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## Apple's new iPods



Apple has tuned up its collection of iPods just in time to introduce them with the new iTunes Music Store –see below. Apple did its homework: The new iPods are thinner, come with bigger hard drives, better backlights and can store and play AAC format files along with MP3. The two higher end models come with a case, a wired remote control, and a new dock for charging, syncing and even have a line out jack to connect directly to your stereo. The new iPod works with Mac & Windows. (Windows users may require a FireWire to USB 2 adapter cable for \$30).

<http://www.apple.ca/ipod>

*iPod 10 GB – Precursor Price \$459 CDN*

*iPod 15 GB – Precursor Price \$599 CDN*

*iPod 30 GB – Precursor Price \$749 CDN*

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## Apple iTunes 4 & iTunes Music Store

Apple released a new version of iTunes to allow users to purchase songs from the new iTunes Music Store. Cost per song is only 99¢ U.S. but the store can currently only vend to U.S. addresses. Canadians can still browse and listen to the free 30 second previews of over 200,000 tracks. iTunes 4 is Rendezvous enabled to allow you to share your music between Macs and it handles both MP3 and the new AAC encoding formats (QuickTime 6.2 is required –see below).

<http://www.apple.ca/itunes>

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## QuickTime Updates

QuickTime 6.2 for OS X offers JPEG 2000, Enhanced AppleScript integration, improvements to iMovie and iDVD audio/video synchronization, significant performance improvements in DV, full screen enhancements for QuickTime Pro users, and important improvements to MPEG-4 streaming. A new version of QuickTime for Mac OS 9 allows text files larger than 32KB to be imported and improves playback of movies under Classic in Mac OS X.

<http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/standalone/>

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## Apple Updates iBooks

Apple quietly refreshed the entire iBook line last week with faster processors, bigger hard drives, and better video cards. The base price was also lowered.

<http://www.apple.com/ca/iBook/>

*iBook 12" 800/128/30/CD – starts at the Precursor Price of \$1479\**

– when purchased with AppleCare extended warrantee \$389. (iBook Regular price = \$1549).

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