Backup Selection or Playlist to DVD v1.0

AppleScript for iTunes
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This script will prepare playlists to be burned as DVD(s) based on user selection of a batch of tracks or on user selection of a 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:

The script will, on being activated, either gather the user's selection of a batch of tracks or it will get every track in a selected playlist and sort the tracks, by album, in a playlist or series of playlists to be burned as DVD(s).

The script will calculate how many files can fit on one DVD, and then deposit the remaining files in a new playlist. In the event this happens, you'll be notifed by the script. If the remaining files won't fill up a DVD, try using my script "Backup Selection or Playlist to MP3 CD".

If you're using iTunes 3:

The script takes some time to run; making a DVD-sized disk image takes about 10 minutes, and compiling the track and file information can also take some time. Expect the whole process to take between 20-30 minutes to run for a full DVd's worth of tracks.

The DVD disk image will be populated with the files organized as iTunes does: in Artist:Album:song.mp3 order.

A DVD disk of MP3s will not mount in iTunes, nor will it be playable on a DVD player. It will serve as a backup and nothing more.

IMPORTANT STUFF:

1. Every track backed up *must* have ID3 tags for Artist and Album, or the script will not work.

2. ID3 track info which includes a "/" character may cause an error as well; "\" does not cause an error however.

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

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If you have any trouble with this script, please email me. Please not, however, that I am not its author.
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