

# Composer Tag Composer v1.0

## AppleScript for iTunes

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This script will assist with modifying the text of composer tags using search-and-replace.

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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:

This script essentially allows you to make global changes to a chosen composer tag. Note that during search-and-replace operations, the entire composer tag is considered as a single text string *in toto*; for example, "J.Lennon" would not match "J.Lennon/P.McCartney".

### An example walk-thru:

I have a whole lotta music of which Frank Zappa is the Composer. But the **composer tags** of these tracks variously contain "F.Zappa", "Zappa, F", "Zappa", "Frank Zappa", "Zappa, Frank", and you can imagine.

I'd like all of these disparate composer tags changed to "Zappa, Frank", since iTunes' "Composer" column sorts from the start of the text and Zappa is not an "F" word.

I'll run the script and select "F.Zappa" from the choose box that lists all the unique composer tags in iTunes. (HINT: this choose box reponds to arrow and page keys, and jumps to the appropriate area when you type the first few letters of where you'd like to be.) Click "Continue...".

The next dialog reports how many tracks have "F.Zappa" for a composer tag (this is **not** how many tracks contain "F.Zappa" as *part* of the composer tag--"F.Zappa", my selection, must match the entire composer tag text *exactly*) and a text entry box for me to change "F.Zappa" to "Zappa, Frank".

**Skip** - I can skip changing "F.Zappa" composer tags by clicking the "Skip" button. The main choose box will be re-displayed with the list of unique composer tags.

**See These** - For handy inpection, I can create and view a temporary playlist containing all the tracks with "F.Zappa" as their composer tag by clicking the "See These" button. Depending on the number of tracks involved this may take a few seconds to get organized. Clicking any button after this deletes the temporary playlist--but do be on the

look out later for any that might have gotten stranded.

**Change** - Or, I can proceed to search for and replace all composer tags that are *exactly* "F.Zappa" with my just-entered "Zappa, Frank" text.

After a few moments, the changes will have been made. The script will pause a few extra seconds to wait for iTunes to update its database. Be patient. The wait could take as long as a minute. Then the script will display a *refreshed* list of unique composer tags.

**Quit** - One could quit the script here by clicking the "Quit" button. Or, most likely, I would proceed to edit the remaining Zappa tags.

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### Information and download link for this script is located at:

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

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