Copy Rating Stars to Other Tag

v2.2
For macOS 11+/Music v1.1+
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This script will convert the rating value (0-100) of a track to the appropriate number of stars as Unicode text and copy that text to the Category, Composer, Grouping or Comments tag, with additional options to copy to the start or end of extant Comments text.

For macOS 11 and later only.

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Installation:

To make an AppleScript available in **the Music app's** Script menu, install it in the Music "Scripts" folder. This is located at *[user name] / Library / Music / Scripts /* .
Music 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
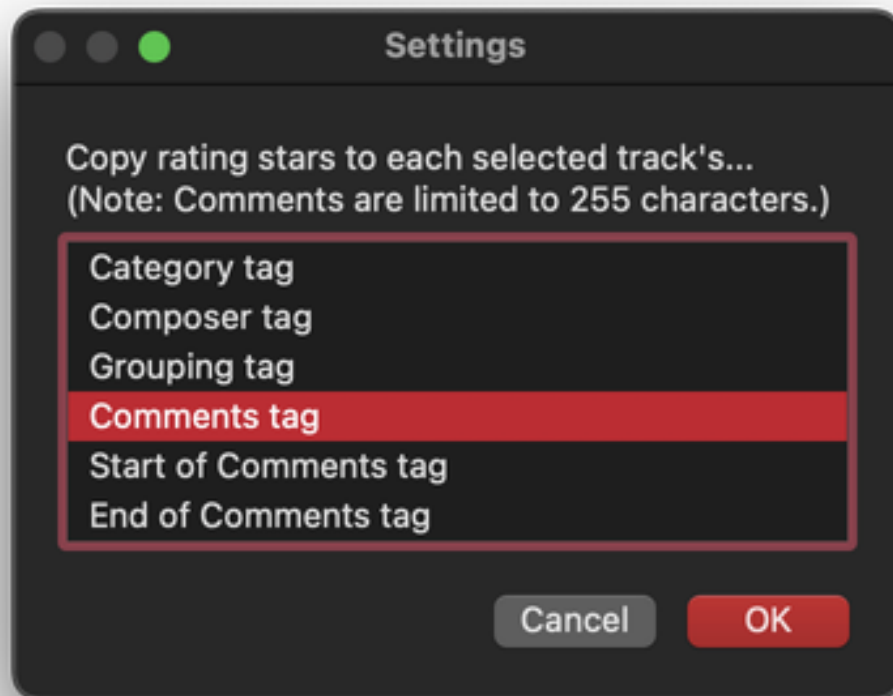
appear in the Music app's Script menu and can be activated by selecting by name and clicking.

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

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

How to use:

Select one or more tracks in the Music app and launch the script. This settings dialog will appear:

Select where the rating stars are to be copied and click "OK". In a few moments, the script will apply the converted rating value as Unicode text stars—eg, here are three ★★★ —to the chosen tag.

Notes:

● **The default format** for the text written to the chosen tag is the Unicode text stars. This can be changed to the literal "5 Stars", "4 Stars", "3 Stars", etcetera, through a Terminal command. Make sure the script is not operating. In the Terminal app (located in the /Applications/Utilities/ folder), enter the following at the prompt and then press the "return" key on the keyboard (this text can be copy-and-pasted):

```
defaults write com.dougscripts.mxcopyratingstars defaultFormat
-bool false
```

To revert back to original default stars format, enter:

```
defaults write com.dougscripts.mxcopyratingstars defaultFormat
-bool true
```

● **FYI**: The Comments tag is limited to 255 characters, so take that into consideration when choosing to copy additional text to a Comments tag that may be near that limit.

● **If a selected track has no rating**, then *blank text* will copied to **Composer**, **Grouping** or **Comments**. Or, if choosing **Start of Comments** or **End of Comments**, no text will be copied at all.

Helpful Links:

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

If you have any trouble with this script, please email me.
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- Adds Category tag
- Adds defaults preference to change format between Unicode stars and literal text
- Maintenance and minor performance fixes

v2.1 February 4, 2022
- Maintenance and modernization update

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- Accommodations for macOS 10.15 Catalina
- Clears Comments of earlier-placed stars
- Performance and security enhancements

- v1.1 February 13 2019
- Adds Composer tag as option

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- initial release

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