

Anatomy of a vCard

When it added the Contacts feature to the iPod, Apple included a sample vCard in the technical support area of its Web site, so curious minds could see what a vCard looks like when opened in a text-editing program, like TextEdit or WordPad (for Windows). (Visit <http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=61568> so to see the sample vCard.)

If you're not put off by odd-looking punctuation and formatting, you can even make your own vCards. Just reproduce this text, making sure to fill in the proper information where indicated here in italics, and save the file with a .vcf extension.

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begin:vcard
version:3.0
fn:Sample
n:Sample;;;
title:Accountant
org:Sample Company\, Inc.
note:Here's a sample to show you all that
    can be displayed in a contact on your
    iPod.
url;type=work:apple.com/support/ipod
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adr;type=work;type=pref;;;200 Industrial
    Park Circle;Metropolis;CA;98765;USA
label;type=work;type=pref:200 Industrial
    Park Circle\nMetropolis\, CA 98765\nUSA
adr;type=home;;;10201 Fine
    Drive;Smallville;CA;98765;USA
label;type=home:10201 Fine Drive\
    nSmallville\, CA 98765\nUSA
tel;type=home:408-555-9292
tel;type=work:408-555-3131
tel;type=cell:408-555-1010
end:vcard
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If you want to back up all your vCards in one big file, you can copy and paste the text for each contact one after the other in a text file. Just make sure you have *begin:vcard* as the first line of each new contact and *end:vcard* as the last line.

You can read more about the vCard standard and where it's headed at www.imc.org/pdi.