

Bring Out Yer Dead v1.1

AppleScript for iTunes

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This script applet will allow you to select a "dead" file track in iTunes (designated with the (!)) and attempt to locate a file using **Spotlight** that corresponds to the selected track's Song Name, Artist, and Album, and then allow you to replace the "dead track" with a file from the search results. All tag data is preserved from the original track selected and copied to the newly added track.

Note: I consider this script to be just an experiment using Spotlight technology. iTunes already has the ability to try to locate disassociated files when you double-click a "dead track"

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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:

Select a "dead track" in iTunes and run the script. After a few moments, the script will present you with the search results, if any. Select a file from the results and it will be added to iTunes, replacing the original selected track and copying the tag data from the original track to the new track.

Notes:

- The expression "Bring Out Yer Dead" is from a classic routine in the film "Monty Python & the Holy Grail" (which is itself based on a description in Daniel DeFoe's "Journal of the Plague Year" for that matter). I hope it does not offend.
- Make sure you have had Spotlight index your computer!
- The very fine **Spodlight** by Kevin Wojniak is an application that will allow Spotlight to index your

iPod. Bring Out Yer Dead is able to copy files from your iPod when indexed this way.

- Only one track can be selected at a time. I had thought of allowing several tracks to be selected, but the search results could get messy. Perhaps later.
- Artwork is not preserved by the script. However, if a new file contains artwork, well, there it is.
- I ran into a problem escaping single-quotes and double-quotes in tag names with "quoted form of" for the search routine, so the workaround was to have the script escape these beforehand. I don't know if this is a bug with "quoted form of" in Tiger or if I am Just Going About It The Wrong Way.
- The script will detect if your selected track is a "dead track". It would not be prudent to attempt to re-add a file that already exists in your Music folder since a duplicate file may be created.

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Information and download link for this script is located at:

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

Version History:

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- fixed problem with double-quotes in Song Name, Album, or Artist tag

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- initial release

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If you have any trouble with this script, please email me.

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