

Delete Device Playlists

v3.0

For iTunes 11+/OS X 10.10+
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This applet will display a list of the playlists on the selected iPod or iOS device (that must be set to manually manage tracks) from which multiple playlists can be chosen for deletion from the device. Alternatively, playlists **and the tracks they contain** can also be deleted.

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Installation:

This script is an **AppleScript applet** and can be run by double-clicking its icon in the Finder. However, it is probably best accessed from the iTunes Script menu.

Put AppleScripts in your iTunes "Scripts" folder. This is located at *[user name] / Library / iTunes / Scripts /*.

*The user Library directory is hidden by default. To make it visible, hold down the Option key on your keyboard and select **Go > Library** from the Finder.*

If the *[user name] / Library /* folder does not contain the "iTunes" or "Scripts" folders then then create them and put the script(s) in the "Scripts" folder. 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.

See the online Download FAQ for more info and video on downloading and

installing AppleScripts.

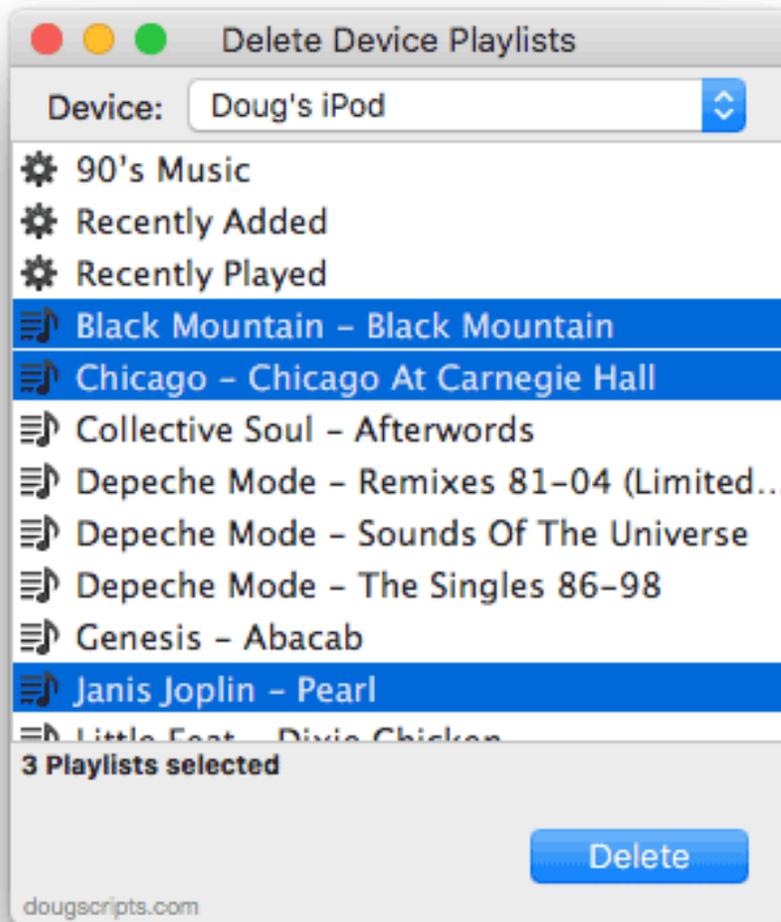
How to use:

Launch the script. It will take a moment or two to initialize and determine the iPod devices available.

- A device **must** be set to **manually manage** media (see its Summary tab in iTunes).
- Devices set to sync or that use iCloud Music Library will be ignored.
- **For best results**, the device should be connected to the computer. Devices set to sync over Wi-Fi may not respond quickly enough and produce unsatisfactory results.

Select the device from which you want to delete playlists from the **Device Popup** at the top of the main window.

The script will display a list of user-deletable playlists on the selected device.



Select the playlists to remove and click the **Delete** button. In a few moments, the playlists will be deleted. No tracks will be deleted, just the playlists.

ALTERNATIVELY: To also delete the tracks contained by the selected playlists, **press and hold the Option button** on the keyboard while clicking the **Delete** button. **To be clear**, this **WILL** remove the tracks and their files from the library on the device.

- A confirmation alert will display after clicking **Delete** to give you a chance to cancel. These alerts can be suppressed. Later, click *File > Reset Warnings* in the script's menu to allow them to display again.

To dismiss the script, press **Command-Q**.

Helpful Links:

Information and download link for this script is located at:

<https://dougscripsts.com/itunes/scripts/ss.php?sp=deleteddeviceplaylists>

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Version History:

v3.0 feb 15 2018

- Maintenance and security updates
- Changed select device behavior
- Displays progress of track deletion (if selected)

v2.0 july 10 2016

- Long-overdue maintenance and security updates
- Preliminary support for macOS 10.12

v1.0 feb 1 2014

- initial release

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