are still up-to-date steps for backing up music. Serenity Caldwell contributed to an earlier version of this guide. Wizard.