Add-Subtract A Half Star v1.0

AppleScript for iTunes

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This script will add or subtract a half-star from the ratings of the selected tracks. Ratings with half-stars appear with "½" appended to their ratings.

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Installation:

If you installed the files from the downloaded disk image by dragging them to the "Installer", then the AppleScript and this Read Me document have already been installed in your *[user name] > Library > iTunes > Scripts* folder. The script will appear in iTunes' Script menu, where you can activate it by clicking on its name.

To manually install, if necessary: 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 whose ratings you wish to increase or decrease by a half-star and run the script.

Results will resemble this:

	Name	Artist	Album	My Rating
1	☑ This	Brian Eno	Another Day On Earth	★★★★½
2	☑ Caught Between	Brian Eno	Another Day On Earth	★★★
3	☑ Passing Over	Brian Eno	Another Day On Earth	★★★½
4	☑ How Many Worlds	Brian Eno	Another Day On Earth	★★★★
5	☑ Bottomliners	Brian Eno	Another Day On Earth	★★★★★
6	☑ Just Another Day	Brian Eno	Another Day On Earth	★★★★½
7	☑ Under	Brian Eno	Another Day On Earth	★★½
8	☑ Bonebomb	Brian Eno	Another Day On Earth	★★★★

I highly recommend assigning a shortcut to this script.

How it works:

Ratings are stored as integers in increments of 20. Thus 1 star = 20, 2 stars = 40, 3 stars = 60 and so on. Apparently, iTunes 6.0.2 (or maybe even earlier) added an incremental factor of 10 which displays as the half sign.

You cannot set a half-star by any other means than by AppleScript. Also, the half-star **does not** display in a track's "Get Info" window. It only displays in the library.

I only stumbled on this recently using iTunes 6.0.2. It may work in earlier versions.

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Information and download link for this script is located at:
http://www.dougscripts.com/itunes/scripts/ss.php?sp=addsubtracthalfstar

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