

This Tag That Tag

v6.3

Universal, for macOS 11+/Music v1.1+/TV v1.1+
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Applet assists with swapping, copying, and appending data between two chosen tags in selected tracks.

Universal, for macOS 11 and later only.

This app is free to try full-featured in Demo Mode. In Demo Mode it will only process 12 tracks per launch. If you like it you can purchase a code for \$1.99 which will unlock the 12-track restriction. Launch the app and click "Register..." in its File menu to make an in-app purchase through PayPal.

Installation:

This script, "This Tag That Tag", 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 application you will be using it with, from where it can be launched by clicking its name.

For the Music app

To make an AppleScript available in your **Music** 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.

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 application-appropriate named folder or "Scripts" folder, then create them and put the script(s) in the "Scripts" folder. AppleScripts will then appear in the corresponding 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:

Note: Changes made to tags with this applet cannot be un-done. Use thoughtfully.

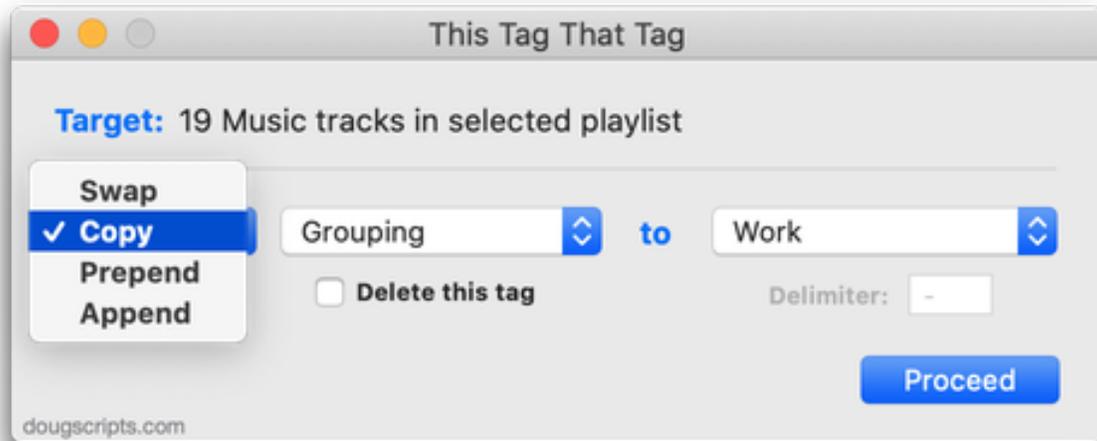
Launch the applet by selecting it from Music's Script menu or by double-clicking its icon in the Finder. It will stay active until it is quit.

While Music is the frontmost application, the applet's window will float above it. This behavior can be turned off in *This tag That Tag > Preferences...* menu.

While the applet is active the **Target** will display either the name of the selected playlist or "Selected tracks" if individual tracks are selected. If—for whatever reason—tracks are inaccessible the **Target** will display "Can't access tracks".

You can change selections before performing any tasks and the **Target** will stay updated with your tracks or playlist selection.

Select an action from the **Action Popup**:



Swap – ARTIST <---> COMPOSER

Swaps the text in THIS TAG and THAT TAG

Copy – ARTIST ---> ~~COMPOSER~~ ARTIST

Copies the text from THIS TAG to THAT TAG

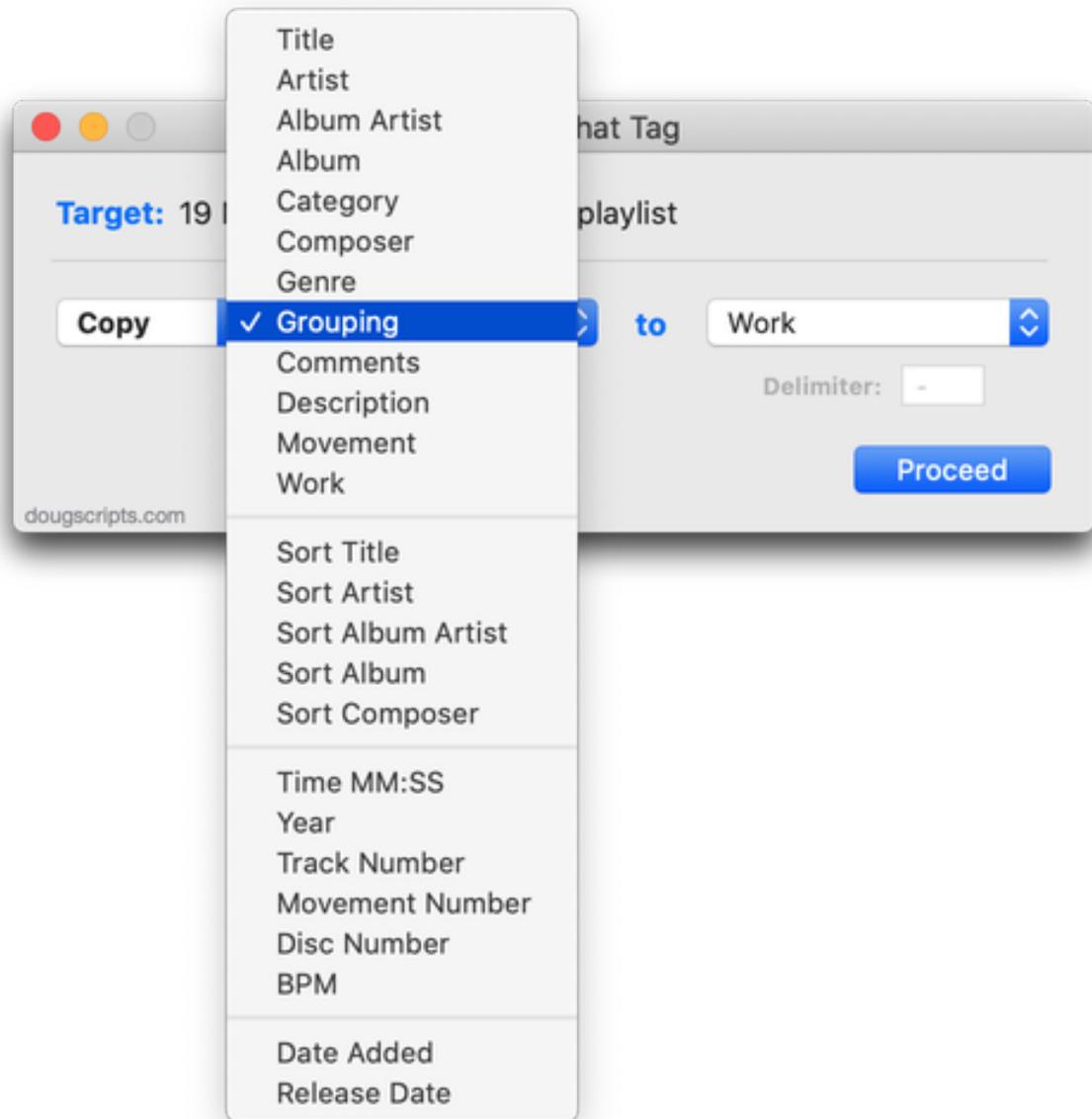
Prepend – ARTIST ---> ARTIST - COMPOSER

Adds the text from THIS TAG to the *beginning* of THAT TAG (with optional delimiter)

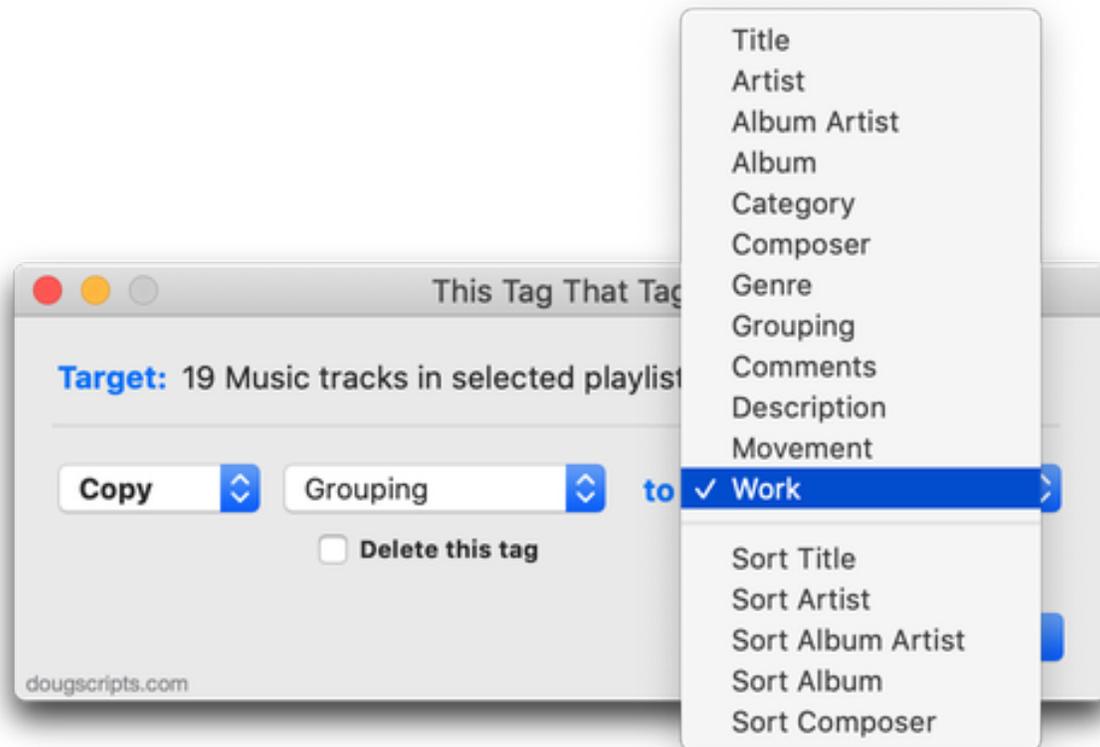
Append – ARTIST ---> COMPOSER - ARTIST

Adds the text from THIS TAG to the *end* of THAT TAG (with optional delimiter)

Select ***This Tag...***



and then select ***That Tag...***



"Delete this tag" checkbox – The **Copy**, **Prepend**, and **Append** actions will allow you to delete the contents of This Tag *after* performing the action. For example, you could **Copy** each track's Album Artist to its Sort Album Artist and then delete the Album Artist. (The **date added** and **release date** tags are read-only and cannot be deleted.)

"Delimiter" text box – This is the text used between tags for **Prepend** and **Append** actions. The default delimiter text is " - " (space-dash-space).

Click the "Proceed" button to perform the set task.

- **Number** and **date** properties **cannot Swap** with **text** properties since these two property types, respectively, cannot accept text values. Number and date values **can be** copied, prepended or appended to text properties because these values can be *coerced* to text.
- **Dates** will be coerced to text in this format: YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS . Also, the two read-only date properties, **date added** and **release date**, will not be affected by the "Delete this tag" setting.
- Tracks whose chosen tags are blank will be ignored.

- Tracks whose tags are inaccessible will be ignored.
- Last settings are preserved between uses.

A progress bar will display progress as each track is modified. A "Finished" dialog will report how many tracks were successfully modified.

The script can be dismissed by clicking "Quit" in its "File" menu or by pressing **Command-Q**.

Preferences

The Preferences panel has settings to toggle the script's float behavior and to toggle the "Are you sure?" confirmation dialog. Press **Command-,** (comma) or click "Preferences" in the Application menu to access the Preferences panel.

Helpful Links:

Information and download link for this script is located at:

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

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Recent Version History:

v6.3 October 13, 2023

- Fixes problem changing/storing delimiter text
- Accommodations for macOS Sonoma 14

v6.2 January 29, 2023

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

v6.1 December 25, 2021

- Officially compiled as Universal
- Commensurate improvements for M1 Macs

v6.0 August 29, 2021

- Initial accommodation for macOS 12 Monterey

v5.7 April 18, 2021

- Fixes fatal error in previous versions that may have prevented script from launching
- Adds toggle for "Are you sure"? confirmation dialog
- Minor UI and performance enhancements

v5.6 November 4, 2020

- Accommodations for macOS 11 Big Sur
- Performance, UI and security enhancements

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