

Delete Empty Playlists

v3.2

For iTunes 11+/macOS 10.12+
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This script will list all empty user-created playlists and can delete all or just a selection of them.

For macOS 10.12 and later only.

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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 /*.

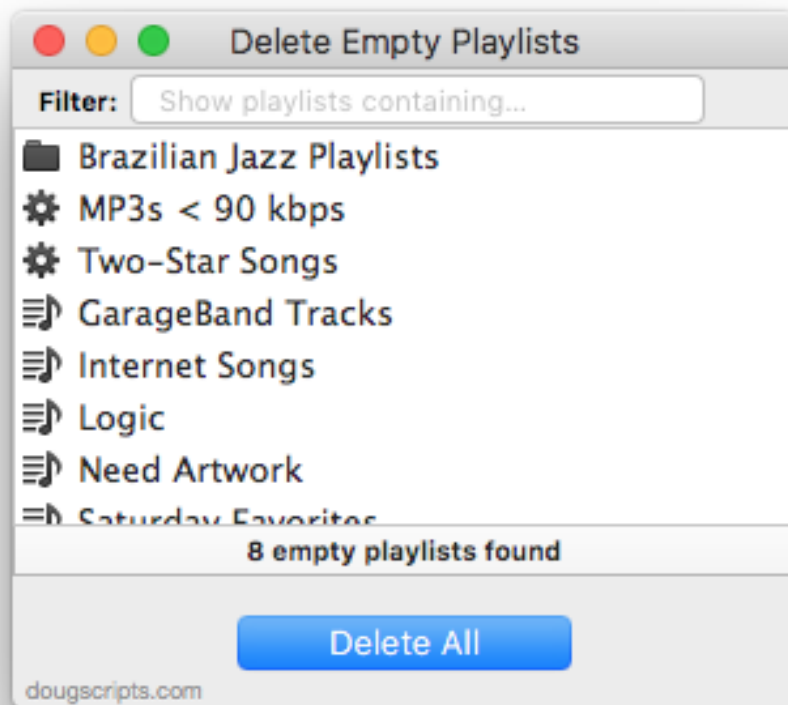
*The user Library directory is hidden by default. To make it visible, hold down the Option key on your keyboard and select **Go > Library** from the Finder.*

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 display all empty user-created playlists (Playlist Folders, Smart playlists and "plain" playlists).



- To simply delete all of the displayed playlists, click the **Delete All** button.
- When one or more playlists are **selected** in the list, the name of the button changes to **Delete Selected**. Under these circumstances, clicking the button will delete only the selected playlists.
- The **Filter** field can be used to isolate specific playlists based on the text in their names.

Notes:

Perhaps obvious: The delete function cannot be un-done.

The app does not monitor iTunes for changes in playlists while it is running so it may be necessary to update the list manually. Use the **File > Refresh** tool (or press **Command-R**) to refresh the playlist list.

Bear in mind that it can take as long as 30 seconds for iTunes to completely update its database when changes are made.

Helpful Links:

Information and download link for this script is located at:

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

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

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Version History:

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- Initial accommodations for macOS 10.14 Mojave
- Minor performance and security enhancements

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- Initial accommodations for macOS 10.13 High Sierra
- Minor performance and security enhancements

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- Major update
- This version is for macOS 10.10 and later only

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- Speed improvements (thanks to **Lowell Stewart**)
- Removes "select playlists to delete" routine, simply deletes all empty user playlists

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- initial release

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