

Upgrading a class set of iPads to iOS5 quickly:

1. Go to iTunes preferences and go to the "General" and check of "Automatically check for updates"
2. Connect the iPad. A dialog box should pop up and ask you to update the iPad. If this does not show up, you can select the device in the sidebar and select the "Summary Tab" and click "Check for update"
3. Select "Download only"
4. After downloading, the update will reside in: ~/Library/iTunes/iPhone Software Updates/ (~ stands for the users home directory)
5. Select the iPad in the side bar
6. Click on the "Summary" Tab
7. You will see a button "Update" or "Check for Update". While holding down the "option" key, click on "Update" or "Check for Update".
8. A file selector dialog appears, go to ~/Library/iTunes/iPhone Software Updates/ and select the file.
9. Once its done, check to see if the update worked by going to the "Summary" tab.

Another way to do this, is using xcode organizer. It will allow you to update the devices all at the same time without waiting for each device to finish. This will work but is not supported by Apple (even if it is apple software).

Instructions can be found here:

http://wiki.canby.k12.or.us/groups/ipodusergroup/wiki/a507f/MacGyver_Chronicles_Episode_2_Restoring_Multiple_iOS_Devices_Using_Xcode_Organizer.html