

Needle Drop v3.0

AppleScript for iTunes

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This applet plays each track in the selected iTunes playlist for a chosen time interval starting at a chosen number of seconds into each track, beginning with the selected track (if no track is selected then playing will start from the beginning of the selected playlist). You set the time interval and start time each time you run the script.

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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.

This particular AppleScript is an applet which can be activated from anywhere by double-clicking its icon in the Finder.

How to use:

Run the script. A dialog box will ask you to enter the number of seconds you want each track in the selected playlist to play. The default is 10 seconds.

A second dialog box will ask for the number of seconds into each track to begin playing. The default is 0 seconds (the very beginning of each track).

iTunes will begin playing either from the beginning of the selected playlist or starting with the first selected track in a playlist. Each track in the selected playlist will play for the designated number of seconds beginning at your designated start time.

To quit, select **Needle Drop** in the Dock and choose Quit from its File menu, or Control-click its icon in the Dock and choose Quit from the pop-up.

Additionally, if iTunes is paused **Needle Drop** will automatically quit within the time you had set in the first dialog box.

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- Doug's AppleScripts for iTunes
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Information and download link for this script is located at:

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

Version History:

v3.0 April 29, 2008

- runs as universal binary
- quits (shortly) after iTunes is paused
- prevents error and quits properly if first dialog is canceled

v2.8 August 27, 2006

- fixed problem setting player position under some circumstances

v2.7 August 15, 2006

- asks for how many seconds into a track to start playing, other slight improvements

v2.6 October 13, 2004

- asks for number of seconds to play each track

v2.5 June 12 2003

- initial iTunes release
- (previous 1.x versions were for SoundJam)

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