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Depending on settings in iTunes, exporting a presentation to iTunes could cause duplicate copies of the file being exported.

There are two ways to remedy this:

- **Change settings in Narrator**, to export files to a location that will not cause iTunes to copy the file on import.
- **Change settings in iTunes**, to prevent iTunes from copying files when it imports them.

Overview

When iTunes imports files, it will treat the file differently, depending on where it is relative to the location**~/Music/iTunes/iTunes Music/**. If iTunes opens a file:

- **outside** of this location (for example ~/Documents/, which is the location of your profile's Documents folder), iTunes will **make a copy** of your file when importing it.
- **inside** to this location (for example, ~/Music/iTunes/iTunes Music/Narrations/), iTunes will **move** the file (without copying it) when importing it.

Changing export location in Narrator

- In Narrator, choose **Narrator > Preferences... > Export**.
- Under **Export Folder**, select **Choose...**
- Choose a location contained within **~/Music/iTunes/iTunes Music/** and click on **Choose**.

Configuring iTunes not to Copy Files on Import

Information on how to change this setting can be found in Apple's Knowledge base [here](#).