

# Creating an Apple ID Account Using the Internet on a Desktop or Laptop Computer

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An Apple ID account is required to complete the device setup and to purchase apps. Your Apple ID is used for almost everything you do with your device, such as when you:

- Buy music and/or movies on iTunes
- Buy apps on the App Store
- Log into iCloud or iChat
- Make reservations at the Apple Retail Store
- Access support at Apple.com

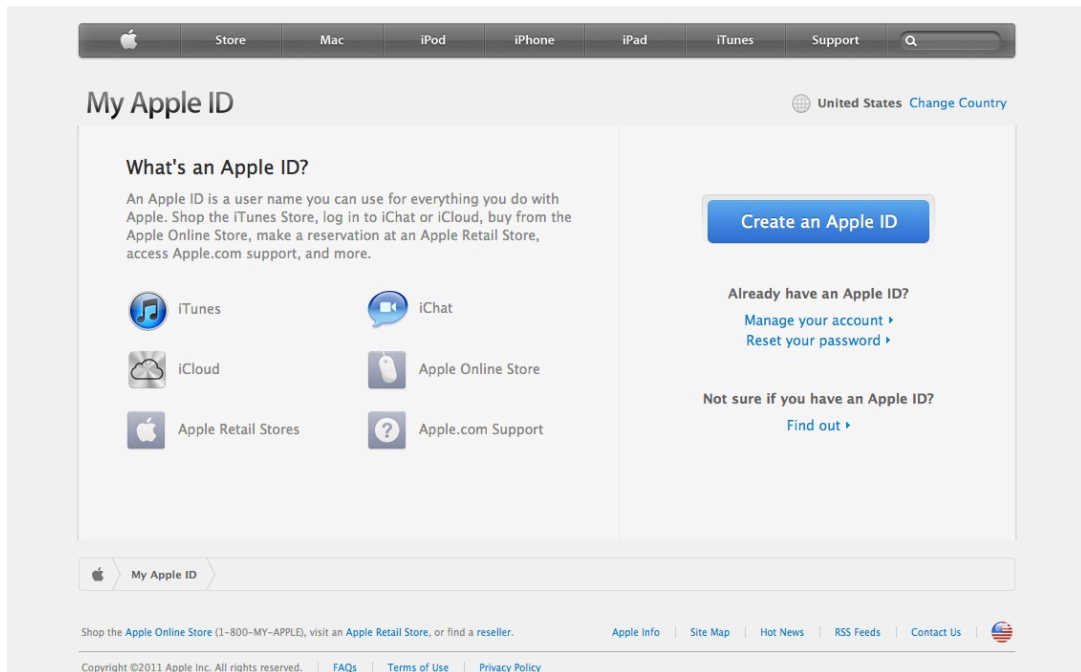
Internet access is required to establish an Apple ID. You can create an Apple ID account by:

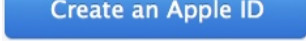
- Using a Web browser such as Internet Explorer on a desktop or laptop computer
- Using Wi-Fi access (when available) on your device to access the iTunes or App store the first time

## Creating an Apple ID Account Using the Internet on a Computer

Using a Web browser:

1. Enter "***appleid.apple.com***" in the address bar of the browser.



2. Click the  button. The Create an Apple ID screen will appear as shown below.
3. Choose an Apple ID and Password:
  - a. Enter your primary e-mail address as your Apple ID. You will need to access that e-mail address in order to complete the account registration.

Write e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

- b. Enter a unique password. Make sure you write the password down so you won't forget it. You will need to use the password whenever you want to use your Apple ID account (e.g., to download apps).

Write password here: \_\_\_\_\_

- c. Confirm your password.

**My Apple ID**

**Create an Apple ID.**

Your Apple ID gives you easy access to a variety of Apple services, including the iTunes Store, Apple Online Store, iChat, and more. We will not share your information with anyone else unless you authorize us to do so.

[Read the Apple Customer Privacy Policy](#)

**Create an Apple ID.**

**Choose an Apple ID and password.**

Enter your primary email address as your Apple ID. This will be used as the contact email address for your account. Please note that this email address must be verified before you can use certain Apple services.

Apple ID

Password

Confirm Password

4. Create a Security Question:
  - a. Click the double-arrow to choose a security question. The security question is used if you forget your password, so it is a good idea to write the question and the answer in a safe place for future reference.

**Create a security question.**

Select a security question or create one of your own. This question will help us verify your identity should you forget your password.

Security Question

Answer

5. Select Your Birth Date:
  - a. Click the double-arrows to choose the month in which you were born.
  - b. Click the double-arrows to choose the day on which you were born.
  - c. Click the double-arrows to choose the year in which you were born.

**Select your birth date.**

Combined with your security question, this will help us verify your identity if you forget your password or need to reset it.

6. Enter Your Name:
  - a. Enter your first name.
  - b. Enter your last name.

**Enter your name.**

Please enter your full name.

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

7. Enter Your Primary Address:

- a. Complete each field of the address section.

**Enter your primary address.**

Please enter your mailing address.

Country/Region

Company/Institution

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Town/City

State/Province

Zip Code

8. Preferred Language:
  - a. Verify that your preferred language is entered in the field.

**Preferred Language**

Preferred Language

9. Contact Preferences:
  - a. All preferences are checked by default. You may or may not want to receive information via e-mail or US Mail from Apple. Click the checkboxes to uncheck the option.

**Contact Preferences**

Stay up to date with Apple news, software updates, and the latest information about products and services from Apple. Please note: Email messages appear in the official language(s) of your country of residence.

[Read the Apple Customer Privacy Policy](#) ▶

**Communication from Apple**

Email  
Apple news, software updates, and more.

Mail  
Printed information and offers.

**Newsletters**

New on iTunes and Other iTunes Offers  
Every week, iTunes adds the latest new releases for music, apps, movies, TV, books, podcasts, and much more — plus exclusive content you'll only find on iTunes. Sign up for New On iTunes and other iTunes offers.

10. Please Type the Characters You See in the Image Below:
- Enter the characters displayed on the screen. If you cannot distinguish the characters, click *Try a different image* to the right of the letters.
  - Click the checkbox to agree to the terms of service.
  - Click the Create Apple ID button.

Please type the characters you see in the image below.

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Letters are not case sensitive.

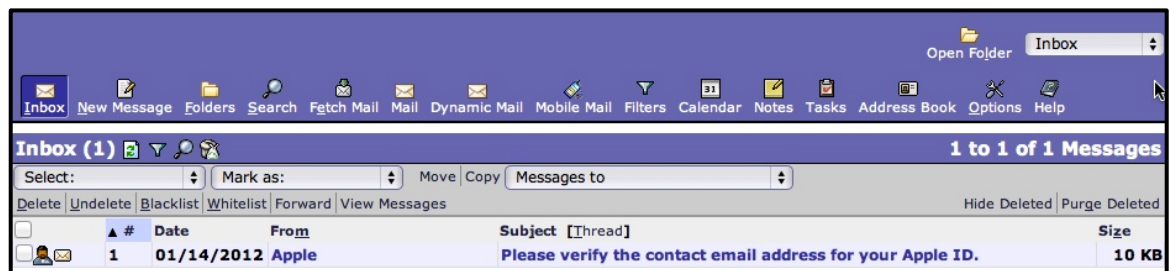
I have read and agree to the [Apple Terms of Service](#) and [Apple Customer Privacy Policy](#) .

Cancel Create Apple ID

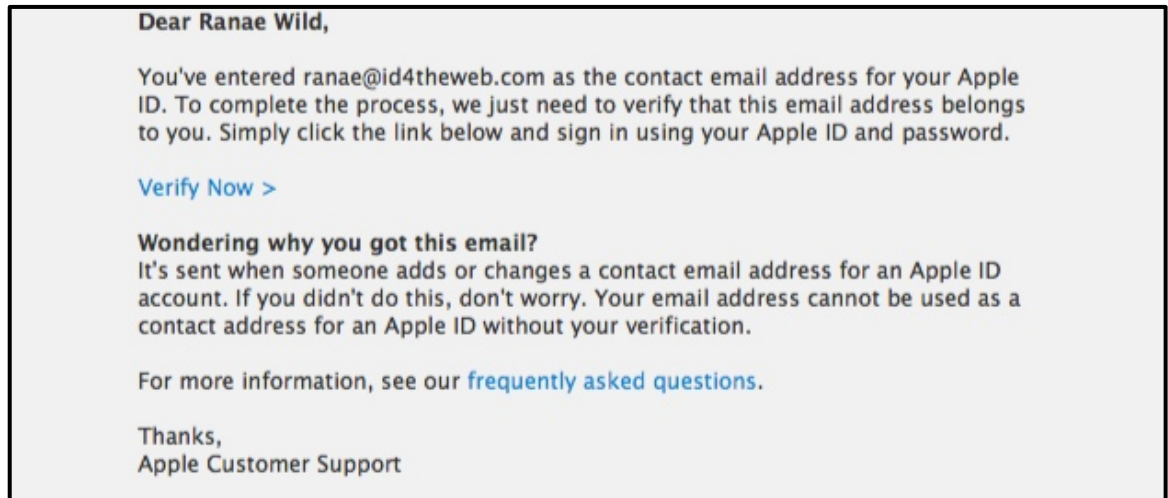
### Verification E-mail

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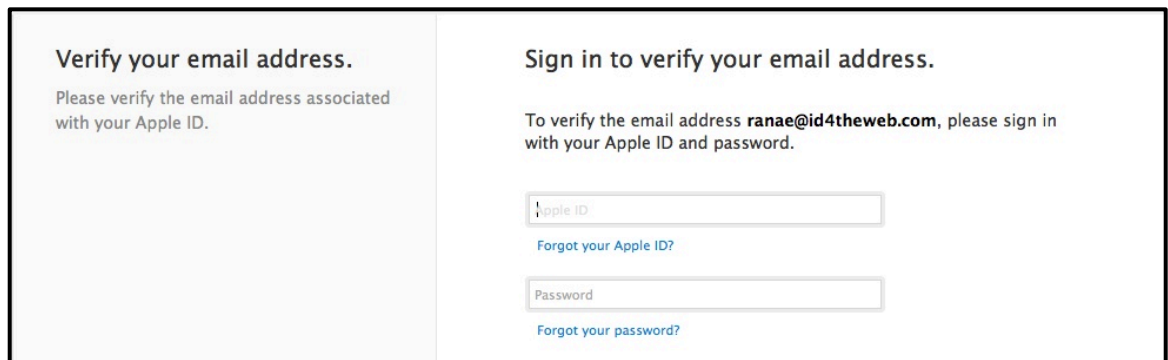
You will need to access your e-mail to create your new Apple ID. You will receive an e-mail from Apple with the subject line: *Please verify the contact e-mail address for your Apple ID* as shown below.



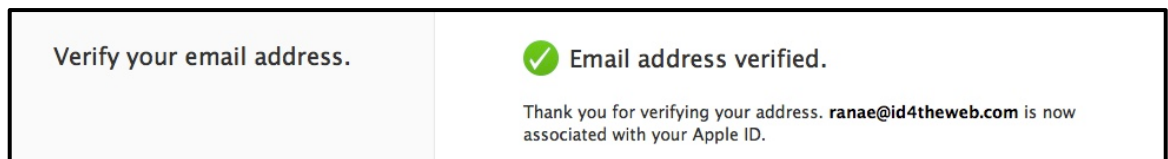
1. Open the e-mail message and click the *Verify Now* link.



2. Sign In to Verify Your E-mail Address:
  - a. Enter your primary e-mail address (see page 2).
  - b. Enter the password you used when you created the account (see page 2).



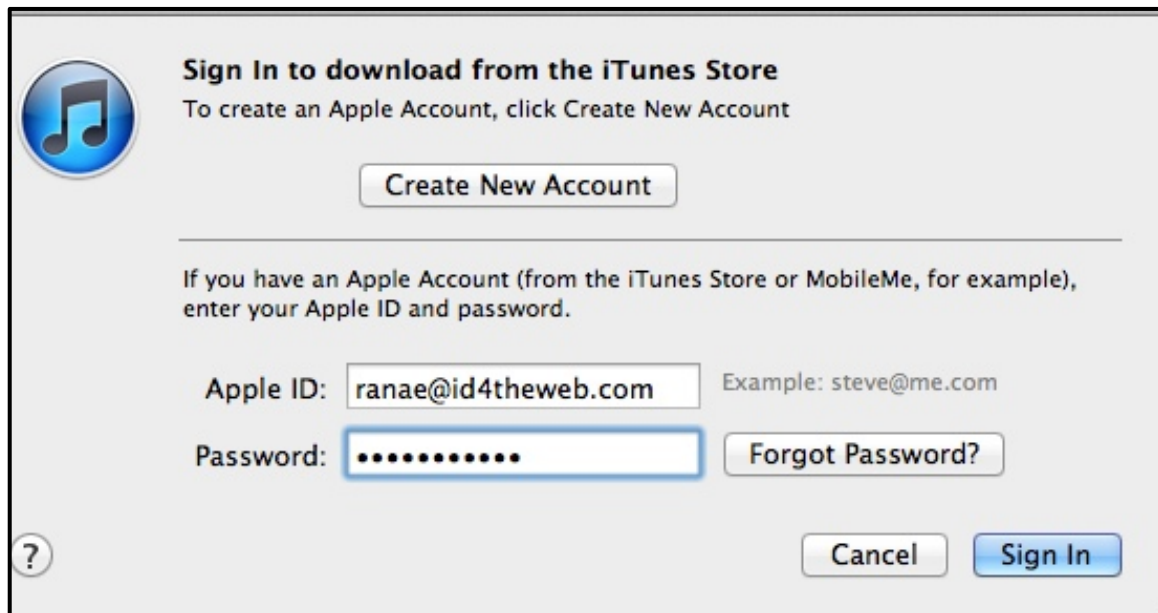
3. E-mail Address Verified:



## Activate Apple ID Billing Information

You will need to enter billing information the first time you attempt to download an app (even if it's free), music, etc. Although you can add the billing information from iTunes on either the computer or the device, it is recommended that you add the billing information on a computer at home, because the Internet connection will be more secure.

1. Download and install iTunes:
  - a. Enter **itunes.com** in your Web browser.
  - b. Click Download iTunes or Download Now.
  - c. Click the iTunes file and follow the directions to install it.
2. Open iTunes on your computer:
  - a. Click Sign In in the upper right corner.
  - b. Enter your Apple ID and Password.
  - c. Click Sign In.

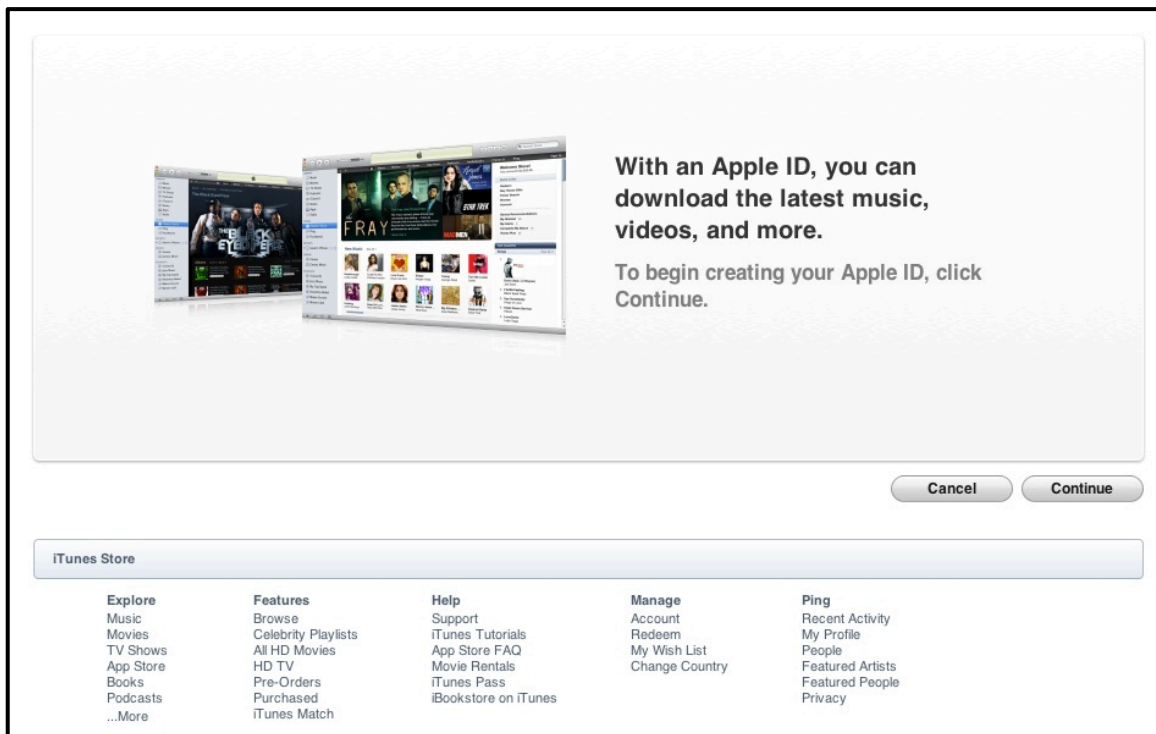


The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Sign In to download from the iTunes Store". It features the iTunes logo on the left. Below the title, there is a "Create New Account" button. A horizontal line separates this from the sign-in section. The sign-in section includes the text "If you have an Apple Account (from the iTunes Store or MobileMe, for example), enter your Apple ID and password." Below this, there are two input fields: "Apple ID:" with the value "ranae@id4theweb.com" and "Example: steve@me.com" to its right; and "Password:" with a masked field of dots. To the right of the password field is a "Forgot Password?" button. At the bottom right, there are "Cancel" and "Sign In" buttons. A help icon (?) is located in the bottom left corner.

3. The following window will appear if you have not already entered billing information.
  - a. Click Review.



4. The Welcome to iTunes window will appear.
  - a. Click Continue.



5. Terms and Conditions:
  - a. Read the Terms and Conditions.
  - b. Click the small checkbox toward the bottom of the screen.
  - c. Click the Continue button.

**Terms and Conditions and Apple Privacy Policy** Secure Connection

You must agree to these terms and conditions in order to use this service.  
 If the billing address of your payment information is not in United States, [click here](#).

A. ITUNES STORE, MAC APP STORE, APP STORE, AND IBOOKSTORE TERMS OF SALE  
 B. ITUNES STORE TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
 C. MAC APP STORE, APP STORE AND IBOOKSTORE TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
 D. PRIVACY POLICY

THE LEGAL AGREEMENTS SET OUT BELOW GOVERN YOUR USE OF THE ITUNES STORE, MAC APP STORE, APP STORE, AND IBOOKSTORE SERVICES. TO AGREE TO THESE TERMS, CLICK "AGREE." IF YOU DO NOT AGREE TO THESE TERMS, DO NOT CLICK "AGREE," AND DO NOT USE THE SERVICES.

A. ITUNES STORE, MAC APP STORE, APP STORE, AND IBOOKSTORE TERMS OF SALE

PAYMENTS, TAXES, AND REFUND POLICY

The iTunes Store, Mac App Store, App Store, and iBookstore services ("Services") accept these forms of payment: credit cards issued by U.S. banks, payments through your PayPal account, iTunes Cards, iTunes Store Gift Certificates, Content Codes, and Allowance Account balances. If a credit card or your PayPal account is being used for a transaction, Apple may obtain preapproval for an amount up to the amount of the order. Billing occurs at the time of or shortly after your transaction. If you are using 1-Click purchasing or your PayPal account, your order may be authorized and billed in increments during one purchasing session, so it may appear as multiple orders on your statement. If an iTunes Card, iTunes Store Gift Certificate, or Allowance Account is used for a transaction, the amount is deducted at the time of your transaction. When making purchases, content credits are used first, followed by Gift Certificate, iTunes Card, or Allowance Account credits; your credit card or PayPal account is then charged for any remaining balance.

You agree that you will pay for all products you purchase through the Services, and that Apple may charge your credit card or PayPal account for any products purchased and for any additional amounts (including any taxes and late fees, as applicable) that may be accrued by or in connection with your Account. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TIMELY PAYMENT OF ALL FEES AND FOR PROVIDING APPLE WITH A VALID CREDIT CARD OR PAYPAL ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR PAYMENT OF ALL FEES. All fees will be billed to the credit card or PayPal account you designate during the registration process. If you want to

I have read and agree to these terms and conditions.

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6. Review Payment Information – You can use a credit card or an Apple gift card.

- a. Click the payment type.
- b. Enter the credit card number.
- c. Enter the expiration date.
- d. Enter the security code.






OR

- e. Enter the gift card number.

**Review Payment Information** Secure Connection

Review your payment information and billing address. Your payment information must have a U.S. billing address.  
 If your billing address is not in United States, [click here](#)

Payment Type

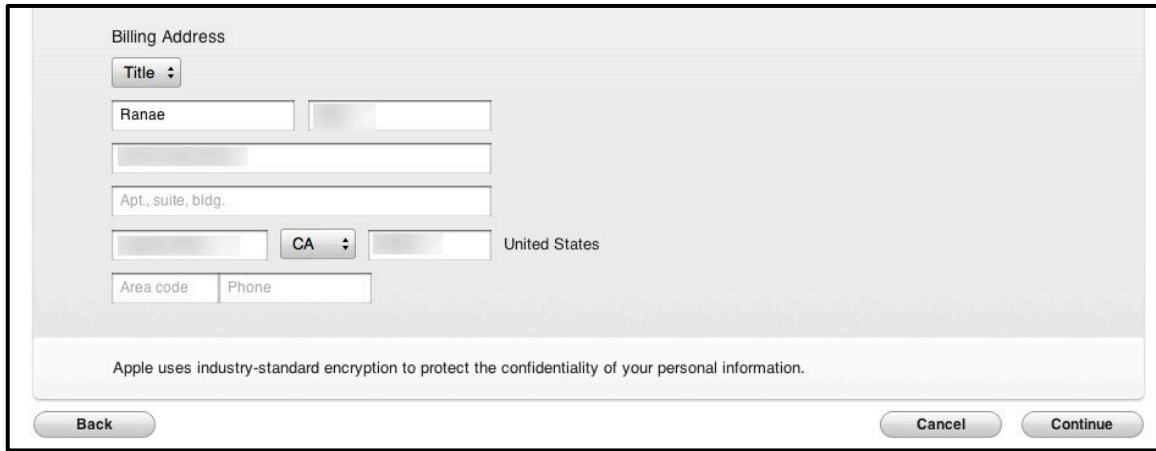
    

Card Number Expires Security Code

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To redeem a code or gift certificate, enter it here

7. Billing Address:
  - a. Enter your billing address.
  - b. Click the Continue button.



The screenshot shows a 'Billing Address' form with the following fields and controls:

- Title**: A dropdown menu.
- First Name**: A text field containing 'Ranae'.
- Last Name**: A text field.
- Address Line 1**: A text field.
- Address Line 2**: A text field with the placeholder text 'Apt., suite, bldg.'.
- State**: A dropdown menu showing 'CA'.
- Country**: A dropdown menu showing 'United States'.
- Area code**: A text field.
- Phone**: A text field.

Below the form, there is a security notice: 'Apple uses industry-standard encryption to protect the confidentiality of your personal information.'

At the bottom of the form, there are three buttons: 'Back', 'Cancel', and 'Continue'.

8. You will see a confirmation screen indicating you are ready to download or purchase items.