

This Tag That Tag v3.1

AppleScript for iTunes

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Applet assists with swapping, copying, and appending data
between two chosen tags in selected tracks.

OS X 10.6 or better only.

(This download was formerly available as four separate scripts.)

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Installation:

To manually install: Put AppleScripts in your iTunes "Scripts" folder. This is located in *[user name] > Library > iTunes*.

(As of OS 10.7, the user Library directory is hidden by default. Option-click the Finder's "Go" menu and select "Library" to make it visible.)

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.

Note: This script is a **Cocoa-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.

How to use:

Note: Changes made to tags with this applet cannot un-done. Use thoughtfully.

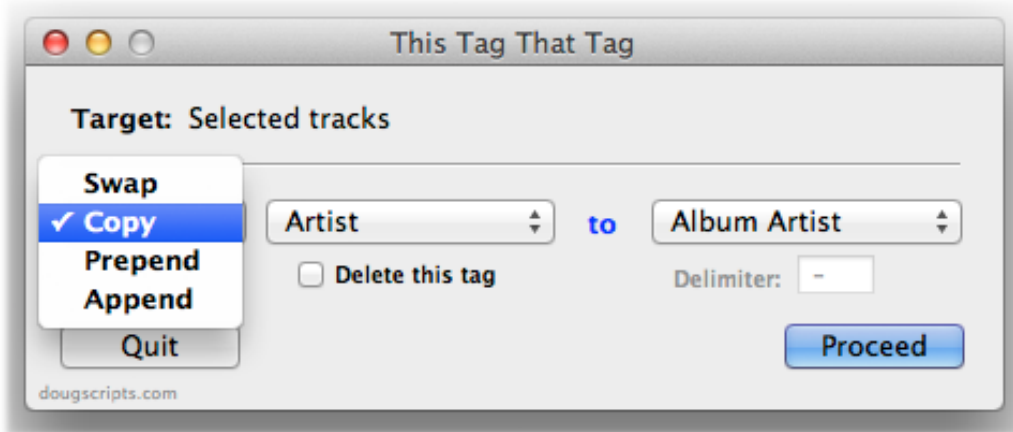
Launch the applet by selecting it from the iTunes Script menu or by double-clicking its icon in the Finder. It will stay active until it is quit.

While iTunes is the frontmost application, the applet's window will float above it.

While the applet is active the **Target** will display either the name of the selected playlist in iTunes or "Selected tracks" if individual tracks are selected. If, for whatever reason, tracks are inaccessible the **Target** will display "Can't access tracks".

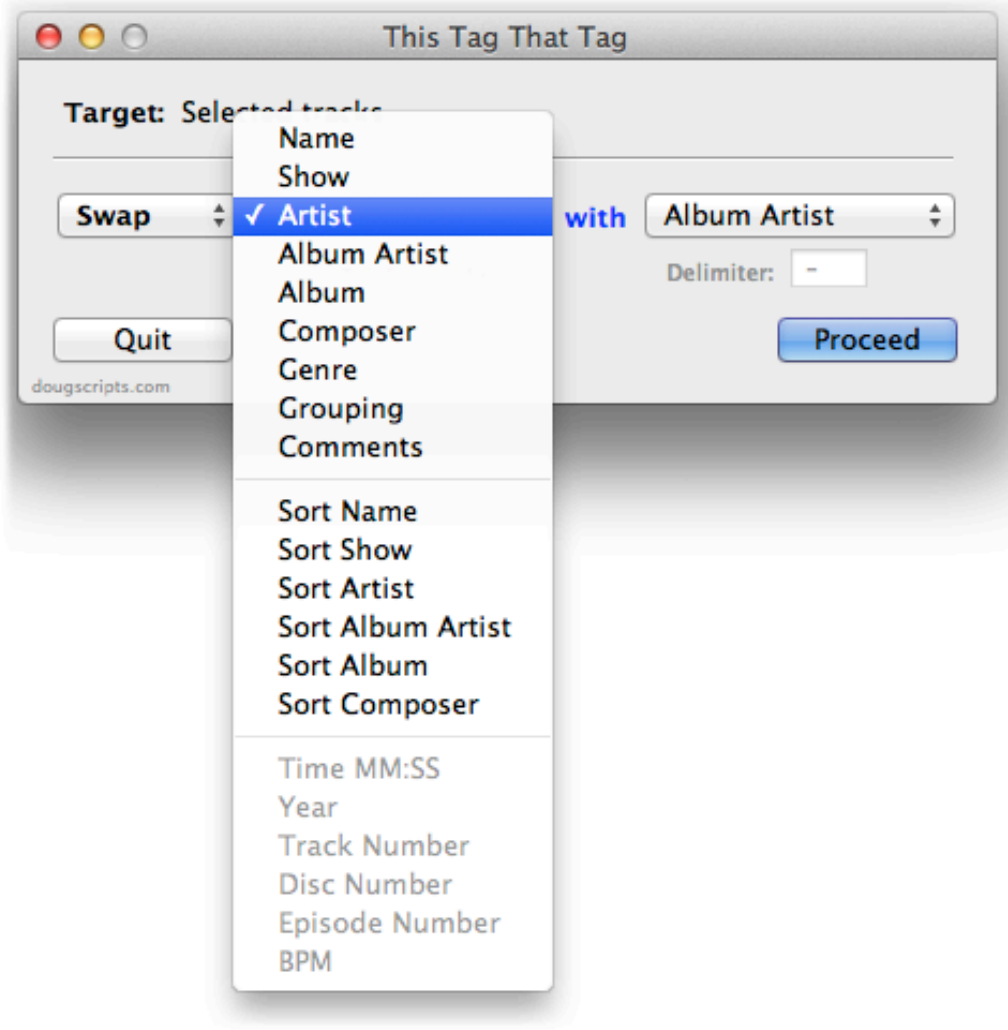
You can change selections before performing any tasks and the **Target** will stay updated with your tracks or playlist selection.

Select an action from the **Action Popup**:

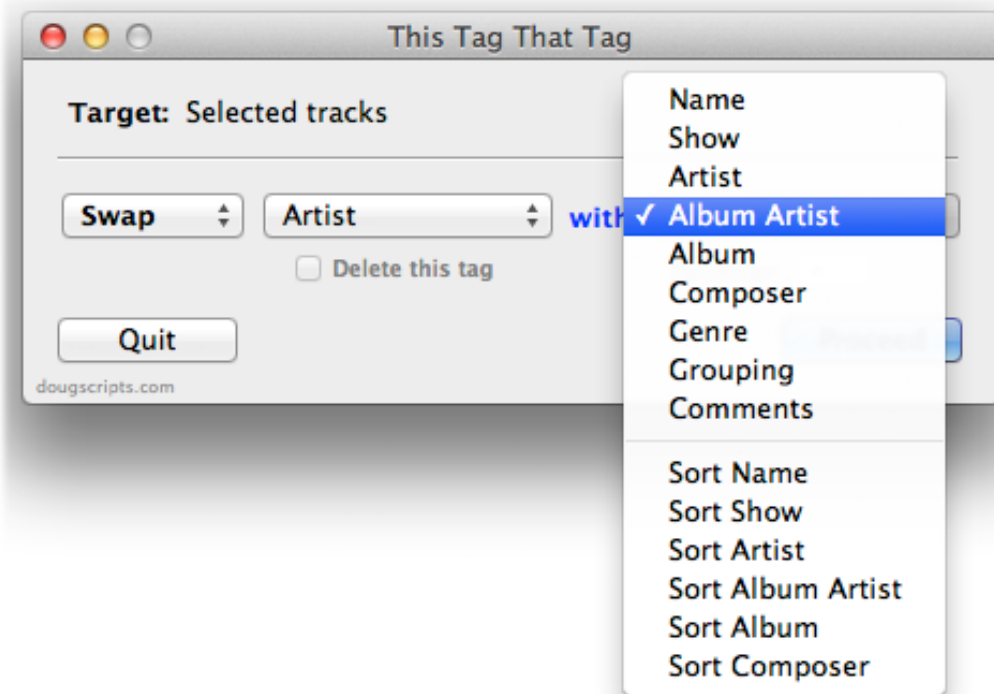


Swap – ARTIST <--> COMPOSER
Copy – ARTIST ---> COMPOSER ARTIST
Prepend – ARTIST ---> ARTIST - COMPOSER
Append – ARTIST ---> COMPOSER - ARTIST

Select **This Tag...**

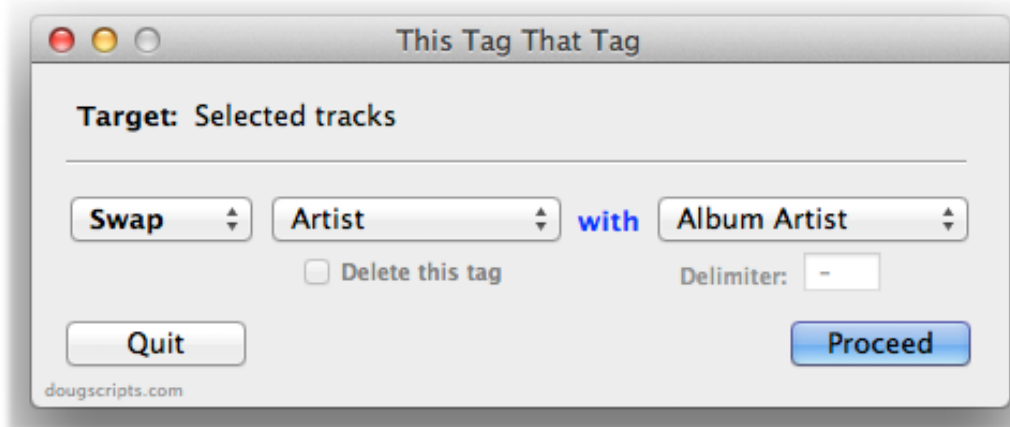


and then select **That Tag...**



"Delete this tag" checkbox – The **Copy**, **Prepend**, and **Append** actions will allow you to delete the contents of this tag *after* performing the action. For example, you could **Copy** each track's Album Artist to its Sort Album Artist and then delete the Album Artist.

"Delimiter" text box – This is the text used between tags for **Prepend** and **Append** actions. The default delimiter text is " - " (space-hyphen-space).



Click the "Proceed" button to perform the set task.

- For iTunes Book tracks the **Author** tag is the same as the **Artist** tag and the **Category** tag is the same as the **Genre** tag.
- Number properties **cannot Swap** with text properties since number properties cannot accept text. Number properties **can be** copied, prepended or appended to text properties.

- Tracks whose chosen tags are blank will be ignored.
- Tracks whose tags are inaccessible will be ignored.
- Last settings are preserved between uses.

A progress bar will display progress as each track is modified. A "Finished" dialog will report how many tracks were successfully modified.

Helpful Links:

Click on the underlined URL text:

- Doug's AppleScripts for iTunes
- Assign Shortcut Keys to AppleScripts
- Download FAQ - **Info on downloading and installing AppleScripts**
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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:

v3.1 may 5 2012

- allows numeric tag text to be copied correctly

v3.0 jan 6 2012

- re-written as a Cocoa-AppleScript applet for OS 10.6 or better only
- consolidates previous four scripts to single applet

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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