

Make Add-to-Playlist-Droplet v1.0

AppleScript for iTunes

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Like iTunes 9's "Automatically Add to iTunes" folder this script will create AppleScript droplets that perform a similar function for individual playlists. Once such a droplet is created, drag-and-dropping files to its icon will add the files to your iTunes library and copy the new tracks directly to the playlist that the droplet references. The script will allow you to create as many droplets for as many playlists as you like.

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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:

Select a playlist by clicking its name and run the script. Next, a Save dialog will ask you to navigate to a folder where the droplet created by the script will be saved. Choose a place that's either easy to drag-and-drop files to (like the desktop folder) or a storage-like location on your computer whence you can add the droplet to the Finder's sidebar or toolbar or the Dock. I've placed several of my droplets in a DragThing dock, for example.

After you have selected a folder, click the "Choose" button in the Save dialog. In a few moments, AppleScript Editor (or Script Editor on Leopard systems) will create a droplet specific to the playlist you have selected in iTunes and then display the droplet in the Finder.

The droplet will be named something like "Drop -> Name of the Playlist".

Thereafter, whenever you drag-and-drop audio files to the droplet the files will be added to your iTunes library and the tracks copied to the playlist specified by the droplet.

Notes:

- The droplet is able to "remember" its associated playlist by storing the "persistent ID" of the playlist in its code. You could change the name of the playlist and the droplet will still remember it because it identifies the playlist by the ID and not the name. However, if you delete the playlist and re-create another using the same name then the droplet will not recognize that new playlist. In such a case, you will have to create a new droplet.
- Only playlists that you would manually be able to copy tracks to can be used. Library category playlists (Music, TV Shows, Audiobooks, and so on), Smart Playlists, Genius Playlists and Mixes, and playlists on mounted devices cannot have droplets created for them.
- Because the "Purchased on *some device*" playlists may balk when adding files in this way, it is not advisable to create droplets for them. The "Purchased" playlist, however, does not seem to have these difficulties.
- You can create as many droplets for as many playlists as you like, as long as – of course – you don't try to save same-named droplets to the same folder location.

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Information and download link for this script is located at:

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

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