

File Creation Date to Comments v1.5

AppleScript for iTunes

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This script fetches the Creation Date of the file of each track in the selected Playlist (or just the selected tracks) and pastes it to the track's Comments tag.

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Installation:

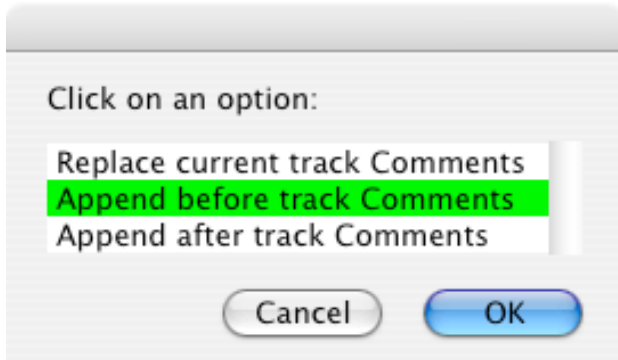
If you installed the files from the downloaded disk image by dragging them to the "Installer", then the AppleScript and this Read Me document have already been installed in your *[user name] > Library > iTunes > Scripts* folder. The script will appear in iTunes' Script menu, where you can activate it by clicking on its name.

To manually install, if necessary: 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:

Select the tracks you want to modify (if **no** tracks are hilited, it is assumed you want to modify all the tracks in the selected playlist) and run the script from iTunes' Scripts Menu.

You will see this option box:



Select how you want the File Creation date copied to each track's Comment and click "OK". After a few moments, the script will alert you when it is finished modifying your tracks' tags.

Date format:

The creation date looks like this:

[Wednesday, January 22, 2003 10:05:39 AM](#)

However, this will not sort properly (because technically it is only text and doesn't sort like a date), so the script converts the date to something that looks like this:

[2003012210:05:39AM](#)

which will sort properly. Additionally, the original date string will be appended, so you will get something that looks like this:

[2003012210:05:39AM - Wednesday, January 22, 2003 10:05:39 AM](#)

Single-digit days and months will be zero-padded.

Issues:

- Tracks whose creation date cannot be acquired (for whatever reason) will be skipped.
- If you decide to append the Creation Date to the current Comments, the script is currently set to use a space as a separator. You can change this if you wish. Open the script in Script Editor and find this near the top of the script:

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-- you can change this  
property separator : " "
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You can see a space between the quotation marks. You can change this to something else, for example " - " or "/" or the like. Be sure to Save the script after making any changes.

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Information and download link for this script is located at:

<http://www.dougscripsts.com/itunes/scripts/ss.php?sp=filecreationcomments>

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

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