Backup iTunes Tracks to DVD v1.1

AppleScript for iTunes
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This script creates a disk image and copies files to it in Artist/Album/SongFile.ext format. Requires particular installation.

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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.

A folder named "Backup iTunes Tracks to DVD-R *ƒ*" was installed in your *[user name] > Library > iTunes > Scripts* folder. Components in this folder need to be installed elsewhere. See below for details.

To manually install, if necessary: See below for instructions on installing the components included in this download.

How to use:

1. Place the script in the folder "Users:YourUserName:Library:iTunes:Scripts". In some cases you may need to create a "Scripts" folder.

2. Place the file "terminalDate.xml" in the folder "Users:YourUserName:Library:iTunes". (Note- if you already have such a file, from installing my script for backup up to MP3 CD, you don't need to install this, and will probably not want to, since it'll pick up where you left off with your last MP3 CD)

3. Place the XML Tools.osax into the YourHardDrive/Library/ScriptingAdditions folder. NOTE: this must be done using the MacOS X Finder. Do not use the Unix cp or mv commands.

Instructions for running the script:

1. If it's your first time running it, you'll have to select the *earliest* track you want backed up. Presumably some or none of your tracks are backed up - sort your tracks by Date Added and find

the track which is chronologically first in the batch of tracks you want to back up. (e.g. - say you've been adding tracks since December 2002 and you want to back up everything you've added since December 27. You'd sort by Date Added and find the track whose time is earliest in the day and select that.)

2. Run the script. It will display the track's date and ask for a confirmation.

3. The script will collect your tracks into a playlist and then begin to sort them into DVD-R-sized playlists by album. Your end product will be a batch of playlists, each small enough to fit on an DVD, grouped by album. In the unlikely event that you have more than one DVD's worth of music to backup at a time, the script will make a playlist with the remainder of the files in it. You can use one of my other backup scripts ("Backup Selection or Playlist to DVD", "Backup Selection or Playlist to MP3CD") to deal with these.

4. The script saves the current date and the database ID of the track added most recently to your Library. This mean that the next time you run the script, it will know when you last created a backup. You can choose to set a new backup date at that time, but if you're like me, you'll want the script to just keep track of it.

5. This means that, in the future, you should not have to go through the process in step 1; the script will "know" where you left off and will compile its list based on that.

Compatibility: Requires iTunes 3, Disk Copy, Terminal and OSX. It's been tested using OS 10.2.3.

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

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