Audiobooker v1.0

AppleScript for iTunes
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Convenient, intelligent AppleScript interface for ripping audiobook tracks with iTunes. Features include multiple CD support, intelligent track ordering and user-editable track naming. Excellent for prepping your audiobook tracks for iPod. (Scripters will be interested in its unix-related techniques.)

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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:

Audiobooks have several characteristics that make ripping them different from ripping music CD's. For one thing, most audiobooks are not in CCDB, so that their metadata must be entered by hand. For another, they consist of multiple CD's where the order of the tracks is crucial, and where the track names should usually be generated automatically based on album name, CD number, and track number - it is pretty confusing to have all the first tracks in all the CD's of an audiobook be named "Track 1".

The audiobooker script provides a convenient interface for ripping audiobooks. It shows the user the current book name, author name, and CD number, and allows that information to be corrected. For example, it might prompt for "Tolstoy, War and Peace, 1". It then imports multiple CD's, placing them all in a playlist named for the book, and numbering the tracks intelligently, using the first word of the title plus the CD and track number. In the example, it will create a playlist named "War and Peace", and name the tracks "War-01-01", "War-01-02", etc. This style of track name facilitates listening to the audiobook on an iPod.

As each CD is finished, the script waits for the user to insert another one before proceeding. The status of the script is stored in a file in the iTunes folder of the user's Application Support folder.

The script illustrates a number of useful techniques: using Unix "mkdir -p" for easy creation of directories (this is quite painful in Applescript itself); waiting for disk insertion; and detecting the Audio CD playlist

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

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