

CDDB Safari Kit v3.1

AppleScript for iTunes

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These two AppleScripts, "CDDB Safari" and "CDDB Tracks to iTunes via Safari", assist in finding and retrieving Album track information from the CDDB website using Apple's Safari browser:

- "CDDB Safari" is a stand-alone script that searches the Gracenote CDDB website for information about the selected or playing track.
- "CDDB Tracks to iTunes via Safari" imports track info to iTunes from a CDDB page. *This version should work with CDDB pages after [September, 2009](#).*

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Installation:

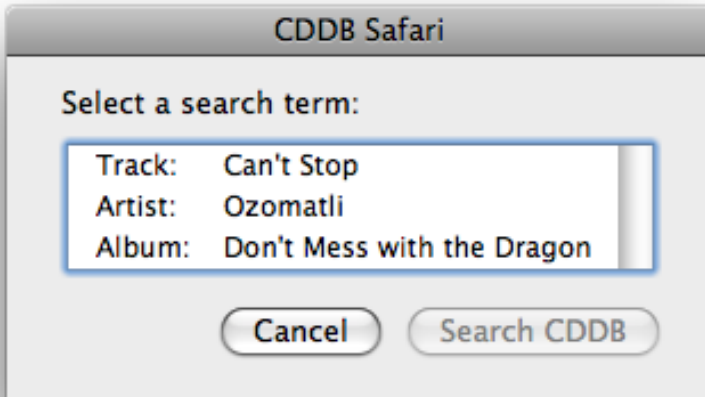
To manually install: Put AppleScripts in your iTunes Scripts folder. This is located in *[user name] > Library > iTunes*. If there is no folder named "Scripts" there, create one and put the script(s) in it. AppleScripts will then appear in iTunes' Script menu, and can be activated by selecting by name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

How to use:

1) In iTunes, create a new playlist containing all of a particular Album's tracks -- no more and no less. *New Playlist from Selection* -- shift-command-N -- works great for this. Also, you can double-click a playlist name in the Source column, and that playlist will open in its own window.

- Make sure you sort the tracks correctly by the Album play order, and then Control-click on the playlist name so you can "Copy To Play Order".

2) Select one of the songs (hilit e it), or play one, and run "[CDDB Safari](#)". The script will allow you to select which track info (track name, artist, and album) from the currently playing or selected track you wish to use as search criteria on the **Gracenote** web page:



3) From the Gracenote results page, click the correct Album link for the tracks you wish to retrieve. The CDDB Disc Info page for that Album will be opened.

4) Run the Script "[CDDB Tracks to iTunes via Safari](#)". This script retrieves the track information from the page and presents it in a dialog box:



If the track names are OK, click the "Yes" button and the track names will be transferred to the tracks in the iTunes playlist. To skip, click the "No, Skip" button.

The track count and track number for each track will be placed in the appropriate tag of each track.

If the disc artist is listed at Gracenote as "Various Artists", the Compilation tag of each track will be check-marked.

Note well: track names are transferred in the order seen on the page. If your tracks are not in this order, they will be misnamed.

(**Tip:** If you find discover that your iTunes tracks are not in the same order that the CDDB Disc Info page displays them in, the dialog box will stay open waiting for your response for **ten minutes** while you put your tracks in the correct order. You can then click on "Yes".)

• **Optionally**, if you click the "No, Skip" button, you can choose to copy the track list to the clipboard and then paste the list to a safe place for later use.

5) The script will then retrieve the Artist name, Album name, and Year from the Gracenote page. In the next dialog, select which info you want to add to each track in the playlist by clicking it in the dialog box. Then press "Yes". To skip this operation, click the "No, Done" button.



Help Me Stay Updated:

If you notice that you consistently get errors from running the scripts, it may be because Gracenote has changed their page formatting. Alert me as soon as possible so I can update the scripts!

Helpful Links:

Click on the underlined URL text:

- [Doug's AppleScripts for iTunes](#)
- [Assign Shortcut Keys to AppleScripts](#)

- Download FAQ - **Info on downloading and installing AppleScripts**
- Doug's RSS Feed - **Recent site news, script additions and updates** (add link to your news reader)
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Information and download link for this script is located at:

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

Version History:

- **v3.1** - Sept 16 2009
 - updated for minor Gracenote page formatting changes
- v3.0 - May 27 2008
 - runs as universal binary
 - code tweaks for speed
 - no longer supports multi-tag search (Gracenote doesn't either)
 - removes "" from end of retrieved Artist name (Gracenote page format accommodation)
 - option to copy track list to clipboard
 - removed obsolete code
- v2.4.1 - Feb 20 2008
 - updated for Gracenote page change
- v2.4 - Nov 26 2007
 - re-written/updated for Gracenote page change
- v2.3.3 - Mar 26 2007
 - updated for Gracenote page change
- v2.3.2 - Nov 26 2006
 - updated for Gracenote page change
- v2.3.1 - Jul 23 2005
 - updated for Gracenote page change
- v2.3 - Jan 17 2005
 - accommodates various artist CDs; option to remove artist name from Song Name and copy to Artist Tag
 - supplies track numbers + count for each track
 - account for ampersand entities in Artist and Album HTML text
- v2.2.1 September 23 2004
 - fixed error getting extra data from page (year, particularly)
- v2.2 September 23 2004
 - updated for Gracenote page change
- October 6 2003 v2.1
 - added Album, Artist, Year option
 - fixed problem with multiple windows open in Safari v1.1 (v100)
- September 5 2003 v2.0.4
 - fixed for latest Cddb format

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

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