

# This Tag, That Tag Scripts

v2.0

## AppleScript for iTunes

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Four scripts to assist with swapping, copying, and appending data between two chosen tags in selected tracks:

- Swap This With That
- Put This In That
- Put This After That
- Put This Before That

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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:

#### Swap This With That (Ex: **ARTIST <-> COMPOSER**)

- 1) Select any number of tracks in iTunes and run the script from iTunes Scripts Menu.
- 2) Select the tag from which to swap info (Song Name, Artist, Album, Album Artist\*, Composer, Comments, Genre, Show, or Grouping)
- 3) Select a second tag which to swap info with.
- 4) After a moment, the script will begin swapping the selected tag info in the selected tracks.

#### Put This In That (Ex: **ARTIST --> COMPOSER**)

- 1) Select any number of tracks in iTunes and run the script from iTunes Scripts Menu.
- 2) Select the tag from which to copy info from (Song Name, Artist, Album, Album Artist\*, Composer, Comments, Genre, Show, or Grouping)
- 3) Select a second tag which to copy that info to (barring Genre).
- 4) You will then be asked if you wish to **delete** the info in the first selected tag.
- 5) After a moment, the script will begin copying the data from the first tag to the second tag in the selected tracks.

#### Put This After That (Ex: **ARTIST --> COMPOSER - ARTIST**)

- 1) Select any number of tracks in iTunes and run the script from iTunes Scripts Menu.
- 2) Select the tag from which to copy info from (Song Name, Artist, Album, Album Artist\*, Composer, Comments, Genre, Show, or Grouping)
- 3) Select a second tag which to append that info to (barring Genre).
- 4) Enter text to use as a separator between the two text strings.

- 5) You will then be asked if you wish to **delete** the info in the first selected tag.
- 6) After a moment, the script will begin copying the data from the first tag and appending it to the second tag in the selected tracks. (See [note](#) below on editing the separator string, which by default is " - ".)

#### **Put This Before That (Ex: ARTIST --> ARTIST - COMPOSER)**

- 1) Select any number of tracks in iTunes and run the script from iTunes Scripts Menu.
- 2) Select the tag from which to copy info from (Song Name, Artist, Album, Album Artist\*, Composer, Comments, Genre, Show, or Grouping)
- 3) Select a second tag which to prepend that info to (barring Genre).
- 4) Enter text to use as a separator between the two text strings.
- 5) You will then be asked if you wish to **delete** the info in the first selected tag. After a moment, the script will begin copying the data from the first tag and prepending it to the second tag in the selected tracks. (See [note](#) below on editing the separator string, which by default is " - ".)

\*iTunes 7 or better only

#### **Editing the separator string**

By default, the separator string used in **Put This Before That** and **Put This After That** is a dash with a space on either side, " - ". When either of these scripts is run, you have the opportunity to change the default separator string you want to use. However, if you find you are frequently changing the separator you can change the default separator string to what you like to use.

Open the script in Script Editor by double-clicking it. Near the very top of the script you will see something like this (my Script Editor's text formatting is probably different from yours):

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property separator : " - " -- default
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Just change the text between the quotation marks to whatever you like. Then "Save" the script by pressing Command-S, or clicking on Save in the File menu. Done!

**(Remember** that slash (/) and colon (:)) can be seen as directory delimiters (especially if used in Song Name, Artist, and Album tags which are part of the track's file path) and *may* cause problems in the Finder or with other applications.)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

#### **Helpful Links:**

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

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

Version History:

v2.0 apr 22 2006  
all scripts:

- saved as universal binary
- add "Show" tag
- consolidated code
- saved as script bundle

v1.7 oct 3 2006

- adds "Album Artist" tag to option, which will work in iTunes 7 and better

v1.6 04.10.28

- works around iTunes 4.7 selection bug

v1.5 04.01.07

- accommodate "Grouping" tag for iTunes 4.2

v1.0 03.06.18

- initial release

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