A Space Between

v3.4

Universal, for macOS 11+/Music v1.1+ Find more free AppleScripts and info on writing your own at dougscripts.com.

This applet will play each track in the selected playlist and will wait (one might say *insert* but that's technically incorrect) a user-set number of seconds between each. Play can commence at the top of the playlist or from a selected track.

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Installation:

This script, "A Space Between", is an **AppleScript applet** and can be run by double-clicking its icon in the Finder. Thus, it can be installed anywhere you find it convenient to access. However, it is probably best accessed from the Script menu of the Music app from where it can be launched by clicking its name.

To make an AppleScript available in the Music app's Script menu, install it in the Music app's "Scripts" folder. This is located at [user name] / Library / Music / Scripts / . Music app will look for AppleScripts in this folder.

The user Library directory may be hidden by default. To make it visible, hold down the Option key on your keyboard and select **Go > Library** from the Finder.

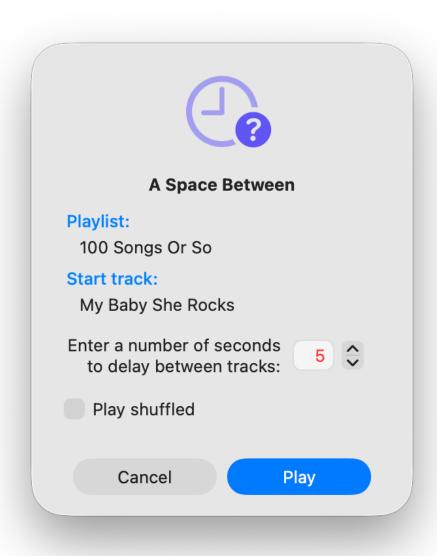
If the [user name] / Library / folder does not contain the "Music" folder or "Scripts" folder, then create them and put the script in the "Scripts" folder. AppleScripts will then appear in the Music app's Script menu and can be activated by selecting by name and clicking.

Be sure to also save this Read Me document in a safe and convenient place.

See the online <u>Download FAQ</u> for more info and video on downloading and installing AppleScripts.

How to use:

Select a playlist--or select a single starting track in a playlist--and launch the applet. This settings panel will appear:



It will report the track selected to play first. If you have not selected a track in the selected playlist then playing will commence with the **first** track in the playlist.

Enter the number of seconds to wait between each track and click the **Play** button. The tracks will play.

- The applet stays running while it manages playback. Tracks will play sequentially (or shuffled) in the playlist with the user-entered delay between each track.
- The applet is not playing the tracks, the Music app is; the script is just telling the Music app **when** to play **which** tracks.
- After the last track of the playlist begins playing the applet will quit.
- To **Quit the applet manually**, Control-click or click-and-hold its icon in the Dock and choose "Quit" from the menu that appears; or, select the applet and choose "Quit A Space Between" from its application menu.
- The applet is equipped with a "dead-man's switch". If a track does not begin playing after a reasonable amount of time (4 x the delay factor, actually) or if the Music app is paused, stopped or quit, the applet will quit.

Helpful Links:

Information and download link for this script is located at:

https://dougscripts.com/itunes/scripts/ss.php?sp=mxaspacebetween

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Version History:

v3.4 December 14, 2025

- Redesigned settings panel
- Maintenance and performance fixes
- Accommodation for macOS 26 Tahoe

v3.3 July 3, 2023

- Corrects UI Scripting issue that may have prevented operation
- Tested with macOS Sonoma 14

v3.2 December 25, 2021

- Officially compiled as Universal
- Commensurate improvements for M1 Macs

v3.1 August 28, 2021

- Maintenance update, accommodations for macOS 12 Monterey

v3.0 October 25, 2019

- Accommodations for macOS 10.15 Catalina and the Music app
- Performance and security enhancements

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