



iMac FAQ

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Overview

Q. What's new about iMac?

A. Designed to be the best computer for the digital lifestyle, the next-generation iMac is more powerful than ever. New features include your choice of a 500-, 600-, or 700-MHz PowerPC G3 processor; a built-in slot-loading CD-ROM or CD-RW drive; 64MB, 128MB, or 256MB of RAM; and greater storage capacity. In addition, iMac offers two FireWire ports for easily connecting DV camcorders and high-performance storage devices. All models come with Mac OS X, iMovie, and iTunes pre-installed. Available in Indigo, Graphite, and Snow, the new iMac systems are affordably priced at just \$799, \$999, \$1299, and \$1499 (suggested retail price). Add it all up and the new iMac offers you the shortest route to the Internet, the best way to make Desktop Movies, and the easiest way ever to rip, mix, and burn your own CDs.

Q. Are additional options available when I purchase an iMac through the online Apple Store?

A. Yes. When you purchase any iMac through the Apple Store at www.apple.com/store, you can order your system with additional memory (up to 1GB) or an AirPort wireless networking card preinstalled.¹ You can also buy third-party software and accessories for your iMac from the Apple Store.

Q. Is iMac compatible with Mac OS X?

A. Yes. All iMac systems are compatible with Mac OS X.² In fact, every iMac now comes with both Mac OS X and Mac OS 9 preinstalled, so you can continue to run your Mac OS 9 applications and easily transition to Mac OS X at your own pace.

Q. Can I use recordable business-card-size CDs with my iMac?

A. The CD-RW drive included in selected iMac models can write to standard 12-cm CD-R and CD-RW media and read 8-cm and 12-cm CDs. Business-card-size CDs and other irregularly shaped CDs are not compatible.

Q. Does iMac still support the Harman Kardon iSub subwoofer?

A. Yes. The iSub continues to be compatible with iMac in Mac OS 9. It works with the built-in Harman Kardon Odyssey digital audio system in iMac to enhance your enjoyment of audio CDs and MP3 titles.



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iTunes and CD-RW

Q. What is iTunes?

A. iTunes is your passport to the world of digital music. With this intuitive, easy-to-use application, you can convert songs from your music CDs into MP3 format (also called “ripping”), store your entire digital music library in one place, create personal playlists, and tune in to hundreds of Internet radio stations, all with the point-and-click ease the iMac is famous for.³ iTunes features extremely high-quality, unlimited encoding and lets you download music to the most popular portable MP3 players. If your iMac includes a CD-RW drive, you can use iTunes to create playlists of your favorite tunes in the order you’d like to hear them, then burn custom audio CDs that you can play in virtually any CD player.

Q. Can iMac burn data CDs as well as music CDs?

A. Yes. The ability to create data CDs is built into the Mac OS. You simply drag the files you want to copy to the CD-R or CD-RW icon on the desktop. iMac automatically burns the files you choose onto the disc.

Q. What is the difference between CD-R and CD-RW media?

A. CD-R discs (short for CD-recordable) are write-once, read-multiple media. Your best choice for burning your own custom CDs, CD-R discs are compatible with most consumer audio CD players and typically cost about half as much as CD-RW discs. CD-RW discs (short for CD-rewritable) can be erased and reused many times. This makes them ideal for computer data and digital music storage. Note that most standard audio CD players do not play audio files stored on CD-RW discs.

Q. Are blank recordable CDs included with iMac models that include the built-in CD-RW drive?

A. Yes. These iMac models come with two blank CD-R discs so you can start burning your own CDs right out of the box. You can purchase additional blank discs through the online Apple Store at www.apple.com/store.

Q. How much music can be stored on an audio CD?

A. Typically, up to 74 minutes of music can be stored on a CD. However, iTunes allows you to store even more music on a single CD-R or CD-RW disc. For example, while a typical 5-minute song stored on an audio CD takes up about 35MB, the same song could be stored using only about 7MB when converted to the MP3 format—even using the iTunes high-quality setting (192 Kbps). In this example, you could conceivably store over 90 songs on just one CD-R or CD-RW disc to play back with iTunes.

iMovie and DV

Q. What do I need to make Desktop Movies with iMac?

A. With the exception of a DV camcorder, iMac comes complete with everything you need to make stunning digital movies. You get Apple’s acclaimed iMovie digital video editing software,³ built-in FireWire ports, a 4-pin-to-6-pin FireWire camcorder cable, and enough processing power, memory, and disk storage to let you be as creative as you can be. With iMac, making movies is not only easy, it’s fun.



Q. Do I need a separate FireWire or other cable to record audio from my DV camcorder?

A. No. Unlike analog systems, digital video camcorders transmit high-quality audio and video through a single FireWire cable, included with every iMac.

Q. Is it possible to use an analog camcorder to create movies?

A. iMovie is optimized for digital video (DV); however, there are several adapters that enable you to connect analog camcorders to iMac using FireWire. (Some of these adapters are available at the Apple Store.) Certain DV camcorders can also be used as an adapter that lets you import analog video. For the best quality, performance, and simplicity, we recommend that you use DV camcorders with iMac and iMovie.

Q. Can I get additional special effects plug-ins and audio effects for iMovie?

A. Yes. Apple offers additional special effects plug-in software, audio effects, backgrounds, and other material for use with iMovie on the web at www.apple.com/imovie.

¹ Wireless Internet access requires AirPort Card, AirPort Base Station, and Internet access (fees may apply). Some ISPs are not currently compatible with AirPort. Range may vary with site conditions.

² Mac OS X requires 128MB of SDRAM.

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