

# Playlist Manager

## v2.11

For iTunes 11+/macOS 10.12+  
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This applet can perform common useful tasks on a multiple selection of playlists: rename (add text, remove text, search & replace text), duplicate, delete, export, merge.

For macOS 10.12 and later only.

*This app is free to try full-featured for 10 days. If you like it you can purchase a code for \$1.99 which will unlock the 10 day trial restriction. Launch the app and click "Register..." in its File menu to make an in-app purchase through PayPal.*

## Installation:

This script is an **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.

Put AppleScripts in your iTunes "Scripts" folder. This is located at *[user name] / Library / iTunes / Scripts /*.

*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.*

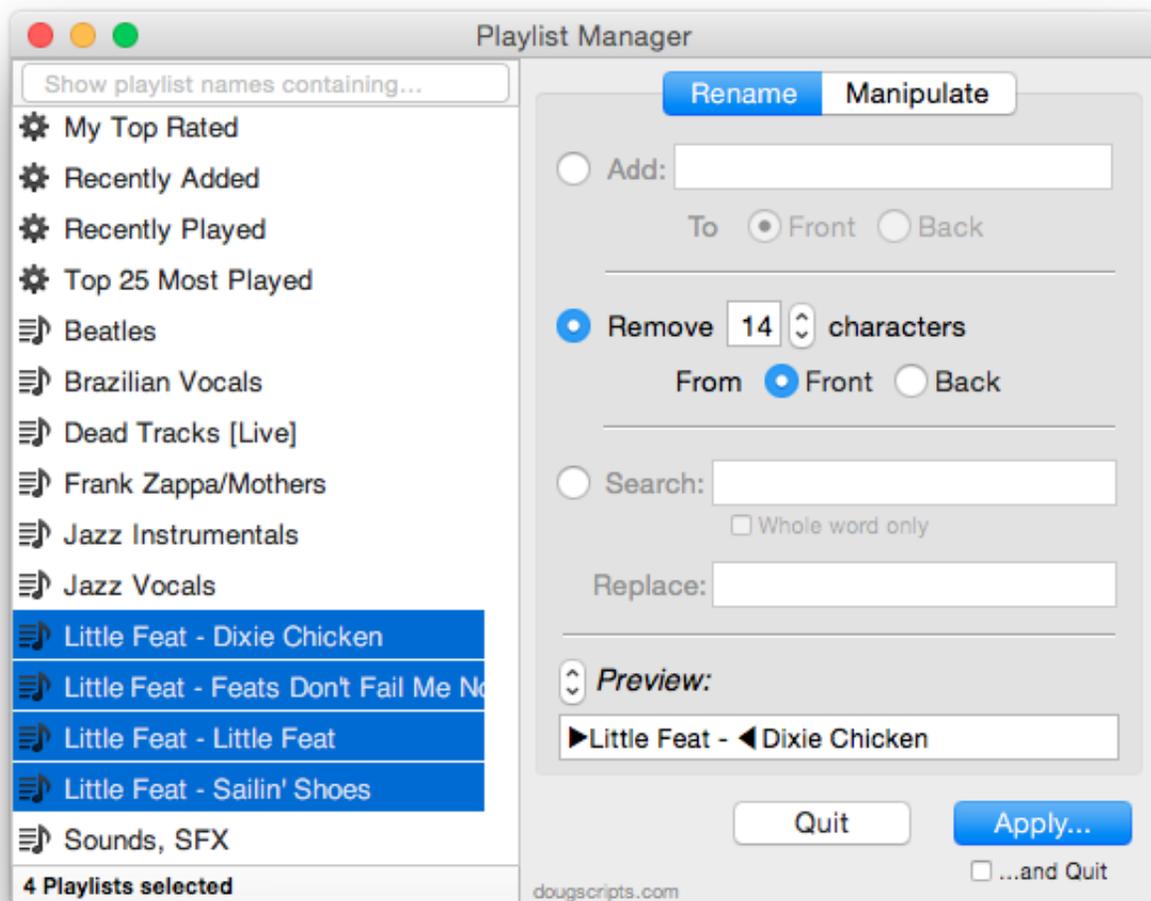
If the *[user name] / Library /* folder does not contain the "iTunes" or "Scripts" folders then then create them and put the script(s) in the "Scripts" folder. AppleScripts will then appear in iTunes' Script menu, and can be activated by selecting by name and

clicking. Be sure to also save this Read Me document in a safe and convenient place.

**See the online Download FAQ for more info and video on downloading and installing AppleScripts.**

## How to use:

Launch the script by clicking its name in iTunes Script menu. Its main window will be displayed, for example:



The script displays a list of Folder, Genius, Smart and regular playlists. The list of playlists can be narrowed down by entering text in the **search field** located above the list of playlists.

Tools are grouped under two Tabs:

### Rename Tab

**Add Text to Front or Back** - append entered text to the beginning or at the end of the selected playlist names.

**Remove Text from Front or Back** - remove a number of text characters from the beginning or from the end of the selected playlist names.

**Search & Replace Text** - search for and replace text in each playlist name.

*Preview* - a live-updating preview of how each selected playlist name will be renamed.

### Manipulate Tab

**Duplicate as plain playlist** - make a copy of **each** selected playlist (including its tracks, of course), optionally appending new text to each new playlist name.

**Export** - export each playlist as an XML or M3U file, or export a single text file listing each selected playlist and its tracks (artist, album, and song name).

**Merge** - merge the tracks in the selected playlists to a new or existing playlist with option to delete the source playlists.

**Delete** - delete the selected playlists; their tracks will remain in the library. **If a selected playlist is a Playlist Folder then any playlists it contains will also be deleted.**

Select the playlists you wish to work with and then choose a tool. When the selected tool's settings are set, click the **Apply** button. **Changes applied cannot be un-done.**

- Double-click a single selected playlist's name in the list to reveal it in iTunes.

## Notes:

- **“Dead” tracks will cause problems with some tools.** You should resolve dead track issues by either making the files of dead tracks available or by removing the dead tracks from iTunes.

- A **Playlist Folder** can only be selected if its contents is **collapsed**. Collapsing a **Playlist Folder** will de-select any of its contents that may be selected. Playlist Folders cannot be exported; or, perhaps it is that iTunes cannot import a "Playlist Folder.xml"; either way, it can't be done.
- Apple Music Playlists are ignored - probably shouldn't try to manipulate those with this tool.
- A **playlist refresh** can be done anytime by selecting "Refresh" from the script's File menu or by pressing **Command-R**. This will be useful if you make changes to playlists in iTunes while the app is active.
- While the applet can detect when iTunes has updated its database, it will not refresh its list automatically. To alert you that the iTunes database has been updated, the applet will display a **red notes character** in the lower-right of the list. You should refresh the list by pressing **Command-R**.
- Most settings will be saved between uses of the script. The Rename or Manipulate Tab used last will be the default selected Tab the next time the script is launched.

## Helpful Links:

**Information and download link for this script is located at:**

<https://dougscripsts.com/itunes/scripts/ss.php?sp=playlistmanager>

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

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### Version History:

**v2.11** sept 18, 2018

- Initial accommodations for macOS 10.14 Mojave
- Minor performance and security enhancements

v2.10 sept 3, 2017

- Initial accommodations for macOS 10.13 High Sierra
- Minor performance and security enhancements

v2.9 may 22, 2017

- Fixes compatibility issue with macOS 10.12.5

v2.8 april 9, 2017

- Fixes an issue de-selecting items when collapsing a Playlist Folder
- Fixes an issue displaying selection count after Refresh
- Minor maintenance

v2.7 november 18, 2016

- Fixes a problem merging under some circumstances
- Minor maintenance
- This version for macOS 10.10 and later only

v2.6 june 21, 2016

- Preliminary support for macOS 10.12
- Security update

v2.5 sept 7, 2015

- Correctly identifies local Genius playlists with iTunes 12.2 and later

v2.4 sept 3, 2015

- Fixes problem exporting M3U file on some localizations
- Fixes UI conflicts between older and newer OSs
- Correctly clears Preview field on refresh

v2.3 jul 18 2015

- Fixes additional compatibility issues with iTunes 12.2+

v2.2 jul 8 2015

- Preliminary support for OS X 10.11 (El Capitan)
- Accommodations for changes in iTunes 12.2

v2.1 feb 15 2015

- UI and performance improvements

v2.0 nov 6 2014

- Adds support for OS X 10.10 Yosemite/iTunes 12
- Adds ten day trial
- Adds "Check for Update" command
- Double-click to reveal playlist in iTunes
- Access online Help
- Adds window autosave; remembers size and position
- minor tweaks and fixes to enhance performance

v1.2 nov 5 2013

- fixes for OS X 10.9 (Mavericks) and iTunes 11 compatibility
- removed Options tab
- minor tweaks

v1.1 oct 4 2012

- fixes issue with renaming playlists contained by Playlist Folders
- allows "blank" replace text in Search & Replace

v1.0 sept 28 2012  
- initial release

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