

Tracks Without Artwork to Playlist

v3.3

AppleScript for iTunes

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This script will survey the selected tracks or the selected Playlist* for tracks without any artwork and copy them to a new discrete Playlist.

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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 **or** select any iTunes playlist* and run the script.

Enter a name for a new "No Art" playlist.

Any tracks without artwork will be copied to the new Playlist.

Notes:

*Actually, due to the tremendous size of some "Music" playlists (10,000 tracks or more), I can't really recommend checking every track in this playlist *in one go* as AppleScript may not be able to handle a list of a great many tracks and the script may crash; also, it may take a rather long time to parse the entire "Music" playlist. I suggest sorting the "Music" playlist (or any very large playlist) by Album and then running the script on a selection of two to three thousand tracks at a time. Or, create a temporary Smart Playlist of a particular variety of tracks.

AIFF, WAV, and Stream tracks cannot contain artwork, however they will be listed in "No Art" nonetheless. Due to localization chaos, with the exception of Stream tracks, I chose not to filter them. **Video tracks** can contain artwork in the form of a selected Poster Frame.

To Quit the script before it has finished - make sure iTunes is frontmost and press **Command-** (period). Because the script is *quite busy* it may take a few attempts to get its attention.

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Information and download link for this script is located at:

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

Version History:

v3.3 aug 5 2008

- compatible with iTunes 7.7.1

v3.2 jun 7 2008

- addresses situation where artwork downloaded from the iTunes Store (using "Get Album Artwork") may result in false positives

v3.1 may 20 2008

- speedier playlist creation
- performance finessings

v3.0 may 13 2008

- runs as universal binary
- user can supply the "No Art" playlist name
- performance fixes and finessings

v2.3 oct 30 2007

- updated for Mac OS 10.5 (Leopard)

v2.2 mar 19 2007

- adjusts logic and fixes some rare "false positive" anomalies

v2.1 mar 4 2007

- accounts for multiple libraries, which in previous versions may have generated incorrect results

v2.0 jan 31 2007

- accounts for artwork downloaded from the iTunes Store, , which in previous versions may have generated false positives

v1.0 feb 22 2005

- initial release

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

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