

Drop A Few My Way

v4.3

For iTunes 11+/macOS 10.10+
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Drag and drop audio files to this droplet to have iTunes convert them with an encoder selected on the fly, restoring iTunes' Preferences-set encoder afterwards. Converted files can be saved to either a single selected location or each source file's parent folder. The converted files/tracks are removed from iTunes, as though iTunes "never saw them".

For macOS 10.10 and later only.

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Installation:

This script is an **AppleScript droplet** and can be installed anywhere it is convenient to drag-and-drop audio files.

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

How to use:

Drag one or more audio files to the **Drop A Few My Way** icon. Select the iTunes encoder to use to convert them, and choose a location to save the converted files.

The default selected location will be the parent folder of the first dropped file (which presumes that all the dropped files are from the same folder).

The Save Panel provides two choices for saving the converted files:

- To save the converted files to a **single location**, navigate to a folder in the Save Panel and click the "Choose" button.
- **Otherwise**, the encoded files can be saved to each source file's parent folder by simply clicking the "Cancel" button. **Use this option thoughtfully:** ALAC and AAC files have the same extension and conversion from one to the other format will produce a naming conflict. (Frankly, I included this option for *myself* because I frequently need to convert AIFF files to MP3.)

Audio files that are unable to be converted using the selected encoder will be ignored.

Original files will not be deleted or affected in any way.

Notes:

- **The script cannot change encoder Settings** (bit rate, sample rate, and so on). The selected encoder's Settings will be the same as they were the last time you set them in *iTunes > Preferences > General > Import Settings....*
- Because each file must be encoded one at a time, the iTunes "done chime" will sound after each file is converted. Alas.
- Files which cannot be converted (text or graphic files, for example) or are otherwise error-causing will prompt a message in the "Done" dialog to display "(One or more files may not have been converted correctly.)"
- All meta-data information from the original file (if any) may not be transferred to the converted file.
- Because of audio quality degradation issues, converting compressed audio files to another compression format (converting an MP3 to AAC, for example) is not

recommended. But YMMV.

Helpful Links:

Information and download link for this script is located at:

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

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

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- Minor maintenance and security enhancements

v4.2 sept 20 2017

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

v4.1 may 26 2017

- Fixes compatibility issue with macOS 10.12.5

v4.0 apr 24 2017

- General update (last updated in 2012)
- This version for macOS 10.10 or later only

v3.0 apr 4 2012

- fixes issue when original files are missing an extension

v2.1 oct 18 2011

- fixes issue when original files are missing an extension

v2.0 oct 1 2009

- universal binary
- maintenance updates
- support for the lossless encoder -- belatedly

v1.0 mar 9 2004

- initial release

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