

# De-Genre v3.0

## AppleScript for iTunes

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Helps manage and remove unwanted Genre names from iTunes.

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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:

You can make many superfluous Genres vanish from iTunes' Genres pop-up list simply by eliminating a reference to them in your tracks. For example, to rid iTunes of a Genre called "Light Brazilian Jazz", re-Genre all the tracks whose Genre is "Light Brazilian Jazz" to plain "Jazz" or "Brazilian", or what have you. When no tracks are assigned to the "Light Brazilian Jazz" Genre, that Genre will be dropped. (Note: iTunes **original** Genre names cannot be removed this way; only those accumulated from other sources or created by you.)

Of course, you can use iTunes' multiple editing feature to do this as well, but the script doesn't require you to batch-select tracks and thus saves a few steps.

I wrote this script because I found I was sub-categorizing far too much (60s British Blooze, 60s Psychedelic, 60s Frat, etcetera) and had *scores* of Genres. I wanted to quickly consolidate Genres—and then lose the un-used Genre names.

### A simple example:

Run the script. It will display a list of Genres. Select one you wish to have eliminated and click OK. Next, choose "Select from list" in the next dialog and choose a new Genre which will be assigned to any of the tracks which are of the first Genre. Click OK. In a few moments you will be notified that it is finished. It's pretty fast.

### More of an example:

I have four Genres I want to eliminate and consolidate under another Genre: "Classic Rock Metal", "Classic Rock Southern", "Classic Rock Progressive", and "Classic Rock Instrumental". I want those Genre names to disappear and I want the tracks assigned to them re-assigned to "Classic Rock". Run the script and select the four Genre names from the list (hold the Command key while clicking on multiple selections) and press OK. Click on "Select from list" in the next dialog, and

select from the list the new Genre ("Classic Rock") the tracks are to be reassigned to.

### Notes:

- The Genre data is obtained from the current library's XML file. The XML file is periodically written out by iTunes when changes are made to track data. It is possible that on a successive uses of De-Genre an eliminated Genre may still show up in the list. If you wait a few moments--allowing iTunes to update its XML file--the "ghost" Genre will disappear.
- If a track has a (!) next to it, it means that its file cannot be located. Sometimes these are called Dead Tracks. This script cannot alter the Genre of a Dead Track and thus its Genre cannot be removed from the core list. If you have this kind of track in your Library you should either remove it or re-associate it with the correct audio file.

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### Information and download link for this script is located at:

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

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