

# Year of Release Date to Year

## v3.1

For macOS 11+/Music v1.1+  
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at [dougscripts.com](https://dougscripts.com).

For macOS 10.15 Catalina and later only. This script will try to grab the year from the Release Date tag of each selected track and copy it to its Year tag. Results are not always fruitful--like, if there is no Release Date tag associated with the track--in which case a track's current Year tag is left unchanged. FYI: Release Date, like Date Added, is read-only and cannot be altered.

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 some tracks and run the script.

If any tracks have a valid release date tag the script will try to copy just the year portion of it to the track's **Year** tag.

If a release date is absent the current **Year** tag will remain as-is.

Don't run the script on thousands of tracks at once. You'll give the Music app an AppleScript migraine.

## Helpful Links:

**Information and download link for this script is located at:**

<https://dougscrippts.com/itunes/scripts/ss.php?sp=mxreleasedatetoyeartag>

**If you have any trouble with this script, please email me.**

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