Flush Apple Music Cache Files

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For iTunes 11+/OS X 10.8+
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and info on writing your own
at Doug's AppleScripts for iTunes.

Delete the audio files that Apple Music caches in the ~/
Library/Caches/com.apple.iTunes/ folder.

OS X 10.8 and later only.

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please consider making a donation to support my
AppleScripting efforts. Click here for more info.

Installation:

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

> *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 there is no folder named "Scripts" in the *[user name] / Library / iTunes /* folder then
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.

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

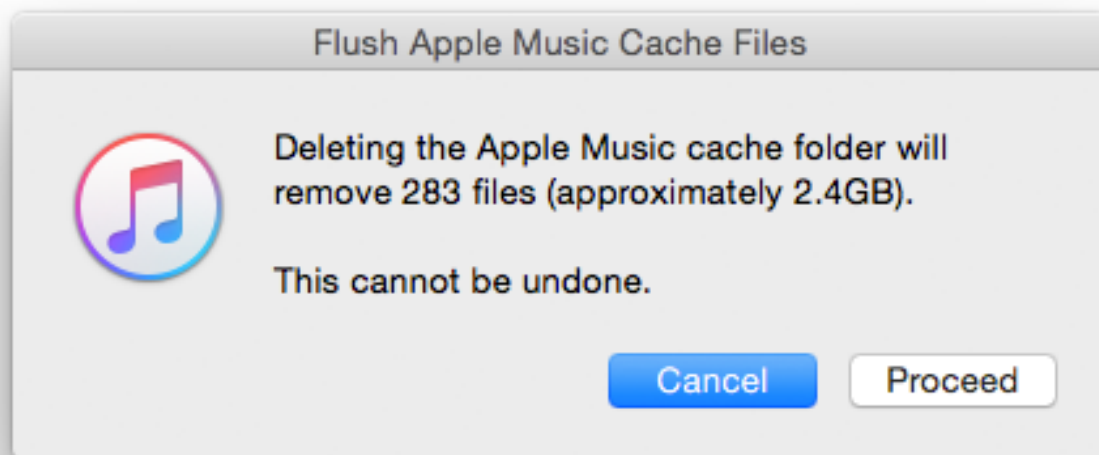# Apple Music stashes files in your Home folder

When you stream music tracks from the "For You" or "New" sections of **Apple Music** on your **Mac**, the audio files you listen to are downloaded to your computer and stored in a cache folder inside your Home directory. (This does not pertian to Radio music, or files you have saved to iTunes for offline listening, which are saved to your iTunes Media folder).

They are specially protected audio files located inside the user's Library/Caches/com.apple.iTunes folder, which itself is hidden by default; **they cannot be user-played or user-added to iTunes**. They are only useful to **Apple Music**.

iTunes stores these files ostensibly to refer to them later without having to re-download again. If you stream a lot of Apple Music these files can begin to take up a significant amount of drive space–approximately 1 GB per 100 songs or so.

How to use:

Launch the script from your iTunes Script menu. If the Apple Music cache folder contains files, this will display:

Click the "Proceed" button to delete the files.

• Deleting these files has no effect on iTunes' performance that I have been able to

detect. When and if you play a track again whose audio file has been deleted, iTunes will simply re-download it.

Helpful Links:

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

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