Have a Quick Look v1.0

AppleScript for iTunes

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This script uses the UNIX **qlmanage** command to display a Quick Look window of the selected track(s), which can be audio, video, and (perhaps most usefully) PDF, whereby Preview.app is not necessary. Need I add that a keyboard shortcut makes this very handy.

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Installation:

To manually install: 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:

Select one or more tracks in the iTunes library and run the script. In a moment, the Quick Look window will appear. If you select more than one track, the next item will appear after the previous window is dismissed.

Caveats:

• A limitation of **qlmanage** is that unlike "regular" Quick Look windows, **you cannot dismiss the QL window with the space bar**. You MUST use its close button.*

• Under **Leopard** a media file will begin playing automatically when its Quick Look window appears. The script uses a hack to prevent this; a "dummy" item will trick the Quick Look window into presenting multiple items.

• Under **Snow Leopard** the Quick Look window's title will contain [DEBUG]. There is no way to suppress this.

*Ronald Kaptein has created a hack that allows the QL window to be dismissed with any user input--including mouse clicks and track pad swipes, which may inhibit use of Quick Look window buttons. In any case, if you are interested see here:
http://ronaldk.nl/en/index.php/2010/02/invoke-quick-look-from-applescript/

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

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