

Merge-Delete Playlists v3.1

AppleScript for iTunes

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This script will allow you to merge the track contents of two or more playlists **or** delete any number of playlists at once, including Smart, Genius, and folder playlists.

Very handy when assigned a Keyboard Shortcut.

Formerly named "Batch-Delete Playlists".

OS X 10.6 or better only

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Installation:

To manually install: Put AppleScripts in your iTunes Scripts folder. This is located in *[user name] > Library > iTunes*. If there is no folder named "Scripts" there, create one and put the script(s) in it. AppleScripts will then appear in iTunes' Script menu, and can be activated by selecting by name and clicking. Be sure to also save this Read Me document in a safe and convenient place.

This script is a Cocoa-AppleScript applet that can be placed anywhere on your computer and launched by double-clicking its icon, but is probably best accessed from the iTunes Script menu.

How to use:

Launch the script. Its main window will display a list of your current playlists. Playlists are sorted folders first, followed by Genius Playlists, Smart Playlists and then regular playlists.

- The contents of folder playlists are listed separately.

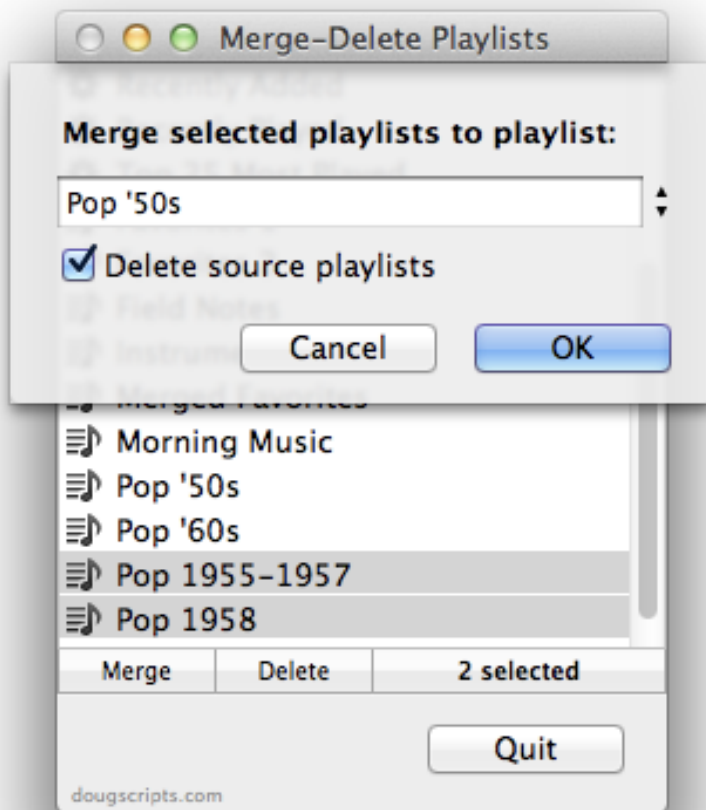
- **IMPORTANT:** If you have recently made changes to your iTunes playlists, wait at least thirty seconds before launching the script so that the iTunes database has had time to update.

- Keyboard shortcuts:

Command-A - Select All
Shift-Command-A - Select None
Command-R - Refresh list
Command-M - Merge
Command-Delete - Delete
Command-Q - Quit

Merge:

The merge option will combine all the tracks in the selected playlists into another playlist:



Select two or more playlists in the list and click the "Merge" button (or press the Command-M keyboard shortcut).

In the drop-down, select a target playlist into which to merge the tracks of each selected playlist by clicking the arrow buttons and choosing one from the menu. The target playlist can be any existing playlist including one of the selected playlists. **Or** you can create a new playlist by

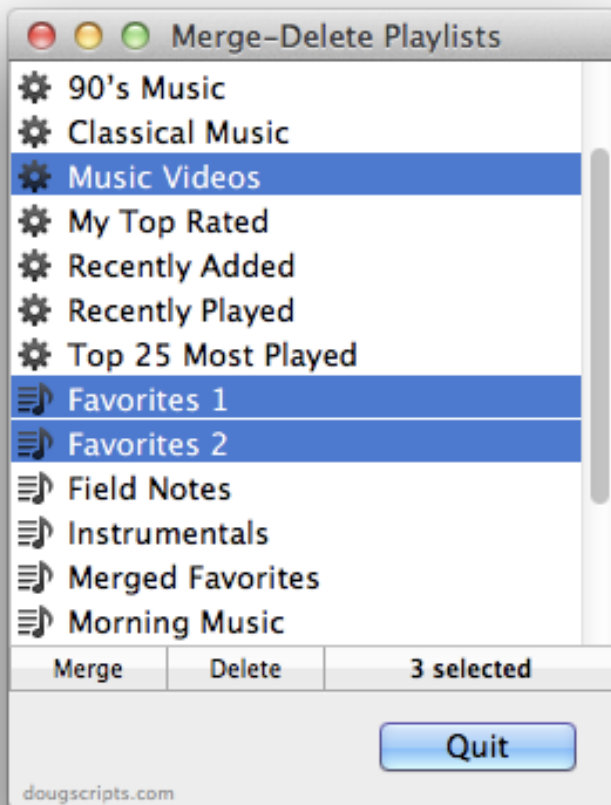
entering a name in the text box. You can optionally choose to delete the selected source playlists after the merge. Click the "OK" button to proceed with the merge.

- If the target playlist happens to be one of the selected playlists it will **not** be deleted if the "Delete source playlists" option is checkmarked.
- If a folder playlist is one of the selected playlists its *entire* track contents will be copied to the target playlist during the merge.
- The script will ensure that if two or more of the same track are in different selected playlists that only one of them will be merged to the target playlist.

After a few moments, the tracks will have been merged to the selected target playlist and the script will wait for iTunes to update its database before proceeding.

Delete:

Select one or more playlists and click the "Delete" button (or press the Command-Delete keyboard shortcut).



After a few moments, the selected playlists will be removed—the tracks they contain, of course,

will remain in the library and will not be deleted—and the script will wait for iTunes to update its database before proceeding.

Notes:

- During regular use, if you add or delete playlists to iTunes, use the "Refresh" command in the File menu (or press the Command-R keyboard shortcut) to update the list of playlists. Otherwise, the list of playlists will not be updated until a Merge or Delete command is performed or until the script is re-launched.

- **Precautions with folders** – if the selected playlists contain a folder which contains the target playlist and the delete option is selected, the target folder *will be deleted* by virtue of being contained by a folder set to be deleted.

- If you choose to delete a **folder** then the playlists it contains will also be deleted. This is just how iTunes works. If you want to preserve the playlists in a folder playlist which you intend to delete, move the playlists *out* of the folder playlist *before* running this script. You can drag them a playlist within a folder the left side of the Source column to extricate it from the containing folder.

Helpful Links:

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Information and download link for this script is located at:

<http://dougscripts.com/itunes/scripts/ss.php?sp=batchdeleteplaylists>

Version History:

v3.1 feb 14, 2012

- minor interface changes
- now stay-open, floats above iTunes

v3.0 aug 11, 2011

- written as Cocoa-AppleScript applet for OS X 10.6 and 10.7 only
- adds merge feature
- succeeds "Batch-Delete Playlists"
- iPod playlists no longer supported

v2.1 aug 28, 2009

- addresses "none/all" issue <http://dougscripts.com/itunes/itinfo/noneallissue.php>

v2.0 jun 10, 2008

- runs as universal binary
- fixed some minor issues when running on Leopard OS

- performance fixes and finessings

v1.0 oct 31 2005

- initial release

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If you have any trouble with this script, please email me.

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