

Remove From Other Playlists

v2.3

For macOS 11+/Music v1.1+/TV v1.1+
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This script will remove all replications of the selected tracks from every other *user-created* playlist (ignoring Smart, Genius, Apple Music, Shared and Media Library playlists, which are dynamic).

For macOS 11 and later only.

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Installation:

For the Music app

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

For the TV app

Likewise, the **Apple TV** application will look for AppleScript files in `[user name] / Library / Apple TV / Scripts /`. (That's right, "Apple TV".) Indeed, for this script to run at all with the TV app it *must* be installed in this location.

*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"/"Apple TV" folder or "Scripts" folder, then create them and put the script in the "Scripts" folder. AppleScripts will then appear in the 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 a playlist.

- **A Playlist Folder playlist cannot be selected.** Technically, a Playlist Folder is a playlist, too, and the tracks that are selected could be removed from the playlist(s) it contains, which may not be what you intend.

Launch the script and confirm that you wish to remove replications of the (selected) tracks in the selected playlist from every other user-created playlist.

- The script will then quickly iterate through each selected track and remove any occurrences of it in every other user playlist--ignoring the selected playlist as well as Smart, Genius and Media Library playlists. **The original track entries will not be removed from the selected playlist.**
- **When finished**, an alert will report how many of the selected tracks were removed from other playlists. This script **does not display progress** so be aware that it may be a few seconds before the script completes processing.

Reasonable Precautions:

- Before using the script to remove any tracks, you may want to see which playlists a particular track appears in by selecting the track in the Music app and right-clicking on it. In the menu that appears, click "Show In Playlist".
- Do not select "dead" tracks. If you have dead tracks, either resolve their files or

remove the tracks from your Music library.

- ***Do not select hundreds of tracks at a time. Processing so many tracks may cause Music to become busy enough to effectively ignore the script and the operation may not complete.**

Helpful Links:

Information and download link for this script is located at:

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

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- Fixes issue that could have prevented some playlists from being accessed
- General maintenance

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- Maintenance and modernization update

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- Adds support for the TV app

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- Accommodations for macOS 10.15 Catalina
- Performance and security enhancements

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- initial release

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