



# How to open an alternate iTunes Library file or create a new one

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## Summary

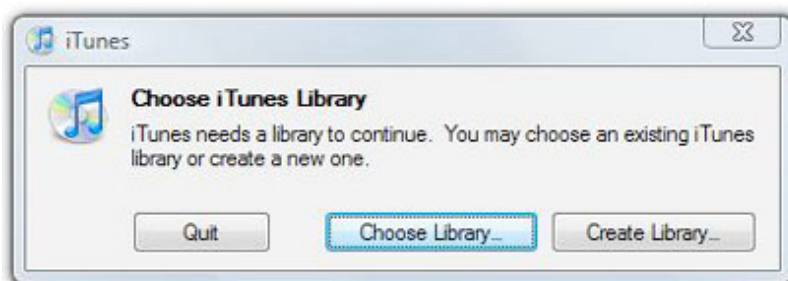
This article explains how to use iTunes 7.0 or later to choose a new or different iTunes Library. This can be use to verify or isolate issues, or just if you want to easily choose different libraries.

## Products Affected

iTunes

## Steps to create or choose a different iTunes Library file

1. If iTunes is running, quit iTunes.
2. If you are using Windows, hold down the Shift key and from the **Start** menu and choose **All Programs > iTunes > iTunes**.
3. If you are using the Mac, open iTunes and immediately hold down the Option key.
4. You should see one of the following screens:



## Additional information

If you do not see one of the screens above, then you did not hold the correct key at the correct time. You may want to try again. Note that if you pinned iTunes to the Start menu programs, and open it that way, it may not work.