

Quick Convert v2.9

AppleScript for iTunes

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Convert all or just the selected tracks of the selected Playlist using your choice of available iTunes encoders, restoring your Preferences-set encoder afterwards. **Works with importing selected CD tracks, too.**

Additionally, you can:

- copy all converted/imported tracks to a new playlist.
- choose to remove and/or delete the original tracks and/or files.
- if you have selected the AAC encoder you can choose to make the tracks "bookmarkable" and re-add the converted files to the Audiobooks library.

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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 some tracks in an iTunes playlist. If no tracks are selected then all the enabled (check-marked) tracks in the selected playlist (excepting the main library playlist) will be operated upon.

You can also select CD tracks or an entire CD playlist.

Run the script and select the encoder you want to use. If you have chosen to use the AAC Encoder, you can also choose to make the converted tracks "bookmarkable". This will enable them to pick up playing where they were last paused. These tracks will also appear in the iPod's "Audiobooks" category.

Additionally, you can supply the name of a playlist you wish the tracks to be copied to after converting/importing.

Finally, you can choose to **Remove** the original tracks from iTunes and/or **Delete** their files. (You will not see this option if you have selected CD tracks.)

After converting/importing has begun, you may cancel the entire operation by clicking the "x" in the iTunes LCD window, as you normally would.

When the conversion is complete, your Preferences-set encoder will be restored.

Notes:

- AppleScript is not capable of setting the bit rate and sample rate settings of a particular iTunes encoder. Therefore, the most recent settings for selected encoder are the settings that will be used. You may want to check these settings *before* running "Quick Convert".
- I cannot eliminate the "done-chime" that sounds after each import and convert. Try using the script I Hate That iTunes Done Chime! which will let you set a System sound, no sound, or your own AIFF sound for the "done-chime."

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Information and download link for this script is located at:

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

Version History:

v2.9 oct 6 2008

- fixes minor problem converting POSIX file in "bookmarkable" routine

v2.8 aug 20 2008

- compatible with iTunes 7.7.1
- GUI updates
- accounts for DOS-formatted drives during M4B conversion

v2.7 apr 3 2008

- saved as universal binary
- files converted to AAC with the bookmarkable option are re-added to "Audiobooks" Master Library

v2.6.1 dec 31 2006

- fixes error thrown when conversion procedure is canceled

v2.6 march 24 2006

- fixed problem selecting CD playlist
- updated dialog and choose prompts to refer to import or convert depending on class of selected playlist tracks
- prevents selection of iPod or Radio playlist tracks; prevents attempt to convert URL tracks
- streamlining of code

v2.5 january 18 2006

- option to remove/delete original tracks/files
- option to convert to bookmarkable also renames AAC with "m4b" extension

v2.4 february 25 2005

- added option to make AAC converted tracks "bookmarkable"

v2.3 released may 22 '04

- condensed code
- inoperable in OS 9 (sorry)
- more error handling

v2.2 released mar 4 '04

- tidied up some routines
- removed a superfluous confirmation dialog

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