CK's Equally Timed iPod Playlists (Version 0.04)

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See the following web page to see if a newer version is available.
http://www.manythings.org/mac/

Disclaimer

Use this program at your own risk.

Requirements

- Either MacOS X or MacOS 9.
- iTunes that can connect with an iPod.
- iPod

Cost & Distribution

Freeware.
You may distribute this if you do not modify the programs and you include this file (unmodified) with the distribution.

What Does it Do?

This takes any (long) playlist in iTunes, breaks it into equally timed playlists and creates these playlists on your iPod (which also means the files are copied to your iPod if they aren't already there.) You'll need to have "Manually manage songs and playlists" checked in your iPod preferences.

How Do I Use It?

NOTE: You'll need to have "Manually manage songs and playlists" checked in your iPod preferences.

1. Rename "•Evenly Shuffled Playlist" (in the AppleScript) to the name of a playlist in iTunes.
2.   Optional: Rename "Shuffled 2 hrs-" to another base name.
3.   Optional: Change the "120" (PlayListTime) to the number of minutes you want in each playlist.
4. Connect you iPod, if it isn't already.

5. Run this script.

This is the part of the script that you may need to edit.

--- VARIABLES THAT YOU MAY WANT TO CHANGE -----
-- Enter the name of the source Playlist to break into smaller equally-timed playlists.
set SourcePlaylist to "•Evenly Shuffled Playlist"
-- Enter the base name for the equally-timed playlists to be created on the iPod
-- Remember to keep the name short so you can read the name on the iPod screen.
set BaseName to "Shuffled 2 hrs-"
-- Enter the number of minutes for the playlists
set PlayListTime to 120

Suggested Uses

Take the long lists made by my playlist creation assistants, break them up into smaller lists.
- If your daily commute is 30 minutes one way, then make multiple 30 minute lists. Listen to a different list every day until you have heard all the music on your iPod.
- Make 45 minute playlists for 45 minute exercise periods. Listen to a new playlist each day.

Why I Wrote This

I wanted to create multiple equally-timed playlists on my iPod, so that I could easily start up where I had left off, thus listening through everything on the iPod before repeating anything, if I so desired.