

Drop A Few My Way v3.0

AppleScript for iTunes

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Drag and drop audio files to this droplet to have iTunes convert them with an encoder selected on the fly, restoring iTunes' Preferences-set encoder afterwards. Converted files can be saved to either a single selected location *or* each source file's parent folder. The converted files/tracks are removed from iTunes; it is as though iTunes "never saw them".

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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.

However...

This is a "droplet", an AppleScript application that is activated when files are dragged to it. You can place this script anywhere you find it convenient to access. It can be added to the Dock or – my favorite place – a Finder window's toolbar.

How to use:

Drag one or more audio files to the **Drop A Few My Way** icon. Select the iTunes encoder to use to convert them, and choose a location to save the converted files.

Note: the Save Panel provides two choices for saving the converted files:

- To save the converted files to a single location, navigate to a folder in the Save Panel and click the "Choose" button. The default selected location will be the parent folder of the first dropped file (which presumes that all the dropped files are from the same folder).
- If you have dropped files from two or more different folders the encoded files can be saved to each source file's parent folder by simply clicking the "Cancel" button.

Audio files that are unable to be converted using the selected encoder will be ignored.

Original files will not be deleted or affected in any way.

Issues

- The script cannot change encoder Settings (bit rate, sample rate, and so on). The selected encoder's Settings will be the same as they were the last time you set them in iTunes > Preferences > General > Import Settings....
- Because each file must be encoded one at a time, the iTunes "done chime" will sound after each file is converted. Alas.
- Files which cannot be converted (text or graphic files, for example) or are otherwise error-causing will prompt a message in the "Done" dialog to display "(One or more files may not have been converted correctly.)"
- Meta-data information from the original file (if any) may not be transferred to the converted file.
- Because of quality issues, converting compressed audio files to another compression format (converting an MP3 to AAC, for example) is not recommended. YMWV.

Helpful Links:

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- [Doug's AppleScripts for iTunes](#)
- [Assign Shortcut Keys to AppleScripts](#)
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Information and download link for this script is located at:

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

Version History:

v3.0 apr 4 2012

- fixes issue when original files are missing an extension

v2.1 oct 18 2011

- fixes issue when original files are missing an extension

v2.0 oct 1 2009

- universal binary
- maintenance updates
- support for the lossless encoder -- belatedly

v1.0 mar 9 2004

- initial release

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

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