

Assimilate View Options

v4.1

For iTunes 12.2+/OS X 10.10+
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This script re-creates a selected playlist (excepting library playlists, Playlist Folders and "special" playlists) so that its Songs View column settings are the same as the main Music library (taking advantage of the fact that new playlists acquire the Music library playlist's visible sort columns).

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Installation:

Put AppleScripts in your iTunes "Scripts" folder. This is located in your *[user name] / Library / iTunes /* folder.

*The user Library directory is hidden by default. To make it visible, hold down the Option key on your keyboard and select **Go > Library** from the Finder.*

If there is no folder named "Scripts" in the *[user name] / Library / iTunes /* folder then 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.

See the online [Download FAQ](#) for more info and video on downloading and installing AppleScripts.

How to use:

Select a playlist or Smart Playlist by clicking its name in the iTunes sidebar and then launch the script by selecting it from iTunes' Script menu.

In a moment, the selected playlist will be replicated—that is, a new playlist will be copied from the original and the original will be deleted—with the Songs View visible column options of the "Music" library.

- In iTunes 12.2 and later, the playlist will initially display using the Playlist View. For better or worse, this is iTunes' default behavior.

iCloud Music Library considerations:

- “For You” and “New” and “Apple Music Playlists” items are inaccessible.
- It is *possible* that the original playlist will be restored and the new playlist deleted due to issues with syncing. This may be an issue with iCloud Music Library on Apple's end which cannot be overcome.

Helpful Links:

Information and download link for this script is located at:

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

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Version History:

v4.1 jul 16, 2016

- Fixes issue with re-creating Smart playlists

- Preliminary support for macOS 10.12

v4.0 aug 27, 2015

- Works with iTunes 12.2 and later and OS X 10.10 (Yosemite) and later only
- Saved as run-only for codesigning purposes

v3.1 dec 1, 2012

- workround shuffle/song repeat bug in iTunes 11

v3.0 oct 14, 2011

- accommodates a playlist within a folder playlist (but not folder playlists per se)

v2.2 aug 28, 2009

- addresses "none/all" issue <http://dougscripts.com/itunes/itinfo/noneallissue.php>

v2.1 may 10 2008

- performance fixes and finesses

v2.0 may 9 2008

- runs as universal binary
- now only works on the single selected playlist
- now works with Smart Playlists
- maintains shuffle and repeat settings
- performance fixes and finesses

v1.2 mar 13 2007

- avoids error when attempting to set view to library playlist 1 (routine eliminated)

v1.1 may 6 2006

- updated for modern iTunes
- avoids trying to delete and rebuild "special" playlists (Podcasts, Party Shuffle, etc)
- offers to work on all or selected playlist(s)
- speeds up track duplicating routine

v1.0 dec 27 2003

- initial release

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