

Disable Gracenote v1.0

AppleScript for iTunes
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This script will toggle your firewall settings to prevent iTunes from accessing Gracenote's CDDb database when you insert a CD or choose "Get CD Track Names" from iTunes' Advanced menu.

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Installation:

If you installed the files from the downloaded disk image by dragging them to the "Installer", then the AppleScript and this Read Me document have already been installed in your *[user name] > Library > iTunes > Scripts* folder. The script will appear in iTunes' Script menu, where you can activate it by clicking on its name.

To manually install, if necessary: 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:

As of iTunes version 5 there is no longer an option to keep iTunes from contacting Gracenotes to look up track names. Unfortunately this may have bad consequences; for example, if Gracenote finds multiple matches, scripts will hang waiting for the user to respond to the resulting dialog box, even if they have no need of Gracenote data.

This script creates or deletes a rule in the **ipfw** firewall that blocks connections to **service.gracenote.com**, effectively preventing iTunes from contacting Gracenote.

The script uses "curl" to detect whether Gracenote is enabled or not. If the call on curl fails, an error will be raised. Before exiting, the script uses this to make sure that the enabling or disabling of Gracenote succeeded. Note that ipfw uses numbers to identify rules, and this script uses 99 as the identifier for its rules.

Note: The author, David Mundie, posted an earlier version of this scripts at Mac OS X Hints.
<<http://www.macosxhints.com/article.php?story=20051022121331951>>

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Information and download link for this script is located at:

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