iTunes Announcer v2.0

AppleScript for iTunes
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This script sits in the background, and then announces each song as it begins. It's smart enough not to repeat the artist or the album each time unless they've changed, and it has a nice ramping down of the song volume before the voiceovers.

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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.

Note: This script is an **Applet** which can be installed in any conveniently accessible location and can be run by double-clicking its icon in the Finder. However, it is probably best accessed from the iTunes Script menu.

How to use:

Launch the script. It is an applet that will stay running until you quit it. While it is running, it will monitor iTunes for new tracks that begin playing and will announce the name, artist, and album of the currently playing song a few moments after it begins playing.

The applet can be quit by control-clicking its icon in the Dock and selecting "Quit", or by activating the applet and selecting "Quit" from its "File" menu.

Hacking the script:

Various **properties** controlling the script's behavior (timing and volume levels) can be edited in the script. Open the script with AppleScript Editor to make any changes. Be sure to save the script as a Stay-Open Application.

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Information and download link for this script is located at:
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If you have any trouble with this script, please email me.
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