

Current Song to Current Chat

v1.7

AppleScript for iTunes

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When activated (by clicking on its icon in the Dock while running) this stay-open applet enters and sends info about the currently playing iTunes track to your frontmost iChat message window.

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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.

This is a stay-open application (applet) which can be run from *anywhere*, but is best accessed from iTunes Scripts Menu.

How to use:

Run the script. It will stay running and you can access its icon in the Dock. While iTunes is running and while you have an Instant Message or Chat room window open in iChat, activate the script by clicking on it once in the Dock. It will formulate a message based on the currently playing track and send it to iChat.

For example:

iTunes is playing "Third Uncle" by Brian Eno (***)**

You can, of course, edit the script to format the message anyway you like. Look for this section of code after opening it in Script Editor:

```
-- basic info (feel free to format your own message!)
set my_message to ("iTunes is playing " & station_name & "\" & nom & "\" & art)
tell ct
    try
        -- rating info
        if rating is not 0 then
            set r to ""
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repeat (rating / 20) times
    set r to r & "*"
end repeat

set my_message to (my_message & space & r)
-- uncomment line below if you like, it doesn't use 'r' to display "(5 stars)"
--set my_message to (my_message & " (" & ((rating / 20) as integer) & " stars)")
end if
end try
end tell

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Quitting

Control-click on the applet in the Dock and select "Quit" from the pop-up. Or simply activate the applet and press **Command-Q**.

Helpful Links:

Click on the underlined URL text:

- Doug's AppleScripts for iTunes
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Information and download link for this script is located at:

<http://dougscripits.com/itunes/scripts/ss.php?sp=currentsongichat>

Version History:

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- handles stream info a little better, providing name of streamer

v1.6 april 24 2004

- activates iChat (brings to the front) after song info is entered into current chat window

v1.5 april 14 2004

- distinguishes radio streams which provide artist/title info via *current stream title*

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- initial release

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