Drop to Add and Make Playlists

v3.5
For iTunes 11+/macOS 10.10+
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at Doug's AppleScripts for iTunes.

Drag-and-drop one of more folders containing media files on this droplet (or double-click it to select a single folder via a dialog); it will recursively add each file to iTunes and then distribute the tracks to playlists named using your choice of:

    1) the name of each file's containing folder
    2) the folder heirarchy containing the file
    3) the tracks' "Artist - Album" tags (if available)

For macOS 10.10 or later

This app is free to try full-featured for 10 days. If you like it you can purchase a code for $1.99 which will unlock the 10 day trial restriction. Launch the app and click "Register…" in its File menu to make an in-app purchase through PayPal.

Installation:

This script is an **AppleScript applet/droplet** and can be run by dragging folders/file to

its icon in the Finder (or Finder Toolbar) or by double-clicking its icon in the Finder. Therefore, you may want to install it in a location to which you find it convenient to drag Finder items.

It can also be 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:

Drag-and-drop **one or more folders** containing media files (including sub-folders of media files*****) to this script's icon in the Finder.
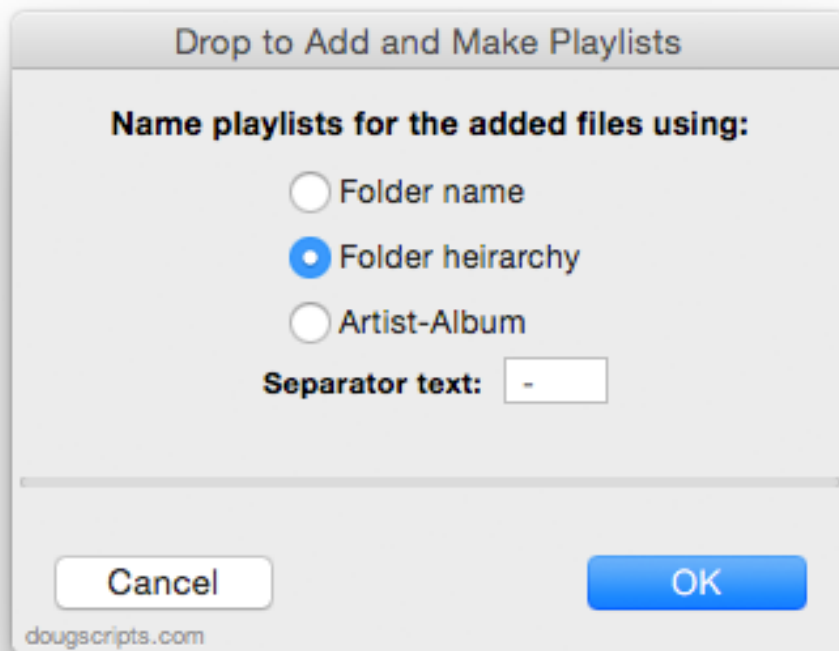
OR

Double-click the script's icon to in the Finder and it will let you Choose a folder via an open panel.

OR

Launch the script from the iTunes Script menu (if you installed it in *[user name] / Library/iTunes/Scripts/)* and it will let you select a folder via an open panel.

• *****The script works **recursively** so that the folder will be examined for multiple levels of sub-folders containing media files.

• **DO NOT** try to process hundreds and hundreds of files at once. The script and iTunes will perform less efficiently as the number of files to process increases. Certainly *don't* try to process your entire iTunes Media folder.

The script presents these options after launching:

Choose whether to use the name(s) of the file's folders as playlist names or use a track's Artist and Album tags.

• **Folder name** will create a playlist named using a file's parent folder. Thus, if you were to drop a folder named "Bob Dylan" which contained files in a folder named "Highway 61 Revisited" then the playlist containing these tracks would be named "Highway 61 Revisited".

• **Folder heirarchy** will create a playlist named using the folders containing a file, starting with the root dropped folder. Thus, if you were to drop a folder named "Bob Dylan" which contained files in a folder named "Highway 61 Revisited" then the playlist name would be "Bob Dylan - Highway 61 Revisited".

(If individual files are dragged to the droplet and "Folder heirarchy" is selected, the script will get the name of the parent folder and use that for the playlist name.)

• **Artist-Album** will create a playlist named using the Artist and Album tags of a file. These tags are obtained *after* the files have been added to iTunes, so if your files have embedded Artist and Album tag data then iTunes will make this data available for the script. If your files have no tag data then the Artist and Album names used in a playlist's name will be "Unknown".

Enter text to use as a **separator** between folder names/tags. By default this is " - " (space-dash-space).

• Each of these options will be saved and will appear as defaults the next time you use

the script.

Click the **OK** button to proceed. Press the "Cancel" button at any time to cancel operation and quit.

• A same-named playlist will not be replaced; tracks will be added to it.

• A track will not be copied to a playlist if the playlist *already* contains a copy of it.

• If a file already exists as a track entry in the iTunes library the track will still be copied to the appropriate playlist.

Helpful Links:

Information and download link for this script is located at:
https://dougscripts.com/itunes/scripts/ss.php?sp=droptoaddnmake

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

v3.5 sept 5 2017
- Initial accommodations for macOS 10.13 High Sierra
- Minor performance and security enhancements

v3.4 may 23 2017
- Fixes compatibility issue with macOS 10.12.5

v3.3 april 24 2017
- Minor maintenance
- This version for macOS 10.10 and later only

v3.2 june 22 2016
- Preliminary support for macOS 10.12

- Security update

v3.1 july 16 2015
- Preliminary support for OS X 10.11 (El Capitan)
- Accommodates changes in iTunes 12.2

v3.0 nov 13 2014
- Adds support for OS X 10.10 Yosemite/iTunes 12
- Adds "Check for Update" command
- Adds "Folder name" and "Folder heirarchy" as distinct options
- Adds online Help doc access
- General UI and maintenance fixes
- Adds ten day trial

v2.3 nov 15 2013
- fixes for compatibility with OS X 10.9 (Mavericks)

v2.2 sept 10 2012
- fixes issue when processing files that iTunes can't add

v2.1 july 21 2012
- compatible with OS X 10.8 (Mountain Lion)
- minor code tweaks

v2.0 oct 25 2011
- written as a Cocoa-AppleScript droplet/applet for OS 10.6 and 10.7 only
- updated GUI
- adds progress indicators

v1.0 apr 8 2004
- initial release

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