

Purchase Date to Comments v1.0

AppleScript for iTunes

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This script will copy the purchased date--if available--of the selected tracks to the comment tag of each. You can choose either UTC format ("2008-12-27") or localized Short date format ("12/27/08").

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Installation:

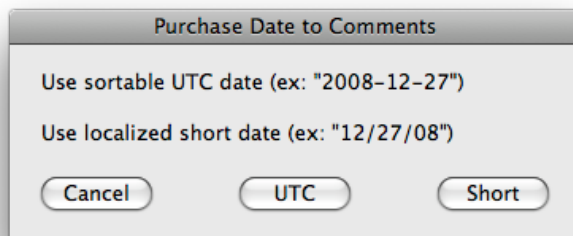
To manually install: Put AppleScripts in your iTunes Scripts folder. This is located in *[user name] > Library > iTunes*. If there is no folder named "Scripts" there, create one and put the script(s) in it. AppleScripts will then appear in iTunes' Script menu, and can be activated by selecting by name and clicking. Be sure to also save this Read Me document in a safe and convenient place.

How to use:

Select some tracks and run the script. **Do not choose hundreds and hundreds. Comment tags must be written to each track's file and updating a great many of them may slow efficiency or even crash the script.**

Audio or video tracks purchased from the iTunes Store are the most likely to have a purchased date. Amazon MP3 and other services do not supply a purchase date.

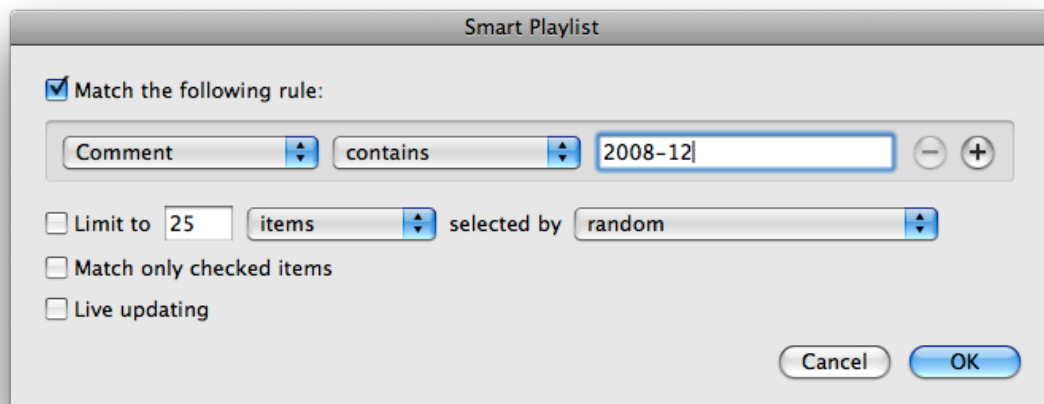
You can choose the format of the date string that will be applied to each track's comment tag:



If the **UTC** format is chosen, the date string will be applied to the **beginning** of any existing comment text. This is so the tracks can be sorted by the date when sorted by Comment in iTunes.

If the **Short date** format is chosen, the date string will be applied at the **end** of any existing comment text. (**Note** that the localized version of the short date will be used. Thus, for example, UK users will see "08/12/27".)

In any case, you can use the date string in the comment tag for Smart Playlist criteria with something like:



If a track does not have a purchased date then the script has no effect on it.

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Information and download link for this script is located at:

<http://dougscripts.com/itunes/scripts/ss.php?sp=purchasedatetocomments>

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

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