

# Composer-ize/Genre-ize v1.0

AppleScript for iTunes

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This script lets you delete a specified number of characters from the beginning of each track name of the selected tracks.

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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:

Useful for those of us who like film music and would rather have the "artist" field be the composer than the name of the pop artist with one track on the disc, as seems common in the Cddb. Or, a related problem, discs that have a variety of composers but one well-known ensemble (ie Kronos Quartet).

genre-ize:

Useful for those of us with music composition degrees who like categorize music a bit more specifically than cddb categories allow. For example, rather than just "classical", I use the categories: contemporary - chamber, contemporary - orchestral, neo-classical, neo-romantic, serialist, minimalist, romantic, dead white guy, baroque, old stuff.

Essentially the same script as composer-ize. I'd like to be able to create a popup menu populated with the genres currently used in iTunes, similar to iTunes own menu in the "song information" dialog. That should avoid typing errors. If anyone has any ideas how to retrieve the list of currently selectable genres from iTunes, I'd love to hear them!

This script does change data and hasn't been heavily tested - I make no warranty that it will do anything or won't destroy everything. You may want to play with it on duplicate files first.

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