

## Bonus Chapter 5

# Web Sources for More iPod Information

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**T**he Internet contains a lot of information, and finding resources for the iPod and iPhone is no exception. Try out these Web sites.

## *The Apple iPod + iTunes Web Site*

[www.apple.com/itunes](http://www.apple.com/itunes)

Your first stop for everything iPod, including iTunes information and iPod accessories, is the iPod + iTunes Web page on the Apple Web site. You can find tips, troubleshooting information, software to download, and information about the newest iPod accessories.

## *The Apple iPhone Web Site*

[www.apple.com/iphone](http://www.apple.com/iphone)

So revolutionary and classy at the same time, the iPhone deserves its own site. You can find tips, troubleshooting information, software to download, and information about the newest iPhone accessories.

## *The Audible Web Site*

[www.audible.com](http://www.audible.com)

Get audio books and documents for the iPod from the Audible site. The iPod supports the Audible book format to allow automatic bookmarking, and iTunes supports the format for allowing book sharing. You can purchase and download digital audio books, audio magazines, radio programs, and audio newspapers.

## *The iTunes Store*

[www.apple.com/itunes/store/](http://www.apple.com/itunes/store/)

We talk about the iTunes Store throughout this book, but this chapter wouldn't be complete if we didn't include it. Visit the Web site for the iTunes Store to find out all about online content purchasing. You can create your account with the store from the Web site as well as from within iTunes. You can also download the newest version of iTunes.

## *The iPod Service Request Site*

<http://depot.info.apple.com/ipod/>

For those times when you need to send in your iPod for repair, go to the iPod Service Request site. Follow the directions for getting your iPod repaired. Note that iPhone repairs are handled by the Apple Store, not by this site.

## *The Apple Support Site*

[www.apple.com/support](http://www.apple.com/support)

To solve problems with your iPod, iPhone, Apple TV, Macintosh, or any other Apple product, visit the Apple Support site. You can browse the support sections for all Apple products, read popular discussions and the latest support news, and connect to the software download server. You can even find and print out manuals for Apple products (as if they need manuals!).

## *The Podcast.net Directory*

[www.podcast.net](http://www.podcast.net)

Get the latest podcasts or add your own podcasts to the Podcast.net Directory. The podcasters listed in the directory provide keywords that you can browse to find the podcast you want. You can also subscribe to a keyword such as astronomy so that when new podcasts using that word join the directory, you automatically receive the new podcast episodes.

## *The MusicMatch Jukebox Site*

[www.musicmatch.com](http://www.musicmatch.com)

For information about MusicMatch Jukebox including downloadable skins and plug-ins, visit the MusicMatch site, now home for its newest version, Yahoo! Music Jukebox.

## *Version Tracker*

[www.versiontracker.com/macosx](http://www.versiontracker.com/macosx)

[www.versiontracker.com/windows](http://www.versiontracker.com/windows)

You can get loads of free software, including iPod utilities, synchronizing utilities, alternatives to Address Book and iCal, and iTunes plug-ins by visiting Version Tracker. Version Tracker is an accurate and up-to-date source of software updates. Version Tracker is run by the TechTracker Network, which includes the MacFixIt, TechSpot, Computing.net, and BetaNews.com sites.

## *iPodHacks*

[www.ipodhacks.com](http://www.ipodhacks.com)

For comprehensive iPod information, news, tips, and tricks, as well as a lively user forum, visit iPodHacks. One of the first sites to support the iPod, the site focuses on hacks, modifications, and other alternative uses of the iPod. Don't forget — opening the iPod voids the warranty.

## *iPoding*

[www.ipoding.com](http://www.ipoding.com)

For an excellent source of information about iPod accessories and third-party products, including downloads, visit iPoding. The site offers late-breaking news about iPod software and accessories and hosts a lively forum for helping owners with support questions. You can also find more information about technical issues, such as the iPod's built-in diagnostics.

## *iPod Lounge*

[www.ilounge.com](http://www.ilounge.com)

To find the latest in iPod news and reviews of accessories and software or just to hang out with other Pod People, visit the iPod Lounge. The site offers excellent articles about iPod promotions and how owners are using their iPods, and you can find extensive reviews as well as an informative forum that includes lots of support questions.

## *Apple Developer Connection*

<http://developer.apple.com/sdk>

This site is for anyone who feels the need to push the envelope by developing products that work with iTunes.

You can download the iTunes Visual Plug-ins software development kit (SDK) for free from the Apple Developer Connection. (You must sign up for a free membership.) The SDK contains the files that you need to develop code and includes documentation and sample code. The sample code is a fully functional Visual Plug-in developed for Mac OS 9 with Metrowerks CodeWarrior Pro 6 and for Mac OS X with ProjectBuilder.

## *Rockument*

[www.rockument.com](http://www.rockument.com)

The Rockument Channel, hosted by Tony Bove (co-author of this book), offers podcasts that explore the roots of rock music with licensed rare and historical tunes and performances. Rockument also hosts the *Flying Other*

*Brothers* podcast of live shows. You can find both Rockument and the *Flying Other Brothers* in the podcast section of the iTunes Store.

## ***Tonybove.com***

[www.tonybove.com](http://www.tonybove.com)

One of this book's authors, Tony Bove, offers tips and techniques for readers, links to books, and links to a variety of Web sites and blogs, including the author's *iTimes* blog about iPod, iTunes, iPhone, and future personal technologies. Tony's Accessories is an online shop that offers a convenient way for you to buy any of the items Tony writes about.

