

Make M3U Distribution Folder

v1.7

AppleScript for iTunes

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This script will copy the files of the selected tracks or selected playlist to a folder at a chosen location and include an M3U file of the files. Double-clicking the M3U file will load the files into a new iTunes playlist named for the M3U file. (The M3U location data is relative to the media files in the created folder.) Optionally, create a .zip compressed copy of the folder.

For **OS X 10.6** or better only.

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Installation:

To manually install: Put AppleScripts in your iTunes "Scripts" folder. This is located in *[user name] > Library > iTunes*.

*The user Library directory is hidden by default. To make it visible, hold down the Option key on your keyboard and select **Go > Library** from the Finder.*

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.

Note: This script is a **Cocoa-AppleScript Applet** and can be run by double-clicking its icon in the Finder. However, it is probably best accessed from the iTunes Script menu.

How to use:

Select some tracks or a playlist of tracks and launch the script.

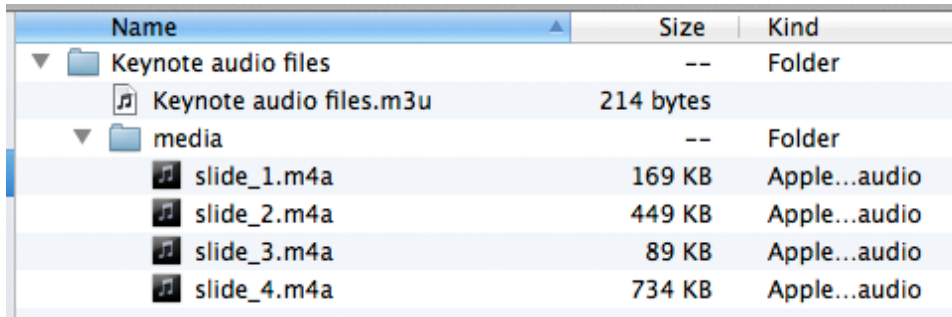
A Save Panel will display. Enter a name for the folder that will be created (and also used for the name of the M3U file it will contain) and navigate to a save location.

- The folder created can be compressed to a **.zip file** by putting a checkmark in the "Compress as .zip" checkbox. The .zip file will be named using the name you provide. The .zip file will be created alongside the original folder.

Click on **OK**.

In a moment, the file of each track will be copied to a folder named "media" in the new folder.

A M3U file will also be created inside the folder referencing the files copied to the "media" folder.



Name	Size	Kind
Keynote audio files	--	Folder
Keynote audio files.m3u	214 bytes	
media	--	Folder
slide_1.m4a	169 KB	Apple...audio
slide_2.m4a	449 KB	Apple...audio
slide_3.m4a	89 KB	Apple...audio
slide_4.m4a	734 KB	Apple...audio

This folder can be copied to any location, distributed or archived.

Later, the M3U file can be imported into (any) iTunes as a playlist and the files in the associated "media" folder will be added to it. In fact, the M3U file can simply be double-clicked in order to load the files.

- iTunes may copy the files to its "iTunes Media" folder if you have this preference checked in *iTunes > Preferences > Advanced*.
- The M3U file uses the relative format for the file paths.

Helpful Links:

Information and download link for this script is located at:
<http://dougscripts.com/itunes/scripts/ss.php?sp=makem3udistrfolder>

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

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Version History:

v1.7 nov 15 2013

- fixes text encoding issue, preventing import of M3U in some apps/devices

v1.6 nov 13 2013

- fixes bug writing complete M3U file

v1.5 nov 3 2013

- fixes for OS X 10.9 (Mavericks) compatibility

v1.4 jul 22 2012

- compatible with OS X 10.8 (Mountain Lion)
- minor code tweaks

v1.3 feb 5 2012

- fixes problem copying files correctly

v1.2 feb 5 2012

- fixes issue whereby zip file is not created

v1.1 feb 3 2012

- initial release as Cocoa-AppleScriptr

v1.0 jan 14 2012

- initial release

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