

# Create an iTunes Store, App Store, or iBooks Store account without a credit card or other payment method

When you use your Apple ID to sign in to the iTunes Store, App Store, or iBooks Store for the first time, you're asked to enter a payment method so that you can purchase items from the store. Follow these steps if you don't want to associate a payment method with your account.

Apple recommends using only one Apple ID for all Apple features and services that use Apple ID. If you don't remember if you have an Apple ID, we'll help you find it.

## If you already have an Apple ID

If you've already created your Apple ID, you'll need to add a payment method when you first use it to sign in to the iTunes Store, App Store, or iBooks Store. But you can optionally remove the payment method after you sign in to the store. You won't be asked for a payment method again until you make your first purchase.

## If you don't have an Apple ID

If you haven't created your Apple ID, follow these steps to create one and a store account at the same time, without adding a payment method using:

- A Mac or PC.
- An iPhone, iPad or iPod touch.

## Create your Apple ID on a Mac or PC

1. Open iTunes, then go to the iTunes Store by clicking the iTunes Store button at the top of the window.



2. Scroll down and find the country flag in the lower-right corner of the window. If it's not the flag of the country where you live, click it and choose your country or region.

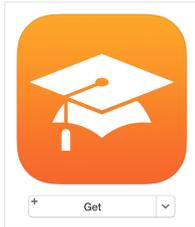


3. Go to the App Store, Music, TV Shows, or Books section of the store by clicking on one of the icons in the upper-left corner.

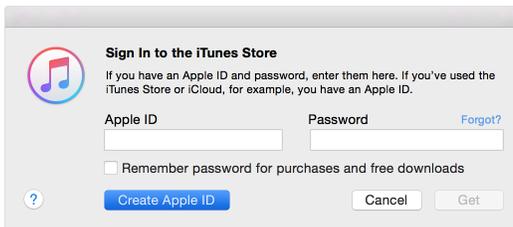




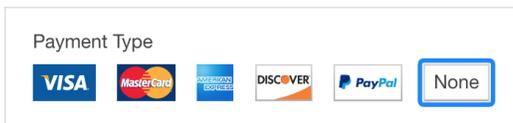
- Download a free app, song, video, or book. To find free items, look in the right column of the window and click any link that includes the word "Free," such as "Free on iTunes" or "Top Free." When you find a free item, click Get beneath its icon.



- When you're asked to sign in with an Apple ID, click Create Apple ID.



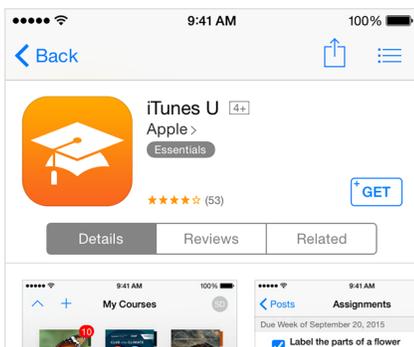
- Follow the onscreen instructions. When you're asked for payment information, choose None as the payment type. See what to do if None isn't showing or you can't select it.

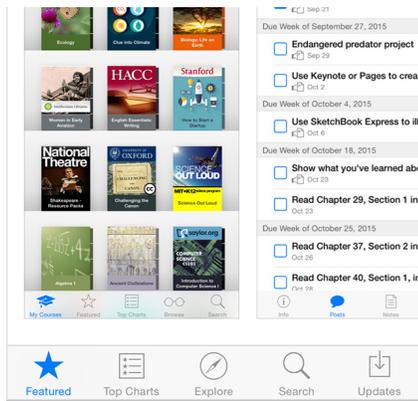


- After you enter all of the information required, you'll be asked to verify your Apple ID by email. You must verify your Apple ID before you can begin using it. Didn't receive the email?

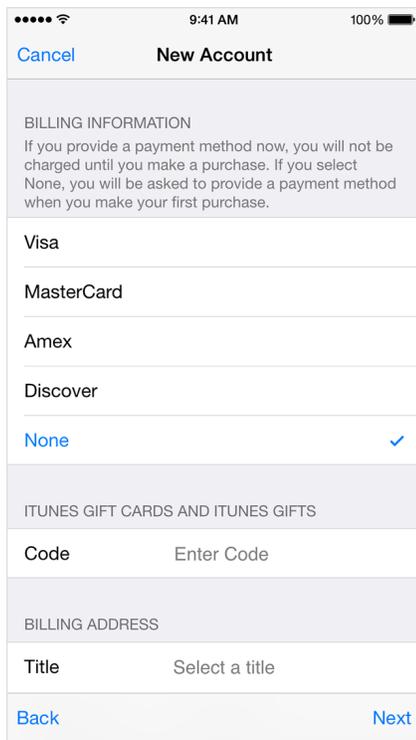
## Create your Apple ID on an iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch

- Open the App Store, iTunes Store, or iBooks Store on your iOS device.
- Choose any free app, song, video, or book.
- Tap Get next to the item, then tap again to get it.





4. When you're asked to sign in with an Apple ID, tap Create New Apple ID.
5. Follow the onscreen instructions. When you're asked for payment information, choose None. See what to do if None isn't showing or you can't select it.



6. After you enter all of the information required, you'll be asked to verify your Apple ID by email. You must verify your Apple ID before you can begin using it. Didn't receive the email?

If you use Family Sharing, and you're the family organizer, you can't set your payment information to None. You'll need to use a credit card or debit card.

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