

Drop A Few My Way

v5.5

For macOS 10.15+/Music v1.0+
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Drag and drop audio files to this droplet to have the Music app convert them with an encoder selected on the fly, restoring the Preferences-set encoder afterwards, and save them to a user-selected location. The converted files/tracks are removed from the Music app, as though it "never saw them". Includes option to delete the source audio files.

Universal, for macOS 11 and later only.

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Installation:

This script, "Drop A Few My Way", is an **AppleScript droplet** and can be run by dragging audio files to its icon. Thus, it can be installed anywhere you find it convenient to access. I also use it in Finder window toolbars (Command-drag it to a space in the toolbar until you see the green + sign).

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.

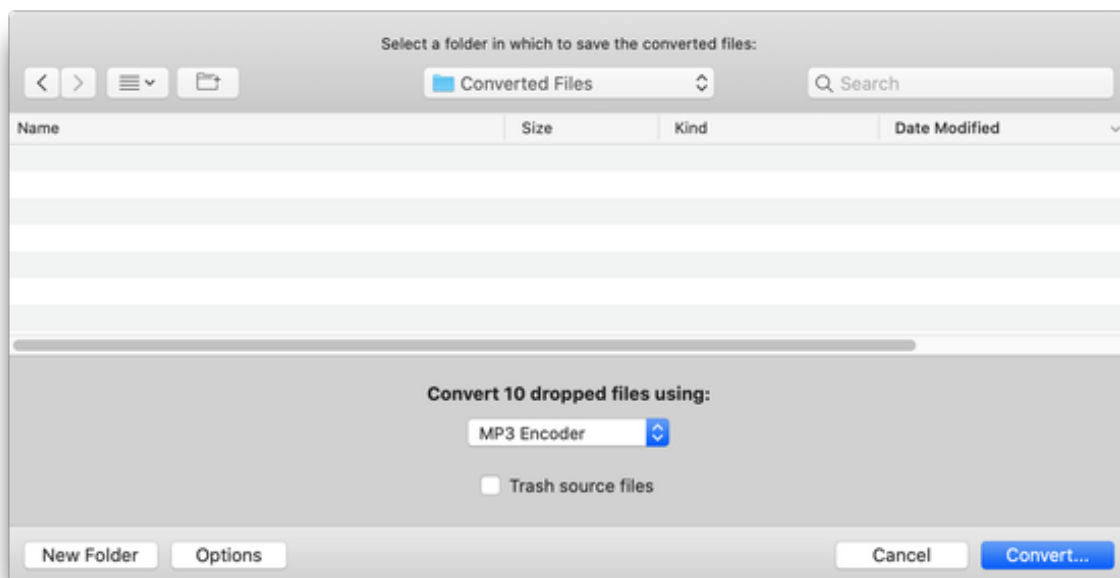
How to use:

TWO NOTES!

1: The script cannot change encoder *settings* (bit rate, sample rate, and so on). The selected encoder's settings will be the same as they were the last time you set them in *Music > Preferences > Files > Import Settings....* Make sure these settings are satisfactory before launching the droplet.

2: Do NOT use this script to encode and save files to the Music app Media folder! Use the Music app's built-in *File > Convert >* tools for that.

Drag one or more audio files to the **Drop A Few My Way** icon in the Finder to activate it. A Save Panel will display:



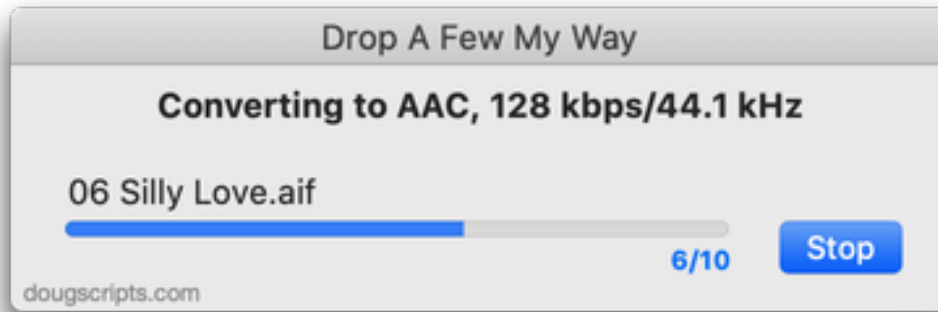
In this screenshot, I have dropped 10 files on the droplet, selected the MP3 encoder and chosen a folder named "Converted Files" in which to save the converted files.

- It is worth pointing out here that the default save location will be the directory in which the first of the dropped files is located

The **Trash source files** option will delete the original source files after they have been converted.

(Careful not to hit the "Options" button. That will toggle the visibility of the Accessory View containing the encoder Popup and "Trash source files" checkbox.)

When settings are to your liking, click the "Convert..." button.



If, for some reason, you need to halt processing, click the "Stop" button. The current file conversion will complete and the droplet will stop.

Notes:

- Because each file must be encoded one at a time, the Music app's "done chime" will sound after each file is converted. Alas.
- All meta-data information from the original file (if any) may not be transferred to the converted file.
- Because of audio quality degradation issues, converting compressed audio files to another compression format (converting an MP3 to AAC, for example) is not recommended. But YMMV.

Helpful Links:

Information and download link for this script is located at:

<https://dougscripsts.com/itunes/scripts/ss.php?sp=mxdropafewmyway>

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v5.5 January 29, 2023

- Maintenance and minor performance fixes
- Accommodations for macOS 13 Ventura

v5.4 July 23, 2021

- Fixes regression under macOS 10 that prevented launch

v5.3 April 15, 2021

- Fixes regression whereby source files/tracks not removed from Music library

v5.2 November 3, 2020

- Additional accommodations for macOS 11 Big Sur

v5.1 July 12, 2020

- Fixes rare issue whereby dropped files are unrecognized

v5.0 March 15, 2020

- Accommodations for macOS 10.15 Catalina
- Performance and security enhancements

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