

CD Text to Clipboard v1.0

AppleScript for iTunes

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This script will attempt to get the "CD Text" information from the selected CD in iTunes and put it in the clipboard so it can be pasted elsewhere.

Requires Mac OS X 10.3 or better.

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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.

About CD Text:

Some commercial CDs and some commercial CD burning software (including iTunes v7.0 and better) can use "CD Text" as a method of including text data on an **audio CD**. This data can include Artist (Performer), Album, Composer, Track Title, and Genre info.

Not all CD drives are capable of reading "CD Text", though most modern models can.

"CD Text" that **may** be available and accessible by this script can include the **disc** tags Artist, Album (used for the name of the CD and as the Album tag for each track), Composer, and Genre, and the **track** tags Song Name, Artist, Composer, and Genre (Album is inherited from the disc's Album data).

Disc number, disc count, year, and compilation information is not *specifically* available in "CD Text".

- If you have burned a CD with iTunes using the "Use CD Text" option in the Burning panel (presented as you are about to burn a CD in iTunes) then only Track Names, Album, Artist, Composer and Genre data will be available as CD Text.

This script uses the UNIX commands **drutil** and **mount** to obtain information about the selected CD and to access "CD Text".

How to use:

Select an audio CD in the iTunes Source column and run the script.

If "CD Text" data for the selected CD is found it will be copied to the clipboard. Below is an actual pasted result:

CD Name: Hound Dog Taylor
CD Artist: Hound Dog Taylor
CD Composer:
CD Genre: Blues

Track 1: She's Gone Artist: Hound Dog Taylor Composer: n/a Genre: Blues
Track 2: Walking The Ceiling Artist: Hound Dog Taylor Composer: n/a Genre: Blues
Track 3: Held My Baby Last Night Artist: Hound Dog Taylor Composer: n/a Genre: Blues
Track 4: Taylor's Rock Artist: Hound Dog Taylor Composer: n/a Genre: Blues
Track 5: It's Alright Artist: Hound Dog Taylor Composer: n/a Genre: Blues
Track 6: Phillip's Theme Artist: Hound Dog Taylor Composer: n/a Genre: Blues
Track 7: Wild About You, Baby Artist: Hound Dog Taylor Composer: n/a Genre: Blues
Track 8: I Just Can't Make It Artist: Hound Dog Taylor Composer: n/a Genre: Blues
Track 9: It Hurts Me Too Artist: Hound Dog Taylor Composer: n/a Genre: Blues
Track 10: 44 Blues Artist: Hound Dog Taylor Composer: n/a Genre: Blues
Track 11: Give Me Back My Wig Artist: Hound Dog Taylor Composer: n/a Genre: Blues
Track 12: 55th Street Boogie Artist: Hound Dog Taylor Composer: n/a Genre: Blues

Notes:

- Since a CD's "CD Text" information can be configured in a variety of ways, there is no guarantee that all—or even any—of the information will be useable.
- Also, since I can't possibly test all configurations of "CD Text" data, this script may not configure the available data correctly. Let me know of your experiences.

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Information and download link for this script is located at:

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

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