

Remove n Characters From Front or Back v3.1

AppleScript for iTunes

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This script lets you delete a specified number of characters from either the beginning *or* the ending of the Song Name, Album, Artist, Composer, or Show tag of each selected track.

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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.

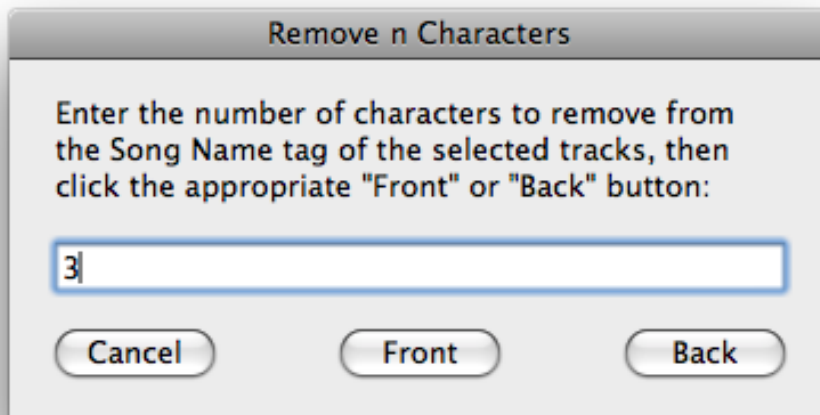
How to use:

Select one or more tracks whose **Song Name, Artist, Album, Comments, Composer, or Show** tag you wish to edit and then run the script. Choose which tag of each selected tracks you want to edit. Then enter the number of characters you want removed and click the "Front" or "Back" button.

For example, to remove the number prefixes from "01 *First Track*", "02 *Second Track*", "03 *Third Track*", and so on, select those tracks and run the script; choose "Song Name" from the first choose box:



At the next dialog box enter the number "3" (to account for the two digits and the space which precede the Song Name) and click the "Front" button, which will remove the first three characters of the selected tracks' names:



When the tags have been changed, the main choose box will be re-displayed. You can Quit from there, or continue editing the selected tracks.

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Information and download link for this script is located at:
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Version History:

v3.1 April 24 '10

- maintenance release
- adds "Show" to options
- runs until quit from its main choose box

v3.0 May 13 '08

- runs as universal binary
- adds "Comments" to options
- performance fixes and finessings

v2.0 March 30 '06

- added ability to remove text from the end of selected tags.

v1.4 October 17 '04

- added ability to edit the album and artist tags.

v1.3 June 5 '04

- fixed problem with selection object

v1.2 Oct 8 '03

- maintenance

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

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